



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

Josiah Risdon, Vermont, A096134

- Corporal
- Residence: Pawlet, Bennington and Rutland Co VT
- Born: 18 Oct 1753
- Died: 1830, Ballston Spa Saratoga Co NY

Josiah was born in Stratford CT 18 Oct 1753 (location not proven). His family moved about 200 miles northwest to VT just before the War. Josiah lived in Dorset, Rupert, and the Pawlet areas before and during the War.

Josiah married Martha Cochran who was born 16 Feb 1750 and died before 1830. They were married before 21 June 1777. Josiah Jr. was born before Josiah left home to serve the first of several short periods of enlistment. He was 25 at that time. NSDAR recognizes daughters from four children: David Charles, Patience, Josiah, and Orange.

- Josiah Jr. was born 1777 in VT and died at Livingston Co NY. He married Polly Tomlinson Stewart who was born on 7 Feb 1775 in CT. She died on 9 Jun 1832. They were married before 1800.
- David C. was born on 6 Jul 1788 at Rupert, Bennington Co VT and died at Marengo Iowa Co IA on 17 Aug 1854. He married Elizabeth Baltzell Stoner who was born on 13 Dec 1802 at Frederick Co MD and died at Tiffin OH on 23 Dec 1843. They married on 7 Dec 1828.
- Patience was born 17 Sep 1794 at Saratoga Co, NY and died at Chautauqua Co NY about 1835. She married Stephen Mix about 1814. Stephen was born 1799 at Stillwater Saratoga Co NY and died at La Porte Co IN on 15 Dec 1846.
- Orange married Sally Newland.

Service records (payroll records) of Montpelier VT and Washington DC indicate he served as a soldier in Capt. Tahan Noble's Company in Col. Warrens' Regiment of Militia defending the frontiers by order of the Gov and Council 7-13 Nov 1778.

Josiah was a Corporal in Capt. Tahan Noble's Company of Militia in Colonel Ira Allen's Regiment (Green Mountain boys) with service in Alarms of March 26, 1780. He served six days; they covered at least eighty miles during that period. Josiah was listed again in Nathaniel Smith's company in the year of 1782. He served three days.

Josiah and family moved to the area of Saratoga County NY, shortly before the first census of 1790. He died in 1830.

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