

John Siegfried was in the Continental Army, knew George Washington, fought in some battles, and left the army with the rank of Colonel. (More information concerning his military record can be obtained from books in local libraries, i.e., local to Northampton, Pa.). In 1914, the people of Northampton placed a marble monument containing a bronze plaque in his honor at the site of the covered over Mennonite Cemetery on the south side of W. 21st St. Two headstones, those of Jacob Baer and Col. John Siegfried, were removed, the other stones laid down and covered with fill, then these two stones were replaced. An iron fence replaced the stone wall in 1885, but this also is gone and the plot containing the monument and the two headstones is now surrounded by a single chain. (I wish I knew more of the history of this cemetery, some say there's about 100 graves here, but like I said, "there's a time to search and a time to write".) Oops!!!! I strayed a little bit, lets get back on track and show you the plaque.



Col. John Siegfried's Tombstone

Zum
Gedächtnis von
JOHANNES SIEGFRIED
welcher gestorben den 27 ten
November 1793
Denns Alter war 48 Jahr
und 1 Monat

In Memory of
JOHN SIEGFRIED
who departed this Life November
the 27th 1793 Aged
48 Years and 1 Month

THE TABLET IS ERECTED
BY THE
PEOPLE OF NORTHAMPTON
TO PERPETUATE THE ANGLISH
AND GLORIOUS SERVICES OF
COLONEL JOHN SIEGFRIED
AND THE MEN WHO SERVED UNDER HIM
IN THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY MILITIA
DURING THE
WAR OF THE REVOLUTION
PARTICIPATING IN THE BATTLES OF
ASSUNPINK GERMANTOWN
PRINCETON WHITE MARSH
BRANDYWINE MONMOUTH
RED BANK
AND AS FRONTIER RANGERS
AND TO COMMEMORATE
THE NOBLE DEEDS OF THE
BOMB JULY 28 1779 TO PREVENT THE
DEGRADATION OF CONTEMPORARY JOINT
ALSO
IN RECOGNITION OF THE PATRIOTISM
OF THE PEOPLE OF OLD NORTHAMPTON
WHO MADE AND FORWARDED FROM THIS
PLACE MANY WOOLLEN BLANKETS AND
STOCKINGS FOR USE OF THE SOLDIERS
OF THE REVOLUTION

On 10 Jun 1793, Col. John Siegfried and neighbors Michael Bleber and Abraham Levan each sold a small plot of land where their properties intersected, (each receiving 5 Shillings), which totaled 123 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches, in trust to Henry Boyl and Peter Butz "...to and for the only use of the Christian Inhabitants and Repholders residing within Allen Township in the county of Northampton aforesaid for the purpose of maintaining a schoolhouse thereon for the education of their youth ...". (Easton, Deed book F, vol.4, p.184). A log school house was built, but it is not known if Col. John saw the school's completion since he died 27 Nov. 1793. The log structure was replaced with a brick building in 1847 and this replaced with a larger building in 1874. At this time, the school grounds covered only 26 perches. The school was called "The Levan School" and was sold and turned into a private home in 1904. The building still exists on the corner of 23rd St. and Dewey Ave. and is the home of a sweet lady, Mrs. Julia (Cancarz) Rosko, who was born in this building in 1913. The uniqueness of this school tract helps to better locate Col. John's property as it relates to present day Northampton Borough.