



With the opening of the Richard Winn Academy this month, it was interesting to learn of data that had been recently acquired concerning General Richard Winn for whom the school and the town of Winnsboro are named.

Mrs. Frank Sanborn who is prominently connected with the Thomas Woodward chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has obtained documents which she feels give ample proof that General Winn's grave is in Maury County, Tennessee. A bronze tablet in the Maury County Post Office, Columbia, Tenn. Perpetuates the memory of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Maury County. General Winn's name is included on the memorial tablet and is the only general listed. Mrs. Sanborn has a photograph of this tablet.

Mrs. Mary Hurd of the Campbell chapter of D.A.R. in Nashville, Tenn. says that many of these soldiers were buried on their own property which has changed ownership many times. The Maury County Cemetery Records (Lightfoot and Shackelford) list Winn's Graveyard, Sawdust Valley. It states that here General Winn, and his wife and one son are buried. There are no markers, but the editors of the records talked with the owner of the property on which the graves are located.

Mrs. Hurd furnished Mrs. Sanborn with copies of several documents which she feels are proof of Richard Winn's identity.

From Mills Statistics we see that Richard Winn was born in Virginia. When 18 years old he settled in Fairfield County and at the beginning of the Revolution entered the regular services of South Carolina. He showed great bravery in several battles including that of Fort Moultrie. He was severely wounded in the battle of Hanging Rock and was borne from the field.

After the war General Winn

returned to Winnsboro and became a noted South Carolina leader. He was appointed superintendent of Indian Affairs. He was elected as a Democrat to the Third and Fourth Congresses and served out Thomas Sumter's appointment to the Seventh Congress when Sumter resigned. He was reelected to the Eighth and to the four succeeding Congresses. He was twice lieutenant-governor of South Carolina.

General Winn moved to Ducktown, Tenn. in 1812, and died a short time after that.

D.A.R. records in the Fairfield County Library include interesting accounts of General Winn's courage in the Revolution. Mrs. Etta Rossen of Shelton, who is a member of the Richard Winn Chapter of D.A.R. has written valuable material on Fairfield County's part in the Revolution and of her patriots. The Thomas Woodward and the Richard Winn chapters cooperate in locating graves of Revolutionary soldiers from this county. L&E

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