



*Piedmont Chapter  
Georgia Society  
Sons of the American Revolution*

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**Sons of the American Revolution Honor  
Revolutionary War Patriot**

Members of the John Milledge and Piedmont Chapters, Sons of the American Revolution gathered recently to honor a Revolutionary War Patriot whose voice has long since been silent. Private Jeremiah Lumsden was honored at a recent member grave marking service conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution. The dedication service was held at the Kelly Family Cemetery near Shady Dale, Georgia.

Participating in the service was the *award winning* Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard who were dressed in period uniforms. The Color Guard included Paul Prescott Commander, Charlie Newcomer, Jack Ferguson, Terry Manning, Bob Sapp, John Mortison, Bruce Maney, Larry Wilson, James Stallings, Bob Turbyfill, Robert Cruthirds, Bobby Towns, Jim Hubert and George Thurmond

Special guests included descendant LTC Donald Gunn, US Army who arranged for the program and 20 additional descendants from several states. Bobby Shaw, Piedmont Chapter Vice President, served as Master of Ceremonies. Ron and Connie Aylor performed as The Continental Regiment Fife and Drum in period uniforms and Bagpipes were played by John Mortison.

A Proclamation from Jasper County Board of Commissioners proclaiming March 29, 2008 as ***Private Jeremiah Lumsden Day*** was presented by George Sargent, President of the John Milledge Chapter SAR.

LTC Donald Gunn gave the biography of his ancestor.

**Jeremiah Lumsden  
1753 - 1837**

Jeremiah Lumsden immigrated to Georgia from Rocky Mount, Virginia circa 1788 with his family and the families of several of his siblings. He served in the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War along with his father (John) and two of his brothers. It is likely he served in the Georgia Militia following the Revolution as indicated on his Veterans Administration marker. Ordained before leaving Virginia he served the area around Kelly, Georgia as a circuit riding Methodist minister.

“We come together today to honor this family man, farmer and patriot. May we never forget his service to our country and our family.”

Wreaths were presented by nine organizations, including the Lumsden family descendants.

Following the playing of Amazing Grace by Bagpiper John Mortison, a black powder gun salute was fired by the Elijah Clarke Militia. Upon retiring the colors, Mourn Muskets, a solemn tribute to a fallen Patriot was performed by the Militia.

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Al Finley, Chaplain of the Piedmont Chapter began the service with an inspiring invocation and closed with a solemn benediction.

The member grave marker is a distinctive bronze marker, which depicts the familiar Continental soldier with his musket ready to defend his country. The marker consists of four arms and eight points, each point being decorated with a gold head. The source of the cross is connected with a circular laurel wreath, a Napoleonic symbol recognizing faithful service and merit. The year 1775 is inscribed at the base - the year the "shot heard round the world" was fired at Lexington Green, Massachusetts.

Men, eighteen years of age or older who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interest, are encouraged to contact Buddy Bridges (478-452-6836) or Bob Sapp at 770-971-0189. Activities include a variety of programs to promote the patriotic, educational and historical interests resulting from the American Revolution.

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