

# **Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution**



## **Monuments & Plaques Inventory**

**2025**

## **Condition Assessment of the PSSR Monuments & Plaques**

Conducted for Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution

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## **1890 Stone Monument General Wayne's Headquarters**

**Location:** Valley Forge and Walker Roads, Valley Forge, PA

**Material:** Sterling Grey Granite

**Dimensions:** 30" x 24" x 53"

**Condition Assessment:** Discoloration of the granite is due to air born pollutants and organic growth from the existing vegetation surrounding the monument.

**Action Needed:** Cleaning



**1890 Marker North Carolina General Nash  
Mortally Wounded Battle of Germantown**

**Location:** Unknown

**Material:** Unknown

**Dimensions:** Unknown

**Condition Assessment:** Unknown

**Action Needed:** Unknown

**Note:** As of March 2025, the whereabouts of this marker is unknown. I have been in touch with the Germantown Historical Society, they do not have a record, a photo nor a location of this marker. I have also been in contact with the Church of the Brethren Historian in Germantown. At this point in time, he has no knowledge of the marker, however he is looking into it.

## **1891 Stone Monument March To Valley Forge Dec. 11, 1777**

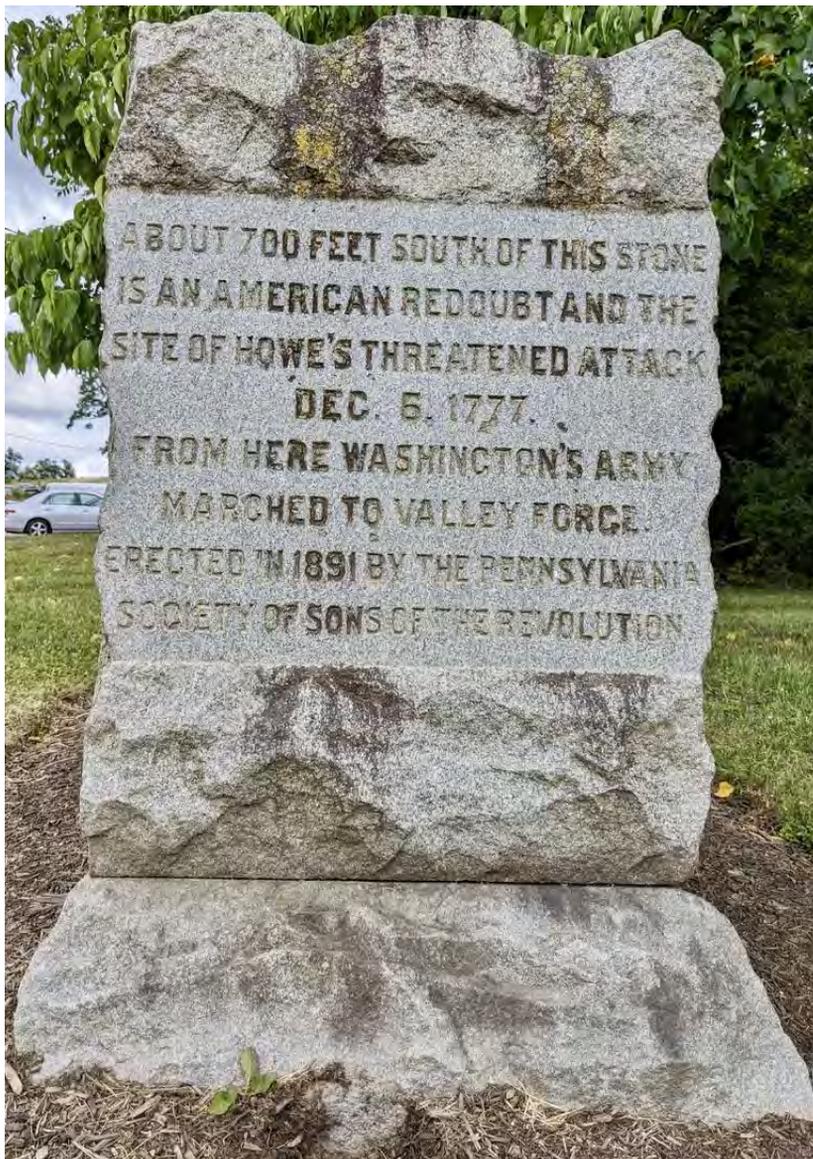
**Location:** 493 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA  
(VFW Post 7461)

**Material:** Sterling Grey Granite

**Dimensions:** Base: 34" x 29" x 0-10" Die: 32" x 24" x 41"

**Condition Assessment:** Discoloration of the granite is due to air born pollutants and organic growth from the existing vegetation surrounding the monument.

**Action Needed:** Cleaning and Pointing



## 1893 Stone Monument Continental Army Encamped December 12 – 19, 1777

**Location:** Executive Estates Park, 1059 Longview Rd,  
King of Prussia, Pa

**Material:** Conshohocken Trap Dyke Boulder

**Dimensions:** 72" x 60" x 96"

**Condition Assessment:** Boulder is leaning and in danger of falling over due to an inadequate foundation underneath. The 3 stone plaques need to be replaced due to a condition called spalling (The delamination of the face of stone).

**Action Needed:** Currently working on relocating the boulder to Gulph Mills in the vicinity of the original encampment. **This is of high priority.**

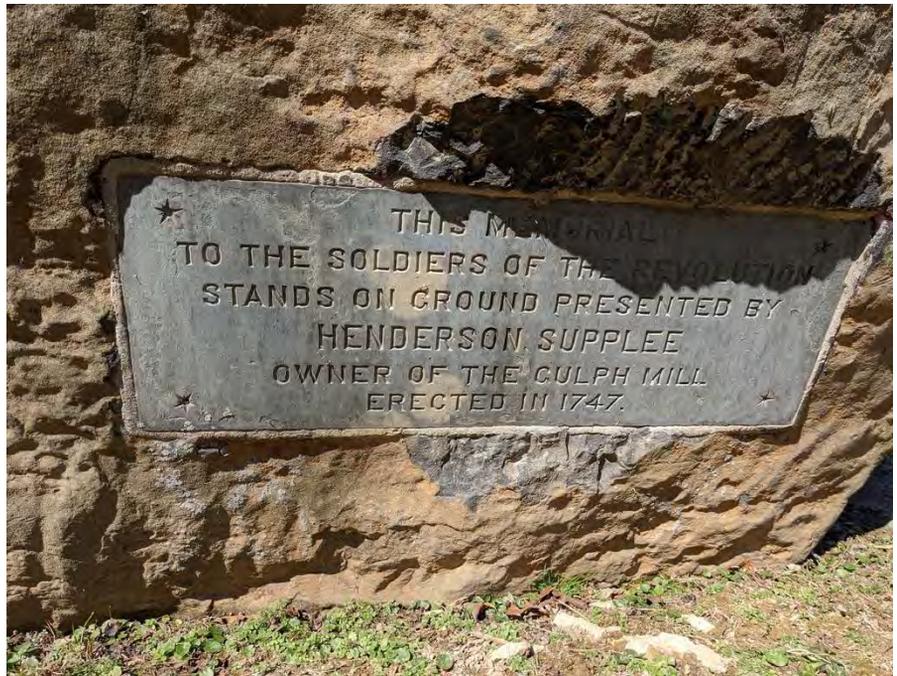


# 1893 Stone Monument Continental Army Encamped December 12 – 19, 1777

Left Side View



Rear View



**1895 Stone Monument Continental Army Encamped  
August 1 – 9, 1777 and September 12 – 14, 1777**

**Location:** Queen Lane and Fox St. East Falls, Phila. Pa

**Material:** Thompson Granite Upper Portion  
Concrete Sloping Base

5 Iron Canons – Muzzle down embedded in concrete

**Dimensions:** Upper Granite Portion 55” x 32” x 83”

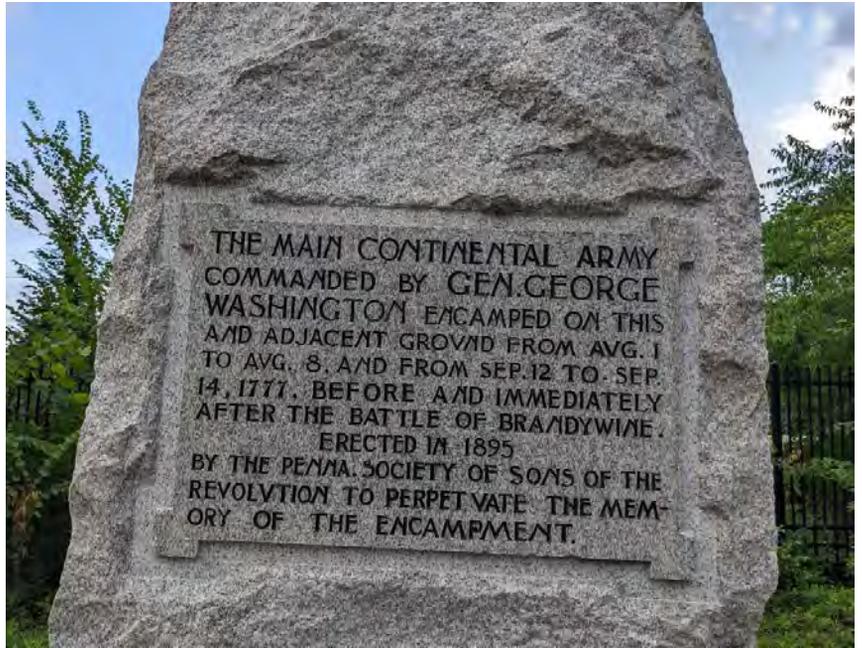
**Condition Assessment:** This monument was restored in 2017

**Action Needed:** No action required.



# 1895 Stone Monument Continental Army Encamped August 1 – 9, 1777 and September 12 – 14, 1777

Front Face



Top of concrete base



**1896 Marble Plaque Captain Shippen killed at  
Princeton, NJ January 3, 1777**

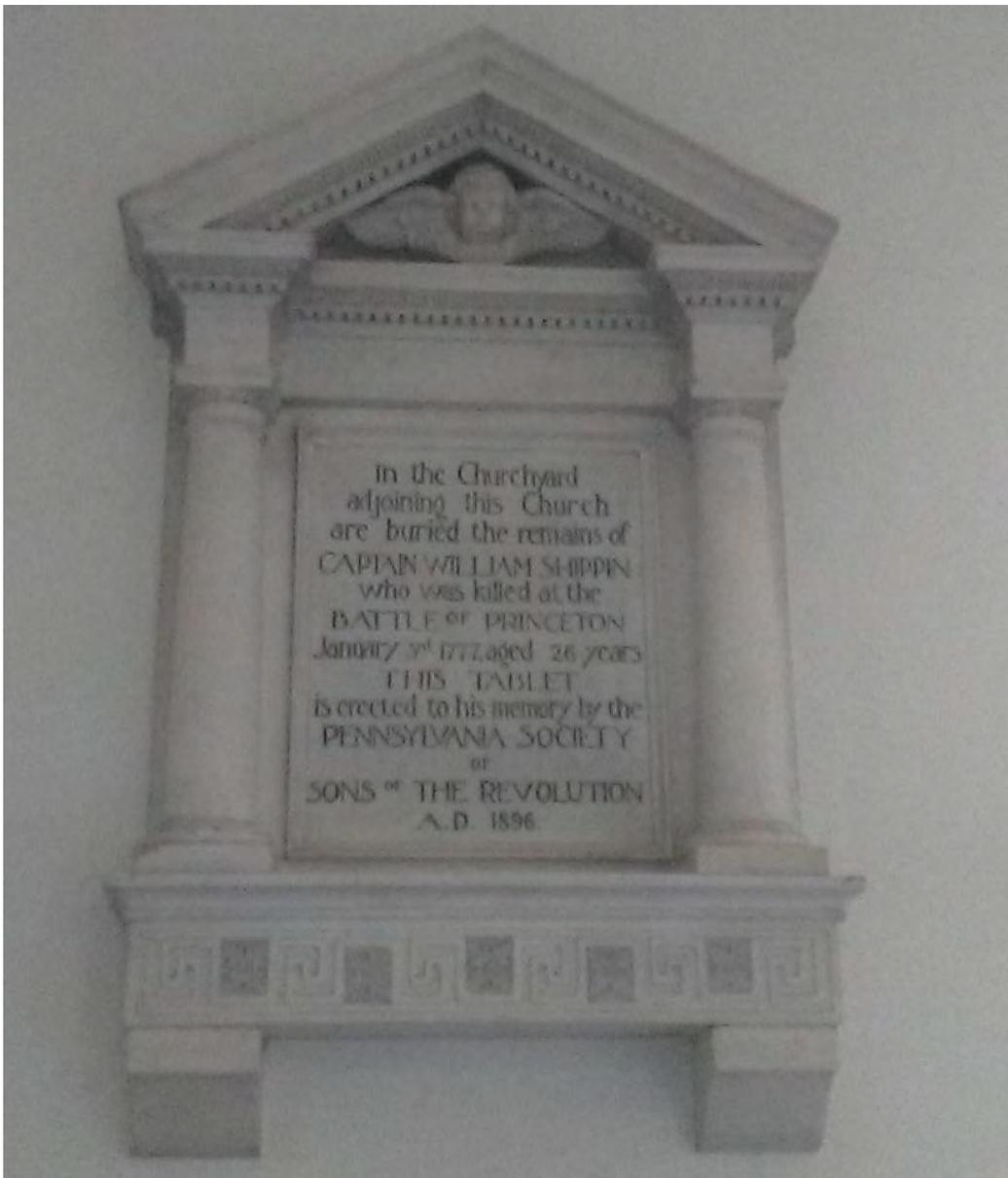
**Location:** St. Peters Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine St., Phila. Pa  
The Plaque is located on interior of the church on the  
south wall.

**Material:** White Carrera Marble

**Dimensions:** approx. 20" x 36"

**Condition Assessment:** Well-maintained

**Action Needed:** No action needed.



## 1897 Bronze Plaque Presidential Mansion 1790 -1797

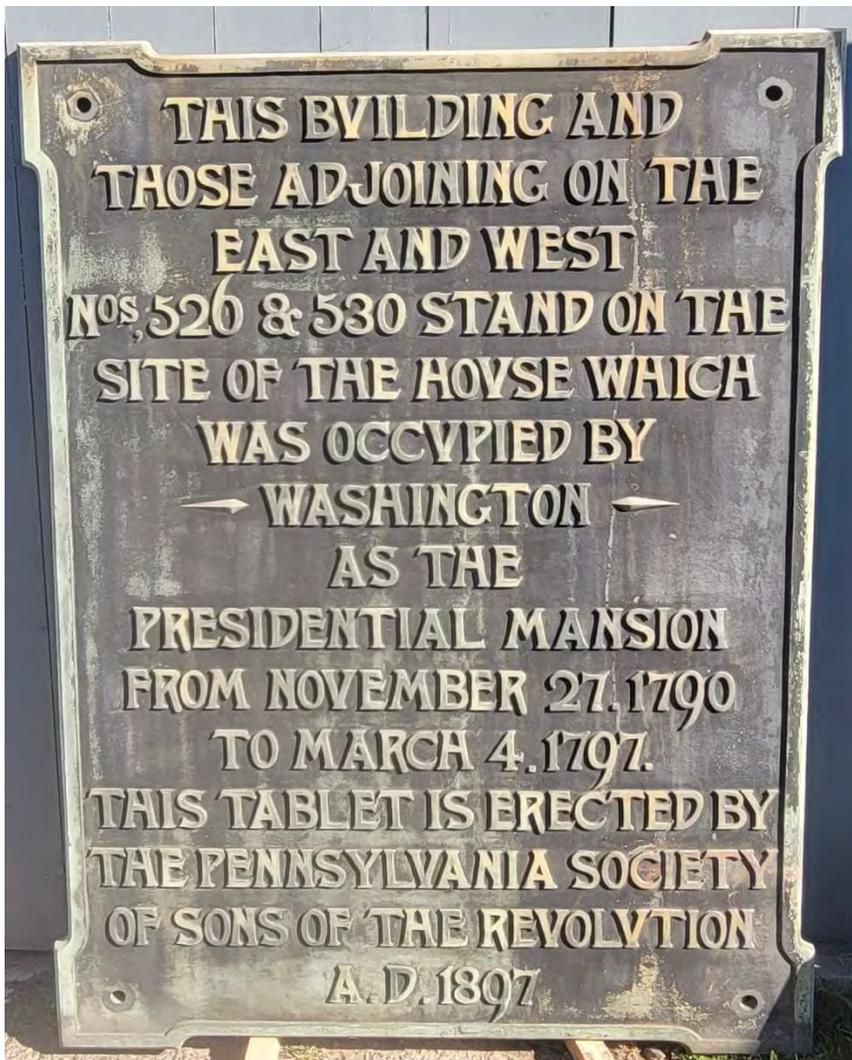
**Location:** Original location was 528 Market Street, Phila. Pa. Now stored at H.C. Wood Inc.

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 42 ¼“ x 72”

**Condition Assessment:** Degradation of the bronze by acid rain (primarily copper sulfates) due to exposure of outdoor environment.

**Action Needed:** Recommend a general cleaning of the bronze. Apply a coat of micro-crystalline wax to protect the bronze from future erosion OR buffing and highlighting of the letters and applying a protective clear coat.



## 1897 Bronze Plaque Continental Army Hospital

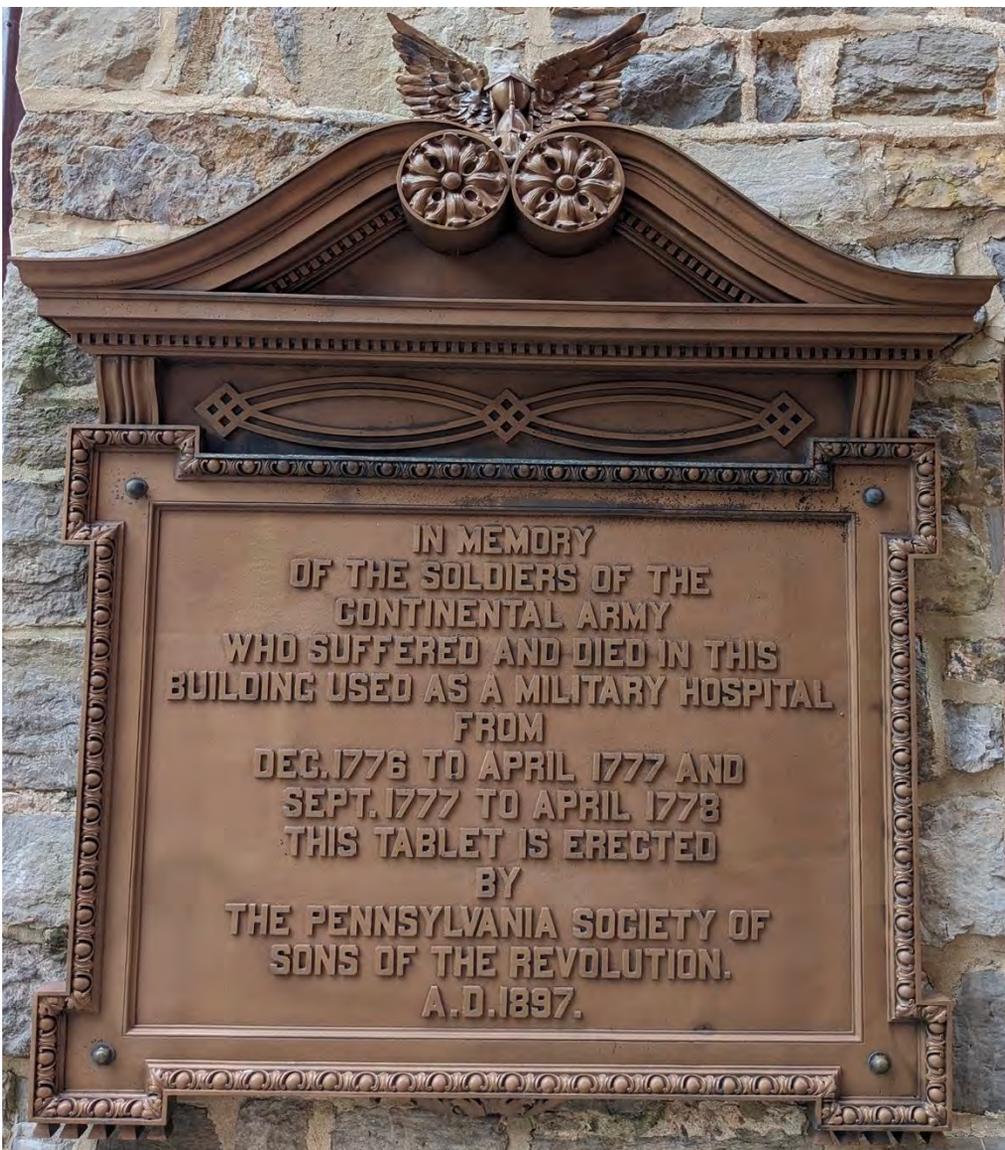
**Location:** Moravian College, 99 W. Church St.  
Bethlehem, PA South Campus Exterior Wall

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 60" x 80"

**Condition Assessment:** A very amateur spray paint job and pointing splats of mortar on the face of the bronze.

**Action Needed:** Plaque needs to be stripped, re-highlighted and clear coated.



**Date Unknown: Bronze Plaque Commodore John Barry**

**Location:** St. Mary's Church, 252 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Phila. PA.

Bronze plaque is attached to granite tomb top in churchyard.

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** approx: 7" x 5"

**Condition Assessment:** Looks like the plaque has been refinished within the past decade.

**Action Needed:** None at this time.



## 1905 Bronze Plaque \_ Prison during British Occupation of Phila. 1777-1778

**Location:** Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA – Exterior West Wall

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 63 ½” x 27”

**Condition Assessment:** Good condition due to being semi-protected from the elements.

**Action Needed:** This Plaque could use restoration, however the plaque is located on National Park Property.



## 1905 Bronze Plaque Barracks, 1756 - 1783

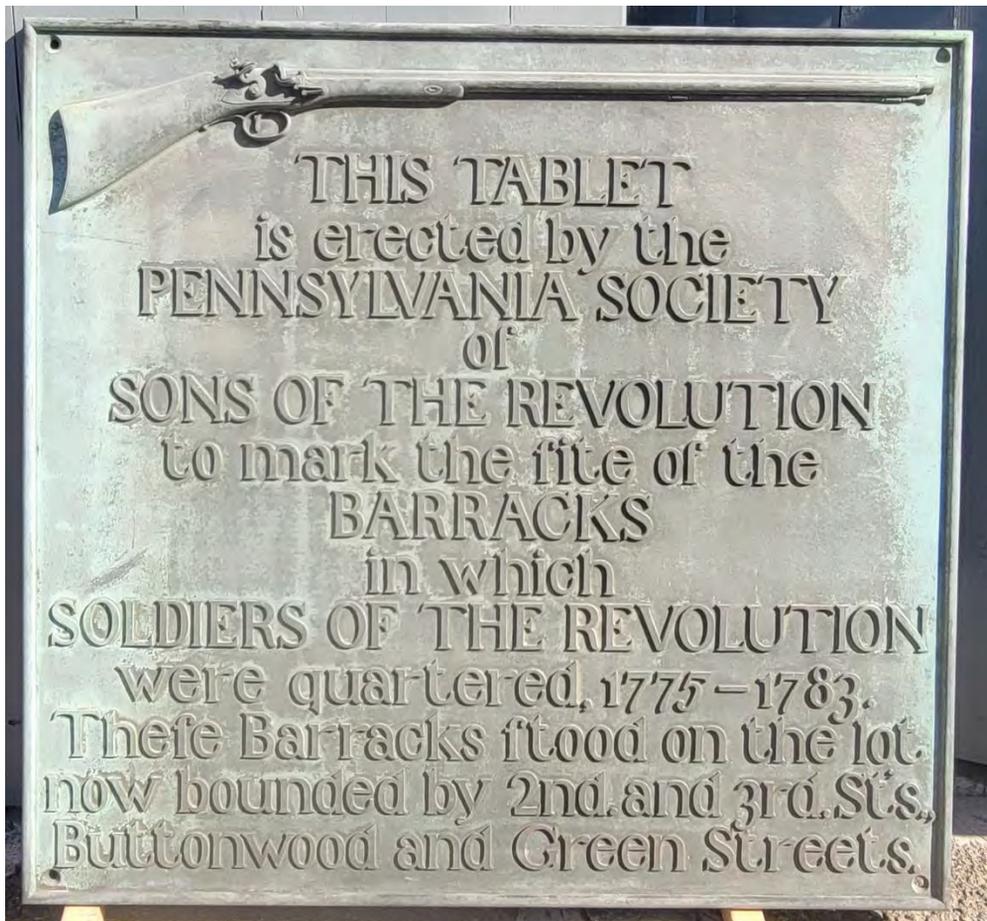
**Location:** Originally located at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Green St. Phila. PA, now stored at H.C. Wood Inc.

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 41 ½" x 38 ¾"

**Condition Assessment:** Degradation of the bronze by acid rain (primarily copper sulfates) due to exposure of outdoor environment.

**Action Needed:** Recommend a general cleaning of the bronze. Apply a coat of micro-crystalline wax to protect the bronze from future erosion OR buffing and highlighting of the letters and applying a protective clear coat.



## 1906 Bronze Plaque Continental Congress met here September 1777 – June 1778

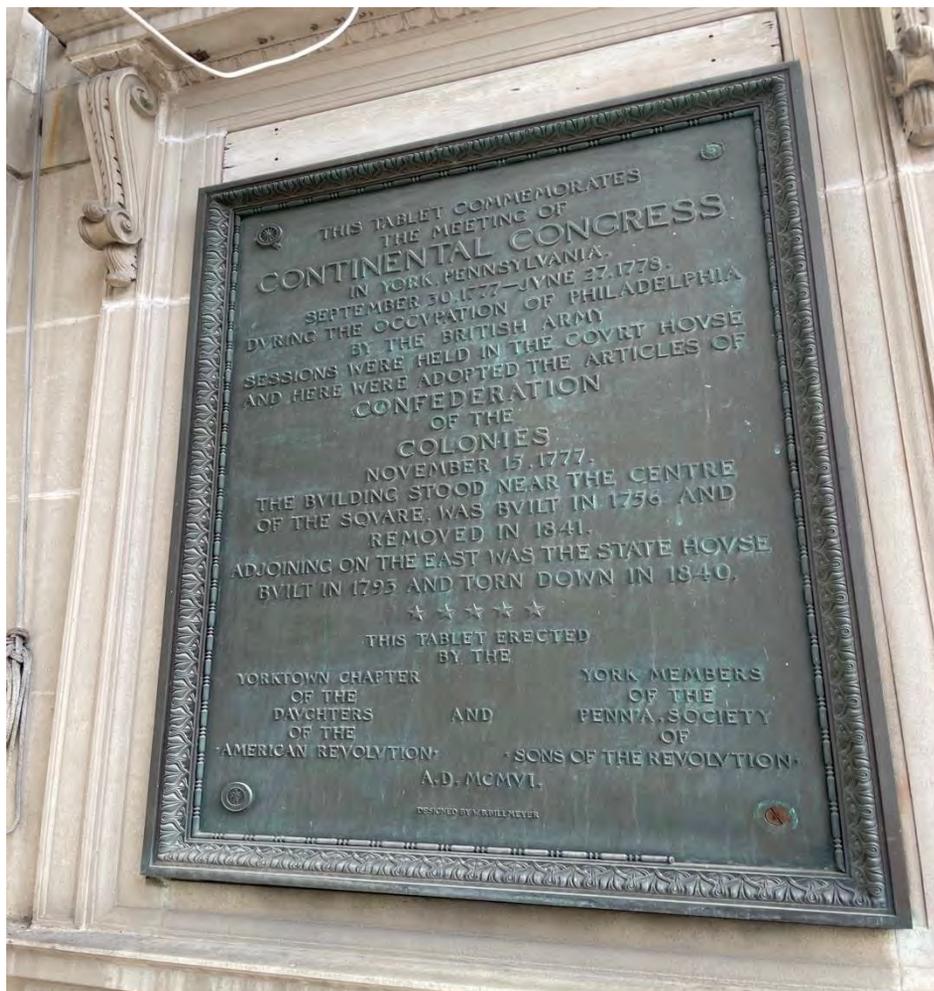
**Location:** Continental Square, 1 North George St, York, PA.  
(with D.A.R) – (The old First National Bank Building)

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 36" x 54"

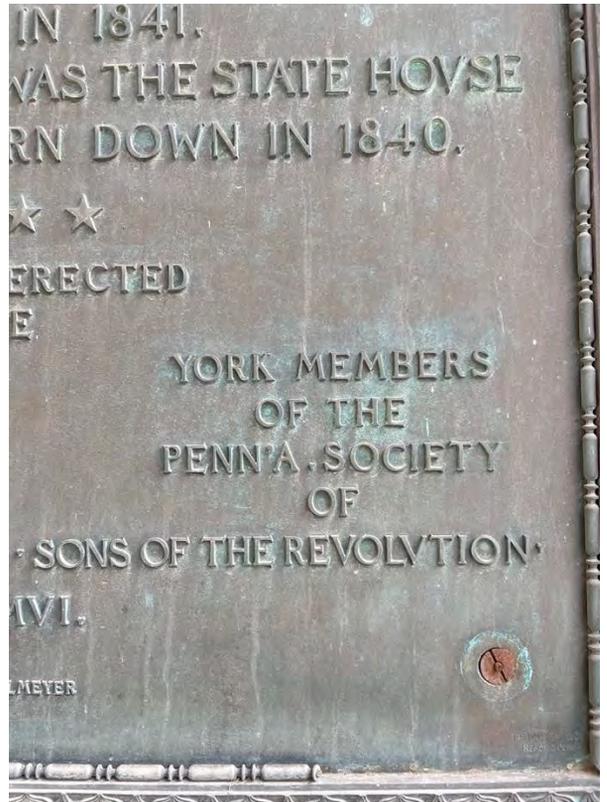
**Condition Assessment:** Degradation of the bronze by acid rain (primarily copper sulfates) due to exposure of outdoor environment.

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# 1906 Bronze Plaque Continental Congress met here September 1777 – June 1778

Lower Right-Hand Corner  
The ornamental beading and rosette is missing.



Lower Left-Hand Corner  
Remove the SAR rosette.

## 1907 Bronze Plaque Action During Battle of Germantown, October 4, 1777

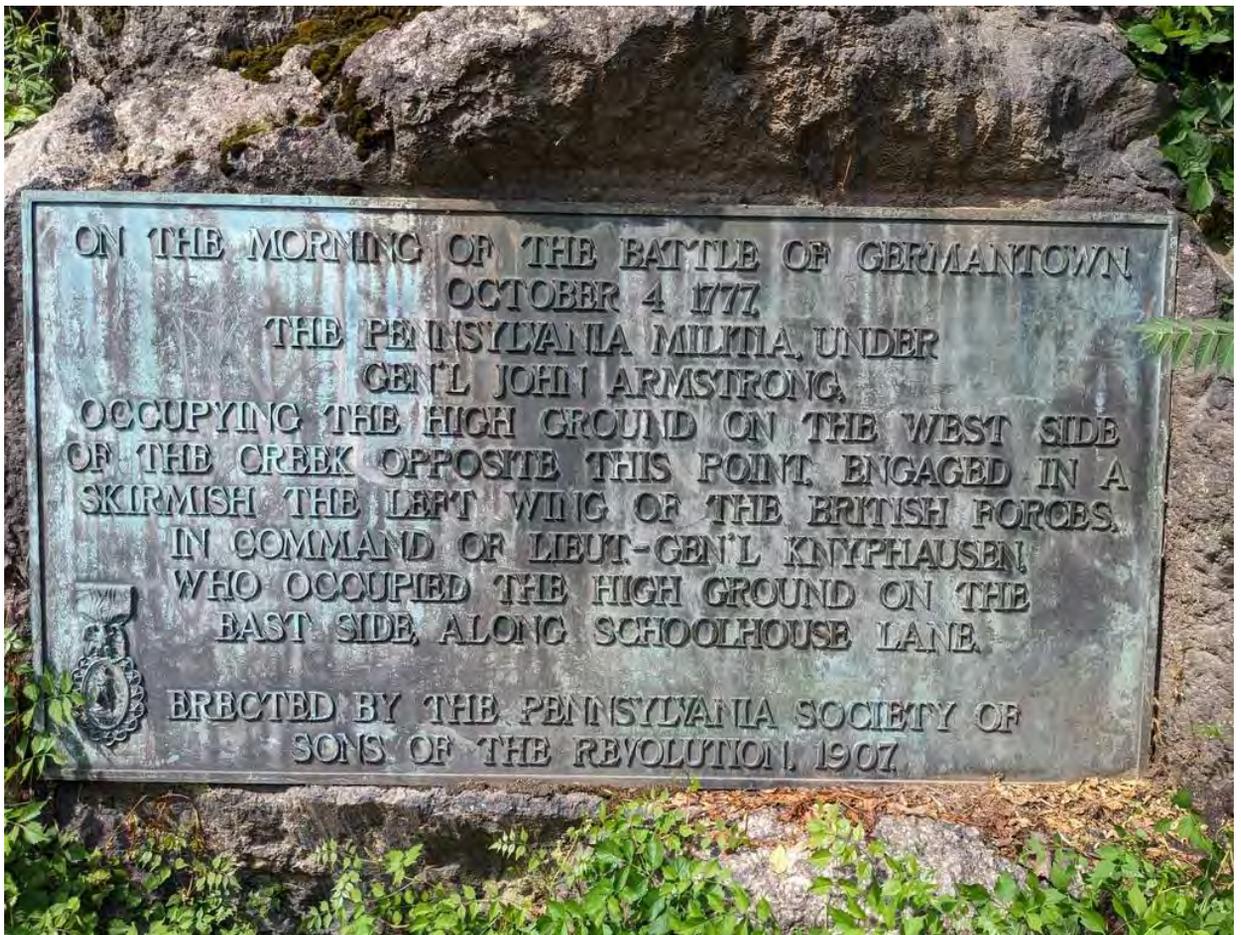
**Location:** Entrance to Forbidden Drive - off of Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, PA

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 72" x 37" Recessed into rock cliff

**Condition Assessment:** Degradation of the bronze by acid rain (primarily copper sulfates) due to exposure of outdoor environment.

**Action Needed:** A general cleaning and waxing to preserve the integrity of the bronze. Because of its secluded location, the goal is to not bring high visibility or attention to it due the potential risk for theft and/or vandalism.



## 1907 Granite Monument The Furthest Inland Point By The British

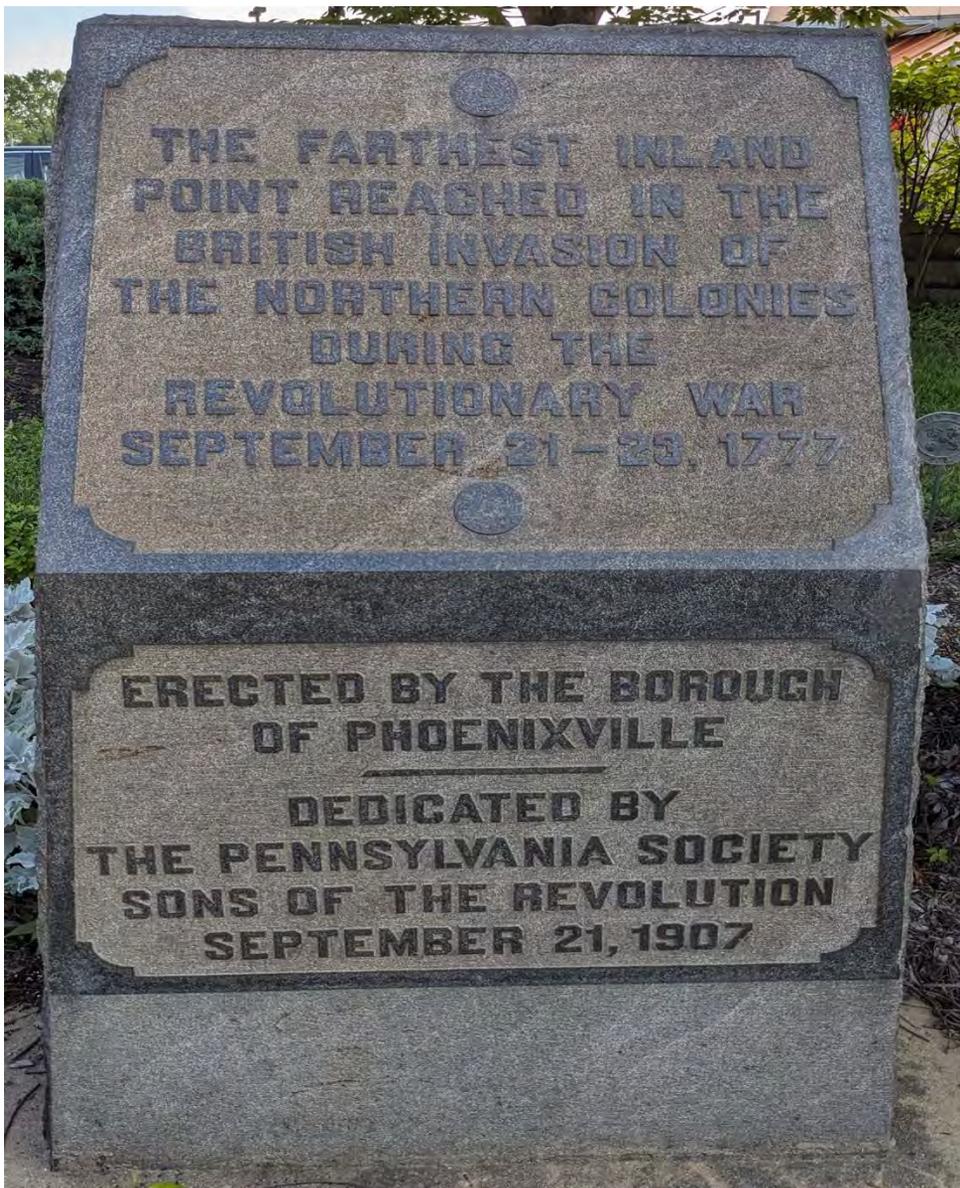
**Location:** Phoenixville, PA. East Side of Route 29 in front of Walgreens Drugstore.

**Material:** Granite - Pennsylvania Mist (French Creek)

**Dimensions:** 33" x 13" x 56"

**Condition Assessment:** Discoloration of granite due to organic materials and high traffic pollutants.

**Action Needed:** A general cleaning is recommended.



## 1916 Bronze Plaque Continental Army Hospital

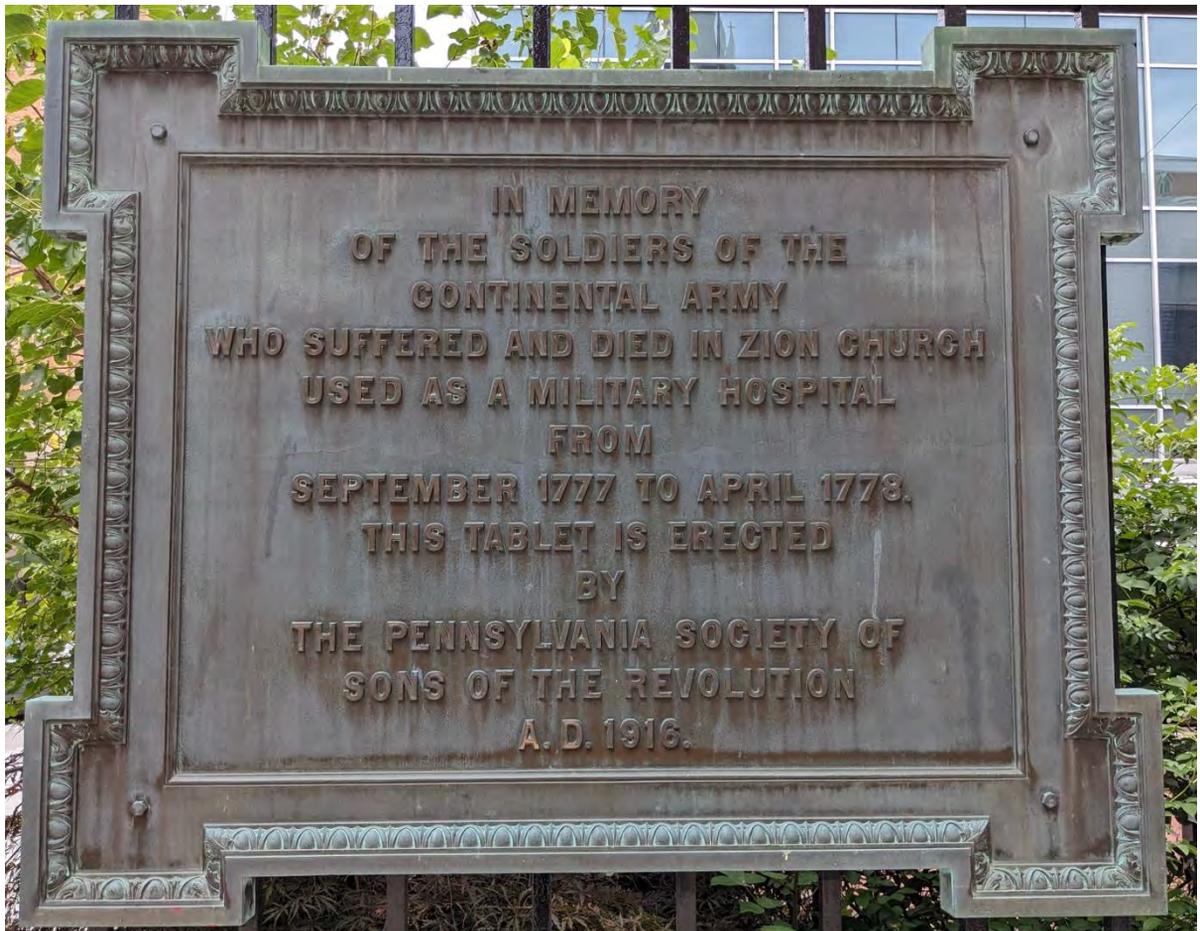
**Location:** Zion Reform Church, 620 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA – Attached to a cast iron fence, front left side exterior of church.

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 60” x 48”

**Condition Assessment:** Degradation of the bronze by acid rain (primarily copper sulfates) due to exposure of outdoor environment.

**Action Needed:** A general cleaning and waxing to preserve the integrity of the bronze. Because of its location, the goal is to not bring high visibility or attention to it due the potential risk for theft and/or vandalism.



## 1922 Bronze Plaque Battle of Brandywine

**Location:** Birmingham Meeting House, 1245 Birmingham Rd, West Chester, PA – West Side wall of the burial grounds.

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 30” x 20”

**Condition Assessment:** Degradation of the bronze by acid rain (primarily copper sulfates) due to exposure of outdoor environment.

**Action Needed:** Recommend a general cleaning of the bronze. Apply a coat of micro-crystalline wax to protect the bronze from future erosion OR buffing and highlighting of the letters and applying a protective clear coat.



## 1923 Bronze Plaque General Anthony Wayne

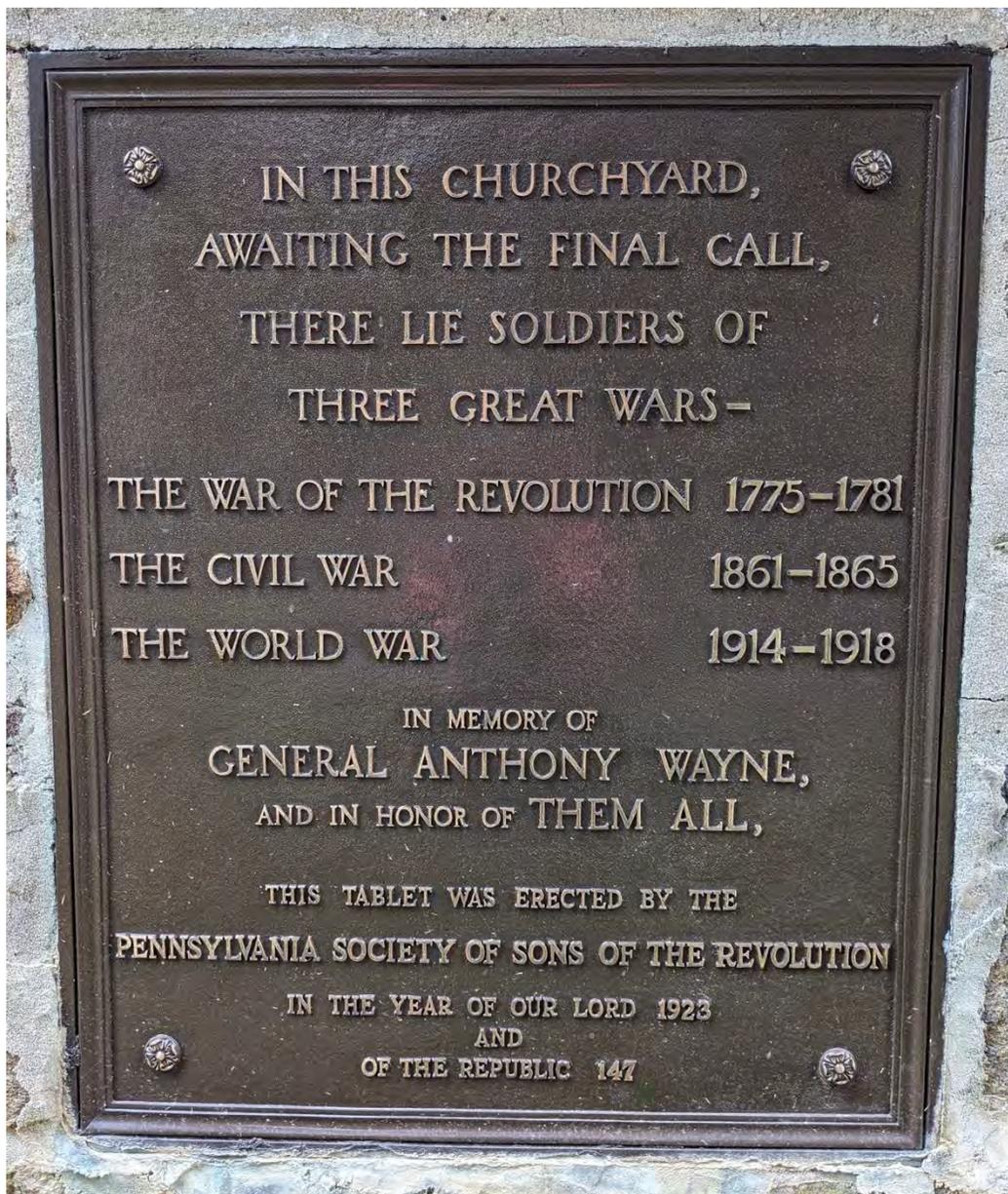
**Location:** Old St. Davids Church, 763 S Valley Forge Rd,  
Wayne, PA - East Side Interior Cemetery Wall

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 25" x 29 ½"

**Condition Assessment:** Good

**Action Needed:** None at this time, plaque was refinished  
within the past 20 years.



## 1928 Bronze Plaque Washington's Headquarters at Whitemarsh, November 2 – December 11, 1777

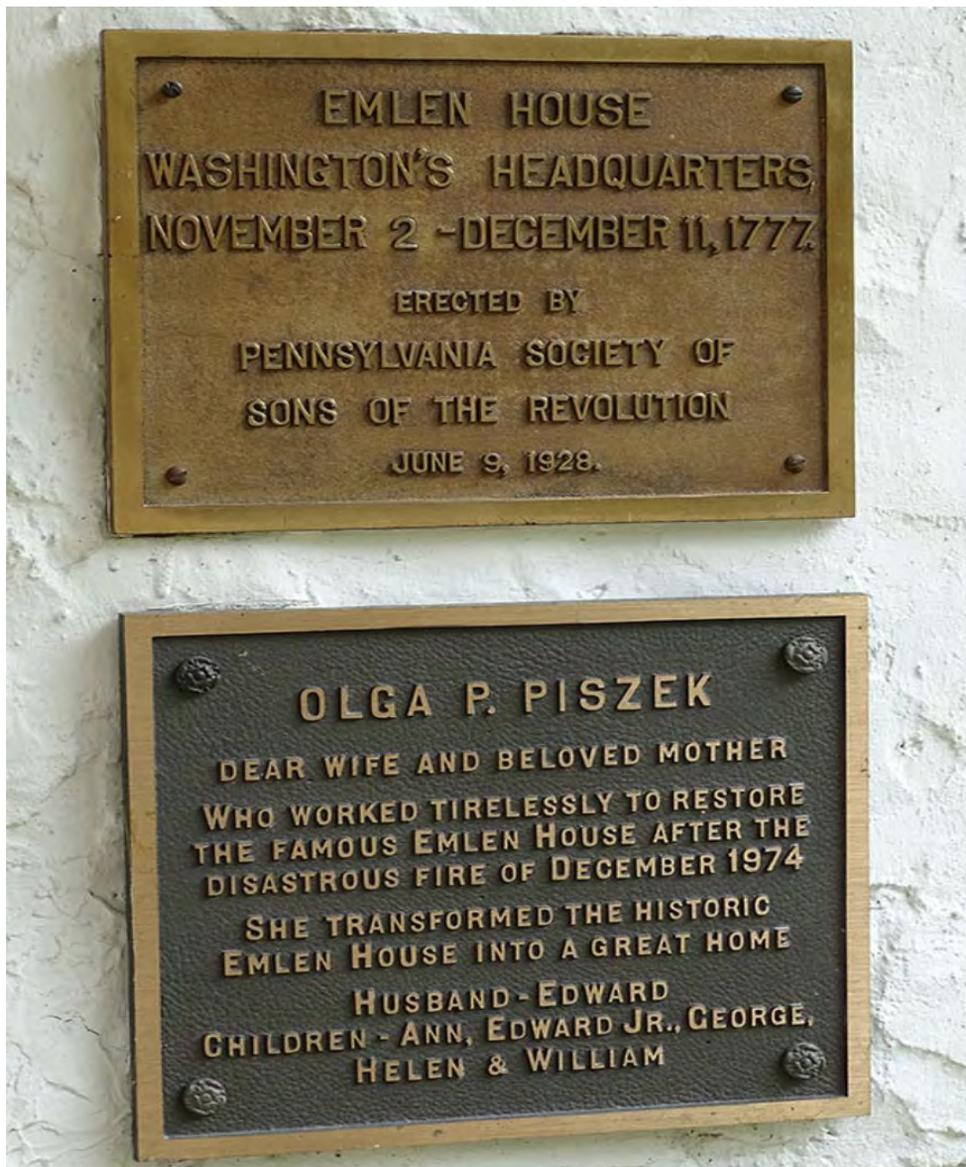
**Location:** Emlen House/Mist Field Farm, 1900 Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Washington, PA (In 2015 the property was sold and the original Emlen House was rehabbed. Originally located on right side of front door exterior wall.)

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** Unknown

**Condition Assessment:** Good based on photo taken prior to 2015 renovation.

**Action Needed:** Need to establish if the plaque is still on the private residence.



## 1935 Log Hut & Bronze Plaque Soldiers of the Pennsylvania Line

**Location:** Valley Forge National Historical Park, Valley Forge, PA

**Material:** Bronze, Stacked Field Stone and Mortar Pedestal

**Dimensions:** 24" x 19" Bronze Plaque,  
Field Stone and Mortar Pedestal 51" x 57" x 60"

**Condition Assessment:** Degradation of the bronze by acid rain (primarily copper sulfates) due to exposure of outdoor environment.

**Action Needed:** Recommend a general cleaning of the bronze. Apply a coat of micro-crystalline wax to protect the bronze from future erosion OR buffing and highlighting of the letters and applying a protective clear coat.



## **1937 Equestrian Statue General Anthony Wayne**

**Location:** Philadelphia Museum of Art, Far Left Side  
Front of Museum Exterior

**Material:** Polished Rainbow Granite Pedestal, Gilded  
Bronze Sculpture

**Dimensions:** Granite Pedestal 78” x 148” x 160”  
Gilded Bronze Sculpture 46” x 106” x 120”

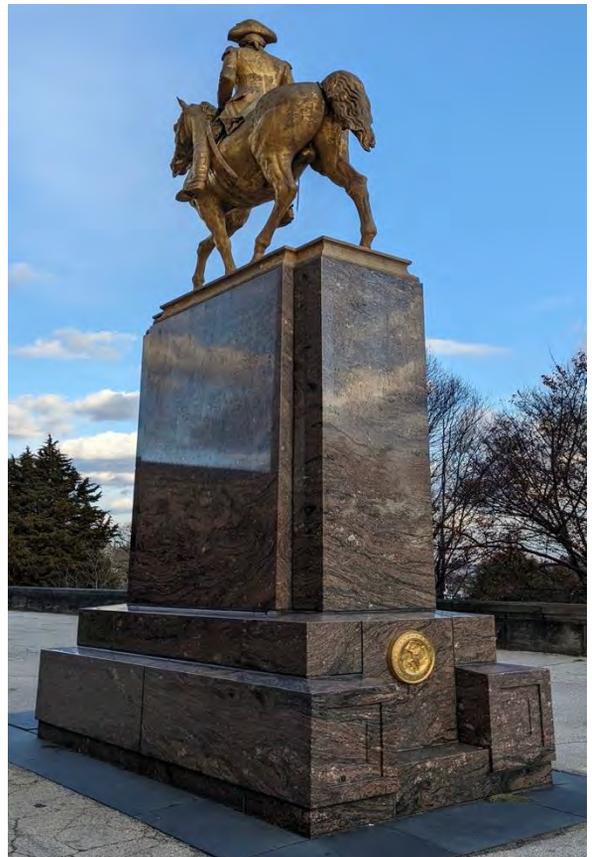
**Condition Assessment:** Granite Pedestal 60% of the  
pointing of the granite is missing allowing water and ice to  
get in which causes the freeze and thaw to push the  
granite sections apart.

### **Action Needed:**

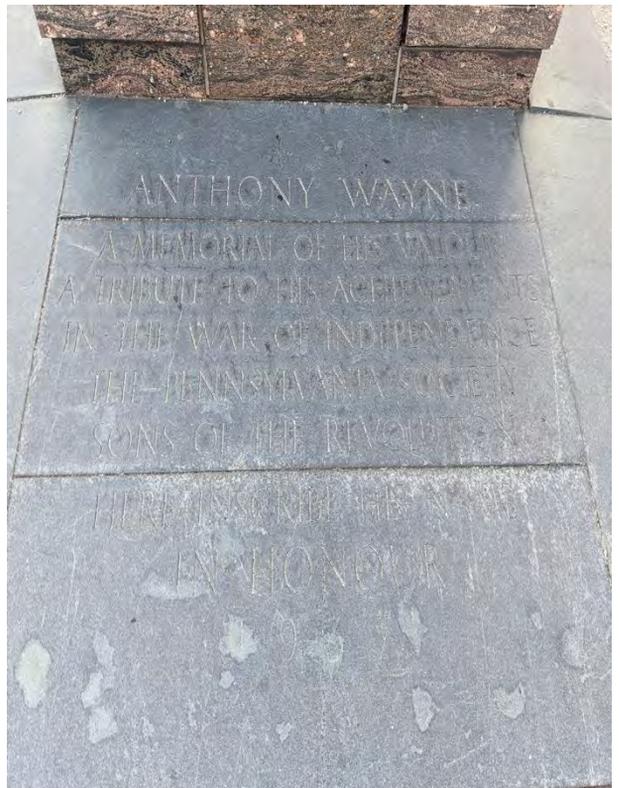
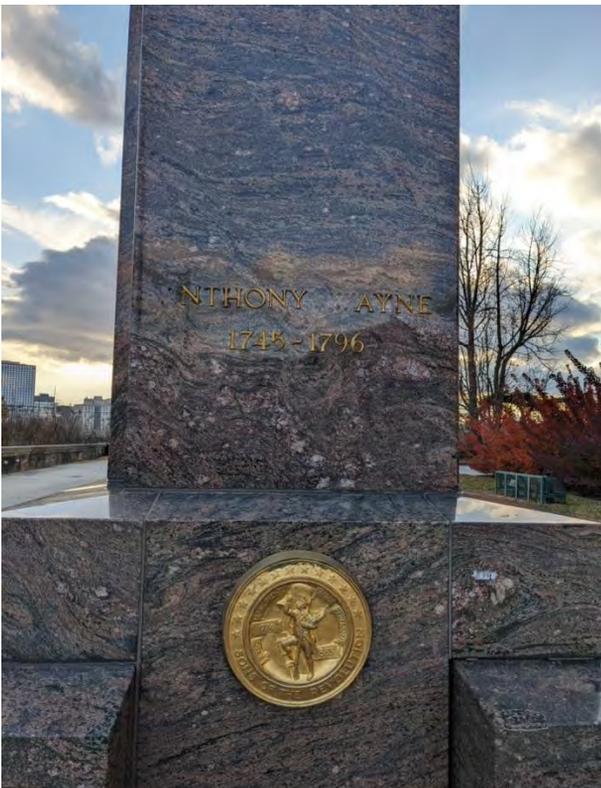
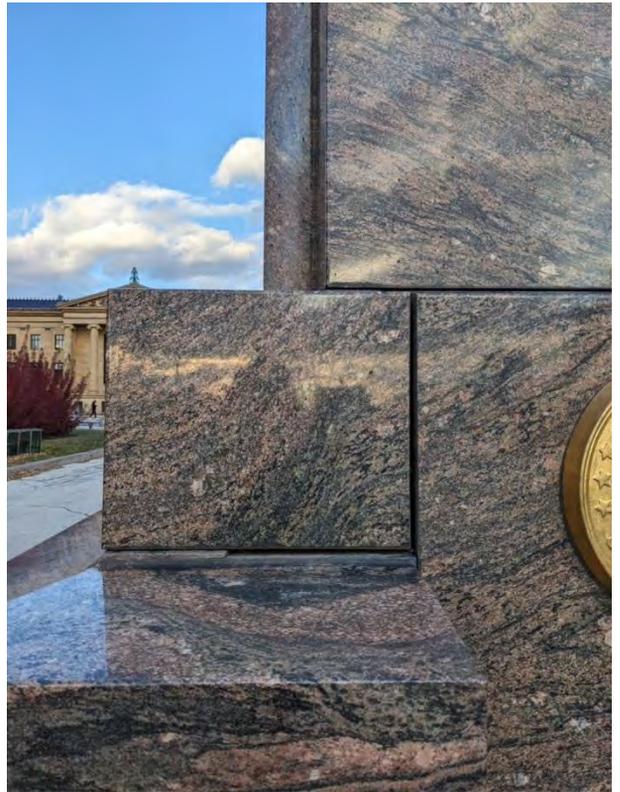
Granite Pedestal – Rake out all existing mortar joints and  
repoint with an architectural silicone sealant which will  
flex with any movement of the granite. Reset right front  
side first course piece of granite that appears to have  
been hit by a vehicle. At this point in time the pointing is  
more important than regilding of the bronze sculpture.

**This is of high priority.**

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## **1940 Bench PSSR Gift to the churchyard**

**Location:** Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA (South wall of the churchyard – recent discovery, it was not in the PSSR inventory)

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** approx. 4'

**Condition Assessment:** Fair

**Action Needed:** Nothing at this time



## 1975 Stone Monument Valley Forge Encampment

**Location:** Stirling's Headquarters, Valley Forge National Historical Park, Valley Forge, PA

**Material:** Barre Granite

**Dimensions:** 48" x 14" x 54"

**Condition Assessment:** Discoloration of granite due to organic materials and high traffic pollutants.

**Action Needed:** A general cleaning is recommended.



**1987 Plaque British General Agnew Killed at the Battle of Germantown, Philadelphia, PA**

**Location:** de Benneville Family Cemetery, Green Lane and Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

**Material:** Aluminum

**Dimensions:** 48" x 36"

**Condition Assessment:** Good

**Action Needed:** None at this time



## **1987 Bronze Plaque Site of the Associators**

**Location:** Gloria Dei Plaza (Old Swede's Church,  
Delaware Ave & Christian St. Philadelphia, PA - Front  
Exterior of Church - East Side

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 16" x 14"

**Condition Assessment:** Plaque was stolen

**Action Needed:** Replace plaque – move to a safer place  
within the churchyard.



Bronze plaque was attached to this boulder.  
This boulder is located outside of the church's property  
on National Park Service Property.

**1996 Headstones Graves of Com. John Hazelwood and  
Capt. John Nixon**

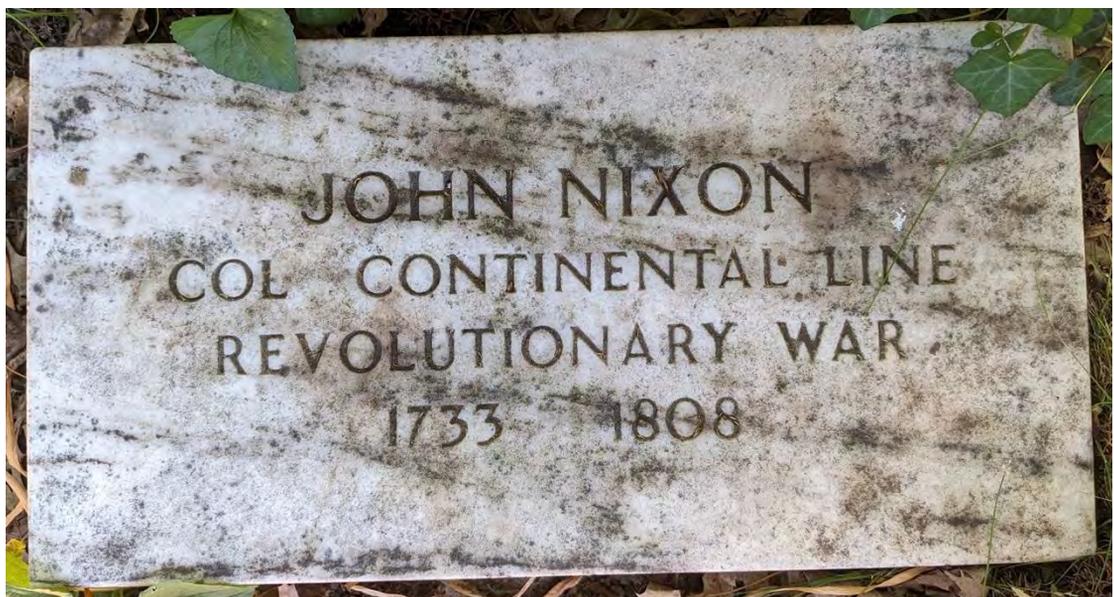
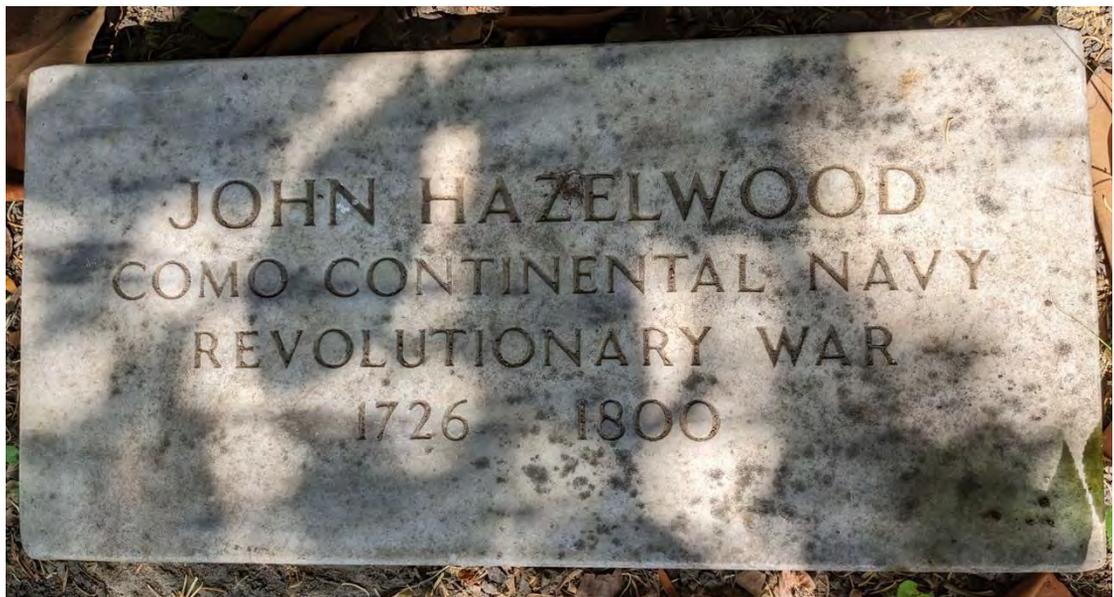
**Location:** St. Peter's Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine, Philadelphia,  
PA

**Material:** Marble

**Dimensions:** 24" x 12" x 0-4"

**Condition Assessment:** Good

**Action Needed:** None at this time



## 2011 Markers Six Graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers

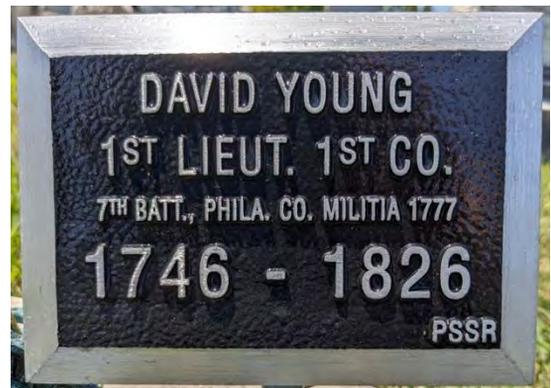
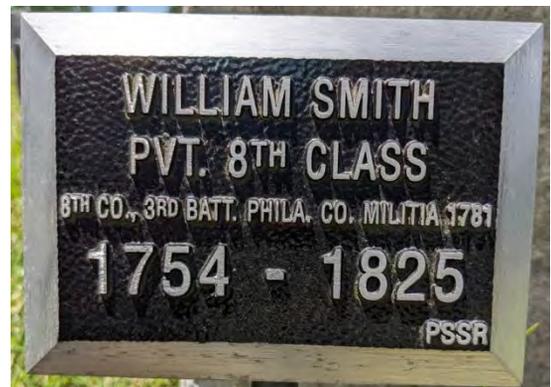
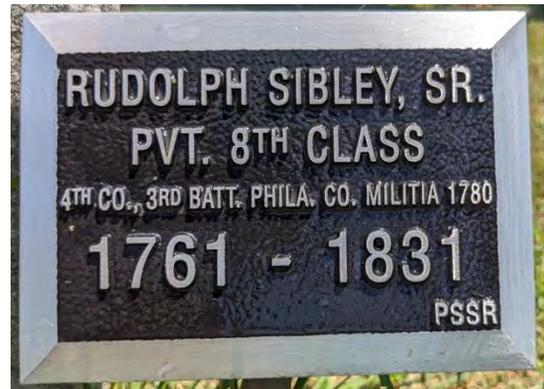
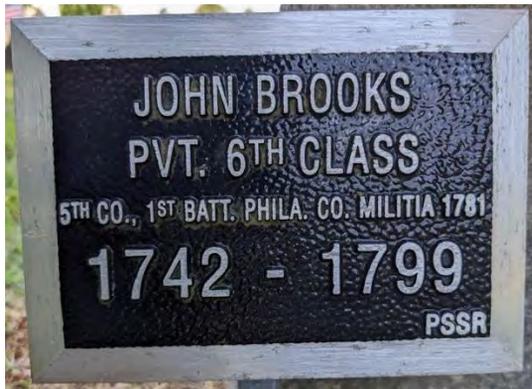
**Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, 415 E. Athens Ave. Ardmore, PA (Colonial Section of Cemetery)

**Material:** Aluminum

**Dimensions:** 7" x 5"

**Condition Assessment:** Good

**Action Needed:** None at this time



## 2011 Bronze Plaque Recognition of men and women who served in the Revolutionary War

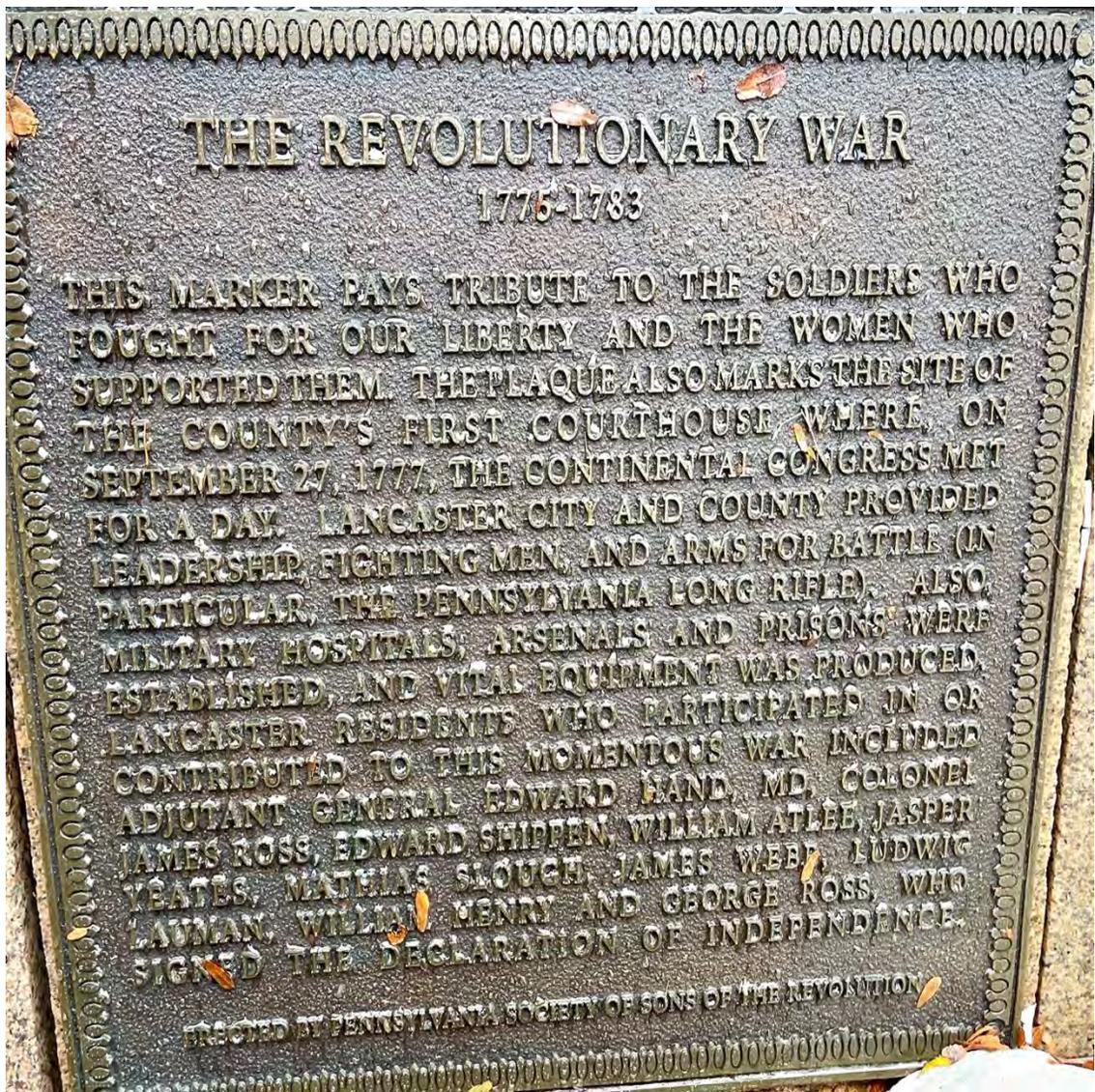
**Location:** 1 Penn Square, King and Queen Streets, Lancaster, PA

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 26" x 21"

**Condition Assessment:** Good

**Action Needed:** Could use a refinishing



# 2015 Bronze Statue & Granite Pedestal General Nathanael Greene

**Location:** Valley Forge National Historical Park, Valley Forge, PA – Front left side of the Washington Memorial Chapel

**Material:** Bronze & Barre Granite

**Dimensions:**

Bronze Statue 75” in height (2014 1/5 S. Chisholm, NSS)

Barre Granite Pedestal 46” x 46” x 34”

**Condition Assessment:** Excellent

**Action Needed:** None at this time



## 2018 Plaque Liberty Tree

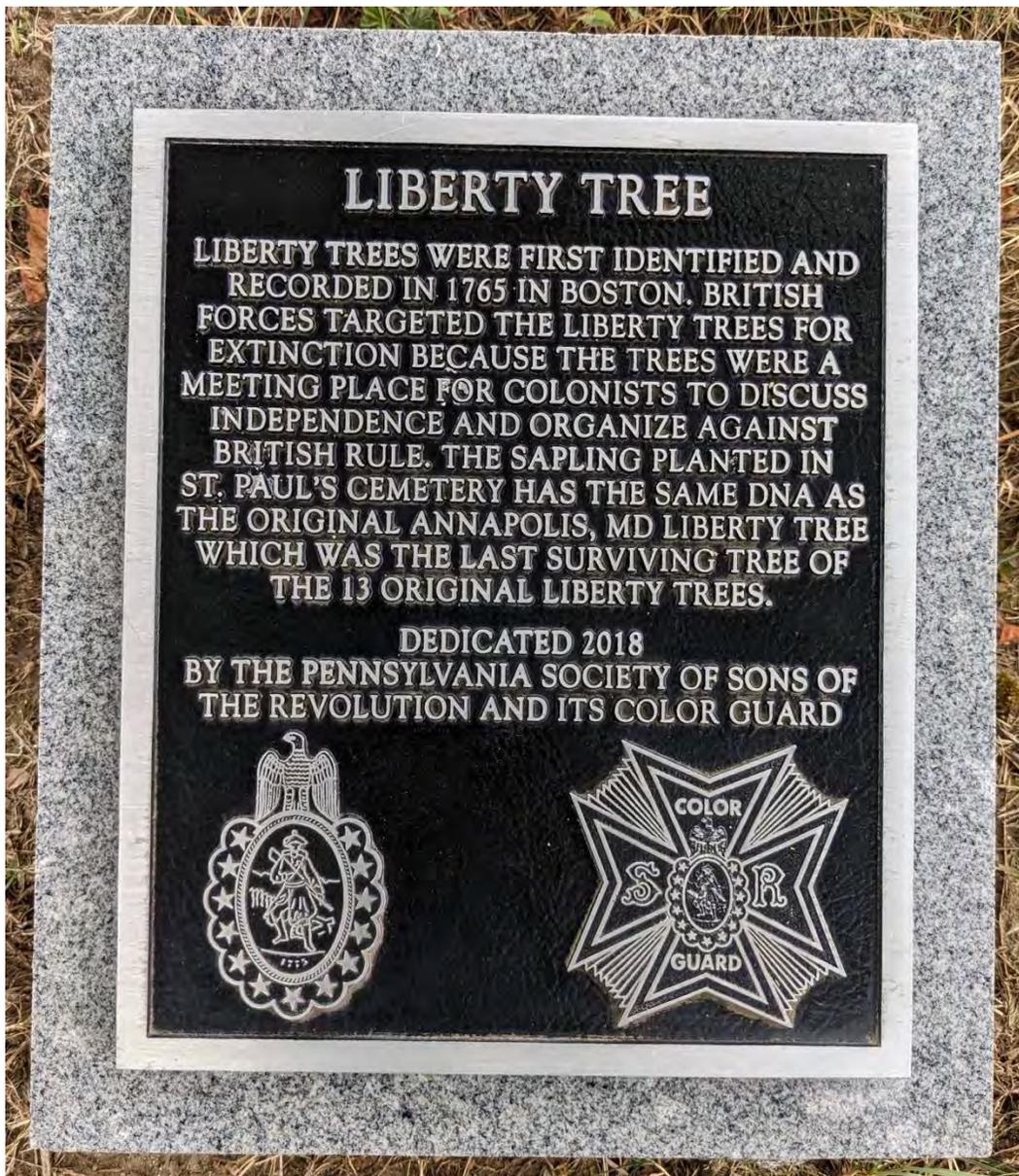
**Location:** St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, 415 E. Athens Ave. Ardmore, PA (Colonial Section of Cemetery)

**Material:** Aluminum

**Dimensions:** 10" x 12"

**Condition Assessment:** Excellent

**Action Needed:** None at this time.



## 2019 Bronze Plaque Christ Church Steeple

**Location:** Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA (Interior ground floor of the steeple)

**Material:** Bronze

**Dimensions:** 20" x 10"

**Condition Assessment:** Excellent

**Action Needed:** None at this time



Original Draft

