



Introducing the *Betty Zane Blonde Ale*

Our Blonde Ale is a light ale made with the perfect balance of hops and malts to bring out a nice crisp flavor to a brewery favorite. The low ABV and clean fresh taste make this ale a pleasure for any beer lover to enjoy every day.

Elizabeth “Betty” Zane McLaughlin Clark (July 19, 1765 – August 23, 1823) was a heroine of the Revolutionary War on the American frontier. She was the daughter of William Andrew Zane and Nancy Ann Zane.

Three of the Zane brothers - Ebenezer, Silas and Jonathan - migrated from present-day Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia in 1769 and founded the first settlement at present-day Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia.

On September 11, 1782, the Zane family was under siege in Fort Henry by American Indian allies of the British. The fort was being defended by forty-two men under the command of Colonel David Shepherd of the Ohio Militia. The attackers greatly outnumbered the defenders: 250 Native American warriors allied with 50 able British soldiers.

When the garrison ran low on ammunition (black powder), Zane volunteered to leave the garrison to retrieve more ammunition from her brother’s nearby home, some 50 yards from the fort.

About noon, the Indians and British soldiers watched in amazement as the gates of the fort swung open, allowing sixteen-year-old Betty Zane to slip out. Still watching intently, they saw the girl run quickly across the open field and disappear into the adjacent cabin.

Only a few minutes passed before they saw this same girl emerge from the cabin, but she now carried a large bundle wrapped in her apron. Suddenly realizing that this girl carried several pounds of gunpowder, the Indians opened fire on her during the dozen or so seconds that their target was in view.

Zane’s actions are credited with allowing the defenders to continue to hold the fort, which remained under American control until reinforcements arrived the next day.

Elizabeth “Betty” Zane was married twice and was a mother of nine children. Betty Zane died on August 23, 1823 and is buried in what is now the Walnut Grove Pioneer Cemetery in Martins Ferry. Her heroism is remembered each year during Betty Zane Pioneer Days. The community of Betty Zane near Wheeling, West Virginia, was named after her.

Betty Zane’s great-grandnephew, the author Zane Grey, wrote a historical novel about her, titled “Betty Zane.”