OLD TRADITION PROVES UTRUE

Body Buried Was Not That of Molly Pitcher

Down in Highland Falls on the site of the late J. Pierpont Morgan is an unmarked grave. Who is buried there has been a matter of speculation for the last hundred years, but tradition has it that the grave contains the remains of Molly Pitcher, famous heroine of the battle of Monmouth. This tradition has grown over the years to the extent that it is accepted by virtually everyone, but there is no evidence in the records of Captain Peter, quarter-master of West Point, after the Revolution, showing that he had made purchases for one Margaret Cortin out of her own pocket from the government.

Nothing whatever has been done to preserve the memory of the heroine of Fort Washington, who has lain in an obscure grave at Highland Falls for more than a century, while her name, Molly Pitcher, enjoys the distinction of a navy ship in Revolutionary history.

Mr. Abbot would like to see the remains of Margaret Cortin disinterred and reburied in Bear Mountain Park. He says that this would be properly fitting because of the historic associations of the region. A more fitting site for his monument to Molly Pitcher is a portion of the old roadway which he calls the "Long Road," and is located just south of West Point, where the field of battle between the British and the Continentals was fought. The monument would consist of a tablet set in the roadway with the name of Molly Pitcher inscribed thereon. The tablet would be placed at the spot where the battle was fought, and where Molly Pitcher's body was found, and would be a fitting tribute to the memory of the heroine of Fort Washington.