

America 250-Ohio

Revolutionary War Veterans Graves Project

A Guide to Field Collection for Public Researchers

Thank you for joining us as a public researcher! Your help is an invaluable contribution as we work to locate the grave sites of all American Revolutionary War veterans buried in Ohio. To begin field collection of cemetery or grave site marker information, please follow the steps provided in this document.



America 250-Ohio has partnered with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office, Terracon Consultants, Inc., regional chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and local historians to create Ohio's first comprehensive list of American Revolutionary War Veterans burial places.

For more information about this project, visit: www.ohiohistory.org/RevWarGraves

Before your Visit: Download Survey123 & Access Surveys

The Ohio Revolutionary War Veterans Graves Project uses surveys hosted on the Survey123 application to collect and store data. These surveys are used by public researchers to collect information in the field. Accessing the survey forms requires the installation of ArcGIS Survey 123 field app. This app is free and available for Android and Apple devices.

- 1. Download the ArcGIS Survey123 field app <u>here</u>. Simply click the link for your mobile device type and follow the prompts to download and install the app. The app can also be downloaded directly from the Google Play store or the Apple App Store.
- 2. Once the Survey123 field app is installed, follow the links below to open the surveys in the Survey123 field app on your mobile device:
- Grave Marker Survey Form
- <u>Cemetery Survey Form</u>

Once the surveys have been opened, they will be saved on the Survey123 app for future use.



Beginning Field Collection in Survey123

1. Open the Survey123 app on your mobile device.

2. Ensure Location services are enabled on your device and to allow Survey123 to access your location.

3. Select a survey to begin collecting information.

During your Visit: How to Complete Surveys



Grave Marker Survey Form

Follow the prompts to enter information found on individual grave site markers.



To take photographs of markers, tap the camera button.



To collect a GPS point, stand at the marker and tap the crosshair button.

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Cemetery Survey Form

This survey is designed to collect information about small to medium-sized cemeteries. Follow the prompts to enter information about the cemetery during your visit.



To take photographs of markers, tap the camera button.



To collect a GPS point of the cemetery location, stand somewhere within the boundary of the cemetery and tap the crosshair button.

After Survey Completion: How to Submit Survey Data

Once you have completed the survey, ensure all required fields of the survey are filled in, and click the checkmark at the bottom right-hand corner of the survey.

A Survey Completed prompt will open with the following options:



<u>Send now</u>: This option will send the completed survey to the project database for review.

<u>Continue this survey</u>: This option will allow you to make immediate edits to the survey. This option will not save or submit your survey.

<u>Save in Outbox*</u>: This option will save the survey to the Survey123 app but will not submit it to the project database. Select this option if future edits are required or if cell phone service is limited.

*If you use this option, please remember to eventually Send the survey so it is added to the project database.

To begin a new survey, navigate to the My Survey123 main page and select either the Grave Marker Survey Form or the Cemetery Survey Form.

Best Practices & Etiquette for Cemetery Visitation

During field collection, please observe these best practices for cemetery visitation:

- Do not enter cemeteries located on private property without landowner permission.
- Check the cemetery's website before you visit for important information, like hours of operation or closures.
- Be respectful of the cemetery grounds, gravesites, and other visitors.
- Follow all posted rules and regulations for the cemetery.
- Do not cause damage to headstones or other grave markers.
 - This includes applying materials such as shaving cream or baby powder to grave markers, and taking rubbings of headstones, all of which can cause damage to the stone.

Resources for Researching Revolutionary War Veterans

- DAR Revolutionary War Records
- <u>Military Records at the Archives & Library of the Ohio History Connection: Ohio and the Revolutionary War</u>
- SAR Patriot Research System (PRS)

Our Partnering Organizations







