

## Major John Polhemus

John Polhemus was born on May 25, 1738 in Hopewell NJ. In 1755 he served in the New Jersey contingent of Provincial forces in then Braddock campaign against Fort Duquesne. On May 7, 1762 he embarked with his regiment for the West Indies and took part in the attack on Moro Castle, Havana on 30 July. In 1770 he married Susannah Hart, daughter of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. At the outbreak of the Revolution he was appointed fourth Captain in the 1<sup>st</sup> NJ commanded by Lord Sterling and later Mathias Ogdon. He was in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. Shortly after Monmouth, while engaged in service near Amboy he was taken prisoner. He spent 17 months at the Sugar House prison until paroled in 1780. John Polhemus passed away on May 25, 1834, his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. He is buried with Susannah at Forest Hills cemetery in Montgomery County, Pa.