

Reinterment of Revolutionary War Veteran

Josiah Clark

The Town of Weybridge, Vermont, will be reinterring the remains of Josiah Clark, a Revolutionary War veteran in a public ceremony on Saturday, May 28th beginning at 10 o'clock. Full military honors will be afforded to Mr. Clark, whose gravestone states that "He fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill & died 60 years from that day".

Josiah Clark had been buried in the Brittle Azra Stow Cemetery (The Stow Cemetery) in 1835. Unfortunately the Stow Cemetery, which is adjacent to the Otter Creek, has been susceptible to slope failures for many years and a number of the graves have succumbed to the movement of soil toward the creek.

Mr. Clark's remains were recovered by Vermont State archaeologists prior to his grave being consumed by the ongoing and increasingly common slope failures. Additional sets of remains have been recovered by a team of archaeologists headed by the University of Vermont's Consulting Archaeology Program (UVM CAP).

All of the currently recovered remains will be reinterred on May 28, 2022. The remains are being transferred to the First Weybridge Hill Cemetery. The First Weybridge Hill Cemetery is of similar vintage to the Stow Cemetery, but over the years became surrounded by woods, so much so that many people in Town are not aware of its existence. Although the Town of Weybridge has maintained the First Weybridge Hill Cemetery, many of the graves required attention. With the careful guidance of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, and the much appreciated work of their members and other volunteers, the Cemetery was prepared in the fall of 2021 to receive remains from the Stow Cemetery.

Our work is not yet completed at the Stow Cemetery, with more than a dozen graves yet to be exhumed, including another early American veteran. Slope failures will continue at the Stow Cemetery, as they have for many years, threatening the peaceful burials of those laid to rest in a beautiful spot overlooking the Otter Creek. The Town of Weybridge welcomes contributions to help defray the costs, and which will allow us to continue with the project before any additional graves are lost.

Please join us on May 28th to honor and remember one of America's earliest veterans and those who have surrounded him on a small plot of land above the Otter Creek. May they rest in peace in their new home for many more generations.

Thank you for your concern, participation and support,

The Town of Weybridge Stow Cemetery Committee

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Additional information will be presented as May 28th draws near.