

Revolutionary Solider Honored with Monument Dedication

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A Revolutionary War soldier with ties to the North East community was honored on Saturday as his descendants gathered to dedicate a new family monument in his memory.

Jesse Belnap, who was from the area and served during the Revolutionary War, is buried in Philips Cemetery in North East. Each year, members of the Belnap family reunite to celebrate their shared heritage.

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This year's reunion carried special significance as the family commemorated America's upcoming 250th anniversary by unveiling a monument dedicated to their ancestor's service and legacy.

The dedication ceremony featured prayers, music, speeches, the unveiling of the monument, and a formal dedication honoring Belnap's contributions during the nation's fight for independence.

The celebration continued with a family luncheon, the premiere of a family documentary, and a group photo with relatives from across the country.