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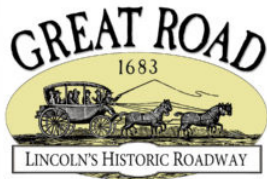
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Visit on Great Road Open House Day



THREE CENTURIES IN THREE MILES

North Gate Toll House and the Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery will be open on Great Road Day, September 19.

Other historic properties that will be open on that day include Hearthside, Pullen's Corner Schoolhouse, Moffett Mill, the Hannaway Blacksmith Shop, Eleazer Arnold House, the Saylesville Friends Meetinghouse, and Mt. Moriah Lodge. Create your own tour and visit all these historic properties along Great Road.

This year, the Blackstone Valley Historical Society will present an exhibit created by Jim Hendrickson, a BVHS member who frequently photographs our events. This exhibit honors twenty-three Revolutionary War veterans whose graves are located in Lincoln cemeteries. It has been planned as part of the RI



On Great Road Day, BVHS's exhibit explores "Lincoln's Revolutionary War Veterans," including Christopher Wilbur, whose headstone stands in lot LN051, near Jenckes Hill Road

250 celebrations. Allison Horrocks, Blackstone River Valley National Historic Park Ranger, researched their military service and put together some genealogical information and other information she discovered about their lives.

Most of these cemeteries are located near historic Great Road. Three are on Great Road, three are located on or near Old River Road, one is on Dexter Rock Road, and three are near Louisquisset Pike, one near the R.I. Community College, one in Lincoln

Woods, and the third near BVHS. The final cemetery with a Revolutionary War grave is on Jenckes Hill Road by Lime Acres Park. Here is a list of the veterans.

1. **Samuel Clark** (1744-1818), private in Captain D. Sprague's Co., Col Tillinghast's Regiment.
2. **Samuel Hill** (1741-1833), 1775 captain of 1st. Co. Smithfield Militia.
3. **Stephen Whipple** (1727-1795), served on the committee of

Saturday Sept 19

**11 am - 4 pm
Great Road Open House
Northgate and the
Arnold's Original
Lonsdale Bakery
will be open
FREE**

Safety and as Deputy from Smithfield, and in Col Stephen Kimball's regiment in 1781.

4. **Simon Whipple** (1760-1829), Maj. 2nd Regiment, Providence Co. Militia
5. **Elisha Mowry** (1735-1792), Lieut. Col 2nd Regiment Providence Co. Militia

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Calling all BVHS Members

Volunteers needed as hosts/docents for Great Road Day on Sept. 19. If you can do a shift of 1 or 2 hours, please email bvhsri@gmail.com

Postle Honors Pawtucket Revolutionary Veterans at Ceremony



By Francine Jackson

On Sunday, June 14, as part of the RI 250 celebrations, Ken Postle, BVHS cemetery restoration coordinator, organized a ceremony to honor the Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Mineral Spring Avenue Cemetery.

Joining him were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Girl Scout Troop 228, Deacon Paul Dixon and Carolyn Flaxington from Woodlawn Baptist Church, Jennifer Kilsey, Cultural Affairs Program Coordinator from the Mayor of Pawtucket's office, and State Senator from Pawtucket, Lori Urso.

The program began with Captain Carl Becker and the reenactors from the

2nd Rhode Island Revolutionary War Regiment, who marched to the Circle of Honor for Civil War Veterans, where the ceremony was held, and gave a multi-gun Salute.

This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the national anthem.

Speakers from the different organizations spoke about the dedication of those who fought so valiantly in the Revolutionary War and had come home to be buried in this cemetery.

The ceremony was followed by a walk through the grounds to each of the 22 graves, where the flag at each grave was raised and then placed back in its marker, and a few words were said about each veteran's service.



Top: Gathering by the gate of the cemetery. Above: Jennifer Kilsey speaking at the ceremony. Below: Renactors from 2nd RI Revolutionary War Regiment give multi-gun salute. Photographs by Jim Hendrickson





Austin Dionne and Nicholas Lasorsa painting the roof vent

Keeping Northgate in Repair

This May, the Blackstone Valley Historical Society received a grant from the Champlin Foundation for \$36,600 to replace the roof on North Gate Toll House. Before work on the roof could begin, it was necessary to check for roof-adjacent issues, such as the condition of the roof vent and the chimney on the left hand side of the building. Last week Nicholas

Lasorsa, with the assistance of Austin Dionne, repainted the roof vent a dark green color similar to its original shade.

Work will soon continue with repairs to the chimney. We will also be repainting the bakery, and then replacing the roof. Many thanks to those members who contributed to the renovation of the roof vent.

Lincoln's Revolutionary War Veterans



Elisha Mowry's stone in cemetery LN015, behind houses across the street from Lincoln Central Elementary and the Limerock Baptist Church

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6. **John Jenckes** (1735-1807), Capt. Hezekiah Smith's Co., Col. John Mathewson's Regiment in Expedition to Newport.
7. **Henry Jenckes** (1733-1803), Smithfield Town Council
8. **John Jenckes** (1759-1799), 3rd Division of the 1st Company of Smithfield Militia
9. **Nathaniel Spaulding** (1751-1838), private in 1776 (minuteman) and served under Colonel George Peck
10. **Aholiab Spaulding** (1743-1791), private, Smithfield and Cumberland Rangers
11. **Simeon Wilkinson** (1756-1816), Smithfield and Cumberland Rangers
12. **John Wilkinson**, (1757-1826), Smithfield and Cumberland Rangers
13. **Joseph Wilkinson** (1759-1812), Smithfield and Cumberland Rangers (Simeon, John and Joseph were brothers)
14. **Benjamin Smith** (1744-1812), the stepson of Governor Stephen Hopkins; and

the father of Stephen Hopkins Smith, the builder of Hearthside. He was a member of the Society of Friends and supplied wood for the troops.

15. **Luke Arnold, Esq.** (1738-1817), hauled wood for troops.
16. **Israel Arnold** (1754-1840), Sergeant in Captain Day's company, Col. Jabez Bowen
17. **Asa Arnold** (1748-1833)
18. **Jonathan Arnold** (1706c-1796), private in Capt. Amos Olney's company, and also served in Colonel Mathewson's regiment. Arnold was part of the expedition to Newport from August 6-27, 1778.
19. **Samuel Arnold** (1736-1813),

1776-1778 in Capt. Thomas Rice's Company and Col. John Waterman's Regiment.

20. **Thomas Arnold, Esq.** (1752c-1826)
21. **Elisha Olney**, (1755-1835), Capt. John Angel's Company, No. Providence Rangers
22. **Simon Aldrich** (1743-1834), Capt. George Peck's Company
23. **Christopher Wilbur** (1759-1812), private in Capt. Stephen Whipple's Company of Smithfield in 1777 and also part of Spencer's Expedition, a failed attempt to reclaim Newport.

11:00 am-4:00 pm, Saturday, Sept 19: Great Road Open House Day. Northgate Toll House and the Arnold's Lonsdale Bakery will be open. Lincoln's revolutionary war veterans will be featured with a exhibit of photographs of their gravestones taken by **Jim Hendrickson** with military and genealogical research by **Allison Horrocks**.

2:00 pm, Sunday, October 18: **Charlotte Taylor**, RIHPHC Archeologist, "The Archaeology of Lincoln, RI"

2:00 pm, Sunday, November 15: **David Lawlor**, Run of the Mill Productions, RI documentary filmmaker, will present his latest projects.

Special Events in September in the Blackstone Valley

The American Revolution Experience, Heritage Hall North Smithfield, RI. This free exhibit will open daily, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., September 3-17. The exhibit is a collaboration of the Beacon Pole Hill Chapter of the DAR and the American Battlefield Trust with the North Smithfield Heritage Association. During the exhibit, Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park will offer additional programs and a walking tour.

The Museum of Work & Culture will host its annual free Labor Day Open House 10 a.m. - 4 p.m Monday, September 7. Events include the following:

- ***The History of Soccer in Rhode Island*** (exhibit) Visitors will walk through 141 years of Rhode Island soccer history via historic photographs, period artifacts, and compelling narratives,
- ***Union Village*** (a film by Christian de Rezendes), 1:30 p.m. The North Smithfield Heritage Association received grants from the RI 250 Commission and Ocean State Media to create a documentary about Union Village before and during the Revolutionary War. Advanced registration is required; tickets are available here: <https://www.simpletix.com/e/labor-day-debut-screening-of-union-village-tickets-288968>

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Members get a discounted rate!

<https://www.bvhsri.org/rent-historic-north-gate/>



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