

HEROINE OF 1776 GETS HONOR GRAVE

Capt. Molly **Corbin**, Of Revolutionary Fame, Buried At West Point.

WAS WOUNDED IN SIEGE

Records Placed Her On Army Rations Roll—Remains Lay In Unmarked Spot.

New York, March 21 (Special).—“Capt. Molly” Pitcher, the Revolutionary heroine who stepped into her husband's place when he was killed and served his gun throughout the remainder of the battle of Monmouth, N. J., now, after more than a century of undisputed fame, has a rival.

On April 14 at West Point the New York State Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the United States Military Academy will unite to pay belated honor to “Capt. Molly” **Corbin**, another heroine of the Revolution.

Over the grave in West Point Cemetery, to which her bones were removed last week after their disinterment from Highland Falls Cemetery, a memorial stone will be unveiled. In West Point Chapel a tablet attesting her valor will be uncovered.

Was Wounded In Shoulder.

Plans for the ceremony were announced at the academy yesterday and with the announcement came part of the story of “Captain Molly” **Corbin**. For years the legend of this second “Captain Molly” has existed about Highland Falls. In its most persistent form it told how she was one of the garrison of Fort Washington, New York city, during the war, was wounded in the left shoulder and retired to the up-river village to spend her later years.

As it was known “Captain Molly” Pitcher was buried in Carlisle, Pa., the legend finally was investigated by the New York State Historical Society. Research in the library of the Military Academy revealed that from 1787 to 1789 rations and clothing were issued by the post commissary to “Captain Molly,” care of a Highland Falls family.

Grave Located.

Descendants of the family with whom the heroine lived were found, and gradually, by patient inquiry, the legendary location of her grave was ascertained. It was said to be marked with an unlettered headstone, with a tree at the head.

Such a spot was found, and last Tuesday excavations were made there. Four feet under the surface some bones were discovered that surgeons from West Point said were those of a woman 45 to 50 years old. Those of the left shoulder showed evidence of a wound.

Convinced they had found the remains of Margaret **Corbin**, the “Captain Molly” of Fort Washington, the investigators ordered their reinterment in the West Point Cemetery.