

The Marking of Patriot Nancy Ward's Grave



The Col Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Tennessee Sons of the American Revolutions, were proud to announce the placement of an SAR Patriot Stone at the grave of Patriot Nancy Ward. The ceremony was held in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution and The Association of the Descendants of Nancy Ward.

Nan'yehi, known in English as Nancy Ward, was a Beloved Woman of the Cherokee, which means she was allowed to sit on council and make decisions along with the chiefs and



other Beloved women. She believed in peaceful coexistence with the American people. Prior to the Revolutionary war, Nancy helped introduce the settlers to farming and dairy production.



During the war, she opposed her cousin chief Dragging Canoe, who supported the British. In July of 1776 Ward still hoped for a peaceful resolution and warned the Americans of an impending attack by Dragging Canoe and his followers

In 1780 she continued to warn the Americans of attacks in order to prevent retaliation against her peoples.

One year later ward negotiated a peace treaty between her people and the colonists. This allowed the Americans to send troops otherwise held for fighting the Indians to send them against the British.

On March 24th, 2018 a ceremony was held in Polk County

Tennessee to honor Nancy Ward and her descendants. Three Markers were dedicated in a ceremony combining the three organizations.



The TN SAR color Guard presented the colors. A musket salute of three volleys was

performed, Lead by the days Color Guard Commander Dustin Clines. Twelve members including 3 juniors turned out to honor Beloved Woman Nancy Ward.

