

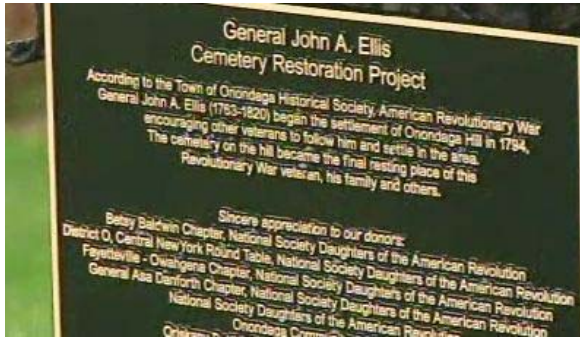
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## Historical cemetery preserved

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ONONDAGA COUNTY, N.Y. -- The final resting place of a Revolutionary War era general has been preserved in Onondaga County.

Visitors got a first look at the refurbished gravesite of General John A. Ellis and his family Tuesday. Before the restoration, head stones were cracked and falling over and the site was overgrown.

Two years of work led to the rededication of the cemetery. It's located in a wooded area in the Town of Onondaga.

Those who pushed for restoration say it's fortunate this piece of history has been preserved.

"It's a cemetery and you can't destroy a cemetery under New York state law. So someone was looking after it. I don't know who, probably the spirit of General Ellis," said Dick Case, Onondaga Historical Association volunteer.

General Ellis was one of the original settlers of the Onondaga Hill area. He encouraged fellow veterans to settle there in the 1790s.

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