

Woodland Cemetery Residents who participated in the War of 1812



The War of 1812 was declared by Congress on June 18, 1812 as a result of numerous grievances by the British. This war allowed the new nation to break free of its colonial past. The treaty of Ghent was signed on December 24, 1814 which returned all territorial conquests made by the two sides. It did not address the issue of impressment, one of the major causes of the war. As British diplomat Augustus J. Foster acknowledged at the war's end, "The Americans...have brought us to speak of them with respect."

Cleveland, at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River, founded in 1796, was considered to be in the "Far West," and was yet to be developed. By April 1800, there was one resident who had built a log cabin; by 1810, there were ten families living in Cleveland. The population of the area grew slowly. In 1811, Cleveland had 16 dwellings, 2 taverns, 2 stores and a school.

The War actually helped the hamlet of Cleveland become a trade center since supplies were stored at Fort Huntington near the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. The fortress and stockade was built to protect the settlement and included a hospital and supply depot for the Northwest. Soldiers were nearby at Camp Harrison. By 1814, Cleveland had a total of thirty-four dwellings and places of business. After 1815, progressive development began.

Woodland Cemetery is located at 6901 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44104

Stafford, Jonas (2 Oct 1794 Vermont – 14 Nov 1873) served with the Miller's 36th Regiment of the New York Militia as a private. In 1850, he lived in Newburg and was working as a farmer and gardener. By 1870, he was a retired merchant with real estate worth \$10,000. He and his wife, Lucy Fish, had five children. (Sec 5 Lot 10) (HS)

Porter, Harvey (30 Oct 1793 Connecticut-27 Apr 1861) Porter was one of 13 children born to Moses and Mercy Porter. He served as a musician from 12 Sep 1814 to the 24 Sep 1814 with Captain S. G. Ladd and Major Chandler's Battery of Artillery. He married Harriet Hulbert in Granger, Medina County, and lived there until he died in Newburgh. (Sec 5 Lot 12) (HS)

Long, David (29 Sep 1787 Hebron, New York-1 Sep 1851). Dr. Long married Juliana Walworth on 7 Apr 1811, they settled in Cleveland and he became the hamlet's first physician. He served as a surgeon in the army during the War of 1812, operating at Fort Huntington's sparse accommodations where he treated the sick or injured soldiers. When he learned of Hull's surrender of Detroit, he rode on horseback to Cleveland, twenty-eight miles, to notify the people. That was the beginning of the War of 1812. His only child, Mary Helen (1816-1902) married Solomon Lewis Severance and was noted as "one of Cleveland's oldest residents" when she died. (Sec 7 Lot 1) (HS)

Cowdery, Stephen Fuller was born in Wells, Vermont 16 Feb 1791 and died in Kirtland in Lake County on 2 May 1848. He enlisted in

New York on 24 Mar 1814 and served until 28 May 1815. He married Elizabeth Bradshaw in 1818, had nine children, and moved to Cleveland after 1830. (Sec 8 Lot 1) (No HS)

Roberts, Thomas (1795 England-Feb 1856) Served from 24 Aug 1812 to 28 Feb 1813 under Captain Jedidiah Burnham's A Co. of the Ohio Militia. Captain Burnham was born in Connecticut in 1786 and lived in Trumbull County, Ohio until his death in 1874. (Sec 8 Lot 24) (No HS)

O'Dell, Isaac (1788 New York-8 Feb 1855) served in the War of 1812 from 9 Aug 1812 until 9 Oct 1812 as a private with Captain Calvin Shepherd's Co in the Ohio Militia. The 1850 census shows Isaac married to Lydia, living in Brooklyn Heights in Cuyahoga County, with several extended family members. (Sec 8 Lot 36) (No HS)

Horton, Asa (10 May 1793 – 24 Feb 1855) died in Rockford, Illinois but his funeral was held at his son's home on Euclid Avenue. (Sec 10 Lot 49) (No HS)

Mix, Ebenezer (31 Dec 1787 New Haven, Connecticut – 12 Jan 1869) served as a volunteer aid to General P. B. Porter in the New York Militia and commanded Co A of the 36th Regiment of Miller's New York Militia. He was at the battle at Fort Erie during the War of 1812. He was a mason, then taught school and became a law student, before being hired by the Holland Land Co. in Batavia, New York, where he stayed for 27 years. He married Jemima Debow and had 9 children. (Sec 10 Lot 86) (HS)

Eddy, David (1773 Vermont – 12 Jul 1860) was a hay and feed dealer at Seneca and Lake in 1860. He served as a private from 27 Aug to 1 Nov 1812 under Captain Calvin Headly's Co. in the Ohio Militia. He married Henrietta and had several children. One of his sons became a policeman in Cleveland. (Sec 13 Lot 20) (HS)

Hanks, Jarvis Frary (24 Sep 1799 Pittsford, New York – 27 Jun 1853). In 1813, at the age of 13, Hanks enlisted in the Army as a drummer where he served until his honorable discharge on May 23, 1815. He served with the 11th Vermont Regiment and was at the Battle of Chippewa with General Winfield Scott, one of America's most popular generals. Hanks, considered an Ohio pioneer artist, became a sign and ornamental painter and a portrait artist. He and his wife, Charlotte Garber, had ten children before he died of a brain tumor. Many of his paintings survived him. (Sec 14 Lot 6) (HS)

Weaver, Nicholas N. (29 Jul 1791 New York-16 Apr 1853) served in the New York Militia with Captain Benjamin Ballow's 134th Regiment Co. as a Lieutenant, from 6 Oct to 14 of Nov 1814. Weaver was a well-known silversmith in Utica New York and in Cleveland with the silver mark "N.N. Weaver." He married Elizabeth Shoemaker in 1814; they had two sons and two daughters. (Sec 14 Lot 39) (HS needs replaced)

Abbot, John (1790-8 Jul 1875) was born in England, enlisted August 23, 1812 and

was discharged on September 18, 1812. He served as a private under Captain Samuel Caldwell's Company in the New York Militia. Captain Caldwell moved to Ohio in 1817 and lived in Erie County, Ohio until his death in 1873. (Sec 14 Lot 46) (Monument)

Parker, John B (4 Aug 1786 Vermont – 20 Jun 1876) served with Silas Dickinson's Co. in the 31st New York Infantry until he was discharged on 8 May 1814. He and his wife, Fanny, had a daughter, Fanny, who married Andrew J. Piper. Parker owned a market and was also listed as a gardener in 1861. An accident, two years previous to his death, played a part in his death at the age of 89. (Sec 18 Lot 5) (HS)

Johnson, Levi (25 Apr 1786 New York -19 Dec 1871) came to Cleveland in 1809 where he built ships and constructed homes for the earliest settlers. Johnson and others were working on the new court house in Cleveland when they thought they heard thunder; it was actually the opening day of the War of 1812. Johnson became a Captain with the US Navy under the famous Oliver Hazard Perry. Johnson, who married and had three children, lived until 1871 when he died of typhoid fever at the age of 85. At his death, he had continuously lived in Cleveland longer than any other person. (Sec 21 Lot 1) (Mausoleum)

Wood, Governor Reuben (16 May 1792 Vermont-1 Oct 1864) went to Canada to live with an uncle at the age of 15. He was conscripted to serve in the Canadian Army during the War of 1812 which upset him. He deserted and fled back to the U. S. where he joined the army and served until the end of the war in Vermont's 1st Regiment as a private. He studied law in Vermont and came to Cleveland in 1818. He went on to become a senator and a judge before being elected the 21st Governor of Ohio from 1850 to 1853. (Sec 21 Lot 44) (Monument)

Hall, William (27 Jun 1778 Lyme, Connecticut – 3 Nov 1865) served in the Connecticut Militia under Commander Willis Hall from 10 Aug to the 26 Aug 1814. His partnerships were dissolved due to the British in 1812 and he was obliged to close his shipping business. He moved to Cleveland in 1852 where he remained until his death at 87. (Sec 21 Lot 59) (HS)

Boylston, Thomas (1796 New York-23 Aug 1863) enlisted 27 Oct 1814 and served with Cpl. Marsh's New York Militia until 20 Nov 1814. He married Caroline Green in Cazenovia, New York on 14 Apr 1847. They moved to Cleveland before 1860. Their son, Andrew, born in 1836, was a school teacher in Cleveland. (Sec 23 Lot 18) (HS)

Baldwin, James Jones (26 Jun 1797 Durham, NY-Feb 1879) was a well-known engineer and surveyor in New York before coming to Cleveland. He married Candace Beach (1800-1894). Baldwin served from April 27 of 1813 to May 22, 1813 as a private in the independent rifle company of Captain Rial W. McArthur, and died in Summit County, Ohio. (Sec 24 Lot 93) (HS)

Barker, William (1794-16 Mar 1872) served under Captain Clark Parker of Vermont. He later moved to Mentor, Ohio and was appointed its Post Master. Captain Parker died in 1847. (Sec 28 Lot 45) (HS)

Maddox, Ebenezer (1779-23 May 1864) served in the War of 1812 as a fifer under Captain Cunningham in the Ohio Militia and then became a Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment Infantry of the US Army from 1822-1823 for which he received a pension of \$32.00 a year until 1825. (Sec 29 Lot 10) (No HS)

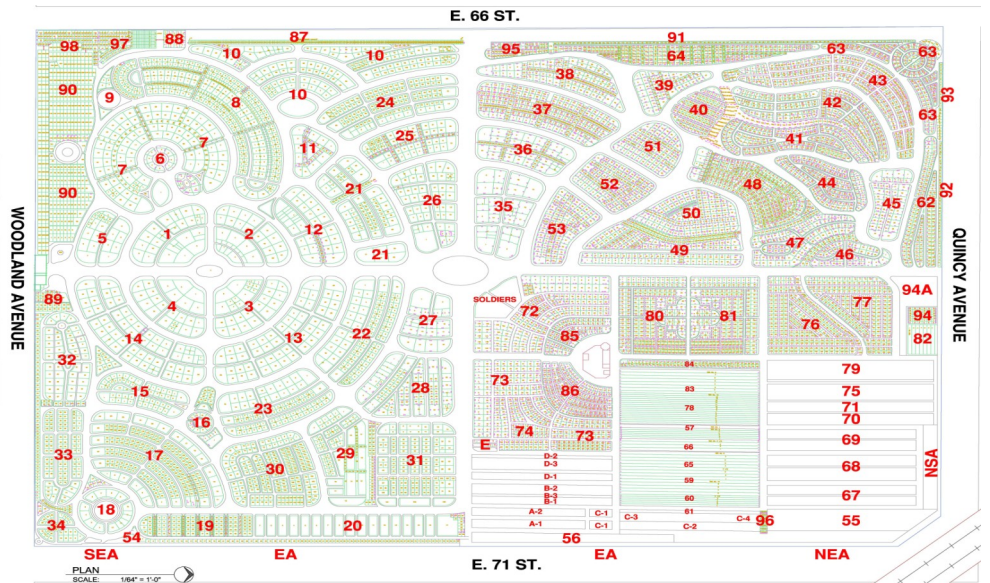
Jackson, William H. (1797 New York-2 Jan 1879 Cleveland) was a colored soldier of the New York Militia before settling in Cleveland where he worked as a porter and in the office of the railroad. He was married and had at least one daughter, Sarah, named for her mother. He belonged to Zion Congregational Church. (Sec 31 Lot 71) (No HS)

McLeod, General Donald (1 Jan 1779 Scotland-22 Jul 1879) first joined the British Navy in 1803 and switched to the infantry in 1808. He fought battles against Napoleon, including at Waterloo. As a sergeant in the War of 1812, he served at Lundy's Lane, Queenston Heights, and Chrysler's Farm – which were three pivotal battles for colonial Canada. His military career continued and he became known as a Rebel General in Canada where he fought against British colonialism. He began to establish himself in Cleveland in 1838 and later retired there. General McLeod was 100 years and six months old when he died; his wife Mary had died the previous year at the age of 78. (Sec 34 Lot 10) (Monument)

Kimball, William (-8 Mar 1863) was listed as an *artificer* or artisan, during the War of 1812. In the 1861 city directory, he was listed as a tinner. (Sec 35 Lot 1) (Monument)

Rumage, Thomas (1789 to 16 Nov 1882) served as a private in Rayen's Regiment of Ohio Militia from 22 Aug 1812 to 2 Oct 1812 with Captain Clark Parkers' Company. The 1820 and 1830 censuses list him as living in Brooklyn with a wife, a son and a daughter. He died of lockjaw (tetanus). (Sec 41 Lot 61) (HS)

Ford, Orrin James, later known as Rev. Ford, was born in Augusta, New York 11 Aug 1799 and died in Russell, Geauga County, on 21 Jul 1879. He was a young teenager when he served in the New York Militia. Rev. Ford married twice and lived in Geauga County since his arrival before 1830. (Sec 43 Lot 160) (HS)



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