



The Sarah Riggs Humphreys-Mary Silliman Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in conjunction with the City of Shelton has installed this Patriots Marker in commemoration of the semiquincentennial of the United States. The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission was established by Congress to inspire all Americans to participate in this great milestone — the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The NSDAR was the first heritage society to formally partner with this national committee. This celebration is also known as America 250!

As one of Connecticut's oldest chapters, founded in 1893, the Sarah Riggs Humphreys-Mary Silliman Chapter is proud to include this monument in the Veterans Memorial Park that was founded to recognize and honor the men and women who served our country in the military services. The addition of this Revolutionary War Patriots marker at Veterans Memorial Park honors those Shelton patriots who served and aided the American Revolutionary cause.

The Shelton area was first occupied by the Pootatuck hunting tribe, located along the Housatonic River. In 1659, Moses Wheeler was the first European to purchase land from the Pootatuck tribe in the White Hills section of the city. The first English settlers moved out of Stratford in 1680, establishing farms in Coram, as they called the Long Hill section of Shelton. The village grew until, in 1717, fifty families sought parish status for their settlement. The Connecticut General Assembly granted this petition, establishing Ripton Parish. The heart of the parish was what is now the Huntington green, with farms and mills of various types located along the rivers. Many residents served in the French and Indian Wars, and citizen David Wooster became a colonial general. During the Revolution, he renounced his royal command to join the patriot cause. Other Ripton citizens joined the militia, serving at Bunker Hill, Long Island and Danbury, where General Wooster lost his life. Supplies were secretly removed from Danbury, which was under British attack, and hidden at Captain Joseph Birdsey's farm in the White Hills section. In 1781, French officers, part of a 600-man force, were entertained in Huntington while en route to Monroe and participated with George Washington in the Yorktown victory.

This DAR Revolutionary War Patriots Marker honors all the men and women from this area who helped to achieve America's independence. Below is a list of some of the patriots identified by the Sarah Riggs Humphreys-Mary Silliman Chapter.

Ebenezer Beard	John Hubbell, Sr.
Samuel Beard, Dea. and Sergeant	John Hubbell
Ebenezer Beardslee	Richard Hubbell
Lemuel Beardslee	Joseph Hull
Samuel Beardslee, Capt.	Nehemiah Hurd
Thaddeus Beardslee	Wolcott Hurd
Whitmore Beardslee	Ebenezer Hyde
Zephaniah Beardslee	Balmarine Judd
David Beardsley	Agur Judson Esq.
Stephen Beardsley	Agur Judson. Sr.
Asa Benjamin	David Judson
John Benjamin, Capt.	Ezekiel Judson
Daniel Bennitt, Dea., Esq.	John Judson
Daniel Bennitt	Lemuel Judson, Esq.
Nathan Bennett	Nathan Judson
Ephraim Bennitt	Stiles Judson, Capt. (Stratford)
Ezra Birdsey	Oliver Lamkus
Joseph Birdsey, Capt.	Abijah Leavenworth
Nathan Birdsey	Edmond Leavenworth, Capt.
Agur Blackman	Edmund Leavenworth (son of Capt. Edmond Leavenworth)
Daniel Blackman (Stratford)	Gideon Leavenworth
Ebenezer Blackman	Nathan Lewis
Eli Blackman	Nathaniel Lewis
Elihu Blackman	Benajah Mallory
Elisha Blackman	Ephraim Middlebrook, Lt. (killed at battle of Ridgefield 1777)
Jonas Blackman	Stephen Middlebrook
Lemuel Blackman	Curtiss Mills
Samuel Blackman, Capt. Also Blakeman	Elisha Mills. Esq.
William Blackman	James Mills
Silas Booth	Joseph Cork Moncon, Drummer
Bennett Bray	Robert Moore
John Brooks	John Moss
Enoch Buckingham	William Moss
Daniel Chatfield	Eli Nichols
Hezekiah Cole	Elnathan Nichols, Capt.
Elijah Curtis	Samuel Patterson
Abel Curtiss	Moses Platt

Elnathan Curtiss	John Powell
Ephraim Curtiss, Capt.	Phinehas Sherman
Ezra Curtiss	Joseph Smith
Hezekiah Curtiss, Dea.	Peeley Sunderland (killed at Fairfield, 1779)
Stiles Curtiss	Abrham Thompson
William Curtiss	Nathan Thompson
Benjamin DeForest	Agur Tomlinson
Benjamin DeForest, Jr.	Beach Tomlinson, Capt.
Nehemiah DeForest,	Curtis Tomlinson
Othniel DeForest	Henry Tomlinson
Abraham Dunning	David Wakelee
Isaac Durand	Edward Waten
William Edwards	Abner Wells
Curtiss Fairchild	David Wells
Nathan Fairchild	Gideon Wells
John Gilbert [lived at Knells Rocks]	Josiah Wells
John Gilbert (son of John Gilbert)	Robert Wells
Lemuel Gilbert	Josiah Wetmore
Thomas Gilbert	John Wheeler
Lewis Hart	John T. Wheeler
Eliakim Hide	Moses Wheeler, Dea.
Ephraim Hawley	Nathan Wheeler
James Hawley	Silas Wheeler
Joseph Hawley	David Wooster, Gen. (killed at battle of Ridgefield 1777)
Walaston Hawley	Ephraim Wooster
James Hovey (Stratford)	Joseph Wooster, Ser.
David Hubbell	Nathan Wooster
Elisha Hubbell	

Additional patriots will be added to this list as they are identified.

See <http://www.sarahriggshumphreysDAR.org> for more information on these patriots, America 250!, or the DAR.