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HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



Honoring Two Revolutionary War Veterans at Woodland:

Dr. John Elliot

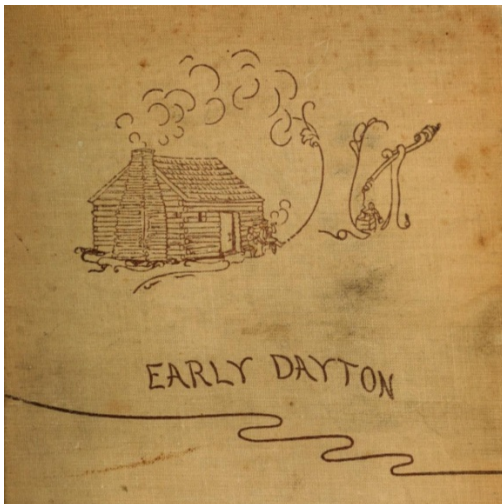
ca. 1760 - 3/26/1807

Entering the army as surgeon's mate to a New York regiment at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Doctor Elliot was later commissioned as a surgeon by none other than George Washington himself.

According to those who knew him, John Elliot was a "dignified and courtly gentleman, punctilious in dress." Doctor Drake, a contemporary of Doctor Elliot's, described him thus*:

"In the summer of 1804 I saw him in Dayton, a highly accomplished gentleman

in a purple silk coat which contrasted strangely with the surrounding thickets of brush and high bushes. The purple silk coat appears rather bizarre when compared with the subdued colors now worn by gentlemen, but high colors were the fashion in the time of the Revolution..."

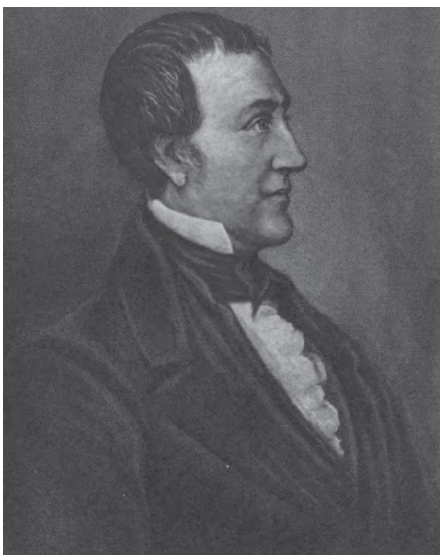


Doctor John Elliot died in 1807 at the age of 46. He was buried with full military honors, including a procession from his home to the Old 6th Street Cemetery. His remains were later moved to Woodland, where they rest today in section 77, lot 24.

* Source: Early Dayton, with Important Facts and Incidents from the Founding of the City of Dayton, Ohio to the Hundredth Anniversary by

Robert W. & Mary Davies Steele **

** Robert & Mary Davies Steele are both buried at Woodland; in section 77, lots 20 & 24, respectively.



Col. Robert Patterson

3/15/1753 - 8/5/1827

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, a 23-year-old Robert Patterson and seven other members of the Kentucky Militia embarked upon a mission that reads like something out of a survival thriller.

Charlotte Reeve Conover* tells the story in Concerning the Forefathers, published ca. 1902:

It's early October, 1776; just north of what is now Lexington, KY. A small group of unmarried men is chosen to travel from Royal Springs Fort (now Georgetown, KY) to retrieve needed gunpowder and other supplies from Fort Pitt (now Pittsburgh, PA).

Along the banks of the Ohio River, the party is ambushed while they

sleep. Escaping into the dense wilderness along the banks of the Ohio River, Robert Patterson is seriously injured with wounds that would go on to plague him for the rest of his life.

Surviving this close brush with death, Robert Patterson went on to found Lexington, KY as well as Cincinnati, OH. He was made a captain in 1779, then colonel in 1782.

Colonel Patterson and his family moved to Dayton, OH in 1804. He died in 1827 at Rubicon Farm (now Patterson Homestead), just up the road from Woodland Cemetery, where the Patterson family lot is located in section 13, lot 800.



*Source: Concerning the Forefathers by Charlotte Reeve Conover **, a family history written for Frederick Beck & Dorothy Forster Patterson.

**In this text, Conover references 'The American Pioneer', written by John Van Cleve, founder of Woodland Cemetery. Both are buried here, in section 20, lot 2012 & section 8, lot 76 respectively.

Upcoming Events!



7/19 @ 10 am

Click [here](#) to register!

Gravestone Preservation Workshop - Beginners

Conducted by our manager of preservation, Misti Spillman, this workshop will focus on cleaning and preserving historic grave markers.

Participants will receive a gravestone-cleaning starter kit including all the tools they'll need, and learn proper techniques for cleaning away years of discoloration and repairing broken stones.



Tree Tour:

7/16 @ 10 am

Click [here](#) to register!



Summer Bird Walk:

7/1 @ 6 pm

Click [here](#) to register!

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Don't get caught by surprise:

Please be sure to bring home all decor items that you wish to keep.

Key:

Dark Green = Weekly Clean Off
 Orange = Do Not Clean Off
 Soft Grey = At Woodland's Discretion

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

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Come Visit Us!



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

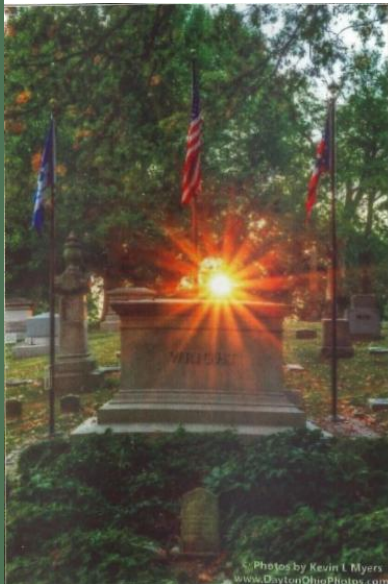
*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!


Tours & More:

We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

Register for a guided tour: visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries!

Or check out our virtual tours! (if you really don't want to go outside)




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