

Descendants in attendance

Lynn Schwab Boyan, Lynn Cicero, John Evans, Donna Ripley,
Sandra Wilkinson Lamb, Christopher Mordarski, Tiffany Ulrich,
Bonnie Pitkin-Goodrich, Linda Ann Walker, Craig P. Wilson,
Hunter M. Wilson, Jeremy Wilson, Keith Edward Wilson,
Mark S. Wilson, Catherine “Casey” Wilkinson Zahn,
Vicki S. Welch, author & honorary cousin

About the America 250

Projects of the Sons of the American Revolution

The America 250 SAR Project Committee members work on the national, state, and local levels to promote the commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the establishment of the United States. It designs commemorative merchandise and SAR member insignia for the anniversary. This committee publicizes the anniversary using media, education, and government contacts. The 250th Anniversary Committee helps develop educational programs and booklets relating to the American Revolution, encourages the internationally focused SAR societies (including the Canada SAR, France SAR, Germany SAR, International SAR, Mexico SAR, Spain SAR, Switzerland SAR, and United Kingdom SAR) to plan special Congresses during the celebrations, and works with other SAR committees to coordinate celebration of the 250th anniversary.

For more information on the America 250 program please visit the National Society Sons of the American Revolution website at:

www.SAR.org

For more information on the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution please visit our website at:

www.SARconnecticut.org



**African American Patriot Prince Crosley
CTSSAR Grave Marking Ceremony**

**Saturday May 4, 2024
2:00 PM**

**Duck River Cemetery
Old Lyme, Connecticut**

**Commemorating the 250th Anniversary
of the American Revolution 1775-1783**

African American Patriot Prince Crosley, who was enslaved to Deputy Governor Matthew Griswold of Lyme, Connecticut, sold to Samuel Platt of New Milford, and he later enlisted as a Revolutionary War soldier to obtain his freedom.

Prince Crosley of North Milford enlisted as a Private on August 8, 1777, in the Seventh Regiment, Connecticut Continental Line, and served for three years, being discharged August 5, 1780. The Seventh Regiment "in Sept. [1777] was ordered, under Gen. McDougall, to join Washington's army in Penn. Fought at Germantown, Oct. 4, '77, and suffered some loss. Wintered at Valley Forge, '77-'78, and on June 28th following present at battle of Monmouth. Encamped during the summer at White Plains, and assigned to Huntington's Brigade. Wintered '78-'79 at Redding. In summer of '79 served on east side of the Hudson in Gen. Heath's wing. Its Light Co. under Capt. Chamberlain detached to Meigs' Light Regt., and engaged in storming of Stony Point, July 15, '79. Wintered at Morristown huts, '79-'80, and in following summer served with the main army on the Hudson." *

Presentation of the Colors

The Connecticut Line CTSSAR

Invocation

Todd Gerlander, Chaplain, Gen. Israel Putnam Branch CTSSAR

Pledge of Allegiance

Col. David Perkins, Commander, The Connecticut Line CTSSAR

Pledge to the SAR

David Jones, Capt. Nathan Hale Branch CTSSAR

We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

SAR Mission Statement

Marcus Larkin, Capt. Nathan Hale Branch CTSSAR

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

Welcome and Introduction

Michael Bird, 1st Vice President, CTSSAR

Ed Pinn, Vice President, Old Lyme Cemetery Association

Prince Crosley

Descendant Keith Wilson, Gen. Israel Putnam Branch CTSSAR

Dedication of SAR Grave Marker

Musket Salute

The Connecticut Line CTSSAR

Taps

Michael Bird, 1st Vice President, CTSSAR

SAR Recessional

David Packard, CTSSAR Property Steward

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men.

Benediction

Todd Gerlander, Chaplain, Gen. Israel Putnam Branch CTSSAR

Retirement of the Colors

The Connecticut Line CTSSAR