

TRADITION HAS IT that *Yankee Doodle* had its origins in the French and Indian War when New England troops joined Braddock's forces at Niagara. In contrast to the spit and polish of the British army, the colonials were a motley crew, some wearing buckskins and furs. Dr. Richard Schuckburg, a British Army surgeon reportedly wrote the tune ridiculing the Americans in the early 1750s. Some scholars believe it is a variant of the nursery rhyme *Lucy Locket*.

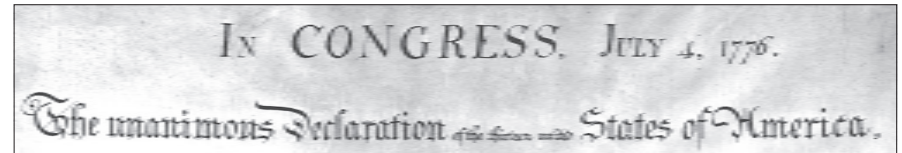
Despite the fact it began as ridicule, the colonials took the song for their own. Countless versions and parodies evolved, many of which made fun of their officers, including George Washington. When Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown it is said while the British played *The World Turned Upside Down*, the Americans played *Yankee Doodle*.

There are said to be as many as 190 verses of *Yankee Doodle*.

### Why Did Yankee Doodle Stick a Feather In His Hat and Call it Macaroni?

BACK IN Pre-Revolutionary America when the song *Yankee Doodle* was first popular, the singer was not referring to the pasta "macaroni" in the line that reads "stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni". "Macaroni" was a fancy ("dandy") style of Italian dress widely imitated in England at the time. So by just sticking a feather in his cap and calling himself a "Macaroni" (a "dandy"), Yankee Doodle was proudly proclaiming himself to be a country bumpkin, because that was how the English regarded most colonials at that time. But times have long since changed, and it is important to reflect on the fact that despite the turbulent early relationship between England and the American colonists, our two countries are strongly united.

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### Third Annual Reading of

The Declaration of Independence  
Jaffrey Meetinghouse  
July 4th, 2003 at Noon

### PROGRAM

Welcome – Mary Payson  
Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society

Presentation of The Declaration – Rebecca English

### The Readers in Order of Appearance (Tentative)

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Marc Tieger         | 13. Martin Dunn         |
| 2. Frank Sterling      | 14. Bud Lyle            |
| 3. Caroline Hollister  | 15. Stacy Kunstel       |
| 4. Amanda Guitard      | 16. Lee Sawyer          |
| 5. Deborah Hill        | 17. Nancy Lloyd         |
| 6. Joe Manning         | 18. Margo White         |
| 7. Charlie Royce       | 19. Stephen Meyers      |
| 8. Noel Pierce         | 20. Clay Hollister      |
| 9. Tuesday Wright      | 21. Jen DePaul          |
| 10. Dick Grodin        | 22. Julie Hinman        |
| 11. Meghan Clark-Kevan | 23. Phyllis Sawyer Lawn |
| 12. David Sullivan     | 24. Nancy Isaacs        |

25. Aylmer Given
26. Frank McConnell
27. Tim Keating
28. Jody Baker
29. Jim O'Neill
30. Bill Driscoll
31. Owen Houghton

32. Rick Stein
33. John Zimardo
34. Igol Gladstein
35. Mark Shemet
36. Martin Anderson
37. Matthew Rivet
38. Joanne Buck

A Rousing Rendition of *Yankee Doodle* (see opposite), led by Bryan English, followed by . . .

“THREE CHEERS FOR THE UNITED STATES. HIP HIP HOORAY!”

Concluding with the Ringing of the Bell by Anne, Thomas and Teddy Oliver.

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FOLLOWING THE READING THERE WILL BE . . .

- A Walking Tour of the Village (arranged and led by Jane Cunningham).
- The Little Red Schoolhouse will be open (Jackie Johnson, Jaffrey Historical Society).
- The Seagrave Fire Engine will be on-site (Bill Driscoll, Jaffrey Historical Society).
- Melville Academy will be open and there will be an Ice Cream Social on the lawn (Mary Jo Marvin, Sally Roberts, Janet Grant, *et al.*, Village Improvement Society).

These free festivities are being co-sponsored by the Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society, the Jaffrey Historic District Commission, the Jaffrey Historical Society and the Selectmen's Meetinghouse Committee of the Town of Jaffrey. Our thanks to the volunteer readers, tour guides and all those others who have helped out. The flowers were provided and arranged by Margaret Pokorny. Overall planning and coordination: Amy Meyers. Ice cream kindly provided by Kimball Farms, Jaffrey.

## Yankee Doodle

Yankee Doodle went to town  
A-riding on a pony  
Stuck a feather in his hat  
And called it macaroni.

### Chorus

*Yankee doodle, keep it up  
Yankee doodle dandy  
Mind the music and the step  
And with the girls be handy.*

Father and I went down to camp  
Along with Captain Gooding  
And there we saw the men and boys  
As thick as hasty pudding.

### ————— Chorus

There was Captain Washington  
Upon a slapping stallion  
A-giving orders to his men  
I guess there was a million.

### ————— Chorus

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### ————— Chorus