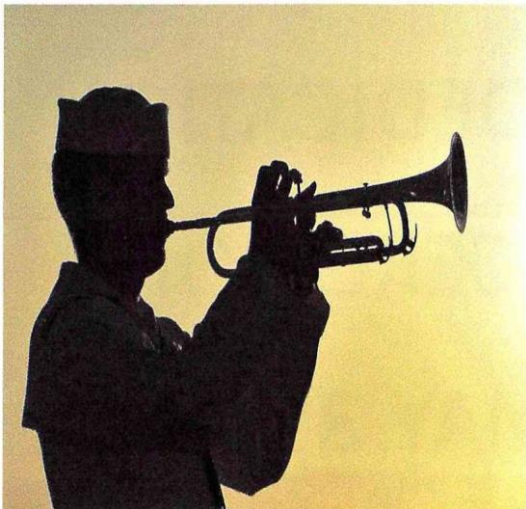


PIONEER CEMETERY DEDICATION

MAY 31, 2001

10:00 AM

OPENING D.A.R. MEMBER
AMERICA QUARTET
INVOCATION.....FRANCES NORMAN, D.A.R.
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: FAITH OF OUR FATHERS
HISTORY AND DEDICATION.... DEBORAH SNEDIGAR
READING OF SOLDIERS NAMES.....D.A.R. MEMBER
MILITARY SALUTE
BENEDICTION: NAVY VETERAN, DOUGLAS NORMAN
TAPS



Raise your eyes and look for miles around and imagine these grounds as the wilderness that it was. The pioneers buried here, cleared this land, planted crops, hunted, dug wells, shared with each other and at the end of each day.... Read the only book that they may have had... their Bible.

Some of the pioneers that are buried here are as follows;

Edwin French....1st Representative of Schuyler County 1846

Andrew Jackson Ballew. Began a restaurant

William Buford. Owned a dry goods store

John Derigo from Germany... ran a meat market

Wesley Farrell... ran a tan-yard

Christian Frederick from Germany.. Sold stoves and tinware

Richard K Grant... built and sold cabinets

Gerrit Hooyer from Holland... owned a saddle and harness shop

Samuel Ow... was a carpenter and built the 1st store/house here in 1846

Abraham Thompson... ran a blacksmith shop

Jahiel Parks (1797-1857), from New York... built the 1st wooden courthouse

Esther Hathaway French... was one of the 1st school teachers

George Grist.....was a brick mason

Edger Elsworth Payton Blacksmith and much later a circus showman

John H. Davis.....was a surveyor

The memorial that we are dedicating today was placed here by the Schuyler County Daughters of the American Revolution. It is a bronze plaque embedded in a granite boulder, surrounded by the first green grass of spring. The boulder was donated by Joann Webster. The pioneers and soldiers buried here were not unlike this monument. They were strong, sturdy, unyielding and resilient. Yet, like the first green grass of spring, they welcomed the beginning of a new life, in what would become known as Schuyler County Missouri.

The wives, daughters, children, disabled and elderly did not experience the wounds and heart-breaking challenges of the civil war soldiers. They experienced a different type of suffering. Their challenges of the continuing household chores and raising children were complicated now by providing food, water, hunting, caring for livestock, protecting their homes from thieves and wild animals, burying the dead and delivering babies. The civil war divided friends, families and even churches. It was a bloody and confusing was.

There have been thirty-four soldiers identified buried in tis "Old Pioneer Cemetery. One is a soldier of the War of 1812.

SOLDIERS LAIN TO REST AT
THE PIONEER CEMETERY

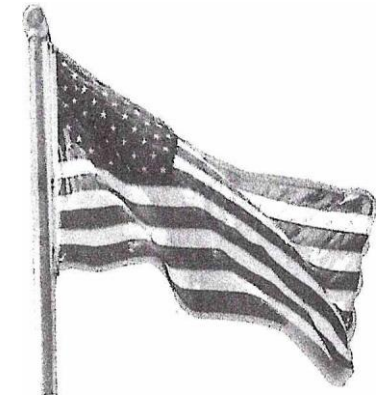
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JOHN W. BUNNELL (CORPORAL)
STEPHEN BUNNELL
WILLIAM BUFORD ((CORPORAL)
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JOHN CULBERT CAWOOD
ABRAHAM KIRBY COWGILL
JAMES CROSS
JOHN H. DAVIS
JOHN DERIGO (2ND LIEUTENANT)
WESLEY FARRELL
ALEXANDER DUDLEY FARRIS
ADAM M. FELTON
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CHARLES SENAS HAYS
WILLIAM HOMISON
SAMUEL JARED JEWETT
THOMAS JONES (CORPORAL)
ELISHA REED KIRKPATRICK
ANSEL D. MERRELL
WILLIAM D. NEWCUM (WAR OF 1812)
BURL NUTTER

GEORGE W. OW
JOHN H. PAYTON
WILLIAM B. POTTER
JOHN W. SUTTON
LEROY PRESTON SPURGEON
THOMAS GRIFFITH THATCHER
JAMES H. WALKER
FRANCIS M. WILCOX (CAPTAIN)
JOHN W. WOODS (SERGEANT)
JOHN FRANKLIN YATES (FIRST SERGEANT)



YOUR ATTENDANCE AND RECOGNITION OF THESE
SOLDIERS HAS BEEN DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

YOU ARE INVITED FOR A LIGHT LUNCH AT THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOLLOWING THE
CEREMONY.



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