



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

John Calef/Calfe, New Hampshire, A018280

- Civil Service, Patriotic Service, Major
- Birth: 13 Jun 1741 Newbury Essex Co MA
- Death: 30 Oct 1808 Hampstead Rockingham Co NH
- Residence: Hampstead Rockingham Co NH

John married his cousin, Lois Calfe (b 4 Jan 1739 Kingston NH, d 8 Sep 1828 Hampstead NH) on 23 Sep 1762 at Kingston NH. They had nine children; one of whom died the day of birth. Another died at the age of six months. As Spring, 2022 DAR recognizes two children: William and James.

- William (b 1 May 1773 Kingston NH, d 29 Apr 1798 Hampstead NH) married Mary Little (b 4 Mar 1772, d 25 Feb 1855 Hampstead NH) on 11 Nov 1795 at Hampstead NH.
- James (b 20 Feb 1782 Hampstead MA, d 1 Nov 1855 Hampstead NH) married Anna Kimball (b 5 Jan 1783 Plaistow NH, d 14 Mar 1828 Hampstead NH) on 12 Nov 1804.

He was a precocious child. It was said, that at the age of two years and a half, he could distinguish the figures, by name, which are used in common arithmetic. On the death of his father he came, at fourteen, to live with his cousin, Colonel John, in Kingston, and married Colonel John's sister Lois. At sixteen he began teaching the elements of literature and morality. At eighteen he was under-officer in an expedition to Lake Champlain against the French and Indians. He was captain of one of the five companies detailed in 1776 to guard Portsmouth Harbor, and the next year was captain of Company 4, under Colonel Pierce Long at Ticonderoga.

He was a member of the General Assembly and one of the five members of the Committee of Safety empowered to direct the State's affairs in the recess of the General Court in the Revolution. For twenty-nine years he was Justice of the Peace.ⁱ

John served as a Corporal, Captain, and Major in the Revolution. He served on the Committee of Safety and was Justice of the Peace for 29 years. He served 13 years as Peace and Quorum for the State and 29 years as Justice of the Court of Common Peas, County of Rockingham plus 25 years as Clerk of the House. He signed the Association Oath on 10 Sep 1776.

He was a Captain with a Company in Col. Pierce Long's regiment at Portsmouth stationed in Newcastle at the entrance of Piscataqua Harbor in NH from 7 Aug 1776 until 7 Dec 1776. Long's Regiment was an infantry regiment.

In August 1778 he was a Major in Col. Jacob Gates Regiment which marched from NH and joined the Continental Army in R I.



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