

# The Presbyterian Church in Morristown Grave Yard Quiz

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All questions can be answered with the name of someone interred in the Grave Yard.

1. Who developed a reputation as “The Surgeon on Horseback” during the “Mud Rounds” i.e., Washington’s Retreat across New Jersey in 1776? His sister also is buried in the grave yard.
2. Who was the daughter of the Pastor who handed out hymnals to the militia during the Battle of Springfield in May of 1780 with the admonition, “Fill’em full of Watts boys”? She helped found a Sunday School in Morris Plains which went on to become the Morris Plains Presbyterian Church.
3. Who was proprietor of the tavern where the first meeting was held to raise a militia in Morris County in early May of 1775. The tavern later served as the site for the trial of Benedict Arnold for misconduct while serving as Governor of Philadelphia.
4. Who was the mother-in-law of the first Governor of the Republic of Texas?
5. Who was the President of Columbia College who was one of the leaders of a secession of 38 families from St. Peter Church to form The Church of the Redeemer? Of course, Columbia College is now known as Columbia University.
6. Who was the donor of the land on which the first Parsonage was built and later became the first President of the Board of Trustees of the Church?
7. Name one of Morristown’s earliest Tanners? Earliest Hatters? Earliest Blacksmiths? Earliest Hairdressers?
8. Who is the oldest person interred in the grave yard? He was the third child and first boy born in Newark.
9. Who was the Chairman of New Jersey’s Committee of Safety formed to keep an eye on British sympathizers prior to and during the American Revolution? He later built a home on Cutler Street which for many years served as the home of the Montessori School.
10. Who was the Head Carpenter in the construction of our Second Meeting House? He also managed Jacob Ford’s Powder Mill following Jacob’s death.
11. He was a grandfather of the first person believed to have owned a piano in Morristown. What was his name?
12. Who was the Captain in the Morris County Militia who fell in the Delaware River during the famous 1776 Christmas Night Crossing and later died of “Consumption” as a result?
13. Who the Commander of the famous Light Horse Troop and proprietor of the tavern that was Washington’s Headquarters during the Winter of 1776-1777. The tavern later was moved to the outskirts of town on Mt. Kemble Avenue and became the first site of All Souls Hospital.
14. Who was the Commander of the Morris County Militia that routed the British under Brigadier General Alexander Leslie at Springfield on December 14, 1776? In less than a month he was buried with Full Military Honors following a Morristown funeral attended by General Washington. His famous father died eight days later.
15. Who was the owner of a distillery whose descendants built a hotel in Mendham which today serves as the Mendham Town Hall? For extra credit, who was his servant of almost 40 years who also is interred in the grave yard?
16. This woman’s father drowned getting off the boat when the family landed in Philadelphia in 1681. Philadelphia had only one house at the time. Following the death of her first husband, she married the man who is the answer to Question #8. She is the second oldest women interred in the grave yard. What was her name?
17. Who was one of the earliest women to serve as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church? Not just here, but anywhere!
18. Who was Morristown’s first Postmaster? His son, also interred here, was the second Postmaster.
19. He was a member of one of Morristown’s most famous families and went on to serve in the United States House of Representatives. What was his name?
20. He served as a Captain in the American Revolution. After the war he helped found forts on the Ohio River which later the cities of Cincinnati and Marietta, Ohio . He went on to become Chief of Staff of the United States Army. He lived on the outskirts of town on the road to Basking Ridge and left his home to a servant when he died. What was his name?

## Answers To the Grave Yard Quiz

[Those whose name appear in italics served as officers of the Presbyterian Church. Names appearing in SOLID CAPS are those whose likeness appears on the frieze of the Century 21 Department Store]

1. Dr. Timothy Johnes, Jr. at Site 31-23. His sister Theodosia Johnes Ford, the widow of Colonel Jacob Ford, Jr., is at Site 30-8. They were children of Reverend Timothy Johnes, the Church's first Pastor.
2. Margaret Caldwell Canfield at Site 20-10, the daughter of Reverend James Caldwell.
3. Captain Peter Dickerson at Site 31-36.
4. Ann Estey at Site 5-20, whose daughter Hannah married David G Burnet, the first Governor of the Republic of Texas.
5. William Alexander Duer at Site 5-13, who was President of Columbia College from 1829 to 1842.
6. *Benjamin Hathaway* at Site 25-22.
7. *Timothy Mills* at Site 11-10, a tanner, whose house still stands on Mills Street. John Gwinnup at Site 14-49, a hatter, whose home and shop stood across the street from Peter Dickerson's Tavern on the present site of Union Baptist Church. Joshua Guerin at Site 20-55, a blacksmith, whose home still stands on Jockey Hollow Road at the entrance to the National Park. George Emmell at Site 14-16, a Hairdresser.
8. *John Lindsly* (1666-1749) at Site 30-11.
9. *SILAS CONDUCT, ESQ.* at Site 28-12.
10. *Major Joseph Lindsley* at Site 29-4.
11. Benjamin Pierson (1701-1783) at Site 22-2, the grandfather of Clarissa Pierson.
12. *Captain John Lindsley* at Site 30-6. A Grandson of John Lindsly (1666-1749), he also served as an Elder of the Church.
13. COLONEL JACOB ARNOLD at Site 19-19.
14. COLONEL JACOB FORD, JR. at Site 30-21. His father was Jacob Ford, Sr. at Site 30-22.
15. Major Daniel Phoenix, Jr. at Site 13-2. The faithful family servant was Cato at Site 13-1.
16. Elizabeth Freeman Ford Lindsly at Site 30-12.
17. *Sarah Johnson Davis* at Site 8-23, who was elected an Elder May 5, 1935.
18. Frederick King at Site 8-14. His son Henry, the second Postmaster, is at Site 8-4.
19. George Vail at Sites 8-46 & 8-47.
20. GENERAL JOHN DOUGHTY at Site 20-13.