LOCAL HISTORY

A tiny graveyard for officers from 1812

Each week, the Onondaga Historical Association looks back at important events:

201 Years Ago: On Oct. 10, 1814, Capt. Benjamin Branch of the 1st U.S. Light Artillery became sick and died at Onondaga Hill while traveling through the area with his unit during the War of 1812. The next spring, Capt. Henry Crouch, who had been captured by the British at Fort Erie and sent to Halifax, Nova Scotia, as a prisoner of war, died of smallpox in Marcellus while returning to his home south of Rochester after he was released. Both men are buried in the tiny graveyard overlooking West Seneca Turnpike near the entrance road to Community General Hospital.

— Dan Connors for the OHA

Every day thousands of people drive past Captain Branch's gravestone, which overlooks West Seneca Turnpike. (Image courtesy of OHA)

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