

Kenneth I do not know if there is a question or not. There is no doubt that Richard Winn was a real General, never mind what Napoleon thought. I was just researching a couple of items about General Richard Winn and ran across an item stating that the local historical society, in 1906, attempted to apply for a grant from the federal government to purchase a marker for the General's grave. Maury County was proud to have a Revolutionary War General buried inside it's borders.

The reply from Washington was not what was expected. General Winn did not attain the rank of General until after the revolution. During the war, Richard Winn attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. The results were that the Maury County Historical Society did not receive the amount that was requested and even worse, they no longer had a Revolutionary War General buried at Arkland, there was a General of the South Carolina Militia buried in Maury County.

As for me, I am happy that after a couple of days at the Maury County Archives, I know where he is buried, understand his land speculation after arriving in Tennessee, and understand his relations with the Blocker families who currently reside in Maury County. From the time I studied American History in the seventh grade, I had always been told that General Winn was buried in Greenwood Cemetary in Columbia, TN., "well I was just eleven miles off."

The area where Gen. Winn lived in Maury County is known as Sawdust Valley, at one time it was called Blocker's Shop and Blocker's Crossroads. The area was named after Elijah Blocker, General Winn's son-in-law.

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> I'm not clear what the question is, so please ask away. I've been out of pocket for a week & just now getting back.

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> BTW -- on the doc file from Woody Liles, it depends on your definition of "General". Napoleon met one of our southern "generals" -- I think this was from a Davidson College article, but obviously it wasn't Gen. Davidson -- and upon introduction, remarked (snidely) "c'est general de milice" -- basically, "this guy isn't a real general, he's just a pretend general". Now obviously, I count them as "real" generals since militia basically WAS our regular army then. But that distinction was mostly lost on the European continent.