



# Introducing the *Betsy Ross* *Strawberry Hefeweizen*

**This Bavarian style Hefeweizen was brewed to accentuate the flavor profile of a tart strawberry. We brew this style with two additions of fresh strawberries hand selected by the brewer. It is refreshing and complex all in one glass.**

**Honoring Betsy Ross** - Perhaps the best-known figure from the American Revolutionary era who wasn't a president, general or statesman, was Betsy Ross (1752-1836). She became a patriotic icon in the late 19th century when stories surfaced that she had sewn the first "stars and stripes" U.S. flag in 1776.

Born Elizabeth Griscom, also called Betsy, on January 1, 1752, she went to a Friends (Quaker) public school, where she was taught reading, writing, and received instruction in a trade - probably sewing. After completing her schooling, Betsy's father apprenticed her to William Webster, an upholsterer. It was at her job that Betsy fell in love with another apprentice, John Ross.

On a November night in 1773, 21-year-old Betsy eloped with John Ross across the Delaware River and were married in New Jersey. The couple started their own upholstery business and John joined the Pennsylvania militia. While guarding an ammunition cache in mid-January 1776, John Ross was mortally wounded in an explosion.

In the summer of 1776 Betsy Ross, newly widowed, is said to have received a visit from

General George Washington regarding a design for a flag for the new nation. Washington and the Continental Congress had come up with the basic layout, but, according to legend, Betsy allegedly finalized the design, arguing for stars with five points (Washington had suggested six because the cloth could be folded and cut out with a single snip).

Betsy would be married again in June 1777, this time to Joseph Ashburn. On a trip to the West Indies to procure war supplies for the Revolutionary cause, Captain Ashburn was captured by the British and sent to Old Mill Prison in England where he died in March 1782.

In May of 1783, Betsy was married for the third time to an old friend, John Claypoole. The couple had five daughters.

Claypoole passed on in 1817 after years of ill health and Betsy never remarried. She continued working until 1827. After retiring, she went to live with her married daughter Susannah Satterthwaite in Abington, PA. Betsy died on January 30, 1836, at the age of 84.

