Vaughn Cemetery

We welcome you to the historic Vaughn Cemetery and trust that you will find this sacred resting place for many of Wood River's early settlers and various war veterans, a scenic and peaceful place to visit amidst its towering mature trees.

This cemetery , once known as the" Vaughn Graveyard" dates back to the early 1800's and was started by the Vaughn family whose family farm once encompassed much of the land that adjoins Highway 111 and whose farmhouse was located in the general vicinity. Within the boundaries of the two acre cemetery there once stood Madison County's first Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. William M. Jones Sr., whose family is buried here.

The cemetery also honors the veterans who fought to protect personal freedom in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War and the Mexican American War.

It is the final resting place for the victims of the Wood River Massacre. On July 10, 1814, while walking between two homesteads, a small band of Native Americans killed Rachel Reagan, her two children, two sons of William Moore and two sons of Abel Moore.

Due to their age, numerous headstones have been damaged and some repaired. Sadly, others could not be repaired or could not be reunited with the proper graves and the remains of those headstones are assembled in one location to keep them from being lost or destroyed. The unmarked graves are now marked with a cross as a memorial to those listed below. Based on our gathered information, it appears the first person buried in the cemetery was Sarah Pruitt Jones in 1806 and to date, the last was a descendant of the Vaughn family, Richard Vaughn Husted

in 2019.

We hope you visit the cemetery again and invite family and friends so they can enjoy the serenity and share this piece of local history.

\* For more details about the cemetery and Wood River's early settlers, please visit the Wood River Museum and Visitors Center.







Oldest Headstone Veteran Grave

Elizabeth Jones John Rattan Headstone for Victims of Massacre Cross for Unmarked Graves

1806

\*You may call or visit the Wood River Museum and Visitor Center at 40 E. Ferguson in Wood River for more information on where your ancestor's cross is located.

LAST NAMES OF MARKED VETERANS VICTIMS OF THE NAMES OF UNMARKED GRAVES GRAVES WOOD RIVER MASSACRE (MARKED WITH CROSSES)

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Pvt. John Cornelison

Pvt. Anthony Harrison

John Rattan, Sol. Continental Line

MEXICAN AMERICAN WAR

Pvt. Gilbert Cooper

CIVIL WAR

Pvt. James Fortiner

Pvt. Henry Huntington

Cpl. Henry Lawrence

Pvt. George F. Morgan

Pvt. Thomas O'Neil

WAR OF 1812

Capt. Francis Patrick Berry, Sr. (Unmarked)

Capt. William Jones, Sr.

Pvt. Martin Jones

Lawrence

McGee

Mitchell

Morgan

Owens

Perrott

Powless

Permely

Pruitt

Rattan

Ray

Restemeier

Rotsch

Squires

Starkey

Sullivan

Vaughn

Worthington

Yeager

Matt W. Bratton

Joseph Brown

Charles Bustemeier

Wilbur Campbell

Willie Clawson

John A. Cooper

Anna Diller

Benjamin Flack

Catherine Ellen Flack

John S. Flack

Eliza Glern

E. Lawrence Green

Abe Haller

Eugene Haller

Ida Haller

E. M. Ingall

Adolph Jones

Eula Jones

James Jones

Nancy Jones

Sarah Pruitt Jones

Unk. Jones

Maggie Kendall

Annabelle Lawrence

Benjamin Lawrence

Emily Benson Lawrence

William John Lawrence

Virginia Maltby

Katie Meyers

Christopher Morgan

Christopher R. Morgan

John Morgan

John W. Morgan

James Daniel Odell

William Ogle & Family

John S. Owens

Gaines Owens

Mrs. Pruitt, Mother to Charles

Adolph Ray

Eula Ray

Sarah Smith

Mortimer Martin Squires

Sanford Squires

Jesse Starkey

Mary Starkey

Oilad Starkey

Sara Starkey

William Starkey

Bertha Sutton

Infant Swarringim

Hardin Harry Thompson

Modee Wilson

Daniel Woods

Helen Wuestenfield

Joseph Young

Crosses Donated by:

Ninian Edwards Chapter, NSDAR

Sign by:

City of Wood River

George Moore

Joel Moore

John Moore

William Moore

Elizabeth Reagan

Rachael Reagan

Timothy Reagan

Anderson

Berry

Bratton

Breedlove

Campbell

Copeland

Dolbow

Fentress

Flack

Fortiner

Green

Haller

Henry

Husted

Janssen

Johnson

Jones

Kendall

Kessinger

Largent

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Sign by: The City of Wood River