

Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman---Summer Newsletter----2023

Reminder---- the SZT family reunion will be held **August 27, 2023** this year. We are changing the date from the first Sunday in August to the last Sunday in August. The reunion was held the last Sunday in August from 1938 to the 1990's when it was changed. We are now holding it the last Sunday just like it was in earlier times. We hope more members will be able to come to the reunion and visit our historic Snells Bush Church.

We will hold a tent sale on **August 26 from 10 am-to 6 pm**. Donations will be accepted for the sale and all profits will go to the Snells Bush Church as a fund-raising event. At **6 pm Saturday we will hold our annual ice cream social**. It is always great to have a ice cream sundae and watch the sun set over the valley. It is so calming and peaceful to just to be there.

It was a sad historic day on June 10, 2023---- **Major General Philip Schuyler statue was torn down.** Mayor Kathy Sheehan of Albany NY said he needed to go as when he lived he was the biggest slave owner in Albany. He stood outside city hall and the state capitol building for over a century.

Description-----

The statue was dedicated on June 14, 1925 donated by George C. Hawley to honor his wife Theodora. It is a bronze statue of 114 in tall and 65 inches in diameter resting on a marble base of approximately 87 inches tall and diameter of 115 inches, and it was designed by J Massey Rhind a Scottish born Sculpture. General Schuyler wears a military uniform including a cape and hat and has his arms folded in front.

An inscription plaque reads: "*presented in loving memory of his wife Theodora M Hawley to the city of Albany by George C Hawley MCMXXV Citizens Committee Hon. Wm S Hackett, Mayor Frank B. Graves, Hon. Wm.E Woollard Dr.Arthur W. Elting,*" (reference--Wikipedia encyclopedia)

Under the statue the pedestal contained a 1920 time capsule containing letters from the Schuyler family, maps, flag and so forth. They can be viewed at the Albany State Museum.

The Schuyler Mansion overlooks the Hudson River and it was a seat of power in the city of Albany . General Schuyler was constantly working with famous people --Ben Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, and others who worked to shape our country. General Schuyler was friend of the Six Nations, was the leading force for the Battle of Saratoga, served as senator many times----- serving to create-- the US Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and other important documents.

It is sad that our country decides not to honor these heroes. We, members of the Snell-Zimmerman-Zimmerman Family Reunion, need to promote our history and remember all the struggles that our ancestors had. Come, visit your ancestor's historic Snells Bush Church, tell your family members about our history as you are the only one that can influence your children in our history of the family reunion and the country.

I hope to see you at the family reunion August 27, 2023 and we can all worship together in our historic Snells Bush Church. You can always contact me at: sarahtisrael@yahoo.com

Sincerely

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