

## Honoring Our Patriot Ancestor **Joel Green**

Born in East Haddam, Connecticut in 1757, he enlisted at the beginning of the War in Captain John Wiley's company in the 25th Connecticut Regiment under Colonel Joseph Spencer. After several engagements he was taken prisoner at the battle of Long Island, and held in a British Prison Ship. Later, with many others, sent to England and confined in Dartmouth Prison. They made their escape by digging into the unused sewer that led to the water's edge. There, they got aboard a French ship, were taken to Spain and from there worked their way to France after the French Revolution. He moved to Pennsylvania and was married in Chautauqua County, New York. In 1809 he came to Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio and Died of old age, he was buried at Liberty & Vine Cemetery, the "Old Irish Cemetery".

In 1859 St. Francis Seraph Church was built on the site and burials placed in a crypt beneath the new church. On August 16, 2014 we placed a grave marker at the undercroft and posted the above information so that visitors may know of the sacrifices suffered by Joel Green to give us the liberty we now enjoy. The Cincinnati Ancient Order of Hibernians attended to honor their Irish "brother" in the absence of a family member.

