

Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Rehoboth Pioneer Cemetery

David Belknap

Joseph Chambers

Jacob Clark

Thomas Rouse



Information is available for each Patriot listed above. You may view it by scrolling down through the pages that follow. The Patriots appear in alphabetical order of last name then the first name.

While these specific pages cannot be used as actual proof of Revolutionary War service, it can be very helpful as a guide. The reference section for each Patriot contains all of the sources used to validate the information presented on this webpage and would be invaluable on a membership application for the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

The cemetery is located in Smithfield Township, Jefferson County. Take US-250 W toward Cadiz. In Harrisville turn right onto Green Street. In 430 ft. Turn left onto Adena Pike; this road eventually turns into County Road 10 and travels through Adena for about 4 miles. A little less than a mile outside of Adena turn right onto Township Highway 130. In 0.4 miles destination will be on the left.



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David Belknap (Lived, died and buried in Harrison County, Ohio)

BORN: June 21, 1760 in Ellington, Connecticut (a) (i)

SON OF: Simone and Elizabeth Belknap (i)

DIED: 1831 Short Creek Township, Harrison County, Ohio (a), February 1832 (i)

AGE: 71 or 72 Years (b)

BURIED: On family farm in Short Creek Township

MARKER: None found, to be placed in Rehoboth Pioneer Cemetery

MARRIED: December 23, 1790 (j)

SERVICE IN REVOLUTION:

General: Private, Connecticut militia

Specific: Enlisted January 13, 1778 in Captain Grant's Company of Colonel Johnson's Regiment of the Connecticut Militia. Some documentation mentions additional service in Vermont Militia and possibly Virginia Militia but no archival information was found. (c)

RESIDED: David entered the service in Connecticut. He may have lived around Randolph, Virginia, before he moved to Jefferson County (in 1813 became Harrison Co.) Ohio. In February 2, 1807 a land claim was filed at the Steubenville Land Office for all of Section 2 in Township 9 of Range 4 for a total of 640 acres. It is now Section 2 of Short Creek Township, located around the Blairmont road area. That area is still referred to as The Belknap Section on county maps. This land is in Short Creek Township, Harrison County, Ohio. (d) (i)

WIFE: Jane Ayer (no other information is known at this time)

BORN: December 23, 1790 (i)

DIED: After 1832 (d)

BURIED: It is assumed that she is buried on the family farm, too.

CHILDREN: (d) primary source some information states 11 children (i)

(1) Amoret

(2) Orvilla

(3) Harriet m (1817) Isaac Skeels (e)

(4) Horace married (1826) Saloma Widors (f)

(5) David

(6) Sidney

(7) Thomas

(8) Charles

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: David voted in October 1813 in Short Creek Township. (g) Also, he was living in Short Creek Township and voted there in 1820 and 1830. (h)

REFERENCES:

(a) Harrison County Historical Society Records, Cadiz, Ohio.

(b) Calculation using birth and death years.

(c) Stephen Smith, Lucius Barbour, Frederick Camp, George White, Adj. Gen., *Record of Service of Connecticut Men*, (Hartford: State Printing, 1889), page 528.

(d) Hanna, Charles. *Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio* (New York: Privately Printed, 1900) page 405 and *Will Book A.*, Harrison County, Cadiz, Ohio, pages 287, 288.

(e) *Ibid.*, page 299.

(f) *Ibid.*, page 242.

(g) *Poll Books of 1813*, Harrison County Historical Society, Cadiz, Ohio.

(h) *Federal Census of the United States* in 1820 and 1830.

(i) Family History provided by William James Price

(j) *Early Connecticut Marriages As found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800*: Seventh Book, Edited by Rev. Frederick W. Bailey, Page 81.

JOSEPH CHAMBERS (lived-in Lancaster County, Pa., and lived, died, and buried in Jefferson County, Ohio.)

BORN: 4 October 1751 in Derry Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (a)

SONOF: Unknown

DIED: 12 January 1841 Jefferson County, Ohio (a)

AGE: 90 years (b)

BURIED: Believed to be buried in or near Smithfield, Ohio. (c)

MARKER: None

Married: Yes but the date of marriage is not known at this time.

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private & Sergt. Pennsylvania Militia (d & e)

Specific: Joseph Chambers served in the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Militia as a private and later as a sergeant. Muster roles have been found with him in Capt. Robert McKee's Company in Col. Alexander Lowrey's 3rd Battalion. (e) He commenced to receive a pension on 4 March 1831. He was 82years old when his pension started. (d)

RESIDED: He was from Derry Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and lived there in 1780. After the war he and his family moved to the Monongahela River about twenty miles from Pittsburgh. About 1806 they moved to Jefferson County, Ohio, and were residing in Cross Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio when he applied for a pension. Later, he was in Smithfield Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. (a)

SPOUSE: RACHEL PEGG (c) daughter of Daniel III & Hannah (Cliff) Pegg (f)

BORN: 3 April 1771 (f)

DIED: 1842(f)

No other information available at this time

CHILDREN: (a)

(1) Benjamin was living with them when he applied for a pension.

(2) A daughter was living with them in 1790.

MORE OF THE HISTORY: His wife survived him. (a)

REFERENCES:

(a) Virgil White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, Volume I, (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co., 1900), page 591.

(b) Calculated using birth and death years.

(c) Mrs. Orville Dailey, *Official Record of Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in the State of Ohio*, Roster II, (State Society of DAR in Ohio, 1938), page 88.

(d) *Pension Rolls of 1835, the Mid-Western States*, (Baltimore, Md: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994) page 261.

(e) Thomas Montgomery, *Archives of Pennsylvania*. Fifth Series, Volume VII, (Harrisburg, Pa: 1906) pages 198,203, 208, 1075.

(f) Ancestry World Tree- internet

JACOB N.CLARK (lived-in Baltimore County, MD and lived, died, and buried in Jefferson County, Ohio.)

BORN: 13 October 1754 Maryland (a)

SON OF: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

AGE: He was 78 years old when he was placed on pension rolls in 1831. (b)

BURIED: His grave has not been located. (c)

MARKER: None

MARRIED: Unknown

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private Maryland Continental Anny (b)

Specific: He enlisted in January 1776 in Baltimore, Maryland. (a) Although his name does not appear in Volume XVIII of the Maryland Archives, it appears in Volume XXI. He was in Major Fulford's Company of Matrosses and was petitioning for a discharge. The Council of Safety of Maryland found his enlistment regular and obligatory on 5 June 1779. His petition was denied. (d, e)

RESIDED: Jacob N. Clark lived near Baltimore, Maryland, until after the Revolutionary War. His home in Jefferson County, Ohio, was near Smithfield. (a)

SPOUSE: No information known at this time.

CHILDREN: No information known at this time.

MORE OF THE HISTORY: No information known at this time.

REFERENCES:

- (a) Virgil White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, Volume 1, (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing, Co., 1900), page 647.
- (b) Murtie Clark, *Pension Rolls of 1835, Volume IV. The Mid-Western States*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1994), page 261.
- (c) Mrs. Dohrman J. Sinclair, *Official Roster of Graves of Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Jefferson Co, Ohio*.
- (d) *Archives of Maryland, Muster Rolls & Other Records, 1773-1783*, Volume XVIII (Baltimore, MD: Maryland Historical Society, 1900) checked all records
- (e) *Archives of Maryland*, Volume XXI (Baltimore, Md: Maryland Historical Society, 1900) p 443.

THOMAS ROUSE Jr. (was born Maryland, lived in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia [WV], Ohio, and died in Ohio.)

BORN: 1762 Queen Anne County, Maryland (a)

SON OF: Thomas Rouse, Sr. (a)

DIED: 27 August 1837 Jefferson County, Ohio (a)

AGE: 75 years (b)

BURIED: probably on farm in Smithfield Township, Jefferson County, Ohio (a)

MARKER: No

MARRIED: #1 c. 1785 #2 1797 Virginia (c)

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private Washington County, Pennsylvania, Rangers (d)

Specific: Thomas Rouse, Jr. served as a Private, 8th class, under Captain George Sharp in the 3rd battalion commanded by Col. David Williams. He is found on the roll on 25th September 1781 and 21 May 1782. (e, f) He was on the pay roll of Capt. John Hughes' Company of Rangers. This is the duty he remembered when applying for his bounty land warrant in Pennsylvania. He discusses the service with Capt. John Hughes and states that he does not remember other officers. (d) His pension statement appears to be somewhat garbled. However, he was given 200 acres. The location was not specified and needs further study. His pension information states that he was in Pennsylvania State Troops. No proof of such service has been located in the archives. His service was with the Washington County, Pennsylvania, Militia. (d, e, f)

RESIDED: He was born in Maryland. In 1781 at the age of nineteen he enlisted at Washington County, Pennsylvania. After the Revolution he lived at his father's home on Buffalo Creek in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He stated that he lived on the Short Creek in Ohio before it became a state and also in Brooke County, Virginia (WV). Later, he lived in Belmont, Monroe, Guernsey, and Jefferson Counties in Ohio. Probably, he died in Smithfield Township, Jefferson County, Ohio.

SPOUSE: #1 No information known (a

#2 Nancy Loup (c)

BORN: 1768

DIED: after 1857

CHILDREN: (a)

Wife#1

- (1) George (1793-1869 Monroe Co., Iowa) married 1814 Mary Mitchell (1791-1875 Iowa)
- (2) David (May have drowned in a drainage ditch in Jefferson Co. If so, this David had six children.)
- (3) Edward

Wife#2

- (4) Anna (1798-after 1870) married 1827 Stephen Barnhart (born 1787 Delaware)
- (5) Thomas (1801-1888 Washington Co, OH) married circa 1837 Elizabeth Watkin (1819-1906 Ohio)
- (6) Margaret married John Miracle (In Nancy L. Rouse's pension application, it states that she is the mother of five children. Only three are listed here. (c)

MORE OF THE HISTORY: Thomas Rouse served at Wells Fort in Washington Co., Pa. From there he went to Jackson Fort, also, in Washington Co., Pa., where he was stationed the balance of his time. Jackson Fort was attacked by Indians the greater part of a day while he was there. Their area of patrol was in Western Pennsylvania and occasionally in Western part of Virginia. (f)

REFERENCES:

- (a) Descendants of Thomas Rouse, Jr.
- (b) Calculated using birth and death years.

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- (c) Pension Application, Nancy Rouse, 23 September 1857, Monroe County, Ohio. pp 1-21.
- (d) Murtie Clark, *Pension Rolls of 1835, The Mid-Western States*, (Baltimore, Md: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994), page 262.
- (e) Virgil White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files. Volume III* (Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co. 1900), page 2963.
- (f) Bounty Land Warrant File, BLW 61-067.160, 55. Jefferson County, Ohio, 7 June 1832, pages 12, 13, and 14.