

State of NY Society, U.S.D. of 1812
2014 - Public Relations Report, attachment.

Madam Chairman:

Question 5: The State of NY Society has seven chapters. Four, have websites:

- Commodore Thomas Macdonough Chapter, Plattsburgh, NY
- General Jacob Brown Chapter, Sackets Harbor, NY
- New York City Chapter, New York, NY: <http://nycc1812.weebly.com/>
- Niagara Frontier Chapter, Lockport, NY: <http://niagara1812.awardspace.com/>
- Onondaga Chapter, Syracuse, NY: <http://onondaga1812.awardspace.com/>
- Ten Broeck-Van Rensselaer Chapter, Albany, NY
- Whitney-Hungerford Chapter, Watertown, NY:
<http://whitneyhungerford1812.awardspace.com/>

State of NY Society, U.S.D. of 1812, public website: www.nyusd1812.org
State of NY Society, Public Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/State-of-New-York-Society-United-States-Daughters-of-1812/320579181297631>

9) See Picture Index Sheet-included.

12) Books donated by NY Chapters: New York City Chapter: 1 book: title: James Madison, by Richard Brookhiser (Donated to the National Library.)

Niagara Frontier Chapter: 1 book: title: British Aliens in the United States During the War of 1812, by Kenneth Scott. (Donated to the National Library)

Niagara Frontier Chapter Daughter, **Doreen Cesari, donated 15 books** to local libraries in the Western, NY area. The 15 books included:

The Wicked series:

- Wicked, the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West
- Son of a Witch
- A Lion Among Men
- Out of Oz
- Wicked, The Grimmerie

A couple of books in the “For Dummies” series; one on growing orchids and the rest were all children books- to local public libraries around Western, NY.

General Jacob Brown Chapter President, Beverly Sterling-Affinati, gifted a book to our current President National, Virginia L. Apyar. The book title is, HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES: From Their First Settlement As Colonies To The Close Of The War With Great Britain In 1815; To Which Is Added Questions Adapted To The Use Of Schools, and published in 1844.

OTHER MEDIA DONATED TO THE N.S.U.S.D. of 1812 MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Whitney-Hungerford Chapter: 1 DVD: Cable Carry 2014 DVD (200th Commemoration of the Great Cable Carry of 1814.)

13) The State of NY Society held a wreath laying ceremony for General Winfield Scott, in April of 2014, at the Post Cemetery at West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY.

In spring of 2014, Niagara Frontier Chapter Daughter, Doreen Cesari, marked the grave of her War of 1812 Ancestor.

On June 2, 2014, chapter daughter and State of NY Society President, Jan Johnpier, attended a grave marking ceremony for Lois Scott Parenteau, who was a long time member of the United States Daughters of 1812. Along with representatives from other lineage societies, Mrs. Johnpier brought greetings and said a few words on behalf of the State of NY Society, U.S.D. of 1812. Mrs. Parenteau, National Number 19574, joined the Society on March 2, 1971 and was a member of the Lt. Thomas Blair Chapter, in Leavenworth, Kansas. Her ancestor was Capt. Timothy Brown, of the NY Militia, and served under Lt. Col. Zebulan. The ceremony took place at the Riverdale Cemetery, in Lewiston, NY, where Mrs. Parenteau is interred.

General Jacob Brown Chapter held 3 grave markings and attended several commemoration events and it was reported that Onondaga Chapter, also attended several commemoration events during 2014.

There is one chapter that I would like to focus on, and that chapter is Whitney-Hungerford Chapter, from the Northern Frontier portion of NY State.

If there is one person, or chapter, who should receive recognition, it is Kamra Rowland, President of Whitney Hungerford Chapter. Kamra Rowland helped organize the 200th Bicentennial of the Great Cable Carry. This event was huge and was the largest Bicentennial event that took place in the State of NY during 2014. (They had a massive turnout of volunteers, on-lookers, history buffs, and direct descendants of the men who carried the cable in 1814.) The Bicentennial of the Battle of Plattsburgh, was also very large here in NY, but the event to commemorate the Great Cable Carry, actually had a higher volume of attendees and participants, due to the massive re-enactment, history symposiums, and other activities going on in that region. The event included a walking and/or driving tour through the towns and hamlets of: Ellisburg, Belleville, Henderson, Smithville, Adams and Sackets Harbor, New York.

This famous event of the war of 1812 was the carrying of supplies over wilderness road after the battle of Big Sandy Creek. In late May of 1814 the Americans attempted to transfer supplies from Oswego to Sackets Harbor. Due to the blockade of the harbor by British lake patrols, the American supply boats had to stop at Big Sandy Creek. The following day the British dispatched patrol boats up the creek and were caught in an

ambush by the Americans and Oneida Indians. Supplies and British prisoners were marched to Sackets Harbor with the exception of a 5 ton cable intended to complete the warship "Superior". Local militia carried the cable on their shoulders for three days through the wilderness to Sackets Harbor. Where the cable was lowered at the end of each day is marked with three commemorative bronze markers erected by the Daughters of the War of 1812.

I have enclosed a DVD copy of the PBS DVD that shows, firsthand, what a wonderful commemoration this was. At video run time 8:03, you will see the President of Whitney-Hungerford Chapter, Kamra Rowland, beautifully representing the United States Daughters of 1812. (Kamra should be considered for an award for all of her efforts.) She was instrumental in organizing the event and the State of NY Society, U.S.D. of 1812, will be recognizing her for all that she did to help organize, run, and promote this remarkable event that took place up in Jefferson County, NY. Kamra rounded up several Boy Scout Troops (scouts and leaders from Jefferson County who all pitched in to make it an incredible experience for the kids.) This goes along with our NY State theme of "Commemorating, Educating, and Celebrating the War of 1812 Bicentennial" as these young citizens played an integral role in the event. Events such as the Great Cable Carry not only commemorate and celebrate the history, but it also educates, first hand, on what our ancestors endured during the War of 1812.

Others did help to organize this outstanding event including two local historical societies, local businesses, and the Sackets Harbor Battle Field Alliance. However, Kamra was the one who got the ball rolling and reached out to all the other entities asking if they would be interested in getting involved. With the help of her father, Donald W. Whitney, a well-known and respected authority of the history of the area, she started the official planning committee. When I asked Kamra if she would send me some Newspaper clippings from local publications, she said yes, but she never did. I followed up with her and she said that she forgot. Kamra, in addition to being a school teacher, is a mother of two: a 9 year old son, and a 1 year old son. She is so very busy that she simply never got around to send me the PR items. Well, recognizing how busy she is, I did not pester the matter. The enclosed DVD, proves it all. A remarkable history and a wonderful event, all around. When you watch the DVD, you will see all the kids, and other, re-enacting the event. We are proud of Kamra and all that she for this event.

The DVD is also available on the internet at the following address:

<http://watch.wpbstv.org/video/2365339665/>

Madam Chairman, I could go on and on with all the things NY has done during this past year. It would make for one very large report, so I will end it here.

I have tried to incorporate the highlights of the past year as to demonstrate all that NY has done and will continue to do in the support of the preservation of the history of the War of 1812 and in promoting good Public Relations.

It was an honor to serve as NY's State President during this Bicentennial and it was a privilege to serve as their Public Relations Chairman.

In U.S.D. of 1812 Friendship,

Jan Johnpier

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Johnpier".

Chairman, Public Relations, NY
President, State of NY Society
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