

Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Indiana

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The compilation of a Roster of the Revolutionary Soldiers who are buried in Indiana, has been a state project of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution since November, 1934. The publication of such a Roster will be a tribute to the pioneers of this state and at the same time it will be of material assistance to the many persons endeavoring to trace ancestry.

Other patriots as well as soldiers are included in the Roster for there were many men and women who gave service to their county in other ways than on the "firing line", and these persons are being listed along with the soldiers. The data required on each are: date and place of birth and death; service record with proof; location of grave and how marked; name of wife (or wives) and children. Family tradition is not regarded as sufficient proof for service. Blanks have been printed and may be had upon request by notifying the chairman.

D.A.R. Chapters have been asked and are expected to do the necessary research for the soldiers in the counties in which the chapters are located, but assistance is sought from others having information. Members of the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Pioneers, and Indiana S.A.R. have given invaluable assistance, as have also Miss Anna Poucher and her corps of workers of the Genealogy Section of the State Library.

Every available source of information is being sought in order that complete records of the soldiers and patriots may be published. Early wills and deed records, Probate Court Records, early marriage records, newspapers and county histories are all being read. Pension records of all the pensioners listed for Indiana are being secured from the Bureau in Washington. This has resulted in correcting many family traditions that certain ancestors were soldiers in the Revolution War.

To date over twelve hundred records have been received. Benton, DeKalb, Kosciusko, Newton, Pulaski, Tipton, Wabash

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and White counties have reported no revolutionary soldiers or patriots buried within their boundaries. Thirty-three pensioners have been traced outside of the state, and thirty-nine pensioners have been found of wars other than the Revolutionary War.

Mrs. Theodore Craven, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Martha Tucker Morris, Salem, both D.A.R. and both accredited genealogists are members of the Roster Committee and will give invaluable help because of their experience in genealogical research.

If you, who are reading this article, can supply information on one or several soldiers buried in Indiana, please write the Chairman. To show the type of material being compiled, the records of two soldiers are here given as illustrations:

Lieutenant Lemuel Snow:

Born—Dec. 7, 1759, at Barnstable, Cape Cod, Mass.

Service—Enlisted at age of 16 from Boston, Mass., and served continuously until end of war. Made Lieutenant when 18 years old. Discharged Oct., 1781. Was engaged in several major battles. Was at Valley Forge. Witnessed the execution of Major Andre, the evacuation of New York by the British, and was with the Army at Newburgh when it was disbanded by Washington.

Proof—Mass. *Soldiers and Sailors*, Vol. IV, p. 617; *Jierces' Register*; *Heitman's Historical Register*, p. 509

Grave—Snow Hill Cemetery, Whitewater Twp., Franklin Co., Ind. Died Sept. 3, 1824. Family stone and S.A.R. marker placed by Harry Gale Nye, a descendant.

Married—Mar. 10, 1785, to Lydia Hodges. Children—Anna, Lydia, Joseph, Lemuel, Hannah, Hercules, Betsey, Dinny, Betsey, Mary Hussey, Salome, Sophronie Crocker (twin of Salome), Nymphas, and Abigail Phinney.

Andrew Shirk:

Born—Sept. 7, 1753, Switzerland.

Service—Private in Capt. George Nagle's Company of Col. William Thompson's battalion of riflemen and in active service from June, 1775, for one year. Private in Capt. Henry Bicker's Company of Tenth regiment of Penn. Line in 1776, 1777, and 1778.

Proof—Penn. Archives, 2nd Series, Vol. X, pp. 33 and 727.

Grave—Big Cedar Cemetery, Franklin Co., Ind. Died Jan. 14, 1829. Family monument.

Married—1820, Martha Hamilton. Children—John, David, Andrew, Joseph, Samuel (1792-1859, m. Elizabeth Stout), Isaac, Nancy, and Martha.

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