

# Brick's Fallen Heroes

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A Brick resident who has researched the Brick Fallen Heroes



From the Civil War to Iraq  
**BRICK BOYS**  
who went off to war and did not come home

I feel deeply that their sacrifices must be told so that they are not forgotten, especially by our youth. They have given so that we may live in freedom. You may not know them, but in gratitude pay tribute to them every Memorial Day.

Let's take a brief look at each of "**Brick's Fallen Heroes**", but before we do, here's a portion of the Gettysburg Address:

*"that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."*

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President Abraham Lincoln  
November 19, 1863

## CIVIL WAR

**CURTIS, JOHN**, Union Army, Private, Co. D, New York 48th Regiment Volunteer Infantry.

According to the records of the New York State Archives, Curtis was taken prisoner on 18 July 1863 during an attack on Fort Wagner, South Carolina, and eventually died of heart disease on 28 January 1865 at Hilton Head, South Carolina. However, according to a former neighbor in Squan Village (the private's former residence prior to Herbertsville): "Curtis died 17 January of chronic dysentery. The disease was caused principally by starvation."

As of this time, it is unknown as to the whereabouts of the remains of this Fallen Hero.

Curtis resided at 589 Herbertsville Road. He was survived by his parents and four brothers and sisters.

**ELMER, AARON**, Union Army, Corporal, Co. E, 28th. New Jersey Volunteer Regiment.

Elmer died at the Douglas U.S. Army Hospital, Washington, D.C., on 8 February 1863 of wounds received in action at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, which took place from December 12-15, 1862.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Methodist-Protestant Cemetery East at the corners of Arnold Avenue and Highway 88 in Point Pleasant, New Jersey.

Elmer resided on River Road (now Princeton Avenue) and later with his wife's family at 580 Herbertsville Road. When Elmer enrolled, his wife Mary Tilton was deceased. He was survived by two daughters.

**GANT, JOEL**, Union Army, Private, Co. D, 9th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Gant died at the Confederate prison in Andersonville, Georgia, on 22 August 1864 of dysentery after being taken prisoner at the Battle of Drury's Bluff, Virginia, on 16 May 1864.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the National Cemetery in Andersonville, Georgia, grave #6449.

As per a surviving family member, Gant resided with his family somewhere off of Adamston Road. He was survived by his parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

**HAVENS, HENRY C.**, Union Army, First Sergeant, Co. F, 14th New Jersey Volunteer Regiment.

Havens was Killed in Action on 9 July 1864 at the Battle of Monocacy, Maryland.

This Fallen Hero was buried in a mass grave, at the battlefield site, with many other Union dead. His mother erected a memorial stone in the churchyard of the First Baptist Church of Laurelton, on Route 88, Brick, New Jersey.

Havens resided at the present day intersection of Rt .70/Rt. 88. He was survived by his widowed mother and two brothers.

**HULSE, JOEL**, Union Army, Private, Co. D, 9th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Hulse died at the Balfour U.S. Army Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, on 8 March 1864 of wounds received in action at the Battle of Deep Creek, Virginia, which took place on 1 March 1864.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Osbornville Protestant Church, Mantoloking Road, Brick, New Jersey.

Hulse resided near the present day intersection of Mantoloking Road and Adamston Road. He was survived by his father, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

**LAYTON, PETER**, Union Army, Private, Co. A, 14th New Jersey Volunteer Regiment.

Layton died on 29 November 1863 from a bacterial infection at the Ward U.S. Army Hospital, Newark, New Jersey.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Old Wooley Cemetery (Gravelly Graveyard) on Fairview Way, Brick, New Jersey.

Layton resided in the Burresville Section (later Laurelton). As of this time, it is unknown on survivors.

## WORLD WAR I

**CLIFTON, JOSEPH J.**, U.S. Army, Private, Co. M, 311th Infantry, 78th Infantry Division.

Clifton died on 28 October 1918 when he was Killed in Action by a German artillery shell while participating in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France, the same battle as Charles Miller.

This Fallen Hero's remains were not recoverable and he is listed on the Tablets of the Missing at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France.

Clifton resided on Bay Avenue, West Point Pleasant section of Brick Township. He was survived by his mother and four brothers.

**MILLER, CHARLES**, U.S. Army, Private, Co. D, 148th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division.

Miller died on 28 September 1918 when he was killed in action during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France. This final Allied offensive of the war stretched along the entire Western Front and eventually forced the Germans to surrender.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Osbornville Protestant Church, Mantoloking Road, Brick, New Jersey.

Miller resided on Mantoloking Road across from the present day Adamston Drive. He was survived by his parents and two brothers.

## WORLD WAR II

**FOLSOM, ROBERT H.**, U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, 844th. Engineer Aviation Battalion.

Folsom died on 16 June 1945 from a kidney infection at Halloran General US Army Hospital, Staten Island, New York.

Folsom had served in Europe since 1943, was stricken in England and brought back to the states for further treatment.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the First Baptist Church of Laurelton on Route 88, Brick, New Jersey.

Folsom resided on Parker Avenue. He was survived by his wife, parents, two sisters and one brother.

## VIETNAM

**CROUTER, ROBERT**, U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Co. D, 2nd Signal Group, 1st Signal Brigade.

Crouter died on 20 May 1968 as a result of non-hostile action, when he was in a motor vehicle accident while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at St. Catharine's Cemetery, Sea Girt, New Jersey.

Crouter resided at 702 Cherry Lane. He was survived by his parents and an older brother.

**DEGE, RAYMOND**, U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class, 149th Maintenance Co., 62nd Maintenance Battalion.

Dege died on 7 May 1970 as a result of non-hostile action, when he was in a military vehicle on a military mission while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Ocean County Memorial Park, Toms River, New Jersey.

Dege resided at 28 Fairview Avenue. He was survived by his parents, five sisters and one brother.

**HARGER, DON R.**, U.S. Army, Warrant Officer1, 18th Aviation Company, 223rd Aviation Battalion.

Harger died on 17 August 1967 as a result of non-hostile action when he was a co-pilot of a military aircraft, which departed on a mission and did not reach its destination while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Maplewood Memorial Cemetery, Freehold, New Jersey.

Harger resided at 119 Roosevelt Drive. He was survived by his wife and two sons.

**LAMBERSON, CARL, JR.**, U.S. Army, 1st Lieutenant, E Co., 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 199th Infantry Brigade.

Lamberson died on 2 July 1969 as a result of non-hostile action, when as a platoon leader, he was given a mission to rescue a helicopter crew that had crashed near a river while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle, New Jersey.

Lamberson resided at 5 Princeton Avenue. He was survived by his wife, parents, three brothers and three sisters.

**LOSPINUSO, JAMES**, U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, E Co., 20th Infantry.

Lospinuso died on 10 January 1972 as a result of non-hostile action during his 2nd tour of duty while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

As of this time, it is unknown on what street Lospinuso resided. However, his son Jurgen does confirm that it was in fact in Brick. He was survived by his wife, two children, parents and twelve brothers and sisters.

**MARSHALL, DONALD**, U.S. Marine Corps, Lance Corporal, H/S Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

Marshall died on 8 September 1967 when he was Killed in Action by enemy hostile rifle fire while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Toms River, New Jersey.

Marshall resided at 5 Cross Trees Road. He was survived by his parents, one brother and one sister.

**NASH, JAMES**, U.S. Marine Corps, Private First Class, L Co., 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

Nash died on 24 July 1966 when he was Killed in Action engaging against enemy forces, while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at St. Catharine's Cemetery, Sea Girt, New Jersey.

Nash resided at 701 Cherry Lane. He was survived by his parents and a brother.

**RAM, CORNELIUS**, U.S. Marine Corps, Major, H/S Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

Ram died on 10 January 1971 when he was Killed in Action while coming to the aid of fellow Marines who were engaged against enemy forces while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Ocean County Memorial Park, Toms River, New Jersey.

Ram resided at 191 Cartegena Drive. He was survived by his wife and six children.

**YOHN, THOMAS**, U.S. Army, Private First Class, Hqs. Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (The Screaming Eagles).

Yohn died on 8 June 1966 when he was Killed in Action while engaged against enemy forces in hostile ground action while serving in Vietnam.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the First Baptist Church of Laurelton on Route 88 in Brick, New Jersey.

Yohn resided at 535 Barber Avenue. He was survived by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

## **OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**

**CHRISTENSEN, RYAN**, U.S. Army, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Christensen died on 24 November 2005 at a U.S. hospital of a non-combat related illness after being deployed to Iraq for 10 months.

This Fallen Hero is buried at St. Anne's Cemetery, Wall, New Jersey.

Christensen resided at 825 Downey Avenue, prior to his deployment to Iraq. He was survived by his mother and stepfather.

**DUFFY, CHRISTOPHER**, Army National Guard, Specialist, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery.

Duffy died on 4 June 2004 when he was Killed in Action by insurgents, who were attacking his convoy using improvised explosive devices and rocket propelled grenades while serving in Iraq.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Ocean County Memorial Park, Toms River, New Jersey.

Duffy reside at 966 Linden Avenue and Brick Boulevard. He was survived by his wife, son, father and sister.

**MARCIANTE, LUIGI**, U.S. Army, Corporal, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

Marciante died on 20 September 2007 in Muqdadiyah, Iraq, of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

This Fallen Hero is buried at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arnetown, North Hanover Township, New Jersey.

Marciante resided at 129 Marilyn Drive. He was survived by his wife and newborn son.

# ***HEROES -- Every One of Them***

