

# AMERICA250

## ST. CHARLES CEMETERY WALK

JULY 18, 2026

We gather to honor the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. The Madison County Genealogical Society celebrates the lives of Madison County men and women whose ancestors helped secure American independence during the Revolutionary War. Their patriot forefathers fought for liberty, endured hardship, and laid the foundation for the nation and the Madison County we know today.

### Oscar Dunbar Allen (1842-1884)



Oscar's great-grandfather was a surgeon for the Connecticut troops in the American Revolution, and his lineage stretched all the way back to the *Mayflower*. In 1862, at age 20, Oscar joined the 118th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and fought for the Union during the Civil War. He came to St. Charles in 1866 as a blacksmith and

raised nine children



### Samuel Fife (1831-1917)



Samuel arrived in Madison county as an orphaned teenager. He worked at any job to be found and eventually claimed and improved 160 acres here. His grandfather had served in the Revolutionary War's Pennsylvania Navy, and his great-grandfather fought under George Washington at Valley Forge. He followed them in 1862 by enlisting in the union army. After the war, he farmed, raised 12 children, and held various civic offices.

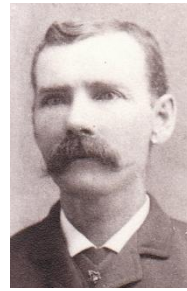


### Stephen Hurt (1843-1873)

Stephen's grandfather, Zachariah Hurt, along with other family members served in the Revolutionary War. Born in Virginia, when the Civil War erupted in 1861, he joined the Confederate 48<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. He moved to St. Charles around 1870. His stone was repaired several years ago by the Madison County Civil War 150 committee.



### Ovando Horton (1842-1915)



Ovando's connection to the Revolutionary War was his great-grandfather who was in the New York Militia and taken prisoner by the British. During the Civil War, Ovando and three brothers enlisted in the Union Army, where he was pierced by a Minnie ball and discharged. He arrived in St. Charles in 1887, partnering

in a general store on Main Street.



### John McGinnis (1795-1884)

John's father fought as a Private Ranger in the Third Pennsylvania Regiment during the Revolutionary War. John fought throughout the War of 1812. An ink spill struck the word "honorably" from his discharge certificate, making it difficult to receive the land he had been promised. His petition to clear his name was successful. He settled in nearby Warren County as a widower in 1850. His VA-provided stone was requested and installed by the Madison County Genealogical Society.



### John W. Armstrong (1817-1901)

John's grandfather, Abraham Armstrong soldiered in the Revolutionary War. At 46 years old, John, along with several family members, joined the Union Army. He served in the 12th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. Though surviving the war, he lost many close relatives. He and remaining family made a fresh start in St. Charles, farming and raising their families together. Astronaut Neil Alden Armstrong descended from his family.



### Oliver Perry Morgan (1814-1877)



Oliver descended from two Revolutionary War figures, Colonel Morgan Morgan, and Brigadier General Daniel Morgan, the last fighting beside George Washington. Oliver was born in Virginia but sometime before 1854, he brought his family from there to live on a farm southwest of St. Charles.

