

Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Beech Springs Cemetery



James Black Sr.,
James Clark,
William Francis Holmes,
James Kerr,
Andrew Ralston,
Daniel Welch
Adam Wylie



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 these specific pages cannot be used as actual proof of Revolutionary War service, it can be very helpful as a guide. The reference section for each Patriot contains all of the sources used to validate the information presented on this webpage and would be invaluable on a membership application for the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

From Hopedale take SR 151 southeast to CR 14, Rose Valley Road about one mile to Beech Road (Township 64). It is about a mile to the cemetery. There is a valley with a stream between the two used parts of the cemetery.



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JAMES BLACK Sr. (lived and buried in Harrison County, Ohio)

BORN: 1756 Ireland (a, b)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: 13 December 1846 Green Township, Harrison County, Ohio (a, b)

AGE: 90 years (c)

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church, Green Township, Harrison County, Ohio (a, b)

MARKER: yes MILITARY Marker: no (b)

MARRIED: ca. 1783 (d)

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private Continental Army

Specific: James Black served in the Continental Line, in the First Pennsylvania from January 1777 - January 1781. He was in Col. James Chamlier's First Regiment. He was in Captain James Grier's Company, Col Edward Hand's First Pennsylvania (e).

RESIDED: James Black was born in Ireland, probably Ulster, as the family was Presbyterian. He lived in Adams County, Pennsylvania, until after the Revolution. About 1806 he settled in what is now Green Township of Harrison County, Ohio. (d, f) His land grant was for all of Section 4, Tp. IO, Range 4. This land is the northeast section of Green Township and borders Jefferson County and German Township, Harrison County. (g)

WIFE: JANE STEWART (a, b, d)

BORN: 1753, Pennsylvania (a, b, d)

DIED: 22 August 1835 Green Township, Ohio (a, b, d)

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Green Township, Ohio (a, b)

CHILDREN:

(1) James (1785-1865) married Isabella Hervey (d)

(2) Mary married William Beatty (f)

(3) Elizabeth (d)

(4) Margaret (d)

(5) Jane (d) (Birth order unknown)

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: James Black was a farmer. He and his wife were members of the Beech Springs Presbyterian Church.

REFERENCES:

- a) Charles A. Hanna, *Historical Collections of Harrison County in the State of Ohio*. (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), page 214
- b) "Green Township Cemeteries," Harrison County Genealogical Society, (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1989), p 22.
- c) Calculation from birth and death years
- d) Hanna, *op cit.*, page 446
- e) Thomas Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Fifth Series, Vol. II, (Harrisburg, Pa., 1906), pages 644,645, 668, 669, 711
- f) *Federal Census of the United States*, 1820, page 55
- g) Hanna, *op cit.*, page 205.

JAMES CLARK (lived in Jefferson & Harrison (?) & buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 1751 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania (a)

SON Of: Roger and unknown (Agnew) Clark (a)

DIED: 17 May 1833 in Jefferson or Harrison Co. Ohio. (a)

AGE: 82 years (a)

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Harrison County, Ohio (b)

MARRIED: 1775 (c)

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private in the Continental Line and Captain in Westmoreland County militia

Specific: James served with Captain John Clark's Company, in the 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Continental Army. (d) He also served as a captain in the 1st battalion of the Westmoreland County militia. (e) He received a bounty land grant for his service. (f)

RESIDED: He was born and lived in Cumberland County, Pa. After he married, he and his wife moved to Westmoreland County, Pa. In 1810 they moved to Jefferson County. Harrison County was formed in 1813. It is not clear from used sources whether the farm was in current Jefferson County or current Harrison County. (a & c).

WIFE: JANE JACK

BORN: 1753 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania (c)

DIED: 17 May 1832 Ohio (b & c)

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Green Township, Harrison County, Ohio (b)

CHILDREN:

(1) John (a)

(2) Joseph (1778-1861) married Rachel Johnson (1794-1854) Beech Springs (b)

(3) William (a)

(4) Polly (a)

(5) James (a)

(6) Andrew (1788-1848) (b) married Margaret (maiden name unknown) (1786-1835) Beech Springs (b)

(7) Thomas (a)

(8) Robert (a)

(9) Francis (a) married (1818) Nancy Wilson (g)

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: James Clark was a farmer. The question of the location of his farm can be solved by examining the Jefferson County property records. Many records for land in Harrison County prior to 1813 are in Jefferson County. It appears that he sold his bounty land grant for 200 acres to Richard Leedom and purchased other land. (f) He was involved with the Indian activities when he was living in Westmoreland County and may have been part of the troops who went with Crawford in the attack at Sandusky. (h)

REFERENCES:

(a) J. H. Beers, *Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Harrison & Carroll, Ohio*, Chicago: J.H. Beers & Co. 1891), page 659

(b) "Green Township Cemeteries" Harrison County Genealogical Society (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1996), page 25.

(c) Charles Hanna. *Historical Collections of Harrison Co, in the State of Ohio*, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), page 474.

(d) Mrs. Orville Dailey, *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Lived in State of Ohio*, Roster I (State Society, DAR of Ohio, 1929), page 72.

(e) Thomas Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Series Six, Volume II, (Harrisburg, Pa: 1906), pages 303, 312, 347, 356, and 400

(f) Lloyd Bockstruck. *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants*, page 102 (g) Hanna, op. cit., page 248

(h) Wm. Egle, *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Series 3, Volume XXIII, (Harrisburg, Pa., Wm. Ray, State Printer, 1887), page 720

WILLIAM FRANCIS HOLMES (was from PA. & lived & died in Harrison County, OH)

BORN: 1739 in Ireland (f)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: 6 August 1825 in Harrison County, Ohio (a)

AGE: 86 years (a)

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery (a)

MARKER: Yes, no military reference (b)

MARRIED: 1780 or 1781 (c)

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private Pennsylvania Militia (d)

Specific: He was a private 3rd class in Captain William Moorehead's 2nd Company, Col. James Dunlap's 6th Battalion, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Militia in 1780 through 1782. (d)

RESIDED: lived in Pennsylvania and was married there. His name appears on the 1790 Pennsylvania census. (c) They moved to what became German Township in Harrison County, Ohio, and patented the southwest quarter of section 11, township 10, range 4 on 1October1811.(e) On 11April1817 he sold this land to William Holmes. (g)

WIFE: Jane, maiden name unknown (a)

BORN: 1754(b)

DIED: 19 March 1834 in Hopedale (c) Marker: Yes .

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Green Township, Harrison County, Ohio. (b)

CHILDREN: In the 1790 Pennsylvania census they had five children, two boys and three girls. (c)

1) William (1782-1790) Beech Springs married Elizabeth Grouch (1790-1849) Beech Springs. (b)
(Names of other children not known.)

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: It would appear that more than one son should have moved with him from Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and sold his farm to his son. They worshiped in the Beech Springs Presbyterian Church.

REFERENCES:

(a) Charles Hanna, *Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio*, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), page 316.

(b) "Green Township Cemeteries, Harrison County, Ohio, Genealogical Society, (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1996), page11.

(c) Mrs. Orville Dailey, *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Lived in the State of Ohio, Roster I*, (State Society DAR of Ohio, 1929), page 190.

(d) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania, Sixth Series, Vol. II*, (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: 1906), pages 93, 102, and 236.

(e) Hanna, *op, cit.* page 216.

(f) *Ibid.* page 520.

(g) Harrison Court *Deed Book A*, Harrison Co. Ohio, page 495.

JAMES KERR (lived in and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 1751 (a)

SON OF: unknown

BORN: 2 June 1825 Harrison County, Ohio (a)

AGE: 74 years (b)

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Green Township, Harrison County, Ohio. (i)

MARKER: Yes

MARRIED: unknown

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private in the Pennsylvania Militia (c)

Specific: He served as a gunner in the Sixth Company of Captain John Ruper in the Pennsylvania Militia (c)

RESIDED: James lived in York, now Adams County, Pennsylvania He and his family moved to Westmoreland County, Pa. and about 1805 to Short Creek Township, Harrison County, Ohio. His land grant was for all of Section 8, Township 8, Range 4 (640 acres). This land is northeast of Georgetown, Ohio. (a, d)

WIFE: AGNES "Nancy" Carrick (a)

BORN: 1751 (a)

BORN: 18 June 1836 (a)

BURIED: Beech Springs Cemetery

CHILDREN: (James and Nancy had eight children. Six names are given.)(a & e)

- 1) James (1787-1846) marriage 1 (1807) Catherine Duff'(d, 1827)
marriage 2 (1829) Martha Morrison (a & e)
- 2) William
- 3) Samuel (1792-1882) marriage 1 (1815) Anne Smyth (d, 1832)
marriage 2 (1835) Agnes Hamilton (died1885)
- 4) Mary "Nancy" married (1835) Samuel Cobean (a, e, f)
- 5) Jane married (1815) David Duff (a.e.g)
- 6) Elizabeth (died before father) married Thomas Morrow
- 7) & 8) names unknown

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: He was a Ruling Elder of the Beech Springs Presbyterian Church for thirty years.

(h) He was a farmer.

REFERENCES:

- (a) Charles A. Hanna. *Historical Collections of Harrison County in the State of Ohio*, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), pages 526, 527.
- (b) Calculated from birth and death years.
- (c) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*. Sixth Series, Volume I, (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: 1906), page 576.
- (d) Hanna, *op. cit.*, page219.
- (e) *Will Book A*, Harrison County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, page 127.
- (f) Hanna, *op. cit.*, page 249
- (g) *ibid.*, page 255 (Note: Jane's name is listed as Carr, not Kerr.)
- (h) cemetery marker "Green Township Cemeteries," Harrison County, Ohio, Genealogical Society, (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1998), page 21.

ANDREW RALSTON (lived in Jefferson County and buried in Harrison Co. Ohio.)

BORN: 25 February 1753 Adams County, Pa. (a) Scotland (c)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: 11 September 1827 near Bloomfield, Jefferson County, Ohio (a, c)

AGE: 74 years (b)

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery

MARKER: Row 11 Grave 2 (c)

MARRIED: Marriage date unknown at this time.

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private and Sergeant Pennsylvania Continental Line (d)

Specific: Andrew enlisted on 13 April 1776 at Sunbury, Pa. in Captain Casper Weitzel's Company of the Pa. Rifle Regiment. (d) He was taken prisoner at Long Island, wounded at Brandywine, and served at Germantown, Valley Forge, Monmouth, and Yorktown. (c) He was mustered out as a Sgt. in Lt. Col. Henry Miller's Co. on 3 November 1783. (d)

RESIDED: Prior to the War and until 1814 he lived in York, now Adams County, Pennsylvania. When he moved to Ohio, he took 100 acres of land in north of Section 6, Township 1, Range 1. on 1 February 1805. (e) Today this land is near Bloomingdale in Jefferson County, Ohio.

WIFE: SOPHIA WALTERMEYER (g) or HALTMYER

Born: 23 April 1766 York now Adams County, Pennsylvania

Died: 23 December 1826 Jefferson Co. Ohio. (c)

Buried: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Row 11. (c)

KNOWN CHILDREN: Andrew and Sophia had eleven children.

1) David (1786-1814) (Beech Springs) married (1827) Eleanor Paxton (c & f)

8) Catherine (1801-1826) Beech Springs (c)

11) Nancy (1809-1827) Beech Springs (c)

?) Lewis W. (1806-1884) marriage 1 (1828) Anna Darr
marriage 2 (1832) Eleanor Moorhead (h)

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: Andrew Ralston's father, mother, sister and brother were killed by the Indians in York County, Pennsylvania. Only he and his sister survived the attack. (a) After he was in Jefferson County, he made his living as a farmer. Andrew received a bounty land warrant for his military service.

REFERENCES:

(a) Charles Hanna, *Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio*, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900) page 558.

(b) Calculated using birth and death years.

(c) "Green Township Cemetery, Harrison Co. Ohio" Harrison County Genealogical Society, (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1996) page 23.

(d) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Fifth Series, Volume II, (Harrisburg, Pa 1906), pages 281,282,283.

(e) *Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books*, Vol 142, (Washington, DC: National Society of the DAR), page 87.

(f) Hanna, *op cit.*, page 292.

(h) Hanna, *Ibid*, pages 558,559.

DANIEL WELCH (lived in and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 1763 Cumberland Co, Pennsylvania (a & b)

SON OF: Daniel Welch (a)

DIED: 7 September 1819 Harrison County, Ohio (a & b)

AGE: 56 years (c)

BORN: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Harrison County, Ohio (b)

MARKER: yes

MARRIED: Marriage date not known at the time.

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private in Washington County, Pennsylvania militia (d)

Specific: Daniel was a private in Capt. Robert Miller's 4th company, 4th battalion in the Washington County, Pennsylvania militia. (d)

RESIDED: Daniel appears to have been born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Prior to the War he moved with his family to Cecil Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. About 1801 they moved to Jefferson County, later part of Harrison County. On 10 March 1810 he received a patent for all of Section 1, Township 10, Range 4 and all of Section 6, Township 9, Range 4, a total of 1,280 acres.(a,e)

WIFE: ELIZABETH WAITS, **DAUGHTER OF:** John and Sarah Waits (a)

BORN: 1770 Pennsylvania (a)

DIED: 29 March 1844 Harrison County, Ohio

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church, Harrison Co. Oh. (a & b)

CHILDREN:

(1) John served in War of 1812 and died in service. He was not married. (a)

(2) Daniel (1790-1868) marriage I Margaret Bayless (1796-1833)
marriage 2 (1834) Mary Gray (1806-1848} (a)

(3) Rezin (1795-1881) marriage I (1818) Eliza Bayless (1801-1842)
marriage 2 (1846 Maria Bayless (187-1886) (a)

(4) Benjamin (a)

(5) Pressley

(6) William married (1835) Adaline Phillips

(7) Jacob married Charlotte Pumphrey

(8) Cyrus (11} Rhoda married (1828) John Mansfield (a)

(9) Samuel married Martha Moore (1815-1836) (a)

(10) Mary married (1829) Dr. Jacob Voorhes (a)

(11) Rhoda married (1828) John Mansfield (a)

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: After he moved to Ohio, Daniel established a horse powered mill. It may have been the first one in the area that became Harrison County. He was also a farmer.

He was one of the primaries, if not the primary person who established Beech Springs Presbyterian Church, the first Presbyterian Church in Harrison County and one of the earliest in the entire area. He was a ruling elder of this church. Dr. John Rea, a noted minister in the early Ohio church, was the pastor here for a number of years and is buried in the cemetery. Both he and his father were in the Washington County, Pa Militia. It is not clear whether his father came to Ohio.

REFERENCES:

(a) Charles A Hanna *Historical Collections of Harrison County in the State of Ohio*, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), pages 579, 580.

(b) "Green Township Cemeteries" Harrison County Genealogical Society (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1996), page 21.

(c) Calculated using birth and death years.

DANIEL WELCH continued

REFERENCES: continued

- (d) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Sixth Series, Volume II (Harrisburg, Pa., 1906), page 155.
- (e) Hanna, *op. cit.* page 235.

ADAM WYLIE (lived and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 1749 (a)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: 1 June 1827 (at the age of 78 years) Harrison County, Ohio. (b & c)

AGE: 78 years (b & c)

BURIED: Beech Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery (b & c)

MARKER: Yes

MARRIED: Yes, but marriage date is unknown.

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private Washington County, Pennsylvania, Militia (c)

Specific: Adam was a private, 8th class, Capt. Andrew Swearingham's Co., 3rd Battalion, Washington Co., Pa., Militia, 12 May 1782; private 8th class, Capt. Charles Belderback's Co., 3rd Battalion, Washington Co., Pa., Militia, 15 Sep 1782; private 8th class, Capt. Andrew Swearingham's Co., 3rd Batt., Washington Co. Pa., Militia (d)

RESIDED: Adam Wylie lived in Washington County, Pennsylvania, during the war. When he moved to Harrison County, he lived in Green Township. (e)

WIFE: (no information at this time)

KNOWN CHILDREN:

(1) John (1776-1816) married Margaret (maiden name unknown) (1776-1833) (f)

(2) William (1800-1871) married Mary P. (maiden name unknown) (1805-1888) (g)

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: Adam was a farmer and a Presbyterian. No record has been found that his wife was living when he moved to Ohio. No will is recorded.

REFERENCES:

(a) Subtraction using the cemetery inscription information,

(b) Charles A. Hanna. *Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio*, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), page 319

(c) "Green Township Cemeteries," Harrison Co., Ohio, Genealogical Society, (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1996), page 11.

(d) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Sixth Series, Volume II, (Harrisburg, Pa: 1906), pages 107,113,114,122,123.

(e) Inferred from burial place.

(f) Hanna, *op. cit.*, page 11.

(g) *ibid.*, page 15.