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NEW HISTORY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE AT MINISINK FORD, NEW YORK IS RELEASED

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On July 22, 1779, one of the most lethal battles of the American Revolution, in terms of the ratio of participants to numbers killed, took place on a hill above Minisink Ford, New York along the Delaware River north of Port Jervis, New York. The Battle at Minisink Ford was a disaster for the American militia units. More than one third of the militiamen perished. A new book entitled ***So Many Brave Men: A History of the Battle at Minisink Ford***, and the first major work written on the battle in thirty years, has just been released and will encourage new interest in the battle, and the men who fought there.

This important work reveals primary sources about the battle that have not been seen in more than one hundred and fifty years. Many of the veterans of the catastrophe speak to us about that fateful day from the distance of more than 230 years. They also speak of their dedication to the cause of freedom and liberty. Men serving in militia units from Ulster, Orange (NY), Sussex (NJ) and Pike (PA) counties all participated in the battle. Many had been involved in other battles previous to and then after the only Revolutionary War battle to take place along the upper Delaware River.

So Many Brave Men: A History of the Battle at Minisink Ford has been published by The Piensack Company in Easton, Pennsylvania. It is 828 pages long, comes in soft cover, has an extensive bibliography, index, five maps showing how the battle unfolded and fifteen illustrations. It contains a history of the battle, all of the known pension applications that survive of the men who fought at the battle, and conclusions about recent research that has been undertaken by the authors.

Reviews of the book have been excellent and three important historians have given it their approval with the following comments:

“A profound compilation by the authors to chronicle such a tragic event in early American history. Pensions of record only complement the entire publication by adding a distinct human element. This enormous undertaking by the authors, presented with such clarity, is truly commendable.”

Gerald G. DeGroat

*Governor Emeritus, New Jersey Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America
Past President, Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New Jersey*

“The research of Jon Inners, Mark Hendrickson and Peter Osborne is not only impeccable but enjoyable to read. If you only add one more book this year to your history collection, this is the one.”

Theodore Sly, Orange County, New York Historian

“A brief quote of Colonel John Hathorn taken from his report on the Battle of Minisink July, 1779 titles this wonderful book which goes into depth about the personal lives of many of the survivors of that bloody engagement. Certainly a wealth of information for the American Revolution enthusiast of long lost details of these forgotten patriots and the battle itself.”

Tony Domingo, President, Navasing Longrifles, 18th Century Living History Organization

The authors of the book are Mark Hendrickson, Jon Inners and Peter Osborne. Mark Hendrickson was born in Livingston Manor, New York, and has had a great interest in the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Minisink in particular. He is a graduate of the State University of New York at Delhi and a veteran of the United States Army, serving at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Since first learning of the battle after his service in the Army, he has made it his life's work to visit various archives to collect material on the battle and its participants. His material, presented here, is the culmination of nearly twenty years of research. Mark resides in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Jon Inners was a geologist with the Pennsylvania Geological Survey for thirty-one years, retiring as chief of the Geologic Mapping Division in 2004. He is currently a Conservation Volunteer at the Survey and an adjunct geologic field-camp instructor at SUNY Oswego. He and his wife Martha reside in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

Peter Osborne was the executive director of the Minisink Valley Historical Society from 1981 to 2009. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and has served on the board of directors of the Orange County Historical Society, the Grey Towers Heritage Association and the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway.

During his directorship he was responsible for the Society's Fort Decker Museum of History, and the interpretation of its long and eventful history which included its destruction during the Brant raid into the Minisink in 1779. He has also been a participant for many years at the annual commemoration of the battle at the Minisink Battleground Park at Minisink Ford, New York.

The following is a listing of the place names mentioned in *So Many Brave Men*:

Albany (New York) Amboy (New Jersey), Aquacknack (New Jersey), Athens (Pennsylvania), Banks bridge, Barryville (New York), Basking Ridge (New Jersey), Baskinridge (New Jersey), Battle at Aquakanonk Bridge, Battle at Beaver Brook, Battle at Bound Brook, Battle at Brandywine, Battle at Cochection, Battle at Eutaw Springs, Battle at Germantown, Battle at Guilford, Battle at Guilford Court House, Battle at Halfway Brook, Battle at Hobkirk's Hill, Battle at Jerman town, Battle at Lackawaxen, Battle at Long Island, Battle at Monmouth, Battle at Trenton, Battle at Westchester, Battle at White Plains, Battle of Cowpens, Battle of Fort Montgomery, Battle of McCarty's, Battle of Quibbletown, Battle of Raymondskill, Battle of Short Hills, Battle of Ticonderoga, Beaver Brook (New York), Bloomfield (New Jersey), Bondbrook (New Jersey), Bound Brook (New Jersey), Brunswick (New Jersey), Chambers Fort, Chemung (New York), Cherry Valley (New York), Chester (New York), Chevause de frise (Hudson River), Closter (New Jersey), Cochection (New York), Cochection Path, Conesaugh Battle, Conesaugh Creek, Deerpark, Delaware, Delaware Battle, Delaware River, Dewits fort, Drowned Lands, Easton (Pennsylvania), Elizabeth Town, (New Jersey) Esopus (New York), Fishkill (New York), Flatbush, Florida (New York), Fort Chambers, fort Clinton, Fort Clinton, Fort Constitution, Fort DePuy, Fort Dewitt, Fort Gumaer, Fort Lee, Fort Mifflin, Fort Montgomery, Fort Niagara, Fort Schuyler, Fort Stanwix, Fort Van Auken, Fort Van Tuyle, Fort Washington,

Fort West Point, Goshen (New York), Hackensack (New Jersey), Hackinsack River, Half Way Brook, Harlem Heights, Haverstraw (New York), Hawk's Nest (New York), Herontown, Highlands, Hoppertown, Hudson River, Huguenot, Hurley, Jersey City, Kaakiatt, Keshethton, Kings Bridge, Kings Ferry, Kingston (New York), Kington, Kuykendalls Fort, Lackawaxen River, Lackawaxon, Lackaway, Lewiston (New York), Lexington, Lochada Lake, Long hill, Long-Island, Maghaghkamik, Major Decker's Fort, Mamakating Hollow, Mamakating (New York), Marbletown, Mast Hope, Milford (Pennsylvania), Minisink, Minisink Ford, Minisink Island, Mohawk River, Mongaup, Monmoth, Montague (New Jersey), Montgomery (New York), Morristown (New Jersey), Mud Island, Mudrounds, Murderers Creek, Napenaugh Kill, Navesink, Navesink River, Nescopeck Falls, Neversink, Neversink River, Neversink Valley, Newark, New Brunswick (New Jersey), Newburgh, New Hurley, Newton, Newtown (New York), New Windsor (New York), New Winsor, New York City, Niagara, North River (Hudson River), Onaquaga (Ouaquaga), Paramus (New Jersey), Peanpeck, Pearson, Peekskill (New York), Peenpack, Pluckamin (New Jersey), Port Jervis (New York), Poughkeepsie, Poules Hook, Quebec, Quibble town, Rahway, Ramapo (New Jersey), Raymondskill, Raymondskill Battle, Raymonskill Creek, Red Bank, Sandystown, Schoharie (New York), Scotch Plains (New Jersey), Shandaken (New York), Shawangunk (New York), Shawngunk Mountain, Shohola, (Pennsylvania), Shimer's Fort, Short hills, Shoungunk Mountain, Skinner's Sawmill, Sparrowbush, Staten Island, Stony Point (New York), Stroudsburch (Pennsylvania), Stroud's fort, Sullivan-Clinton Expedition, Susquehanna River, Sussex, Tallwood, Tappan, Tarrytown, Ten mile River, Three Pigeons (New Jersey), Ticonderoga, Tide Mills, Tioga (Pennsylvania), Tioga Point, Tory Hollow, Tory Swamp, Tri-States, Vanakens Picket Fort, Van Etten's Fort, Vangorden's Fort, Wallkill, Wall-Kill, Wantage, Warwick (New York), Wawarsing (New York), West Point, White Plains, Wihlahoosa Cave, Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes Barre (Pennsylvania), Wyalusing, Wyoming, Wysox (Pennsylvania), York Island, Yorktown



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