



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

Jerathmel Cummings (Comings), Vermont, A028548

- Lieutenant
- Born: 23 Sep 1749 Nottingham, New Hampshire
- Died: 20 Jul 1817 Champion, Jefferson Co, New York

Jerathmel married Deborah Kendall 16 April 1771 at Old Dunstable Middlesex Co MA, which is about 100 miles south of Nottingham, NH. Deborah was born 13 May 1751 in Old Dunstable Middlesex Co MA and died in 1815 in Windsor County VT. Windsor is known as the 'birthplace of Vermont' because the Constitution of Vermont was adopted there in 1777.

After they were married, the Cummings traveled more than 160 miles northwest to settle in Windsor. They were 22 and 20 respectfully when they married. Cummings died at age 68 about 225 west of Windsor two years after his wife's death. As of spring 2021 NSDAR recognizes daughters from these children: Joseph, Deborah, Jane, and Jerahmeel.

- Deborah born 28 Mar 1772 at Amherst NH and died at Ticonderoga NY on 26 Mar 1855. She married Avery Thatcher born on 5 Sep 1766 and died in Canada on Apr 1812.
- Jane born 28 Feb 1777 at Windsor Windsor Co VT and died at Erie Co OH on 25 Sep 1856. On 17 Nov 1799 she married Zachariah P. Smead who was born 19 Apr 1772 at Windsor Windsor Co VT. He died at Erie Co OH on 22 May 1851. They were married on 17 1799 at Windsor Windsor Co VT.
- Jerahmeel was born 24 Jan 1779 at Windsor Windsor Co VT and died at Sheddsville Windsor Co VT on 29 Sept 1827. He married Susan White born 18 May 1784 in VT and died at Sheddsville Windsor Co VT on 13 Dec 1875.
- Joseph married Hannah Converse. His descendant's national number began with a three.

At the age of 31, Jerathmel served in the Vermont Militia as Lieutenant with Captain Samuel S. Savage's Company. On 16 Mar 1781, this Militia began a three-day march of 42 miles on order from General Baley, Esq. of Winsor. A year and half later in the fall of 1782 Cummings served with Capt. Savage's Militia in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Col. Ebenezer Woods. This time he walked nine miles over four days.

Jerathmel and Deborah had 11 children. Their oldest daughter, also named Deborah, married Dr. Avery Thacher (or Thatcher). His father Benjamin Thacher (A113873 or A113874) may have fought in the War.

Avery's g-g-g-grandfather, Peter Thacher was Rector of St. Edmund's Church in Salisbury, England in 1622. Peter's son, Thomas came to Boston in 1635 and was the First Pastor of Old South Church.

Jerathmel's first and last name is documented with multiple spellings. The Vermont payroll records use both Comings and Cumings. He is always listed as a Lieutenant. His first name is spelled Jerathl and Jerath' with the apostrophe indicating an abbreviation. One of the spellings of his son's name is Jerathmel.

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