

## HUMPHREY CEMETERY

This is Holland's oldest cemetery and was named for Arthur Humphrey, who was one of Holland's first settlers and its first supervisor. It is located on the east side of Route 16, north of the hamlet area near the Rickettson farm. The stones flanking the entrance give the date 1809.

Holland residents who fought in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812 are buried there. So are hardy frontiersmen who died protecting their families from marauding Indians. Follow a row of stately spruce trees to reach the historical burying ground. Among scores of headstones there is one with the name of Israel Reed. An inscription states he was "slain by savages in the battle of Buffalo, December 30, 1813, aged 45 years."

Other Holland farmers who took part in the War of 1812 include Amos Barrow, Elisha Burlingham, John Colby, Col. Jonathan Colby, Leonard Cooper, Abner Currier, David Hunt, Joseph Kent and Obediah Whitcher.

Soldiers of the Revolution whose bodies lie in Humphrey Cemetery include Deacon Joshua Barron, Enos Challis, Corp. Ezekiel Colby, Captain Joseph Cooper, Joshua Davis, Joseph Grant, Elisha Hill and David J. Hunt.

Longtime residents Nora Kanner and Mr. & Mrs. Ovid Cutler tell the story about Col. Colby, the officer who participated in the War of 1812.

Colby, who commanded the 170<sup>th</sup> Regiment, came to Holland from Vermont in 1810. He was 91 when he died. His wife, daughter of Capt. Cooper, the Revolutionary War veteran, was 86 when she passed away. The Colbys lived on their farm in Holland for 71 years.

Memory perpetuated - In 1896, 83 years after his death, a special memorial was constructed in tribute to Israel Reed, the farmer who died in the War of 1812. A movement to construct the stone was spearheaded by Lyman Cornwall, formerly a supervisor from the Town of Aurora.

The inscription states:

O, from thy kindred, thou was torn and to thy grave, untimely born; Oft, as remembrance brings us near, affection sad, will drop a tear.

### **Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Humphrey Cemetery:**

- Private Joshua Barron- served in Massachusetts; Born June 30, 1749; died May 4, 1828; Married Larina Derby and, later, Sarah West; Family presently in area are Max and Gerald Barron.
- Sgt. Enos Challis- served in New Hampshire; Born November 15, 1752; died February 6, 1815; Family presently in area are the Seadeeks.
- Pvt. Ezekial Colby – served in Corinth, Vermont; Born on July 15, 1763; died March 24, 1848; Married Ruth Davis: Family remaining in area- Elberta Barberi.
- Pvt. Joseph Cooper – served in Massachusetts; Born on March 13, 1757; died December 19, 1844; Married Dolly Page; Family remaining in area is Joan Cooper Kanner's family and Patricia Cooper Smith.
- Charles Crook – Born in 1754; died in 1834.
- Joshua Davis – Born in 1761; died in 1825
- Joseph Grant- Born in 1764; died in 1834
- Elisha Hill – Born in 1760; died in 1828
- David Hunt – Born in 1761; died in 1848.