



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

William Abel, New Jersey, A000225

- Private
- Born: 1747 NJ
- Died: 1820 Bedminster Somerset Co NJ

William married Catherine Ben (Bird). They may have raised nine children. As of Fall 2021, DAR recognized daughters of these two children: John W and William.

- John W (b 1786 Perth Amboy Middlesex Co NJ d 15 Jul 1853 Ulysses Tompkins Co NY) married Elizabeth Letts (b 25 Dec 1801 Ulysses Tompkins Co NY d 29 Dec 1892 Ulysses Tompkins) on 11 Nov 1819.
- William (b 1788 d 1828) married Rebecca Schank (b 1801 d 1848) in 1821.

William enlisted 1 Sep 1779 with the 4th Troop of the 1st Regiment of Dragoons with “Lee’s Legion” serving under Major Henry Lee. Major Lee was known as “Light Horse Harry” and was the father of the General Lee of Civil War fame. Lee’s Legion primarily served in the southern theater of operations and gained a reputation for efficiency and battlefield bravery.

William’s regiment was part of the Continental Line under General George Washington.

William lived in Bedminster Township Somerset Co NJ.

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