



History of the
Anthony Halberstadt
Chapter of the SAR.



Jim Halberstadt, Chapter Founder



at shoemaking. When twenty-two years of age he removed with his father to Indiana. The latter, Anthony Halberstadt, was born in Russia, and came to the United States during the Revolutionary War as a Hessian soldier. He fought in the British army for some time, but his sympathies were finally turned toward the American people, and deserting the ranks of the English, he went over to the Colonists and became a driver for one of the Generals in the Continental army. This gentleman was the original progenitor of the family in the United States. After the independence of the Colonies had been established he retired to civil life, married an English lady, and became the father of four children.

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is the basis for
our Anthony
Halberstadt SAR
Patriot

The Anthony Halberstadt Family

LORING C. HALBERSTADT

Anthony Halberstadt was born in Hessen-Kassel, Germany, about two hundred years ago, and came to America during the Revolutionary War, as a Hessian soldier fighting for England. He was captured at Trenton, when Washington crossed the Delaware and surprised the British early in the morning of Dec. 26, 1776. After the war, he settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania, where he married and reared a family of four children.¹ About 1800, he and his family came to Pittsburgh, took a flatboat down the Ohio to Fort Washington (near Cincinnati), and then moved by ox-team to Cedar Grove, near Brookville, in Franklin County, Indiana. There, the family cleared some land and built a home.

A summary of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter and Founder Jim Halberstadt

- The Anthony Halberstadt Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution was named after Hessian soldier, Anthony Halberstadt, who was captured at Trenton, by General George Washington on December 26, 1776. Anthony Halberstadt later became a driver for one of the Generals in the Continental Army.
- James Franklin Halberstadt, founder of chapter, was born in 1912 and passed in 1983. He was the 3rd great-grandson of Anthony Halberstadt.
- James Halberstadt was born in Pleasant Mills, Indiana. He played baseball (catcher) on his High School team, and later pitched horseshoes at the county and state level. He won the individual horseshoe runner-up at the State in 1952.
- Jim worked at Harvester in Fort Wayne, served for three years in the Army in the Pacific Theatre of Operations, and worked multiple types of job when he moved to Decatur in 1952.
- Jim fought multiple diseases in his life: polio, a fractured skull, hepatitis, bladder cancer, and a muscle disease that attacked the use of his legs.
- Jim founded the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter on July 19, 1969. He called the meeting to order with a gavel made from the home of William Henry Harrison in Vincennes. The first officers were:
 - President: Jim Halberstadt
 - Vice-President: Don Melching
 - Secretary: Dick Heller Jr.
 - Treasurer: Douglas Halberstadt.
- Other founding members were James F. Halberstadt Sr., James Jerome Yager, Alonzo F. Halberstadt, L. Luther Yager, Melvin Werling, and Lester Halberstadt.
- James Halberstadt founded the local Children of the American Revolution (CAR) on October 25, 1969.
- The Anthony Halberstadt Constitution and Bylaws were adopted on June 14, 1970.
- The Anthony Halberstadt Chapter hosted the Indiana State Society on October 7, 1974.
- James Halberstadt was awarded the Indiana State Society Good Citizenship Medal on July 13, 1970.
- Jim Halberstadt organized the Morgan Raid Camp Chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans, was commander for the Disable American Veterans, a member of the Descendants of Colonial Clergy, and Society of Colonial Wars, among many others.

Patriotic society founded here Friday

The Anthony Halberstadt chapter, Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Adams county's first formal organization of descendants of patriots, was formally chartered at a banquet held at the American Legion Hall Friday night.

Chaplain General James Arthur DeWeerd, D.D., national chaplain of the organization, completed the institution ceremony with a rousing speech on the necessity of scientific, educational, moral and spiritual excellence in America.

State SAR president Albert Tingley Morrie, in his first chapter institution ceremony during his present term of office, presented the chapter with an engraved gavel made from oak from the home of William Henry Harrison in Vincennes.

James F. Halberstadt, Jr., president of the local chapter, received the gavel and charter on behalf of the local members. A large delegation of state officers was present, as well as local ladies interested in forming a DAR chapter.

In addition to Halberstadt, officers and members include Don Arnold Melching, vice president; Dick D. Heller, Jr., secretary; and Douglas Dee Halberstadt, treasurer; James F. Halberstadt, Sr.; James Jerome Yager, Max Glenn Halberstadt, Jay J. Yager, Alonzo F. Halberstadt, L. Luther Yager, Melvin Werling, and Lester Halberstadt.

The society is interested in patriotic, historical and educational projects, such as bronze good citizenship medals to students, Gold citizenship medals to community members, marking and maintaining graves of Revolutionary soldiers, essay and speech contests on patriotic and revolutionary war themes, observance of patriotic holidays, etc.

State Officials

State SAR officials who attended the meeting included the following:

State treasurer Jack Kemper Carmichael, of Muncie, Continental chapter.

Cecil Everett Beeson, Sr., of Hartford City, registrar;

George Earl Carroll, South Bend, director, northern area.

Loring Russell Stott, Edinburg, national trustee.

Also attending was Cyril L. Johnson, president of the Greencastle chapter of the SAR, and state secretary designate.

The dinner was prepared and served by the American Legion auxiliary, with Mrs. Wilbur Foor, Mrs. Justine Bowman, Mrs. Ralph Sauer, and Mrs. Tom Hoffman.

The Sons of the American Revolution was founded April 30, 1889 and is actually several years older than the Daughters of



CHAPTER GAVEL, made from oak from the home of William Henry Harrison in Vincennes, is presented above by state president Albert Tingley Morris, of Eaton, to James F. Halberstadt, Jr., president and founder of the Anthony Halberstadt chapter, SAR. The national Chaplain General, the Rev. James Arthur DeWeerd, D. D., of Pennville, principal speaker at the chapter institution ceremony, looks on. (Staff Photo).

the American Revolution, which is better known, Dr. DeWeerd pointed out in his address.

Dr. DeWeerd's Address

The importance of the SAR motto—Keep America First—was stressed in spiritual and moral ways, Dr. DeWeerd explained, as well as educational and scientific.

The value of building on the past—as mentioned first by Mayor Lowell J. Smith in his welcoming speech to the national and state officials—was stressed by Dr. DeWeerd. He told of his chance encounter on an airplane recently with a "hippie" college student who through his long hair and stench was explaining the "moral" value of being uninhibited and the "spiritual" superiority of the "new" generation.

Then Rev. De Weerd explained to him that everything he had said was "new"—his increased IQ, better physique, better education—had been given to him on a silver platter by the generations which he was denouncing. He had the privilege of growing up in a country where he had never even seen a quarantine sign—because the previous generations had almost ended serious contagious disease.

This was a country, he continued, where men and women lived 20 years longer than those in other countries.

Rev. DeWeerd also lashed out at those who would end ROTC on college campuses, pointing out the continuing need for self

defense. The "peace" people carry Mao Tse Tung manuals instead of ROTC manuals—but their "peace" manuals are more warlike than the ROTC books.

To those ministers who would allow Communism to run rampant in our country, he suggested that Community governments would never allow the freedom of speech to any religion since they actively push atheism and suppress all religions not completely dominated by the Communist party.

Miss Indiana will be named tonight

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (UPI) — Miss Indiana of 1969 will be crowned tonight in the finale of the three-day pageant here.

Miss Evansville University, Billie Sue Alden, 19, Evansville, won the talent competition Friday night with a dramatic reading in the second night of preliminaries, and Miss Voyager, Debra Sue May, 20, Remington, sponsored by Rensselaer, won the swim suit competition.

The 29 beauties entered in this year's pageant will be judged on the basis of their preliminaries' performances.

The field will be narrowed to 10 tonight as the program begins, and later to five before the final selection of Miss Indiana. The winner will advance to the Miss America Pageant.

Anthony Halberstadt

The pioneer ancestor, and early settler of Indiana for which our local SAR chapter has been named, was born about 1755-6 in the Prussian province of Hesse-Kassel. He came to the United States during the Revolutionary war as a Hessian soldier, fighting for the British for some time, but his sympathies turned toward the American cause, and he deserted the ranks of the English, becoming a driver for one of the generals in the continental army.

After the independence of the Colonies had been established, he retired to civil life, married an English lady, Sarah Miller, and had a family of four children born near Trenton, N.J.

Anthony Halberstadt and his family emigrated to Indiana territory in an early day, purchasing land in Brookville township, Franklin county on January 20, 1806. A daughter later wrote that when they arrived, there was nothing in the neighborhood but Indians and wolves. Their first log cabin had but a hole in the roof for the smoke to escape. The older son, John, was 22 when they emigrated, helped his dad clear the land of trees, and plant the crops. Anthony Halberstadt was buried on his farm in 1831. Cincinnati was but a small village and the nearest trading post.

Halberstadt arrived in the territory ten years before Indiana became a state, and his descendants have played an important part in building several counties.

CAR society forming here

Miss Sharon Kay Krueger, of South Bend, national president of the Children of the American Revolution, will help inaugurate the Angelique Rivarre Society, CAR, at its organizational meeting this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran church basement.

Officers of the new society will be installed by Mrs. Fred W. K. Krueger, senior state president of the CAR, James F. Halberstadt, Jr., organizing president of the local society said today.

The new chapter, Halberstadt pointed out, will be the second in the state to be sponsored by an SAR chapter, the Anthony Halberstadt chapter of Decatur. Most are sponsored by DAR chapters and they may be sponsored by SR chapters. Adams county will join Marion, Vanderburgh, Delaware and Putnam in having organizations for descendants of American Revolution patriots for all three groups, men, women, and children.

Miss Krueger, a sophomore at Indiana University, will install Miss Denise Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Davis, as president of the local chapter, named for one of two-French-Indian settlers who were granted two sections of land in St. Mary's township by the treaty of 1818 as the children of Antoine Rivarre.

Miss Davis explained that the purpose of the society is to learn about American history, preserve and restore places of historical importance, especially those associated with men and women who have forwarded the independence of this nation, to learn about deeds, and honor the memories, of those who ren-



Miss Sharon Krueger

dered service to the revolution, to promote the celebration of patriotic anniversaries, to honor and cherish the flag of the United States of America, and to love, uphold and extend the principles of American liberty and

patriotism.

Judge Myles F. Parrish will welcome the national president and state senior president to Decatur, and the new society to Adams county. Albert Tingley Morris, state president of the Sons of the American Revolution, will also be present, Halberstadt said.

Any boy or girl under 21 who is descended from a man or woman who "rendered material aid to the cause of the American independence" is eligible to join. The senior president of the local society will help those interested in filing out their applications.

At present, Miss Davis explained, nine members have been approved by national headquarters, and applications on several others are pending. Members already admitted include Miss Davis, Darla Sue Dawson, James R. Jones, Kim E. Jones, Carrie M. Luce, Marrie R. Luce, Kristie A. Melching, Lori K. Melching, and W. Edward Melching.

October 7, 1974

SAR chapter is host to first state meeting

Saturday, for the first time, the Anthony Halberstadt chapter of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted a state SAR meeting and 70 to 80 men and women attended the gathering at the Amishville restaurant.

Presently, there are 514 members of the Sons of the American Revolution in Indiana chapters and 43 of them are in the Anthony Halberstadt chapter, making it the fourth largest in the state.

Some of the persons present for the event were the local SAR chapter president, Jim Halberstadt; G.W. "Doc" Vizard, another SAR member here; K.D. Ross of Fort Wayne, a new SAR member and the man whose idea it was during the mid-1920s to found a radio station in Fort Wayne, which became WOWO; Francis L. Lipp

of Frankfort, Ind., a member of the Adams county SAR chapter and the recent author of a massive book on the family tree of the Halberstadts extending from 1775 to 1974; and Decatur

mayor Harry H. Hebble, also a local SAR members.

As the United States' 200th birthday approaches in 1976, the SAR—along with the companion Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution—will be preparing varied activities and celebrations for the bicentennial.

In his short address to the audience, Doc Vizard, a long-time educator in the county, gave an outline of Adams county, including some words on Geneva (especially as the home of authoress Gene Stratton Porter), Amishville (which is nearby the spot where original pioneer cabins once stood), the covered bridge at Ceylon (the only such bridge left in the county), and the St. Marys and Wabash rivers.

He also made note of the fact that three veterans of the Revolutionary War are buried in the county: Capt. George Emory, Sgt. James Ball, and Thomas Archbold. Archbold and Emory also fought for the United

States in the War of 1812.

In between business meetings, lunch was served and at the close of the lunch, the Martha Washington award was given to Florence Pearl Dresbach by her father, Albert Morris, for her work at proofreading and overseeing the recent publication of a roster of the Indiana SAR membership.

Author Francis Z Lipp, whose book *Anthony Halberstadt and Descendants 1775-1974* was recently printed by the Unigraphic firm of Evansville, said that Halberstadt was captured in Trenton, New Jersey when George Washington led his men over the Delaware river to attack the Hessians (Germans) in their barracks, but that when Halberstadt was allowed by the his captors to do what he wanted, he chose to become a wagon driver for the continental army.

Five hundred copies of Lipp's book were printed and copies are in libraries at Indianapolis and Fort Wayne; other copies will be sold to members of the Halberstadt clan at \$20 per book.

Local SAR chapter meets here Sunday

A constitution and by-laws for the Anthony Halberstadt chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, were adopted unanimously Sunday afternoon at the Flag Day meeting of the year-old local patriotic group.

James F. Halberstadt, Jr., president, presided at the meeting, and passed out certificates of membership to two new members, John J. Dierkes and Sherman Arnold. Eleven members attended the meeting in the Adams county court room.

Judge Myles F. Parrish was elected acting treasurer, to succeed Douglas Halberstadt, who is out of the county in military service.

Vice president Don Melching read a provisional constitution which was accepted with two or three minor amendments after discussion by the group.

The constitution and by-laws will be printed and distributed to the members.

Regular meetings will be held on the Thursdays preceding Washington's birthday, Feb. 22; Bunker Hill Day, June 17; constitution Day, September 17; and Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. The latter shall be the annual meeting, and election of new officers.

Plans were advanced for the state SAR meeting, to be held in Decatur July 11 at the American Legion home at 12 noon. The meeting will start with the luncheon at noon, with the local chapter as host. Following the dinner, which will cost \$2.75, the men will hold their business session, and the DAR has consented to meeting with the wives of those present during the business session of the meeting, Halberstadt explained.

It was agreed that the July 11 meeting would be considered a ladies night, and another would be planned at the September meeting.

Heller is elected treasurer of SAR

Dick Heller, publisher of the Decatur Daily Democrat, was elected treasurer of the Indiana society of the Sons of the American Revolution at its winter meeting at the Marott Hotel, Indianapolis, Saturday.

Heller, who also serves as secretary and genealogist of the Anthony Halberstadt chapter, SAR, in Decatur, and senior president of the Angellique Rivarre society, Children of the American Revolution, was one of the judges for the regional speech contest at Indianapolis, and will serve as chairman of judges at the patriotic speech contest finals in Muncie April 6, at the official installation.

James H. Halberstadt, Jr., local society president, Harvey Jones, and Don Melching represented the chapter at the winter meeting. Of the 70 new members admitted during 1969, the local chapter had 14; it also has two of the six pending members, and five ready for application.



RAIN

INDIANA WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness with occasional periods of rain likely and mild today through Tuesday night. Low tonight 40 to 48 north, 37 to 55 south. High Tuesday 47 to 56 north, 57 to 66 south. Outlook: Rain Wednesday and Thursday becoming mixed with snow in extreme north portion Thursday. Turning colder Thursday and Friday.

Halberstadt honored by Indiana SAR

James F. Halberstadt, Jr., founder and president of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter, S.A.R., founding president of the Angeliqe Rivarre Society, C.A.R., and a big help in forming the local Antoine Rivarre Chapter, D.A.R., was honored by the Indiana S.A.R., and all local chapters Saturday, at the state S.A.R. meeting in Decatur. Approximately 75 attended from all parts of the state.

Cyril L. Johnson, state secretary, gave the invocation, and CAR president Miss Denise Davis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Judge Myles F. Parrish welcomed the state group to Decatur, and lauded Halberstadt for his interest and help in founding the Decatur patriotic societies, and in keeping them growing by interesting new members.

Judge Parrish, his son, Frank, and Dr. James M. Burk were present to receive their state membership certificates. Morton A. Ralling was unable to be present to receive his.

State S.A.R. President Marshall Miller of Vincennes then called Halberstadt forward, and

in tribute to his work in S.A.R. and related organizations, and his unflinching faith in America and gratitude to his forebears, and especially to his mother in her interest in patriotism and genealogy, awarded him the Indiana Society's Good Citizenship medal.

Miss Davis then came forward, and presented a large trophy plaque to Halberstadt, from the three local chapters of SAR, DAR, and CAR, for his work here. Mr. Halberstadt was completely overcome with the honors. None of the groups knew that the other was planning to honor him.

Rev. James Arthur DeWeerd, Chaplain General, in the major speech of the luncheon, explained how the term "Old Glory" was originated. On naval vessels, when a man died, the flag was folded into a triangle, as our flag is always folded, and a man stood at each corner, one calling out "Glory to the Father", one "Glory to the Son" and "Glory to the Holy Ghost." By tradition, this was shortened to just glory.

The flag is called "old" because it is older than the Union Jack of Great Britain, the tricolor of France, the pre-Mussolini flag of Italy, the flag of Germany, and many others.

The SAR business session started about 10 a.m., and coffee was served by the local ladies of the D.A.R. The various changes

made at the national convention in June were discussed. The financial report was read and accepted. The secretary made his report.

Highlight of the morning session was the presentation by Miss Lara Blackburn, president of the Old Glory Society, and Brian Wright, vice president and state corresponding secretary, of the state C.A.R. project.

The C.A.R. hopes to make appropriately the site of Camp Jefferson, the Indianapolis military camp which during the civil war was the gathering point for most Hoosier regiments when they were finally outfitted and mustered in. It is now a run-down Indianapolis city park, and is badly in need of fixing up, which has been promised by the park department. It was also the site of the first Indiana state fair in 1852.

After the dinner meeting, at which Rev. Arthur DeWeerd, Chaplain General, spoke briefly, the session again commenced, and national trustee Albert T. Morris told of what happened at the national congress in Houston.

It was decided to make April 1 the cutoff date for dues, and after that date \$36 will be collected for the new members, and will include the next year's national dues, which were raised \$2.50 a year by the congress.

Edward Beitler

dies unexpectedly

April 7, 1970



DECATUR SAR MEMBERS attending as delegates to the 80th state conference and inauguration of the new officers, included Harvey Jones, Don Melching, and James F. Halberstadt, Jr., of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter, Troy G. Thurston, president of the Clarence A. Cook Chapter, Indianapolis; and George Earl Carroll, state historian, of South Bend. (Staff Photo).

September 19, 1974



AGAIN—Once again declaring the week of September 17 to 23 as Constitution Week in Decatur was Mayor Harry H. Hebbie, who signed a proclamation this morning for the Anthony Halberstadt chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; the other proclamation this week was from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Present for the signing was Jim Halberstadt, president of the local chapter.—(Staff Photo)

September 17, 1975



SPECIAL DAY, SPECIAL WEEK—September 17 is Citizenship Day in the United States and that day also starts Constitution Week, which ends on September 23. Last Friday in City Hall, Mayor Harry H. Hebbie signed a proclamation for both events and the signing was witnessed by Jim Halberstadt Jr. of Decatur, and president of the Anthony Halberstadt chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. (Staff Photo)