America 250-Ohio

Revolutionary War Veterans Graves Project

A Guide to Field Collection for Public Researchers

Thank you for joining us as a public researcher! Your help is an invaluable contribution as we work to locate the grave sites of all American Revolutionary War veterans buried in Ohio. To begin field collection of cemetery or grave site marker information, please follow the steps provided in this document.

America 250-Ohio has partnered with the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office, Terracon Consultants, Inc., regional chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and local historians to create Ohio's first comprehensive list of American Revolutionary War Veterans burial places.

For more information about this project, visit: www.ohiohistory.org/RevWarGraves
For assistance, contact us at: ohiorevwarvets@terracon.com

Accessing Survey123 Survey Forms

The Ohio Revolutionary War Veterans Graves Project uses survey forms hosted on the Survey123 application to store data collected by public researchers. Accessing the survey forms requires the installation of the free ArcGIS Survey 123 field app, available on Apple and Android devices.

Please read and follow all steps as outlined and ensure you can access the Survey123 forms before you begin collecting grave markers and cemetery information in the field.

1. Download the Survey123 App onto your mobile device.
   Scan the QR code or follow the direct link below.

Scan to download Survey123
Direct link: Download Survey123

2. Access the project survey forms within Survey123.
   Scan the QR code or follow the direct links below.

Scan to access the
Grave Marker Survey Form

Scan to access the
Cemetery Survey Form

Direct link: Grave Marker Survey Form   **Direct link:** Cemetery Survey Form

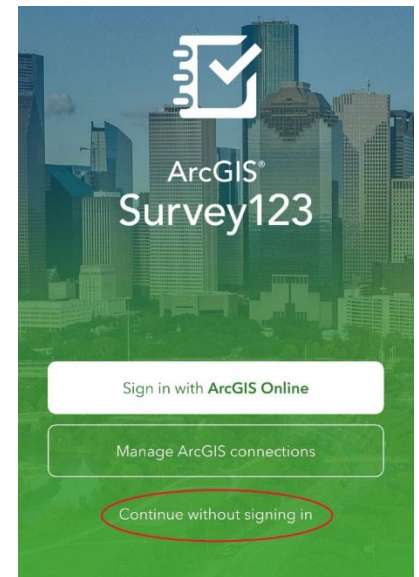Once the surveys have been accessed, they will be saved on the Survey123 app and available for field collection.

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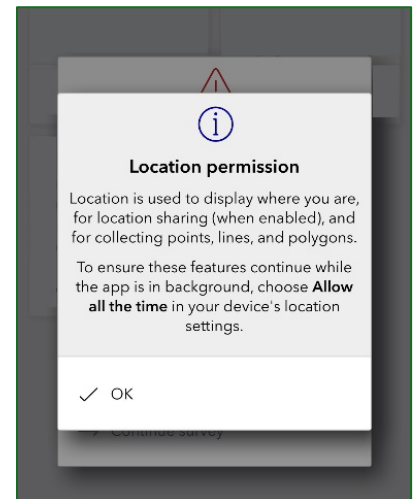
Getting Familiar with Survey123

3. Signing into Survey123 (optional).

    Open the Survey123 app on your mobile device. You
    may be prompted to sign-in to Survey123. If you do
    not have access to an ArcGIS Online account, select
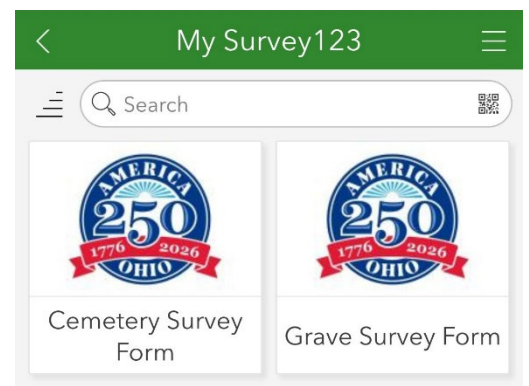   the option to "Continue without signing in".

4. Enable location services

    Open the Survey123 app on your mobile device and
    ensure location services are enabled on your device
    and allow Survey123 to access your location.

5. Select your survey

    Select the Grave Marker or Cemetery Survey
    Form to begin collecting information. If the
    surveys are not visible, please ensure that you
    have accessed the forms, outlined in Step 2.

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How to Complete Surveys for Grave Markers and Cemeteries

Grave Marker Survey Form

Follow the prompts to enter information found on individual grave site markers.

To take photographs of markers, tap the camera button.

To collect a GPS point, stand at the marker and tap the crosshair button.

Cemetery Survey Form

This survey is designed to collect information about small to medium-sized cemeteries. Follow the prompts to enter information about the cemetery during your visit.

To take photographs of markers, tap the camera button.

To collect a GPS point of the cemetery location, stand somewhere within the boundary of the cemetery and tap the crosshair button.
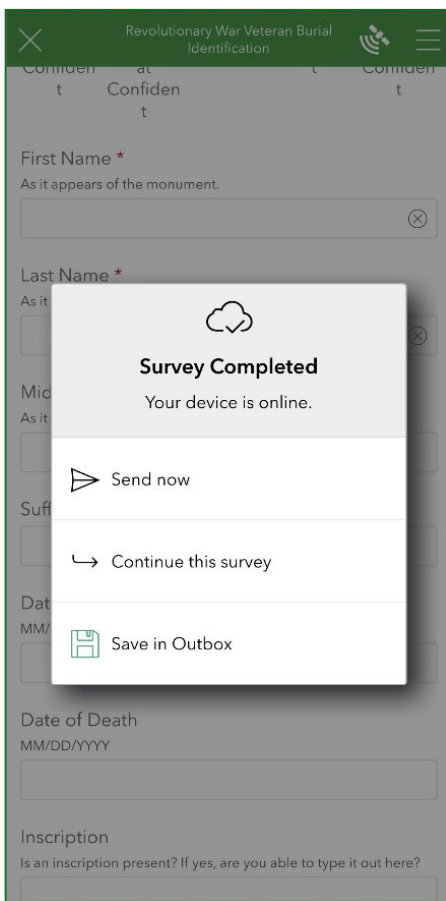
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How to Submit Survey Data

Once you have completed a survey, ensure all required fields of the survey are completed, and click the checkmark at the bottom right-hand corner of the survey.

A Survey Completed prompt will open with the following options:

Send now: This option will send the completed survey to the project database for review.

Continue this survey: This option will allow you to make immediate edits to the survey. This option will not save or submit your survey.

Save in Outbox*: This option will save the survey to the Survey123 app but will not submit it to the project database. Select this option if future edits are required or if cell phone service is limited.

*If you use this option, please remember to eventually Send the survey so it is added to the project database.

To begin a new survey, navigate to the My Survey123 main page and select either the Grave Marker Survey Form or the Cemetery Survey Form.

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Best Practices & Etiquette for Cemetery Visitation

During field collection, please observe these best practices for cemetery visitation:

- Do not enter cemeteries located on private property without landowner permission.

- Check the cemetery's website before you visit for important information, like hours of operation or closures.

- Be respectful of the cemetery grounds, gravesites, and other visitors.

- Follow all posted rules and regulations for the cemetery.

- Do not cause damage to headstones or other grave markers.
    - This includes applying materials such as shaving cream or baby powder to grave markers, and taking rubbings of headstones, all of which can cause damage to the stone.

Resources for Researching Revolutionary War Veterans

- DAR Revolutionary War Records

- Military Records at the Archives & Library of the Ohio History Connection: Ohio and the Revolutionary War

- SAR Patriot Research System (PRS)

Our Partnering Organizations

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