



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

Gideon Root, Massachusetts, A097433

- Lieutenant
- Residence: Southwick MA
- Born: 26 Apr 1735, Southwick, Hampshire Co MA
- Died: 01 Aug 1804, Southwick, Hampshire Co MA

Gideon was the son of John and Anna Loomis Root (Parents' names not DAR proven Spring 2021). He married Huldah Nelson in Feb 1758. She died 28 Mar 1813.

Gideon and Huldah had nine children. The youngest was born when Gideon was 45. As of spring, 2021, their children with proven NSDAR daughters are Gideon, Jeremiah, and Roxanna.

- Gideon Jr. born 9 Jun 1763 in Southwick Hampden Co MA and married in 1784 to Eunice Whitney who was born 16 Nov 1763 in Framingham MA and died 14 Oct 1842.
- Jeremiah born 7 Jul 1765 in Southwick MA and in 1788 married Lucretia Page born 1770 in Southwick MA and died Bainbridge OH in 1846. He died at Southwick MA 26 Dec 1815.
- Roxanna born 25 July 1778 in Southwick Hampden Co MA married Asa Carter on 4 Jan 1798. He was born 13 Nov 1776 and died on 16 Aug 1855 Champion Jefferson Co NY.

Gideon served in the Massachusetts militia. Initially he served as a Sergeant with Capt. John Morgan's Company in Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's Regiment. They were engaged 24 August 1777 and 10 Sept 1777. He and others were reported as deserted 27 Oct 1777 and did not receive pay due to their desertion.

Two years later he was engaged with Capt. Solomon Brown's Company of Col. Elisha Porter's Hampshire County Regiment. Root began this service 3 August 1779 and was discharged 1 Sept 1779. His service of 1 mo. 6 days ending at New London, CT included 3.75 days (75 miles) travel home. Southwick is near Springfield, MA and the CT border.

Finally, on 14 Sept 1781, Col. David Mosley directed Lieutenant Gideon Root to "hold himself in readiness to march on the shortest notice with 6 days' provisions to Connecticut to serve under Capt. John Gray or such other officer as might be appointed, in accordance with orders received from Brig. Gen. Parks to detach one-fourth part of the militia under command of Col. Mosley." (Massachusetts Office of the Secretary of State, V.13, Page 551)

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