



# Society of the War of 1812

IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 3, 1895

419 North Plum Grove Road  
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April 20, 2009

Compatriot Richard R. Grayson  
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Dear Compatriot Grayson:

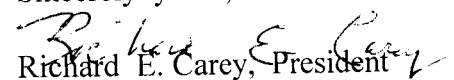
I am using the term “compatriot” because you have been accepted into the Society of the War of 1812 in the Illinois Society and the General Society on April 15, 2009. by the General Society Registrar General, the Rev. Christos Christou, Jr. Your General Society number is 6082, and your State Society number, 293, which means that since the founding of our Illinois Society in the year of 1895, you are our 293<sup>rd</sup> member. Of course, most of them are deceased, all except the last 36, including you and me.

Dr. Grayson, we are an aging society and cannot have annual meetings anymore because of traveling problems over this huge state and because about 1/3 of our members live out of Illinois. However, we do have a very good newsletter, *The 1812 Messenger*, that is published three time a year and which contains historical and newsworthy information about The War of 1812. I am sending to you the last issue of *The 1812 Messenger*; January 2009; also, a background article about you will be in the June 2009 issue of this newsletter.

With this letter, I am also sending you a welcome note to the Society from the General Society’s Registrar General and a one-page information sheet from the General Society’s newsletter, *The War Cry*. This page lists the items that members can purchase from the General Society; also, it lists the names telephone numbers, and addresses of all of the General Society officers. You will be receiving your own issues of *The War Cry*. In addition, you will be receiving a copy of the General Society’s *Triennial Yearbook, 2008-2011*. It will contain a copy of the General Society Constitution, a history of The General Society, the Society’s rules and regulations, the General Society and state society officers, and – state by state – the names and addresses of all members.

Again, Compatriot Grayson, welcome to our Society of the War of 1812! I am sorry that your approval has been a little late. Please feel free to submit for publication in our newsletter any pertinent information about your War of 1812 ancestor. If you have further questions, please let me know (tel. 1-847-358-3539).

Sincerely yours,

  
Richard E. Carey, President

Encl. – as noted above