

Highland County Revolutionary War Memorial

Have you considered Highland County's connection to the American Revolution? After the War in 1783 many war veterans were issued land grants in the new Northwest territory. Many of these patriots and their families settled in what is now known as Highland County, Ohio. To honor the patriots who founded and settled Highland County we are proposing the construction of Revolutionary War Memorial sponsored by the Highlanders Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) chapters the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society (SOGS) and the Highland County community.

This is a community initiative to construct a Highland County American Revolution War Memorial on the Hillsboro Courthouse grounds. We are planning our dedication around July 4, 2026, to coincide with the celebration of the United States 250th Anniversary. The Memorial will list the founding fathers of Highland County who were Revolutionary War Patriots who lived, died, or are buried in Highland County. So far, we are vetting 221 patriots. 93 patriots are from the Waw-Wil-A-Way DAR plaque on the Hillsboro Courthouse wall, the other 128 patriots are from various sources identified within Highland County. We consider our patriots as those who fought on the American side, aided the cause (patriotic service), paid taxes, signed an Oath of Allegiance, gave aide and provision to the patriots. We also want to identify both men and women patriots.

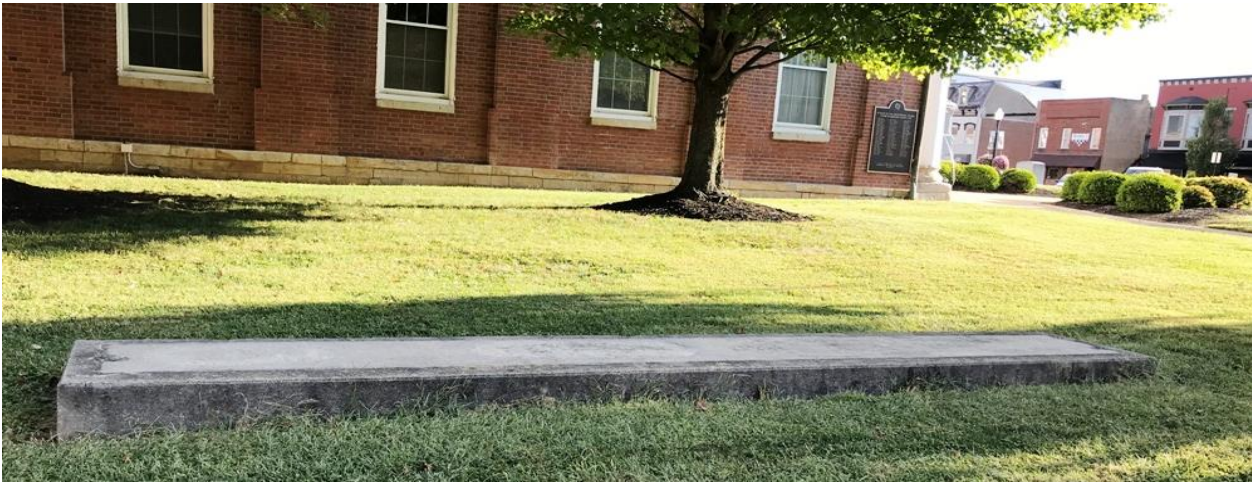
When we dedicate the Memorial, we wish to identify the ancestors of these founding fathers – patriots, veterans living in Highland County or other parts of the country. The community is helping us identify other patriots not on our list and share information on the family history of our founding fathers who were Revolutionary War patriots. We are looking for burying grounds where our patriots were interned. We hope to mark each cemetery with a marker identifying the patriots buried there. Some of these burying grounds may not be in Highland County. Regardless, we need to identify them. The Memorial project is funded by donations from the community and grants from charitable foundations.



This is a rendering of the proposed Revolutionary War Memorial we plan to build at the Hillsboro, Ohio Courthouse. Designed by Gerold Wilkin and rendering designed by Jack Bredenfoerder. The etching pictures are of early Highland County Patriots. On the left of the memorial is the Highland County patriot, who may have been one of our Highland County founding fathers. On the right of the memorial is a Highland County female patriot and child. In the center of the monument are the names of patriots who have lived, died, or are buried in Highland County. On the rear of the monument will contain donor names, history of Highland County and QR codes to tell our patriots story. We are currently researching and verifying these founding fathers – patriots, veterans. The granite will be a dark grey, the same color as the existing War Memorial on Hillsboro Square. The concrete base for the memorial is in place now where the old War Memorial stood before being moved to Hillsboro Square. The Hillsboro Courthouse is the oldest working courthouse in Ohio!

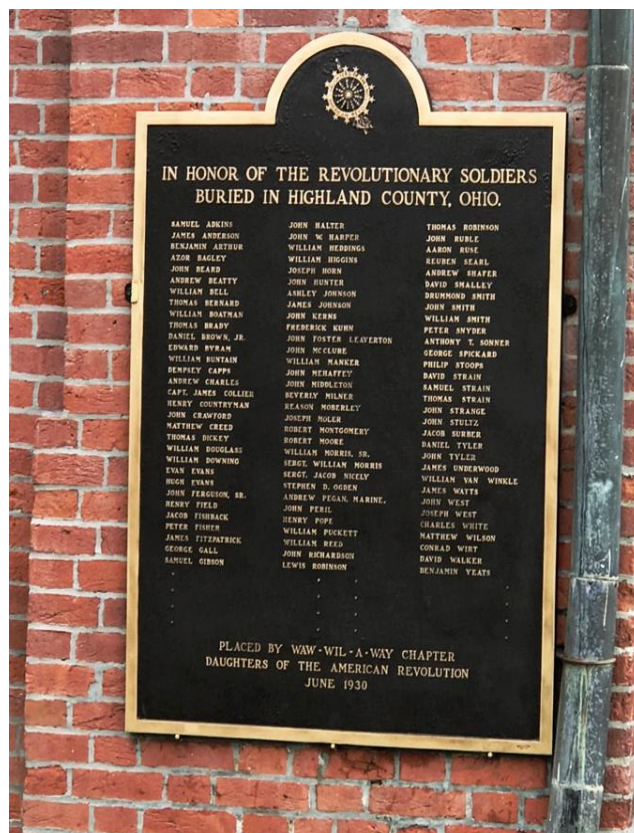
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Highlanders SAR Memorial Base



Existing Base North side of Hillsboro Courthouse:***Notice DAR plaque on Courthouse wall.

Highlanders DAR Memorial



The Highland County Revolutionary War Memorial is a **501C organization (93-4779030)** If you would like to donate to the Revolutionary War Memorial fund:

Send your check to: **Highland County Revolutionary War Memorial**
Attn: Highlanders Treasurer - Jack Bredenfoerder
8751 Haverhill Lane
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