

Major Jeffrey Lockalier
1788 – September 22, 1830

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Jeffrey Lockalier was born “free of color” in North Carolina in 1788. After moving to Nashville in 1807, he joined the militia and served under Andrew Jackson throughout the Creek War. He fought at the battles of Emuckfau, Enitachopco and Horseshoe Bend. He would later fight, under General Jackson, against the British at the Battle of New Orleans, where the victory was won on January 8, 1815. After the battle, he was known as “Major Lockalier.” At the outbreak of the First Seminole War in 1816, he journeyed to fight in Florida once again under General Jackson. He was present at the surrender of Fort Mark and the assault on Pensacola.

U.S. Census 1830 for the Town of Nashville reported that Jeffrey Lockalier was a “Free Colored Male.” During the summer of 1830, President Andrew Jackson left Washington to spend time at home at The Hermitage. Learning that his old comrade-in-arms was very ill, President Jackson and General John Coffee spent an hour visiting Major Lockalier at Colonel Robert Armstrong’s residence where he was living.

Major Jeffrey Lockalier died on September 22, 1830, at age 42 years, and was buried at City Cemetery. A long obituary was written about him in the local newspaper. The observation was made that “his military services terminated only when his country ceased to have enemies.”

During the first survey of City Cemetery in 1908, his tombstone was standing and the inscription was legible. And his tombstone inscription was still legible in the 1971 survey. But no tombstone was located during the 2005 survey. A Replacement Tombstone was dedicated at Major Jeffrey Lockalier’s gravesite in 2010.

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