



# CAPTAIN JOHN COLLINS CHAPTER

Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution

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## The Camden Burials

### DATES TO REMEMBER

The Chapter meeting starts at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of every month.

Jun 20 – Chapter Meeting

Jul 18 – Chapter Meeting

Aug 15 – Chapter Meeting

Sep 19 – Chapter Meeting

Oct 17 – Chapter Meeting

Nov 21 – Chapter Meeting

Dec 19 – Chapter Meeting

Additional events and activities, see the GA SAR website:

[www.gasocietysar.org](http://www.gasocietysar.org)

and the chapter website:

[www.johncollinssar.org/events/](http://www.johncollinssar.org/events/)



*Coffins of 12 American soldiers killed at Camden, 1780*

**Next edition of the Dispatch is planned for Dec 2023, but could be September if we get enough content over the summer!!**

Camden, SC – Apr 20-22, 2023 – Our compatriots in South Carolina, along with the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust (SCBPT), soldiers from Ft. Jackson, SC, the city of Camden, and other historical societies, held three days of ceremonies to honor and re-inter the remains of 14 Revolutionary War soldiers who died in the battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780. Continued on page 2.

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*Honor Guard from the UK re-inters the remains of a Scottish Highlander soldier killed at Camden, 1780*

### **Camden Burials, continued from page 1.**

Their bodies were exhumed in Nov 2022 from the Camden battlefield and forensically examined, including DNA tests. Here is what was discovered:

1. Twelve of the fourteen soldiers were American Patriots, serving in either the 1st or 2nd Maryland Regiments of the Continental Line. They had all been hastily buried, face down, in shallow graves. Five of them were in the same grave.
2. Five of the twelve American soldiers were teenagers; two of them were only 16 years old.
3. One of the remains was that of a Native American, probably of the Lumbee tribe, fighting as a Loyalist with the British Army.
4. The other remains was that of a British soldier of the 71st Scottish Highlander Regiment of Foot. He was the only one of the 14 to have been properly buried, face up, with his arms crossed over his chest. A special honor guard from the United Kingdom came to Camden for his re-internment.

DNA tests were conducted on all the remains, which hopefully will lead to the identification of all these soldiers.

In case you were not aware, the Battle of Camden was an American disaster, one of the biggest during the American Revolution. 260 American soldiers died in the battle, most of the dead being from the Continental Line (Maryland and Delaware Regiments).

Want to know more about this ceremony? Go to YouTube and enter “Camden Burials.”

Trivia question: The American Commander at Camden was Maj. General Horatio Gates, who was relieved of command following the battle. Who replaced him as Commander of the Southern Continental Army?  
Answer on last page.

# Officers and Committees

<b>President</b> – John W. McAskill	<b>Editor</b> – Jami Andrew
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<b>Vice President</b> – William Edelen	<b>Flags and Knight Essay</b> - Terry Gibbs
<b>Secretary</b> – Tom Harnden	<b>Cemetery</b> – Michael Reither
<b>Treasurer</b> - Wayne Brown	<b>JROTC</b> - Tom Harnden
<b>Registrar</b> – William Edelen	<b>Eagle Scouts / Education</b> - Bill Coffeen
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<b>Chaplain</b> – Rodney Pritchett	<b>DAR Liaison</b> – Dan King
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b> - Rodney Pritchett	<b>Membership / Welcome</b> - Bill Coffeen & Lee Hulsey
<b>Historian</b> – Earl Cagle Sr.	<b>Chapter Directory</b> – Bruce Wampler, Larry Guzy

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## President's Message

This year is moving quickly and here we are looking at the beginning of summer. It is with pride I can point to this issue of The Dispatch as a reflection of the great work performed by the members of the Captain John Collins Chapter.

By any measurement, I can report that our chapter is thriving. The Captain John Collins Chapter is active in all SAR programs including veterans, youth, and Americanism activities. If there is a Patriot or Compatriot grave marking anywhere close, our chapter will be represented by the laying of a wreath. Our chapter members provide leadership at the state and national society levels, and our partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution continues to strengthen.

While focusing on current programs and activities, we have also been adding new members. We welcome all of our new Compatriots.

Looking outside of our chapter to national events, we're getting close to the National Congress being held July 12-16, 2023 in Orlando, FL. If you have not already, please consider attending for all or part of the events. If so inclined, there are opportunities to volunteer to help.

As we approach Memorial Day and the start of summer, let us reflect upon the legacy we have been handed, and reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty.

Yours in Patriotism,

John W. McAskill  
President, Captain John Collins Chapter SAR

## From the Registrar—Bill Edelen

One of the primary objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution in general, and of its Chapter Registrars in particular, is growing the SAR's membership. Key factors in that process are aiding in the preparation, review, and approval of membership applications. An applicant must prove his lineal descent from an ancestor who provided service to the cause of American independence. While the role of the Registrar is to review and approve all applications and proofs of eligibility for membership, the bloodline burden of proof is on the applicant.

I will provide more information in the coming issues of The Collins Dispatch to aid with completing membership applications and the elements of a successful application by discussing in general terms policies adopted by the NSSAR Genealogy Committee.

## Captain John Collins Chapter Annual Banquet

The Chapter's Annual Banquet was held at the Marietta Country Club on 21 Feb 2023. Dr. David Ludley, President of the Georgia Society of the American Revolution, was Guest Speaker.

The new Chapter Officers for 2023 were installed.



2023 Chapter Officers are sworn in. From L to R: Jami Andrew, Earl Cagle, Rodney Pritchett, Jason Shepherd, Wayne Brown, Tom Harnden, Bill Edelen, John McAskill.



Past Presidents of the CJCC: Front Row, L to R: Earl Cagle, Gary Hoyt, Lee Hulsey, Harry Hagan. Back Row, L to R: David Ludley, Bruce Wampler, Terry Gibbs, Jim Castle, Bill Coffeen, Wayne Brown



*Compatriot Tom Harnden poses next to the grave of John Honeyman in Somerset County, NJ, Apr 2023*

## Feature Story – The Legend of John Honeyman

by Tom Harnden

John Honeyman was born in 1729 in Ireland to a poor farmer. Growing up he learned various trades such as weaving and butchering. In 1758 he enlisted in the British Army to fight in the French and Indian War. During his time with the British Army, Honeyman was known to have saved the life of a Colonel James Wolf who, in-turn, promised to look out for the private. After being honorably discharged, Honeyman moved to Pennsylvania and ultimately took residence in Philadelphia around 1775. As legend goes, it is at this time that John Honeyman met with George Washington and disclosed that he was not only sympathetic to the American cause but also wanted to offer his services.

After meeting with Washington, Honeyman moved his family to Griggstown, Somerset County, New Jersey in early 1776 where he engaged in trading. It is believed that he met with Washington a second time in 1776 at Fort Lee, New Jersey. Honeyman was asked by Washington to engage in trade with the British in Trenton to create the cover of being a Tory and gather intelligence. Later in 1776, he arranged to be captured by the Continental army and disclosed to Washington information regarding the Hessian forces in Trenton New Jersey. He then surreptitiously escaped and returned to Trenton and upon his return, Honeyman disclosed to the Hessian Commander, Colonel Johann Rall, that the Continental Army was in such poor spirits they would not attack Trenton. Taking this into consideration, Rall relaxed his security on December 26th not knowing that Washington planned to cross the Delaware river early that morning. The Battle of Trenton took place that day and Washington was victorious. John Honeyman and his family did not return to Griggstown until after the Revolutionary War.

Again, this is a legend because there is no written account of his meetings with Washington nor his work as an American patriot. George Washington is known for his voluminous correspondence and papers and John Honeyman was not mentioned once. Furthermore, the only account that comes close to substantiating the role of Honeyman had during the American revolution comes from an oral account from his eldest daughter Jane. In 1873, John Van Dyke, the grandson of John Honeyman, had an article published in a short-run magazine entitled *Our Home*. The article detailed the recount of his Aunt Jane Honeyman who described in detail what her father did and where he traveled. However, it must be noted that Jane was 10 to 11 years old during the winter of 1776 and her words were written down much later in her life.

Although his legendary status is questionable, there is one document that supports John Honeyman was at least a patriot. According to the cash account (June 1780 until May 1782) of Joseph Inslee who was the contractor for Hunterdon County New Jersey and responsible for acquiring provisions for the Continental Army, a John Honeyman was given 7 pounds for providing beef on November 26th, 1781. By rendering material aid, with or without remuneration, Honey is considered a patriot. As of today, there are 48 approved DAR and 4 SAR applications linked to John Honeyman.

- Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Honeyman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Honeyman)
- The Strange case of John Honeyman and Revolutionary War Espionage Vol. 52, No. 2: <https://www.cia.gov/resources/csi/studies-in-intelligence/volume-52-no-2/the-strange-case-of-john-honeyman-and-revolutionary-war-espionage/>
- Certificates and receipts of revolutionary New Jersey, Stratford and Wilson, 1996, page 240.

## Chapter Meeting, 21 Mar 2023



Kennesaw, GA—21 Mar 2023. At our monthly chapter meeting at the Hudson Grille, we had Guest Speaker JoyEllen Williams, Special Collections Curator at KSU talk about some of the old and rare documents in the Bentley Rare Book Museum at Kennesaw State University. Besides having numerous rare books and some actual 18th century newspapers, KSU even has an 1843 copy of the Declaration of Independence. That may not sound impressive until you become aware that it was not until 1843 that copies of the Declaration were made more readily avail-

able to the public. Today, only about 300 copies of the 1843 printing survive. JoyEllen added that the Bentley Museum is currently raising money for conservation work to preserve the Declaration and make it available for public viewing.

Want to know more ? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CG40VpbbCmo>

## Chapter Meeting, 18 Apr 2023



*"Dr." Emil demonstrates how to remove a musket ball, 18th century style.*

At our monthly meeting at the Hudson Grille, 18 Apr 2023, chapter members received an education on the wonders of 18<sup>th</sup> century medicine by "Dr." Emil Decker of the Robert Forsyth Chapter. When asked about his physician credentials, Emil produced a document signed by a Dr. John Warren, former senior surgeon in General Washington's Continental Army and founder of the Harvard Medical School in 1782.

Emil delighted the audience with his often humorous commentary on the advance of

medicine since Hippocrates (4th century BC) up until the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Suffice it to say that you may have preferred to take your chances with the natural healing process than to submit to a doctor's care. Emil focused on the 18<sup>th</sup> century battlefield medicine that was practiced during the American Revolution, like amputations without anesthesia, (they did have rum, and laudanum if you could find it!). Your chances of dying from infection were 4 times greater than if you did not even bother to see the surgeon! Success with vaccinations against smallpox seem to be akin to hit-or-miss. I think everyone in attendance enjoyed Emil's presentation and were very appreciative of 21st century medicine!

Trivia: Who was John Warren's older brother? (Hint, his last name was Warren too!) Answer on last page.

## Chapter Meeting, 16 May 2023



At our monthly chapter meeting on May 16, we received a fast-paced education on the Founding of Georgia and its Sons of Liberty from Mary Lou Goehring. Mary Lou is the Historian for the Jacob Braselton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mary Lou discussed the vision of James Oglethorpe in trying to establish a colony for debtors with a “utopian” government that banned slavery, alcohol, and even lawyers!

Well, that did not work, and when those laws were relaxed, Georgia began to prosper, especially under its very capable and economically-aware

*Mary Lou Goehring holds up a tea brick, which was the method of selling tea in the 18th Century.*

Royal Governor, Sir James Wright.

Mary Lou pointed out that for Gov Wright, the winds were changing, and he found himself confronting the Sons of Liberty boys at every turn. He was eventually arrested, and held under house arrest, but managed to escape to a British Man-of-War sitting at the mouth of the Savannah River.

One very interesting fact that Mary Lou made us aware of was that tea was sold in bricks, i.e., compressed tea leaves, and not the loose tea or tea bags that is common today. It was those tea bricks that would be thrown into Boston Harbor in December 1773.

## Junior ROTC—Spring 2023

Bill Coffeen, Tom Harnden, and Lew Ray participated in presenting the Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadets at the following High Schools: North Paulding, Kennesaw Mountain, South Cobb, North Cobb/Harrison, Allatoona, Marietta, Sprayberry, Campbell, Osborne, East Paulding, and Hillgrove. Congratulations to all the Cadets!



## Grave Marking Ceremony, Midway, GA 30 Apr 2023



Bill Edelen (wearing blue coat) as part of the Honor Guard at the Midway grave marking, Midway Cemetery, 30 Apr 2023. Behind Bill is the Screven-Stewart monument.



Midway Church, built 1792.

Midway, Georgia – On Sunday, April 30, the Midway Society held their annual homecoming at the Midway Church in Midway, Georgia. The Midway Society dates back to 1754 when a community of Congregationalists from South Carolina (whose ancestors were originally from Massachusetts) acquired royal grants of land around the area that was to become Midway.

Being imbued with Republican principles, this church and the surrounding community of St. John's Parish were the first in Georgia to take a stand for American Liberty in the early 1770s. Six of the church members became well-known Patriot leaders like Lyman Hall, Nathan Brownson, and Benjamin Andrew. In 1780, the Royal Government of Georgia branded them along with 145 other Georgia leaders as traitors and sent a list of their names to King George III.

The British burned the church in Nov 1778. The church was rebuilt in 1792 and is still in use today for special ceremonies.

Also on April 30th, the Georgia Society, along with National Society Daughters of the American Colonists conducted a grave marking ceremony in the Midway Cemetery for the following five Patriot Soldiers who were from St. John's Parish (today's Liberty County), Georgia. These soldiers were:

Edward Ball Francis Coddington

Philip Lowe John Robarts Samuel Spencer

The ceremony included the Georgia Society Honor Guard, Musket volleys, as well as an 18<sup>th</sup> century cannonade.

The Screven-Stewart Monument is named for Brig. Gen. James Screven, who was mortally wounded in a British ambush not far from the Midway Church in Nov 1778. And for Brig. Gen. Daniel Stewart, who served as a soldier in the Georgia Militia during the American Revolution and was later a general in the War of 1812.





## Upcoming Events 2023

When	Where	What	For more info:
Sat, Jun 24, 2023	Wormsloe Historic Site, Savannah, GA	British occupation of Savannah	<a href="https://explore.gastateparks.org/info/273154?s=0.0.0.5&amp;c=26441381">https://explore.gastateparks.org/info/273154?s=0.0.0.5&amp;c=26441381</a>
Sat, Jul 1, 2023	Fort Morris Historic Site, Midway, GA	Independence Day at Colonial Sunbury	<a href="https://explore.gastateparks.org/info/299555?s=0.0.0.5&amp;c=26441397">https://explore.gastateparks.org/info/299555?s=0.0.0.5&amp;c=26441397</a>
Mon, Jul 3, 2023	Washington, GA	Freedom Fireworks	<a href="https://gasocietysar.org/event/freedom-fireworks-washington-ga/">https://gasocietysar.org/event/freedom-fireworks-washington-ga/</a>
13-20 Jul, 2023	Orlando, FL	National Society SAR Congress	<a href="https://www.sar.org/congress/25388-2/">https://www.sar.org/congress/25388-2/</a>
Sun, Jul 23—Fri, Jul 28, 2023	Athens, GA	Georgia Genealogy Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research	Note: Tuition is \$545. Must register by July 1st. <a href="https://ighr.gagensociety.org/">https://ighr.gagensociety.org/</a>
Sat, Jul 29, 2023	Wormsloe Historic Site, Savannah, GA	Georgia's First 4th - reading of the Declaration of Independence	<a href="https://explore.gastateparks.org/info/273702?s=0.0.0.5&amp;c=26441384">https://explore.gastateparks.org/info/273702?s=0.0.0.5&amp;c=26441384</a>
Sat, Aug 19, 2023	Clinton, SC	Battle of Musgrove Mill Commemoration	<a href="https://scssar.org/?event=battle-of-musgrove-mill-243-anniversary-commemoration">https://scssar.org/?event=battle-of-musgrove-mill-243-anniversary-commemoration</a>
Sep 8-9, 2023	Eutaw Springs, SC	Battle of Eutaw Springs Commemoration	<a href="https://scssar.org/?event=242nd-anniversary-commemoration-of-the-battle-of-eutaw-springs">https://scssar.org/?event=242nd-anniversary-commemoration-of-the-battle-of-eutaw-springs</a>
Sat, Sep 9, 2023	Elizabethton, TN	The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	<a href="https://gasocietysar.org/event/the-gathering-at-sycamore-shoals-tn/">https://gasocietysar.org/event/the-gathering-at-sycamore-shoals-tn/</a>
Sat, Sep 16, 2023	Rocky Mount State Historic Site, TN	Overmountain Men Encampment	<a href="https://www.rockymountmuseum.com/events/overmountain-victory-trail-association-day">https://www.rockymountmuseum.com/events/overmountain-victory-trail-association-day</a>
Sat, Oct 7, 2023	Kings Mountain Natl Bfld, Blacksburg, SC	Battle of Kings Mountain	<a href="https://gasocietysar.org/event/battle-of-kings-mountain-sc/">https://gasocietysar.org/event/battle-of-kings-mountain-sc/</a>
Mon, Oct 9, 2023	Savannah, GA	Siege of Savannah Battlefield Memorial	<a href="https://gasocietysar.org/event/siege-of-savannah-2023-battlefield-memorial-march-645-am/">https://gasocietysar.org/event/siege-of-savannah-2023-battlefield-memorial-march-645-am/</a>
Oct 13-15, 2023	Union, SC	Battle of Blackstock's Farm Reenactment	<a href="https://www.unioncountymuseum.com/page/battle-of-blackstock-s-farm-living-history-reenactment-event#!">https://www.unioncountymuseum.com/page/battle-of-blackstock-s-farm-living-history-reenactment-event#!</a>
Sat, Nov 18, 2023	Fort Morris Historic Site, Midway, GA	Ft. Morris / Sunbury Memorial Ceremony	<a href="https://gasocietysar.org/event/come-at-take-it-fort-morris/">https://gasocietysar.org/event/come-at-take-it-fort-morris/</a>
Sat, Dec 2, 2023	Elberton, GA	Battle of Vann's Creek Commemoration	<a href="https://gasocietysar.org/event/battle-of-vanns-creek-commemoration/">https://gasocietysar.org/event/battle-of-vanns-creek-commemoration/</a>

## 250 years ago...1773



1 Jan 1773—The hymn, “Amazing Grace”, is first used in a church in Olney, England, to accompany a sermon by its author and Anglican priest, John Newton.

10 May 1773—Parliament passes the Tea Act, giving the British East India Tea Company a monopoly on selling tea in North America.

11 Sep 1773—Benjamin Franklin’s satire “Rules By Which A Great Empire May Be Reduced To A Small One” is published in the London newspaper, *The Public Advertiser*.

10 Oct 1773—Daniel Boone attempts to lead American colonists to establish a settlement in Kentucky, but Native Americans attack the group and kill his son.

16 Dec 1773—Boston Tea Party. The Tea Act that was passed in May was seen as a duplicitous trick by Parliament to use a “hidden tax” in order to tax Americans. In reality, it was a government intervention to attempt to bail out the East India Tea Company who was losing money. Anyway, Americans began to boycott tea. And on 16 Dec 1773, the Sons of Liberty in Boston threw 46 tons of tea overboard into Boston Harbor.

Trivia: Due to the boycott and subsequent American Revolution, tea would fall out of favor with Americans. What beverage replaced tea? See answer on last page.

## MY ROSIE THE RIVETER

By Earl Cagle Sr.

My mother, Merle Edmondson, was a twin daughter born to a young couple in the mountains of Gilmer County, Georgia. Her parents were of Scottish ancestry that descended from Revolutionary War Patriots on both sides. Times were hard on the farm as the nation moved toward a depression. She made the decision to leave home at fifteen, there would be one less mouth to feed.

She found work in Cherokee County, Georgia and in time met a millworker named Freeman Cagle. She was a green-eyed young lady with a fair complexion that stayed beautiful well beyond middle age. Freeman was a blue-eyed, wavy-haired fellow of German descent who was descended from ancestors that arrived in Pennsylvania in 1732. One of the immigrant children later served in the North Carolina militia and held musters on his farm. The couple eventually made the decision to marry, as they say, 'he chased her until she caught him'. I am their first born, followed in three years by a second son, who became a Methodist minister.

In December of 1941, the event that shattered the peace of the Nation occurred on the seventh. Japan, a country I had never heard of, bombed Pearl Harbor, which I had never heard of either. I knew things were serious from the grim looks and tone of voices of my relatives.

We moved to Marietta, Georgia where my father was employed to help construct the Bell Aircraft facility (Bomber Plant). He was an iron worker and rigger.

The facility went into production to fabricate B29 Super Fortresses for World War II and my mother was employed in production upon its completion. My father left his family in Marietta and went to the Azores Islands to build landing fields for allied aircraft.

Upon his return, he went to Brunswick, Georgia to assist in the construction of hangers for blimps that were used along Atlantic Coast for surveillance of German submarines. By this time, plans had been set in motion for a facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) was making preparations to build the atomic bomb. We went to Oak Ridge for a short time. In the Pacific, Okinawa had fallen to the Allies. We moved back to Marietta and my father went to Okinawa to build more airfields.

All this time my mother continued to fabricate B29s and was a real "Rosie the Riveter" with slacks and head scarf. One day she remarked she was embarrassed at work, "when I took off my overcoat, I still had on my apron". She was country but she had

Class. She kept the home fires burning so to speak and raised two little boys. I guess you say she suffered a war wound, losing the end of a thumb to a dimpling machine. No Purple Heart.

With the War over, my father came home and started a painting business. Then Lockheed Aircraft decided to start production of B47 bombers for the Strategic Air Command (SAC) in the old Bell Aircraft facility. My father worked for the contractor pulling the old machines and equipment out of moth balls. In the meantime my mother like a lot of ladies after WWII, had found additional employment outside the home.

The AEC decided to build a facility in South Carolina across the Savannah River from Augusta, Georgia. You guessed it, we were off to South Carolina to assist in the construction of the Savannah River Plant. We were back in the nuclear business. My brother and I marked our personal boxes with "SC or Bust".

After many years of education, work, marriage, babies and all that goes with those events I found myself sitting in my office in December 2022, eighty some odd years after this story started. I studied my mother's picture and thought of her many years of work and sacrifice, never asking anything for herself. The thought came to mind that I can do something to honor her memory.

I started the "Rosie the Riveter" project for the memory of my mother and for her descendants. Each one received the framed dual photos and a replica of the B29 "Enola Gay". Suffice it to say the accompanying photos reflect my efforts and her continuing love that watched over my shoulders as the gifts came to fruition.

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Merle Edmondson Cagle



B29 Superfortress Bomber

## In Memoriam



Compatriot Laurence William Lines, age 90, of Marietta, Georgia passed away May 7, 2023.

He had been a former member of the Captain John Collins Chapter and had served as Chapter Chaplain.

Laurence was born in Plainfield, New Jersey in 1932. He served in the Army, New Jersey Army National Guard, Air Force, and Georgia Air National Guard for over 35 years. He was very active in the local Baptist churches, having been a member of First Marietta Baptist Church and Burnt Hickory Baptist Church. He participated in numerous mission trips to Central and South America, Europe, and across the United States.

Internment was at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

## Miscellany

### Answers to Trivia Questions:

1. Maj General Nathaniel Greene replaced Maj. Gen Horatio Gates as the commander of the Southern Continental Army in Dec 1780.
2. Dr. John Warren's older brother was the famous and influential Dr. Joseph Warren, who organized the Patriots in Boston during the critical months of April and May 1775. He was killed at Breed's Hill (i.e., Bunker Hill) on 17 Jun 1775. Warren County, GA, is named for him.
3. Coffee would replace tea as America's favorite daytime beverage. Because of the Tea Act and animosity that developed toward Great Britain, Americans would come to think of drinking tea as being "unpatriotic". Don't believe this? See below!

### More on Tea...

Excerpt from a letter written by John Adams to his wife, Abigail Adams, dated 6 Jul 1774:

*I believe I forgot to tell you one Anecdote: When I first came to this House it was late in the Afternoon, and I had ridden 35 miles at least. "Madam" said I to Mrs. Huston, "is it lawfull for a weary Traveller to refresh himself with a Dish of Tea provided it has been honestly smuggled, or paid no Duties?" "No sir, said she, we have renounced all Tea in this Place. I cant make Tea, but I'll make you Coffee." Accordingly I have drank Coffee every Afternoon since, and have borne it very well. Tea must be universally renounced. I must be weaned, and the sooner, the better.*

To read the full letter, go to: <https://web.archive.org/web/20140304031147/http://www.masshist.org/publications/apde/portia.php?id=AFC01d090>