

## God Bless America

“While the storm clouds gather far across the seas, Let us swear allegiance to a land that’s free, Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in solemn prayer.

God bless America land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam God bless America my home sweet home.”

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# *Grave Marker Dedication for Revolutionary War Patriot Justus Wolcott*



June 4, 2011  
Gorton Cemetery, Corning, NY

Welcome Friends,  
 On behalf of the Rochester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, I thank you for your support and participation in this Grave Dedication. It is a privilege to be here today to recognize Justus Wolcott, settler to Painted Post, my 5<sup>th</sup> great grandfather and Patriot in the American Revolution. I would like to thank Dick Naylor and our friends from the American Legion for their hospitality and support, and Tom Landry and our friends from the Corning Lions Club for their assistance and maintenance of this historic cemetery.

God Bless,  
 David T. Richardson

**Biography/Service of Justus Wolcott**

Justus Wolcott was born February 1, 1735 in Newington, Connecticut, son of George Wolcott and Mary Hartwell. He was a farmer. Justus served as a Sergeant in General Lyman’s Regiment & Col. Patterson’s Company in the Newington, CT militia and then later as a private under Col. Morris Graham’s regiment in the Dutchess County militia during the American Revolution. Justus married Rachel Bidwell (born March 27, 1737) on May 24, 1760 in Newington, CT. They had 9 children (Joseph, Hannah, Justus, Sabiah, Norman, Charles, Roger, David, Rachel). Justus moved to New Lebanon, NY in 1773 where his wife passed away. Justus married a 2nd time to Edify Scott in 1778. They had 5 children (John, David, Lucy, Mary, George). He moved to Stephentown, NY prior to 1790. On May 10, 1790 a land deed was issued to six proprietors (Justus Wolcott, Frederick Calkin, Ephraim Patterson, Caleb Gardiner, Peleg Gorton and Silas Wood) for the land which is now the city and town of Corning, at a cost of 8 cents per acre (History of Steuben County, New York and its people, pg. 123). All of these purchasers settled on the land and began improvements as early as the year 1792 (Landmarks of Steuben County, pg. 88). Justus died April 29, 1831 in Painted Post.

**Program**

Welcome.....	David T. Richardson 5 <sup>th</sup> Great-Grandson of Justus Wolcott
Color Guard.....	American Legion Post 746 Corning
Invocation.....	Gary Warner
Pledge of Allegiance	
“God Bless America” .....	Gloria Misnick
Historical Commentary.....	Lois Janes “History of Painted Post”
Historical Commentary.....	Linda Conway “History of Gorton Cemetery”
Biography of Justus Wolcott.....	David Richardson
Unveiling of marker and placement of flag	
Rifle Salute.....	American Legion
Echo Taps.....	American Legion
“Amazing Grace” .....	American Legion
Benediction.....	Gary Warner