

Harris Ferry Chapter SAR would like to extend its deepest appreciation to the Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association and descendants of Patriot Buck.

Thank you to Pennsylvania Skill for the charitable donation to fund this event, as well as the Eagle Scouts for cleaning the cemetery and installing the new fence around the cemetery.



Call to Order	Jacob R. Lemon, <i>President</i>
Invocation	Ronald C. Coleman, <i>Chaplain</i>
Pledge of Allegiance & SAR Pledge	Daniel G. Lute, <i>1st Vice President</i>
Welcome & Introduction of Dignitaries	Jacob R. Lemon, <i>President</i>
Remarks from Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association.....	Jerry Dougherty, <i>President</i>
Introduction of Patriot Buck's Descendants	Gary L. Coburn, <i>Secretary</i>
Dedication of Grave Markers	Jacob R. Lemon & Teri Fegley
Closing Remarks & SAR Recessional	Jacob R. Lemon, <i>President</i>
Benediction	Ronald C. Coleman, <i>Chaplain</i>

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SAR Pledge

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 Recessional

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



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Sons of the American Revolution
Harris Ferry Chapter
Pennsylvania



Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony

Private John Buck

Saturday, April 26, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Buck Cemetery – 6611 Hunters Run Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17111



Patriot Grave Markers

Welcome Compatriots and guests to the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony of Private John Buck! Patriot Buck valiantly enlisted in the Continental Army in 1776, serving under several generals in Pennsylvania and New York. In honor of the 250th Anniversary of America, the Harris Ferry Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution is presenting the grave of this Revolutionary War Patriot with an SAR Patriot Grave Marker. The Harrisburg Hunters' and Anglers' Association has graciously maintained Buck Cemetery for years. In 1963, the two groups held a ceremony honoring this Patriot. Now, almost 250 years after his enlistment, his resting place is being revisited and will forever be marked in honor.

"Sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, I am with my country from this day on.

You may depend on it."

John Adams, *Letter to a Friend*, 1774

John “Johannes Bock” Buck

Patriot Biography

John Buck (Johannes Bock) was born in Germany on 02 January 1753 and settled in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania with his father. He married Gertrude Balsbach (also from Germany) and had eight children together: John Jr., George, David, Catharine, Elizabeth, Christian, Christiana, and Maria/Mary. Buck purchased land around the year 1777 (land that is currently owned by the Harrisburg Hunters' and Anglers' Association). [Source 1]

John Buck enlisted 07 February 1776 in the Continental Army 2nd Pennsylvania Battalion under Captain Samuel Watson. The unit was ordered to march through New York to assault Quebec against General Burgoyne by Congress on 18 February 1776. Captain Watson was killed and replaced by Captain Thomas L. Moore. It is recorded this unit was in Ticonderoga on 19 October 1776. [Source 2]

In 1778, it is reported that John Buck contributed grain and forage to the army. Two separate reports note Buck now being in 3rd Company 4th Battalion Lancaster County Militia under Captain John Rutherford on 26 December 1778 and 28 October 1779. Note: Lancaster County at this time is considered present-day Dauphin County, and Rutherford's eventual 10th Battalion was comprised 100% of men from Paxton and Upper Paxtang Townships. [Source 3]

In 1779, Buck appears in 3rd Battalion Lancaster County Militia under Captain Abraham Scott, who was under Captain David McQueen, all of whom were under the command of Colonel Alexander Lowrey (notable advocate of independence, delegate at Carpenter's Hall, and veteran of several battles in Pennsylvania and New Jersey). On 01 January 1780, Buck appears on 6th Company 5th Regiment Pennsylvania pay rolls. On 10 May 1782, Buck appears in 4th Company 10th Battalion Lancaster County Militia under Captain Hugh Robinson.

John Buck is recorded as a resident of Lower Paxton, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania from 1770 up to his death on 07 August 1822. He is buried in Buck Cemetery, Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. [Sources 4 - 9]

Sources: 1) Zarger-Zarker Genealogy, 1974, p.4. 2) PA Archives, 5th Series, Volume 2, p.112. 3) PA Archives, 5th Series, Volume 7, p.375, 380, 401. 4) Tax Exoneration List, Dauphin Co. PA, 1786. 5) U.S. Septennial Census, Dauphin Co. Pa 1786. 6) U.S. Federal Census, Dauphin Co. PA, 1790. 7) U.S. Federal Census, Dauphin Co. PA, 1800. 8) U.S. Federal Census, Dauphin Co. PA, 1810. 9) U.S. Federal Census, Dauphin Co. PA, 1820.

History of Buck Cemetery

Harris Ferry Chapter Sons of the American Revolution & Harrisburg Hunters' and Anglers' Association

In 1963, Harris Ferry Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution was contacted after a cemetery was rediscovered on the property of the Harrisburg Hunters' and Anglers' Association. The small family cemetery was Buck Cemetery, and interred within its grounds was Patriot John Buck.

HFSAR Chapter President Lt. Col. Robert D. Savage placed a ceremonial wreath at the Revolutionary War soldier's grave, Taps was sounded by Harold B. Earnhart, and the overall ceremony was conducted by Rev. James K. Smith Jr. Other members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Harrisburg Hunter's and Angler's Association, and descendants of Patriot John Buck were in attendance to pay respects.

The grounds have been continually and respectfully maintained since.



Revolution Rites – The Sons of the American Revolution conduct dedication services at an old Revolutionary War cemetery at the Hunters and Anglers Club. Left to right are the Rev. James K. Smith Sr., A. Luther Buck, a descendant, Frank L. Hoffer, club president, and Robert D. Savage, SAR president.

The Evening News, Harrisburg, PA, May 6, 1963, p. 17.

