

Revolutionary War Veterans of Parma Cemetery Tour

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TOWN OF PARMA

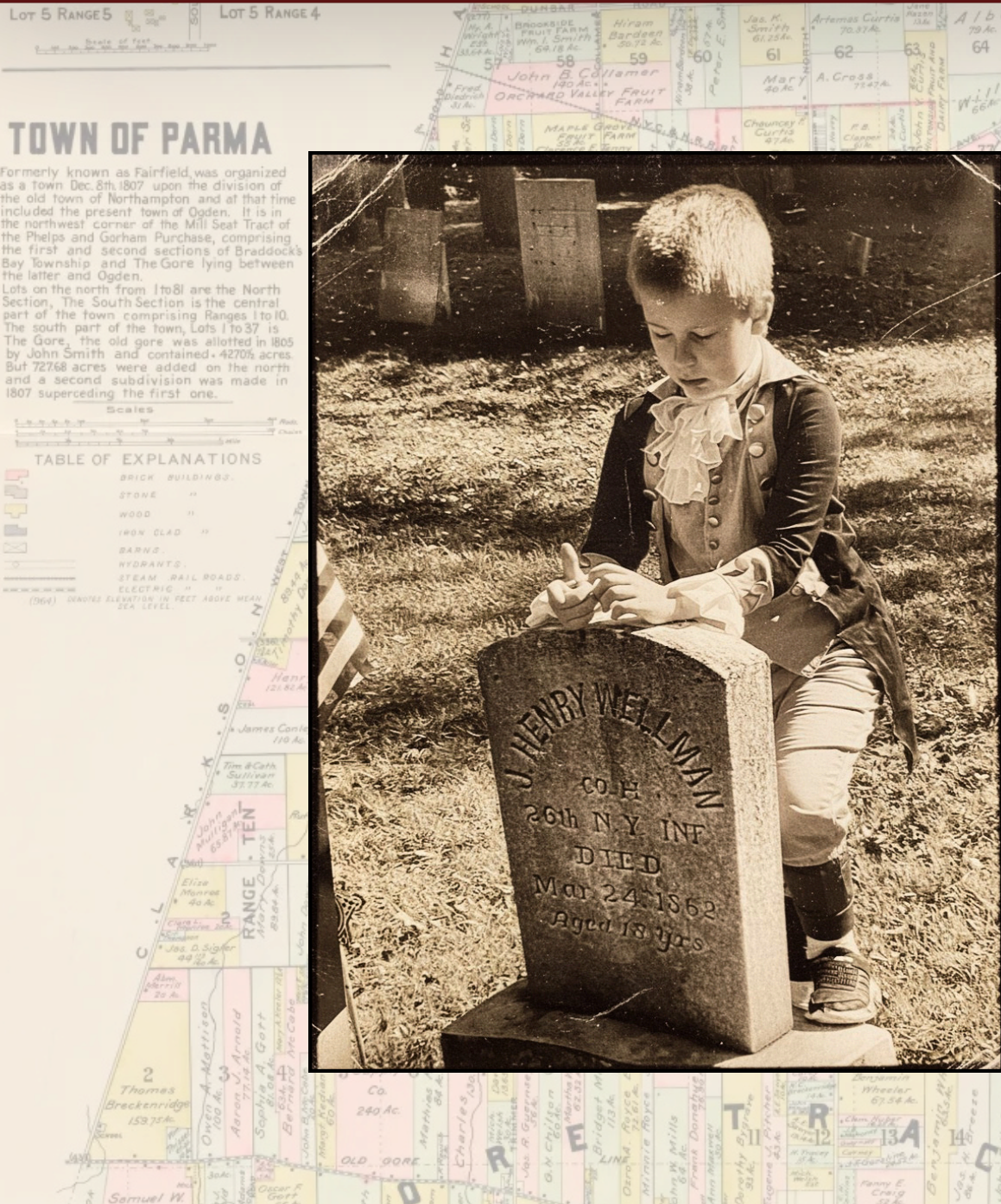
Formerly known as Fairfield, was organized as a town Dec. 8th, 1807 upon the division of the old town of Northampton and at that time included the present town of Ogden. It is in the northwest corner of the Mill Seat Tract of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase, comprising the first and second sections of Braddock's Bay Township and The Gore lying between the latter and Ogden. Lots on the north from 1 to 81 are the North Section. The South Section is the central part of the town comprising Ranges 1 to 10. The south part of the town, Lots 1 to 37 is The Gore, the old gore was allotted in 1805 by John Smith and contained 4270 1/2 acres. But 727 68 acres were added on the north and a second subdivision was made in 1807 superceding the first one.

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Summary Tour Route



Atchinson Cemetery - 270 Hill Rd, Hilton

Castle Cemetery - 535 Peck Rd, Spencerport

Hoosick Hill Cemetery - 1741 Manitou Rd, Spencerport

Parma Corners Cemetery - 1837 N. Union St, Spencerport

Parma Union Cemetery - 260 Parma Center Rd, Hilton

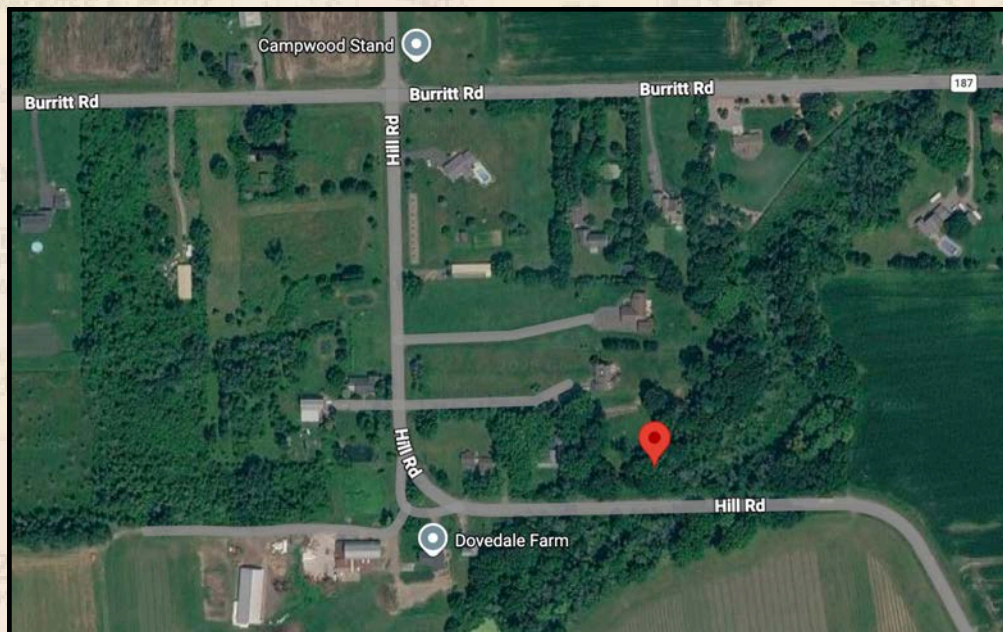
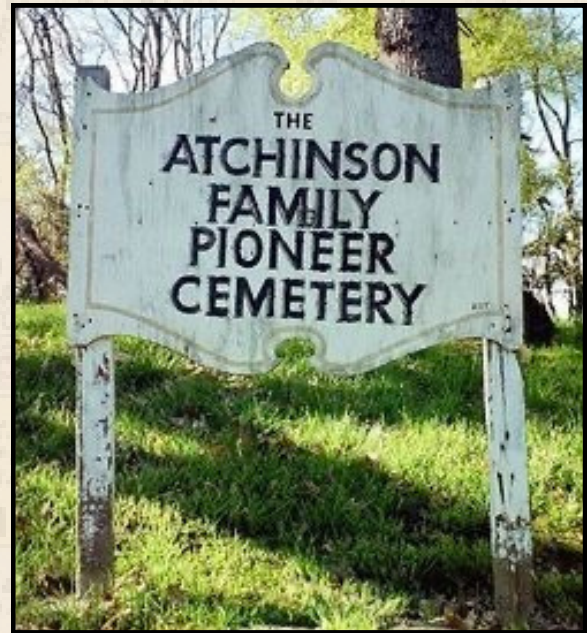
Sage-Knapp Cemetery - 1360 Clarkson Parma TL Rd, Brockport

Smith-Dunbar Cemetery - 2 Dunbar Rd, Hilton

Wright Cemetery - 636 Hamlin Parma TL Rd, Hilton

Atchinson Cemetery

- Located on Hill Road, between Parma Center Road and Burritt Road.
- On land originally owned by the Atchinson family.
- Oldest pioneer cemetery in Parma, earliest burial 1796.
- There are approximately 47 known burials.
- Three Revolutionary War veterans buried within.



Location: 270 Hill Road, Hilton, NY 14468

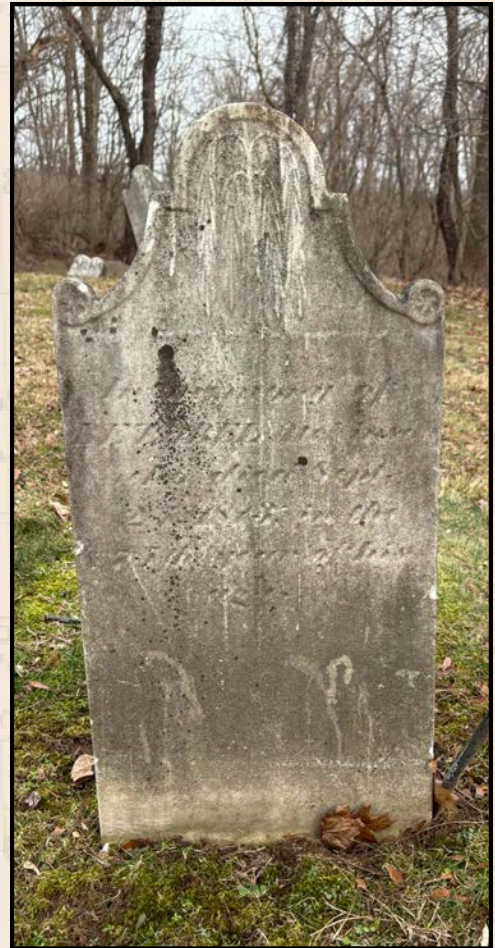
Atchinson Cemetery

Bezeleel Atchinson
1737 - 1813

Bezeleel Atchinson was born on December 3, 1737, in Tolland County, Connecticut. His parents were John Atchinson (a soldier in the French and Indian War) and Anna Wood Hunt. It is believed that Bezeleel was a soldier in the Connecticut Militia during the Revolutionary War.

Bezeleel moved to Parma around 1800 to live with his son Bezeleel Jr. and family that had settled on Hill Road.

He is buried in Atchinson Cemetery.



Gravestone coordinates:
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Atchinson Cemetery

Silas Leonard
1747 - 1796

Silas Leonard was born in Rhode Island in 1747. During the Revolutionary War he served under General Horatio Gates and fought in the famous battle of Saratoga won by the Americans and a turning point in the War. He was also part of a regiment that guarded the coastline and later traveled to Boston to join General Sullivan's brigade at Winter Hill. He was discharged from service on January 4, 1782.

Silas Leonard married Mary Hackett in 1774, and the family moved to Stockbridge Massachusetts after the War in 1786.

Around 1796, the family moved to Parma, settling at the northwest corner of Burritt Road and Hill Road. Within the year, Silas went to the salt works at Onondaga to chop cord wood and was unfortunately killed by the falling of a tree limb. He is buried at Atchinson Cemetery on Hill Road along with his wife Mary, several children and grandchildren.



Gravestone coordinates:
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Atchinson Cemetery

Reuben Putnam 1758 -1838

Reuben Putnam was born on June 5, 1758, in Sutton, Massachusetts. He entered the Continental Army in January 1777 and served through 1780. His family reported that he told stories of seeing General Washington several times. It is possible that he was at Valley Forge during the very cold winter of 1777-78, but he never gave any description of his service.



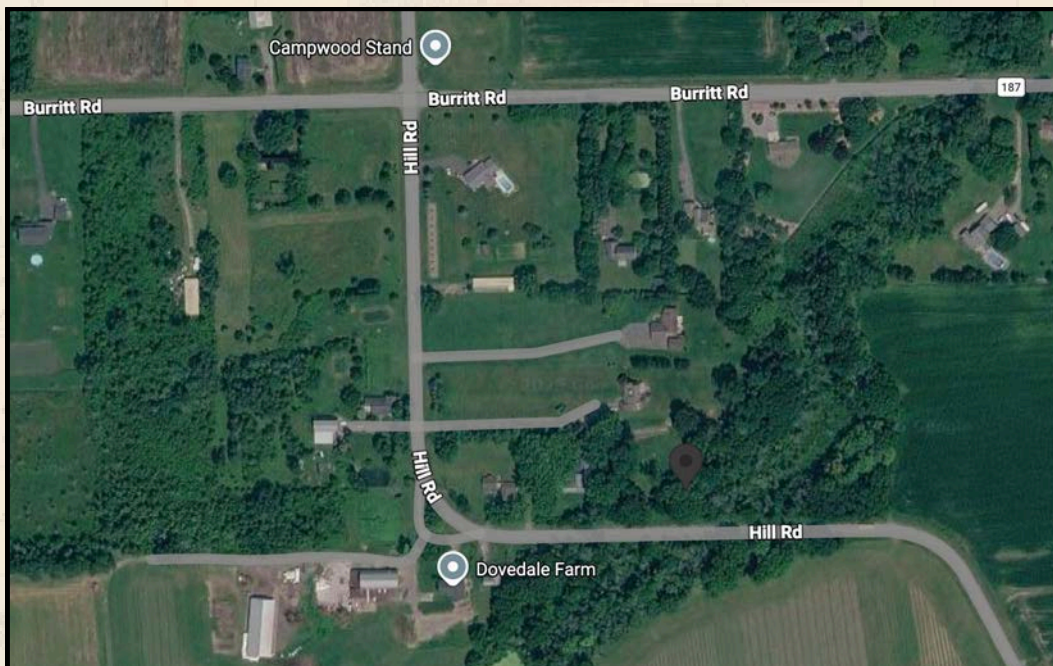
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Reuben Putnam married Huldah Cummings in 1784, and they had multiple children. Huldah passed away in 1817, and after a house fire in 1818, Reuben came to live with his son on Burritt Rd in Parma. Around that same time, he applied for a pension for his service in the war and was granted \$8 per month.

Reuben Putnam passed away on March 4, 1838. Although no headstone remains, he is believed to be buried in the Atchinson Cemetery which adjoined his farm.

Castle Cemetery

- Located on Peck Road between Rt. 259 and Manitou Rd.
- On land originally owned by the Castle family.
- Approximately 74 known burials, earliest date 1812.
- One Revolutionary War veteran buried within.



Location: 535 Peck Road, Spencerport, NY 14559

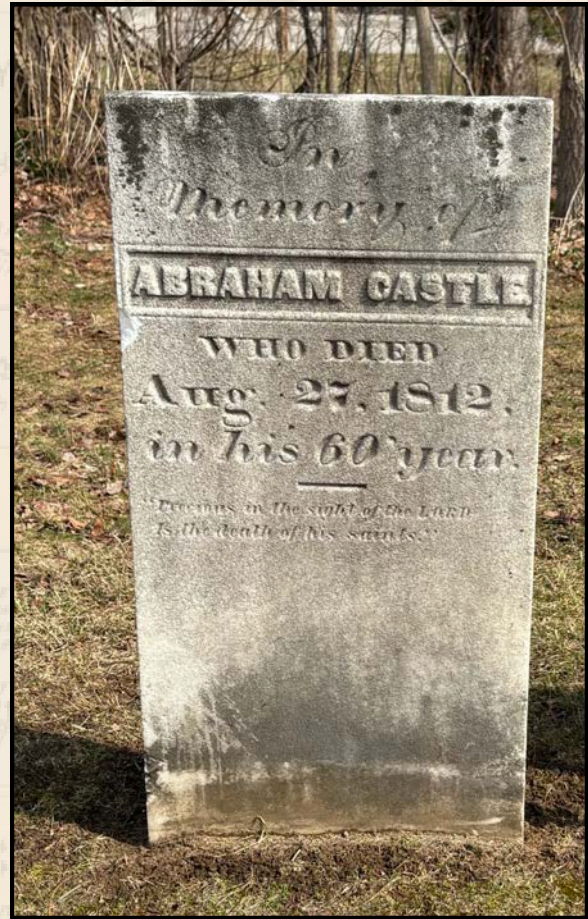
Castle Cemetery

Abraham Castle 1743 -1812

Abraham Castle was born in 1743 at Roxbury, town of Woodbury, Connecticut. He fought in the American Revolution with the Connecticut militia, but no details of his military service have been located.

Around 1810, Abraham moved to Parma with his family and brothers, Samuel and Isaac. The Castle family settled around the corner of Rt. 259 and Peck Road, and this area became known as Castle's corners.

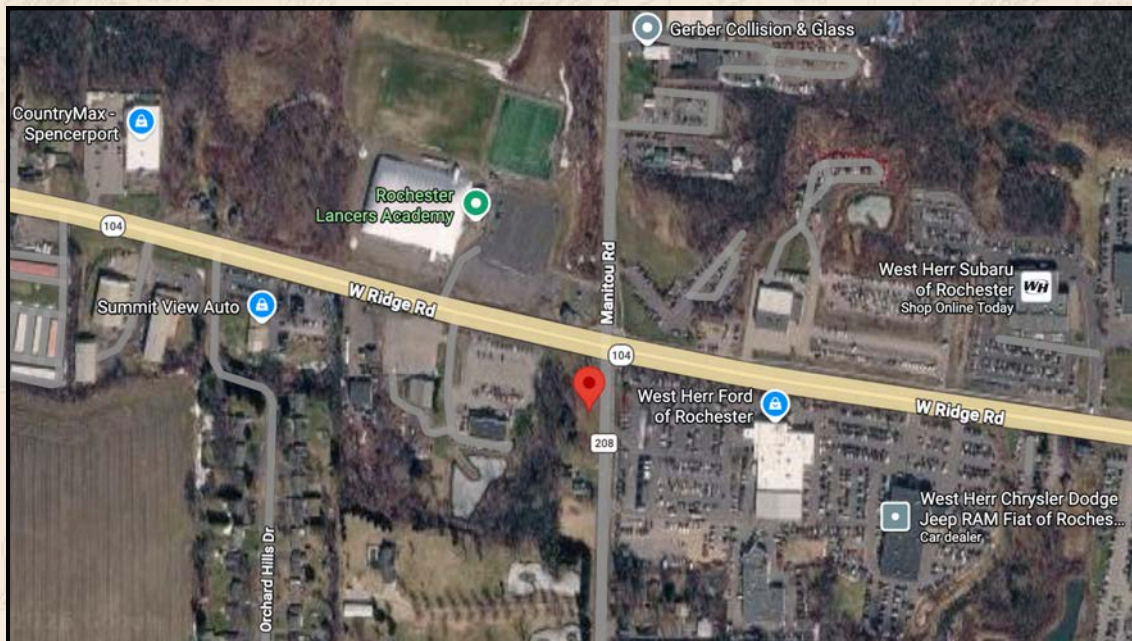
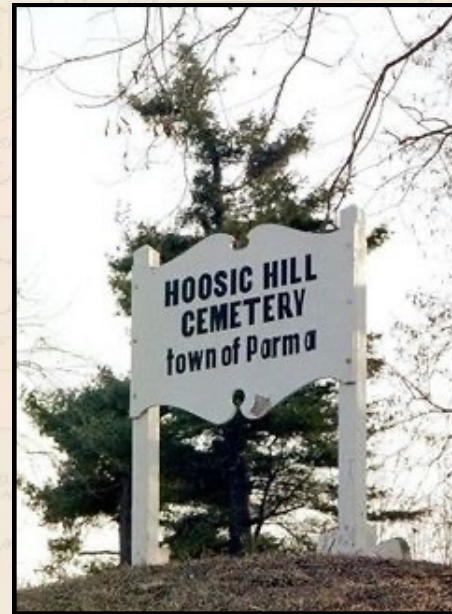
Abraham died on 8/27/1812 and was the first burial in the family plot on Peck Road. This burial site would later become known as Castle Cemetery and contain burials of not only the Castle family but other local residents as well.



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43.24401 N, 77.78449 W

Hoosick Hill Cemetery

- Located on the hill at the corner of Ridge Road and Manitou Rd.
- Pre-dates the Congregational Church that was built next to the cemetery in 1824.
- Approximately 175 known burials, earliest 1812 and latest 1905.
- Four Revolutionary War veterans buried within.



Location: 1741 Manitou Road, Spencerport, NY 14559

Hoosick Hill Cemetery

Benjamin Barrett
1760 -1831

Benjamin Barrett was born in Hindsdale, New Hampshire on June 22, 1760. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War under Captain Benjamin Mann, with Colonel Moses Nichols' troops in New Hampshire. He married Dorothy Day in 1782, and they moved to West Greece around 1815.

Being a prominent landowner, he sold lots to many of the other early settlers that would call the Hoosick area their home.



Gravestone coordinates:
43.21703 N, 77.75291 W

Benjamin Barrett presided at the organization of the 1st Congregational Society of Parma and Greece and was one of the first six trustees elected. The Congregational Church bought part of Barrett's land for \$1.00 to build the church in 1824 (located where Manitou Road is presently, next to the cemetery).

In March of 1830, a temperance association for Greece was organized as an auxiliary to the Monroe County Temperance Society, and Barrett was elected as the first president.

Benjamin Barrett passed away on December 12, 1831, and is buried in Hoosick Cemetery with his wife Dorothy, who passed away in 1829.

Hoosick Hill Cemetery

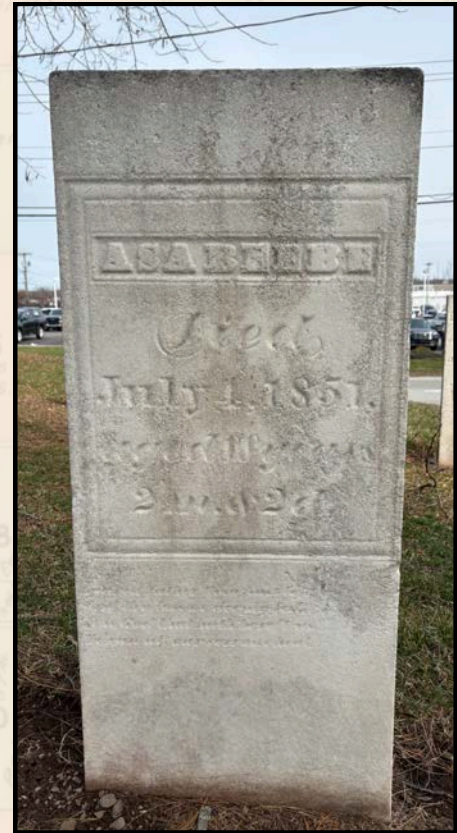
Asa Beebe
1763 -1851

Asa Beebe was born in Colchester, Connecticut on May 2, 1763. He was a young boy when he rode as an express messenger during the Revolutionary War, Danbury Raid of 1777. When the British troops landed in Norwalk, Connecticut, messengers like Asa Beebe were dispatched to warn the local militia leaders of their movements.

Asa married Sarah Day in 1790 and moved to Windhall, Vermont. Asa was the first Town Clerk of Windhall, several times a member of the Vermont State Legislature, and a justice of the peace for 23 years.

In 1825, he sold his mountain farm and moved to West Greece. Asa Beebe was a diligent citizen in the West Greece area and a member of the "Vigilant Society of Parma and Greece, for the detection of horse thieves and other purloiners."

Asa's wife Sarah died in 1849, and by 1850 Asa moved in with his son Salmon Beebe and daughter-in-law Abigail Parrish. Asa passed away the following year in 1851, and is buried in Hoosick Cemetery with his wife Sarah, and children Asa Jr., and Lydia.



Gravestone coordinates:
43.21686 N, 77.75292 W

Hoosick Hill Cemetery

Deacon Ephraim Day 1741 - 1825

Ephraim Day was born on July 10, 1741, in Colchester, Connecticut. He was only 14 years old when he fought as a soldier in the French and Indian War. In 1754, he sailed up the St. Lawrence River with General Amherst and his troops, to fight against the French in this conflict, which ended French claims to Canada. Ephraim also served during the Revolutionary War from Stafford, Connecticut as a sergeant for two days during the Lexington Alarm of April 19, 1775.



Gravestone coordinates:
43.21673 N, 77.75245 W

Ephraim Day married Sarah Ackley in Colchester, Connecticut in 1762. They moved to Stafford, Connecticut shortly after 1764. They moved again to Winhall, Vermont, between 1782 and 1784, where Ephraim worked as a farmer and Deacon in the church. Ephraim and Sarah were some of the first inhabitants of Winhall, and their son Salmon Day was the first child born in the newly formed town.

Ephraim's wife Sarah died in Winhall between 1820 and 1825. Following her death, Ephraim moved to Parma with his son Flavius Day, and his family. Ephraim Day died on August 23, 1825, and his grave is the oldest known veteran's grave in the town of Parma.

Hoosick Hill Cemetery

Kitchel Reed
1754 - 1842

Kitchel Reed was born on March 8, 1754, in Green River, NY to Abraham and Hannah Reed. Around 1775, he entered service for the American Revolutionary cause in Norwalk, Connecticut under Captain Brown's regiment, serving for 17 months and 28 days. He served at Fort Ticonderoga and Fort Edward, defended New York City from the British, and sailed in sloops up the Hudson to Albany. When he was injured, he hired a substitute to be drafted in his place in 1778. He was active again in 1780 and served under Captain Turner. After the war, he applied to the government and received an annual pension of \$59.78.

In 1784, Kitchel Reed moved to Granville, NY with his wife Mary Doty and children. He was a pioneer settler in the area bordering Vermont and resided there for over 40 years. After Mary's death in 1823, Kitchel moved to Greece, NY where his daughter Vina lived with her husband - Judge Silas Walker.

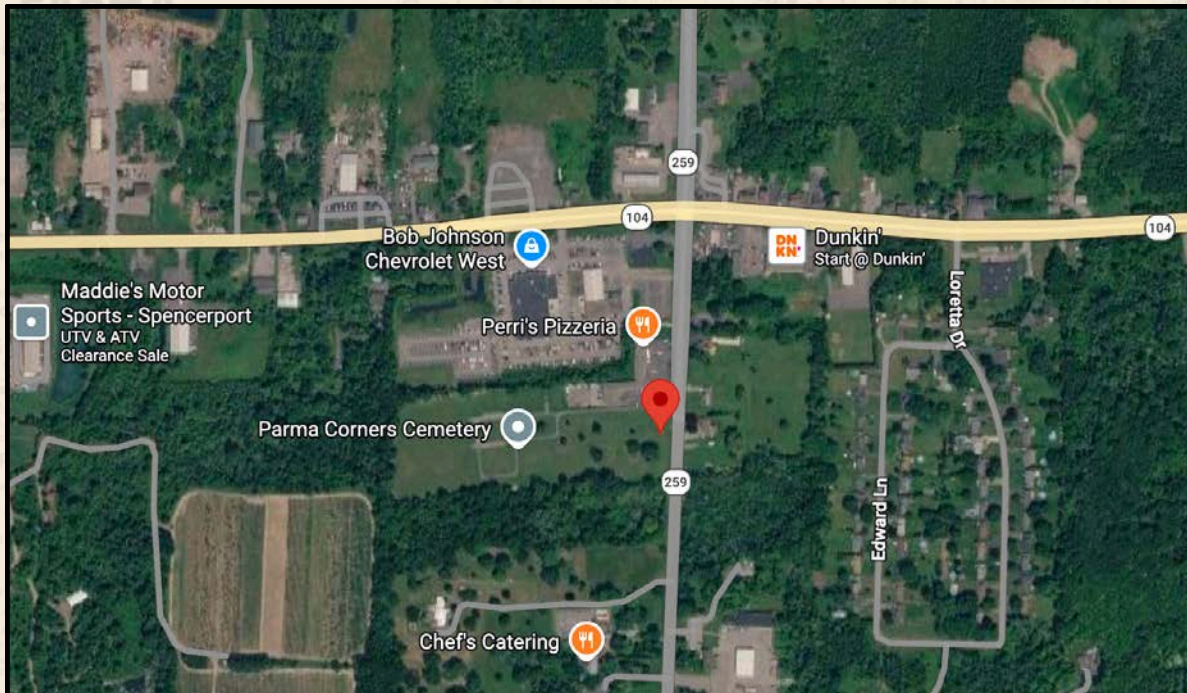
Kitchel Reed passed away on September 11, 1842 after a brief illness and is buried in Hoosick Cemetery.



Gravestone coordinates:
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Parma Corners Cemetery

- Located near the corner of West Ridge Road and North Union Street.
- Still an active cemetery, with over 1,750 burials.
- Two Revolutionary War veterans buried within.



Location: 1837 N Union St, Spencerport, NY 14559

Parma Corners Cemetery

Jeremiah Perry
1754 - 1843

Jeremiah Perry was born on June 20, 1754, in Tiverton, Rhode Island. He started his service in the Revolutionary War in 1774 when he enlisted in the Rhode Island Militia and served 92 days as a private at Corrington's Cove, guarding that area from the British. In 1775, he enlisted again and was taken prisoner near Howland's Ferry. He was wounded by his British jailors while in prison and carried the scars the rest of his life. He was released in a prisoner swap after his father hired four men to serve in the British Army for \$25 each. He was discharged, but in 1777 he re-enlisted. His military career was colorful and included the two times he was captured and was a prisoner of war. After his second 9 weeks in a jail, he did not enlist again.



Gravestone coordinates:
43.21677 N, 77.79278 W

Following the war, Jeremiah Perry married Anea Stafford in March of 1782, and they had at least four children. The family moved from Rhode Island to New York - Washington County, Rensselaer County, Wayne County, then Monroe County to Parma. He owned land on Ogden Parma Townline Road and later Peck Road.

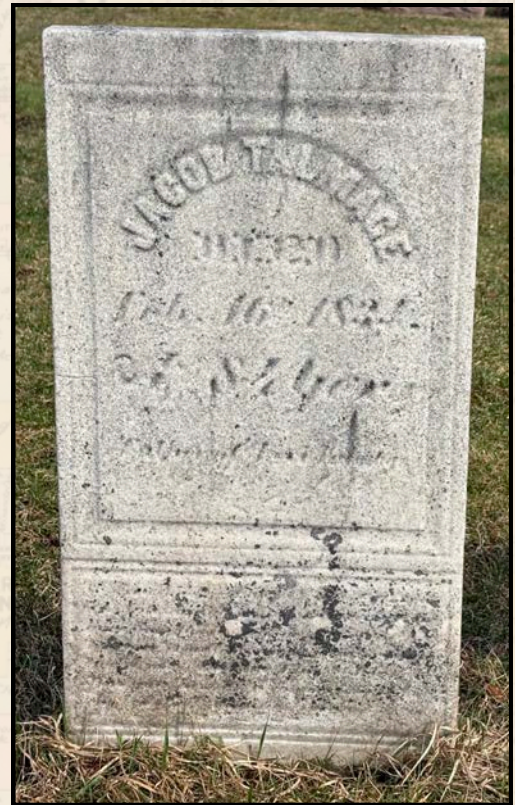
In 1832, Jeremiah Perry applied for a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War, and was granted \$70 a month, which he collected until he died in 1843. It is debated whether he's buried in Parma Corners Cemetery or East Palmyra Cemetery, as there is no original headstone in either location. There are more recent markers at each cemetery to honor this veteran, that lived in both places prior to his death.

Parma Corners Cemetery

Jacob Talmadge
1749 - 1824

Jacob Talmadge was born on September 2, 1749, in Branford, Connecticut, to Josiah Talmadge and Hannah Williams. We know very little of his early life, other than he fought as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was wounded in battle. His brothers Ichabod, John, and Nathaniel fought in the war, as well as his nephew Samuel.

- Ichabod served as a soldier and was later made corporal. He died from sickness contracted in the army.
- John fought in the battle of Long Island, on August 27, 1776 and was in Captain Trowbridge's company, Colonel Huntington's regiment.
- Nathaniel served for three months in 1779 and six months in 1780.
- Samuel's war service was mostly along the Hudson River, in Western Connecticut.

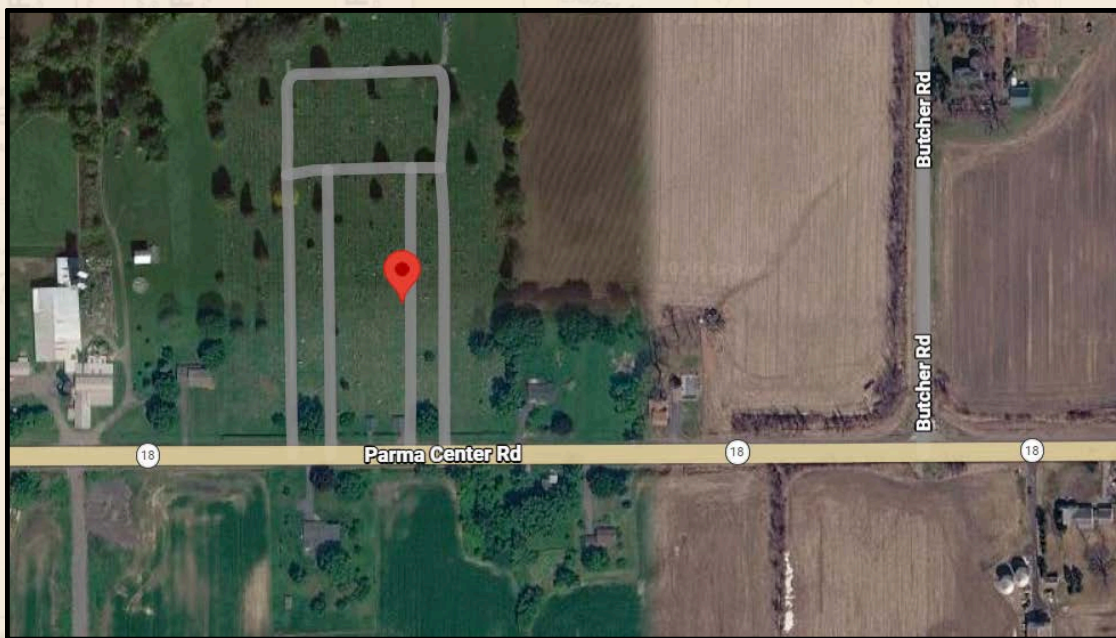
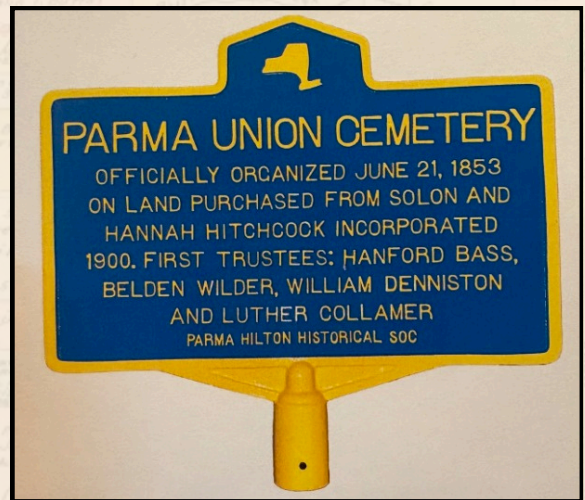


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Jacob Talmadge married Elizabeth Gaylord in 1774, and after her death in 1786, he married Ruth Osborn in 1789. He resided with his family in the New Haven, Connecticut area for most of his life. He was a farmer and a member of the Episcopal church. Late in his life, Jacob moved to Parma to live with his son Levi Talmadge who operated a tavern and hotel on Ridge Road, in the area known as Parma Corners. Jacob passed away on February 16, 1824, and is buried in Parma Corners Cemetery along with his sons Adah and Levi.

Parma Union Cemetery

- Located on Parma Center Road, between Hilton Parma Corners Road and Butcher Road.
- Still an active cemetery, with over 7,500 burials.
- Three Revolutionary War veterans buried within.



Location: 260 Parma Center Road, Hilton, NY 14468

Parma Union Cemetery

Counradt Bush

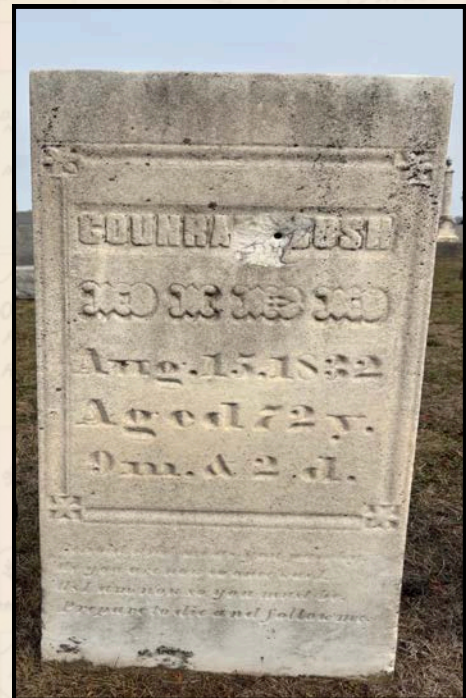
1759 - 1832

Counradt Bush was born on November 13, 1759 around the Albany, NY area. During the Revolutionary War, he served as a Corporal in the 14th Regiment of the New York State militia, along with his father Gilbert.

Around 1790, Coundradt moved to Ontario County, NY, on the outskirts of what is now Geneva, along with his wife Catherine Fisher. They resided there for many years, where they raised multiple children. Around 1818, Counradt began purchasing land in Parma, NY although he did not move to the area permanently until the spring of 1830.

Many of his relatives, including children, preceded him in moving to Parma. Early upon his arrival, he purchased the Atkinson Mill on Salmon Creek and carried on multiple enterprises such as weaving, blacksmithing, and milling.

Counradt passed away on August 15, 1832, and is buried in Parma Union Cemetery. In June 1940, the Orleans County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a ceremony to honor this veteran and placed a historical marker at his gravesite.



Gravestone coordinates:
43.25945 N, 77.77606 W

Parma Union Cemetery

Isaac Chase
1763 - 1848

Isaac Chase was born into a Quaker family on October 9, 1763, in Swansea, Massachusetts. Living in the coastal town, Isaac Chase grew up to become a Captain participating in the sea faring activities of the area. During the Revolutionary War, it's reported that he served as a member of Colonel James Holmes 4th New York Regiment in 1775 and may have served as a galley boy in the American navy.



Gravestone coordinates:
43.25976 N, 77.77553 W

Isaac Chase and his family, including his son Isaac Chase Jr., moved to Parma around 1826, after the Erie Canal opened travel across New York State. The family settled on Manitou Road, near present day Latta Road, and built log cabins. His son Isaac Chase Jr. later built the large cobblestone home that still exists at 1191 Manitou Road, and was a stop on the Underground Railroad. The Chase family was very prominent in Parma governance and the founding of the Parma & Greece Christian Congregational Church.

Isaac Chase passed away on May 21, 1848, and is buried in Parma Union Cemetery along with many members of his extended family.

Parma Union Cemetery

Ebenezer Utter
1759 - 1837

Ebenezer Utter was born on October 1, 1759, in Fredericksburg (now Franklin) in Dutchess County, NY. During the Revolutionary War, he was drafted into service in August 1776 as a private in colonel John Field's New York Regiment. He served in the Hudson River area near Peekskill and Newburgh. Following that enlistment, he marched with Captain Hecock to protect the frontier from the 'cowboys' (people who were loyal to the King of England and who burned farms and stole livestock). That enlistment lasted 18 days and afterwards he again volunteered to march to Walkill to protect the inhabitants from the Native Americans.



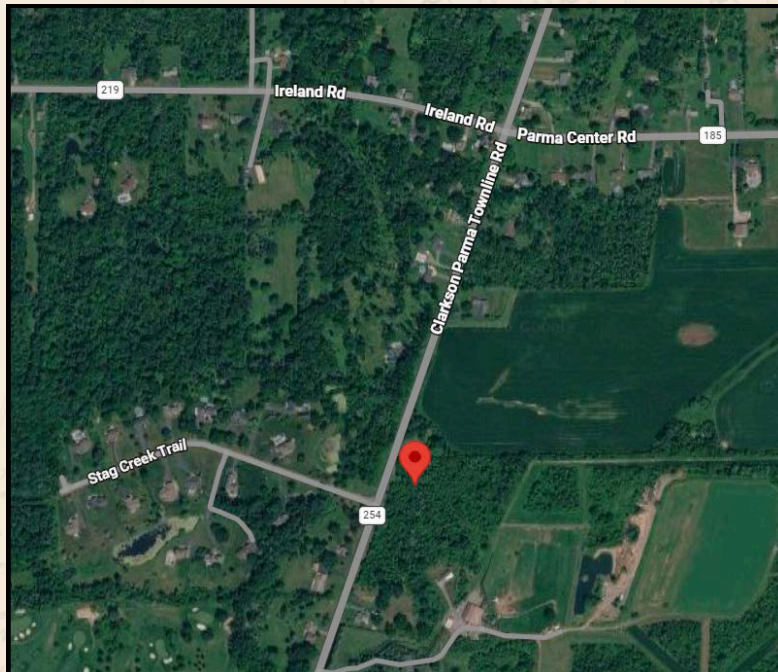
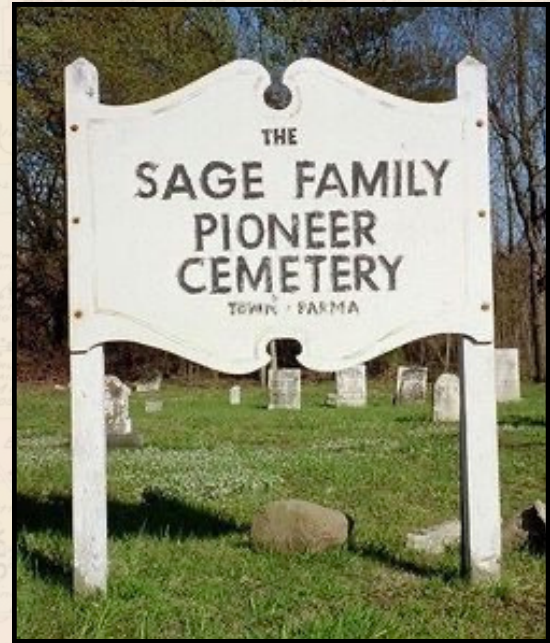
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After the war, Ebenezer Utter married Ruth Hicks and moved to Granville, near Lake George. He lived there for about 11 years, before moving to Geneseo and eventually Parma. In 1832, he applied to the government for his military pension and was granted \$25.32 annually.

Ebenezer Utter passed away on February 9, 1837, and is assumed to be buried in Parma Union Cemetery, where one of his sons and many decedents are buried.

Sage-Knapp Cemetery

- Located on Clarkson Parma Townline Road.
- Located on land once owned by Jonas Knapp.
- Approximately 100 known burials, earliest 1823 and latest 1932.
- One Revolutionary War veteran buried within.

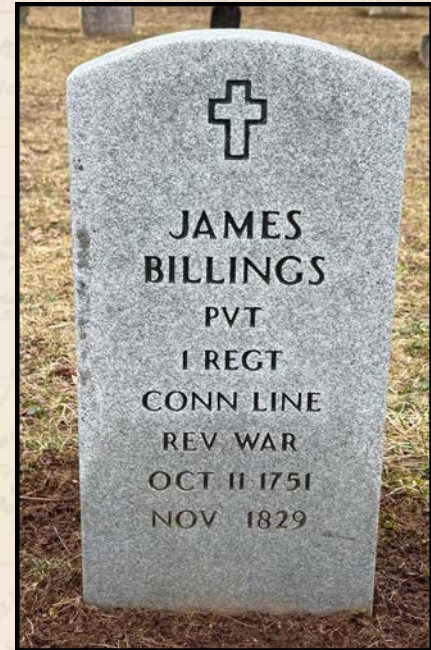


Location:
 1360 Clarkson-Parma
 Townline Road,
 Brockport, NY 14420

Sage-Knapp Cemetery

James Billings
1751 -1829

James Billings was born in Connecticut on October 11, 1751. In May 1775, at Stonington, Connecticut he enlisted in and served one year as a private in Captain Eldredge's Company, Colonel Samuel H. Parson's Regiment in the Continental Army. In late 1776, he reenlisted and served three months as a private in Captain Oliver Grant's company, Colonel Ely's Connecticut Regiment. He enlisted again in February 1777 and served three years as a private in Captain William Belcher's Company. He was discharged on February 2, 1780.



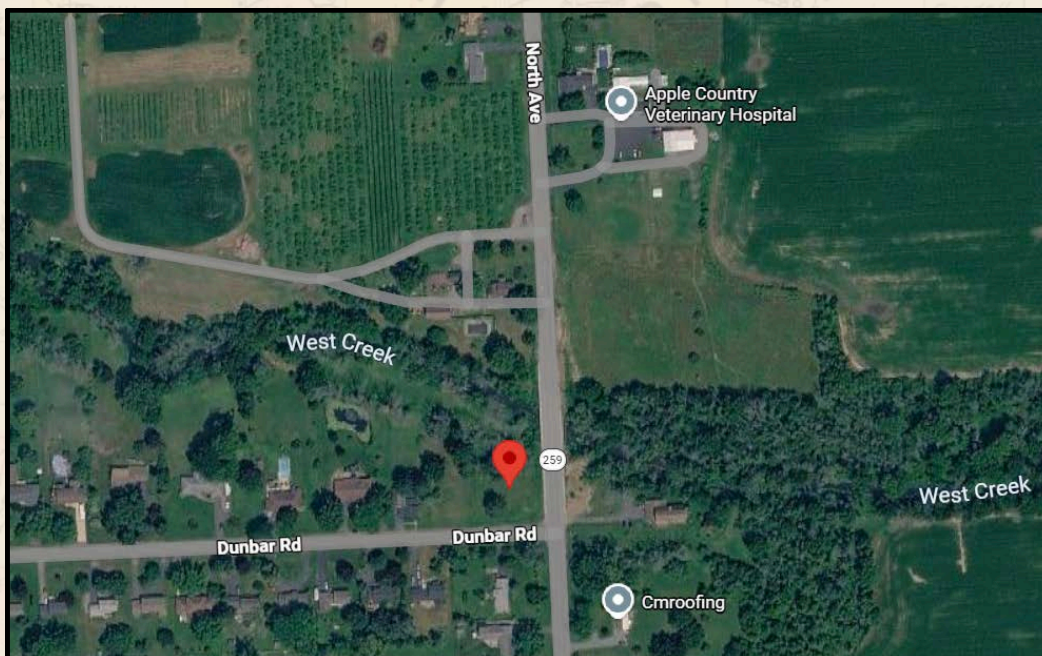
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James Billings was a farmer by occupation, but by 1818 he was disabled and applied for a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War. The pension was granted at \$8 a month. With his decreasing health, he and his wife Sarah Fitch (1748-1828) moved in with his son Walter Billings of Clarkson (also buried in Sage-Knapp Cemetery) formerly of the town of Murray.

James Billings died in 1829 at the age of 78 and was buried in the Sage-Knapp Cemetery. If there was a gravestone originally, it no longer exists. In 2012, the Rochester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution searched to find a descendant who would apply to the Veterans Administration for a gravestone for this Revolution War Veteran. They located Mark Goslin from Sarasota, Florida who applied for the stone. On November 5, 2012, Sons of the American Revolution members, with the help of John Toal, a nearby resident, installed the stone to commemorate this veteran.

Smith-Dunbar Cemetery

- Located on the corner of Dunbar Road and North Ave. Located on land once owned by the Cheney family, later Henry Smith.
- Approximately 105 known burials, earliest 1811 and latest 1904.
- One Revolutionary War veteran buried within.



Location: 2 Dunbar Road, Hilton, NY 14468

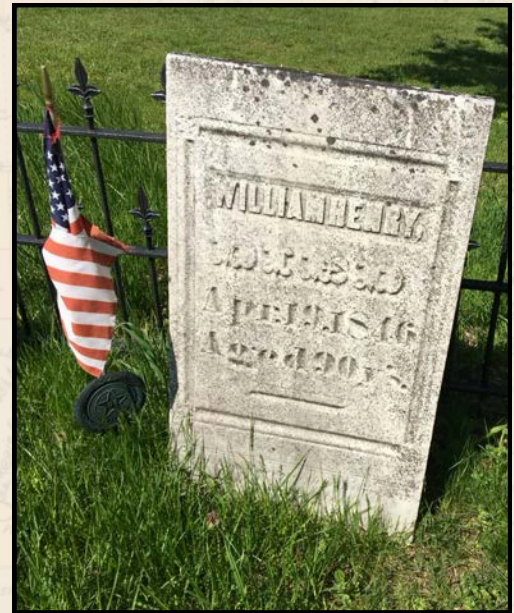
Smith-Dunbar Cemetery

William Henry
1756 - 1846

During the Revolutionary war, William Henry served in Captain Abraham Sedgwick's company of Connecticut minutemen and marched to Lexington in April 1775. Later as a sergeant under General Lee, he marched to New York City in January 1776 to assist with building fortifications.

William Henry arrived in Parma around 1813 and purchased land on the west side of South Ave. (where the Fireman's Field is today). He also purchased a farm on the northeast corner of Burritt Road and Hilton Parma Corners Road (Rt. 259). The family homestead was located on the top of South Hill and remained in the family until 1908.

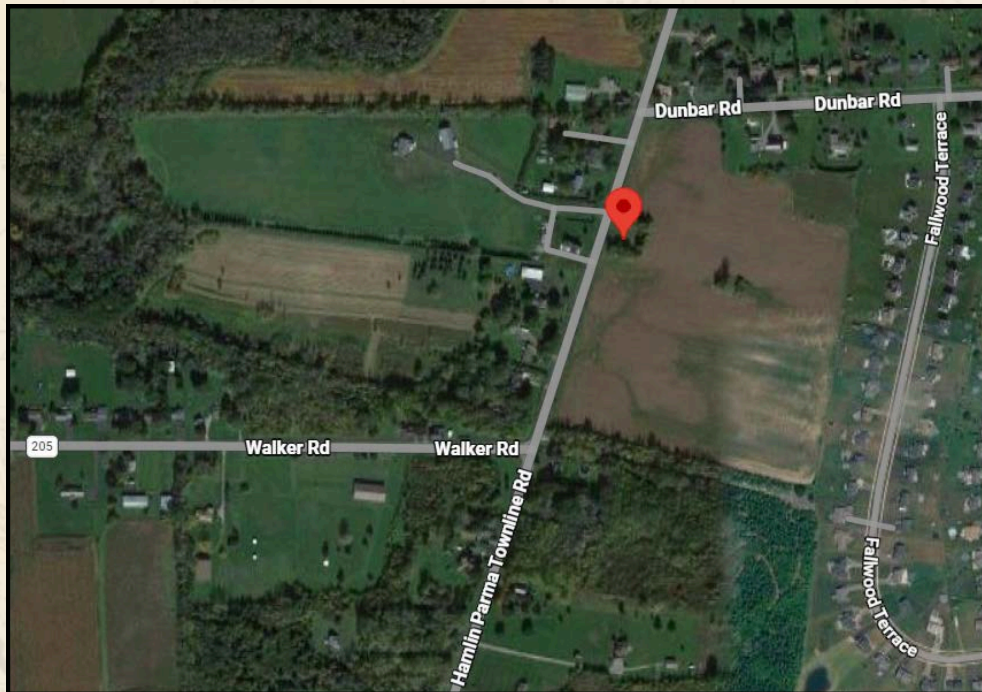
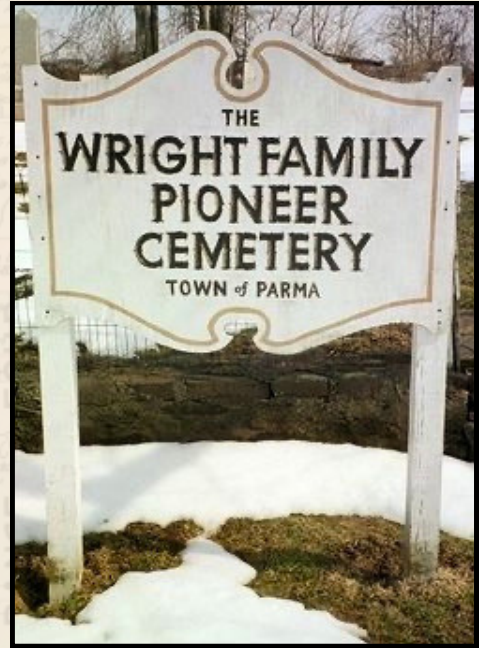
William Henry died on April 19, 1846, at the age of 90 and is buried in the Smith-Dunbar cemetery on the corner of Dunbar Road and North Avenue. Henry Street in the Village of Hilton, and located on land once owned by his descendants, is named in his honor.



Gravestone coordinates:
43.30319 N, 77.79450 W

Wright Cemetery

- Located on Hamlin Parma Townline Road, near Dunbar Road.
- Located on land once owned by the Wright family.
- Approximately 58 known burials, earliest 1838 and latest 1930
- One Revolutionary War veteran buried within.



Location: 636 Hamlin-Parma Townline Road, Hilton, NY 14468

Wright Cemetery

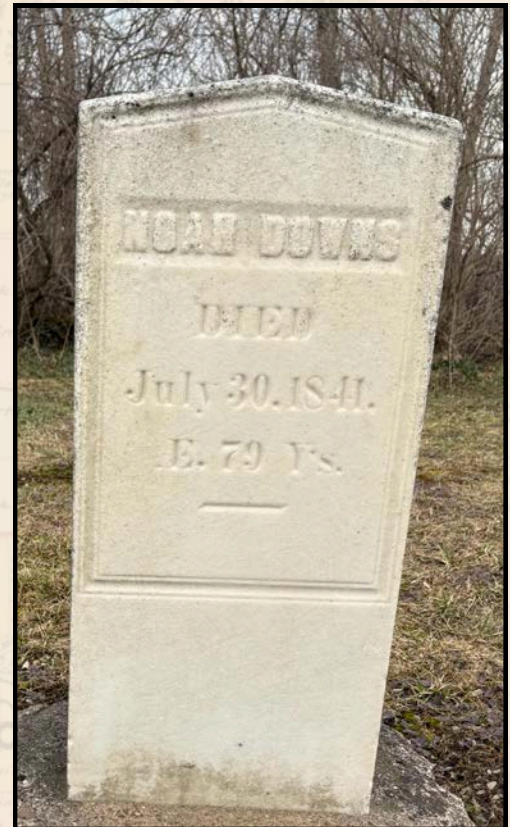
Noah Downs
1762 - 1841

Noah Downs served in the Revolutionary War from about May 1778 to May 1783. He served as a private from Deering, New Hampshire, in Captain William Rowell's Company of Colonel George Reid's 6th Company, 2nd New Hampshire Regiment.

In 1779, he served with General Sullivan in his expedition through Native American country in Western New York. The army was tasked with marching westward through New York to remove the Native Americans from the land, who had attacked Americans attempting to settle in the area. The campaign drove just over 5,000 Iroquois to Fort Niagara seeking British protection, and depopulated the area for post-war settlement.

Noah Downs was guarding Fort Herkimer in 1782 when it was attacked by Native Americans. Two soldiers in the fort were hit and killed, but the garrison's hot fire kept out the enemy.

Upon old age around 1840, he moved to Parma to live with his daughter, Margaret Downs Wright, who was married to Gad Wright - one of the founding brothers of Wright's Corners (at Hamlin Parma Townline Rd. and Dunbar Rd.). Noah Downs died in 1841 and is buried in Wright Cemetery at Wright's Corners.



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