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William A. Ackley Pa Klatz' ok't

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MARY ACKLEY - SOLDIER

Many years ago there were women patriots other than Molly Pitcher. Hackettstown can boast of a brave woman. If you are in the Union Cemetery at any time, look in Section C, lot No. 61. There you will find a white marble slab reposing on a grave and on it you will read as follows: "MARY, wife of EZEKIEL ACKLEY. She served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was honorably discharged. DIED March 19, 1873. AGED 86 years, 3 months and 15 days."

Mary's family name before her marriage is unknown to the writer. She was born in 1787 and was but 25 years old at the time she and her husband both enlisted in the U. S. Army. There is no available record of the death of her husband, Ezekiel Ackley, but it is believed that he is buried in Pennsylvania.

They had but one child, a son, Zellian Ackley who was born in 1825, and died in 1899. He lived on Water street in Hackettstown for many years and his mother, who became blind in her later years, ended her days at the home of her son. It is claimed that MARY had a beau-

tiful voice and after she became blind, spent much of her time singing.

Zellian had seven children: six boys, Theodore, Lewis, George, W. A. (Al), Archabald and Jim (the latter two were twins), and one daughter, Emma who married Gus Gulick. At this writing, Mary Ackley the soldier, has four great grandchildren living in our midst as follows: Lauretta Gulick, Mabel Gulick Adams and Arthur Ackley and Lauretta Ackley Cook.

Here is the case of a man and his wife who both enlisted in the army in the War of 1812. Hackettstown can well be proud of these early patriots.

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