



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

James Carr, New York, A019592

- Patriot Service, Private; Pension S*W16522
- Residence: Hoosick Dist Albany Co NY
- Born: 5 June 1759, Londonderry Rockingham Co NH
- Died: 8 May 1839, Springport Cayuga Co NY

James married to Margaret Morrell (b 1 Jun 1763 Cambridge Albany Co NY, d 7 Apr 1843 Springport Cayuga Co NY) in Feb 1784 at Cambridge Albany Co NY. They had ten children, Margaret, John, Jacob, Alexander, James, Hartman, Daniel, Betsey, Deborah and Jonathan. As of Spring 2022, DAR recognizes daughters from five children: John, Jacob, Alexander, Hartman and James.

- John (b 6 Jun 1787 Montgomery Co NY, d 4 Oct 1855 Mendon St Joseph Co MI) married his second wife Lucinda Bowen (b 17 Jan 1797 MA, d 26 Sep 1879 Polk Co IA) on 22 Feb 1816.
- Jacob (b 13 Jun 1791 Johnstown NY, d 13 Apr 1841 Cayuga Co NY) married Betsey Rorapough (b 14 Feb 1797 Chenango Co NY, d 27 Sep 1838 Cayuga Co NY) in 1816.
- Alexander (b 24 Sep 1793 Johnstown Fulton Co NY, d p1850 Elkhart Co IN) married Hannah Lake (b 31 Aug 1795 Hoosick Rensselaer Co NY, d p 1850 Elkhart Co IN) on 20 Nov 1813 at Union Spring Cayuga Co NY.
- Hartman (b 15 Aug 1797 Johnstown Montgomery Co NY, d 23 Sep 1876 Springport NY) married Ann Brock (b 10 Oct 1801 Newburg NY, d 29 Jan 1890 Springport NY) in 1820.
- James (b 8 Jul 1801 Springport Cay Co NY, d 30 Mar 1871 Springport Cay Co NY) married Rachel Rorapough (b 14 Feb 1805, d 25 Oct 1847 Springport Cay Co NY) a 1829.

At 17 James enlisted as a substitute for Jacob Williamson who was drafted for three months. A detachment of approximately thirty men marched to Fort Edwards. From then the detachment was ordered to march to Fort Ann where they joined the company of Capt. Adriel Sherwood. James remained stationed at Fort Ann until 10 Oct 1780 when the fort was captured by the enemy. The company, as prisoners of war, were ordered to march to Fort George then to Fort Ticonderoga onto St Johns and Montreal where the company was detained until Nov 1782.

James was very impressed by the large yield of Indian Corn and abundant crops of peach trees cultivated by the Indigenous people. Along with many young men, he returned to the western New York land after the war because of the fertility of the land. James received approximately 1,800 acres in a land grant for his service payment. In addition, he purchased the small area surrounding a cove. In 1800, James and family finished making their home at Carr Cove. James was a friend to the Indians in the cove area. When the Cayuga Indians were transferred to a Canadian reservation, their Chief Canistoga was very old and ill. He requested of James that he might stay and live out his days at the cove. James and family honored the request and cared for the Chief for three years. The Carr family buried the chief according to known Indian rites.

Sources:

- Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files. M8904, National Archives catalog ID: 300022. NARA Record Group 15. Roll: 0477.
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