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The Oregon Replica Liberty Bell

In the August *Republic Reporter*, I had a picture of the replica Liberty Bell located on the west side of the State Capitol. How did Oregon receive the bell?

In 1950, the United States Department of the Treasury assisted by several private companies selected Paccard Foundry in Annecy-le-Vieux, France, to cast 55 full-sized replicas of the Liberty Bell.

The bells were shipped as gifts to states and territories of the United States and the District of Columbia to be displayed and rung on patriotic occasions. This was part of a savings bond drive held from May 15 to July 4, 1950 with the slogan "Save for Your Independence."

Oregon received the 16th bell cast.

Source: <http://www.libertybellmuseum.com/exhibits/statebells/index>

At a recent Chapter meeting, the members wanted to know if we could clean up the bell. I've contacted Scott Burgess, Legislative Administrator, but he hasn't answered back yet. If the Chapter wants to have a bell ringing ceremony on July 4, we need to reserve the space soon.

One possible program on July 4 could include the following:

Program starts at 10:30 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Welcome remarks by Republic Chapter President

Introduction of organizations participating

Introduction of Speaker

Speaker talks 10-15 minutes

Read selected portions of the Declaration of Independence

Tap bell 13 times at 11 AM

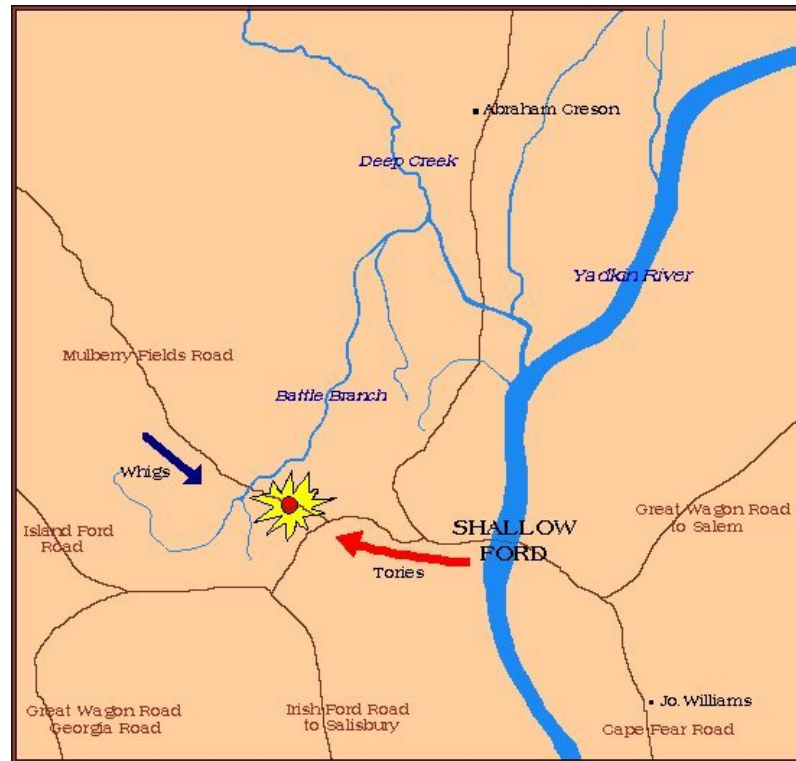
Closing remarks

Johnny Alexander, Editor

The Battle of Shallow Ford

Capt. Henry Patton, my Patriot ancestor, of the Virginia Militia was in the 'Battle of Shallow Ford' on the Yadkin River in North Carolina, on October 14, 1780. Capt. Patton accompanied the Virginia Militia from Montgomery County, VA, 'Over the Mountain' (the militia was identified as the 'Over the Mountain Boys' when they went to support the North Carolinians at Shallow Ford) to Surry County, North Carolina.

4 companies of Patriots, numbering about 160, under Maj. Joseph Cloyd and Captains Henry Francis, Isaac Campbell, George Parris and Abraham Trigg joined three companies of North Carolinians from Charlotte and Salisbury (about 110 men) and Surry County NC militiamen (about 80



Source: <http://bellsouthpwp.net/w/h/whigkid/shallowford/battle.html> men) at Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River. This ford was a major crossing of the Yadkin and was the site of several other skirmishes during the Revolution.

This force of 350 men was on the west side of a small stream near Shallow Ford when they contacted a Tory force of between 400 and 900 that had threatened the county for several weeks. The Tory force had crossed the Yadkin and both sides hastily formed and fired several volleys at each other. Capt. Parris was wounded in this exchange and Capt. Henry Patton assumed command of the company and led it in action for the rest of the engagement.

The Patriots, though outnumbered, quickly gained the advantage. Capt. Bryan of the Tory forces was killed, along with 13 others. The Tories retreated pell-mell back across the Yadkin and made their escape, shouting; "we are whipped, we are whipped."

News of the victory at Shallow Ford spread quickly and greatly encouraged the Patriots. After the defeat at Kings Mountain, Lord Cornwallis retreated from Charlotte. The victory at Shallow Ford dispersed the Tory force that had formed in Surry County, and they never again gathered in such numbers.

The Battle of Shallow Ford has been overlooked by historians. Recent research shows that, at the time, it was a significant victory for the Patriot forces. Occurring exactly a week after Kings Mountain, these two battles turned the tide of the War for Independence in North Carolina to the Patriots advantage.

Compatriot Archie Mustard

The Republic Chapter of the National Sons of the American Revolution

Our meetings are generally the third Saturday of the month. We meet at the Sizzler Restaurant located at 1151 Lancaster Drive NE in Salem, OR. We start our meetings at Noon.

We have a variety of interesting speakers and our own members give presentations on their Patriot Ancestors.

Upcoming meetings:

February 20, 2010

Arleta Day, DAR representative on the US Constitution

March 20, 2010

Bob Baldwin,
Willamette Valley
Genealogy Society,
State Library Resources

Important February dates in 1777

4 Feb, Battle at Fort McIntosh GA.

17 Feb, Lord North declared to King George III that as the Prime Minister of England he favored peace over war.

21 Feb "Mad" Anthony Wayne was promoted to Brigadier General. His nickname came from his attitude on the battlefield.

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orrcsar/>