

Thank you for volunteering to photograph the final resting places of some of our War of 1812 veterans!

You will have downloaded a “datasheet” for each cemetery you have requested. This is basically a listing (two per page) of all veterans currently known to be buried at that cemetery. For your convenience, there are fill-in boxes for recording information. This is especially helpful for us, as a number of older tombstones are nearly illegible or don’t photograph clearly.

If the “photolink” box is pre-filled – i.e. something like “cemetery_smith_john.jpg” – then this means that there is already a photo of that stone on the web site.

If you are unable to locate a particular tombstone, it is possible that the stone is no longer standing, or that it is completely illegible. Please just note this on the dataheet form. It is possible that his wife’s stone may still be standing; in this case, please photograph her stone. Vandalism, weather, maintenance, etc. – all have taken a toll on the older cemeteries.

Any photograph submitted must be one that you have taken personally. Please do not use any photograph from another web site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at ohiousd1812@gmail.com

Thank you again for your help on this project!!

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Field Research:

- 1) Once a stone is located:
 - a) Photograph the family group (husband and wife), the individual stones, and some close-ups if needed to help read the stone. If there is a service marker, make sure it is in at least one photo, preferably facing forward. We can display up to three photographs for each veteran.
 - b) Write down any information from the stone:
 - i) Birth and death dates,
 - ii) Age at death: often given as years, months, days at death; or as “in the ___ year of his age”
 - iii) Wife names: will often say “Wife of..” or “Consort of..” on the wife’s stone
 - iv) Anything else –sometimes will see birthplace, service, rank, etc.

- c) Many stones will be difficult to read. If unsure of anything, take your best guess, but put brackets “[]” around the suspect data in your notes so you know it is a guess.
 - d) If possible, capture the GPS location of the grave (we use an app on an android phone which sends the location to our email). This will make finding the gravesite much easier in the future.
 - e) If possible, sketch a basic map or layout of the cemetery and the grave location.
- 2) If you come across a grave that was not in our records, but is marked with an 1812 Veteran marker, please photograph the stone and record the information. Generally this will be a veteran who served from a state other than Ohio and was missed when the Grave Registration Cards were compiled.
- 3) Also try to take a general (scenic) picture of the cemetery and its most prominent sign.

Notes about Cemetery names:

- 1) We are trying to use standard cemetery names as published in the Ohio Genealogical Society’s reference volume, “Ohio Cemeteries: 1803-2003.” As the years have passed, many older cemeteries have been known by different names. If a cemetery has a sign or is listed on county maps, we will generally use that name. If in doubt, capture the alternative name in the notes section.

WPA Cemetery Maps:

- 1) The WPA maps were created in the 1930’s, at the same time the Veteran Grave Registration Cards were first put together. If the county’s maps are still in existence, finding them may require a bit of a search. We have not yet located these maps for most of Ohio’s counties. If the maps can be found, they make locating the cemeteries and finding the tombstones much easier.
- 2) Location varies by county. Places the maps may be found include the County Recorder’s office, County Engineer’s office, County maps office, etc.; or possibly the local genealogy or historical society’s library.
- 3) Once the maps have been located, review the cemetery to identify 1812 veterans:
- a) The War of 1812 veterans will be marked with a “10” under the war column.