

1 THE AMERICA 250 3rd BATTALION PROJECT by the Atlantic County Historical Society IS UNDERWAY!! We have 30 patriots for whom we have Pension Apps. We have proofs of 2 others who were involved in the 3rd Battalion's efforts. We have both PDF's and word-for-word transcriptions of these docs which Marilyn is now proofreading. Once completed, the Atl County Hist Soc will create a spiral-bound manual of all and offer it for sale for the America 250 yearlong celebration. It will also contain copies of the old payrolls from the NJ Archives and other 3rd Batt docs we've collected over the years. It is our initial thought to give single copies gratis to the other historical societies in the county as well as the county libraries and to Kim Brown for the county records. Kim will probably suggest we send a copy to the relevant State group as well. Our ACHS board will have to approve the finances for this project before it is finalized. Additionally, we are thinking of dedicating this reference manual to the DAR and SAR chapters of our area, the Gen. Lafayette and Col. Somers chapters, for their work in preserving and promoting our Rev War history. I would like to speak directly to the folks on this post in an effort to see if there are any PROVEN Rev War patriots from what is now Atlantic County that we can list in an appendix, along with those in Stryker that are presumed but not yet proven. This would entail a contact by the respective DAR/SAR chapters of each of their members to search out this info. I don't want to risk offending any of my DAR or SAR sisters and brothers but I do not have the time to get lists and call them/you all individually. I need the DAR and SAR leadership to do that if it is to be done. I also want to include copies of any Rev War docs we have uncovered, such as those by Joe Harness in our Chestnut Neck study. Sid Parker and I have discussed making the manual available for a yet-to-be specified price through the Hist Soc. I'm not convinced that an electronic copy would help the society financially, as it would get distributed gratis by the original buyers. If you have feedback on this project, please contact me DIRECTLY, not by replying to the group on this post. Sid and I will (plus the ACHS board) will make all final decisions about what is included in the manual and the format but we are very open to suggestions. Sorry for the rambling but I'm thinking as I'm typing and not in the mood to proofread. In closing , I estimate that the manual will contain about 300 pages. Exciting, right?!! Blessings upon all...Norm. PS - our DAR sisters are welcome to copy this post on their pages.