

Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in

Two Ridges Cemetery

George Alban

Richard M. Johnson

Samuel Leech Sr.

James S. McFarren

Thomas H. Norton *

James Shane

*suspected but unproven

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.

This cemetery is located in Island Creek Township. NW Quarter, Section 25, Township 7, Range 2. It is behind Two Ridges Church State off of Route 43, on County Road 40.



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GEORGE ALBAN (lived, died, and buried in Jefferson County, Ohio.)

BORN: 14 February 1758 Frederick County, Virginia (a,b,c,d)

SON OF: Unknown

BORN: 27 January 1840 Jefferson County, Ohio (a,b,c)

AGE: 81 years, 11 months, and 13 days (e)

BURIED: Two Ridges Presbyterian Church Cemetery (b)

MARKER: Yes, a military marker (b)

MARRIED: 1783 (a)

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private in Virginia Continental Line

Specific: He enlisted in 1776 as a private in Captain Thomas Berry's Company of the 8th Regiment of the Virginia Continental Line commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenberg. (f) In 1777 he was transferred to the Commander-in-Chief's Guard commanded by Capt. Caleb Gibbs at Brandywine and Germantown. (g) George was discharged at Valley Forge on 28 February 1778, but re-enlisted in early March and served with Capt. Jeremiah Dunn's Company until 24 November 1778 when he was wounded. He was placed on the pension list for his service in the Revolution on 28 December 1833. His number was 88019. (h)

RESIDED: (a,b,c) He was born and married in Frederick County, Virginia. In 1796 they moved to Charlestown, Va., now Wellsburg, WV. The next year he and his family moved to Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. He purchased 180 acres of land in that township on Dec. 27 1800. His name appears on the tax lists in 1806, 1808, and 1809.

SPOUSE: JANE GREEN (a)

BORN: 1760

DIED: 8 August 1839 Jefferson County, Ohio.

BURIED: Two Ridges Presbyterian Cemetery, Jefferson County, Ohio.

MARKER: none found

CHILDREN: (i) George and Jane Alban had ten children. The names are known for seven of them.

- 1) William married Elizabeth Shane
- 2) Mary (1784-1850) married Thomas Edgington
- 3) Elizabeth (1792-1877) married John Patterson
- 4) Leah married Crab (first name unknown)
- 5) George (1795-1861) married Nancy Cox (1807-1877)
- 6) Aaron Abraham married Ann Patterson
- 7) John (Note: John died before George, Sr. His children who were mentioned in probate are: George, James, John, Nancy, William K., and Westley & Eliza.

MORE OF THE HISTORY: (g) The Commander in Chiefs Guard was a prestigious position. Men selected had to meet height, weight, and moral requirements. Also, they had to be of the greatest loyalty to the Commander and the new county. It is assumed that the other children died as infants or small children before they moved to Jefferson County.

REFERENCES:

(a) Virgil White, *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, Vol. 1, page 22.

(b) Mrs. Orville Dailey, *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in State of Ohio*, Roster #1, page 13.

(c) Mabel Smith & Hilda Johnson, *Official Roster of Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in State of Oh*, Roster 3, page 13

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GEORGE ALBAN continued

REFERENCES, continued

(d) Veterans Grave Registration Jefferson Co. (Washington, D.C. Works Projects Administration)

(e) Calculated using birth and death years.

(f) Hamilton J. Eckenrode, *Virginia Soldiers of the American Revolution*, Vol. 1, page 16.

(g) Carlos Godfrey, "The Commander in Chiefs Guard" Article by Charles Green *Jefferson County Lines*, p, 39

(h) *Pension Roll of 1835, Volume IV, The Mid-Western States*, page 261

(i) Reva Ashcraft, copier, *Will Book A*, Jefferson Co., Oh. page 154.

RICHARD M. JOHNSON (lived and died in Jefferson County, Ohio.)

BORN: 17 August 1743 Virginia (b) or 1746 Amsterdam, Holland (a)

SON OF: Unknown

DIED: 1828 Steubenville, Ohio (b)

AGE: AGE: 82 years (a), 85 years (b)

BURIED: Two Ridges Presbyterian Church Cemetery (c)

MARKER: Yes, but it is broken and leaning against another stone.

MARRIED: Yes, two times but dates of marriages unknown at this time.

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Lt. in Pennsylvania Frontier Rangers (d)

Specific: He enlisted 1778 and was discharged 1783. (b) Richard Johnson was a Bedford County Ranger but served with the Washington County Rangers. (d) Richard Johnson served in the French and Indian War, also. (a)

RESIDED: He settled on the Bustard Farm, now Belleview Park. In 1820, he was living in Ross Township, Jefferson County, Oh. and in 1830 in Springfield Township, Jefferson County, Oh. (e)

SPOUSE: #1 DORCUS DUGAN (c) no other information known
#2 ELIZABETH NASH (c) no other information known

CHILDREN: (three known children) (c) Mother was Elizabeth Nash

(1) Rebecca (1774-1841) married Reazin Beall

(2) Margaret B. married James Patterson

(3) Derrick (1785-1842) and Derrick's wife are buried beside him.

MORE OF THE HISTORY: none available at this time

REFERENCES:

(a) Charles Green, "Some Revolutionary Veterans Buried in Jefferson County, Ohio." *Jefferson County Lines*, Spring 1999, Volume 13, Issue I, page 4.

(b) "Veterans Grave Registrations, Jefferson County, Ohio (Washington, DC: Works Projects Administration).

(c) *DAR Patriot Index Centennial Edition*, Volume 42 (Washington, DC, 1990), page 28.

(d) William H. Egle, *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Third

Series, Volume XXIII, (Harrisburg, Pa: Wm. Stanley Ray, 1897), pages 198, 225, 231.

(e) United States Census for Ohio, 1820, 1830, 1840.

SAMUEL LEECH Sr. (Lived, died and buried in Jefferson County, Ohio)

BORN: 1737 (a)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: 1820, Jefferson County, OH (c) (e) (f)

AGE: 84 (i)

BURIED: Two Ridge Cemetery, Jefferson County, Ohio (c) (f)

MARKER: none found

MARRIED: 1757

SERVICE IN REVOLUTION:

General: Served in the, PA Militia (b)

Specific: Private in the Westmoreland County, PA Militia (b)

RESIDED: Westmoreland County, PA and Jefferson County, OR (a) (b)

WIFE: Mary Frey (a) (c)

BORN: 1738 (a) (c)

DIED: 1821 (a) (c)

BURIED: Two Ridge Cemetery (a) (c)

CHILDREN:

1) Samuel Jr. (a) (c)

2) Margaret, (a) (c)

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: Samuel is listed in the 1809 & 1810 Tax List of Jefferson County, Wayne Township, Ohio. Samuel is also listed in 1809, ESQ, Account Proper. He is listed several times in the, "The Spencer Ledger," a tradesman record of a business in Steubenville, Ohio. (g)

REFERENCES:

(a) Mary E. DiThomas, compiler, *"Early Records of Jefferson County, Ohio 1788-1851,"* page 1.

(b) *"Pennsylvania Archives,"* Series 5, Vol. 4, page 444.

(c) Mary E. DiThomas, compiler, *"Early Records of Jefferson County, Ohio 1788-1851,"* page 1.

(e) Veterans Grave Registration Jefferson County, Ohio (Washington DC, Works Progress Administration.). A 231

(f) Dohrman J. Sinclair, *"Pioneer Collection of Jefferson County, Ohio,* pp 189), pages 11, 30, & 38.

(g) *"Tax List 1809 & 1810, Jefferson Co., Wayne Twp., OH*

JAMES S. McFARREN (lived in Pennsylvania and Jefferson County, Ohio, where he died and is buried.)

BORN: c. 1764 (a)

SON OF: Unknown

BORN: 1816 (a)

AGE: 52 years (b)

BURIED: Two Ridges Presbyterian Church Cemetery (b)

MARKER: Yes, Two Ridges

MARRIED: Unknown

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Private Cumberland Co., Pa., Militia (c)

Specific: James McFarren of the Cumberland County, Pennsylvania served in the 4th Company of the 1st battalion under Lt. Col. James Johnston as a Private, fifth class. The length of time is not given but he was serving on 6 August 1781. (c)

RESIDED: He served in the Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Militia. At some time after the war he moved to Jefferson County, Ohio.

SPOUSE: (not known at this time)

CHILDREN: (not known at this time)

MORE OF THE HISTORY: (not known at this time)

REFERENCES:

(a) Charles Green, "Some Revolutionary Veterans Buried in Jefferson County, Ohio" *Jefferson County Lines* page 4.

(b) Calculated using birth and death years.

(c) Thomas Montgomery, *Pennsylvania Archives*, Fifth Series, Volume VI (Harrisburg, Pa: 1906) page 118.

THOMAS H. NORTON (lived in Pennsylvania and lived and died in Jefferson County, Ohio.)

See Addendum

BORN: 1752, probably in England (d)

SON OF: Unknown

DIED: 1823 (a)

AGE: 72

BURIED: Two Ridges Cemetery, Jefferson Co OH 56 (a)

MARKER: Yes

MARRIED: Yes, but the date of the marriage is not known at this time.

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: Captain Pennsylvania Militia (b)

Specific: Captain Thomas Norton was a Captain in the 1st Battalion of the Bedford County, Pennsylvania, militia. (b)

RESIDED: Thomas Norton lived in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, but probably was born in England. After the war he and his family moved to Jefferson County, Ohio. (c)

WIFE: Sarah (a) (no other information available at this time)

CHILDREN: (a)

(1) James

(2) John

(3) Thomas

(4) Jane

(5) Sarah married Robert Kelly

(6) Elizabeth married William Shields

(7) Margaret married William Hamilton

(8) Mary married Andrew Hopper

(9) Nancy married James McCune

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: (no other information available at this time)

REFERENCES:

(a) Mary E. Di Thomas, "Will Abstracts taken from Will Book 2 A 1821-1836, Jefferson County, Ohio."

(b) Thomas Montgomery, *Archives of Pennsylvania*, Fifth Series, Volume V, (Harrisburg, Pa: 1906), page 96.

(c) Joseph Doyle, *20th Century History of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Ohio, and Representative Citizens*, page 410.

(d) Mrs. Dohrman J. Sinclair, "Pioneer Collection of Jefferson County, Ohio." (Steubenville, Ohio), page 30.

ADDENDUM: THOMAS H. NORTON / THOMAS NORTON

Findings in an attempt to prove Revolutionary War service of the Thomas Norton, that died 1823, and is buried in Two Ridges Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Jefferson County Ohio.

1. From headstones, Two Ridges Cemetery:

Here Resteth The Remains Of Thomas Norton Who Departed This Life The 6th Day Of Mar. 1823 In The 78th year Of His Life. ((C/N - Born c. 1745))

In Memory Of Sarah Norton Consort Of Thomas Norton Who Departed This Life Feb. 14, 1832 In The 77th Year of Her Life.

THOMAS H. NORTON ADDENDUM continued:

The other Thomas Norton Died April 30 1859 In The 80th Year Of His Age.
Continued From headstones, Two Ridges Cemetery

[C/N - The headstones of Thomas Norton, his wife Sarah and their son Thomas.]

2. From Caldwell's History of Belmont and Jefferson Counties, 1880, pages 608 to 610:
[These pages cover the life of Edward M. Norton and descendents with references to his father and grandfather, both named Thomas H. Norton.]

(Thomas H. Norton) Came from London England. Served the entire period of the Rev. War under Generals Washington and Greene. Was at the battles of Monmouth and Brandywine. After the war he was a clock and watchmaker in Germantown. Had a son, also named Thomas H. Norton, who served as a Capt. of the Germantown Blues during the war of 1812. Some years after that war, this son relocated to Richmond Virginia where he died in 1824. This Thomas H. Norton, who died in Richmond, had a son, Edward M. Norton, who had migrated to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania prior to 1846 and later relocated to the Upper Ohio Valley where he settled near Portland Station (now Rayland), Jefferson County Ohio.

[C/N - Caldwell does not indicate in these pages that the Thomas H. Norton, born in England, ever left Germantown or Philadelphia after the Rev. War. He may have, but no proof of this man relocating to Jefferson County has been found.]

3. From Will Index of Philadelphia County PA - Internet: Will Book 2. Part 'B', page 327:

Thomas Norton: Will probated July 13, 1808. Northern Liberties section, Philadelphia. Will Book 7, Part 'B', page 251:

Thomas Norton: Will probated Feb. 3, 1821. Northern Liberties section, Philadelphia.

[C/N - These two wills are from individuals - probably related - who died in Philadelphia. One of them possibly the Revolutionary War Thomas Norton. No proof however.))

4. From LDS Family Search, Family Group Record - Internet

Thomas Norton - born about 1751, Philadelphia PA. Died 1808 Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Married about 1776 to Mary, born about 1756.

Children: Samuel - born about 1778, Philadelphia

Ann - born about 1780, "

Jesse - born about 1782, "

Thomas - born about 1784, * "

[C/N - This Thomas Norton appears to be the one in item #3, "Will Index ..., "who died in 1808. No proof if this is the same man as Thomas H. Norton (Sr.) referenced in item #2, "Caldwell's History ... ". *This son, Thomas, listed in this LDS info, would have been about 28 in 1812. Certainly of an age to have been a Capt in the War of 1812. No proof however.]

5. From NSDAR- Rev. War Soldiers Who Lived in Ohio, Vol. 2, page 266:

Thomas Norton .. "No proof given for inference of service". Reported by Steubenville Chapter.

6. From The 20th Century History of Steubenville & Jefferson County, page 410:

A Thomas Norton is listed as a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Steubenville in 1819.

THOMAS H. NORTON ADDENDUM continued:

7. From Caldwell's History of Belmont and Jefferson counties, 1880, page 466:

A Thomas Norton is listed as the owner of a Tavern, or Inn, sign of the "Black Bear", in Steubenville in 1814.
[C/N - Items 6 & 7: It is quite possible these two men are one and the same. No proof that this is the Thomas Norton buried in Two Ridges Cemetery.]

8. From Jefferson County Will Index - Will Book 'A', 1821-1836:

Thomas Norton: Will dated Jan. 22, 1823. Probated Aug. 23, 1823. Lists wife, Sarah, and nine children, as well as sons and daughters in-law, including Thomas (Jr.).

[C/N - Proof that Thomas Norton, buried in Two Ridges, and died in Jefferson County.]

9. From PA Archives, 5th Series:

Listed herein are references to three (separate) Thomas Norton's who served during the Rev. War.

One from Bedford County as a Pvt.

One from Cumberland County as a Pvt.

One from the 2nd Rgmt. Cont. Line as a Sgt. In 1777 who was promoted to Lt. This one also served as Quartermaster for the PA 2nd.

[C/N - This latter listing from the 5th series may well be the Thomas Norton who settled in Germantown after the war; however, no proof of this, nor proof that any of these men lived in Jefferson County.]

10. From Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families, Vol. II, page 151:

Thomas Norton, Merchant of the Northern Liberties, is listed as a co-executor of the will of Esther Channel, Widow of James Channel, Oct. 7, 1795, Philadelphia

11. From 1820 Jefferson County Census:

Island Creek Twp., page 255, line 24 - lists a Thomas Norton with following family:

1 male under age of 10;

1 male age of 16-18;

2 males 16-26;

1 male 45 up;

1 female 16-26;

1 female 45 up.

Steubenville, page 261 b, line 22 - lists a Thomas Norton with following family:

3 males under 10;

1 male 10-16;

1m 45 up;

1 female 26-45.

[C/N - The Island Creek Thomas Norton may be the one buried in Two Ridges. No proof.]

Conclusions:

Item #8 above proves the error of the statement made by a Penny Burwell in her e-mail message to Flora Verstraten in May of 2007 that Thomas Norton was 'reburied' in Two Ridges Cemetery from a grave in another state. This Thomas Norton, buried in Two Ridges, died in Jefferson County. His will was recorded and filed for Probate in this county, his place of death.

Item #2 disproves the Burwell statement that the son of her Rev. War Thomas Norton, also named Thomas, is also buried in Two Ridges. That Thomas Norton died and is buried in Richmond, VA.

Item #9 states that a Thomas Norton served as a Quartermaster. This is no doubt the Thomas Norton referred to in the Burwell message but it is unknown if he is the one who was from Germantown PA. This is quite

THOMAS H. NORTON ADDENDUM, Conclusions continued:

possible. However, the son of this Rev. War Vet Thomas Norton, (item #2) died in VA in 1824 not in Jefferson County as she states.

No proof was found that indicated any of the Rev. War Veterans named Thomas Norton as listed in items #2 & #9 ever relocated to Jefferson County. One of them may well have, but no such proof has been found to date. The Thomas Norton in item #5 may be the one in Two Ridges, but since no proof of service was submitted by the Steubenville Chapter DAR, his Rev. War_ service cannot be assumed. Our research into this matter has found the name "Thomas Norton" in many sources covering three states. No doubt a 'common' name.

We do not state that the Thomas Norton, c 1745-1823, buried in Two Ridges Cemetery 'never' served in the Revolutionary War. However, through our findings to date, we cannot prove that he did.

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Addendum: Supplemental Findings - 2009:

1a. From "'Mother Bedford and the American Revolution" by Larry D. Smith. Pages 174, 175, 184, 464 & 456.

A Thomas Norton is recorded here as having served during the Rev. War from Bedford County PA as a Lt. of 'Rangers on the Frontier' between 1778 and 1783 and as a Capt. in 1782. He received Depreciation Pay for his services. Ref. 3rd Series, Vol. 23, PA Archives. No proof as to this Thomas Norton relocating to Jefferson County.

2a. From "Pioneer Collection of Jefferson County", pages 12 & 30 by Dohrman J. Sinclair

Page 12 references info regarding Rev. War service from page 608, Caldwell's "History of Belmont and Jefferson Counties". This may be in error unless proof is found that indicates Thomas 'H.' Norton relocated to Jefferson County from the Philadelphia area. See item #2; recap dated May 2008.

JAMES SHANE (lived in Washington Co., PA, and lived & died in Jefferson County, Ohio.)

BORN: 11 Aug 1745 in Hoboken, Hudson, New Jersey (a) (b) (d)

SON OF: Unknown

DIED: 27 June 1804 (a & b)

AGE: 59

BURIED: Two Ridges Church Cemetery, Wintersville, Jefferson County OH 78 (d)

MARKER: Yes, an old and new marker.

MARRIED: Yes, but the the date of the marriage is not known at this time.

SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTION:

General: A Private in the Pennsylvania Militia (g)

Specific: James Shane served in the Washington County, Pennsylvania Militia as a Private (g)

RESIDED: Cross Creek Township Among the first settlers in Cross Creek Township was James Shane. (.t) At time of death he was living in Wayne Township (d)

SPOUSE: Elizabeth Short (b) (No other information available)

CHILDREN: (b)

1.) Benjamin Shane b: 19 Feb 1775 in PA

2.) Jacob Shane b: 17 Sep 1776 in PA

3.) James Shane b: 12Nov1778 in PA

4.) Sarah Shane b: 24 Feb 1781 in PA

Children born in Jefferson County, Ohio.

5.) Isaac Shane b: 26 Dec 1782

6.) Abraham Shane b: 26 Dec 1782

7.) Rebecca Shane born 6 May 1785

8.) Henry Shane born 11 July 1786

9.) Elizabeth Shane born 30 Dec 1788

10.) John Shane born 15 Sept 1791

11.) Joseph Shane born 5 Jun 1794

12.) Susannah Shane born 3 Apr 1797

13.) Samuel Shane born 8 July 1801

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: James emigrated from New Jersey to Washington Co., PA in 1774. In 1798 he crossed the Ohio River at Cable's Ferry, about three miles above Steubenville, and located on the headwaters of Wills Creek. (c) May 30, 1803 James Shane was elected as trustee fm Steubenville Township. (c, e, f)

REFERENCES:

(a) *DAR Patriot Index Centennial Edition*, Part 3, page 2623.

(b) www.rootsweborncom World Connect Project ID IS8948 charwil@nmia.com

(c) J. A Caldwell, *History of Belmont and Jefferson Counties*, pages 574, 524.

(d) Charles Wallace, *Will Book I, Jefferson County 1798-1821*, pages 24-27 August 1804.

(e) Mary D. Sinclair, *Pioneer Days*, page 46.

(f) William H. Blurter, *The Pathfinders of Jefferson County, Ohio* pages 137, 156, 240.

(g) Thomas Montgomery, *Archives of Pennsylvania, Sixth Series, Volume IV*, (Harrisburg, Pa: 1906), page 420.