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**American Revolutionary War Forgotten Patriots to be Remembered**

NORTH HARLOWE, North Carolina (January 28, 2014) – America's Revolutionary War included all types of Patriots with different ethnic backgrounds, races and people of color. Many of these early American heroes have been honored and remembered through gravesite markings, ceremonies and Patriotic remembrances. But there is a small group of Patriots in eastern North Carolina that, until now, have been largely forgotten for their bravery and contributions to American Independence.

At 2:00 P.M., Sunday, March 16, 2014, the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution (NCSSAR) will host a ceremony honoring fourteen Forgotten Revolutionary War Patriots of the North Harlowe community by dedicating a memorial marker at the Harlowe-Havelock Senior Center, located at 125 Godette School Road, Havelock, NC 28532.

"The ceremony will feature a presentation of colors by our NCSSAR State Color Guard," said Jim Wood, NCSSAR State President. "All of our participants will be dressed in Revolutionary War period uniforms to deliver our respect and remembrance to these brave Patriots."

Families of Free Persons of Color before the American Revolution populated the Harlowe communities of Craven and Carteret Counties. "These families furnished at least fourteen of their men to fight for the cause of Liberty throughout the Revolution," adds Wood. "They fought from the battles around New York and New Jersey in the early part of the War, through Valley Forge, where the American Army was truly born, the battles in Pennsylvania, both sieges of Charleston, and the battles of the Southern Campaigns that ended the War."

The Patriots that will be honored represented these small groups of families. Various members of this group of Patriots fought in the some of the key battles of the Revolution and some manned the garrison at Fort Hancock at Cape Lookout, the only fort constructed in North Carolina during the Revolution.

Many of the descendants of these Patriots are expected to attend the ceremony. The public is invited to see this colorful and dignified tribute to fourteen of America's first veterans.

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### **About The Sons of the American Revolution**

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence. We seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship and the unifying force of "e pluribus Unum" that was created from the people of many nations—one nation and one people. For additional information or directions contact Gary O. Green, 910-791-5422.

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## *Forgotten Patriots*

*The 14 free Afro-American Patriots, who fought in American Revolution from North Harlowe, Craven County, North Carolina; 5<sup>th</sup> Township*

*Isaac Carter, born ca 1760 in NC; died 1819, Craven County, NC; probably the brother of John and Joshua Carter; brother-in-law of Isaac Perkins. Isaac served with Joshua Carter, William Dove, and Issac Perkins, at Fort Hancock, NC. In 1790, (Isaac was a neighbor of William Dove, also Isaac Perkins. Isaac's great grandson, Josephus Carter, married the great granddaughter of Absalom (Alps)Martin, Mary Matilda Martin.*

*John Carter, born 1754 in NC, died 1821, Craven County, NC. Probably the brother of Isaac and Joshua Carter. He served in the same regiment with Asa Spelman (Spellman)/Spelmore.*

*Joshua Carter, probably the brother of Isaac and John Carter; Joshua served with Isaac Carter, William Dove and Isaac Perkins at Fort Hancock, NC.*

*William Dove, born 1748 in Anne Arundel, MD, died in Craven County, buried within the grounds of MCAS Cherry Point. William served with Isaac and Joshua Carter, also Isaac Perkins at Fort Hancock, NC. In 1790, William was a neighbor of Isaac Carter and Isaac Perkins. His son, Jacob Dove, married Charity Carter, the niece of Isaac, John and Joshua. His son, Simon Dove, married (maybe), Anna Carter, the niece of Isaac, John and Joshua.*

*John Gregory, originally from the Wilmington District, no known relationships, and not from Craven County; but was living there in 1832 when he applied for a pension.*

*James Manley*

*Simeon Moore, born 1755, died ca after 1835. He was a pensioner of the Revolutionary War; but, struck off the roll following the Act of 1 May 1820; form 91015 from the 17<sup>th</sup> Report of the National Society, of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), page 16.*

*George Perkins, born 1735 in Virginia, died ca after 1820, in New Bern, (Craven County) NC. George is the father of Sarah and Isaac Perkins, and the father-in-law of Isaac Carter.*

*Isaac Perkins, born 1761 in NC, died 23 May 1830, Craven County, NC. He served with Isaac and Joshua Carter, and William Dove (neighbors in 1790) at Fort Hancock, NC. Isaac Perkins is brother-in-law to Isaac Carter.*

*Aaron Spelman, born 1766, died 30 Jun 1824, Craven County, NC. Aaron is probably the brother of Asa.*

*Asa Spelman, born 1747, died after 1820. Maybe the brother of Aaron Spelman. He served with Isaac Perkins at White Plains, and in the same regiment with John Carter.*

*Hezekiah Stringer, reference, 91016 form the 17<sup>th</sup> Report of the National Society of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), page 21.*

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*Absalom Martin, born ca 1745, died 30 Dec. 1828, at age 83. Lived in Carteret County, No known relationships during his life time, but his great granddaughter, Mary Matilda Martin, married the great grand on of Isaac Carter, Josephus Carter.*