



# Iowa Society DAR

## PATRIOT STORIES

### Benjamin Dean, Connecticut, A134167

- Private
- Residence: Cornwall Litchfield Co CT
- Born: 14 Sep 1738 Plainfield Windham Co CT
- Died: Aug 1815 Canfield Trumbull Co OH

Benjamin was the son of Dr. Reuben Dean and Ann Carter. Dr. Dean was a doctor, hunter, farmer, and miller. The Dean family lived in the oldest house in Cornwall. Benjamin's father built a gristmill on a stream which fell into the Housatonic River near Cornwall Bridge.

On 14 Oct 1762 Benjamin at Cornwall Litchfield Co CT married Ruth Tanner (b 28 Sep 1740 Litchfield CT d 1812 Canfield OH). Their fathers owned adjoining lands. Ruth and Benjamin were together 48 years. They had seven children.

As of Fall 2021, NSDAR recognizes daughters from their child Daniel. Other children were Ruth, Rachel, James, Martha, William and Joseph.

- Daniel (b 31 Mar 1765 Cornwall CT d 6 Mar 1836 Wadsworth Median Co OH) married Mary Field (b 27 Feb 1781 Springfield VT d p1815 Wadsworth Medina Co OH) 31 Oct 1796 at Bristol VT.

Benjamin enlisted 16 Apr 1776 in Stratford CT in the Militia in Capt. Robert Walker's Company and Col Elmore's Battalion with the artillery. He was also in the Continental Army at Ft Schuyler (later called Ft Stanwicks/Stawix) Rome NY.

Additional service was in Col Lamb's artillery and Col Henry Ludenton's 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Dutchess Co NY for three years. Family lore says that Benjamin was one of the soldiers who helped deploy a chain across the water at Ticonderoga.

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