



## Isaac South Biography

Isaac South was born on March 10, 1760 in Windsor Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. His father was Joseph South. Isaac grew up with 6 brothers and 3 sisters. The South family owned a farm with over 200 acres with horses, cattle and hogs.

During the American Revolution, young men in New Jersey joined their local militia groups at the age of 16. New Jersey would be nicknamed the Crossroads of the American Revolution because it was between the British stronghold of New York City on the east and the Continental capital of Philadelphia on the west. Over 90 battles and 296 skirmishes were fought in New Jersey.

We do not know the specific battles Private Isaac South may have fought in. We do know the Battle of Princeton, fought on January 2 and 3, 1777, took place in parts of Windsor Township, in Middlesex County. We also know that Isaac South received payment for his Middlesex County militia service in support of the Continental Army.

Fast forwarding more than three decades after the war, Isaac and his wife Elizabeth sold their 11  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres in Middlesex County, and purchased 140 acres in Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio. Isaac along with his wife, Elizabeth, and his sons Thomas, Hiram, and Benjamin, and daughters Anne and Keziah moved to Miami Township in 1817.

His family saw tremendous growth from the time they arrived in Clermont County until Isaac South's death. Churches, bridges, mills, and roads were built. Isaac added to his own land in his new home. At his death on April 26, 1826, he left behind over 600 acres for his children.

Private Isaac South is buried here at the Union Cemetery, along with his daughter, Anne South Cox and his son, Benjamin.

His sons Hiram and Thomas and daughter Keziah South Shaw were buried at Greenlawn Cemetery.

As we honor Private Isaac South, we are remembering a patriot from New Jersey and an early Ohio settler.