

Researching Patriots and Their Graves

An America250MI Guide



As the semiquincentennial of the United States approaches, America250MI aims to promote scholarship and research on Revolutionary Era and Michigan history. Here is a guide to help explore Revolutionary War patriots and locate those buried in Michigan.

Ancestry:

The National Archives and Records Administration has provided further access to Revolutionary War records through Ancestry. An Ancestry subscription is needed to access the totality of records. Searchable records include:

U.S. Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783

U.S. Compiled Revolutionary War Military Service Records, 1775-1783

Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots

Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books

Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970

Fold3:

Fold3 provides access to military records including stories, photos, and personal documents. Fold3 documents can be accessed through a Fold3 account or through an Ancestry account. The following resource is available to view with a free Fold3 account and has been provided by the Museum of the American Revolution.

US, Black and Indigenous Soldiers in the American Revolution, 1775-1783

Daughters of the American Revolution:

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is an organization founded on the tenants of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Michigan's DAR groups are split into chapters across the state. Locate your chapter on the Michigan DAR website. Contact your chapter to see if they have cemetery indexes or lists of patriots buried near you.

Michigan DAR

Find a Grave:

Find a Grave users have the capability to create virtual cemeteries which are a collection of graves compiled into one list to peruse. Entries typically include the individual's name, birth and death date, cemetery name, and grave photograph. Entries may also include a brief biography and plot information. Great virtual cemeteries to look at are:

Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Michigan by LLW22 with 270 memorials.

Revolutionary War Veterans Buried in Michigan by Katie Neal with 56 memorials.

Sons/Daughters/Wives of American Revolution Patriots in MI by LLW22 with 268 memorials.

- Cross-referencing with Ancestry collections is recommended for Find A Grave biographies.

These are by no means the only ways to research and locate patriots and their graves. Contact us with your sources to update this list.



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