

I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN



By: Cassie Wheeler age 10



I am proud to be an American because other countries do not have freedom like we do.

We are not owned by another country or ruled by a king.

We have good armies to support us.

Another reason is that I have the freedom of speech.

I can also wear whatever I want.

Our country has made useful materials like computers.

We can play whatever sports we want.

I have a roof over my head and a nice warm bed.

I was born in "America."

I am also proud because we have a flag to stand for our country.

I am proud because we have good leaders to lead our country.

I am proud to have good parents.

We can be whatever we want to be.

We have the freedom of speech, religion, and assembly.

I am proud to be an American!!!!!!

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Francis Cemetery

Gudgeonville Road
Franklin Township

Memorial Dedication

Donated by Gladys (Bateman) Jones

Thursday, July 4, 2002
2 p.m.



Civil War Memorial Program

Welcome Richard (Bud) Wheeler

Invocation Rev. George G. Walker, Kidder Corners Church

Pledge Wheeler family & descendants

Narrative Thomas Schultz, Local Veterans Civil War History

Award Presentation Richard (Bud) Wheeler to Gladys (Bateman) Jones

Unveiling Richard (Bud) Wheeler

Letter from the President Rep. From Senator Santorum's office

Thank You Richard (Bud) Wheeler

Scripture Rev. George G. Walker

Salute Richard (Bud) Wheeler

Civil War Soldiers

111th Pennsylvania Vol. Infantry

145th Pennsylvania Vol. Infantry

Award Presentation Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Negrey, U.S. Army to WWI, WWII,
and Vietnam Wheeler family & descendants. **Acknowledgement by Major Paul Wheeler**

Salute V.F.W. Post 740

Closing Remarks Richard (Bud) Wheeler

Benediction Rev. George G. Walker

