

Proclamation
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Here are some photos of a Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Cemetery Marker installed south of Jacksonville.

The Illinois SAR Society is attempting to put markers at all cemeteries in the state that have Patriots buried there. As of now we have identified almost 100 locations.

The cost of the markers is currently \$2,750 plus installation and the SAR funds the total amount. We will not ask Chatham for any funding. However, in the past in smaller communities like Chatham, the installation has been done by community grounds staff. This saves us about \$650 that we can use for our youth projects. Larger cities like the Chicago and St Louis areas charge for the installation.

We would like to place a marker identifying John Lockridge as a Revolutionary War soldier buried in Chatham.

Once we have approval to proceed the process can take 18 to 24 months as each marker is one of a kind and made to order. The markers are Bronze set on a metal pole secured by concrete.

Each marker is name specific and made by a company in Ohio.

We try to make this a community event when the marker is dedicated. We invite Boy Scouts to help present the Colors along with the American Legion and others.

Additionally, family decedents if any can be located are invited and asked to remove the drape from the marker. I am aware of one descendent who lives in Springfield. It is hoped we would find more.

These markers are high quality and made to last. We have placed one in Oak Ridge Cemetery near the Lincoln Tomb.

We normally place the marker at the cemetery entrance, not near the actual grave as it is easier for the mowing crew to cut the grass. But the final decision is up to you. For Chatham we are thinking either...

1) Near the entrance to the new cemetery. The plus for this location is the marker would be viewed by a larger number of people. The wording on the marker could indicate Lockridge is buried across the street in the old cemetery.

2) The small drive behind the former VFW building. The plus for this location is the Lockridge plot is located here.

I am happy to come in and talk to the Mayor and or Village Trustees if needed

Toby Chamberlain

① Nice — Voice vote.
② Try



REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS

BOURLAND JOLLY (a.k.a. **BOLING-JOLLEY**) (1766-1844) born in Dinwiddie County, Virginia where he enlisted in the VA Militia in 1781. He was enlisted by a Captain Connelly and later served under a Col. Lucas at the Siege of Yorktown. After the war Bourland moved to N. Carolina with his father. On Oct. 1798 married a Hannah Pasmore in Orange County, NC. He later moved to Morgan County, IL, where in 1842 he applied for a pension at the age 76.

JOHN WOODS (1752-1831) born in Savanna, Georgia, son of Joseph Woods and Mary Sterling. Enlisted as Private on June 1782 in 1st Company of the Georgia Battalion, commanded by Capt. John Lucas. Woods served 16 months, with pay of \$10. He was entrusted with carrying private messages from Gen. Washington to Gen. Francis Marion's Regiment. He married Leannah Melton. The family moved from Franklin, KY about 1827 to where Jacksonville now stands. Later moved to the area Grandfather Wm. Woods named "Franklin", theirs being the first frame house built in Franklin, IL. (St. Bernard down in 1916). J. Woods died Oct. 21, 1831 in Franklin, IL.

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