is indicated in this book on quackery in medicine. His book treats in
great detail the many frauds in the various kinds of so-called medicine,
and the difficulty often encountered in proving fraud in court.

The author also describes in detail cases involving manufacturers
and promoters of dangerous drugs and gadgets that are supposed to
diagnose and cure any serious disease.

Space does not permit enumeration of the many false drugs used.
The "patients" treated by these quack drugs and methods were the
victims to the tune of fifty million a year. In addition to this amount
spent by patients, the government in its various capacities has spent
equally large amounts in combating trickery and protecting the public.

The author is to be commended for presenting so many detailed
facts about quack drugs and the quacks involved.

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Students of American history of all current schools of philosophic
thought will appreciate this list of ancestors of members of the DAR.
To say that it is, in effect, a living memorial to men and women who
contributed to the cause of freedom during the American Revolution
obviously is an understatement. Never before since it was founded
in 1890 has the DAR brought forth such a helpful instrument of
practical patriotism.

There are more than 105,000 persons listed in the Index. Dates of
birth and death, names of wives or husbands, ranks or types of service,
the states where the patriots lived or served, the availability of pension
records — these are the data compiled. Of course, the results are both
encycledic and incomplete. At least half a million biographical
facts are reported and correlatively many thousands of details are
omitted because never chronicled. The primary consideration is per-
sonality. Even casual examination of the book shows that American
independence was a fruit of human endeavor. People made the Revolu-
tion and carried it through to institutional fulfilment.

It will bear stressing that the Patriot Index is a "Who Was Who"
of the decade 1774-1783. Specifically too it is a register of the
genealogy of the DAR. No patriot is listed unless he was active in the
years of the first war between the American Republic and the
British Monarchy. The War of 1812 naturally is excluded. A further restriction is that of marriage and parenthood. No patriot is enrolled who failed to marry and to have surviving children. Thus it happens that the Father of His Country is admitted only as the second husband of his wife. Nathan Hale, Richard Montgomery and Francis Marion similarly are absent from the roster.

The Patriot Index, however, is indebted to George Washington for its inspiration. It was in his Farewell Address, September 17, 1796, that he set forth the ideal of the DAR in the words:

You have, in a common cause, fought and triumphed together; the independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint counsels and joint efforts, of common dangers, suffering and successes.

The dedication of the Index volume bridges the gap in time also when it salutes "the Patriots of the American Revolution and the descendants who kept their memory alive."

An elementary democracy further is manifested in such facts as those of ninety-six John Smiths and seventy-three John Browns being cataloged. The Index begins with Abraham Aaron on page 1 and ends with George Zwingli, Sr., on page 771. There are four Abraham Lincolns on page 416, none of them the author of the Gettysburg Address. Three Benjamin Franklins are shown on page 249. Thomas Jefferson has a place on page 366, endorsed with the initials "SDI" signifying: Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Five Alexander Hamiltons are present on page 298, only the first of them being the political opponent of Aaron Burr, nowhere referred to in the Patriot Index. The number of Signers listed is forty out of a possible fifty-six.

Dozens of Western Pennsylvania names are to be found in the DAR archives. Ebenezer Denny (1761-1822) and his wife, Nancy Wilkins; Beatrice Gulden (1727-1801) and her husbands, Andrew Byerly, Sr., and Benjamin Lord; John Wilkins, Sr. (1733-1809) and his wife, Katharine Rowan; John Ormsbee or Ormsby (1720-1805) and his wife, Jane McAllister; Stephen Bayard (1743-1815) and his wife, Elizabeth Mackay; Isaac Craig (1746-1826) and his wife, Amelia Neville; Presley Neville (1755-1818) and his wife, Nancy Morgan, are only a few of the Patriots acknowledged in the DAR census as it relates to Pittsburgh and other Ohio river towns.

It is not exaggerating to acknowledge the historic values of the DAR Patriot Index. Every individual application for membership is a documented story of elemental human quality. These narrative factors assembled in a single depository in Washington constitute a treasury of the powers of personality in action and effect. It cannot be
denied that the dynamic forces manifest in what soon will be two centuries of national progress trace back to the men and the women who did the work, suffered the losses, paid the price required in the creation of "a new nation conceived in liberty." It surely is no accident that the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States came from the same hearts and brains. This *Patriot Index* reflects what was — and providentially still is — the fundamental American community. It is, in established fact, an index to the human reality of what happened between 1774 and 1783. This truth cannot be ignored even in the name of freedom in present times. The principles involved are the same as they were two hundred years ago.

Of course, the *Patriot Index* merely states the historic circumstances. It does not argue them. On the eve of preparation for the celebration of the bicentennial of the Declaration it seems appropriate that all groups interested should cooperate. In research especially the example set by the DAR in its *Patriot Index* should be accepted and helpfully imitated by the Sons of the American Revolution and all other historical societies whose scope and span embrace the human picture represented by patriotism.

Only ten thousand copies of the *DAR Patriot Index* have been printed and most of them already have been distributed. If a second edition is to be published, arrangements should be completed for it as soon as possible.

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