

# Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Ridgeview Cemetery

Archibald Leeper  
Samuel McClelland,  
Hugh McDonough,  
John Megaw,  
John Nelson,  
Jacob Richey,  
William Slemmons



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.

Take CR 9 from SR 22 at Cadiz about 8 miles to CR 17 (Hanover Ridge Rd.). Ridgeview Cemetery is located about 1 ½ miles on CR 17, left side of the road.



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**ARCHIBALD LEEPER** (lived and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 1756 (a)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: April 1826 Harrison County, Ohio. (b)

AGE: 70years (b)

BURIED: Ridgeview Cemetery, Archer Township, Harrison Co., Ohio

MARKER: No (c)

MARRIED: Yes but date not known

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private Pennsylvania Militia

**Specific:** Archibald Leeper was a private, 3rd class, in Capt. George Sharp's Co., 3rd Battalion, Washington Co, Pa., Militia, "ordered to rendezvous 4 April 1782." (d) He was private 3rd class, Capt. Samuel Shanon's Co., 3rd Battalion, Washington Co., Pa. Militia, returns of 4 September 1782. (e)

**RESIDED:** Archibald Leeper purchased the northwest quarter of Section 33, Township 11, Range 5 on 1 May 1810. (f) This farm is located north of Cadiz in Archer Township. (g, h)

**WIFE:** ELIZABETH (g) No information known at this time about her birth, death, or burial.

**CHILDREN:** (h & i)

- 1) Mazy
- 2) Samuel marriage 1833 Lavina Connell (j)
- 3) Nancy
- 4) Margaret marriage 1832 Graft Bell (k)
- 5) Elizabeth
- 6) Archibald
- 7) William marriage 1826 Rebecca Johnson (j)
- 8) James marriage 1833 Hannah Wright (j)

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** Other than the fact that he was a farmer in Archer Township and apparently was Presbyterian because of his place of burial. There is little known of his life in Harrison County.

**REFERENCES:**

- a) Calculated using age and date of birth.
- b) Charles Hanna, *Historical Collections of Harrison County in the State of Ohio*. New York. NY. 1900, page 364.
- c) "Archer and German Tps Cemeteries," Harrison County, Oh, Genealogical Society, page 70.
- d) Thomas Montgomery, Editor, *Pennsylvania Archives*, Sixth Series, Volume II, Harrisburg, Pa, 1906, p 92.
- e) *Ibid*, pages 99 & 111-112.
- f) Harrison County, Ohio, Deed Book C, page 249.
- g) Deed dated 27 Dec. 1813, Harrison Co, Oh, Deed Book A., page 80.
- h) Deed dated 2 March 1832, Harrison County, Ohio, Deed Book F., page 383.
- i) Mrs. Orville Dailey, ed. *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Lived in the State of Ohio*, Roster 1, (Published by the State Society DAR of Ohio, 1929), page 224, Roster III, 1959, page 212, no additional data.

**SAMUEL T. McCLELLAND** (lived and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 1751 Ireland (a)

SON OF: unknown

BORN: 5 March 1829 Archer Township, Harrison County, Ohio (a)

AGE: 68 years (b)

BURIED: Ridgeview Presbyterian Church Cemetery (c)

MARKER: Older Military Type

MARRIED: Yes.

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Lieutenant Pennsylvania Militia (d)

**Specific:** Lt. McClelland was in Flying Camp of the Chester County, Pa., militia (d)

**RESIDED:** Samuel served in the militia of Chester County. When he moved to Ohio, he lived northwest of Cadiz, probably in Archer Township.

**WIFE:** ELIZABETH OLIVER

BORN: unknown

DIED: unknown

BURIED: Ridgeview Cemetery, Archer Township, Harrison County, Ohio. No marker.

**CHILDREN:** Not known at this time.

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** Not known at this time.

**REFERENCES:**

(a) *Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books*, Volume 82 (Washington, D. C., National Society of DAR, 1994) page 82.

(b) Calculated using birth and death records.

(c) *Archer and German Townships Cemetery Book*, (Cadiz, Ohio, Privately Printed), page 46

(d) Thomas L. Montgomery, *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Sixth Series, Volume IV, (Harrisburg, Pa., page 1907), page 157.

**HUGH McDONOUGH** (lived in and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 4 July 1752 Ireland (a)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: December 1833 (a)

AGE: 81 years (b)

BURIED: Archer or Stock Township (c)

MARKER: No

MARRIED: Yes, but date of marriage not known

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private Pennsylvania

**Specific:** Hugh McDonough was a private in the Pennsylvania Flying Camp. (a) Hugh received a pension on 2 April 1833 at the age 82 years old. (a) He died before the end of the year.

**RESIDED:** Hugh took a land grant for the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 12, Range 6. It was finalized on 17 November 1812. (c) During his life time this was part of Archer Township but became Stock Township when it was created. His name appears in the Harrison County Poll Books of 1813. (d) He is listed as a resident of Archer Township in the census of 1820 and 1830. (e)

**WIFE:** NANCY (maiden name unknown) (f)

**CHILDREN:** (b)

- (1) Jane
- (2) Mary Queen
- (3) Elizabeth Eslick
- (4) John
- (5) Edward
- (6) Hugh, Jr.
- (7) Helen Moody

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** It is known that he was a farmer and was one of the earliest settlers in the part of Archer Township, Harrison County, than became Stock Township.

**REFERENCES:**

- (a) *Pension Roll of 1835, Volume JV, The Mid-Western States*, (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1994), page 256.
- (b) *Will Book A*, Hugh McDonough, Harrison County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division.
- (c) Charles A. Hanna, *Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio*. (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), page 223. (d) Poll Books of 1813 for Harrison Co., Harrison County Historical Society.
- (e) Federal Census of the United States for 1820 and 1830.
- (f) Mabel Smith & Hilda Johnson, Co-chair, *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Lived in State of Ohio, Roster III*, (State Society, DAR of Ohio, 1959)

**JOHN MEGAW** (lived and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 1754 Ireland (a)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: 1818 Ridgeview Cemetery (a)

AGE: 64 years (b)

BURIED: He is buried in Ridgeview Cemetery, Archer Township, Ohio

MARKER: None (a & c)

MARRIED: Yes One source says that they were married at the close of the war. (d)

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private, Pennsylvania line

**Specific:** Apparently, he enlisted at the beginning of the war, served in Talbot's Company of the Pennsylvania Continental Line and deserted in November 1778. (f) It is stated; also, the he fought at Brandywine and was at Valley Forge. (d)

**RESIDED:** John Megaw came from Ireland in 1775. He owned a farm in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. When he came to Ohio, he owned a farm in North Township, Harrison County, Ohio, northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 11, Range 5. (e) He exchanged this farm for one in Archer Township with Thomas Hitchcock. He died on the Archer Township farm, (d)

**WIFE:** JANE HAMILTON

BORN: County Tyrone, Ireland (d)

DIED: unknown

BURIED: In Old Cadiz Cemetery. There is no marker,

**CHILDREN:** [children's names (a)]

(1) John (1784-1865) marriage Catherine Best (1787-1847) Ridgeview (d)

(2) Rebecca

(3) Jane

(4) Samuel

(5) Sarah

(6) James (1793-1851)

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** At the end of the Revolutionary War, John Megaw became a traveling salesman. With his success he was able to purchase a farm in Westmoreland County. He was a farmer in Harrison County. His former farm in Archer Township is part of the landfill started under the Chambers Company and purchased by Waste Management The Hitchcock Cemetery on this farm is in a bad state of repair. (e)

**REFERENCES:**

a) Charles Hanna, *Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio*, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900) pages 545 & 546.

b) Calculated using birth and death years.

c) "Archer and German Townships Cemeteries" Harrison Co. Genealogical Society. (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1998)

d) J. H. Beers & Co., *Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Harrison and Carroll, Ohio*. (Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., 1891), page 326.

e) Hanna, op cit., page 224.

f) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Fifth Series, Volume III, (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: 1906), page182.

**JOHN NELSON, Jr.** (lived in and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: 1755 in Ireland (a)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: October 1828 in Archer Township, Harrison County, Ohio (b)

AGE: 72 years (c)

BURIED: Ridgeview Cemetery, Archer Township, Harrison County, Ohio

MARKER: Military (b)

MARRIED: unknown

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private Pennsylvania Militia (d)

**Specific:** John Nelson, Jr. served in Sixth and Seventh Battalion of the Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, militia as a private in 1777 and 1778. A John Nelson, probably his father, served in the Seventh Battalion. (d)

**RESIDED:** John emigrated from Ireland with his parents in 1771. (a) He was in the Cumberland County, Pa., militia. When he moved to Ohio, he was living in Cadiz Township, Harrison County in 1820. (c)

**WIFE:** MARTHA ARCHBOLD (a) no other information known

**CHILDREN:** (a)

(1) John married Hannah Moody (f)

(2) James

(3) Benjamin (War of 1812) (g)

(4) Hugh married 1815 Betsy Wilson (f)

(5) Jane

(6) Samuel married 1819 Sally Preston (f)

(7) Mary married 1818 Joseph Leggit (h)

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** Further study is necessary to determine if John owned land in Harrison County. He is not listed as an original land grant holder.

**REFERENCES:**

(a) Mrs. Orville Dailey, *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Lived in the State of Ohio. Roster I.* (State Society of the DAR of Ohio, 1929), page 270.

(b) "Archer and German Townships Cemeteries" Harrison County, Ohio. Genealogical Society, (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1998), page 45.

(c) Calculated using birth and death dates.

(d) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Fifth Series, Volume VI. (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: 1906), pages 459, 372.

(e) Federal Census of the United States for 1820.

(f) Charles A. Hanna *Historical Collections of Harrison County in the State of Ohio.* (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), page 288.

(g) *ibid*, page 106.

(h) *ibid*, page 275.

**JACOB RICHEY SR.** (lived in and buried in Harrison County, Ohio.)

BORN: June 1755 (a)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: 25 April 1836 Harrison County, Ohio (a) (Probate was filled 18 June 1836) (b)

AGE: 81 years (c)

BURIED: Ridgeview Cemetery, Archer Township, Harrison County, Ohio (a)

MARKER: none found

MARRIED: unknown date

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General**: Private Pennsylvania militia and Pennsylvania line (d)

**Specific**: Private in Captain Manus Yost's Company of the First Regiment of Foot, Pennsylvania Continental Line and Bucks County, Pennsylvania militia. (d) 1835 Pension Roll (e)

**RESIDED**: Jacob came to Ohio from Bucks County by way of Washington County, Pennsylvania. Apparently, he lived in Archer Township on the farm of his son, Jacob. It was the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 11, and Range 5. Now, it is in the Harrison State Park. (f)

**WIFE**: MARY ANN (a)

BORN: 1760 (a)

DIED: 24 June 1835 Harrison County, Ohio (a)

BURIED: Ridgeview Cemetery, Harrison County, Ohio. (a)

**CHILDREN**:

(1) Ann (b)

(2) John (b)

(3) Jacob (1790-1845) married Elizabeth (maiden name unknown) (1786-1845) (b & g)

(4) Samuel (b)

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY**: Jacob's last name is spelled Richey and Ritchy and Richie. Jacob was one of the incorporators of Ridge Presbyterian Church and is buried in its cemetery. He was a farmer.

**REFERENCES**:

(a) Charles A Hanna *Historical Collections of Harrison County in the State of Ohio*, (New York: Privately Printed, 1900), page 366.

(b) *Will Book A.*, Harrison County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, page 475.

(c) Calculated from birth and death years

(d) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Fifth Series, Volume V, (Harrisburg, Pa.: 1906), pages 394, 427, and 432.

(e) *The Pension Roll of 1835, Volume JV, The Mid-Western States*. (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1994), page 257.

(f) Hanna, *op. cit.*, page 229.

(g) *ibid.*, page 52.

**WILLIAM SLEMMONS** (lived and died in Harrison Co., Ohio.)

BORN: 1761 (a & b)

SON OF: Mr. and Mrs. William Slemmons

DIED: 27 Jan 1827 Harrison County, Ohio (a & b)

AGE: 66 years (g)

BURIED: Ridgeview Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Archer Township, Harrison Co., Ohio. (a & b)

MARKER: no

Married: (1) unknown (2) 1811

**SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:**

**General:** Private Pennsylvania Militia

**Specific:** He was a Private, 5th Class, in Captain William Brisben's 8th Company, 1st Battalion, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Militia in 1781 and in 1783 (e)

**RESIDED:** William probably was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania. After 1800 he moved to what was to become Harrison County, Ohio, living in Archer Township. (f)

**WIVES:** (1) no information (2) JANE OSBORN (a)

BORN: 1775

DIED: 4 July 1851 Harrison County, OH

BURIED: Ridgeview Presbyterian Church. Archer Township, Harrison Co. Oh. (no marker)

**CHILDREN:**

(1st marriage)

(1) William R (1780 -1841 Old Cadiz) married Nancy (maiden name unknown) (died 1846 Old Cadiz) (c)

(2) Margaret (1783 -1873 Cadiz Union) (c) married Jacob Vasbinder

(3) Joseph J. (1786-1868 Ridge) married Susanna (1801-1862) (d)

(4) Basil Lee (b)

(5) Thomas (b)

(6) Samuel (1808-1867) 1<sup>st</sup> marriage Susana Askrin) |810-1851) 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage Eliza Reames (1829-1879) (c)

(2nd marriage)

(7) Martha (born 1812) married James Welch

(8) Jane (born 1814) married Charles Amspoker (a & b)

(9) Matthew (born 1818) married Ann Welch (1818-1857 Old Cadiz) (c)

(10) Alexander (born 1820) unmarried. (a & b)

(11) Susann (born 1822) married John Lyle or Lysle (a & b)

**MORE OF HIS HISTORY:** William was a farmer in Archer Township. The family was members of the Ridgeview Presbyterian Church. He, his wife, Jane, and his son, Joseph, are buried in its cemetery.

**REFERENCES:**

(a) Charles A Hanna, *Historical Collections of Harrison County, in the State of Ohio.* (New York: Privately Printed), page 571.

(b) An approved application of Laura Johnson Love for DAR

(c) "Cadiz Township Cemeteries", Harrison County Genealogical Society, (Cadiz: Privately Printed, 1989), pages 30, 71, and 76.

(d) "Archer & German Townships Cem." Harrison County Genealogical Society. (Cadiz: Privately Printed), page 62

(e) Thomas L. Montgomery, Ed., *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Fifth Series, Volume VII, (Harrisburg, Pa., 1906), pages 15, 45, and 75.

(f) Federal Census of the United States (1820).

(g) Calculation using birth and death dates.