

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS
OF
CLARION, JEFFERSON,
ARMSTRONG, AND VENANGO
COUNTIES



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From the Original DAR Ritual

Grant that we
may live a patriotism of willing service,
that we may love our country across all barriers of human frailty;
that we may learn compelling devotion and generous dedication of
ourselves to the common good.

Mrs. Raymond G. (Edith Smith) Kimbell
Chaplain General, 1932-1935

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A Remembrance of our Revolutionary War Patriots

This is a compilation of names of Revolutionary War Patriots that lived for a time, died and were buried in, or have memorial stones in, Clarion, Jefferson, Armstrong, and Venango Counties, Pennsylvania. They have service records from various counties and states.

According to Revolutionary War Veterans Interred in Pennsylvania, vol 2, 1966 by the Lycoming Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution there were six names of known Revolutionary War Veterans interred in Clarion County as of 1966. The Clarion County Court House Graves' Registration Docket listed William Best, John Heinrich Best, John Cope, Philip Clover, William Corbett, and John Roll. In subsequent years the Veterans Affairs Office in Clarion, Pennsylvania compiled a list with additional names and now have a list of fifteen names. They include: John H. Best, William Best, Philip Clover, John Cope, William Corbett, William Guthrie, Philip Krotzer, John Logue, Charles McClatchey, Thomas Meredith, Adam Mohny, John Roll, John A. Sheffer, Conrad Silvis, and James W. Spear.

Lists from various sources for Armstrong County and Venango County have varying numbers of patriots' names. There is no known list of patriots buried in Jefferson County. This book lists patriots from all four counties and gives some documentation for their service, where they lived in the four counties, and where they are buried.

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Those who have died live on if we remember them.

Silvis, Conrad (Silves, Silvies, Silveous)

b. Abt 1741 Lehigh Township, Northampton County, PA

d. Aft 1803

Settler: Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania until
1796 and by 1803 was in Redbank Township, Armstrong (now
Clarion) County, Pennsylvania

Service: Pennsylvania Rank: Private

He served in the Fourth Class of the Sixth Company with
Captain Frederick Coon of the Third Battalion of the
Northampton County, Pennsylvania Militia. He also served in
the Fourth Class, Fifth Company of the Fourth Battalion of the
Northampton County, Pennsylvania Militia. He was discharged
February 25, 1783.

Residence during the Revolution: Lehigh Township, Northampton
County, PA

Spouse: Barbara Heffelfinger m. 1767

b. Abt 1746 Northampton County, PA

Burial: Silvis Homestead, Redbank Township, Clarion County, PA

Sources:

Davis, A. J. History of Clarion County, PA (Syracuse, NY, D. Mason &
Co, 1887) p. 583

Estate of John Heffelfinger. March 22, 1786. Tract of Indian Land,
Lehigh County, PA

Northampton County, PA. Orphans Court Records, Book 5, p. 103

Taxables of Northampton County, 1780. History of Northampton
County, PA Chapter XXVII (Davis, 1877)

PA Archives online ARIAS, Item 19

PA Archives, Third Series, vol XIX, p. 164 (Silvus), p. 245, 350
(Silvius)

PA Archives, Fifth Series, vol VIII, p. 286 (Selves), 312 (Silvess), 519,
616

Silvis Homestead

Grave not located; may no longer have a stone

Spear, James W. (Speer)

b. 18 Dec 1749 Second River, Belleville, Essex County, NJ

d. 18 Jun 1851 Clarion Township, Clarion County, PA

Settler: Clarion Township, Armstrong (now Clarion) County, PA before
1840

Service: New Jersey Rank: Ensign and Second Lieutenant

He was an Ensign in the Company of Captain Abraham Spear