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Greetings:

Welcome to the first on-line issue of *The Soldier*. The intent of The Continental Line was to print one more paper issue, but I have been requested to bring this to you electronically, instead. Now. It is still very much a work in progress, and you will see big changes in the next issues, as we refine and improve our layout, content, graphics, and timeliness. I beg you look upon this first humble post, gently.

I welcome your comments, your thoughts, your research, your helpful hints, and your pictures. I hope many of you will be inspired to share with the masses. There are superb historians among us, as well as those who know how to do things that the rest of us sometimes need to know how to do. Please see this site as a collegial fireside. Tomes may be scholarly, or neighborly. No unkindness will be permitted. Any topic, firmly footed in our hobby, is welcome.

While the title of the newsletter is, *The Soldier*, it is understood that our hobby, and the members of the Continental Line, portray many kinds of people: Generals to Privates, Ladies of Rank to laundresses and nurses, real babies to those who were not young during the bicentennial. Together, we tell the story of America's First Civil War.

We oft times say that our hobby is designed to educate the public. Many of our Units have that purpose written into our mission statements. Let this be the place that we help educate ourselves.

The Continental Line is designed to communicate. What are we doing? Where are we going? How can we be safe and safer? Let this be the place that we look to for our information.

I am truly your servant,
Donah Zack Crawford
Editor, *The Soldier*
President, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment
Member, The German Regiment
Member, British Detached Hospital

17th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order was made by Chairman Paul Hutchins

Roll Call was done by Adjutant Mark Magiera with 53 member organizations present.

Old Business

Motion made by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment & seconded by the 24th Connecticut Regiment to accept the Minutes from the 16th Annual Meeting. Vote to accept, unanimous.

The meeting then included comments from Chairman Paul Hutchins, Adjutant Mark Magiera & a financial report from Treasurer William Myers (see Appendix 1)

In a Liaison Report from Bradford Chetwynd, introductions of Neil Sorenson as British Brigade Liaison Officer & Gene Frechette as Brigade of the American Revolution Liaison Officer were made. Some past season issues that were highlighted: respect of person property was an issue at Monmouth & Rhode Island.

The Mid-Atlantic Department Report was presented by Department Coordinator George Radecky highlighted by after action reports on:

- Valley Forge
- Monmouth

For 2004, the Mid-Atlantic Department has chosen to support Northern & Southern Department instead of offering a show.

The Northern Department Report made by newly elected Department Coordinator Bob Balcius highlighted upcoming shows supported by the Northern Department:

- Sutton, MA on May 1st & 2nd, Co-host by Talmadge's Troop, Second Regiment Dragoons & Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment
- Quebec City on July 30th & August 1st, Host by the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment
- Newtown, NY on August 28th & 29th, Host by 3rd New York Regiment, DeWitt's
- Savannah, GA on October 9th & 10th, Host by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment

An additional after action report was made on the successful 2004 shows:

- "Snow Bowl"
- Monmouth
- Portsmouth, Rhode Island

The Southern Department Report was presented by Department Coordinator Jeff Lambert with opening comments on the southern contingent at Monmouth with over 100 muskets. Also discussed was the Savannah 224th show which was held in December. The show was a touching moment in that they had a send off a few troops off to present active theaters...

A list of shows & incoming units (new & old) was conveyed which would be discussed in detail later in the meeting. Jeff, asked for the support of the line.

The Western Department Report was presented by Department Coordinator Tom Edwards where he conveyed that there are presently two groups as applicant in the Western Department:

- 3rd New York, Dubois Company
- 7th Pennsylvania Regiment

While the Western Department is not presently prepared to offer a sanctioned show to the Continental Line, there were a couple of shows which Tom conveyed are occurring in the region:

- Vincennes, IN (Memorial Day Weekend) 2004
- Piqua OH, in July 16th & 17th, 2005

Website Report (see Appendix 2)

It was at this time that the Adjutant Mark Magiera took the floor to address the membership regarding the *Continental Soldier*. While the donations to financially support the existence of such a journal, the researched content has been difficult to come by. This coupled with the increased growth of the organization & the expansion in duties of the Adjutant has made it difficult for addition *Continental Soldier* issues to be released.

A committee of volunteers stepped forward to provide logistical support of producing the *Continental Soldier* & distributing it online through the under utilized website of the Continental Line, rather via printed means. The members in attendance amounting to more than 2/3 of the voting body had no objections to exploring this idea. However the question was raised as to how to handle the existing “subscriptions.” The discussion ranged from requesting of the subscribers in treating their subscription as a donation to the Continental Line to that of reimbursement. It was however planned to release at least one more Paper Copy of the *Continental Soldier* in the Spring of 2004.

Safety Officer Report

No issues to report, as the appointed chair for this subcommittee, Jim Garner has been working on the Guidelines for Camp Safety.

Sons of the American Revolution Reenactor Committee Report
(see Appendix 3)

Report of 2003 Events

- March out of Valley Forge (Full Line Show) had a rainy weekend. As a result attendance was low. The 6th Pennsylvania Regiment thanked all who attended “Mudfest.”
- Monmouth: numbers were defined as “BIG.” Camp Administration ran very smoothly. In discussion from the floor, the 24th Connecticut Regiment reported that its membership was unfortunately split apart at the show. They ask that future shows that this not occur. George Radecky of the 6th PA addressed this issue in that it was a case of formation attendance & that sizing had already happened for the company with which the issue occurred.
- Jim Hayden of 1st New Hampshire Regiment reported that Strawberry Banke went well, was wet, but there were no issues. The 2nd Mass was pleased 2nd NJ, Helms Company sent the cup up to the event.
- Battle of Rhode Island had a few issues primarily with missing property stemming from the Saturday evening libation. The inquiry into who, what, when & where was still underway. However the central item of issue is that of a missing blanket that is desired to be returned...
- Cobleskill, NY was reported to go well, especially as the area was under lock down (security wise). For it occurred on State Land & the region was on a security alert.

New Business

New Units

- Applicant: Captain John Outwater's Company of Militia sponsored by New Jersey Militia, Heard's Brigade. Outwater's attended the Monmouth, NJ show under Heard's Brigade. Also served with the company under the 2nd Albany County Militia at the Saratoga show.

A motion to accept Captain John Outwater's Company of Militia as a Full Member was made by the 1st Ulster County Militia, with the second motion made by the 24th Connecticut Regiment. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Applicant: The 2nd Rhode Island Regiment, Tew's Company sponsored by the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment was brought to the floor. A motion to accept the 2nd Rhode Island Regiment, Tew's

Company was made by the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment, with the second motion made by the United Train of Artillery. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- Applicant: The Pennsylvania State Navy sponsored by the Continental Marines, Trevitt's Company & Mott's Artillery Company (2nd Detachment) was brought to the floor. Accolades were made by George Radecky of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment on the patience the Pennsylvania State Navy has demonstrated with the department as they membership worked out any issues with the depiction. A motion to accept the Pennsylvania State Navy was made by the 24th Connecticut Regiment, with the second motion made by the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Election of Officers

Nominations for Chairman opened with a motion made by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment for Jeff Lambert of the 1st Virginia Regiment to become Chairman of the Continental Line, with a second motion made by the 1st Maryland Regiment. With no additional nominations made for Chairman heard, the nomination session was closed & a vote was taken. Jeff Lambert of the 1st Virginia Regiment was elected Chairman of the Continental Line in a unanimous vote.

Introduction of Sponsored applicants

- 13th Massachusetts Regiment, Smith's Company (October 1779 depiction). Sponsor's: 2nd Massachusetts Regiment & 10th Massachusetts Regiment. Brian Colonna commanding & John Hannigan as the groups' historian.
- Augusta County Militia sponsored by the 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Company. Will Armstrong commands the group & had 18 at the Monmouth show. Presently they are active in the western department of the BAR & desire to join the Continental Line.
- The 6th North Carolina Regiment sponsored by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment would like to re-apply to the Continental Line. The organization is now under the management of Harry Simmons & accompanied the 2nd SC at Monmouth with 36 strong...
- Herrick's Regiment sponsored by Whitcomb's Rangers formally makes application to the Continental Line primarily as an infantry depiction but also has an artillery depiction. Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment, the United Train of Artillery & the 1st New Hampshire Regiment have offered co-sponsorship of the artillery portion with Whitcomb's Rangers as the primary sponsor. The group is managed by Ed Kennedy & is based out of Vermont.
- 5th New York Regiment formally makes application to the Continental Line. 1st New York Regiment, McCracken's Company & 1st New York Regiment, Graham's Company will be co-sponsor. Rich Degridorio is the groups representative.

A motion to adjourn the session for lunch was made by the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment, Cherry's Coy, with the second motion made by Whitcomb's Rangers. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Lunch

Afternoon Session was brought to order by Chairman Paul Hutchins.

Combined Department Sanctioning of 2004 Shows

225th Savannah, Georgia on October 9 & 10, 2004 sponsored by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment. After a PowerPoint presentation, Herb Puckett conveyed the following key points:

- Camp opens on Thursday, October 8th.
- Located 15 minutes from downtown Savannah, GA
- 41 acres for American Camp & battle field
- 20 acres for Crown Forces Camp

- 22 acres of parking
- Sutlers in between
- www.Savannah225th.org

A motion to sanction the 225th Savannah, Georgia was made by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, with the second motion made by the Proctor's Artillery Regiment. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Quebec City, Quebec, Canada on July 31st & August 1st, 2004 sponsored by the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment. Organizer Brad Chetwynd communicated the following highlights:

- Optional ceremonies will be held on Friday, July 30th.
- Tents may be set up on the site as early as Thursday, July 29th & can stay until Monday, August 2nd.
- The American army will be camped on the heights by the Martello Towers (same location as 1998 show).
- Regarding the border crossing: Questions regarding any changes? No problems entering Canada, participants will have a letter from the Canadian government regarding the event.
- Participants are reminded to register items of value to prove ownership prior to exiting United States territory. Reminded that the registrations done for past events are still valid.
- There is presently a ban on US meats in Canada. Commissaries are reminded that any meat goods must be procured in Canada.
- Safety officers will be appointed by the Host units, not Parc's Canada.
- There will be a drive thru registration as was seen at Saratoga.
- April 1st Registration deadline.
- Parcs Canada has event insurance covering lost or destroyed equipment. In the event of such an incident, Parcs Canada must be notified immediately (during the event).
- Presently there are 350 participants registered for the event. They are looking for triple of that number.
- FAQ portion on the website which can be seen at: www.quebeccity2004.com

A motion to sanction the program in Quebec City was made by the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment, with the second motion made by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

It was at this time that the various Departments had sessions of their own to address any shows & items concerning their region. After which the Department Coordinators addressed the overall membership.

The Southern Department voted to elect Herb Puckett of the 2nd South Carolina Regiment to represent the Southern Department as the Southern Department Coordinator. Herb reported to the overall membership that besides the aforementioned shows in 2004, that additional future shows are in the works.

- Spring (April/ May) of 2005, a program at Drayton Hall in the Charleston, SC area.
- January 16th & 17th, 2006: The 225th Commemoration of the Battle of the Cowpens.
 - Camp on NPS property (the actual battle site)
 - Battle of adjacent private land.
- March 14th & 15th, 2006: The 225th Commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in Greensboro, NC.
- October 18th – 21st, 2006: The 225th Commemoration of the Siege of Yorktown, VA.

The Mid-Atlantic Department Coordinator George Radecky reported to the overall membership that their discussions regarded future shows beyond the present season.

- April 2005: Battle of Crooked Billet
- April 2005: Battle of Bound Brook
- September 2005: a return to Whitpain Township.

The Northern Department Coordinator Robert Balcius reported that there are presently 2 shows planned for 2004 which have Northern Department Sanctioning:

- May 1st & 2nd, 2004: Sutton, MA (which has also become a British Brigade Show), sponsored by Talmadge's Troop, 2nd Continental Dragoon Regiment., Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment & the King's Rangers. www.suttonbattle2004.com
- August 28th & 29th, 2004: 225th Commemoration of the Battle of Newtown, NY. Only full fledged battle fought on the Sullivan Campaign. Show sponsored by the 3rd New York Regiment, DeWitt's & the 64th Regiment of Foot. It has been conveyed that camp space will be tight! Hardcore camping is encouraged!

** The one day tactical discussed at the fall meeting which was planned for April 2004 at Borderland State Park was scrubbed.

A number of shows are also in the works for the 2005 season:

- July 9th & 10th, 2005: Chryslers Farm, Ontario sponsored by the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment, Cherry's Company.
- October 1st & 2nd, 2005: Garrison of Lebanon, CT sponsored by the 6th Connecticut Regiment.

For the Columbus Day Weekend of October 8th & 9th, 2005, a number of shows are being offered for the department to support:

- Chelmsford, MA: sponsored by Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment
- Rehoboth, MA: sponsored by 13th Continental Regiment
- Johnson's Raid in New York
- Carleton's Raid in New York

While the end of the season the department is focused on supporting Savannah, GA with discussions of a two bus contingent. It was also conveyed that the northern department meeting for 2005 will most likely occur in the area between Springfield, MA & Sturbridge, MA.

The Western Department Coordinator Tom Edwards, while being the only Western Department delegate, reported that most of the membership of the western department would be gathering at the NWTAG Grand Encampment at Vincennes, Indiana on Memorial Day Weekend in 2004. While their desire is to support the shows "back east" in 2004 & 2005, a show that has been had additional discussion for 2005 is the Battle of Piqua, OH, July 16th & 17th.

It was at this time that the floor was yielded to Jim Garner of the 1st Virginia Regiment regarding the Guidelines for Camp Safety. At the 15th Annual Meeting, concerns from the membership regarding safety concerns in camp was voiced. At that time, Jim (who had served the Continental Line in helping to assemble the present draft of the Guidelines to Black Powder Safety offered his services to assemble the various items which would help to improve camp safety. His report was presented & accepted at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line & the points of this report being: Guidelines for Camp Safety was published in the Spring 2003 Issue of the Continental Soldier (Vol. XVI,1). At the 16th Annual Meeting, it was communicated to the membership that concerns over the documents content were open to change & discussion. Hearing no concern of the content from the membership of the Continental Line between the 16th & 17th Annual Meeting, Jim Garner then requested that a motion be made to have the Continental Line accept the Guidelines for Camp Safety as part of the Continental Line's various documents available for show organizers. A motion was made by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment to accept the Guidelines for Camp Safety as a document of the Continental Line which received a second motion by the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment. The vote to accept the Guidelines for Camp Safety as a document of the Continental Line was unanimous.

Marjy Weinkopt (Medical Dept.) addressed the assembled delegates & thanked the organizers of past shows for allocating space for a Field Hospital at shows. They spend a considerable amount of time in preparing the depiction. Alas, George Vinter & Marjy would appreciate more volunteers for it.

Treasurer William Myers reported that the meeting raffle brought in \$872. Tony Maxfield & Mark Nowacki were great in selling raffle tickets & thank you to all that donated items.

A motion to adjourn the 17th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line was made by the 5th Connecticut Regiment, with the second motion made by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Report From the Mid-Atlantic Department

Greetings from the Mid Atlantic Department.

As I sit to write this Dispatch there still seems to be left over issues from last years event season . It seems these problems all stem from the lack of respect for the property of other people, whether it be firewood or a musket , someone has hauled it from the wood pile for their unit or has brought their musket from home . Both are the property of an individual or a unit . When events get as large as they have been getting some people are losing touch with the need to lookout for one another and their personal goods . There was a time when we were only concerned about the visitors not showing any regard for the many small and large items we all like to bring to a show for our own comfort or to enhance our living history displays . We have a need to feel secure when moving about in camp or going onto the field . We all know that items are lost or misplaced from time to time but all are mostly recovered or placed in lost and found to be returned at a later time ..

It seems this past campaign season we have had several large break downs in good judgment when it came to other peoples belongings . It also seems to be driven by a dangerous mix of the practical joke and the over indulgence of the fine libation that is being served. We all like the social aspect of the after hour drink with friends that we haven't seen in a good while , which is the most pleasant part of most events .This aspect of the "after hour" may have to be curtailed if we can no longer trust the good behavior of our fellow participants . It would be an awful shame to have to say no to the very elaborate Taverns that are being set up at all the large shows . The people who spend the time to do them put a tremendous amount of effort into making them to the period and I believe they add so much to our pleasure of the after hour enjoyment of these programs . So in closing on this subject , I hope all can be resolved so we can all enjoy the peace of mind we use to have when doing a program , large or small.

Now that summer is upon us all the units in the MAD have been very busy . The early spring brought the usual cold wet days but the shows all went on , as the AAR's have shown the down pours at Bound Brook did not deter the turn out or the public coming to watch .It shows that the interest is still strong for our time period . We also need to provide more guidance to those organizations who wish to host a program . Most that have contacted me want an event in two or three weeks or worst yet on a weekday . I have had to explain that most historians still have a real world job and that a twenty dollar donation does not cover a lost days pay . Maybe some day when we are retired there will be more time to help with the many school programs and talks for the many social groups looking for a taste of history the way we bring it alive .

In closing , I would like to remind everyone that the fall MAD meeting this year will be at Fort Mifflin on Sunday morning . Also anyone who would like to add anything to these reports to contact me and I will include it my report .

Hope to see all of you soon .

YMO&HS

George Radecsky

Report From The Southern Department

The meeting this year was certainly different for us with the war moving south. Since the very successful meeting in Allentown, the Southern department has had only one occasion to have a large number of us together at the same time. The Second SC, the Second NC, elements of the First Maryland and the First Va, along with the 6th NC were all-together at Guilford Courthouse in March.

The best thing to come out of that time together, was that we, if but for a brief time on Saturday morning were able to begin to move in the direction that we took during the bicentennial, and that would be to form a single unit from all of the elements. We began to work on the reestablishment of the "Southern Battalion" as it existed at Yorktown in '81.

Notice mention of the Sixth NC. That is the best news from these parts in some time. One of the founding units of the Continental Line, after having been absent for quite some time is returning to the organization. With the addition of the Sixth NC, it is hopeful that we will be able to field 150 men from the Southern Department.

Other than the one time, the units have been doing the more local events in ones and twos. We are hopeful that we will be able to block out some time at the Williamsburg event in September, to be able to drill a bit together.

Savannah, the first of the Southern Campaign shows is rapidly approaching. We have good numbers registered, into the 700's. However, they're a large number of units who I have had contact with who plan to attend but still haven't gotten their registration in. Please take a few moments and go on line and fill out the simple registration form.

We really need to complete fleshing out the Grand Divisions and getting our organization established down to company level. Only by getting you folks all registered can we accomplish this.

We really have great news from Camden. In August of 2005, we are going to be making every effort to present another of the "really big Shows." As a draw for that one it would appear that we have the original site. The first and probably the only time that we will be able to have use of the original ground. So we have another good one on tap on down the road. The only problem at this time is that they do not want any Continental or British Brigade support. Working on it.

Then in the month of January, (yes we do them at that time of year down hear) we will be doing the battle of Cowpens. We are getting great support form the National Park on this one. We will be camping on the actual ground. So at least two that are coming up in the future down South will be on the actual site.

It seems that all of our department units are experiencing an almost "Bicentennial like" recruiting success. All who I have talked to are growing by leaps and bounds. We had a drill weekend at Camden last weekend and when it came time to have the men fire the first time there were nine out of the twenty plus who were firing their first shots. You folks from all over the country can't imagine how much enthusiasm there is for being able to spot light the larger battles that are coming here.

We look forward to serving with folks from all over the country either here or at your events.

Yallll come on down now, Ya Hear

The Following is written by John White, proprietor of Avalon Forge. John is very generous with his time, and a joy and delight! He has been supplying the needs of the reenacting community for many years. - dzcrawford

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING TENT POLES

1. Buy the lumber - At your local lumber yard, carefully select the number of poles you need from the 2 by 2's by the length you need. You can either get treated or non-treated (cheapest). Select by these criteria as best you can: straightness, lack of knots, freedom from sap. Sapwood is heavier due to the sap content. Or if preferred, you can buy 2 by 4's and rip them into 2 by 2's. Note: milled lumber is significantly smaller than the nominal trade size due to loss from planing. The advantages are; less expensive and you can often get a better grade of wood this way. Trim the poles to length and sand or configure to octagon shape (options).

2. Get steel reinforcements - There are several ways to reinforce the neck of the poles to prevent splitting. Following are some suggestions: Visit your local muffler shop and beg discarded lengths of 1-1/2 inch diameter exhaust pipe. Cut (or have them cut) to length; anywhere from 1 to 2 inches, whatever you prefer. Most pipe nowadays is aluminum coated. This can be burned off, leaving a nice "forge" finish. We found that putting them in our wood burning stove did a nice job. Or you can sand them clean and just let them rust. You can also wrap the ends with heavy "tin" (really steel) from a tin can, fold it over and nail it into place.

3. Make steel pins for the top of the pole - We recommend 3/8 inch mild steel about 5 inches long, with half its length to be imbedded in the pole. If you have trouble finding this, you can get some very large nails and cut off the heads. The exposed end should be smoothed by grinding or filing.

4. If you opted for the exhaust pipe approach - Round the end of the pole just enough so that you can start the reinforcement on, then hammer into place. Next, drill a hole for the steel pin, using a drill just slightly smaller than the pin diameter. Take the prepared pin and using an old hatchet at a slight angle, hit the pin several times on the lower end to raise up a series of burrs. This will help insure that the pin will not work out after use. Pound the pin into place.

5. Finishing - Can be either linseed oil (a 50-50 mix with paint thinner or turpentine) or paint of your choice.

Remember the Ladies

On June 5 and 6, 2004 Brandywine Battlefield Park held a women only event entitled “Remember the Ladies. This event was attended by 65 women from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland as well as eastern and western Pennsylvania. This was a wonderful opportunity for the women to meet other women that they might not have the chance to meet during a re-enactment where we are mostly kept busy with camp activities. While the weather did not do us any favors by pouring all that rain on us, which necessitated some schedule changes, i.e. not actually foraging for food in the pouring rain, and the cancellation of the iron-chef-like cook off, all evaluations show that the weekend was a very positive experience for everyone.

Workshop sessions included:

- *Camp Follower 101*, presented by yours truly.
- *Beyond Laundry, Cooking and Mending: Strategies, tips and techniques for relating the story of the “women of the army” using first person interpretation*, presented by Stacy Roth.
- *Foraging for Food*, presented by Clarissa Dillion.
- *Children in Camp*, presented by Vicki DeVore and yours truly.
- *Colonial Medicine*, presented by Nancy V. Webster.
- *Colonial Entertainment: From Parlor to Tavern*, presented by Sally Jane Denk.
- *Tea in the 18th Century*, presented by Susan Plaisted.
- *Stitch Sample Book, with instructions for various 18th century stitching techniques*, presented by Kay Martz.
- And the ever so popular *Cap Try-On* with Deborah Peterson.

As mentioned above the cooking competition was preempted by the weather, so we simply ordered in Pizza – 20 to be exact. And with some quick thinking on the part of my friends, and a quick call to my daughter at home for the dance notations, we substituted an 18th Century English Country Dancing demonstration and dance class for an after dinner activity. Those of us demonstrating always enjoy the chance to dance and many participants took advantage to the opportunity to learn a few dances themselves in a relaxed atmosphere. The teenagers attending seemed to really like this activity as well! Dancing was a hands-down favorite among many women and they indicated they would like to see this scheduled as a regular session in the future.

Field trips on Sunday permitted the attendees the opportunity to visit one of three historic sites, Newlin Grist Mill, William Brinton 1704 House or attend Quaker Meeting at Birmingham Meeting House. Afterwards they returned to Brandywine for lunch and another session before packing up for home.

In spite of the rain everyone was very enthused by the event. I saw nothing but smiles and happy faces all weekend. The sharing of information and the learning of new information cannot be underrated, my sincere thanks to the presenters and everyone who attended to make this such a successful event. Based on the evaluations, I would say everyone can't wait till next year! Personally, I need a month or so to recover and then I'll be ready to start planning for next year.

Your humble Servant and Site Administrator of Brandywine Battlefield Park,
Elizabeth Y. Rump



Group Shot of Attendees

Caught in the Web

Several sites you might enjoy exploring. Thanks to those folks who create and maintain them, as well as to those who suggested them.

<http://www.mbstevens.com/hume/> - The 18th century philosopher David Hume

www.eleventhpa.org - Shameless plug for my home team, presented by webgod James Bell

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/briefs/brief02.htm> - Fine NPS "how to" on repointing old mortar.

http://www.metmuseum.org/special/se_event.asp?OccurrenceId={9FA99BE0-39CD-48AF-9514-84531AF6C5A3}&HomePageLink=special_c1b - Details on the amazing exhibit at The NY Metropolitan Museum of Art. If you want to see it in person -- hurry. Closes 9/6/2004. The exhibit book will not be available for several months, however.

<http://www.thegarret.org.uk/herbsatguys.htm> -recommended by Dr. Mike of the British Detached Hospital

<http://www.npg.si.edu/exh/franklin/repsci.htm> - Smithsonian site on Ben Franklin

<http://www.si.umich.edu/spies/> - Collection of Spy Letters of the Revolution from the Clements Library at Univeristy of Michigan

<http://www.gardendigest.com/timel18.htm> - Noteworthy Gardens, Events, Persons, Publications, and Facts in the History of Gardening
References and Web Links Organized by Time Periods
Some Information about Agriculture, Farming, Culinary Arts, Botany, Horticulture, Technology, Arts and Crafts