

## Historic Snells Bush Church Has a New Look

Snells Bush Church is getting a total paint job. It has been several years since the church was painted and this year the officers have worked hard to get the job done. The majority of the work has been done by inmates from a local correctional facility. The repair of the church steeple was completed last year but too late for the paint job that it needed. A large lift was rented and professional painters hired to complete the church steeple. The paint and supplies were purchased from George Lumber Company. The church looks beautiful and it has a glow about the church that has not been seen in many years.

Our Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Family Reunion will be held Sunday August 3, 2008. On the evening of Saturday, August 2, we will hold an ice cream social from 6 pm till dark. Come relax and enjoy some ice cream and make your own sundaes.

On August 3, 2008 at 10:30 am we will re-dedicate two Revolutionary soldier graves that are buried in the cemetery at the church.

John Dockey, who fought at Stone Arabia was a Hessian soldier who was brought over to America by General Burgoyne to fight in the Battle of Bennington against the American Patriots. The American militia captured him and General Washington let him escape. John Dockey traveled to the Mohawk Valley and discovered the Palatines living there (who came from Germany in 1709) spoke German. He married a widow whose husband had died in the Battle of Oriskany and joined the militia forces to defend their homes and new country.

Peter Woolever served his country well as he was in the militia under Colonel Klock and in the regiment of Captain House as a drummer. Peter was engaged in two skirmishes- one at General Nicholas Herkimer's home and another at East Canada Creek in which he was wounded. Peter also fought at the Battle of Klock's Field.

The SZT reunion received two grave markers from the Veteran's Administration as a replacement because the Revolutionary soldier's grave markers could not be read. The original gravestones will remain and the new markers will be placed next to the original gravestones. We will also honor all of other Revolutionary soldiers that are buried in the cemetery at Snell Bush Church.

After the re-dedication of the replacement cemetery stones we will have our traditional Church service in the Historic Snells Bush Church. A short business meeting will be held after the church service and everyone one is invited to remain to enjoy the catered luncheon at noon. A donation for the lunch is usually \$7-10. The book room will be open for genealogy books and other items and our Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Patent of 1755 will be on display.

After the luncheon we will have a presentation from James Maracle, the Mohawk Indian Historian from Canada. He will be dressed in native attire. We will also have a book signing on the new book about a boy in the Revolution by Doris Weible and she will give a little presentation on her new book.

Please contact Nancy Timmerman Cioch at 315-866-3419 or Sarah Timmerman Israel at 732-828-3508 for information.

Direction to the Snells Bush Church are the following:

Exit the New York State Thruway at Little Falls, exit 29A. Turn on to Route 5 east make a left on Route 167 toward Dolgeville. Turn right at Dockey Road. which is approximately 2 miles from Route 5. Follow Dockey Road about one mile to the White Snells Bush Church on the hill.