

# Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Center Chapel-Old Tent Cemetery



**John Armstrong**

**John Scott**

**Alexander Simeral (Semeral)**

**Jacob Voorhees**



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 this documentation cannot be used as actual proof of Revolutionary War service, it can serve to be very helpful as a guide. The documents listed in the reference section for each Patriot can be used especially the reference used to validate the “SERVICE IN REVOLUTION” section.

Center Chapel/Old Tent Cemetery is located in the Wells Township of Jefferson County. From State Route 7, take the OH-151 exit toward New Alexandria/Smithfield/Fairgrounds. Turn right (from North) or left (from South) onto OH-151 W/New Alexandria Road for 6.1 miles. Cemetery will be on the right.



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**JOHN ARMSTRONG** (lived and buried in Jefferson County, Ohio. He died in Butler County, Pennsylvania.)

**BORN:** 7 July 1766 (a)

**SON OF:** Unknown

**DIED:** 27 February 1844, Butler County, Pennsylvania (a)

**AGE:** 78 years (b)

**BURIED:** Center Chapel (Old Tent), Wells Township, Jefferson County, Ohio (a)

**MARKER:** No readable grave marker found

**MARRIED:** Yes, but the date of the marriage is not known at this time.

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private, Pennsylvania Militia (e)

**Specific:** John Armstrong was a private 2nd class in Captain Crawford's Company of Militia in the district lying upon the Monongalia River between Whiteley and Muddy Creek in 1781. (d) Also, he was a private in Captain Reed's Company in the action against the British and Indians at Upper Sandusky under Col. William Crawford. (e)

**RESIDED:** John appears to have resided in Washington County, Pennsylvania, during the war. He served in their militia. Although he died in Butler County, Pennsylvania, he was buried in Wells Township, Jefferson County, Ohio.

**SPOUSE:** NANCY (maiden name unknown) (f)

**BORN:** 1787

**DIED:** 1874

**BURIED:** Center Chapel (Old Tent) Jefferson County, Ohio

**MARKER:** No readable grave marker found

**CHILDREN:** not known at this time

**MORE OF THE HISTORY:** There is no record of him being a captain as reported in the Veterans Grave Registrations Project. (c) He served in the militia as a private.

**REFERENCES:**

- (a) Mrs. Orville Dailey, Official Roster of Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in the State of Ohio, Roster II, (State Society of DAR of Ohio, 1938), p.19.
- (b) Calculated using birth and death years.
- (c) Veterans Grave Registrations Jefferson County, OH (Washington, DC: Works Projects Administration)
- (d) Thomas Montgomery, Archives of Pennsylvania, Sixth Series, Volume II, (Harrisburg, Pa: 1905), page165.
- (e) William H. Egle, Archives of Pennsylvania, Third Series, Vol. XXIII, (Harrisburg, Pa, 1897) page717.
- (f) Esther W. Powell, Tombstone Inscriptions & Family Records of Jefferson County, Oh., page157.

**JOHN SCOTT** (lived in Pennsylvania but after the war lived and died in Jefferson County, Ohio.)

**BORN:** 1748 Pennsylvania (possible in Bucks County) (c, d)

**SON OF:** John Scott Sr. & Mary Richey Scott (c, d)

**DIED:** 1810 in Ohio (c, d, e)

**AGE:** 62 (h)

**BURIED:** Tent (Center) Cemetery near Smithfield, Ohio. (c, e)

**MARKER:** No readable grave marker found

**MARRIED:** Yes, but the date of marriage is not known at this time.

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private in the Pennsylvania Continental Line.

**Specific:** Private Continental Line, Sixth Battalion, 3rd Class in Service October 1777. Captain-Samuel Patton, First Lieutenant-Thomas McDowell, Second Lieutenant-Hugh McKee, Ensign-Francis Gardner. (a, b, e)

**RESIDED:** John Scott was among the early pathfinders of Wayne Township. (t) When Cross Creek Township was surveyed into sections in 1801 & 1803, John Scott was among the first settlers. (f)

**WIFE:** Rebecca Elliott (d)

**BORN:** 1754 Pennsylvania (d)

**DIED:** 1813 Ohio (d)

**BURIED:** unknown

**CHILDREN:**

Robert born 1780 died 1852 (c)

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** From Book A of the county records of deeds: 1790 John & Joseph Scott to Richard Platt. (f) In the Spencer Ledger it states that John (Scott), an old Irishman, works about town, and lives a piece up the river (g)

**REFERENCES:**

(a) Thomas Montgomery, *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Fifth Series Volume VI. (Harrisburg, Pa: 1906), page 372.

(b) DAR *Patriot Index Centennial Edition*, part 3, page 2591.

(c) Esther W. Powell, "Tombstone Inscriptions & Family Records of Jefferson County, Ohio."

(d) Lineage of Members of the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, page 463.

(e) Charles Green, "Some Revolutionary Veterans Buried in Jefferson County, Ohio, Jefferson County Lines, Spring 1999, Volume 13.

(f) William Henry Hunter, *The Pathfinders of Jefferson County, Ohio*, pages 149-153-238

(g) Mrs. Dohrman J. Sinclair, *Pioneer Collection of Jefferson County, Ohio*, page 90.

(h) Calculated using birth and death years.

**ALEXANDER SIMERAL (SEMERAL)** (Lived, died and buried in Jefferson County, Ohio)

**BORN:** 1747, Chester Co., PA (b) (f) (i) (j) (l)

**SON OF:** Alexander Simeral Sr. and Jennet Lindsay, married 1737, Chester Co., PA (b) (f) (l)

**DIED:** 7 Jul 1834 Jefferson County, Ohio (a) (b) (i) (j)

**AGE:** 87 years (e)

**BURIED:** Old "Tent" or Center Cemetery, row 12, grave 25, Wells Twp., Jefferson Co., OH (b) (c) (d) (i) (g)

**MARKER:** Not found (b) (i) (g)

**MARRIED:** 1779 in W. Newton, Westmoreland Co., PA (b) (1)

**SERVICE IN REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Served as Lieutenant in the Westmoreland Eight Regiment, Pennsylvania Troops (a) (d) (g) (i)

**Specific:** Alexander Simeral enlisted in Westmoreland County, PA, for three years, 1776, under Capt Moses Carson, Col. Amos Mackey's Regiment. and was wounded in the battle of Brandywine. He was in the battle of Bound Brock. He served for nine months as a lieutenant. Pennsylvania Line. He applied for a pension while living in Jefferson County, OH in 1821 (a)(d)(g)(i)

**RESIDED:** Ireland, Westmoreland County, PA and Jefferson County, OH (a) (b) (d) (t) (g) (l)

**WIFE:** Martha McGrew (a) (b) (f) (l) no other information available

**CHILDREN:** (b) (f) (l)

- 1) Alexander III,      7) James,
- 2) Andrew,            8) Archibald
- 3) Margaret,         9) Priscilla
- 4) William,          10) Joseph
- 5) Isabell,            11) John
- 6) Jane,

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** Alexander Simeral's parents are Alexander Simeral Sr. and Jennet Lindsay, they were married Apr 1737 in Chester County, PA. Alexander, our subject, and his brother, James bought two tracts of land on the banks of the Youghiogheny and operated a ferry know for many years as Simeral Ferry. (b) (g) (le) (l)

**REFERENCES:**

- (a) DAR, "*Patriot Index Centennial Edition*," Part III , page 2676.
- (b) Mrs. Orville Dailey, "*The Official Roster of Soldiers of The American Revolution Buried In The State of Ohio*," Roster #1, page 334
- (c) Mabel Smith & Hilda Johnson, "*The Official Roster of Soldiers of The American Revolution Burled In The State of Ohio*," Roster #3, page 321.
- (d) DAR, "*Abstracts of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*," Vol. 4, page 34.
- (e) Calculated using birth and death years.
- (f) LOS Ancestral Files; film #2034450 & 177937
- (g) "*Pennsylvania Archives*," Series 2, Vol. 10, page 667.
- (h) DAR, "*Lineage Book*," Vol. 53, page 270; Vol. 60, pages 237 & 238; Vol. 165, page 287
- (i) "*DAR Patriot Index*," by DAR, Washington 1966, page 618.  
*Who Lived in the State of Ohio*, 1959
- (j) WPA, Veterans Grave Registration Jefferson County, Ohio, (Washington DC, Works Progress Administration.)
- (k) Charles Hannah, "*Ohio Valley Genealogies*."
- (l) Esther Weygandt Powell, "*Tombstone Inscriptions & Family Records of Belmont County, Ohio*." PAGE 159

**JACOB VOORHEES** (Lived, died and buried in Jefferson County, Ohio)

**BORN:** 28 Nov 1747or1742, NJ (a)(f) (h)

**SON OF:** Albert Van Voorhees and Adrianna Vandervort (h)

**DIED:** 21 Feb 1828, near Smithfield, OH (a) (f) (h)

**AGE:** About 86 (e)

**BURIED:** Center Chapel Cemetery, Wells Twp., Jefferson County, OH. (b) (c) (d) (h) (i)

**MARKER:** Yes, Row 12, #31 (b) (c) (d) (h) (i)

**MARRIED:** Yes, three times (a) (b)

**SERVICE IN REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private, Minute Man, in Somerset Co., NJ. (a) (g)

**Specific:** Jacob Voorhees was a private in the Somerset County, New Jersey Militia in Captain Peter D. Vroon's Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Somerset Co., NJ and served as a private and a Sargent with Captain Jacob Ten Eyck's, Company, 1st Battalion, Somerset Co., NJ. (a) (g)

**RESIDED:** Somerset Co., NJ and Jefferson Co., OH (f) (h)

**WIFE:** (a) (h) (j) no other information available

- 1) Hannah Sickles
- 2) Sarah Sickles
- 3) Agnes ?

**CHILDREN:** (b) (h) G

John	Richard
James	Mary
Samuel	Catherine
Stephen	Isaac
Jacob	and a daughter married Samuel Baxter.

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:**

**REFERENCES:**

- (a) DAR, "*Patriot Index Centennial Edition*," Part III, page 3039. Found under name, Van Voorhees, Jacob
- (b) Mrs. Orville Dailey, *The Official Roster of Soldiers of The American Revolution Buried In The State of Ohio*, Roster #1, p 380.
- (c) Mabel Smith & Hilda Johnson, *The Official Roster of Soldiers of The American Revolution Buried In The State of Ohio*, Roster #3, p.367.
- (d) NSDAR, 58<sup>th</sup> Report
- (e) Calculated using birth and death years.
- (f) DAR "*Lineage Book*," Vol. 61, page 181. ID number: 60548
- (g) William Stryker, "*Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War*," page 473.
- (h) Esther Weygandt Powell, "*Tombstone Inscriptions & Family Records of Jefferson County, Ohio*," pages 158 & 159
- (i) Veterans Grave Registration Jefferson County, Ohio (Washington, DC, Works Progress Administration.)
- (j) "*Jefferson County Will Book 2A*," 1821-1929, 2A pages 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, & 183