44 Patriots of the American Revolution

Interred in the Rhinebeck Reformed Church Cemetery

A guide to their lives and service

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Introduction

“A ramble through old graveyards, like the “Old Dutch Church” yard on South Street, is suggestive to those interested in the past.” [HoR p. 431]

The Rhinebeck Reformed Church cemetery, sometimes referred to as “God’s Acre” due to its small size, was first opened to burials in 1733 and the last year of operation was 1845. Most Revolutionary War Veterans were deceased by the 1830’s. It is easy to forget those whose lives have been so long separated from the living and often old cemeteries fall to disrepair, overgrowth, and ruin (for example, the Methodist Cemetery on Graves St. Red Hook). Thanks to the constant care of the church and its grounds crew, and especially to the pre-Memorial Day ceremony to remember the veterans of the American Revolution buried there, the Rhinebeck Reformed Church has helped bring the memory of those who have gone before us into the 21st century.

Howard H. Morse quoted an early sentiment in Historic Old Rhinebeck: Echoes of Two Centuries which said that “It is a task of pleasing curiosity to trace the history of their families and posterity, and singular to find how generally beneficial they were to the neighborhood in which they settled; how distinguished many of them were for exalted virtues and rare endowments.” For generations, few citizens’ life-experiences were as “exalted” as Revolutionary War service; however, as we travel further in time from the events of the late 18th century, the memory of the men who put their lives and happiness at risk for the cause of American freedom fades away.

The data presented in this booklet is to the best of our knowledge and unless the source is directly cited, should be confirmed before being accepted as true. It is our hope that this booklet and the Revolutionary War Veteran markers it serves to dedicate will help to keep the names and deeds of these men in our memory well into the future.

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A Few Notes...

The Livingston Vault

Some of the 44 American Revolutionary War Patriots we honor with markers were not buried with tombstones, but in a vault. The Livingston Vault was “demolished” in 1887 when it fell to disrepair and in the following years “grasses grew upon it and its location was forgotten” (it was later rediscovered) [HRDCRF p.73]. At that time, no descendants of the people buried in the vault were church members. According to church historian Buddy Rogers, it is probably under the playground. The church recorded that Henry B. Livingston, Peter R. Livingston and his wife Johanna, Robert J. Livingston, Thomas Tillotson and his wife Margaret Livingston, and Catherine Lott, widow of William Smith Livingston are the those whose remains are resting there [HRDCRF p.72–3].

Veteran Alexander Thompson

The words “British Soldier” have accompanied Alexander Thompson’s name in lists of the veterans buried in the cemetery as early as the first part of the 20th century. Little else is known about him. Is he the surveyor who made the 1798 map of the Town of Rhinebeck? Perhaps he was the local lawyer of the same name? His gravestone is very clear and states “in memory of Alexander Thompson who departed this life on the 16th of January, 1813 Aged 56 Years 6 Months & 16 Days.” His wife Elizabeth Ann (perhaps née Wicks or Weeks 1760–1806) and his son Robert (1784–1816) are also buried in the cemetery. While researching this project, we contacted The United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada and asked if they knew of any resources for American loyalists’ service. Though they did find more than one record for an “Alexander Thompson”, they could not say with certainty that he is the same man. They also advised that there is no grave marker similar to our US Veteran marker for American loyalists. Though he will not get a US Veteran Marker such as the Patriots have received, the Church remembers him at its ceremony and places a British flag at his gravestone each Memorial Day weekend.

Revolutionary War Service

Among the 44 Revolutionary War Patriots in the cemetery, we have men who contributed in various ways to the cause for American Freedom. Most were privates, some were officers and some gave what the Daughters (and the Sons) of the American Revolution call “patriotic service” which could be signing a petition against the King, holding political office in a revolutionary government, or even providing supplies to American soldiers.
Most of the men in this cemetery who have been given this designation signed the Articles of Association. Below are terms regarding service that some people might not be familiar with.

**The Articles of Association:**

On April 29th, 1775, following the battles of Lexington and Concord, this document was adopted by New York City and copies were sent throughout the state. A copy of it was signed by many men in Rhinebeck. It was drafted in response to the shock of the first battle in Massachusetts and stated that the signers “resolve never to become slaves,” opposing “oppressive acts” committed by Great Britain. Signing it was akin to declaring which side you were on and a very brave thing to do at the time.

**The Militia:**

These were military units lead by colonels usually formed and based in a particular locality that served their states and could only be called out to serve for three months at a time. There were 68 total in New York.

**The Levies:**

These units were made up of soldiers that were pulled in from different militias or unorganized men. The Levies could be called upon to serve outside their state during their entire term of service.

**The Continental Line:**

The Line was made up of regiments that served directly under Washington, rather than local militias. Each of the 13 states had its own Line assigned by the Continental Congress. There were five regiments of the New York Line established in reaction to the American capture of Fort Ticonderoga.

**Land Bounty Rights:**

Rights to land in lieu of or in addition to payment for a soldier’s service granted by the federal government. Sometimes, the record of a man’s regiment has been lost, but his name appears on a list of men deserving of this prize. “The promise of bounty land during the war was an incentive to enter and remain in the service. After the war, bounty land grants became a form of reward.” -familysearch.org

**6th Dutchess County Militia:**

Many of the men in this booklet served in the 6th Dutchess County Militia under Col. Morris Graham or Col. Roswell Hopkins. The 6th Dutchess participated in the Battles of Brooklyn Heights August 27th, 1776, Harlem Heights September 16th, 1776, White Plains October 28th, 1776, and Bemis Heights (second Saratoga) October 7th, 1777. Depending on their date of enlistment, these men could have participated in these historic battles.
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The Patriots

Elijah Trull Abbott

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 15 in the middle of the 2nd to last row, very faint, his full name is the first line.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:
PRIVATE: as “Elijah T. Abbett” in Col. Luddington’s Reg’t, Mead’s Co. [NYR p. 311], and written as “Elijah J. Aliet” Col. Ludenton’s Reg’t 7th Dutchess [NYRC+S VI p.150]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:
It is unclear how Elijah ended up with Rhinebeck as his resting place.

Elijah appears in the 1790 census of Frederickstown, NY (Kent, now Putnam County, NY) and his service is certainly indicative of his having resided there during the Revolution. He was probably born 1761 and died September 14th, 1814 in his 53rd year and may have been the son of James Abbott and Hannah. He married Thankful Carver (1759–1837) who was born in Bridgewater MA, daughter of Timothy Carver and Rebecca Washburn. Her family removed to Putnam County, which is probably where she met Elijah. Thankful is buried at the Chase Cemetery in Carmel, Putnam County. They had at least one child, Almira C. (1797–1874) who married Robert S. Curry. They are both buried in Mahopac.
Everardus Bogardus

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 9 on the north side, near the fence.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associator at Rhinebeck [CHM p. 81]
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 6th Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 247]
1st LIEUTENANT: 1st Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia, 5th Company, Rhinebeck Precinct, September 20th, 1775 [NYR p. 278]
CAPTAIN: unsourced [HRDCRF]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database.

GENEALOGY:
Possibly the son of Nicholas Bogardus and Rachel Smedes (baptized January 29th, 1738 at the Dutch Church in Kingston), Everardus married May 31st, 1770 Arriantje Hoogteeling and they had children Benjamin 1771, Wilhelms 1772, Nicholas 1774, Phillip 1776, Everardus 1778, Blandina 1780, Petrus 1785, Abraham 1786, and John 1787. Everardus was a deacon of the Reformed Church in Rhinebeck in 1771 and an elder in 1777 and is listed in the census in Rhinebeck in 1790. He might have been a second-great-grandson of the famous Dominie Everardus Bogardus, the second clergyman in all of New Netherland who died in the famous shipwreck with Director Willem Kieft in 1647. He purchased the Traphagen Inn in 1769, which during the war was known as the “Bogardus Tavern”. His son Benjamin took it over when he died in 1799. Today we call it the Beekman Arms.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 15 on the south side, near the road, next to his wife’s.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Brinkerhoff’s 2nd Dutchess County Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 135, NYR pp.278-280, 339]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A018831

GENEALOGY:

Born July 16th, 1752 in Bedford, Westchester County, NY, James married April 8th, 1779 in Hopewell, Dutchess County, Anna Brouwer. He had at least one child, William 1774–1854, with his first unknown wife, and with Anna Brouwer he had Sarah 1780–1858, Elizabeth 1782, Stephen 1784–1828, Anne 1787–1864, Rachel 1789–1849, and Mary 1798–1802.

James’ second wife Anna Brouwer was born February 11th, 1756 in Fishkill, Dutchess County, and died September 22nd, 1832 in Rhinebeck. She was the daughter of another Revolutionary War patriot, Jacob Brouwer (1721–1806) from New Jersey who removed to Fishkill. James and Anna Canfield’s daughter Rachel married Legrand Curtis, son of another patriot John Curtis (1758–1814) from Connecticut. Rachel and Legrand are buried in the Rhinebeck Cemetery and some of their descendants moved to Red Hook and married into the Fraleigh family. James Canfield died August 15th, 1830 in Rhinebeck.
Robert Cooper

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 12, small stone facing opposite direction, leaning on another stone with his name in all capital letters.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Reg’t Ulster Co. Militia [NYRC+SV1 p. 261]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A025796

GENEALOGY:

Robert Cooper, born c. 1746 does not have any discernable family members buried with him in the cemetery. He may be the Robert Cooper who (according to DAR records, which are quite old and do not include his birth) married May 16\textsuperscript{th}, 1773 at Christ Lutheran church in New York City Elizabeth Sherer born 1756. She died 1839. They had at least one child, Gilbert, born 1775. He appears in the 1800, 1810, and 1820 census in Rhinebeck, but not 1790. He may be related to Dr. Ananias Cooper, a Rhinebeck resident before and during the Revolution who died in 1797, but a tie could not be found for this publication. Robert died November 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 1820 at 74 years of age.
John Cox, Jr.

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 11 on the north side, broken stone fallen face-up, next to his daughter Maria’s.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER: unsourced [HRDCRF]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Born April 10\textsuperscript{th}, 1756 to John Cox and Elizabeth Palmer, John Cox, Jr. was a resident of Katsbaan in Ulster County, during the Revolution. In 1790 he bought a farm in Rhinebeck and was the estate manager at Grasmere (Richard and Janet Montgomery’s farm). He was the Rhinebeck Town Supervisor and a member of the New York State Assembly in 1822. His portrait is kept at the New York State Historical Society. John Jr. married April 9\textsuperscript{th}, 1776 Maritje Hudler (1755–1838) who was Swiss and by accounts very pretty. They had children Elizabeth 1776, Catharine 1779, Hannah 1781, Maritje (Maria) 1786, Margaret 1791, and John Palmer 1794. In 1799, he owned pew #26 in the church.

John Jr.’s father was a loyalist from New York City who fled to Nova Scotia after the war, but did return toward the end of his life. On Christmas Day, 1824, John Jr., his father John Cox, Sr., his son John Palmer Cox, and his grandson John Vaché Cox all enjoyed a sleigh ride on the Hudson River—all four generations together, but as The Cox Family In America notes, all but John Vaché Cox deceased less than a year later. John Cox, Jr. died January 26\textsuperscript{th}, 1825.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 10 on the north side, a short, red sandstone “Here lies the body of John Cramer”.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 5th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p.245], Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 247], 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia under Col. Morris Graham [NYRC+S V1 147]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

John Cramer (or Johannes Kremer) was born October 19th, 1747 to Johannes Cramer (b. 1715) and Catherine Flager (b. 1727) and was baptized November 8th, 1747 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Rhinebeck. He might have also been known as Hans. He married c. 1768 Anna Catherine Hamm and they had children Greitje baptized in 1769, Johannes 1772, Catherina 1775, and Casparus 1778. John Cramer died September 4th, 1783. A John N. Cramer owned pew #38 in 1799.
Isaac Davis

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 2, partially sunken, facing the playground fence.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: 3rd Reg’t Ulster Co. Militia under Col. Pawling [NYRC+S V1 p. 196]
CAPTAIN: 4th Reg’t Ulster Co. Militia [unsourced, CONG p. 117]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Isaac married Catharine Rowe (1753–1828). They had children John 1782, Mary, Sarah 1788, Eliza 1797, and Wyan 1817. He had a saw and grist mill in town “on the turnpike east of the flatts” in 1790, the same year that he was a deacon of the Reformed Church. In 1794, 1802, and 1815 he was an elder. In 1787 he was a “kirk meister”—an old term which was replaced by Secretary of the Consistory. Sometime after 1799, he owned pew #19. He died November 2nd, 1821 at 75 years of age.

There is another Isaac Davis born and died about the same time from Ulster County, so there is a possibility that the service is not correct. Enough data on Rhinebeck’s Isaac Davis that would help shed light on who is who could not be located for this publication.
**GRAVESTONE LOCATION:**

Row 1, replacement Veterans Administration stone placed by DAR in the 1960’s

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:**

**PRIVATE:** 3rd Reg’t Ulster Co. Militia under Col. Pawling [NYRC+S V1 p. 196] and under Bogardus and Weisenfels Levies [unsourced, CONG p. 117] and 7th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia, 1776 [NYRC+S V1 p. 150]

**DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER:** Not in DAR database

**GENEALOGY:**

There is next to nothing known about this man. He may be the William Davis of Rombout that married Emily Crannel of Oswego (a hamlet of Lagrangeville), February 14th, 1779 at the Reformed Church in New Hackensack and/or the one who married Phebe Scott of Poughkeepsie June 21st, 1782 in the same location. His name does not appear in the *History of the Reformed Church at Rhinebeck Flatts* or in *Historic Old Rhinebeck*. He died June 13th, 1786.

In the early 1920’s the Chancellor Livingston Chapter, NSDAR reported that William was wounded at Verplank Point and served “three times” under Col. Levi Pawling. The application for his replacement Veteran’s Administration marker, which gives quite a confusing picture, is on page 31.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 10 in the center toward the back to the right of his wife’s deteriorating stone.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: 3rd Reg’t Ulster Co. Militia (as Petrus DeWitt) [NYRC+S V1 p. 196]
CAPTAIN: Unsourced (possibly before the Rev.)

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Thanks to the papers of this man’s family being held at the New York State Library, we have a summary of his life readily at hand. He is not the same man as Dominie Petrus DeWitt, as the dominie preached until 1799, nine years after this man’s death on January 3rd, 1790.

“Petrus Dewitt, son of Tjerck and Anne (Pawling), was born July 19, 1722, died January 3, 1790, and was buried in the churchyard of the Reformed Dutch church at Rhinebeck. He resided in the town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, on the estate derived from his mother, being part of the Pawling patent, including the site of the present Staatsburg. He was a captain of militia, and the powder horn which he used at Ticonderoga is kept by his descendants [as of 1914]. He married, June 8, 1749, Rachel Radcliff, born December 14, 1723, died July 20, 1794, daughter of Joachim Radcliff. Children: Johannes or John..., Hillitje, born December 31, 1753, died at Rochester, Ulster County, New York, September 6, 1807, unmarried; Ann, October 26, 1762, married, December 22, 1782, Philip du Bois Bevier, baptized January 1, 1752, son of Louis and Esther (du Bois) Bevier.” [GFHSNY pp. 1241-1242]
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 11 west side of the northern jut by the parking lot, other stones touching its sides

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A031428

GENEALOGY:
He was born October 28th, 1744 and baptized November 4th in Kingston to Abraham Delamater Jr. and Sara Van Gaasbeek. The sponsors of the baptism were his grandparents, Cornelius Delamater and Margriet Steenbergen. He married in Germantown on September 8th, 1767 Rachel Sleight (1748–1835, a daughter of Benjamin Sleight and Anna Swart) and they had children Sarah 1768, Anna 1772 who married Jacob Feller, Thomas 1774, Conrad 1778, Catharina 1781 who married William Tremper, Benjamin 1783, Elizabeth 1786, Effie (Eggjen) 1789 who married Benjamin Van Vredenburg and William (Wilhelmus) 1789 (twins who were baptized at the Germantown Reformed Church), and Margaret 1792. In 1807 when the Rhinebeck Reformed Church was raising funds for a new building, he contributed $5.00. Cornelius and Rachel’s daughter Anna was married in Rhinebeck in 1790. Cornelius died May 7th, 1812. He, his wife Rachel (with whom he shares a gravestone), and sons Conrad and Benjamin are buried in the cemetery.

There are two men named Cornelius Delamater who were young men during the Revolution from Kingston: the one above and his cousin Cornelius born 1760 to his uncle (also Cornelius 1719–1770). The younger man
married Sarah Krom and died in 1842. It’s hard to tell who is who in the census of 1790, 1800, and 1810. The younger would have been 23 at the close of the war, the elder, 39.

“Cornelius Delamatter”, “Cornelis C. Delameter”, “Cornelius I. Delimater”, and “Cor’s J. Delamature” are all listed as privates in Col. Snyder’s 1st Ulster County Militia [NYRC+S p.188]. “Cornelius Delamatter Jr.” earned land bounty rights for the 1st Ulster under Capt. Simon Greer and Capt. Cornelius Newkerck [NYRC+S p.259]. and “Corn’s C.” “Corn’s J.”, and “Corn’s” Delamater are listed as serving in the 1st Ulster under Captains Van Buren, DeWitt, and Swart [NYR p.357], so it stands to reason that both these Cornelius Delamaters fought in the Revolution.

Another Cornelius was born 1740 and married Blandina Degraff and baptized at least two children in Rhinebeck, but never had any ties to Ulster County and later removed to Delaware County. It could have been this man who signed the Articles of Association at Northeast Precinct [CHM p.68].
Jonathan Denison

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 14 on the south side, third to last stone to the left of his wife’s stone,

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights 4th Reg’t Albany Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 225]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

This is one of the handful of mystery men in this cemetery who do not seem to be connected to any other local family.

He might be son of William Denison and Mercy Gallup, born February 11th, 1722 in Stonington, New London County, CT. He married June 5th, 1746 at Stonington Martha Williams. According to his tombstone, he died October 30th, 1802 at 80 years of age. However, there is some confusion as to who he might have been or how he ended up in Rhinebeck.

There is a John Denison also a son of a William Denison also of Stonington born November 23rd, 1722 who died in Stonington in 1787 at 64 (c.1723). John and Martha Denison had at least one child, Zeviah (1749–1751) in Stonington. Another Jonathan Denison was a Captain after the war in Rensselaer County, NY—he was probably married to Sarah Green and was born 1761, a bit young, but not impossible to be a soldier of the Revolution.

He does not appear in the census or in some of the books about the history of the town. How he came to Rhinebeck remains a mystery; there is, however, no doubt that a Jonathan and Martha Denison are buried in the Rhinebeck Reformed Church cemetery.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 1 replacement Veteran’s Administration stone placed by the DAR in the 1960’s

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 248] and Land Bounty Rights, 4th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 243]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

He is probably Johan Peter Echert (or Eckert or Ackert), born June 13th, 1747 in Rhinebeck to Joannes Peter Eckhardt and Anna Maria Wuest. He married Elizabeth Frölich (1744–1826, also buried in the cemetery), sister of Patriot Stephanus Fralick who is also buried in the cemetery. They married July 23rd, 1762 in Rhinebeck [MMR 2225] and had children Petrus 1764, George Adam 1768, Jacob 1769, Lena 1769, Abraham 1774, Elias 1789, Anna 1791, Lea 1792, and Emanuel 1795. He died April 8th, 1799.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 1 replacement Veteran’s Administration stone placed by the DAR in the 1960’s.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Overseer of Roads (during the Revolution) [Kelly, Rhinebeck Road Records, Dutchess Co., NY 1722-1857, P 17]
PRIVATE: Ulster Co. Militia [unsourced]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A206667

GENEALOGY:

Johan Petrus “Peter” Fralick was born August 15th, 1720 in Rhinebeck. He married October 13th, 1741 Grietje Flegelaar (1724–1805). He died January 26th, 1792 in Rhinebeck [VBH pp. 678-9]. Most modern descendants use the spelling “Fraleigh” though older spellings include Frelig, Fralick, Froehlick, etc. Quite a few people in the area with the name “Fraleigh” in their family tree descend from this man and his descendants are prolific.

Johan Petrus and Greitje had a large family including children Anatje, Catharine, Elizabeth, Maria, Philip, Stephanus 1742, Petrus 1748, Margaret, Helena 1759, Rebecca 1763, Sarah 1766, Rachel 1769, and Christina 1778. Their son Stephanus Fralick is also a patriot buried in the cemetery.

His service as an “overseer of roads” is awarded “patriotic service” status by the NSDAR because he served not the Crown but the Americans in that capacity during the Revolutionary War. The modern equivalent would be Rhinebeck Town Highway Superintendent. Though he would have been 55 years old at the start of the Revolutionary War, no source for his service as “private Ulster Co Militia” as recorded on the replacement gravestone placed by the DAR in the 1960’s could be found for this publication.
Johan Petrus was the son of a Palatine immigrant, Stephan Frolich born 1677 in Mannweiler, Pfalz and Anna Elisabetha Wohleben born December 23rd, 1679 in Bacharach, Pfalz. Palatines were immigrants from what is now Germany who arrived in migrations starting in 1709 via England. Each family that made it to the new world experienced great suffering in their flight. They were put to work on either side of the Hudson River on land owned by the Livingston family making pitch from pine trees for British ships, but soon discovered that the trees were not right for the kind of pitch needed. Soon, the “camps” they lived in were dismantled and many settled in surrounding areas. Judge Beekman brought 35 families to live in Rhinebeck in the early 18th century and their impact is still felt today.

Johan Petrus might have originally been buried on the family farm three miles south of the intersection of what is now 308 and Rt. 9 in a cemetery known as “Peter Froehlick’s” on the opposite side of the road from the house. He was re-interred at the Reformed Church when the farm’s cemetery was moved.
Stephen Fralick

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 11 in the center, near Everardus Bogardus.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 248]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A041508

GENEALOGY:

Born July 28th, 1742, Stephen was a son of Patriot Johan Petrus “Peter” Fralick. He married Maria Van Benschooten October 23rd, 1764 at the Reformed Church. They had children Maria 1766–1831, Margaret 1767, Solomon 1768–1858, Peter 1770, Elsjen 1775, and Lena. Stephen died April 12th, 1820 at 77 years of age.

Stephen served as a private and was awarded Land Bounty Rights. At the time of the revolution, money was short but land was abundant. Privates and officers in the Continental Army (and militiamen who were drafted to it) were awarded “rights” to many acres of land. The land was generally in Central New York, not only far from a soldier’s family home and comprised of poor soil or rocky terrain difficult to farm, but also in virgin wilderness populated by Natives. Some families moved to these lands after the Revolution, but some opted to sell their bounties, instead. Stephen chose to remain in Dutchess County.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 14, thin plain stone near the middle next to Peter Schultz.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:
PRIVATE: 1st Reg’t Ulster Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 189] and Land Bounty Rights, 1st Reg’t Ulster Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 260]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:
Jacob Hendricks was born c.1756 and probably married Elizabeth Volland. They probably had a son Jacob Jr. who is listed as a deacon around the same time that his father was an elder. Jacob was a deacon in 1803 and elder in 1819. If he married Elizabeth Volland, they had son David born October 31st, 1791 and baptized January 8th, 1792 in Rhinebeck. It was probably Jacob Jr. that had a wife named Christina Schultz as the baptisms of their children are a bit later than would be expected, although she could also have been a second wife. He died December 19th, 1835.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 11 on the far north side.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 249]
MAJOR: unsourced [HRDCRF]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Andrew Kip’s service as “Major” may have come after the Revolution. He was a Captain in Lt. Col. Commandant Andrew Heermance’s regiment which was active after 1783 [MMCA p. 291]. During the Revolution he was definitely a Private, having been given Land Bounty Rights for the 6th Dutchess regiment of militia.

Andrew (Andries) Kip was born May 18th, 1762 to John Baptist Kip and Catharina Heermans. John Baptist Kip was a son of Roeliff Kip, father of Igness, making Andrew the nephew of Patriot Igness Kip and brother of Patriot Garret Kip. His grandfather Roeliff’s brother Isaac was the father of Patriot Dr. Isaac Kip (see Kip abridged family tree on p.19).

Andrew married Sara Kip (born c. 1773 a daughter of Jacob (1742) and Claartje Heermans) and they had children John 1801, James 1803, Catherine 1806, Andrew 1806, Edward 1811, Jane Eliza 1815, Clarissa, and Sarah—some of whom are buried in the Reformed Church ground and some in the Rhinebeck Cemetery to the south. He was an elder of the church in 1821 and 1825. In 1799, he owned pew #6 with his brother Garret. Andrew died June 24th, 1843 in Rhinebeck.
Andrew Heermance was a nephew of Andrew Kip’s mother, Catharine Heermans, and Andrew Kip’s wife Sara’s mother Claartje Heermans was a more distant cousin.

The Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed Dutch Church newspaper dated Saturday, July 8th, 1843 announced that “Maj. Andrew Kip” died at 92 on June 23rd, 1843 “one of the oldest inhabitants of the town of Rhinebeck” and member of Rhinebeck Dutch Reformed Church [NENE]. They transcribed his age wrong by an additional 10 years.

ABRIDGED KIP FAMILY TREE

This is not all the children in the family, and the information presented is only to the best of our current knowledge.
Garret Kip

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 11 on the north side, 1st row of northeastern jut near Delamater.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Name on list of “Sundry persons whose service is evinced by Manuals on file in the Comptroller’s Office, but whose names are not found on the papers of any of the Regular Organizations” [NYRC+S V1 p. 270]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Garret Kip was baptized June 28th, 1767 to John Baptist Kip and Catherine Heermans in Rhinebeck and was the brother of Patriot Andrew Kip. He married Clarissa Kip also of Rhinebeck on November 19th, 1797 at the Kingston Reformed Church. Clarissa died October 14th, 1858 at 83 years of age (born c. 1775). They had children Catharine 1801, Clarissa 1809, William 1811, and Sarah Ann 1818. In 1799, he owned pew #6 with his brother, Andrew. He died January 13th, 1841 at 71 years of age.
Igness Kip

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 1 inside the playground, facing church.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Levies under Col. Frederick Weissenfels [NYRC+S V1. p. 72]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Igness Kip was the son of Jacob R. Kip and Marytje Kip and was baptized as “Ygenas” April 20th, 1760. His name can be found spelled several different ways and may be short for Ignatius, as Smith’s History of Rhinebeck lists him as “Ignatious” but as his tombstone is engraved “Ingess”, we will use that spelling for this publication.

His grandfather was Roeliff Kip born 1697. He married Catherine Hermance and they had children Jacob 1793 and Hendricus 1794. He died on his birthday, April 12th, 1795 at age 35. At the start of the Revolution he was 15 and when it was over, he was only 21. It was not unusual to survive the battle but have your life shortened by the experience.

An Igenas Kip that was a Lieutenant in the 14th Reg’t of Albany County Militia [NYRC+S V1. p. 125] was from Scaticoke and lived 1736–1788.
Dr. Isaac Kip

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 6 on the north side very near a tree, tilted slightly.

SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associate at Rhinebeck Precinct [CHM V1 p. 81]
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, Dutchess Co. Militia, 6th Reg’t [NYRC+S V1 p. 249]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Dr. Isaac Kip was born November 9th, 1732 to Isaac Kip (1696–1762) and Cornelia Lewis. He married April 2nd, 1763 Rachel Kip and they had children Cornelia 1764, Clara 1771, and Elizabeth 1774, all baptized in Rhinebeck. His father was a brother of Roeliff Kip, who was the father of Patriot Isaac Kip. He was an elder of the church in 1776. In 1799, he owned pew #29. As a young man he carried the mail for Henry Beekman in Rhinebeck. He died January 14th, 1815 in Bloomingdale Flats at 83 years of age as reported in the New-York Spectator of January 21st, 1815. This area was located in what is now the Upper West Side in the 100’s around Broadway in Manhattan.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 3 north side near the playground. Very eroded, “KIP” is visible at the top right of the stone.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOT SERVICE: Associate at Rhinebeck Precinct [CHM V1 p. 81]
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, Dutchess Co. Militia 6th Reg’t [NYRC+S V1 p. 249]
ENSIGN: 2nd Co. 1st Rhinebeck Reg’t Minutemen [NYR p. 294]
CAPTAIN: 1st Reg’t, Dutchess Co. Militia, 5th Company, Rhinebeck Precinct, September 20th, 1775 [NYR p. 278]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Jacobus was baptized September 2nd, 1752 to Jacob Kipp and Leah Van Etten. He married April 30th, 1792 Maria Cole and they had children Maria 1794, Jacob J. 1800, David 1810, Phebe Ann 1813, Zachariah 1816, Hannah, and Leah. He died March 13th, 1835 in Rhinebeck at 83 years of age.

Jacobus’ father Jacob was son of Joannes and Margarita Van Etten. Joannes was a son of Jacob Kipp born 1666.
Jacob I. Kip

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 1 replacement Veteran’s Administration stone placed by the DAR in the 1960’s

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associator at Rhinebeck [CHM V1 p. 81]
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 249]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Jacob was baptized in Rhinebeck on August 25th, 1751 to Jacob R. Kip (born 1723, a son of Roeliff Kip and Zara Dumond) and Maritje Kip (born 1734, a daughter of Jacobus Kip—brother of Roeliff—and Claartje Van Wagenen). His gravestone is a replacement marker set in the 1960’s that says that his birth date was September 20th, 1751. This could be incorrect, or that date might refer to another Jacob Kip born within months of this man.

Jacob I Kip married Maritje Van Wagenen (1757–1807). Her gravestone says that she was Mary Kip, wife of Jacob I. They had at least one child, Clarissa 1792, who married Jacob Wendell Cramer. In 1799, Jacob I. Kip owned pew #28. He died October 8th, 1822.
Henry Beekman Livingston

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 1, NONE—he is buried in what was the Livingston vault. His veteran marker is placed next to Robert J. Livingston’s.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Graham’s Levies [NYRC+S p.79] and 2nd Reg’t New York Line
COLONEL: 4th Reg’t New York Line [NYRC+S p. 47]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Henry Beekman Livingston was born November 9th, 1750 at Clermont to Judge Robert R. Livingston and Margaret Beekman. He was brother of Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, Janet Livingston (widow of Maj. Gen. Richard Montgomery), and Secretary of State Edward Livingston. He married March 14th, 1781 in Philadelphia Nancy Shippen (cousin to Benedict Arnold’s wife—Arnold and Livingston were friends before the treason of 1780). Their only child Margaret “Peggy” Livingston was born December 26th, 1781 in Philadelphia. Peggy died unmarried leaving no one who (legitimately) descends from this Patriot.

He began his Revolutionary war career as a Captain, having raised a militia that drilled on the lawn of the Beekman Arms. He went as far as Montreal with his brother-in-law Richard Montgomery, but Montgomery sent him back to Albany after the city was taken. He felt great disdain for men in higher positions of power that he felt had lower social rank that he. He was a Colonel of the 4th New York Line at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777 and the Battle of Monmouth and the Battles of Rhode Island and Quaker Hill in 1778. Irritated that he wasn’t getting promoted higher than colonel, he resigned his commission effective January 1779.
After this, he returned to Clermont and then to a house he inherited in Rhinebeck. Throughout his marriage to Nancy Shippen he was prone to extreme jealousy and outrageous behavior that isolated him from his wife, child, siblings, and parents. Historian Geoff Benton summed up Henry Beekman Livingston perfectly when he said that “an ungovernable temper, surpassed only by a repugnant attitude, left him with an abbreviated military career, a spectacularly failed marriage and completely cut off from the rest of the Livingstons.” You can read more about his dramatic personal life at clermontstatehistoricsite.blogspot.com. He died November 5th, 1831 “alone and unmourned.”
Robert James Livingston

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 1, NONE—he is buried in what was the Livingston vault. His veteran marker is placed next to Henry B. Livingston’s.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

LIEUTENANT: “officers of the levies of the state to reinforce the Army of the US”, July 1st, 1780, [NYR p. 257]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database - no descendants

GENEALOGY:

Robert James Livingston was born November 5th, 1760, the son of Robert James Livingston (1725–1771, who was a grandson of Robert “the younger”, a mayor of Albany in the early 18th century) and Susanna Smith (1729–1791 daughter of William Smith). He was the brother of Peter R. Livingston (born 1766). Robert James never married and died April 12th, 1827 at 66 years of age. The Buffalo Emporium newspaper reported his death on May 10th, 1827: “In Rhinebeck, Livingston Co on the 12th ult. Robert James Livingston Esq. He was an officer in the Revolution”.

His older brother William Smith Livingston became a governor of New Jersey and it appears that Robert J. attended school there at the time of the Revolution. Though it sounds strange that a man from New Jersey should be buried here, his brother Peter R. married Henry Beekman Livingston’s sister Joanna and they are also buried in the long-lost vault.

“Though this young patriot of sixteen years held no commission in the American Army, still, as he was severely wounded in the cause of American liberty, he deserves to have his name included in the list. The following particulars are derived from Mr. Maturin L. Delafield’s interesting article on The Descendants of Judge William and Mary Smith:-”
He had prepared himself for and had probably matriculated at the College of New Jersey, when the British troops overran the State. Young Livingston, but sixteen years of age, accidentally learned that the American army was in motion and was secretly moving upon the enemy. He left home to join the vanguard of the Americans, and fell severely wounded at the victory of Trenton (December 26th, 1776). Tradition states he was wounded in the first onslaught, and that for a few moments he was in the power of the Hessians, by whom he was roughly used. A lady, whose name unfortunately has not been reserved [but might have been Beckie Coxe], had the lad removed to her house, sent for his mother and kept them until he could be carried in safety to his home at Princeton.” [LLM p. 264]
Roeliff B. Ostrom

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 2, tall, fairly clear stone

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 250] and Land Bounty Rights, 4th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 244]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A084777

GENEALOGY:

Roeliff B. Ostrom was probably the son of Roelif and Elizabeth Yelverenton, born July 4th, 1758 in Rhinebeck. Roeliff B. married Mary/Maria Weaver and they had children Petrus 1787, Hendricus 1790, John 1792, and Cath- erine 1801. Roeliff B. Ostrom was a deacon of the church in 1804. There was a Roeliff Ostrom (no middle initial) who was a deacon of the church in 1796, but which one was he? Sometime after 1799, Roelif B. Ostrom owned pew #35. There was a Roeliff Ostrom also of Rhinebeck who married 1781 Clarissa Wells [MRR 2356] and had children Maria 1783, John 1788, Maria 1792 (probably the first Maria died young), and Lemuel 1800. Roeliff B. Ostrom died June 27th, 1829.

There was also a Roeliff Ostrom who married Maria Hageman and had children John 1778 and Roeliff 1783. This John born 1778 is listed as the patriot’s son in the DAR’s record, which is very old and no longer considered well-sourced. This could also be the same Roeliff Ostrom who married 1784 Methia Mills [MRR 2407] and had a daughter Martha in 1785 in Rhinebeck as it is later than those with Maria Hageman who perhaps died after 1783.

They can’t all be the same man as they have children at the same time in the same village and it would be fairly difficult to hide two or more families.
John Pawling

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 1 toward the north side, very clear text

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associate at Rhinebeck [CHM V1 p. 81]
PRIVATE: 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia, under Col. Morris Graham [NYRC+S V1 p. 147] and Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia, [NYRC+S V1 p. 250], [Smith, Hist. of Rhinebeck, p. 238], [NYGRCS 1 V 61 p. 23], [NARA, M881, Comp’d. Mil. Serv. Recs., Roll#737]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A086679

GENEALOGY:

John Pawling, a prominent citizen of the town, was born December 27th, 1732 in Providence Township, PA to Henry Pawling and Jacomyntjie Kunst who were from Ulster County. His brother was Col. Levi Pawling who famously used the Thomas House in Upper Red Hook as a headquarters during the Revolution. John Pawling removed to Dutchess County where he spent most of his life in Rhinebeck. He married first May 23rd, 1754 Neeltje VanKeuren (one of his cousins). They had children Henry 1755, Cornelius 1758, John 1760, and Mary 1764. He married second April 15th, 1770 Marite Mariam VanDuesen [MRR 2234]. They had children Levi, Jesse who married Leah Radcliff, Jacob, Eleanor, Rachel, Alida who married Peter Ostrom, Elizabeth who married William Stoutenburgh son of Peter Stoutenburgh (also a patriot) and Rachel Van Steenburgh, Jacomyntie, Catharine, and Rebecca who married Frederick S. Uhl, son of Patriot Frederick Uhl. John Pawling died December 30th, 1819 in Rhinebeck.

He was known as Major John Pawling not for the Revolution, but for service performed during the French and Indian War. Per the “Muster Roll of
men raised in ye County of Dutchess...May ye 1: 1760.” Previous to that in 1759 he held the rank of Captain in Dutchess County. [PGSP p. 24]

1963 application for a replacement headstone for William Davis sent to Washington from past Chancellor Livingston Chapter, NSDAR Regent Frederica C. Rockefeller.
Hendrick Pells

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 12 in the northern jut.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associate at Poughkeepsie, [CHM p. 90]
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights 4th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 244]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Hendrick Pells was born May 9th, 1740 to Michael Pells and Maria LeRoy. He married Johanna Sleght (1749–1821 who is buried beside him) and had many children including Johannes 1770, Hendrick 1772, Francisca 1775, Maria 1776, Francis 1778, Celitje 1782, Jeremiah 1785, Johanna 1790, Jacob 1792, and Simon 1794. He was an elder of the church in 1785 and 1799. In 1799, he owned pews #16 and #17. Hendrick died November 8th, 1820.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 16, north side—placed next his brother’s, at his sister-in-law’s broken stone.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associator at Rhinebeck Precinct [CHM V1 p. 81]
PRIVATE: 3rd Reg’t Albany Co. Militia, [NYRC+S V1 p. 103] and Land Bounty Rights, 3rd Reg’t Albany Co. Militia, [NYRC+S V1 p. 244]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Peter Radcliffe was born March 8th, 1740 to Benek Radcliff and Hilletje Hogaboom. He married Catherine Traphagen (1746) and they had children Wilhelm 1773, Jacob 1775, Leah 1779, John 1783, Hilletje 1785, and Hannah 1786. In 1799, he owned pew #31 with David Scriver. He and his wife are both buried in the churchyard, but neither has a surviving gravestone. His Revolutionary War Veteran marker has been placed beside his brother William Radcliffe’s marker.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 16, north side—placed at his wife’s broken stone.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associate at Rhinebeck Precinct [CHM V1 p. 81]
MAJOR: 2nd Company Dutchess Co. Militia, Rhinebeck Precinct March 18th, 1778 [NYR p. 278]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A093346

GENEALOGY:

William Radcliffe was born July 6th, 1736 in Rhinebeck to Benek Radcliff and Hilletje Hogaboom and was the brother of Patriot Peter Radcliffe. He married April 10th, 1761 Sarah Kip (1737–1785) [MRR 2208], a daughter of Patriot Jacob Kip and sister of Patriot Jacob Isaac Kip. They had children Hilletje 1762, Jacob 1764, Claartje/Clarissa 1766, William 1767, John 1772, Peter 1774, and Evert 1777. His Revolutionary War Veteran marker is in front of the broken gravestone of his second wife whom he married in 1802, Margaret Hauvers (1764–1834) [MRR 2479] as no other stone survives. He did not have any children by her.

He was a justice of the peace in Rhinebeck, succeeding Col. Henry Beekman in 1776. He was a deacon of the church in 1771 and an elder in 1777, 1788, 1796, 1802, 1805, 1809, 1811, and 1813; he died in August of that year and had to be replaced. In 1799, he owned pew #7. He may also have been the same William Radcliffe that was a general in the War of 1812, though he was 76 when it began and died in 1813, so it is more likely that it was his son William.
Dr. William Rowe

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 2 by the playground. Replacement Veteran’s Administration stone placed by the DAR in the 1960’s

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:
Not much is known about this man and as his tombstone is a replacement ordered and set by the Chancellor Livingston Chapter, NSDAR in the 1960’s. His wife Sarah’s gravestone says “SARAH wife of Dr. Wm. Row” but is the patriot the same man?

According to one story, he married Sarah Davis who was born October 21st, 1788 to Patriot Isaac Davis and Catherine “Rouw” and baptized November 16th, 1788 at the Rhinebeck Reformed Church. One family tree says that this Sarah and a William Rowe had a daughter baptised in Rhinebeck in 1814 and two children in Ulster County in 1813 and 1817. William Row and Sarah Davis did baptize at Rhinebeck Caroline Eliza on September 28th, 1815 who was born November 21st, 1814. The Patriot William Rowe was supposedly 30 years his wife’s senior, died in Dutchess County in 1810, and if still living would have been in his 50’s when these children were born. While it was not unusual for men to marry much younger wives, the date of death on the VA marker is in conflict with the birth of their children. It could have been transcribed incorrectly, or it could be that the Patriot William Rowe and “Dr. William Row” are two different men, which is not out of the realm of possibility.
Martinus Schryver, Jr.

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 14, south side, behind a small flat bronze plaque.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:


DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Martinus Schryver, Jr. was born March 12th, 1753 and baptized in Rhinebeck April 14th, 1753 to Marten Schryver and Eva Burger (February 22nd, 1730–July 28th, 1817). He died February 28th, 1836 aged 82 years. It appears that he might have remained unmarried, or if he is the same man who married in 1778 Leah Van Wagenen [MRR 2273], they may have left no children.

Interestingly, there were two men named Martinus Schryver baptized at Rhinebeck and born two days apart. A second Martinus Schryver was born March 10th, 1753 and baptized in Rhinebeck April 14th, 1753 (the same day and location as Jr.) to Emmerick Schryver and Elizabeth Burger.

One of these Martinus Schryvers was deacon of the church in 1807 and 1809. One of them in 1799 owned pew #25.

A Martinus married Greitje Terpenning and they baptized yet another Martinus on October 18th, 1779 at Rhinebeck. This father is the Martinus Schryver who has a Revolutionary War pension on file that names his wife Margaret Terpenning who he married December 15th, 1778 according to a pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church, Kingston. He was a private under
Capt. Hardenburgh and Col. Pawling in Ulster County among others and served two years. He died in Onondaga County on September 28th, 1838.

It could be that the Martinus Schryver who had land bounty rights with the 6th Dutchess Militia (which was made up of Dutchess County residents) is either Marten, husband of Eva, their son, or the son of Emmerick Schryver, but that the Ulster County Militia service belongs to Martinus husband of Margaret. Regardless, we honor one of these Rhinebeck men’s service with a Revolutionary War Veteran marker.

The tombstone next to Eva, wife of Marten Schryver belongs to her son, the Patriot Martinus Schryver, Jr., (side-by-side, hers is a little skewed). A kind person in the past placed a bronze marker to honor her son and his service.
Jacob Schultz

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 15, broken, a row ahead of an obelisk.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associator at Rhinebeck Precinct [CHM p.81]
ENSIGN: 1st Reg’t, Dutchess Co. Militia, 5th Company, Rhinebeck Precinct, June 25th, 1778 [NYR p. 278]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A103286

GENEALOGY:

Jacob Schultz was born July 23rd, 1752 in Rhinebeck to Christian Otto Schultz and Christina Margareta Scharpenstein and was the brother of Patriots John and Peter Schultz. He married August 17th, 1779 Ursula Schryver (1757–1844) [MRR 2299] and they had children William 1780, Leah 1781, David 1784, Christina 1788, Anna 1790, Jacob 1792, Peter 1795, and Martin and Catherine 1797 (twins). He was a deacon of the church in 1794 and 1797, and an elder in 1800, 1805, 1807, 1809, 1811, 1813, 1821, and 1826. In 1799, he owned pew #33. Jacob died November 24th, 1830 at 78 years of age.

The Schultz family is a large one of Palatine German origin and they have numerous descendants.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 4, this red stone has a metal brace on top of it.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PVT – Land Bounty Rights 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p.250] and 1st Line [NYRC+S V1 p. 26] and 3rd Line [NYRC+S V1 p. 45]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A103290

GENEALOGY:

John Schultz was born February 17th, 1755 in Rhinebeck to Christian Otto Schultz and Christina Margareta Scharpenstein and was the brother of Patriots Peter and Jacob Schultz. He married January 22nd, 1786 Anna Van Steenberg (1767–1814) and they had children Sara 1786, Christian Otto 1787, William 1788, Benjamin 1789, Abraham Isaac 1791, Benjamin 1793, John William 1796, Christina Margaret and Jane Ann 1799 (twins), and Mary 1801. He died June 7th, 1801.
Peter Schultz

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 14, toward the middle, next to Hendricks

SERVICE:

LIEUTENANT: under Capt. Isaac Conklin and Col. John Frear [Pension #S22982]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A204281

GENEALOGY:

Peter Schultz was born May 25th, 1750 in Rhinebeck to Christian Otto Schultz and Christina Margareta Scharpenstein and is the brother of Patriots John and Jacob. He married January 9th, 1772 Anna Van der Hoff (1757–1832). They had children Lucas 1772, Christian 1774, Margaret 1776, Mariah 1779, Abraham 1781, Christina 1784, Peter 1786, Isaac 1795, Jacob 1796, and Eliza 1800. Peter died December 10th, 1838.

At age 82 in 1832, he gave testimony for a pension. He gave some details of his service, though he did note that his memory was not what it was. He resided during the war in Hyde Park (Charlotte Precinct), later moving to New York City for seven years before moving to Rhinebeck. In the summer of 1776 he entered the service as a lieutenant, serving four years, then hired a substitute to take his place. Shortly after that, he entered a company of minute men called “Silver Grays” and served in Dutchess and Westchester counties. He was stationed at Poughkeepsie, Verplank Point, West Point, and White Plains. He patrolled as a scout and rounded up Tories, stating that he once apprehended his own uncle. While stationed near Hyde Park, he and his troop saw a loyalist schooner run aground on the Hudson. He led some of the men to take it and capture the loyalists and the American spoils of war they were carrying. He applied for a pension, he said, because when he returned home, his house and all his possessions had been burned and ever since the war he and his large family had been destitute.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 1: NONE—he is buried in what was the Livingston vault. His veteran marker is set by a flat memorial stone placed by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

LIEUTENANT: Under Capt James Kent, Queen Anne Co., MD Militia
SURGEON GENERAL: Continental Army Northern Department [Pension #S42495]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A115613

GENEALOGY:

Born c. 1750 in Maryland, Dr. Thomas Tillotson was a member of the upper class, a Mason, a surgeon, and a statesman of note after the war. He started his military career in the Maryland Militia as a lieutenant in 1776 and was at the Battle of Saratoga. He worked as a physician as early as 1777, but in 1780 congress appointed him Surgeon General of the Northern Department of the Continental Army and he served for the duration of the war. George Washington communicated directly with him. He came to Rhinebeck when he married February 22nd, 1779 Margaret Livingston (1749–1823) [MRR 2287], third child of Robert “The Judge” Livingston and Margaret Beekman. When he proposed marriage in 1778, Margaret’s brother Chancellor Robert Livingston wrote to Founding Father Gouverneur Morris to inquire about him. Morris was unimpressed by his lack of social distinction but thought Tillotson was a “kind of being calculated to take Care of his own Menage, cure the Fever and Ague, superintend his Farm and kiss his wife and Children and the like.”

He was a New York State Senator from 1791–1800, New York Secretary of State in 1805, and 1807. Three of their children lived to adulthood: Robert L. 1786 who was also a New York Secretary of State, John C., and Janette
Maria (who married James Lynch, a lawyer). He died May 5th, 1832 and he and his wife are buried in the Livingston Vault.

While researching Dr. Tillotson, his Revolutionary War pension file was perused. In it is a letter from former Dutchess County historian Helen Wilkinson Reynolds looking for data in order to place the plaque which visitors may find today in the first row of gravestones.

Portrait of Thomas Tillotson by Gilbert Stuart
Frederick Uhl

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 1—placed by son Frederick S. Uhl’s stone.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 251]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A117814

GENEALOGY:
Frederick Uhl was born September 25th, 1765 in Beekman Precinct, Dutchess County, NY, a Palatine descendant and the son of John Uhl and Margaret Streit. He married first September 19th, 1790 Huldah Mulford and second in 1809 Sarah Horton [MRR 2550]. His son Frederick Streit Uhl (1795–1833) married Rebecca Pawling (1795–1832), daughter of Patriot John Pawling. Their daughter Mary (1792–1869) married Levi Van Vliet. In 1799, he owned pew #23.

Frederick is sometimes referred to as ‘captain’, but he was promoted to this rank after the close of the war. He served his local militia, being promoted to Lieutenant in 1788 and then to Captain in 1797 [DSSNY pp. 147, 373]. He died October 12th, 1822 in Staatsburg. His son and daughter-in-law’s tombstones are all that remain in this cemetery and so his Revolutionary War Veteran marker is placed with them.
Jeremiah Van Aken

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 13, a small white stone next to his wife’s red stone with three rounded corners on top.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associate at Rhinebeck Precinct [CHM p. 81]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Jeremiah Van Aken (or Van Auken) was born July 21st, 1743 to Petrus Van Acken and Maria Terpening and was baptized at Kingston on July 24th, 1743. He married in Rhinebeck February 20th, 1764 Catalyntje Sleight (1746–1806) and they had children Rachel 1764 who married Barent Van Wagenen, Petrus 1766 who married Sarah Kip, Maria 1768, Annatje 1772, Hendricks 1775 who married Catharina Schryver, Levi 1780, Matthew 1783, and Sarah/Sally 1788. He died January 8th, 1825. This family descends from Marinus Van Aken who arrived from the Netherlands around 1685 and settled in what is now Kingston.
James Van Etten

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 16—placed next to cousin Barent Van Etten in the northeast corner of the northern jut.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Levies, M. Willet [NYRC+S V1 pp. 92, 96]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

James might have been born April 28th, 1752 to Isaac (Benjamin) Van Etten and Hiltje Vreedenburg baptized as “Jacobus” on May 3rd, 1752 in Rhinebeck. He died November 5th, 1834 aged 82 years, 6 months, and 10 days. At the time of this publication, no further information about him could be found.

He was most likely a nephew of Matthew Van Etten born 1722, father of Barent Van Etten whose gravestone is in the back northeast corner of the cemetery, as is Barent’s wife and their son Matthew. As no gravestone survives for James, his Revolutionary War Veteran marker is placed next to that of his cousin Barent.
Abraham Van Keuren

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 17 middle of the row. His stone is sunken, wife Eve’s is to the left of his.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

Patriotic Service: Associator at Kingston [CHM p. 32]
Private: 1st Reg’t Ulster Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 190]
Ensign: 4th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia May 28th, 1778 [NYR p. 280]
2nd Lieutenant: 4th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia March 4th, 1780 [NYR p. 280]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A118257

GENEALOGY:

Abraham (or Abram) Van Keuren was baptized February 9th, 1752 at Kingston to Abraham VanKeuren (1711–1776) and Gerretje Newkirk (1724–1824). He married in Kingston October 27th, 1777 Eve Dumont born (1755–1824) and they had children Abraham 1779, Garret 1785, Catherine 1790, and Jacobus 1792. He died in Rhinebeck on April 25th, 1817. Sometime after 1799, he owned pew #36. He was a deacon of the church in 1784 and 1792 and elder in 1801, 1806, and 1815; the record says that he died and was replaced with Martin Hermance, but his gravestone supposedly said that he died 1817. It is now mostly sunken in the ground. His wife Eve’s gravestone is to the left of his in the last row on the eastern side of the cemetery. Abram purchased property in 1783 in Rhinebeck and in 1800 erected a house called “Springside” which he passed to his son Garret and it remained in the family for 125 years.

Several past members of the Chancellor Livingston Chapter, NSDAR have this man in their family tree, including Sarah Reed Herrick, Anna Reed, Julia Reed, Anna Hill, Cora Mitchell, and chapter founder and historian Helen Reed deLaporte.
John Van Keuren

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 17—placed next to Abraham Van Keuren in the middle of the row

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associator at Kingston 1775 [CHM p. 32]
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 251]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A118266

GENEALOGY:

Johannes Van Keuren was born in Kingston November 29th, 1741 to Cornelis Van Keuren and Araantjen Van Buren. He married Elizabeth Suilandt and had children Joannes Suilandt 1768, Aariantje 1770, and Eva 1774 who were born in Rhinebeck. Johannes Van Keuren was deacon of the church in 1777 and elder in 1793. He died December 22nd, 1826 at 85 years of age.

Some records show his father Cornelis’ death date as 1737 and others 1755, so it is not clear how exactly he is related to Abraham Van Keuren, however, as his gravestone is missing, his marker will be set next to Abraham’s in order to have a place to remember his service.
Benjamin Van Steenburgh

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 16—placed at his wife Rachel’s stone on the north side.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associator at Rhinebeck [CHM V1 p. 81]
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights, 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 251]
ENSIGN: 1st Reg’t Dutchess Co. , 5th Company, Rhinebeck Precinct 20 Sep 1775 [NYR p.278]
2nd LIEUTENANT: 1st Dutchess Co. Reg’t, 5th Company Rhinebeck Precinct, 18 Mar 1778 [NYR p.278]
CAPTAIN: unsourced [HRDCRF]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A118972

GENEALOGY:
Benjamin was born September 9th, 1762 in Rhinebeck to Benjamin Van Steenburgh and Rebecca Cole. He married April 12th, 1788 Rachel Van Vreedenburg (1772–1855) and they had children Catherina 1789, Pertinina 1791, Nicholas 1793, Rebecca 1800, Naltje 1802, Sally 1804, Juliet 1806, Benjamin 1809, Rachel 1811, and Jane 1818. He died two days before his daughter Jane’s birth on February 18th, 1818.

He was an Ensign in one of the companies raised from Rhinebeck along with Jacobus Kip and Everardus Bogardus. He was a deacon of the church in 1779. Like many other landholding families of the time, he owned at least two slaves conveyed to him by his father in 1785. His Revolutionary War Veteran marker is placed before his wife Rachel’s gravestone; his might be the one leaning against hers.
Garret Van Wagenen

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 11 in the northern jut by the parking lot, tightly against stones on either side

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:

PRIVATE: 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia under Col. Morris Graham [NYRC+S V1 p. 149]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database

GENEALOGY:

Garret was born September 6th, 1758 and was probably the son of Joannes Van Wagenen (1723–1803) and Annatje Van Wagenen (1719–1795). He married in Rhinebeck December 18th, 1785 Eleanor (or Neeltjen) Kip (1760–1830, sister of Patriot Andrew Kip) and had children Johannes 1788, Anaatje 1790, Claartje 1794, Sarah 1801, Evert 1803 (died young), and Henry 1805. In 1799, he owned pew #8 with John Baptist Kip. He died March 31st, 1830.
Christopher Weaver

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:

Row 1 replacement Veteran’s Administration stone placed by the DAR in the 1960’s next to wife Hannah

SERVICE:

PATRIOTIC SERVICE: Associates at Rhinebeck [CMH p. 81]
PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S V1 p. 251] and 3rd Line [NYRC+S V1 p. 46]

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A123291

GENEALOGY:

The patriot was supposedly born March 20th, 1762 and died September 13th, 1835 and may have had two or more wives. A Christofel Weaver baptized with his wife Mary Smith a son: Sacharius January 22nd, 1792 at the church. Another record says his wife was Hannah (perhaps is a second wife). It is not clear who his parents were. Another Christopher/Christoffel Weaver baptized Marietje 1770, Gertie 1781, and Abraham 1786 with his wife Lidia Frayer.

A Christopher Weaver was an elder of the church in 1780 and 1797. It’s not all that plausible that an 18-year-old man would be considered an “elder” so it is more likely that the Christopher who married Lidia Frayer (and had children in the 1770’s when the patriot was a child) is an older man than the one who married Mary Smith (who had children in the 1790’s). Christopher and Mary supposedly had at least two children, Sacharius (mentioned above) and Mary who married Samuel Rector.
John Welch

GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 8, south side near a tree, stone is very illegible

SERVICE:

PRIVATE: Land Bounty Rights 6th Reg’t Dutchess Co. Militia [NYRC+S P. 251] and [DHofR p. 192] as well as 1st, 3rd and 4th Lines [NYRC+S V1 pp. 28, 46, 54]
- There is a John Welch of Ulster County who has a pension W19600 for wife “Polly”. He was a POW and was discharged in 1783. He served under Col. Dubois. However, he was living in 1819 when he signed the application so this one isn’t him.

DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: A121836

GENEALOGY:
The man we believe to be the patriot was usually called “John Jr.” and was baptized November 29th, 1761 in Rhinebeck to John Welch and Annatjen (Hannah) Van Vredenburg. His father John Welch was baptized March 19th, 1732 in Kingston to John Welch and Margaret McLean and died in 1811.

John Jr. would be just old enough to have fought at the close of the war, though it is less likely than his father. John Jr. was a deacon of the church and an elder in 1814 and 1818. In 1799, he owned pew #34 with Jacobus Welch. He married November 19th, 1786 Catharine Van Wagenen (1768–1847) and died December 8th, 1853. They also had a son John 1787, Annatjen 1789, Benjamin 1793, and James 1795, Barent 1800, Margaret 1803, and Peter 1808.
GRAVESTONE LOCATION:
Row 1 near Uhl and Pawling, his stone is broken and sunken showing only the very top.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE:


DAR ANCESTOR NUMBER: Not in DAR database*

GENEALOGY:

Benjamin Westfall was born 1763 to Simon Westfall and Johanna Van Steenbergh. He married at the church in Rhinebeck March 30th, 1784 Susanna Snyder. They baptized Simon 1785, Mannasse 1795, William 1799, Hannah 1802, Eli 1805, Susan Eleanor 1808, and Jesse 1810 all at the Rhinebeck Reformed Church. His father Simon also baptized some of his children at the church. He was a deacon in 1788, 1789, and 1794 and an elder in 1810. He died in Saratoga on May 19th, 1837 aged 74 years. He, his wife, his parents, four of his children and two of his brothers are buried at the church cemetery as well.

There is little doubt that the Benjamin Westfall that was a Private in the 6th Dutchess County, Militia under Captain William Radcliffe (who was also a member of the church) is the one from Rhinebeck, even at such a young age. A man from Amenia, Thomas Barlow, was in the 6th Dutchess as well and was born a year before Westfall.

As Helen deLaporte noted in her file about the patriots in the Reformed Church Cemetery, his gravestone shows only his name and appears not only to be sunken but probably broken. *The DAR file on this patriot has the correct service, but appears to have the wrong man, stating that he was born 1740 and died 1820 and was from Claverack.
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