

1776 war hero not in her West Point grave

Remains believed to be of a Revolutionary War hero buried at West Point don't belong to a woman known as Captain Molly after all but to an unknown man.

The U.S. Military Academy said Tuesday the discovery stems from a study of skeletal remains conducted after Margaret Corbin's grave was accidentally disturbed last year by excavators building a retaining wall by her monument in the West Point Cemetery. Tests by a forensic anthropologist revealed the remains were likely those of a middle-aged man who lived between the Colonial period and 19th century.

Corbin was known for bravely stepping in to fire a cannon in 1776 during a battle in New York City after her husband was killed. She was severely wounded during the Battle of Fort Mifflin, but lived another 24 years. She became the nation's first woman to receive a pension for military service.[Read More....](#)