

Addendum

Revolutionary War Veterans Originally Buried in Sangamon County Which Later Became Part Logan, Menard or Morgan Counties

Patriots:

- 1) Armstrong, Robert
- 2) Green, George
- 3) Hornback, Abraham
- 4) Houghton, Aaron
- 5) Killion, Jacob
- 6) McNabb, William
- 7) Rayburn, Robert
- 8) Sims, Augustus (Augustine)
- 9) Spears, George

There are a number of Revolutionary War patriots that were buried in areas of Sangamon County that later became is Logan, Menard or Morgan Counties. These patriots are not included on the memorial marker placed in Springfield at the Old Capitol Plaza showing the patriots buried in Sangamon County. However, the Wrights and I felt these patriots should be included in this *Comprehensive Overview of Revolutionary War Veterans Buried in Sangamon County*.

1) **ROBERT ARMSTRONG**

In Walker's *Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois* we read Robert Armstrong "was born May 28, 1760 in North Carolina. He served in the North Carolina State Militia from Crowder's Creek, under Col. Little and Gen Ashe. He was in the battle of Briar Creek in 1779. He died on September 9, 1834 and is buried in Old Concord Cemetery, Menard County Illinois."

The Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications does not list Robert Armstrong. However, his widow, Nancy applied for pension after in 1836. File # R259. This pension claim was suspended (Act July 7, 1838) "for further proof of service."

According to the *Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois*, Robert Armstrong and his father, James Armstrong were residents of Crowder Creek and Hornets Nest, Near Kings Mountain, North Carolina at the time of the Revolution. At a meeting on June 6, 1776 among persons present at Captain Hombrights Tyron County, North Carolina on the 9th inst. The name of Robert Armstrong appears.

Robert Armstrong married Nancy Green on June 22, 1787. She was born February 2, 1787 at North Carolina. She died in 1856 at Petersburg, Menard County, Illinois.



Robert Armstrong Tombstone



Robert Armstrong Tombstone & DAR marker

The Pierre Menard Chapter DAR marked this grave on April 23, 1931/1932.

Source: 1, 2, 5, 11 *Wright Photos*

2) **GEORGE GREEN**

In the Pierre Menard Chapter of DAR's *Spirit of '76 Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Menard County, Formerly Sangamon County*, we read that George Green was born between 1755 and 1760 in North Carolina, a son of William and Nancy (Justice) Green.

In March 1784, George married Lucy Jones in Rutherford Co., NC. Lucy was born in Rutherford

Co., NC. She died September 28, 1834 in Sangamon (now Menard) County, Illinois. George Green enlisted in Captain Robert Porter's Tryon County, North Carolina Militia, October 21 1777 until December 30, 1777.

George and Lucy lived in Rutherford Co., NC until sometime after 1790. Afterwards, they lived near Bowling Green, Ky and In Knox Co., TN. On March 13, 1797, George made a deed to land in North Carolina, describing himself as a resident of Knox Co., TN.

George and Lucy came to Edwardsville, IL as early as 1809. George's sister, Mary and her husband having preceded them in 1804. George was in Sangamon County before November 1821. George died on July 25, 1834 in Sangamon (now Menard) County. He is buried on a farm in Clary's Grove or Oakland Cemetery southwest of Petersburg, IL . His grave was unmarked as of 1976.

Sources: 2, 11

3) ABRAHAM HORNBACK

In Walker's *Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois* we read "Abraham Hornback was born on October 21, 1761 in Hampshire County, Virginia. He enlisted at 15 years of age in Captain Abel Westfall Company, 8th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col Abraham Bowman."

According to the *Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois*, Abraham married Eliza Trumbo August 16, 1791 in Bourbon County, KY. She was born February 14, 1773 died in the year 1810. Abraham married Mrs. Betsy Mappin Bracken in Bath County, KY on September 1817. Abraham Hornback died January 29, 1833 in Sangamon (now Menard) County, IL. He is buried in Hornback Cemetery in Indian Creek Township, Menard County, IL.



Abraham Hornback Tombstone



Abraham Hornback Tombstone

The Pierre Menard Chapter DAR marked this grave on September 13, 1936. The DAR marker is missing.

Sources: 1, 2, 11 *Lowe Photos*

4) AARON HOUGHTON

In Walker's *Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois* we read "Aaron Houghton was born in

Hopewell, Hunterdon County, New Jersey on April 15, 1761. He enlisted as Private in the New Jersey Militia in June 1776 serving until April 1777 in his father's company, Captain Joab Houghton Colonel James Jonson's Regiment."

According to the *Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois*, Aaron Houghton also "served one month in Lieutenant William Parks Company and Colonel Joab Houghton (his father). Aaron removed to Kentucky and from there to Sangamon (now Menard) County, Illinois."

Aaron's first wife is unknown, however; he married his second wife, Elizabeth Sexton, on February 23, 1780. She was born in the year 1761 and died November 16, 1835 in Sangamon (now Menard) County, Illinois

Aaron Houghton was pensioned for service: S32330 NJ. He died October 8, 1835 in Sangamon (now Menard) County. He is buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, Rock Creek Precinct, south of Petersburg.

The Pierre Menard Chapter DAR marked this grave on July 15, 1934.

Sources: 1, 2, 4, 11

5) JACOB KILLION

According to the *Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Illinois* Jacob Killion was born March 16, 1755 in Orange County, North Carolina. He served in the Revolution from May 25, 1781 to May 25, 1782 in the 10th North Carolina Regiment under Colonel Abraham and Major Donohoe and General Green. Part of the time he was a guard to British prisoners.

He married Jennie Killion, a cousin. She died February 18, 1828 in Scott County, Indiana. He was awarded a pension S32362, NC

Jacob Killion died September 19, 1838. He is buried in the Lebanon Cemetery, Petersburg, Menard County, Illinois



Jacob Killion's Tombstone

The Pierre Menard Chapter DAR marked this grave. The DAR marker is missing.

Sources: 1, 2, 4, 11 *Wright Photo*

6) WILLIAM MCNABB

According to the Walker's book, "*Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois*," William McNabb was born in 1760 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He served in the Revolution as a private in Captain William Skiles Company 7th Battalion Pennsylvania Militia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1782 or 1783. He married Mary Crawford August 2, 1787. She was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia. She died April 1837.

William McNabb died August 12, 1835 in Sangamon (now Menard) County, Illinois. He is buried in Lebanon Cemetery, Indian Creek Township, Menard County, Illinois.



William McNabb Tombstone

The Pierre Menard Chapter DAR marked this grave in 1937. The DAR marker is missing.
Sources: 1, 2, 11 *Wright Photo*

7) ROBERT RAYBURN

Robert was born October 23, 1761 in Augusta County Virginia. "During the Revolution he enlisted and served as a private in the Virginia Troops as follows: From April 15, 1777 or 1778, two and one half months in Captain William Kincaid's Company and was stationed at Fort Nutter and out in several scouting parties; from January 10, 1781 in Captain John Given's and Cameron's Companies, Colonel Sampson Matthew's Regiment which was in two skirmishes near Portsmouth, Virginia and was discharged April 18, 1781; and from July 1781 in Captain Thomas Rankin or Dickey's Company, Colonel William Boyer's Regiment was in the battle of Jamestown. He was discharged in September 1781.

Robert Rayburn moved from Augusta County, Virginia in 1783, to Lincoln County, Kentucky, in 1804 or 1805; moved to Cumberland County Kentucky, in 1815 to Adair County, Kentucky and in 1831 to Sangamon (now Menard) County, Illinois."

He was pensioned for service S32463 VA

Robert was married 1) to Jane Logan and 2) Millie Brown. He died August 16, 1836 in Sangamon (now Menard) County and is buried in Irish Grove Cemetery, Menard County, Illinois.



Robert Rayburn Tombstone



Robert Rayburn Tombstone

The Pierre Menard Chapter of DAR marked the grave.
Sources: 1, 2, 4, 11 *Wright Photos*

8) AUGUSTINE (Augustus) SIMS

Augustine Sims was born in Virginia May 27, 1763. He enlisted in Henry County Virginia in 1781. He served under Captain George Hartson's Company in Col. St. George Tucker's Regiment of the Continental Army. In July 1781 he enlisted for three months in Captain Hayman Crite's Company in Col. Richardson's Regiment.

His wife was Nancy Farmer Petit. He was pensioned for service On March 26, 1833. His pension number was S 32520 VA. He came to Morgan County, where he died on February 10, 1851. He is buried in Rogers Cemetery, south of Waverly.

Augustine Sims' name is on the Morgan County Court House.

Another marker was placed at the gravesite by the Eulalona Chapter DAR Klamath Falls, Oregon and the Springfield Chapter DAR on August 23, 1964. Augustus was the father of twelve children so there are numerous descendants in this area.

Sources: 2



Augustine Sims Tombstones and Eulalona and Springfield Chapter DAR Markers

Sources: 4, Wright Photos

9) GEORGE SPEARS

Mrs. Harriet Walker's book, "*Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois*" we read that George was born August 11, 1764 in Virginia and that he served as a private in Pennsylvania. George Spears enlisted September 9, 1778 in Captain Jacob Bower's Company, Colonel Harmon's Regiment, Pennsylvania troops. He was a Lieutenant in the 7th Company, Colonel Allan's Kentucky Regiment in the War of 1812."

George married Mary Neely in Kentucky, February 24, 1785. She was born August 20, 1761. She died January 26, 1852 in Menard County.

George died April 16, 1838 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, near Tallula, Menard County, Illinois.



Mary and George Spears' Tombstones

The Pierre Menard Chapter of DAR marked the grave September 18, 1938.
Sources 1, 2, 11 *Wright Photos*

Documentation sources:

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3. *History of the Early Settlers of Sangamon County, Illinois* "Centennial Record" by John Carroll Power, Springfield, Illinois 1876
4. *The Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications*
5. Mrs. Jackie Wright, noted Springfield historian
6. Springfield Chapters DAR and SAR Dedication of Messenger Lewis Marker Program 06 October 1996
7. *The Illinois Veterans Commission Honor Roll of Sangamon County, 1956*
8. Pennsylvania Archives, Philadelphia: J. Severns & Co
9. *Cemetery Names and Locations in Sangamon County Illinois 1776 Bi-centennial 1976*, Sangamon County Genealogical Society
10. Floyd S. Barringer's *Revolutionary Soldiers of Sangamon Co.*
11. *Spirit of '76 Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Menard County, Formerly Sangamon County*, published by the Pierre Menard Chapter of DAR.

Appendix

Maps

Showing Cemetery Locations

of the

Revolutionary War Veterans

Buried in Logan, Menard or Morgan County