



Springboro Area Historical Society

Revolutionary War Veteran Driving Tour

Memorial Day - Labor Day Weekend

The Revolutionary War Veteran Driving Tour offers a unique opportunity to explore the early history of Springboro and Clearcreek Township. Created as part of the America 250 celebration. The tour highlights the final resting places of Revolutionary War veterans who helped settle the Clear Creek area after the nation's founding. Visitors can travel at their own pace to five local cemeteries throughout the City and Township.

Cemetery Etiquette

When visiting a historic cemetery, we do ask that respect is shown for both the people buried there and the site itself. Please remain quiet, stay on marked paths when possible, and avoid walking directly over graves. Gravestones and monuments should never be climbed on or cleaned without professional guidance, as old stone can be fragile and easily damaged. Even small actions, such as doing a rubbing, leaning on a marker or removing objects from a grave, can contribute to long-term deterioration. Please help us preserve these historic spaces so future generations can continue to learn from and appreciate them.

Clearcreek Township



*Blue stars indicate approximate cemetery location.

When arriving at a cemetery, look for both the U.S. and Betsy Ross flags near gravestones. These indicate our Revolutionary War veterans.



US Flag



Betsy Ross Flag

**Begin your tour at the
Springboro Museum
at 110 S Main St.
Springboro, Ohio 45066**



Head south and make a right on Mill Street aka (W. Lower Springboro Rd.) You will enter either the 2nd or 3rd entrance on the left. This is the historic side of Springboro Cemetery.

Charles Brown (1758-1806)

Born in Pennsylvania; migrated to the Northwest Territory after the war.

Edward Dearth (1748-1816)

Moved with his wife and children to the Clearcreek area in 1798, as one of the area's first families. Was instrumental in helping the area grow; offered his home as a voting site and a venue for church services and took out the first tavern license in Warren County.

Thomas Gilles (1751-1810)

Was one of the early frontier settlers of the Miami Valley after his war service. Passed away in 1810, five years before Springboro's founding.

George Gordon (1755-1826)

Enlisted at the start of the war in 1775, later served under George Washington. Relocated to Warren County after his military service ended. His descendants remained in the area for generations.

James Johnson (1748-1836)

Served in multiple Pennsylvania companies. His son, James Johnson Jr., served in the war of 1812.

Martin Keever (1727-1824)

Didn't serve in the military, but was still recognized as a Revolutionary War patriot, due to his payment of the Pennsylvania Revolutionary Supply Tax, which supported the Continental Army and militias.

Gilbert Kennedy (1743-1824)

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Stephen Kinney (1762-1848)

Enlisted as a teenager. He was the grandfather of the famous Ohio poet Coates Kinney, who served for the Union in the Civil War.

George Knox (1738-1826)

Although he was a documented Revolutionary War soldier, his tombstone lacks military markings. The stone is worn and may appear to show his age at death as 7 years 21 days, instead of 87 years 21 days.

John McCord (1744-1818)

Belonged to a large Scots Irish family network that both served in the war and participated heavily in early frontier settlements.

John McDanel (1746-1831)

Also known as John McDaniel, McDannel, or McDonald. No detailed information is available for this veteran.

James Petticrew (1761-1821)

Born in Pennsylvania. Bought land in Warren County in 1804, 11 years before the founding of Springboro.

Samuel Robinson Sr. (1727-1807)

Born in Northern Ireland and immigrated to America. Married Jean Snoddy in Pennsylvania, eventually moved to southwest Ohio.

John Ward (1759-1832)

Served in the 9th Virginia Regiment; was stationed at Fort Pitt in 1779.

Carefully turn right as you exit the cemetery. At the 3rd street, make a left on Gilpin and a right on Factory Rd.

Stop 2

Springboro Hicksite Quaker Cemetery
29 W. Factory Rd
Springboro, Ohio 45066

John Mullen (1755-1843)

Served in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Was originally buried outside of the cemetery because Quakers were opposed to war, but the Friends later relaxed their rules.

When leaving the Hicksite Cemetery, turn right on Main Street. Continue south for about 4.5 miles to SR 122. Turn right to the intersection of SR 122 and 123. Turn on 123 and park on the right side of the road.

Stop 3

Red Lion/ Zoar Methodist Cemetery
Northeast Corner of
SR 122 and SR 123

Moses Crosley (1764-1843)

Was the head of a family of several generations of inventors, whose creations included automobiles, radios, aircraft and refrigeration devices. The family founded many companies, including the Crosley Broadcasting Corporation, which was based in Cincinnati.

When leaving, go back to SR 122 and drive east for 2.5 - 3 miles. Turn left on SR 48. Drive north about 4 miles. Turn down a gravel driveway marked 6870 SR 48. The cemetery is on the left side of the driveway.

Stop 4

Old School Baptist Cemetery
6760 State Route 48
Springboro, Ohio 45066

Thomas Arnet (1758-1844)

Served in the Pennsylvania militia during the war. Lived in Springboro in 1830, had moved elsewhere in Clearcreek Township by 1840.

Daniel Gray (1747-1843)

Served for various periods throughout the war. Was a cabinetmaker by trade.

Joseph Githens (1760-1843)

Migrated with his family to the Clearcreek area after the war. His son, a veteran of the War of 1812, was a blacksmith and wagonmaker in the region.

Henry Hormel (1747-1834)

Also known as Henry Hormell. Served as an ensign in the Pennsylvania Militia.

Fergus McLean (1746-1837)

Founded the town of Ridgeville. Was the father of John McLean, who not only served in many state and national roles such as Ohio Supreme Court Justice, U.S. Postmaster General, and United States Supreme Court Justice, but also ran for president multiple times.

Thomas Venard (1756-1839)

An early pioneer in the eastern part of Clearcreek Township. Long-serving justice of the peace for the township.

Continue north on SR 48. Turn left on SR 73. Turn left on Red Lions Five Points Road. When you cross the bridge, park on the grass on the right.

Stop 5**Null Cemetery**

**South side of Red Lion- Five Points Road
at the junction of Null Boulevard**

Christian Null (1770-1832)

Enlisted at the age of 12. Built the Null Cabin, which is the oldest log home still standing on its original site in Warren County. His headstone is here, but his remains were moved to the Dayton VA Cemetery.

Christian Zehring (1755-1832)

Born in Pennsylvania as a child of German immigrants. Was a farmer and a blacksmith.

This concludes the driving tour, continue on Red Lion Five Points Road to reach SR 741.

***Please note: The following Revolutionary War veterans are buried on private property in the township. Although we do want to recognize them, no visits are permitted.

Isaac Morris (1741-1828)

Served as a Wagon Master in the New Jersey Militia. Was one of the charter members/founders of multiple Presbyterian churches in the area.

Henry Null (1735-1816)

Christian Null's father.

Teter Kesling (1750-1841)

Also known as Peter or Dieterich, Teter was the son of German immigrants. Served as a private in the Virginia Militia until just before the surrender of Cornwallis. Moved his family to the Clearcreek area after the war, helped build the first church in the Springboro area.

Thank you for visiting the Springboro Area Historical Society Driving Tour.

We hope you enjoyed this historical journey.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities related to cemetery preservation or gravestone cleaning, please contact us for more information.

www.springboroareahistory.org

or visit the museum at 110 S Main Street, Springboro, Ohio 45066

This driving tour would not be possible without the assistance of staff and volunteers of the Springboro Cemetery, Clearcreek Township Parks, the Springboro Area Historical Society and AM250 Ohio.