

EARLY DUTCH
SETTLERS
OF
MONMOUTH COUNTY
NEW JERSEY

BY
GEORGE C. BEEKMAN

Published under the patronage of
The Township of Neptune Historical Society



19 74

POLYANTHOS
New Orleans

Originally published in
1901, by Moreau Brothers, Publishers,
Freehold, New Jersey.
Second edition, 1915.

Second edition reprinted, 1974, by
The Township of Neptune Historical Society.

Polyanthos, Inc.
811 Orleans Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
70116

Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 74-79491

THE MONMOUTH ASSOCIATORS.

BY JAMES STEEN.

No county in the State of New Jersey suffered more during the Revolution than did Monmouth, and in no county did the citizens respond more nobly. The proximity to the shore and readiness of access by boat from New York rendered it peculiarly the prey of the British. There was super-added to that, a lawless element even more irresponsible and regarding less the rules of warfare, than the guerillas in our late Civil War. Tories and refugees, well acquainted with the county and knowing the inhabitants, preyed upon the aged and infirm who had property that they could take or destroy, and committed all sorts of excesses and outrages, shooting children and old men and hanging women, burning houses and barns, and destroying animals and other property that they could not conveniently carry off.

Notwithstanding, many of her able bodied men were in the Army, the large proportion of those that remained were to be found in the Militia. The Tories and pine robbers had no compunction against invading and destroying homes that were occupied only by the women and the feeble. So obnoxious did they become, aided as they were by the more cowardly neighbors of the patriots, who while committing no overt act, were in league with Tories and refugees, that the Monmouth patriots were forced to take action against traitors in their midst. Hence it is that there has come down to us a document, which while it adds to the history of the county a valuable chapter, is also a roll of honor for the descendants of those who thus banded themselves together in their country's defense. It was in the spring of the year 1780 that the patriots of Monmouth, tried beyond measure by repeated outrages and robberies, and realizing the assistance the non-combatant Tories still living unmolested in their midst were rendering the refugees, Tories and pine robbers, resolved on redress by retaliation. The document which follows is unique, and

of the 436 names subscribed nearly one-half served either in the Continental Army or in the Monmouth Militia before the war was concluded. Every part of the county was represented, and the Committees of Safety of the various townships are represented among the names of those who were not only willing to associate but also to have that fact advertised in the New Jersey Gazette.

The Articles of Association are as follows:--

Monmouth Articles of Association.

Whereas from the frequent incursions and depredations of the enemy (and more particularly of the refugees) in this county, whereby not only the lives but the liberty and property of every determined Whig are endangered, they, upon every such incursion, either burning or destroying houses, making prisoners of, and most inhumanly treating aged and peaceable inhabitants, and plundering them of all portable property, it has become essentially necessary to take some different and more effectual measures to check said practices, than have ever yet been taken; and as it is a fact, notorious to every one, that these depredations have always been committed by the refugees (either black or white) that have left this country, or by their influence or procurement, many of whom have near relations and friends, that in general have been suffered to reside unmolested among us, numbers of which, we have full reason to believe, are aiding and accessory to those detestable practices. We, the subscribers, inhabitants of the county of Monmouth, actuated solely by the principles of self-preservation, being of opinion that the measure will be strictly justifiable on the common principles of war, and being encouraged thereto by an unanimous resolve of the honorable the congress, passed the 30th of Oct., 1778, wherein they in the most solemn manner declare that through every possible change of for-

tune they will retaliate, do hereby solemnly associate for the purpose of retaliation, and do obligate ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, and every of them jointly and severally, to all and every of the subscribers and their heirs, &c., to warrant and defend such persons as may be appointed to assist this association in the execution thereof; and that we will abide by and adhere to such rules and regulations for the purpose of making restitution to such friends to their country as may hereafter have their houses burned or broke to pieces, their property wantonly destroyed or plundered, their persons made prisoners of whilst peaceably at their own habitations about their lawful business not under arms, as shall hereafter be determined on by a committee of nine men duly elected by the associates at large out of their number; which rules and regulations shall be founded on the following principles, viz:—

FIRST—For every good subject of this state residing within the county, that shall become an associator, and shall be taken or admitted to parole by any party or parties of refugees as aforesaid, that shall come on the errand of plundering and man-stealing, the good subject not actually under or taken in arms, there shall be taken an equal number of the most disaffected and influential residing and having property within the county, and them confine within the Provost jail and treat them with British rigor, until the good subjects of this state taken as aforesaid shall be fully liberated.

SECOND — For every house that shall be burned or destroyed, the property of a good subject that enters with this association, there shall be made full retaliation upon or out of the property of the disaffected as aforesaid.

THIRD—That for every article of property taken as aforesaid from any of the associators, being good subjects, the value thereof shall be replaced out of the property of the disaffected as aforesaid. We do also further associate for the purpose of defending the frontiers of this county, and engage each man for himself that is a subject of the militia that we will turn out at all times when the county is invaded, and at other times do our proportionate part towards the defence thereof. We the associators do hereby direct that a copy of this association be, as soon as the signing is completed, transmitted to the printer of the New Jersey Gazette, for publication, and that the original be lodged in the clerk's office.

Also we do request, that the associators will meet at the courthouse on Saturday, the 1st of July, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing a committee of nine men, as before mentioned, to carry the said association into effect

Asher Holmes	Lewis Carlton
Joseph Johnston	Matthias Mount
John VanSchoick	Matthew Anderson
William Nivison	Andrew Clark
John Smock	Cornelius Barkalow
Joseph Holmes	William Rue
John Nivison	Henry Berry
John Brown	Peter Emmans
Elisha Walton	Henry Drake
Daniel Denise	David Sutphin
John E. Leconte	John Holmes, sen.
Garrit Covenhoven	Rutilffe Schenck
Thomas Thorn	Joseph Clayton
Samuel Elliot	Tunis VanDerveen
Matthias VanDeripe	Garrit Wikoff
James Holmes	Tunis VanDerveen
John Schenck (capt)	Daniel Lane
John Covenhoven	Stephen Seabrook
Moses Sheppard	Richard Pippinger
William Hulsart	Peter VanDorn
John Schenck (lieut)	Jacob Smith
Joseph Willet	Jacob Bennit
Benj'n Covenhoven	Timothy Gordon
Jacob VanPelt	Adam Stricker
Wm. Schenck (lieut)	John Tilton
John Willet	William Sanford
Alex. VanTenycke	Lewis Gordon
Benj. VanCleve	Matthias Conover
Barnes Smock (lieut)	Elias Longstreet
Peter Johnston	Stephen Fleming
James Hampton	George Taylor
Harmon Sneider	John Chasey
Jarrit Stilwell	Joseph Bowne
George Hymes	Samuel Pease
John Alwood	Jonathan Forman
Hendrick Sneider	Peter Longstreet
Samuel Pease	Peter VanDerhoeof
Joseph VanCleve	Patrick Bailey
Elias Conover	David Forman
William Sneider	Joseph Wooley
Henry Stricker	Jacob Allen
Solomon Combs	Tunis Vanpelt
Robert Laird	Samuel Clayton
David Rhea, jr (adjt)	John Sutphin
William Schenck	John VanBrocle
Samuel Dorsett	James Mash
Berryan Covert	Isaac Staates
William Anderson	Abra'm Hendrickson
William Covenhoven	Hendrick Hyer
Godfrey Warner	Matthias Roberts
Samuel Carhart	Benjamin VanMater
Daniel Hill	Hendrick Williamsen
Jonathan Forman	Corn. Covenhoven
John Sutphin	Walter Vanpelt
William Lane	Lambert Johnston
Samuel Hayes	Rulif Covenhoven
John Ludlow	Stout Holmes
Lewis Perine	Hendrick Vanpelt
John Reid	Burrowes Norris
Richard Postens	John Moore
Aaron F. Welsh	David Forman
John Baird	A. Zutphin
William Forman	Joseph Broom
John Morford	John Smith Hunn
John Rue	Kenneth Hankinson
William Dewinney	Edward Moore
David Baird	Joseph Fleming
David Hance	

Thomas Stilwell	Joseph Covenhoven	Benjamin M'Donald	John Emmons
Ezekiel Lewis	David Brookes	John Willson	Richard Russel
John Walton	James English	Jacob Woolcott	Joseph Combs
Ebenezer Kerr	David Lloyd	William Hilsey	William Postens
Corn. T. Vanderhoof	Daniel Ketcham	Cornelius Clark, BS	Moses Mount
Nathan Nivison	Lewis M'Knight	Jacob Quackenbush	Job Throckmorton
David Baird	James Reid	James Green (capt)	Matthew Rue
John Longstreet	Isaac Johnston	Joshua Huddy	James Sickles
John Boman	Robert Francis	Cornelius Sutphin	James Runnels
Peter Tanner	Tunis VanDerveer	John Emmans	Samuel Forman
Nicholas VanBrunt	Joseph Sutphin	Joseph Vannoort	John Reid
John Schenck	Joseph Morford	Hendrick Voorhees	Jacob Vanderveer
Manasseh Dunham	Robert Sharp	Daniel Emmons	Richard Chew
William Aumack	James English	Peter Quackenbush	Wm. A. Covenhoven
Jacob Covenhoven	James Tapscott	Joseph Johnston	David Vanderveer
John Campbell	Jacob Lane	Samuel Dennis	John Covenhoven
Josiah West	Oukey Lefertson	John Berry	Albert Covenhoven
Thomas Morris	John Freeman	Abraham Emmans	John Cooke
Thomas Henderson	Jacob Wickoff	John Lake	Richard Tice
John Errickson	John Johnston	Daniel Hendrickson	Tunis Voorhees
Matthias Tice	John Truax	James M'Knight	John Barkalow
William Bowne	William Craig	John M'Mullin	Daniel Randolph
Benj. Covenhoven	David Craig	Francis Herbert	John Antonides
Joel Bedel	Adam Boice, sen.	Barnabas Bennet	Thomas Erickson
William Rowler	John Hulsart	John Simermore	Abraham Vangelder
Thomas Barber	Aaron Sutphin	John Wilkinson	Moses Robbins
William Johnston	Peter Gordon	William Hendrickson	John VanCleve
Nicholas Cottril	Thomas Walling	Benjamin VanCleve	George Clinton
Richard Laird	William Wilbert	John Hampton	William VanSchoick
Samuel Bray	Jonathan Clayton	John Johnston	Daniel Griggs
David Covenhoven	James M'Chesney	Thomas Smith	John Clark, B. S.
David Smith	Eleazer Cottril	Daniel Hampton	Ebenezer Hart
James Smalley	Alburtus Showber	Aaron Reid	Charles Gilmore
William Willcocks	James Hoagland	Jacob Degroof	William Jenkins
John Freeman	John Vanderveer	Samuel Forman	Hend'k Covenhoven
George Crookshank	Edmund Robinson	John Covenhoven	Abra'm Hendrickson
Henry Rue	Jacob Tilton	Jonathan Clayton	John Schenck
James Kinsley	Tunis Vanderveer	Cornelius Schenck	Reuben Potter
Derrick Sutphin	Charles Postey	James Craig	Samuel Hingry
John Nivisink, Jr	James Holmes	Dollance Hagerman	Richard Rogers
William Lewis	Jacob Lane	Joseph Emley	Garrit Vanderveer
Jacob Pippenger	James Jonner	Alexander Clark	William Brown
Moses Laird	Andrew Mains	John Craig	John Brindley
Nicholas Clark	Humphrey Willet	Thomas Chadwick	Arthur Williamson
David Craig	Samuel Bigelow	Joseph Knox	Hendrick Vounk
John Rouse	John Morford	Samuel Rogers	Thomas Smith
John Jewell	Derrick Sutphin	Thomas Seabrook	William Brindley
John Yeatman	Jonathan Pew	Hendrick Smock	Richard Sutphin
John Aumack	Aaron Buck	Jonathan Enobly	Tunis Forman
Benjamin Sutphin	Anthony Holmes	(Emby?)	Joshua Studson
Michael Johnston	Joseph Goodenough	Stephen Barkalow	John DeGraff
Alexander Eastman	Richard Pool	Peter Forman	William Covenhoven
Samuel Craig	John Tilton	William Wikoff	George Brindley
Alexander M'Donald	William Covert	William Voorhees	David Ray
Robert VanSchoick	Benjamin Tilton	William Currin	Richard Marlat
James Yeatman	Thomas Cottrill	Nathaniel Scudder	Abraham Sutphin
James Herbert	John Tilton, Jr	Hugh Newell	Elihu Chadwick
John Perine	James Dorsett	Josiah Holmes	Abel Aikin
Peter Smith	John Stilwell	Peter Vounk	Joseph Vanderveer
John Lane	James Wilson	William Craig	John Reid
Garrit Voorhees	Henry Vanderbilt	Cornelius Stewart	Elisha Shepherd
Aaron Davis	Cornelius Hance	John Covenhoven	David Crawford
Alexander Low	Timothy Hughes	Cornelius M'Mullin	William Cheeseman
William Gordon	Michael Sweetman	Thomas Edwards	Jonathan Reid
W. Laird	Albert Hendrickson	Timothy Dorsey	John Chadwick
Thomas West	Koert Schenck, Jr.	Cornel's Covenhoven	Cornelius Lane
John Jamison	Ken'th Anderson, sen	Richard Poling	Wm. Williamson, jr
Michael Errickson	Jaques Denise	Zebulon Baird	Peter VanCleve
John Davison	James Vankirk	John VanCleve	Daniel Ferbert
James M'Duffee	John Morlat	Samuel Henderson	Hend'k VanDerveer
Henry Perine	Richard Jeffrey	Barzulla Baird	Elias Bowne
Nehemiah Tilton	Ephraim Buck	George Casler	John Aumack
John Parent	William Shelft	Gilbert Shearney	
David Gordon (capt)	James Willson	John M'Connill	
John Anderson	William Morrison	Koert VanSchoick	

The number of signers to this association is 436.

It must have been an earnest and determined set of men who met that day in Monmouth Court House—Memories of the battle, recollections of wrongs, many and wicked, thronged their minds and doubtless were recalled in conversation. The committee of nine were duly appointed, and while we do not read in the papers of the day, much or anything of their forceful retaliation, still they doubtless accomplished much in the way of redressing wrongs and inspiring a healthy respect for the rough and ready justice of Monmouth patriotism. The only other notice the writer has found appears in the *New Jersey Gazette* of March 5th, 1783, and has a grim significance, which was doubtless appreciated by the Tory sympathizers throughout the county. It is as follows:—

"*N. J. Gazette*, March 5, 1783—Whereas the time of the Committee of the Associators of retaliations of the County of Monmouth expires; and it being necessary for a new one to be chosen, as there remains some business unsettled: The associators are requested to meet at the Court house on 15th March, as well to determine on said business and to be prepared for future depredations.

By order of the committee
Kenneth Hankinson,
Feb. 18, 1783 Chairman,

Kenneth Hankinson, who signed the foregoing, was a captain in Col. For-
man's battalion, "Heard's Brigade,"
June 16th, 1776, and also captain in the
First Regiment of Monmouth, 1717. His
son, James Hankinson, was the father
of Governor William A. Newell's mother.