



# The Kentucky Pioneer

“United we stand, divided we fall.”



## Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution



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## **Message from the State President**

**Scott G. Giltner, Kentucky Society President**



**Compatriots of the Kentucky Society,**

**In the June newsletter of the Kentucky Society, my message focused on the educational goals of the SAR. In this issue I would like to focus on the patriotic goals of the SAR.**

**The Patriotic goals can be accomplished through a variety of activities and events. These include:**

**Promoting within our communities the principles on which our nation was founded. This can take many forms including having our color guards participate in civic and patriotic events and observances (i.e. Independence Day, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Patriots Day, Bill of Rights Day, Yorktown Day, Constitution Day, etc.).**

**Recognizing those citizens providing public service, such as law enforcement officers, firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians. Included in this are the young men and women who are leaders in our communities whether they be in various youth programs, JROTC/ROTC cadets, or volunteers within their communities.**

**Honoring and supporting the sacrifices of our Veterans, especially those confined to residential or hospital facilities.**

**We are now entering what has traditionally been the most active time of the year for the Kentucky Society, namely September through November. Many of the events being planned in the next few months are patriotic in nature including the many Patriot grave markings scheduled by several chapters. (N.B. Patriot grave markings scheduled in Kentucky are listed on the KYSSAR website at [www.kyssar.org/wordpress1/propmемsvc/](http://www.kyssar.org/wordpress1/propmемsvc/).) If you have never participated in a Patriot grave marking, I invite you to attend one in your area to see how you can get involved. In addition, there is Constitution Day on 17 September. Near the end of this period is Veterans Day. As you can see, in the next few months there are numerous patriotic opportunities for members of the Kentucky Society.**

**Chapters with established programs should have no problem participating in patriotic events. The newer chapters or chapters looking to grow their activities may encounter some questions in finding or developing patriotic activities in which to participate. For these chapters I would suggest they contact chapters with well-developed programs for advice and guidance. The Kentucky Society's Council of Chapter Presidents (CoCP) was created as a forum where the chapters of Kentucky can discuss issues and share ideas on how to develop chapter activities. If your chapter is not already participating in the Council of Chapter Presidents meetings, I recommend it do so in the future. Contact CoCP Chairman Tom Geimeier at [tomgeimeier@gmail.com](mailto:tomgeimeier@gmail.com) to get more information on this council.**

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## President's Message (continued)

A guideline for developing chapter programs and engaging with local communities is available for any chapter interested in learning more. Other avenues for participation can be accessed through collaboration with other patriotic organizations such as the DAR, Vietnam Veterans of America, VFW, and American Legion.

I encourage all members to support or develop patriotic events to the greatest extent possible. It is particularly important to support these events in your local communities. Support of local events is the best method of engaging your community and providing recruitment opportunities for the SAR.

In Patriotic Service,

Scott G. Giltner  
President  
Kentucky Society





**Emery Wilson, MD**

**Surgeon, KYSSAR**

### Compatriots

The NSSAR and KSAAR have a Surgeon General or Surgeon among the list of officers. The responsibilities of this office are similar: advise the organization of any health matters which may be of concern to the membership, offer advice on good health to the members, and be available during meetings if required by the members. According to the KSSAR constitution, “Each chapter shall have a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and such other officers as it may elect.” At its meeting in December 2020, the Lafayette Chapter added a surgeon to its list of approved officers. Other chapters in the state may want to consider adding the position. Although the NSSAR requires the surgeon be a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathy, other health professionals (dentist, nurse, emergency medical technician, etc.) could serve in this position. The Lafayette Chapter constitutional amendment states: ‘The Surgeon shall be a member of the Medical Profession licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He shall offer advice on good health to the members and be available during meetings if required by the members.’ The current health environment supports the need for such a position at the chapter level, and chapter surgeons could provide a pipeline for the office at the state and national levels.



If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, here is a metaphorical apple: [Talking to a group of medical scientists, football coach Lou Holtz said, “We have rats that die of too much of something and we have rats that die of too little of something. What we need are healthier rats.”](#)

Emery Wilson

KSSAR Surgeon



## *George Mason Chapter, Maysville*

On June 11th, George Mason Chapter member, David Cartmell, entertained the attendees at Limestone Chapter DAR's Centennial Anniversary Tea by playing the piano. Three generations of David's family have been members of Limestone Chapter DAR.

On June 14th, George Mason Chapter joined with Limestone Chapter DAR, Limestone Society C.A.R, and William Dudley Chapter DAR for their annual Flag Day Picnic. The potluck meal was held at the home of Rob and Dena Green, Dover, KY. The program for the evening was on the history of the U.S. flag and was presented by SAR member Col. James Clark, Jr. (Retired, U.S. Marines). It was a hot, humid evening, but was enjoyed by all.

On July 4th, the George Mason Chapter SAR came through for the C.A.R. by providing a trailer and truck for them to create a patriotic float for the Maysville Independence Day Parade. The float was a joint effort by C.A.R., DAR, and SAR and had the theme of "Happy Birthday America".



**Col. James Clark, Jr.**



**Limestone C.A.R. members**



**C.A.R., DAR and SAR annual Flag day picnic.**

## John Hardin Chapter



**Compatriot Greg Liske**



**Compatriot W.L. McCoy**

**Colonel John Hardin Chapter SAR Compatriot Greg Liske conducted an Independence Day 2022 Memorial Service at the American Revolution Patriots Memorial in Freeman Lake Park in Elizabethtown, Ky. Greg is dressed as his Patriot ancestor Captain Edward Shimer who fought for American Independence in Pennsylvania. His Patriot is a Pennsylvania Dutch descended from Germany and Switzerland who came to the Colonies in the 1600's. Greg has a military sword, Pennsylvania rifle, and a French pistol that is like the equipment of the Revolutionary War. Three memorial wreaths, Declaration of Independence copy, and patriot flag were placed at the memorial in remembrance of 247 American Revolution Patriots who settled the Hardin County, Kentucky area after the 1776 Revolutionary War.**

**Colonel John Hardin Chapter SAR Compatriot WL McCoy conducted a Memorial Day 2022 Memorial Service at the American Revolution Patriots Memorial in Freeman Lake Park in Elizabethtown, Ky. A memorial wreath and patriot flag were placed at the memorial in remembrance of 247 American Revolution Patriots who settled the Hardin County, Kentucky area after the 1776 Revolutionary War.**



## Big Sandy Chapter

Big Sandy members presented Flag certificates to the Morehead City police and Post 8 of the Kentucky State police.



Morehead City police.

Shown in pictures are:

Donnie Bradley presenting certificates in both pictures, member Michael Cline has on the dark blue shirt and prospect Aryn Merritt has on the red checked shirt.



Post 8, KY State Police



## Fort Laurens



**Patrick Wesolosky, Scott Giltner and Andrew Giltner pictured by Fort Laurens memorial.**



**Black-Powder shooters**



## Carlisle Blackberry Festival



**Compatriots from Simon Kenton, Lafayette and Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapters**



**Steve McCain and Jay Doss**



**Steve Gahafer and Pat Berry**



## Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service



**National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles leads the posting of the Colors.**

### Blue Licks

**Scott G. Giltner, Kentucky Society President**

**Compatriots of the Kentucky Society,**

**I would like to thank all the compatriots and chapters of the Kentucky Society who participated in the Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Ceremony on 20 August. This year had the greatest level of representation from the Kentucky chapters with 13 of the 22 chapters participating. Several of the compatriots from these chapters drove many hours in order to attend the ceremony. Your dedication to this event is greatly appreciated.**

**In Patriotic Service,**

**Scott Giltner  
President  
Kentucky SAR**





**Scott Giltner and Charlie Scott (Fifers)**



**Flags are presented and the fifers play “Chester”**



**NSSAR President General C. Bruce Pickette**



**NSSAR President General Pickette with  
KY C.A.R. President Taylor Watts.**



**KYSSAR President Scott Giltner presents  
check to C.A.R. President Taylor Watts for  
her state project.**



**Mike Sullivan and President General David Sympson**



**Patrick Wesolosky, Kenneth Scott Collins, Charlie Scott,  
National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles.**



**Big Sandy Chapter members at Blue Licks memorial service**



**Good turn out guys!**



**Chapter President  
Edward Keeton**



## Black-powder riflemen and gun salute



**Make ready—Present—Fire**





**Shelly Doss, Marika Wesolosky, Debbie Mallory & Kim Baggett**



**Judy Sullivan**



**Patrick Parker and Steve Gahafer**



## Flag Folding Ceremony



Compatriots do Mourn Arms ceremony.



Allen Manning folds the flag with Chris Canine holding.



KYSSAR President-Elect  
Tim Brown conducts flag  
ceremony.

Flag presented to National  
Color Guard Commanders





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**Grave Marking Service, Markland, Indiana**



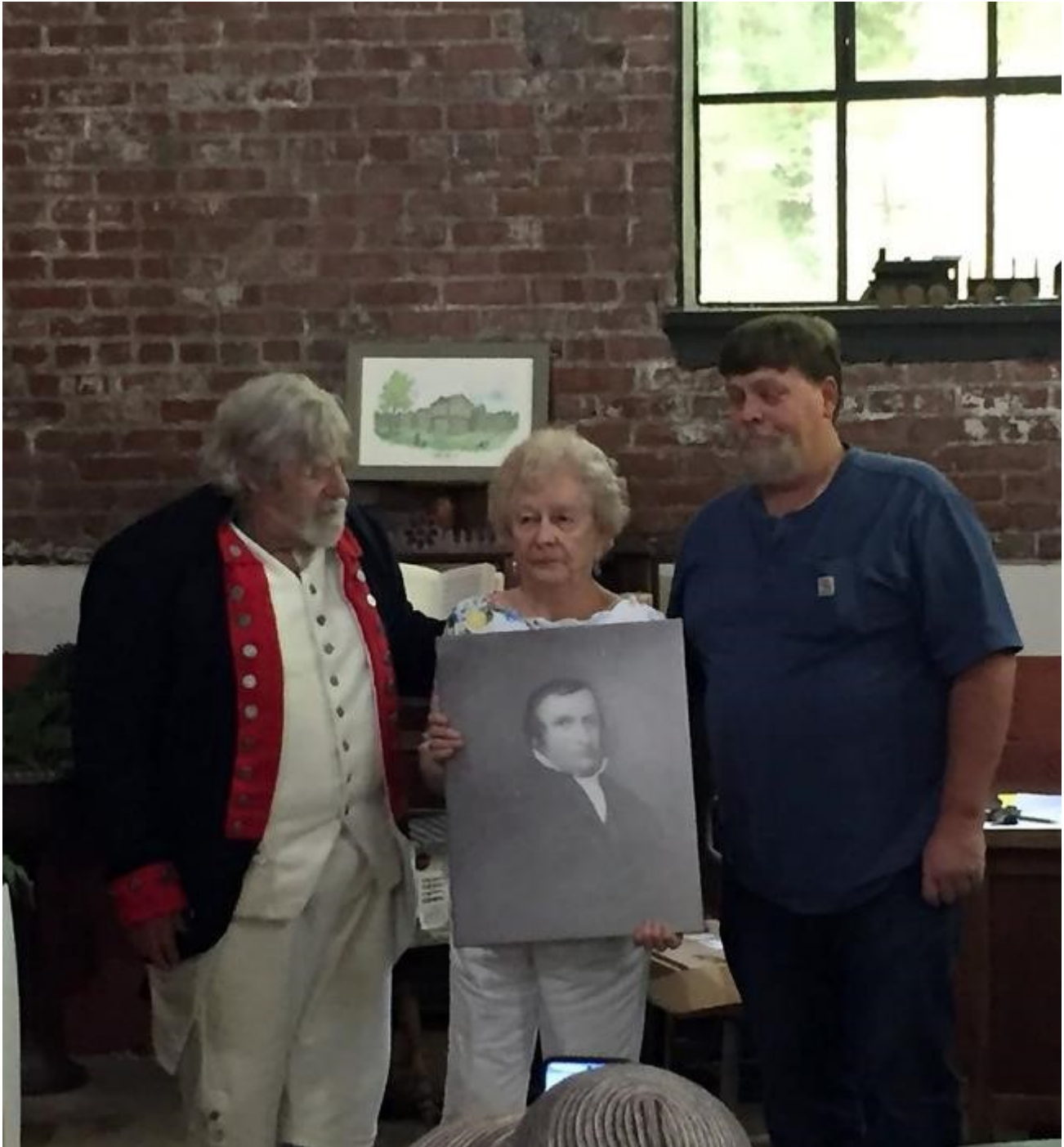


**SAR members assist at the Painted Stone Society's Long Run Massacre**





## Captain Charles Gatliff Chapter



Captain Charles Gatliff chapter members [Charles Hayes](#) and Bill Asher present a portrait of William Whitley to the Logan's Fort Foundation in recognition of their successful efforts to honor Revolutionary War heroes.



**George Washington's Tomb, Mt. Vernon**



**Patrick Wesolosky and Mike King standing guard at Washington's tomb.**

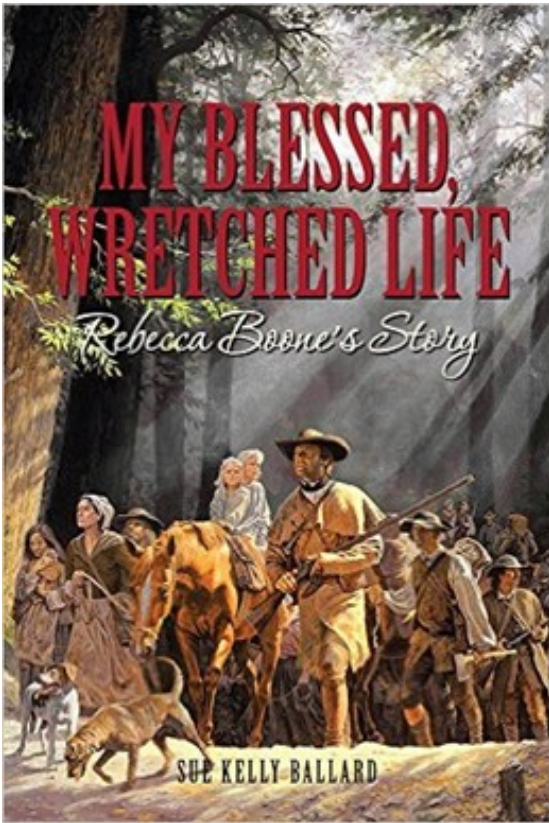


**Frontier Days @ Jack Jouett House**



**KYSSAR President talks to youth about music in the Revolutionary War.**





## My Blessed, Wretched Life: Rebecca Boone's Story

by Sue Kelly Ballard

Butler Books Publishing Company

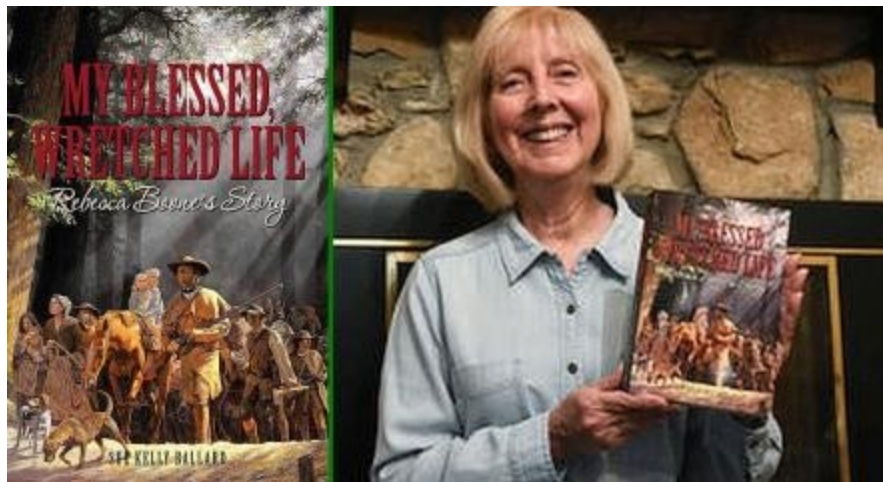
Rebecca's own story, as imagined creatively by Sue Kelly Ballard, is so captivating, so gut-wrenchingly realistic, so obviously genuine, we begin to acknowledge who really moved America westward: our pioneer mother ancestors. Ballard captures every mood and moment of Rebecca's life in the backwoods and on the frontier with accuracy and passion, with authenticity and beauty, and at a pace that keeps the reader diving headlong into each new page eager to swallow up what happens next. Ballard's descriptions of the sights and sounds of the sylvan wilderness, of life's daily routine around a cabin set in a clearing made in the woods, and of the people and animals, both welcomed and unwelcomed, who come there are not segregated into long passages, but are tossed in generously as short snippets on top of the action, keeping the reader easily imagining the setting and circumstances as the story roars ahead. When a dozen things are happening at once, it takes a skilled frontier woman and a talented writer to keep everyone and everything moving along together.

- reviewed by Randell Jones, author of *In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone*

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*My Blessed, Wretched Life: Rebecca Boone's Story* is available through [www.butlerbooks.com](http://www.butlerbooks.com), and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

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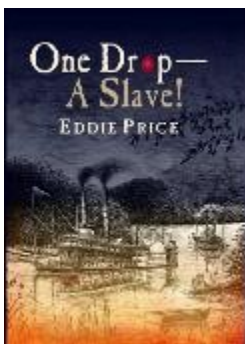
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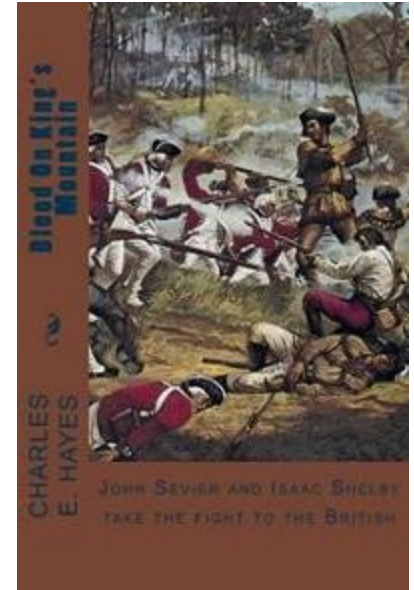
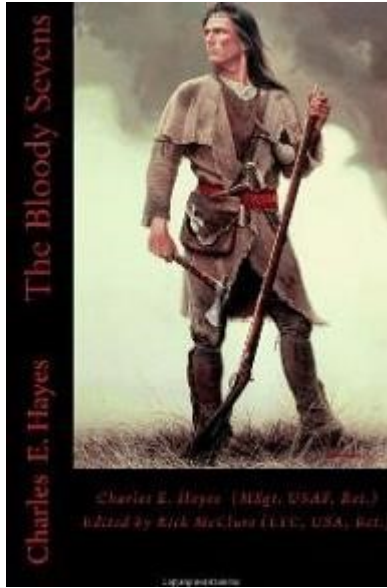
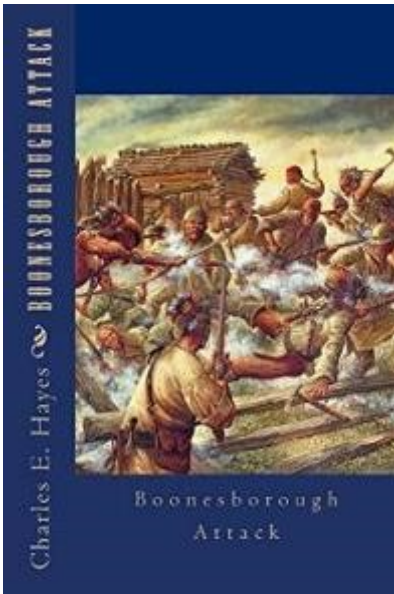
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