

Veterans of War interred in the Milford Center Cemetery

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Milford Center Cemetery
Revolutionary War
April 19, 1775 – September 3, 1783

William H. Hardy - 1752 - 9/15/1833 - 4th Corporal - Continental Army

Josiah Morris - 1/1746 - 3/9/1825 - Private - Capt. Able Spicer Co. 6th regiment Col. S. H. Parsons
Connecticut Continental Line

James Westcott - 6/10/1762 - 7/25/1851 - Private - Enlisted at age 16 in Massachusetts.

Joshua Rogers - 5/3/1744 - 3/7/1834 - Private - Enlisted under Capt. Samuel Mathers Connecticut in 1776

Ezekiel Seeger - 1753 - 7/12/1851 - Private - Porter's Regiment - Massachusetts, March 1776

George Baker - 1730 - 11/08/1819 - Brigg's Co. Vermont Militia

War of 1812
June 18, 1812 - February 17, 1815

Joseph Westcott - 4/16/1784 - 8/14/1859 - Captain - 2nd & 18th Regiments - New York Militia. Joseph Westcott was wounded by "cannon shot" during an attempted invasion of Canada on the Niagara River most likely at The Battle of Queenston Heights, which was the first major battle in the War of 1812.

Joseph Mumford - 6/02/1776 - 11/19/1857 - Colonel - Mumford organized the second Militia Company in Milford and was appointed Captain. When the War of 1812 broke out he was commissioned a Colonel and Joseph Westcott was appointed Captain.

Freeman Phillips - 1/22/1794 - 9/16/1836 - Fifer - Tracy's 20th Regiment - Connecticut Militia

Joseph Edson - 12/23/1791 - 11/30/1823 - Private - Mills Artillery & Infantry Regiment - New York Vol.

Smith Humphrey - 10/26/1787 - 3/13/1853 - Private - Capt. Henry VanVleck's 46th Reg. Infantry. Smith's name appears on a list of veterans from the cemetery records from the 1950's

Warren Ackley - 8/18/1783 - 5/11/1873 - Private / Corporal - Ackley is listed as a private on his pension records, but as a Corporal on his pay record. Ackley served with Capt. Joseph Westcott's organization, but appears to have been under the direct command of Lieutenant Colonel Farrand Stranahan with the 16th Regiment. He only served for 2 months. He enlisted shortly after turning 29 on September 2, 1812 and was discharged on Nov. 2, 1812. It is very likely that Ackley was with 16th regiment at the of The Battle of Queenston Heights, Oct. 13, 1812. We do know that Stranahan, along with his men, were captured at that battle. Most of the prisoners were paroled 6 days after the battle. The British had no use for POWs so they would release them after they had made a pledge to stay out of the war for the duration of the war. I find this to be the most plausible reason as to why Ackley's service in the N.Y. Militia was so short. Ackley was paid \$14.66 for his time in the service.

Civil War

April 12, 1861 – April 9, 1865

Jacob Bennett - 3/1830 - 5/13/1923 - Private - 143rd Reg. Co. E, infantry - New York Volunteers

Orlando Lawyer - 1844 - 9/5/1920 - Private - 193rd Reg. Infantry - New York Volunteers

David B. Bostwick - 11/05/1839 - 5/10/1907 - Private - promoted to full Corporal - 3rd Cavalry Reg., New York Mounted Rifles. David reenlisted twice after his original enlistment. Here is a quote from his service record, "Enlisted in Company D, New York 3rd Cavalry Regiment on 25 Mar 1862. Promoted to Full Corporal on 01 Mar 1865. Mustered out on 21 Jul 1865. Transferred to Company L, New York 1st Cavalry Regiment on 21 Jul 1865. Mustered out on 06 Sep 1865. Transferred to Company L, New York 4th Cavalry Regiment on 06 Sep 1865. Mustered out on 29 Nov 1865 at City Point, VA"

Charles Peck - 1844 - 1/29/1929 - Private - 1st NY Engineers - Co. G - New York Volunteers

Charles Wesley Keith - 1842 - 6/17/1864 - Private - 101st Reg. Co. F Infantry. Mustered out, then back in to the 40th Regiment. Was KIA in Petersburg VA. He was 22 years of age.

Elijah Keith - 1819 - 8/31/1882 - Private - 152nd Reg. Co. H Infantry - New York Volunteers. He was father to Charles Wesley Keith

Freeman P. Rose - 1844 - 1862 - Private - 121st Reg. Infantry. Died age 18 in a Washington D.C Hospital of illness.

Daniel Hungerford - 3/15/1939 - 2/10/1917 - Private - 43rd Reg. Co. C Infantry - New York Volunteers

Waitstill Salisbury - 1/6/1837 - 11/5/1895 - Private - 176th Reg. Co. U Infantry - New York Volunteers
Later enlisted as a Private in the 2nd Reg. Wisconsin Cavalry under the name, Charles W. Salisbury

Joseph Edson - 4/10/1827 - 2/5/1894 - Private - 121st Reg. Co. I Infantry - New York Volunteers.
According to records Joseph Edson was wounded in June, 1864. Most likely at Petersburg Va. He did not muster out until July 1865.

George Orendorf - 7/4/1841 - 9/29/1919 - Private - 14th Reg. Co. A Infantry - New York Volunteers

Rennselaer L. Garlick - 7/18/1846 - 7/26/1921 - Private - 114th Reg. Co. C Infantry - New York Volunteers
According to records he was "lost in battle" on Oct. 19, 1864. Which would have been the Battle of Cedar Creek in Cedar Creek, Virginia. He found his way back as he mustered out with his Co. in 1865.

George W. Rose - 7/10/1847 - 1/26/1924 - Private, later promoted to Corporal. 193rd Reg. Co. D Infantry.

Louis O. Hopkins - 1/2/1848 - 1/27/1910 - Private - 144th Reg. Co. D Infantry later transferred to Co. G of the 1st Reg. Engineers, New York Volunteers. Louis was 16 when he enlisted.

Peter Dingman - 1/1844 - 3/23/1864 - Private - 3rd NY Light Artillery Battery. Co. M. Peter Dingman died at Home from a disease contracted while in the service. He was 20 years of age.

Elijah Dingman - 4/2/1842 - 10/19/1864 - Private - 121st Reg. Co. I Infantry - New York Volunteers. Brother of Peter who died 7 months earlier. According to the records Elijah "died on the field of battle at Cedar Creek on Oct. 19, 1864". He was 22 years of age. He also fought at Gettysburg, Salem Church (Heights), Rappahannock Station, and Spotsylvania. While Elijah's name is on the Dingman family grave stone, he is actually interred in the Winchester National Cemetery (Union Cemetery), in Winchester City, Virginia.

William A. Tarbox - 6/1833 - 3/23/1912 - Private, promoted to Full Corporal - 192nd Reg. Co. G Infantry - New Your Volunteers.

Orlando Ceperley - 11/24/1824 - 1/19/1910 - Private - 90th Reg. Co. B Infantry - New York Volunteers

Erskine Hoffman - 2/1840 - 1/10/1913 - Private - 25th New York Calvary Co. D. Erskine's name appears on a list of veterans from the cemetery records from the 1950's. His grave site in the MCC is unknown.

Spanish American War

April 21, 1898 – August 13, 1898

Wesley Thorn - 11/27/1875 - 2/1/1944 - Private - 1st Reg. Co. G Infantry - New York Volunteers

World War I

July 28, 1914 – November 11, 1918

Robert Bigelow Jr. - 12/9/1894 - 4/24/1969 - Private - 87th Engr. Reg. Co. A US Army

Lynn A. Seeger - 2/20/1897 - 9/5/1921 - Private - 156th Depot Brigade Batt. D US Army

Forrest Newton - 5/26/1890 - 11/11/1956 - Gunner - U.S. Navy

Clyde Manzer - 7/29/1893 - 10/31/1931 - Private 1st Class - 321 Guard & Fire Co. - Quarter Master Corps

Lester Harris - 10/1/1893 - 2/24/1976 - Fireman 3rd Class - U.S.S. Nevada Battleship - US Navy

Richard Bird - 11/24/1899 - 12/20/1965 - Listed as serving in the UK Royal Air Force

Cecil I. Peake - 8/29/1899 - 1/15/1978 - Private - 10th Infantry Reg. Co. I - New York Guard. He was assign to guard Railroad bridges, critical industries and the Barge Canal in upstate New York.

World War II

Sep 1, 1939 – Sep 2, 1945

Albert H. Osterhout - 4/30/1908 - 10/15/1983 - 1st Reg. Co. I - New York Guard

Charles Memmerth - 1/26/1925 - 6/3/2001 - Gunners Mate 3rd class - US Navy - USS Tutuila - Repair ship

Harold Rowland - 7/17/1923 - 1/18/1990 - Private First Class - US Army

Melvin D. VanBumble - 12/7/1920 - 4/23/1972 - Private First Class - 63rd Infantry - US Army

Burton Cole - 2/3/1921 - 1/5/1994 - Tech 4 - US Army

Howard Frank Yager - 4/14/1912 - 7/30/1969 - Motor Machinist's Mate, Second Class - USN - LSM 452

Harold M. Armstrong - 10/17/1918 - 11/11/1998 - Tech 5 - US Army

Frances R. VanBuren - 1/18/1928 - 6/19/1958 - PFC - 85 O.M. Depot Co. - US Army

Charles L. Gerold - 2/10/1919 - 6/23/1995 - Tech 3 - US Army

Gordon Morris - 1/22/1920 - 9/1975 - Private - US Army Air Corp

Leon Pedersen - 11/11/1921 - 2/27/1975 - Private - Medical Corp - US Army

Nan G. Pedersen Williams - 6/7/1924 - 12/8/2019 - Private - US Marine Corps Women's Reserve Battalion
Only woman veteran of war interred in the Milford Center Cemetery

Leon E. Waters Sr. - 10/6/1918 - 1/15/1987 - Private - US Army - Wounded in battle by an artillery shell.
Leon's son Leon E. Waters Jr. was KIA in Vietnam.

Raymond G. Foster - 11/22/1924 - 10/14/1982 - PFC - US Army

Leonard A. Erickson - 3/24/1917 - 3/17/2001 - Private - US Army

Lawrence Brandes Jr. - 5/7/1922 - 5/23/1992 - Corporal - Field Artillery - US Army - Wounded in battle.
Injury report has "Fingers... Crushing between objects"

Harold E. Barrett - 9/1/1909 - 11/23/1989 - PFC - US Army

Earl M. Couse - 12/12/1918 - 5/31/1975 - Staff Sgt. - US Army Air Corp

Ralph Couse - 11/21/1921 - 1/20/1992 - PFC - US Army - Brother of Earl

Cecil I. Peake - 8/29/1899 - 1/15/1978 - Private - US Army - Cecil also served in the New York National Guard during WWI. He is the only veteran interred in the Cemetery to serve in both World Wars.

Thomas Foster Sr. - 1/12/1927 - 1/16/2004 - PFC - US Army

Sherwood Lower - 5/11/1920 - 12/10/1992 - Coxswain - US Navy - USS Chenango - Escort Carrier

James McGonigal Jr. - 12/29/1912 - 6/6/1984 - Private - 1st Reg. Co. I - New York Guard

Harold E. Edson - 12/26/1919 - 9/16/2012 - US Merchant Marine

Donald Fish - 5/27/1924 - 12/2/2012 - Private - US Army

Victor Itzen - 9/28/1918 - 11/19/2008 - Sergeant - US Army Air Corp

Millard Montgomery - 4/5/1924 - 7/6/2008 - Private - US Army - China Burma India Theater

Stephen Baniias - 10/16/1916 - 3/31/2009 - Carpenters mate 3rd class - US Navy - Seabee -
7th Naval Construction Battalion Co. A

Richard H. Himes Sr. - 6/13/1923 - 3/5/1999 - Corporal - US Army - Signal Corp - New Guinea, Philippines

Melvin R. Hasenkamp Sr. - 4/24/1917 - 1/31/2003 - U.S. Army

Korean War

June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953

Albert A. Crandall - 9/26/1932 - 9/8/1959 - Seaman - US Navy

Richard H. Himes Sr. - 6/13/1923 - 3/5/1999 - Corporal - US Army - Korea. Richard also served in the US Army during WWII. He is the only veteran interred in the Cemetery to serve in both WWII and the Korea war

Robert H. Preston Jr. - 7/27/1932 - 6/10/2000 - Private - US Army

Charles E. Manley - 4/20/1935 - 1/20/1987 - Airman 1st Class - US Air Force

Clyde Hungerford - 6/6/1928 - 12/7/2009 - Private - 3rd Reg. Co. F New York Guard

Ralph R. Johnson - 6/20/1932 - 4/27/2008 - Chief Petty Officer - US Navy - Chief Radioman

Herman "Whitey" Perlmutter, - 4/29/1935 - 10/22/2021 - US Navy

Vietnam War

March 8, 1965 - March 29, 1973 (US Involvement)

Leon E. Waters Jr. - 11/10/1947 - 2/24/1968 - Spec. 4 - 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry Reg. 25th Infantry division Co. C - US Army. Leon was awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action". He was also awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, along with 4 other medals. Leon was KIA. He died in Vietnam on Feb. 24, 1968 after being wounded by small arms fire on Jan. 29 1968. He was 20 years of age.

Gordon R. Pedersen - 3/12/1947 - 2/7/1970 - Private - US Army

Michael C. Welch - 4/17/1948 - 5/27/1983 - Spec. 5 - US Army

Michael J. Breen - 8/30/1947 - 3/12/2007 - US Navy

Harry L. Mattison - 4/7/1947 - 5/31/2009 - Staff Sergeant - US Air Force

Walter W. Packer Jr. - 4/19/1956 - 3/7/2015 - Airman 1st Class - US Air Force

Richard R. Koopman - 2/9/1943 - 6/1/2015 - Private - US Army

Lawrence I. Neff - 11/19/40 - 6/10/2022 - Marine Corps