

**Revolutionary War Patriots
Franklin County New York
Valcour Battle Chapter Sons of the American Revolution**

Samuel Adams: Born December 30, 1752 Mendon, Middlesex, Massachusetts. Died February 12, 1838 Bangor. Buried South Bangor. Private Benjamin Houghton's company of artillery under General Knox. At the battles of Bunker Hill, Long Island, White Plains, Fort Stanwix, Monmouth and Yorktown.

Martin Baldwin: Born 1767. Died 1857. Buried Smith cemetery, Burke. Possibly on a detail to chain the Hudson at West Point.

Jehial Barnum: Born 1751. Died April 23, 1831. Buried North Bangor. Private and Sergeant under Captain Jeriah Swift and Colonel Charles Burrell Connecticut Line. Also Minute Man Connecticut militia. Pension granted.

David Beach: Born 1754. Died December 1, 1828. Buried Old Protestant cemetery, Chateaugay. Private and Sergeant Colonel Webb's regiment Connecticut Line. Received a commission as Ensign, Colonel Bradley's fifth Connecticut Regiment. Promoted to Lieutenant, Colonel Swift's regiment. Pension granted.

Ashel Beebe: Born March 5, 1763, Connecticut. Died April 26, 1848, Malone. Buried Maplewood cemetery, Malone. Artificer, Colonel Crane's Artillery regiment, Massachusetts Line. Served in an around West Point under General Knox. Pension granted.

Jason Bell: Born October 26, 1762 Hartford, Connecticut. Died October 22, 1843 Malone. Buried Maplewood cemetery, Malone. Private Captain Bradley's company, Colonel Hooker's 15th Connecticut regiment. Called out for brief periods to defend the coast. No pension record.

Oliver Bell: Born February 17, 1751, Litchfield, Connecticut. Died March 14, 1839 Constable. Buried Constable. Along with his sons, he was one of the first settlers of the Constable/Malone area where they farmed and ran a tavern. Served under General St. Clair at Ticonderoga, during which time

the fort was abandoned to the British. Also served many missions around the Southern Vermont and Lake Champlain area including scouting expeditions to mark British ship movements on the lake.

Nathan Beman: Born September 10, 1757 Dutchess County, NY. Died December 20, 1846 Chateaugay. Buried East side cemetery, Chateaugay. As a young man, he lived on Lake Champlain opposite Fort Ticonderoga and knew all its approaches and buildings. He was recruited to be guide to Eathan Allen and Benedict Arnold at the capture of Ticonderoga where he led them by night directly to the commanding officer's rooms. Also served in Seth Warner's regiment and with Montgomery at Montreal and Quebec. Also served under Ira Allen and Colonel Fletcher. Pension approved.

Barnabas Berry: Born July 13, 1760 Kent, Litchfield, Connecticut. Died August 18, 1850 Westville. Buried Briggs Street cemetery, Westville. Private, Colonel Enos regiment, Connecticut Line. Pension approved.

Henry Briggs: Born January 16, 1748 Bristol county, Massachusetts . Died December 11, 1828 Westville. Buried Briggs Street cemetery, Westville. Henry Briggs, on or near the first day of May 1775, enlisted in the town of Dighton, County of Bristol and State or Colony of Massachusetts Bay in the Company commanded by Capt. Peter Pitts in the 22nd Regiment, commanded by Col. Timothy Walker, and that the said Henry Briggs was directly elected as Ensign in said Company, and sworn to perform the trust, on the 24th day of May 1775. According tyo the record, Henry Briggs served under Capt. Peter Pitts eight months as Ensign and was discharged in January 1776, by verbal consent of Capt. Pitts but Henry Briggs was not discharged from service, but promoted to a Lieutenancy in Col. French's Regiment in the same Massachusetts line, and continued to serve therein until evacuation of Boston, making, in the whole (he says) nearly one year, and was then honorably discharged. He was in war service 10 months, and in recruitment one month. He received a pension. Marked grave

Rev. Charles Bowles: Born 1761 Boston, Massachusetts. Died March 16, 1845 Constable. Buried Constable. Gravestone reads "For more than 40 years a successful minister of the Gospel in the Free Will Baptist Connection. A soldier of the Revolution." Private, Colonel Nixon's regiment,

Massachusetts Line, also Colonel Gilby's regiment, General Poor's brigade New Hampshire Line. Pension granted. Marked grave.

Abijah Child, Jr.: Born September 3, 1749 Woodstock, Connecticut. Died December 22, 1818 Constable. Buried Constable. Captain, Massachusetts Line. Marked grave.

Jesse Chipman: Born February 28, 1755 Salisbury, Litchfield, Connecticut. Died June 11, 1841 Malone. Buried Malone. Sergeant, Colonel Eason's regiment, Vermont line. With Montgomery at the siege of Quebec. Caught smallpox on the retreat. Re-enlisted after recovery and served at Mt. Hope (Ticonderoga) during the build up before Burgoyne's invasion. At the Battle of Bennington under Stark. Moved to Saratoga after the battle and stationed in the woods to make sure Burgoyne signed the surrender. Moved to northern Vermont under Ebenezer Allen and served as a scout along the Onion River. Marked grave.

Stephen Cook: Born March 25, 1755 Wallingford, Connecticut. Died August 9, 1829 Burke. Buried Burke in a marked grave. Cornet and Captain of Cavalry, Connecticut line. Served at Bunker Hill and Battle of White Plains. Widow's pension refused due to lack of proof documents.

Gabriel Cornish: Born May 1, 1758, Simsbury, Connecticut. Died March 27, 1841. Buried Old Protestant Cemetery North Bangor. Private Massachusetts Line. Served six years and fought at White Plains, Trenton, Bennington, Bemis Heights, Saratoga and Monmouth. At Valley Forge. Pension granted. Recieved land grants but sold them. Marked grave.

Alpheus Crippen: Born 1760, Sharon Connecticut. Died September 23, 1834. Buried at family homestead between Burke and Chateaugay. Private in Colonel Marshall's and Colonel Brown's regiments, Massachusetts Line. Served at West Point. Pension approved.

Thomas Cross: Born May 12, 1757 Essex, New Hampshire. Died April 1, 1846 Bombay. Private in Colonel Reynold's fifth New Hampshire regiment. Buried Bombay New York. Marked grave.

David Erwin: Born May 18, 1758 Newark, New Jersey. Died December 9, 1831 Westville, New York. Buried Westville. Pvt in Revolutionary War in NJ. Participated in Battle of Trenton, with General Washington at the crossing of the Delaware. Moved with family to Fairhaven VT in about 1784. Colonel in Vt militia. Moved with family to Franklin Co NY in about 1803. War of 1812 Capt of troops invading Canada. Later General in NY. NY State Senate 1823. Appointed General of Militia of the State of New York. Marked grave.

Elisha Freeman: Born August 10, 1746 Tolland, Connecticut. Died July 8, 1838 Westville. Corporal in Colonel Peter Olcott's regiment, Vermont Militia. Buried Riverside cemetery, Westville. Marked grave.

Nicholas Hall: Born September 17, 1762 Salisbury, Massachusetts. Died September 6, 1831 Chateaugay. Buried Old Protestant cemetery Chateaugay. Private (drummer) Colonel Scammell's regiment, New Hampshire line. Marked grave.

John Howe: Born March 11, 1750 Florida, Montgomery county NY. Died 1832 Bombay. Buried Hillside Rest cemetery, Bombay, Franklin County. Sergeant Major, Captain Thomas Reading's company, Colonel Elias Dayton's 3rd New Jersey regiment from the summer of 1776 to January 9, 1780. In the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and the Sullivan expedition to western NY.

John Hunsdon: Born June 2, 1756 Ireland. Died August 31, 1820. Buried Fort Covington. Private, Colonel Whiting's regiment, New York Militia. Marked grave.

Samuel Heath: Born March 18, 1759 East Haddam, Connecticut. Died May 22, 1836 Malone. Private, Colonel Swift's regiment Connecticut line. Buried Dimick cemetery Malone. Marked grave. Pension granted.

Asa Jackson: Born February 16, 1759 Rutland, Vermont. Died September 11, 1844 Bombay, NY. Buried Bombay. Private, Colonel Dearborn's regiment, New Hampshire line. Served at West Point. Marked grave. Pension granted.

Elijah Keeler: Born January 12, 1756 Ridgefield, Connecticut. Died May 27, 1835 Malone. Buried Webster Street Cemetery Malone. Private and Sergeant, Colonel Woodbridge's Regiment, Massachusetts Line. Marked grave. Pension approved.

James Keeley: Born . Died . Buried Harrietstown cemetery, Harrietstown. Marked grave. No supporting records found.

Jonathan Lawrence, Jr.: Born February 20, 1761 Canaan, Connecticut. Died February 5, 1851. Buried Moira. Enlisted September 1777 in Canaan, Connecticut. Served six weeks in Captain Gaylord's company. Enlisted again in June 1779 in as private in Captain Joshua Stanton's company, Colonel Mead's regiment, Connecticut line. Pension approved. Marked grave.

Ebenezer Leonard Jr.: Born May 6, 1730 Griswold, Connecticut. Died April 3, 1810. Buried Westville. Private Colonel Abbot's regiment, Vermont Militia. Marked grave.

John Otis: Born March 16, 1759 Stratford, Connecticut. Died June 18, 1842 Harrietstown. Buried Harrietstown. Private, Colonel Reed's regiment, New Hampshire line. At Ticonderoga and the retreat to Saratoga. At Saratoga for Burgoyne's surrender. Marched south to join Washington at Valley Forge. With General Sullivan in the Genessee country in the battles against the Iroquois. Discharged at West Point. Pension approved. Marked grave.

Joseph Plumb: Born March 15, 1761 Litchfield, Connecticut. Died October 13, 1838. Buried North Bangor. Marked grave. Private, Colonel Wolcott's regiment, Connecticut Line. Served at the fort in New London. Captured when the British invaded and burned New London. Transported to New Jersey where he was exchanged for British captives.

Benjamin Roberts: Born December 1, 1761 Manchester, Vermont. Died August 6, 1828 Mooers. Buried Chateaugay. Marked grave. Private in Captain Thomas Barney's company, Colonel Ira Allen's regiment, Vermont line. Service from 1780 to end of the war. Also served in the War of 1812.

Jeremiah Rockwell: Born July 9, 1756 Fairfield, Connecticut. Died August 28, 1852 Bangor. Buried West Bangor cemetery. Marked grave. Private, Colonel Woodbridge's regiment, Massachusetts Line. At Boston in 1775 and guarding the river at Albany in 1777.

Joseph Stafford: Born 1742. Died January 4, 1807, Malone. Buried Webster Street cemetery, Malone. Marked grave. Private, first militia company organized at Bennington, Vermont October 24, 1764. No record of revolutionary war service.

John Saunders: Born December 5, 1759. Died January 20, 1844. Buried Fort Covington. Marked grave. No record of revolutionary war service.

Jacob Smith: Born July 7, 1742 East Haven, Connecticut . Died July 8, 1837 Chateaugay. Buried Earlville cemetery, Chateaugay. He was one of Chateaugay, New York's first settlers having moved there in 1797. He was a son of Thomas and Eunice (Russell) Smith. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War having enlisted in May 1775 in the Vermont Rangers and reached the rank of Major. "There they are boys, the Red coats and Tories!" That was the inspirational message given the American Patriots at the Battle of Bennington. The battle took place only a couple of miles from the tiny hamlet of White Creek, New York.

The Battle of Bennington was a battle of the Revolutionary War that took place on August 16, 1777, about 10 miles (16 km) from the battles namesake Bennington Vermont. An American force of 1,800 men primarily composed of New Hampshire militiamen, Massachusetts militiamen, Green Mountain Boys, Whitcombs Rangers, and local area volunteer Patriots. The British forces were composed of a force of 700 dismounted German dragoons. As they headed East the Germans were joined by local companies of Loyalists some Canadians and about 100 Indians, plus a company of British Sharpshooters. Their mission was to raid the Bennington VT area for horses to mount the German dragoons, capture draft animals, and take any other supplies they could find. They thought the area was only lightly defended. Unknown to the British, the citizens of the New Hampshire Grants territory (which was then a territory disputed between New York and the Vermont Republic) had appealed to the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts for protection from the invading army following the British recapture

of Ft. Ticonderoga. New Hampshire responded by raising a militia force of 1,400 in the space of six days and sent them West where they arrived at Bennington. They joined at Bennington 400 Massachusetts men, 150 VT. Rangers and a hundred or more local volunteer patriots already in place. The British had camped along the Walloomsac River 14 Aug, 1777 when they discovered that an American force was facing them. After a day long rain-caused standoff on the morning of 16 Aug, the Indians, Canadians, and Tories were selected to be pressed first and they collapsed escaping as they could with heavy loss. The Americans then enveloped the stronger British position which had now entrenched on the ridge line overlooking the River. After heavy fighting the remaining combined British forces were captured. As the Americans were mopping up small sections of resistance and gathering up prisoners a new contingent of 500 British reinforcements arrived at the battle field and the battle restarted again in great confusion and full fury. Immediately after the British arrival 350 Green Mountain Boys fresh from the retreat from Ft Ticonderoga arrived from Rutland VT to bolster the now pressed Americans. After the day long battle the British retreated with heavy casualties and were pursued until darkness. The Americans took about 700 prisoners. It was a decisive victory and did much to improve the morale of the American forces. The battle was an important victory for the American cause, as it reduced Gen Burgoyne's army in size by almost 1,000 men, led his Indian support to largely abandon him. It lost him some of his cannon and deprived him of needed supplies, all factors that contributed to Burgoyne's eventual surrender at Saratoga.

Samuel Smith: Born March 17, 1759 Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York. Died January 1843, Malone. Buried Morningside cemetery Malone. Private and sergeant Vermont line in 1776 and 1777 in a regiment commanded by Colonel Ebenezer Allen. Served at Onion River and Ticonderoga. Served as county clerk and county treasurer in Franklin county. Marked grave. Pension approved.

Thomas Spencer: Born September 28, 1755 Hartford, Connecticut. Died August 22, 1840 Moira. Buried Moira. Marked grave. Private in Colonel Chandler's regiment Connecticut line. Corporal and Sergeant in Colonel Swift's regiment, Connecticut line. Pension approved.

Henry Stevens: Born 1756 Westminster, Massachusetts. Died May 22, 1841 Brandon. Buried Brandon. Marked grave. Private Colonel Reed's regiment, New Hampshire line for two years. At the battles of Bunker Hill and Stillwater. Captured at the battle of Stillwater and held until Burgoyne's surrender. Rejoined his regiment and marched to Valley Forge. Pension approved.

James Taylor: Born January 10, 1755 Springfield, Massachusetts. Died July 19, 1817. Buried South Bangor cemetery. Marked grave. Specific military service not found.

Enos Wood: Born February 2, 1761 New London, Connecticut. Died January 21, 1851. Buried Webster Street cemetery, Malone. Corporal, Captain William Hutchin's company Vermont Militia. At the battle of Bennington. Pension granted. Marked grave. Also, War of 1812.

John Wood: Born August 14, 1767 New London, Connecticut. Brother of above. Died September 29, 1830. Buried Webster Street cemetery, Malone. At the Battle of Bennington with his father and brothers. Marked grave.