

RICHARD WOODS

Richard was in Greene County by 1783 when he obtained Land Warrants, No. 566 on October 27th for 200 acres of land and another on, No. 652 on October 28th for 150 acres.

82	No 566	Richard Wood	200	In Green. County on the south side of Hobson river drying or falling creek where a certain path (supposed to be an Indian path) crosses the same on the N ^o Side of the Dividing ridge (Warrant issued June 7 th 1784)
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A few years later, in 1787 Richard signed the Petition for Statehood [State of Franklin]. Very few records are found because both Richard and his wife, Sarah, died in the very early years:

Greene County Wills 1783-1890 Compiled by Goldene Fillers Burgner

June 3, 1805

Richard Woods: To wife, Sarah, 50 acres land, negro, mares, cows to Richard [Junior] at her death. Sons Washington, Richard Manzor. To daughters Elizabeth and Sarah Woods, Ginnet Neilson. To son, Richard Manzor 100 acres land. To 3 daughters, entry on Duck River to be equally divided. Executors: Wife Sarah, James Galbreath. Witnesses: John Hull, George Jameson, Henry Dych Senior.

October Session 1819

The Will of Sarah Woods was probated: To son, Richard, Negro man Cyprus. Son-in-law Frederick Ortto [Elizabeth Woods married Frederick 'Orto' on July 21, 1805.] Witnesses to the Will were James M. Wyly [a Merchant in Greeneville] and Sally Woods [presumably Sarah's daughter and namesake].

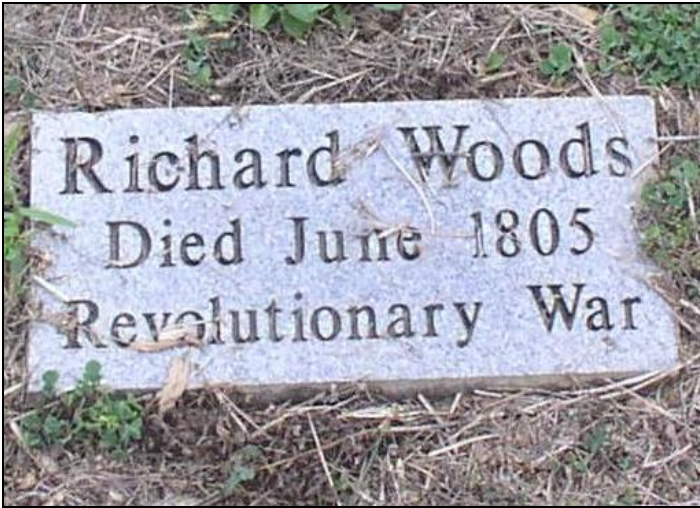
Richard Manzor Woods was an Ensign in the War of 1812 in Captain David G. Vance's Company. He was a very prominent citizen in Greeneville serving as Alderman, Mayor, Sheriff and a U.S. Marshall.

Richard Manzor Woods' Will was probated on June 2, 1845. His Will, 20+ years after his parents' death provides insight into his family and siblings:

"Wife, Eliza Ann [Eliza Ann Barkley married June 3, 1824, who may be a 2nd wife?] to have life estate. Children: James C., Sarah Jane. James C. to have my watch and walking cane. Sisters Elizabeth Ortto and Sarah Woods to have their house and lots their lifetime. Property to be valued and divided as my executors see best. Executors Maj. James Britton, David Rice, William A. Hankins, Mordecai Lincoln and also guardians of my children, James and Sarah Jane. Witnesses: V. Sevier, D. Seveir, A. Aiken."

The Executors and Witnesses to the Will were the most prominent people in Greeneville at that time. Richard's wife, Eliza Ann outlived Richard for many years - [1808-1893 buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.]

Richard Woods Senior and Richard Manzor Woods are buried in Old Harmony Graveyard.



After many years of neglect, the Nolachuckey Chapter TN NSDAR took responsibility to restore this historic burial site. The Chapter has repaired and cleaned the tombstones and placed markers for Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Soldiers.

The Greene County Heritage Trust began 'Whispers From the Grave' fundraisers to purchase and install the entry fence and gate.

The old graveyard is now pristine and maintained by the Town of Greeneville.