

## Revolutionary War Soldier Buried In Jersey County, Illinois

**Name:** Armstrong, Joshua

### Personal Information

**Born:** Born 1 August 1756 in Paxtang, Lancaster Co., PA

**Family:** Wife – Sarah Morris      Also reported as Sarah Norris

**Death:** 25 Sep 1845

**Military Record:** Enlisted from Cumberland Co., PA three times in the year of 1777, 2 months under Captain Laird and Colonel Chambers Regiment, 2 months under Lt. Jenkins in expedition against the Indians at Standing Stone, 2 months at Ft. Wheeling, VA under Colonel Marshall as scout, September 26-28, 1778 in battle of Chestnut Hill and Seven Stars at Guelph Mill. In 1778 as Private in Captain John McTeer's Company in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Cumberland County Militia. August 1, 1781 – 4 1/2 months under Captain Bruce and as Artificer under Foreman Anderson and Colonel Crockett, and also in 1781 10 months under Colonel Marshall in expedition of General George Rogers Clark at The Falls Of The Ohio River and served in the Battle's of Seven Stars at Gulph's Mill, PA. December 11, 1777 and the Battle of Chestnut Hill, PA December 6, 1777. He served in PA and NC.

**Burial:** Interred in the Armstrong (aka Richland) Cemetery Section 20, English Township in Jersey County. Rt. 38.

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**Narrative:** In 1810 Joshua Moved to Illinois and was a ranger, until the Indians were driven from the southern part of the state. Prior to coming to Illinois, he had removed to Kentucky, and in then year above mentioned he settled in what is now Madison County, Illinois. Joshua Armstrong remained where he first settled until 1824, when he removed with his family to Jersey County, near Fielding, where the old pioneer and soldier remained until his death. Research by Bill Arnstrom.

He was a pensioner residing in Greene County, 31 January 1834 , age 79. he is an early Land Patentee in Section 17 (patent # 6693), 11 apr 1835 and Section 20 (patent # 7260),25 Sept 1835) in English Township. In 1840 a Joshua is found in Jersey County, Illinois Census age 80/90. His widow Sarah was on the pension roll 25 Sept 1845, as residing in Greene County, Illinois. Pension # W23461PA.

### Sources:

**Book:** Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried In Illinois, 1976

**Footnote,** Pension Application, PA

**Newspaper:**

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**Internet:**

[geneolgytrails.com.ill.revwar2.html](http://geneolgytrails.com.ill.revwar2.html)

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**Name:** Bates, William (1757-1848)

### **Personal Information:**

**Born:** 1757 in Pennsylvania

**Family:** He married Elizabeth Moore 7 December 1784 in Surry County, NC.. She was one of five wives. When he was 75 he had the following children: Susannah 12, Joseph 10, William 8, and Mary Ann 6.

**Death:** February, 1848 He is reported being buried at Jersey Landing, now Elsay, Jersey County.

**Military Record:** William served as a private in Both North Carolina and South Carolina. While serving in South Carolina he was in the First Carolina South regiment commanded by Col. Charles Pinkney, from April 14, 1776 to December, 1776. He also served as a spy in the militia for ColShepherd. From his pension application of April 1832 we learn he served in the North Carolina militia. Once while guarding British Prisoners at Salisbury "...some Tories determined to assassinate me and therefore I enlisted rather than to return home". He noted that he enlisted for a term of eighteen months in March or April in a NC company commanded by Capt. Dixon under the command of General Greene and served until December 1782 or January 1783 when he was discharged at Wilmington, NC. He applied for a pension at age 77 and was listed on the IL Pension Roll May 28, 1833 in Greene Co., He was also listed on the Madison Co. Pension Census at age 82 on June 1, 1846.

**Burial:** Though not the exact site of William's burial, it is thought that the site on the Lockhaven Golf Course is fairly accurate. The grave is located off to the left off Lockhaven in front of the pond before the entrance to the country club. This is located in Jersey County, IL. The Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter of the American Revolution honored him in 1998.

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**Narrative:** He spoke German as his first language. He was small in stature and aware of his shortcomings, desiring his heirs to be better educated than he. Unable to read or write he was able to make a living at various locations by owning farms.

After the war he married Elizabeth Moore. The Moore and the Bates families were friends of Daniel Boone to whom credit is given for their 1802 migration from NC to KT where they remained until 1808 when they followed Boone to MO. Legend has it that Malaria struck the family as they were ascending the Mississippi River. Seeking a place to settle on high ground they picked a site at Wood River Creek near where the Alton State Hospital now stands and where two of William's grandsons were victims of the

1814 Wood River Massacre. William's daughter, Hannah, was spared her life when she decided to return to her sister's house rather than proceeding to the Reagan home where Rachel Reagan and other children lost their lives in the massacre. About 1817 the family moved to the mouth of the Piasa Creek on land that is now a part of Lockhaven County Club and built a log cabin. It is thought that they were the first white settlers in that area of Madison Co. which became part of Greene Co. and in 1821 then became Jersey Co. in 1839.

**Sources :**

**Books**

Patriot Index, by National Society Daughters of the American Revolution  
Illinois Revolutionary War Veterans Burials. 1917

**Newspaper:**

The Jersey County Star - Thursday, November 21, 2007 - Article, DAR  
Visits Graves

Alton Evening Telegraph Thursday, May 25, 1950 Article  
Soldiers of All Wars Buried in Jersey

**Periodicals**

Stalker Vol 13, No 1, page 27 Spring 1993, Revolutionary Soldiers and  
Buried In Madison County, Illinois, update by Marie T. Eberle

**Census**

1840 Madison County Federal census, pensioner, states age

**Pension** S32105NC

**Internet** [genealogytrails.com/ill/revwar1.html](http://genealogytrails.com/ill/revwar1.html)

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**Name:** Chandler, Joseph

### Personal Information

**Born:** 10 Sept 1753 in VT

**Family:** Wife was Patience Mary Andrews. Married 26 Nov 1779  
Children were Hiram and Sally.

**Death:** 7 Nov 1844, age 91

**Military Record:** Served as a Private from CT and served in the Battle of Bennington with his father who was killed. He enlisted for seven months in Capt. John Sedwick's Company, Col. Benjamin Hinman's Regiment: enlisted in 1776 for one year in Capt. Theodore Woodbridge's Company, Col. Samuel Elmore's Regiment. He was discharged in April, 1777.

**Burial:** Otterville-Noble Cemetery, Grafton, Jersey County, Illinois. The grave has been marked with a tablet.

**Narrative:** He was a pensioner while a resident of Wooster, Ohio. He died at the home of his son Hiram. His son, Hiram, was an early land patentee, purchasing land in Section 16 (school lands) Otter Creek Township, 31 Jan 1841.

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**Book:** Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried In Illinois, 1976

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## Revolutionary War Soldier Buried In Jersey County, Illinois

**Name:** Cooper, Jonathan E.

### Personal Information

**Born:** 1758 in Somerset County, Maryland

**Family:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wife was Eleanor Jones (Pension # W6714PA) and raised six children. His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Eleanor English in Shelby County, KY and raised twelve children from this union.  
Descendants: Doris Shaw and Margie McIntyre.

**Death:** 10 Sept 1845

**Military Record:** He enlisted in Westmorland County, PA in 1776, and then moved in the summer of 1777 in Surry County, NC where he enlisted again. He served as a Private in the war as a PA drummer.

**Burial:** Falkner Cemetery, English Township (Section 36) Jersey County, Illinois. The grave has a marker placed by the DAR. The grave is on private property - inaccessible

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**Narrative:** He removed to Kentucky with Daniel Boone, with whom he frequently hunted Indians, and came to Illinois in 1835, settling four miles southwest of Jerseyville, where he died August, 1845. He was pensioned while living in KY. After the war he removed from Kentucky and then came to Jersey County in Nov 1829, settling four miles south of Jerseyville. He was an early land patentee, buying land in Section 36, English Township, 1 Dec 1839 (patent #12192). He is listed in the 1840 Jersey County, Illinois Census, age 80/90.

### Sources:

#### Book:

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## Revolutionary War Soldier Buried In Jersey County, Illinois

**Name:** Crain Jr., Silas

### Personal Information

**Born:** 5 Feb 1762 in Augusta County, VA

**Family:**

**Death:** 1842 in Jersey County, IL

**Military Record:** He enlisted March 1780 in Chesaws Dist., SC. His family moved to Montgomery County, NC where he volunteered again. He served under Capts. Charles Revans and James Fletcher and Cols. Hicks and Simmons.

**Burial:** Lax Cemetery, Jersey County, IL

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**Narrative:** He also lived at Chesaws District, SC and Montgomery County, NC (northeast of Charlotte).

### Sources:

**Footnote,** Pension Application, SC

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## Revolutionary War Soldier Buried In Jersey County, Illinois

**Name:** Cummings, Josiah

### Personal Information

**Born:** CT

**Family:** Wife was Mrs. Sarah Gillis

**Death:** 25 May 1829

**Military Record:** He served as a soldier from VT and was at the Battle of Bennington in VT and served in General Wayne's campaign against the Indians. He participated in the defeat of the Army of General Arthur St. Claire. There is a Joseph Cummins listed in the 1820 Madison County, Illinois census, age over 45. A Josiah Cummins was an early land patentee purchasing land in Section 11, Mississippi Township, Jersey County, 2 Dec 1839. Patent #10225.

**Burial:** Cummings Cemetery, Mississippi Township, Jersey County, Illinois

**Narrative:** He came to Illinois around 1790, stopping first in Monroe County before moving to Jersey County in 1819.

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**Name:** William Gillham,

### **Personal Information:**

**Born:** ca 1750 in SC

**Family:** Son of Thomas and Margaret “Peggy” Gay Campbell Gillham  
Married Jane McDaw

**Death:** 27 Oct 1825 at the home of his son John Davis Gillham.

**Military Record:** Served as a Private and Sergeant from South Carolina and before and after the fall of Charleston, in Brandon’s Regiment.

**Burial:** East Newbern Cemetery, Jersey County, Illinois (near Dow) The grave has a stone and DAR marker. The Genl George Rogers Clark Chapter placed a marker on the grave in 2010 in a joint program with the Ninian Edwards chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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**Narrative:** The Gillham Family – Seldom do we read of so remarkable family, a family record for the enthusiastic patriotic service as the war record of the Gillham family. Thomas Gillham came to America from Ireland in 1730, settling first in Virginia and then moved to Pendleton, South Carolina. He early espoused the cause of the colonies and with his seven sons and two sons-in-law served in the Revolutionary War. Five of those sons came to Madison County, Illinois in 1812 to reside, but in 1812 William moved to Jersey County, Illinois. He was a representative of the Third Illinois Territory House of Representatives, 1816 held in Kaskaskia. He was also a judge of the Madison County Probate Court elected in 1817. Only two of the four applied for a pension.

With other pioneers they came to Illinois settling on the west bank of Cahokia Creek in 1802. William moved on to Lofton’s Prairie in 1816.

A William Gillham is listed as an early patentee in Mississippi Township, Section 24, having purchased land 10 Apr 1824 (Patent # 546).

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#### **Books**

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Pension Roll of 1835 in Four Volumes, published 1835  
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