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Fort Madison — 200 years old this year — has a long military history. The first U.S. military fort in the Upper Mississippi. The only true battlefield in Iowa, where Black Hawk first fought against the U.S. Army. Site of the only War of 1812 battle fought west of the Mississippi River. But the area connects to an even older military action — the Colonial fight for freedom from England.

The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution have confirmed the gravesite of Ebenezer Ayres, a Connecticut native and the 40th known Revolutionary War soldier to make his way after that conflict to live and die in Iowa. Ayres' descendents gathered at the Hickory Grove Cemetery the weekend of August 8 to remember and celebrate Ayres' life and service. An October ceremony will add Ayres' name to the Revolutionary War Monument on the State Capitol grounds in Des Moines. — *C.B.*

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