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24 MORE SOLDIERS IDENTIFIED IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR BURIAL GROUND

Preservation group releases the names of additional patriots who died at the Fishkill Supply Depot

Fishkill, NY - The preservation group Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot has released the names of an additional 24 soldiers who, through intensive research, are now known to have died at the Revolutionary War military base known as the Fishkill Supply Depot. The men join a list that has grown to 84 Continental Army soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the American Revolutionary War. Chief researcher Judy Wolf was quoted as saying "We will not rest until we know the names of every soldier who lies in the burial ground."

In 2007, an archaeological team rediscovered the burial ground on privately-owned land just south of the Van Wyck Homestead along Route 9 in Fishkill, NY. The Van Wyck Homestead served as headquarters for the Fishkill Supply Depot during the Revolutionary War and is the only remaining structure left from the depot. The resulting archaeological survey estimated that hundreds of graves are present on the site, making it the single largest Continental Army burial ground in existence.

Shortly after the rediscovery, the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot (FOFSD) formed to advocate for the preservation of this sacred site. Since the rediscovery, researchers have spent countless hours scouring muster rolls, hospital records, and other primary source documents in an effort to identify the men buried there. "With each new name that is identified, we revisit the history and honor of this sacred site" said Lance Ashworth, president of FOFSD.

James Bartley	Corporal in the 1st Regiment of Artillery (VA) - 10/1778
William Browning	Private in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment (VA) - 10/1778
John Chowning	Private in the 5th Virginia Regiment of Foot (VA) - 10/1778
Samuel Cone	Private in the 1st Canadian Regiment (no state) - 05/1778
Joseph Deale	Matross in the 1st Regiment of Artillery (MD) - 09/1778
John Debough	Private in the 5th Regiment of Foot (VA) - 10/1778
Jesse Dillon	Matross in the 1st Regiment of Artillery (VA) - 10/1778
William Dryer	Matross in the 1st Regiment of Artillery (MD) - 10/1778
John Gibson	Private in the 3rd & 7th Virginia Regiment (VA) - 10/1778
Josiah Graves Sr.	Private in the 3rd Massachusetts Regiment (MA) - 07/1777



Jesse Hadden	Matross in the 1st Regiment of Artillery (VA) - 11/1778
Abraham Haney	Private in the 1st Canadian Regiment - 05/1778
James Hill	Private in the 1st, 3rd & 7th Regiments (VA) - 07/1778
John Jackman	Sergeant in Col. Ebenezer's Corp of Artillery (MA) - 01/1779
Samuel Johnston	Private in Col. Grayson's Regiment of Foot (VA) - 10/1778
Edward Lively	Private in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment (VA) - 12/1778
Thomas Maddison	Sergeant in the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment (PA) - 10/1778
John Poor	Private in the 9th Virginia Regiment of Foot (VA) - 02/1779
William Pollard	Private in Col. Henry Shelburne's Regiment (CT) - 02/1778
Bethlehem Ralls	Private in the 3rd, 4th & 7th Consolidated (VA) - 04/1779
Thomas Rowland	Private, 4th Vacant Company, German Regiment - 10/1778
Jesse Ray	Private in the 5th & 11th Regiments of Foot (VA) - 01/1779
Martin Russell	Private in the 6th Virginia Regiment of Foot (VA) - 10/1778
Jeremiah Saunders	Private in the 5th Virginia Regiment of Foot (VA) - 12/1778

Among the newly discovered soldiers, 15 served with the Commonwealth of Virginia, 3 had ranks higher than Private, and 4 had the rank of Matross, a billet associated with artillery units. A Matross is one who assists the gunners in loading, firing, and sponging the cannons and other artillery pieces. Also of note is the month of October 1778, when 11 of the soldiers passed away at the Supply Depot's hospital.

To learn more about the Fishkill Supply Depot, visit www.fishkillsupplydepot.org. There you can view a special tribute wall dedicated to the soldiers who served and died in Fishkill. Contact: info@fishkillsupplydepot.org

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