

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



A new headstone sits near the original one in the Moses Stepp Cemetery on Route 1714 in Martin County. Image used with permission of the Big Sandy Sons of the American Revolution.

MARTIN COUNTY:

REMEMBERING A LONG AND COLORFUL LIFE

If the dates on his tombstone are correct, Moses Stepp lived 120 years. Whether the quantity is accurate, by all accounts people agree that Stepp lived a long and colorful life. He served three enlistments in the American Revolution. At odds with Native Americans over land, legend tells that Cherokees once captured him and nailed him to a tree by his ears. Stepp escaped by tearing loose. His ears were disfigured the rest of his life. He moved to Kentucky in 1826.



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