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Honoring Two Revolutionary War Veterans at Woodland:

Hon. Isaac Spinning

Isaac Spinning (or ‘Spining’) was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey and came to Ohio around 1796 with his brothers, Mathias and Ichabod. All three brothers served in the Revolutionary War; Isaac as a Private and Minute Man for New Jersey. At one point, he and Mathias were captured and held as prisoners of war for several months in New York’s infamous Sugar House.

In Ohio, Isaac Spinning became a successful farmer & businessman, operating family stores in Springfield, Middletown and Dayton. In 1803, he was appointed one of the first two Associate Judges in Ohio, a position he would hold until the end of his life.

During Independence Day celebrations on July 4th, 1822, Judge Spinning made the following toast: “May the cause that first inspired the heroes of 1776 to shake off the chains of slavery be very

dear and supported by all Americans.”

Isaac Spinning died December 24, 1825 at the age of 66. In a final gesture of respect, he was carried to the grave by six fellow soldiers Revolutionary War.



Maj. David Ziegler

Born in Heidelberg, Germany in 1748, David Ziegler (or ‘Zeigler’) immigrated to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania shortly before the Revolutionary War began.

A career soldier, Ziegler had served in the Russian army during the Russo-Turkish War (1768–1774), and saw a need for his professional skills in his new home. With the Continental Army, Ziegler assumed the duties of lieutenant & adjutant under Col.

William Thompson in the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment. Though severely wounded at the Battle of Long Island in August of 1776, Ziegler recovered in time to rejoin General George Washington's army for the Philadelphia campaign.

After victory was declared, Ziegler remained with the Army. In 1784 he was commissioned a captain and sent to the Ohio Valley frontier under LTC. Josiah Harmar. In 1789, President George Washington promoted Captain Ziegler to the rank of Major.

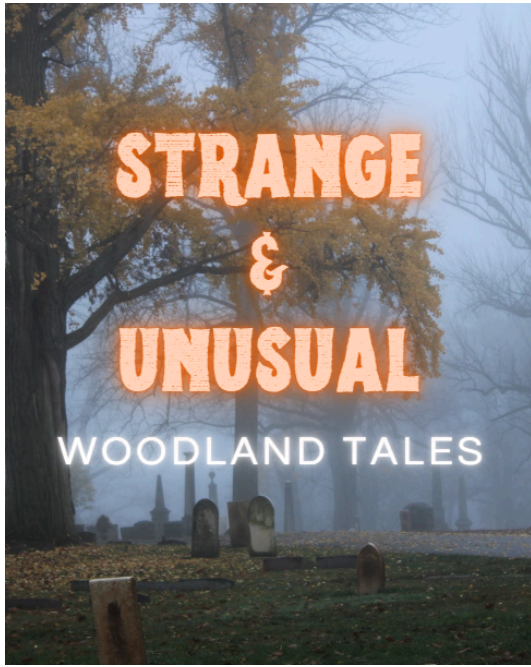


Maj. Ziegler eventually settled near Cincinnati, trying his hand at farming before opening a general store in the town. When Cincinnati was incorporated as a village in 1802, Ziegler was elected as its mayor (or, ‘President of the Council’, as the position was then called). He was unanimously reelected in 1803, but declined to run for a third term.

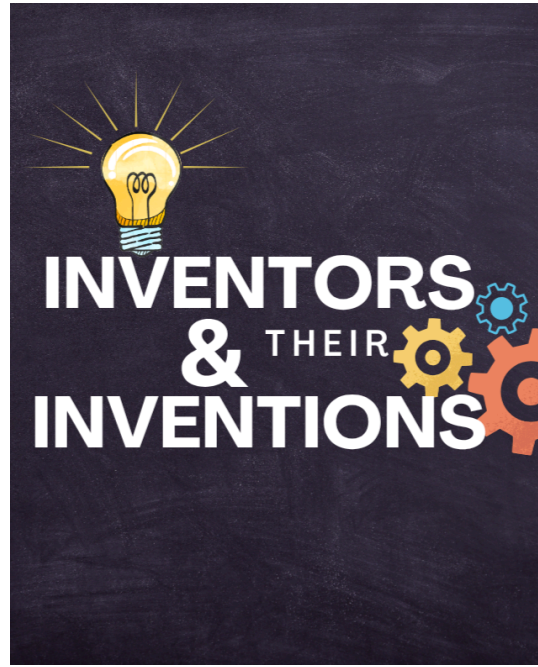
At the time of his death, aged 63, Maj. Ziegler was a wealthy man. He was buried in Cincinnati, then transferred to another cemetery in 1844. In 1848, his remains were moved for a final time to be interred with his wife, Lucy, at Woodland Cemetery.

Looking for more? Major David Ziegler: Biography of the First Mayor of Cincinnati by George A. Katzenberger is available online [HERE](#)

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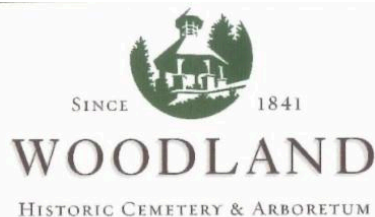
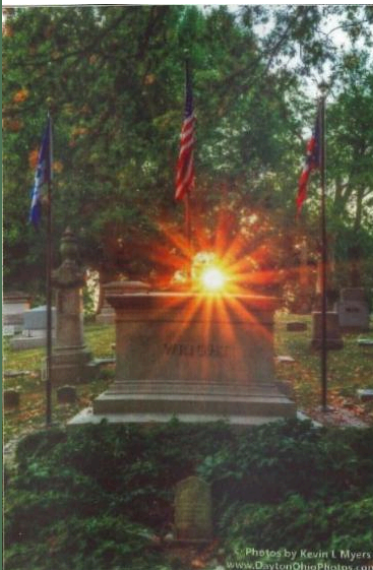
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