

## THE PRICE THEY PAID

Have you ever wondered what happened to the fifty six men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were no wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued their liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

The above is from an old printing. For those who wonder what this has to do with the right of citizens to be armed, we remind you that the War these men supported began on Lexington Green when their fellow citizens resisted British troops who had been sent to confiscate their guns. The "shot heard round the world" was fired by farmers and townsmen, not against taxes or against physical oppression, but against an attempt by the existing government to disarm them. Our forefathers knew that without arms they would be helpless to resist any further oppression which might arise in their own government. God blessed their resistance and gave them freedom. We would do well to remember Lexington Green.

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Do we, who are alive today, owe anything to the people who sacrificed so much for our freedom? Read on...

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**IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ**

In May of 1919 at Dusseldorf, Germany, the allied forces obtained a copy of some of the Communists Rules for revolution. Nearly 50 years later, these RULES are still being followed. As you read, stop after each item and think about the present day situations where we live - and all around our nation. We quote these rules:

- A. Corrupt the young, get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.
- B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on entertainment, sexy books and plays and other trivalities.
- C. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on the controversial matters of no importance.
- D. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding them up to contempt and ridicule.
- E. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthless as possible.
- F. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
- G. Promote unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of the government toward such disorders.
- H. By specious argument cause breakdown of the moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word.
- I. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

How many of these rules are being carried out in this nation today? The rules apply regardless of who is promoting them, whether it is Communists or New World Order/One World Government elitists.