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## OURPATRIOTS.COM

**Our Patriots** are those men and women who served during the Revolutionary War that are buried in Southwest Missouri. Liberty, freedom and patriotism are the heart of this program designed to give ownership of America through patriotic education to everyone, our youth in particular. Identifying descendants of American Patriots helps lead communities into the celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it presents the opportunity to discover many new members for the SAR and DAR.

This America 250 SAR Program will celebrate well beyond 2033, because it offers the opportunity for citizens from across Missouri, as well as the citizens of every hamlet and town in America to assemble their own community tree of **Our Patriots**. The value of this program is in promoting the heritage of **Our Patriots** while elevating your SAR Chapter brand.

The process of creating the **Our Patriots** website lies in entering information from family records, bibles, and family genealogies. The website software is designed to begin with a Revolutionary War Patriot and allows you to enter all available information on his descendants for as many generations as possible. The website is a safe repository of cloud-based data that will offer universally accessible information for genealogists and family members for generations to come.



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# **“Our Patriots” An America 250 SAR Project**



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The Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution is initiating a genealogy project that can potentially involve every family in Southwest Missouri and beyond. **Our Patriots** are those men and women who are veterans of the Revolutionary War that are buried in Southwest Missouri. Liberty, freedom and patriotism are the heart of this program designed to give ownership of America to everyone; our youth in particular.

**Our Patriots** is important, because it engages everyone in patriotic education, research projects and programs. Identifying descendants of American Patriots helps lead communities into the celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it presents the opportunity to discover many new members for the SAR and DAR.

This is a 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary (America 250!) project which will be celebrated from now until 2026 and beyond. The project offers the opportunity for citizens from across Missouri, as well as, the citizens of every hamlet and town in America to assemble their own community tree of **Our Patriots**. The value of this program is in promoting the heritage of **Our Patriots** while also learning about other family members from our past.

By working together we find links to **Our Patriots** through Patriots in each community as we find our claim on America, the country our Patriots fought and died to establish. Students can find their link to the past and be able to share a claim in the America that is their birthright, a country that may currently be unknown to them.

Join the Ozark Mountain Chapter Sons of the American Revolution in our quest to find **Our Patriots** and share an understanding of liberty, freedom and patriotism.

The process of creating the Our Patriots web site lies in entering information from family records, bibles and family genealogies. The web site software is designed to begin with a Revolutionary War Patriot and entering all available information on his descendants for as many generations as possible. It is assumed that the more information that is made available the more will become available as citizens share the previously unknown information as they browse the web site.

This web site is intended to be a safe repository of cloud based data that will offer universally accessible information for genealogists and family members alike.

# **Revolutionary War Patriots of Greene County Service, Migration and the family they leave in Greene County**

The Ozark Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution is beginning a family tree project that begins with Revolutionary War Patriots David Bedell, Elisha Headlee and Samuel Steel. These Patriot families intermarried and were also responsible for the use of their family name by former slave families. Bedell and Headlee are buried in Old Salem Cemetery and Steel is buried nearby at Mt. Comfort Cemetery.

We will explore the family connections of these Patriots and build a simple family tree beginning with these three Patriots. This project is the origin of a family tree as a 250th anniversary project for the community.

The Bedell and Headlee Patriots were married to sisters and Headlee had three children that married Steel children. Two daughters of Patriot William Freeman married War Veteran Samuel Austin's sons. Freeman is in the National Cemetery and Samuel Austin is buried 100 yards away in Hazelwood Cemetery.

William Freeman, the only Patriot buried in the Springfield National Cemetery will be a featured presentation in that we will discuss his Revolutionary War exploits and his move to Missouri with his wife and 5 of his living children. James Barham, the oldest Patriot buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Greene County is important to the narrative due to his long life and influence on the Willard, Missouri area.

History Explorers will examine the event that followed the long trail of our Patriot families from the home of their birth to Missouri and connects their descendants with those living in Greene County today. We will discuss migration patterns and the manner in which early settlers traveled together exploring a new nation.

Just to the south of Springfield in Christian County we find Patriots, Isaac Garrison, John Pettijohn and Timothy Scruggs. In Polk County are Patriots Morris Mitchell, James Hopkins and William Murphy. Just west of Springfield in Lawrence County we find William Lumley and Thomas Hash buried in small private cemeteries. Webster County's Clifton Cemetery holds the remains of Patriot Nathan Clifton.