
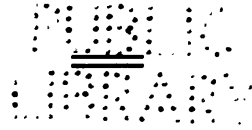


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\$20,000 for the purchase of the adjacent land, but the request was not granted.

We hope that means may be found for preserving this interesting old landmark, connected, as it is, so intimately with the colonial and revolutionary history of the Hudson Valley.

THE GRAVE OF MARGARET CORBIN

In our Annual Report for 1915, at pages 140–144, we gave some interesting data indicating that a grave on the “Cragston” estate at Highland Falls, which local tradition said was that of “Moll Pitcher” was really that of Margaret Corbin, the heroine of the Battle of Fort Washington on Manhattan Island, November 16, 1776, and the first woman pensioner of the United States. From Col. Herbert L. Satterlee, a member of our committee on the marking of the grave, we have the following interesting personal reminiscence:

“I never heard her real name before. Most of my information about her comes from Peter Mandigo, who had it from his father, who knew her. She was called Moll Pitcher because during the Revolution she was always on the firing line with a pitcher of water for the thirsty and wounded soldiers. The elder Mandigo was accustomed to seeing her when he was a small boy. She lived in some little house which is probably long since gone. She was an old woman and wore a soldier’s overcoat in cold weather, and spent much of her time fishing on the river. She went out from a dock at the foot of a lane where the brook empties into the river at Cragston. There was a blacksmith-shop near the bridge over the brook and not far from where the shop stood are a few graves and a clump of trees. One of these graves the elder Mandigo knew to be Moll Pitcher’s burial place. In old days every one in the village knew it and a Mr. Tracy, of the village, put up a sign-board on a tree at the head of the grave, after the original head-board disappeared. This sign-board also disappeared years ago, but Peter Mandigo pointed out the grave to me about 1904. He is still living on the road between Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery. He used to live with his father in a house now standing on the Cragston estate, near the brook.”