

The American Revolution in Harpersfield New York

A series of Historic signs

Flight from Harpersfield

1777

The McKee Family Massacre

1779

PLUS

SUGAR BUSH MASSACRE

APRIL 8, 1780



A Harpersfield Historical Society Presentation

The start of the American Revolution 1775

Flight from Harpersfield by American Patriots 1777

- In the village of Harpersfield Colonel Joseph Harper was warned by friendly Indians that they were about to be attacked the next day by an Indian war party led by Joseph Brant. Brant was the leader of the war party for the six Indian Nations. That night Colonel Harper his family and many of the supporters of the American Revolution fled to Middleburg. The next day the Indians attacked and burned the Harpersfield settlement to the ground.

Start of trail of signs for the Revolutionary war events in the town of Harpersfield N.Y.

- Start at the Harpersfield building located behind the Harpersfield Post Office. Turn onto Col. Harper Road heading west. On the corner you will see the first sign dedicated to a war party on April 7th, 1780.



Continue to the next left on Wilcox Rd. Approx. 1 ¼ miles on Wilcox on the right side is the second sign dedicated to Cornelius Teabout.

Cornelius Teabout, Walter Elliott, and William Turnbull



Continue on Wilcox Road to the end. On the left side of the road is the third sign dedicated to William Stevens.

William Stevens



Make a sharp right hand turn onto Middlebrook Hill Road. Take the first left onto Moxham Road and follow that for approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile past Stevens Road and the fourth sign will be on your left.

SAMUEL CLAXTON'S TORY HOUSE



Turn around on Moxham Rd.
back to Smith Rd. on your
left. Go ten feet and the Fifth
Sign is on your Left,
dedicated to Alexander
Harper.

Capt. Alexander Harper



Continue on Smith Rd and turn Right onto Gaffey Rd. Go aprox., ½ mile and the Sixth Sign dedicated to Lt. Thomas Hendry will be on your Right.

Lt Thomas Hendry



Turn around on Gaffey Rd passing Smith Rd and continue to intersection with Peck Street. Make a Right on Peck St and go approx. 2 miles to Fisher Rd. Turn Left onto Fisher Rd. and go approx. ¼ mile on the Left is the seventh sign which is dedicated to James Hendy and his brother John.

James Hendry and John Hendry



Continue on Fisher Rd. to Oakley Rd. on the right. Take this to the intersection of Taylor Rd. Make a right onto Taylor Rd. and continue to the intersection of State Rt. 10. Turn right on Rt.10 and the 8th sign is directly in front of you on the right in front of the Stamford Veterans Club.

Mohawk Captain Joseph Brandt



Continue on State Route 10 approximately 3 mile, passing through the intersection with State Route 23, to Peters Road on your Right. Turn Right onto Peters Road and go approx. 1 mile to the 9th sign on your left

Isaac Patchin, Freegift Patchin, and Ezra Thorp



Continue on Peters Rd. approx. 1 ½ miles to Odel Lake Rd. Make a Left onto Odel Lake Rd. and travel approx. 1 mile. To the next Right (it is a dead end street.) Travel ½ mile to the 10th sign on your Left.

McKee Family



Turn around and return to Odel Lake Road and make a Left. Take Odel Lake Rd all the way to State Route 23. Make a Left on State Route 23. Travel 2 miles to the corner of Middlebrook Hill Road where the 11 th sign is located.

William Lamb and son



On your way back to your starting point you will also pass the Historic Susquhanna Toll Road Marker on your Right.

Back at the Harpersfield Historical Society you can do further research on the American Revolution and many other topics of interest. Learn how to research with our on-line newspapers collection. Tour or museum and barn exhibits.

The people, the places, and the events that took place in the town of Harpersfield New York during the American Revolution

- **Follow our trail of signs and visit the historic places where these events actually took place.**
- **Gain further insight into all of these event in our resource area on the topic of the American Revolution in Harpersfield and beyond.**