



PLEDGE TO THE S.A.R.

We descendants of the heroes of the American revolution, who by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

S.A.R. MISSION STATEMENT

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

S.A.R. RECEPTIONAL

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of rights, and an Independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men



MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

PATRIOT ELIJAH BRIGGS GRAVE MARKING



Fox Cemetery
51 Bayview Avenue
Berkley, Massachusetts 02779
(41.82280°N / -71.09440°W)
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

GRAVE MARKING

ELIJAH BRIGGS

Elijah Briggs son of Jonathan Briggs & Tabitha Crane was born 2 September 1730 in Dighton, Massachusetts. He married Jemima Dean on 12 February 1756 in Taunton, Massachusetts. He had 3 known children, Ephraim, Sylvia and Eliphal. All were born in Berkley, Massachusetts. Elijah died 2 June 1795 at the age of 64.

There are at least 2 wills attributed to Elijah Briggs. One dated October 2, 1793 and the other dated 1795). From both wills it is clear Elijah was a religious man. He bequeathed considerable amounts to the Berkley Congregational Society including land in Taunton to be used by the Congregational minister for his support. He bequeathed the residue of his estate to his son Ephraim. Ephraim and a lawyer named Samuel Toby were named executors of his last will. Lastly, Elijah's last will gives use of his dwelling and all household goods to his mother Tabitha for the remainder of her natural life.

Elijah's Briggs served in the Revolutionary War as shown in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the American Revolution, Volumn 2, page 502. He was a Private, in Captain James Nickols's Company, Colonel John Dagget's regimentt. Elijah marched January 12, 1778; He served, 2 months and 21 days, at Rhode Island; He had an enlistment 3 months.

Elijah also served under Captain Daniel Drake's Company, Colonel Luke Drury's (Bristol Co.) regiment. Elijah enlisted September 3, 1781 and arrived in camp September 11, 1781; discharged Dec. 6, 1781 ; arrived home December 16, 1781; service, 3 months 14 days; He marched to North River.

Elijah's Daughter, Eliphal, married Uriah Carpenter who also served in the Revolutionary War as a Private. He is buried in Ashford, Connecticut.

10:00 A.M. Welcome

Past New England District Vice President General Edgar S Hoak
Massachusetts Society
Sons of the American Revolution

10:05 A.M. Opening

<i>Presentation of Colors</i>	Henry Knox Color Guard
<i>Invocation</i>	Chaplain Scott Tourtellot
<i>Pledge to the Flag</i>	President RTP Chapter Kenneth Sterling
<i>Toast to the Flag</i>	Henry Knox Color Guard Commander Christopher Tourtellot
<i>Pledge to the SAR</i>	President RTP Kenneth Sterling
<i>Introductions</i>	<i>Past New England District Vice President General</i> Edgar S Hoak

10:10 A.M. Greetings from Honored Guests

<i>Commander, American Legion Post 121</i>	Rich Mangels
<i>Member of Board of Selectmen</i>	Jennifer Vincent

10:15 A.M. Dedication Ceremony

<i>Life and Service of</i>	<i>Past New England District President Edgar S Hoak</i>
<i>Elijah Briggs</i>	

10:25 A.M. Marking of Grave / Laying of Wreath

Members of Robert Treat Paine Chapter

10:30 A.M. Color Guard Salute to Elijah Briggs

Henry Knox Color Guard and RTP Living History Color Guard

10:35 A.M. Closing

<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>New England District President Edgar S Hoak</i>
<i>SAR Recessional</i>	President RTP Chapter Kenneth Sterling
<i>Benediction</i>	Chaplain Scott Tourtellot
<i>Retiring of Colors</i>	Henry Knox Color Guard



***Known SAR and DAR Compatriot Descendants
of Elijah Briggs***

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