Patriot Burials

Historic Marker Grant Program

Purpose

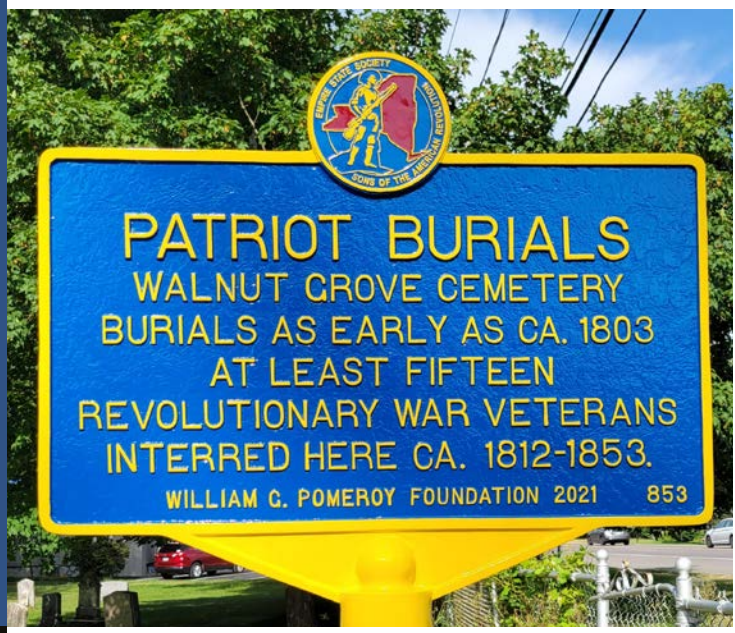
This special marker series commemorates burial sites of Revolutionary War Patriots. It is an opportunity to recognize those who fought in or were involved in the struggle for American Independence. The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is seeking to partner with Sons of the American Revolution state organizations for applicants to allow historical markers to be placed at cemeteries and other burial sites of Revolutionary War Patriots.

Benefits of Historic Markers

- Educate the public about local citizens who were Patriots during the Revolutionary War
- Promote historic tourism, economically benefiting communities where markers are placed
- Pay tribute to Patriots buried in local cemeteries
- Marker installations and dedications can be events to which the public, press, and elected officials are invited
- Exposure for your state SAR



Visit our website at wgpfoundation.org for marker program criteria and information.



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Standards and Guidelines

These standards and guidelines are intended to ensure the accuracy and uniformity of the text placed on Patriot Burials historic markers. Standards and guidelines are jointly developed by the state Sons of the American Revolution and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. The Pomeroy Foundation will have the final decision on the appropriateness of any text placed on a marker.

1. Markers are to be dedicated to Patriots of the Revolutionary War as defined by the accepted standards of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

2. The name of the cemetery or burial site must be determined and appear on the marker.

3. The applicant must obtain the necessary written permission from the property owner where the marker is to be installed.

4. The applicant must provide primary sources to document both the Patriot's Revolutionary War service and burial. Acceptable proof of service includes, but is not limited to, pension records, muster rosters, military bounty land records, and official state government-compiled records such as Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution. SAR and DAR application forms are not acceptable proof of service. Acceptable proof of burial includes, but is not limited to, records of the entity that owns the cemetery and photos of the original headstones placed at the time of burial. Headstones or other markers not placed at the time of the burial, such as replacement headstones and memorial plaques, are not proof of burial.

5. All known Patriots in the cemetery or burial site must be recognized. A single Patriot must not be identified for commemoration while ignoring additional Patriots buried at the same grounds. The applicant must conduct a good faith effort to identify any and all Patriots. Proof of this good faith effort will be required.

6. If the number of Patriots is minimal, an effort will be made to include their name(s) on the marker. If there is sufficient room, the rank of the Patriot(s) will be included. Otherwise, only the number of Patriots will be indicated.

7. If the marker inscription cannot accomodate the names of all Patriots buried on site, their names will be included on the digital marker map webpage located on the Foundation's website.

8. Additional text describing the Patriot's post-war activities will only be included if room is available after all the previous guidelines are met.

9. Markers will only be placed in cemeteries or sites where similar signage indicating Patriot burials does not already exist.

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