

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS BURIED IN PLEASANT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

*Pause stranger; ere your wandering foot you turn
And from the grave, this lesson deign to learn
A soldier's ashes sleep beneath your feet
A patriot's heart once in his bosom beat;
That freedom, which in youth he fought to gain,
He leaves to thee to cherish and maintain.
-Author unknown*

Poem appears on the gravestone of Alexander Martin (1758-1845)

THOMAS AUTEN (1759-1847)

Thomas Auten was born in 1759 in New Jersey. He served in Capt. John Sebring's Company, 1st Battalion, Somerset County, New Jersey and also in Capt. Vroom's Company 2nd Battalion, New Jersey. In 1796 he moved to Ohio and settled on a farm in Montgomery. He died in 1847.

Section: F Lot: 76 Grave: 18

NATHAN BACON (1762-1817)

Nathan Bacon was a native of Cape May, New Jersey.

Section: G Lot: 99 Grave: 3

SAMUEL BONNELL (1755-?)

Samuel Bonnell was born February 10, 1755 in New Jersey. He was one of six brothers in his family who served in the Revolutionary War. Samuel was a private and served a total of seven years. It is unknown when he moved to Ohio with his wife and five children, but records show he was a member of the Columbia-Cincinnati Presbyterian Church. Samuel's date of death is unknown however he is buried beside his wife, Elizabeth, in the cemetery family plot.

Section: G Lot: 15

THOMAS CLARK (unknown)

Thomas Clark was from New York and served in the Orange County Militia, 4th Regiment. In the Cincinnati Directory of 1819, he was listed as an attorney and land agent, with an office at 155 Main Street in Cincinnati. He was an efficient and upright leader in the early beginnings of Cincinnati and community. He was probably the brother of William Clark, also a Revolutionary War soldier buried in the cemetery.

Section: G Lot: 78 Grave: 10

WILLIAM CLARK (unknown)

William Clark was from New York and served in the Orange County Militia, 4th Regiment. He came to Cincinnati in 1795 along with five other Clarks who were members of the Orange County Militia. They may have been brothers, perhaps including Thomas Clark, another Revolutionary War soldier buried in the cemetery. In the Cincinnati Directory of 1819, he was listed as a brick mason at 59 Front Street, Cincinnati.

NANIAD COLEMAN (1746-1823)

Naniad Coleman was born in London County, Virginia in 1746. He served for three years in the 3rd Virginia Regiment under Col. Heath and was disabled in 1778. He came to Ohio in 1790 and resided in Hamilton County. He was married to Susan Reeder, sister of Joseph Reeder, another Revolutionary War veteran. Naniad built the first grist mill in the Miami County. He died in 1823.

Section: D Lot: 13 Grave: 5

DANIEL KITCHELL (1747-1800)

Daniel Kitchell was born in Morris County, New Jersey, near Hanover. As a young widower he left New Jersey and came to Ohio with his two children, Phoebe and Samuel, soon after the end of the war. Daniel was a Private during the American Revolution serving in the Minutemen, a specially trained militia of volunteers formed before the war. Daniel was a founder and one of the first Elders in the Columbia-Cincinnati Presbyterian Church in 1790. He was a wheelwright-carpenter, as well as a furniture maker, and constructed the first gable roof in Cincinnati. Upon his death in 1800, he was buried in the pioneer burying ground adjoining the old First Presbyterian Church on Fourth Street downtown. A monument erected in his memory by his descendants is located in the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Section: C Lot: 43 Grave: 3 Monument Only

ALEXANDER MARTIN (1758-1845)

Alexander Martin was born in 1758 in Morris County, New Jersey. He enlisted in the Revolutionary War on January 8, 1777. He served one year as an artificer with Capt. DeBail at Morristown, then served under several other officers. Under the command of Capt. John Peter Layton, he fought in the Battle of Monmouth in June 1778 and the Battle of Springfield in 1780. He served under Capt. Thomas Hyler on the gunboat "Hornet" and remained in his service until Hyler was poisoned and died. Martin was a seaman under Capt. Isaac Harrison on the privateer "Jolly Tar". In 1781, while serving on the "Jolly Tar" he was captured by a British frigate and confined in the prison ship "Jersey" for five and a half months. Martin came to Hamilton County soon after the end of the war and died on April 29, 1846.

Section: G Lot: 72 Grave: 2

SAMUEL PIERSON (1753-1839)

Samuel Pierson, born in Pennsylvania in 1753, enlisted in Colonel Broadhead's 8th Pennsylvania Unit in June 1776. He fought in the Battle of Saratoga in 1777 under General Benedict Arnold, and was at Valley Forge with General George Washington during the winter of 1777-1778. In 1778 Pierson fought in the Battle of Monmouth and was badly wounded. He was with Washington at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered. According to records from the DAR, it was believed that Pierson was one of Washington's guards. Because of his earlier injury he was lame the rest of his life. Returning to his home in Morris County, NJ after the war, he found it desolate, but soon met John Cleves Symmes who had just purchased 211,000 acres of land in the new Ohio Territory. Samuel bought 640 acres for 640 Continental dollars. He became an early settler of Hamilton County, and legend says he accompanied John Brewster, who had lost his wife and baby in childbirth, searching for a suitable burial site. When they reached "a grassy

spot...on the brow of a hill overlooking the Mill Creek Valley” Samuel Pierson remarked, “Here is a pleasant ridge”. He was a trustee of the Columbia-Cincinnati Presbyterian Church, and died in Silverton in 1839.

Section: G Lot: 19 Grave: 4

JOSEPH REEDER (1745-1829)

Joseph Reeder was born in 1745 in New Jersey. He was the only son of Joseph Reeder III (born 1716) and Susan Gano Reeder (born 1722). He moved from New Jersey to Virginia in 1763. He and his wife, Annie Huff (born 1743), had 13 children. During the Revolutionary War, Joseph Reeder served in the 5th Regiment of New York under Col. DuBoys. In 1789 he moved to Ohio and along with his wife, Annie, he was one of the original eight founders of the Columbia-Cincinnati Presbyterian Church in 1790. The church soon split into two churches, with one branch going to Duck Creek and the other locating in downtown Cincinnati. Joseph Reeder was an ancestor of Orville and Wilbur Wright.

Section: E Lot: 170 Grave: 6

JARED TURRELL (1762-1833)

Born in 1762 in New Milford, Connecticut, Jared Turrell enlisted in the Continental Army at the age of 15. He married Hannah Buck and was a member of the New Milford Congregational Church. He moved to Ohio in about 1818 settling in Columbia Township. He died in 1833.

Section: E Lot: 133 Grave: 6

JOHN WHITCOMB (1761-1822)

John Whitcomb was born in Vermont in 1761. He was in the militia under Capt. Benjamin Cox and scouted in Barnard, Vermont in 1780. In 1781 he became a member of Lt. Beniah Green’s Independent Company Rangers, which was created for the defense of Vermont. After the war Whitcomb married Lydia Parmenter of Stockbridge, Vermont, and was a member of the Vermont Constitutional Convention in 1793. He was a very social man and thought nothing of going a dozen miles in his sleigh to spend the evening with friends. In 1806, along with his brother Anthony, he moved to Cincinnati. Whitcomb died in Chillicothe, Ohio in 1822. John Whitcomb was the father of James Whitcomb, the governor of Indiana 1845-1848. James later became a US Senator in 1849.

Section: E Lot: 181 Grave: 5

WILLIAM WILSON (1757-1838)

William Wilson was born in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 1757. He enlisted early in the war and served until its end. He was a Private in the 1st Regiment of Pennsylvania under the command of Sgt. John Ware Sr. from 1777-1781. After the war he came to Hamilton County and settled near Carthage. The former Longview State Hospital was located on what was originally William Wilson's farm. He was an Elder in the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church in 1814. In 1826 he moved to Montgomery, Sycamore Township where he died in 1838.

Section: G Lot: 15 Grave: 11