

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS BURIED IN FLOYD COUNTY

Beginning with Floyd County, there reposes in Fairview Cemetery, New Albany, Ind., four of these first war's veterans.

In the lot of Mr. Samuel Parker, rests the remains of his father-in-law, **Joseph Bell**, a Dragoon, or Light Infantryman, who spent seven years of his early manhood in the Continental army, at various times, fighting the Indians. Born in Pennsylvania, he removed to Olden County, Kentucky, in 1778, and thence to New Albany [in] 1818, where he died in 1848, at the age of ninety years.

Not far from Soldier Bell's grave stands a tablet on which the storms of many years have beaten, with the simple inscription "**Joshua Fowler**, a patriot of the Revolution. Died, March 18, 1820." Eloquent in its brevity, yet how much unwritten history it may conceal.

Not a remote neighbor from these two, in the same beautiful cemetery, may be found another defender of his country, whose headstone bears the name of "**Richard Lord Jones**", and states that he "was born at Colchester, Connecticut, May 15, 1761. Died at New Albany, Ind., July 23, 1852." This enthusiastic youth enlisted at the tender age of thirteen years - which makes him the youngest soldier on our list to offer his services in the dark hour of our country's peril. This boy soldier was a drummer.[Editorial Note: Richard Lord Jones was born in 1767 and enlisted in 1777, which made him ten years old. He was a fifer, not a drummer. This information comes from his Revolutionary War pension file.]

The last of the four at rest in Fairview, is **Benjamin Buckman**, an orderly Sergeant in the Federal army. He enlisted immediately after the Battle of Bunker's Hill, and served throughout the war; was with General Arnold in his wilderness march through Maine, was taken a prisoner at Quebec, and held six months, suffering many hardships and indignities. He was with Washington when he crossed the icy waves of the Delaware - was born at Hadly, Mass., April 16, 1759, and died at the age of [eighty-four] in Washington County, near Salem, October 1, 1845, and was buried at Salem. Years after, his remains were removed to New Albany, Fairview, and the old original headstone was also brought to mark the place of the recent sepulture. His wonderful vitality was so well retained that he walked, by preference, to Vincennes to receive his pension until his eighty-second year.

Only the remains of six Revolutionary Soldiers have been discovered as buried in Floyd County; four at Fairview, and in a private burial lot located near Galena, sleeps in his rural quiet **Jacob Garrison**, who was born 1755 and died April 15, 1836. He served as a minute man in the New Jersey Militia, and received a pension for six months [of] actual service.

Gabriel Poindexter was born in Louisa County, Virginia, August 28, 1701. He is buried near Floyds Knobs, Floyd County. This soldier served in the Virginia Infantry Volunteers, and received the sum of thirty-six pounds and twelve shillings, as pay up to date, 1781. He is reported in the Virginia line of men and officers who had not received their bounty land.