

# Revolutionary War Soldier Buried in Pugh/Pekin Point Cemetery

**Benjamin Johnson**

**John Pugh**



Information is available for this Patriot listed above. You may view it by scrolling down through the pages that follow. 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 Nottingham Township. From Cadiz, OH take State Route 22 W 4.8 miles and turn right on to County Road 16 (Old Piedmont Road). Continue for 1.3 miles then turn right on to Township Road 268 (Cassville Road). Continue 2.0 miles then turn left on to Township Road 347 (Pugh Road). Cemetery is located about a ¼ mile on Pugh Road.



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**BENJAMIN JOHNSON** (lived Allegany County, MD & lived and buried in Harrison County, OH)

**BORN:** 11 October 1760 Western Maryland (a)

**SON OF:** Griffith and Elizabeth (Thomas) Johnson (a)

**DIED:** 20 April 1842 Nottingham Township, Harrison Co., Ohio. (a)

**AGE:** 71 years (b)

**BUBIED:** Pekin Pt. or Pugh Cemetery, Nottingham Township, Harrison Co., Ohio. (c)

**MARKER:** yes (c)

**MARRIED:** (1) before 1786 Md. (2) 1787 Md. (3) 1819 Fairfield Co., Ohio (4) 1832 Harrison Co, Oh (a)

**SERVJCE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private in Pennsylvania Militia (d)

**Specific:** Benjamin Johnson was a private, 2nd class in Capt. William Strain's Co. of the Militia of the Sixth Battalion of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Note: The property of his father, Griffith Johnson, was in Maryland but joined the Maryland border. Prior to establishing the Mason-Dixon Line it was at times claimed by Pennsylvania. Why he chose to serve in Pennsylvania and not Maryland is not known.

**RESIDED:** Benjamin was born in Maryland and was living in Allegany County, Maryland when he married the first time. Benjamin and Drusilla Johnson made their home on the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 11, and Range 6. Most of this land near Minksville Church in Nottingham Township, Harrison County, Ohio, is still owned by descendants. They gave the land for Minksville Cemetery. (e)

**WIVES:** (a)

(1) LOVINA WILSON: born - unknown; died - 22 Apr 1786, Allegany Co. MD; buried - Maryland

(2) DRUSILLA PERRIN : born - 17 Feb 1766, MD; died - 5 Jul 1818 OH; buried - Pugh Cemetery, Harrison Co. OH

(3) ELINOR BROWN (Turner): born - unknown; died - 1824; buried - Pugh Cemetery, Harrison County. OH

(4) SARAH WILLISON (Mrs. Peter Crabtree) no other information

**CHILDREN:**

1st wife: (1) Dorcas 1786-1861 married Jessie Robinette (1776-1832) (a)

2nd wife: (2) Joseph born 1788) married Christina Lamb (a)

(3) Enoch M. (1789-1875) marriage 1: Mary Lamb: marriage 2: Hannah Parry (1790-1851) (a)

(4) Bethsheba (1791-1855) marriage 1: William Pugh (1775-1822), marriage 2: John Heavilin (1805-1876) (a)

(5) Lemuel (born 1792)

(6) Abiram (1792-1866) married Lydia Turner (1803-1858) (a)

(7) Ephriam (1795-1874) married Nancy Ross (1797-1860)

(8) Gabriel (1797-1869) married Nancy Suddith (1799-1858) (a)

(9) Druzilla (born 1800) married Matthew Geary

(10) Benjamin Johnson (born 1803) married Margaret Murphy

(11) Susan (1806-1831) married Elias Suddith (1789-1873) (a)

3rd wife: (12) Ellen (1820-1863) married Levi Mallernee (1816-1880) (a)

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** Benjamin was a farmer. Also, he was a blacksmith, silversmith, and gunsmith.

**REFERENCES:**

(a) Ben Johnson, Jr. "*Progeny of Capt. Griffith Johnson*" (Aileen, SC: Privately Printed, 1988).

(b) Calculated using birth and death years.

(c) R Moore, "*Moorefield and Nottingham Township Cemeteries*," Harrison County Genealogical Society, (Freeport: Privately Printed, 1987), page 195.

(d) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., "*Archives of Pennsylvania*", Fifth Series, Volume VI, (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1906), pages 397,430.

(e) Charles A. Hanna, "*Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio.*" (New York: Privately Printed, 1900) page 218.

**JOHN PUGH** (lived and buried in Harrison County, Oh.)

**BORN:** 9 June 1747, East Nottingham Township, Chester County, Pa. (a, d)

**SON OF:** William and Mary (Brown) Pugh (d)

**DIED:** 26 May 1840 Nottingham Township, Harrison County, Ohio (e)

**AGE:** 93 years

**BURIED:** Pugh or Pekin Point Cemetery, Nottingham Township, Harrison Co., Ohio {b}

**MARKER:** Yes

**MARRIED:** 9 May 1771 East Nottingham Quaker Meeting, Chester County, Pennsylvania. (d)

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Pennsylvania militia and state troops

**Specific:** Capt. Pennsylvania State Reg., 18 Mar 1777 – 12 Aug 1777 (a), Private, Capt. Joseph Garner's E. Nottingham County., Evan Evan's 2nd Battalion, Chester County, PA militia, returns of 24 Apr 1778 (c & i) ensign, 5 PA militia (b)

**RESIDED:** East Nottingham Township, Chester County, PA. In 1792 he crossed the Ohio River at Wheeling and proceeded to what became Harrison County. (a) Settled in Nottingham Township, Harrison County, OH prior to 1807. (e). Still in Nottingham Township in 1820. (g) His will in 1828 in Nottingham Township, (h)

**WIFE:** RACHEL BARRETT daughter of: Thomas and Hannah Barrett (d)

**BORN:** 12 Nov 1744 Chester County, Pennsylvania

**DIED:** 17 July 1800 E Nottingham Township, Chester County, PA. (d)

**BURIED:** Friends Graveyard at Brick Meeting House, East Nottingham Chester County. PA. (d)

**CHILDREN:**

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| (1) Jesse Pugh (1 Mar 1772 - 16 Oct 1847 PA)                | (6) Hannah Pugh (born: 16 Feb 1781)<br>married William Howell |
| (2) Thomas Pugh (17 Nov 1773- 27 Aug 1836 Pugh, OH)         | (7) Ellis Pugh (25 Feb 1785 - before 1828)                    |
| (3) William Pugh (4 Dec 1775 - 9 Jun 1822 Pugh? OH)         | (8) David Pugh (8 Sep 1788 - before 9 Apr 1833)               |
| (4) John Pugh (Oct 1778 - 1856)                             |   |
| (5) Mary Pugh (16 Feb 1781 - 9 May 1838) married Jacob Cope |   |

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** John Pugh was a Quaker of Welch descent. He was disowned on 24 June 1775 from his Quaker Church for training in the militia. His great-grandfather, Ellis Pugh, was a Quaker minister who arrived in Philadelphia in May 1687. John came to what is now Harrison County in 1792. After his wife, Rachel, died in 1800, he came back to what is now Nottingham Township. He took at least four quarter sections of land and a lot in Cadiz. John was one of the first elected county commissioners in 1813. He did not seek re-election. During his brief term, they rented space for the county operations and a jail, hired a clerk, and started county taxation.

**REFERENCES:**

- (a) DAR Official Roster III, p, 285.
- (b) U.S. Government Gravestone
- (c) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., Archives of Pennsylvania, Fifth Series, Volume V, (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: 1906), pages 156,322.
- (d) Benjamin Johnson, Jr. Progeny of Capt. Griffith Johnson, (Aiken, SC: Privately Printed, 1988).
- (e) Charles A Hanna. Historical Collections of Harrison Co. in the State of Ohio, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), pages 229. (f) *ibid.*, page 112
- (g) Federal Population Census of Ohio, 1820.
- (h) Will Book 8. John Pugh, Harrison Co, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, pp 72-73.
- (i) Wm. H. Egle, Ed., Archives of Pennsylvania, Second Series, Vol. XIV (Harrisburg, Pa: Wm. Ray, State Printer, 1887), page 98.