

## Revolutionary War Veterans and Patriots of South Farms

### **Hezekiah Agard 1756 - Sometime After 1832**

Hezekiah was born at Litchfield on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1756 to parents Hezekiah and Abigail Damon Agard. He States in his 1832 Pension application that he enlisted on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 1775 In Captain Beebe's Company serving with Lieutenant Foote. He was marched to Fort Ticonderoga and served in the Northern Command under Colonel Hinnman of Woodbury. He also testified of his participation in the Danbury raid of 777 serving within Alexander Waugh's 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He served in the Litchfield Militia until 1805, well after the war. He married Sabre Smedley about 1780 and died in New York state, a pensioner sometime after 1832.

### **Reverend Ashbel Baldwin 1757 - 1828**

Ashbel was born at Litchfield on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1757 to parents Isaac and Anna Collins Baldwin. He graduated from Yale College with the class of 1776. He enlisted and served as a Quartermaster during the Revolution and is listed on page 12 of Joyce Cropsey's Book of Revolutionary soldiers and Patriots buried in Litchfield county. His Episcopal Ordination is recorded as the first to have taken place in North America. He served as the Pastor of Saint Michaels of Litchfield in 1793. He married Clarissa Johnson of Guilford in 1797. He served Parishes in North Haven, Wallingford Meriden, and Oxford to name a few. His records documented 10,000 sermons and 3010 Baptisms before becoming disabled by age. He died at Rochester, New York on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 1846, at the age of 88.

### **Abel Barnes 1723 – 1787**

Abel is recorded as an early settler of South Farms. He is identified in Joyce Cropsey's book, on Page 13 as being the brother to Enos. He married August 9<sup>th</sup> 1758 Gift Gay as recorded at Litchfield. His Revolutionary War Pension request reveals his service in the Militia during the defense of New York. He died at Litchfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 1787.

### **Ambrose Barnes 1757 – 1833**

Ambrose, was born at South Farms on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1757 to Parents Enos and Abigail Ludington Barnes. In 1777 he enlisted in Colonel Bradley's Regiment and marched to the defense of New York. He Participated in the battles of Long Island, White Plains, Monmouth and other unnamed skirmishes. In 1779 he married Hannah Meade of Wilton as recorded at Ridgefield. Hannah died at the young age of 46 in 1797. Ambrose is next recorded when applying for his pension in 1818 as a resident of Broome New York. He returned and lived at Litchfield for many years, but is recorded as dying at Lisle, Broome New York in 1833

**Enos Barnes 1761 - 1780**

Enos Barnes was born on the 25th of March 1761 to Parents Abel and Gift Gay Barnes as recorded at Litchfield. His death is recorded at Litchfield as taking place on the 1st of July 1780. Other sources identify the location as Greenwich Fairfield, Connecticut. It is stated on page 489 of the Book "History of Washington County New York" "Enos Barnes, who was killed in the Patriot Army". He was only 19 years old.

**PVT. Enos Barnes, Sr. 1723 to 1798**

Enos was born on New Years Day 1723 at Branford, New Haven County, Connecticut to parents Thomas and Johanna Farnam Barnes. He married 3 December 1745 Abigail Ludington at East Haven, Connecticut. Abigail died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1768 as recorded at Litchfield. At the onset of the Revolution Enos was about fifty-three years old with, by most records, 6 children. That being said, he is recorded as serving as a Private with Captain Hoyt's Company in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Connecticut line and is listed on page 14 of Joyce Cropsey's "Register of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots buried in Litchfield County." Enos died on the 2nd of March 1798 at the age of 75 and is buried at Lakeside Cemetery next to his second wife Mary.

**Enos Barnes Jr. 1755 - 1837**

Enos Junior, brother of Abel, was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1755 to parents Enos and Abigail Ludington Barnes at Branford, New Haven, Connecticut. He served as a Corporal and Sergeant in the Connecticut Militia 1775-83. He participated in the battles at Long Island, White Plains, Monmouth, Trenton, Princeton, Germantown and numerous skirmishes. At war's end, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1783 he married Lucy Woodruff of South Farms at Litchfield. At about the age of 60 he became a resident of New York and died there at Marathon, Cortland New York on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 1837, a pensioner.

**PVT. Orange Barnes 1762 - 1823**

Orange was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1762 to parents, Enos and Abigail Ludington Barnes of South Farms. He was only 14 years old at the outbreak of hostilities and had to wait some time before enlisting. His first service was about 1779, serving with the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Connecticut Line. It is thought he served many enlistments because at the war's end in 1783, he is recorded as serving with Colonel Swifts Connecticut Troops. He returned and about 1785 he married Olive Gibbs, settled locally and raised four children. In the year 1818 he was awarded a pension of \$96.00 per year for his service. He died at South Farms, 10 September 1823 at the age of 61.

**Samuel Bernard Sr. 1757, - 1805**

Samuel Senior came to South Farms from Hartford about 1757 and acquired 8 acres by deed from Charles Woodruff. He married Abigail Gibbs on the 28th of June 1758 and

constructed a home on the north side of the, Now called Benton Road and Route 109 junction. His military service included an enlistment with the 17th Regiment of Militia at Litchfield. On the evening of 10 July 1779 he and scores of his neighbors Mounted horses and rode to the defense of Danbury and Fairfield to oppose the British army. They remained in service at Fairfield and Horseneck until the end of August. .Samuel and Abigail raised 11 children at South farms. Church records indicate Samuel died in 1805.

### **Richard Blake 1747 - 1807**

Richard, and his twin sister, Elizabeth were born at Middletown to parents Joseph and Rebekah Dowd Higbe Blake on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 1747. His father died insolvent about 1760, leaving Richard in the custody of his mother. He married Damaris Smedley of South Farms on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1769 as recorded at Litchfield. Richard and his brother Freelove served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Connecticut Regiment in the "Lexington Alarm" campaign of 1775. Richard continued to serve in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment under General Wooster. About the year 1800, Richard and his family joined other residents and moved west, settling in Genesee County, New York. He died on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1807, aged 50, at Livonia, Livingston, New York.

### **Ebenezer Benton 1728 - 1813**

Ebenezer Benton was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 1728 in Gilford, to parents Ebenezer and Ester Cruttenden, sometimes spelled Crittenden, Benton. He served in the French and Indian Wars. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 1761 he married Ama Hosford at Litchfield and they settled in South Farms on what is now known as Benton Road, where his father was already established. At an annual Litchfield town meeting December 7<sup>th</sup> 1774 he was appointed a member of a committee headed by Mr. Oliver Wolcott to act on and enforce Article Eleven, of the Continental Congress. He was elected a Representative in 1767 and served as an Inspector and Rate Setter, later known as an Assessor for two terms. He died on Halloween, the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 1813.

### **Dr. Seth Bird 1732 - 1805**

Doctor Bird was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 1732 as recorded at Litchfield, to parents John and Mary Atwood Bird. He first married Sarah Marsh in 1757. She died on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1766. He married second Hannah Sheldon on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 1768 at Hartford. A few of his services to the Revolution include an appointment in 1774 to a committee to enforce the provisions of Article 11 of the Articles of Agreement to the Continental Congress of 1774, and an appointed to redistrict the recruitment activities of the town. The State Legislature appointed him to serve as an examiner of qualifications and issuer of certificates of Qualification to Surgeons seeking appointments to the Continental Army. During and following the revolution he maintained an office on the north side of the intersection of what is now Route 109 and Higbie Road. He died on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1805, remembered as a physician of great celebrity and superior skill.

**Joseph brown Unknown - Unknown**

Joseph is listed as a Revolutionary War soldier on the memorial plaque mounted on the Morris Green and he is listed by the Daughters of the American Revolution as a South Farms Veteran. His Military service is reported as a 3 years enlistment within Captain Moses Knapp's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Tupper. in the Massachusetts Line His occupation was listed as Day laborer.

**Able Camp 1748 - 1825**

Able was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1748 at Waterbury, Connecticut and his parents are identified as Able and Rachel Welton Camp. He married on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1769, Sabre Marsh at Litchfield. In December of 1771 he purchased a parcel of land from Lemuel Harrison, located on the west side of what is now designated Route 63 in South Farms. on which they settled. He served during the Revolution as a Private with Captain James Stoddard's Company in Colonel Waterbury's Brigade. He additionally served as an appointed inspector of provisions destined for the Army. His first wife, Sabre died in 1807 and the following year he married Millicent Baldwin who survived him at his death, he died at South Farms on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1825 at the age of 77.

**Ezra Camp 1763 - 1838**

Ezra states in his 1832 deposition, under oath, that he was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1763 at Milford, Connecticut. He describes his Revolutionary War service as three enlistments. The first commencing in the Spring of 1779. The purpose of the fort he was guarding was to protect Milford and to prevent trade or commerce between the Tories and the British. His last enlistment was in March of 1782. Following the Revolution he remained in Milford and married Susannah Pond, thought to be his second wife. About 1795 he removed to Washington then Woodbridge and finally the town of Litchfield where he lived the final twenty five years of his life. Susannah died in 1812. And he remarried that same year Arohda Lindsley in November. He applied and was awarded a pension for his service of \$80. annually. He died at South Farms 23 December 1838 at age 75.

**Able Clark 1765 - 1842**

Abel was born at Milford, Connecticut in the Year 1765. When the Revolution started Able was about 12 years of age His service was with the Connecticut Militia. He married Lois Smith of Milford. He was awarded a Pension for his service on which his wife collected after his death in 1842. She died in 1850 and they are both buried at the Morris burying grounds

**Charles Collins 1727 - 1796**

Charles was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1727, the son of Dr. Timothy and Elizabeth Hyde Collins. At the age of 25 he married Anne Huntington of Lebanon, Connecticut. He was an early member of the Society of South Farms. At the revolutions' onset he was about 50 years old with several children to support yet he served the cause as a Private under Captain

Alexander Waugh in the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Connecticut Militia. He died in 1797 at the age of 69.

### **Levi DeWolf 1760 - 1849**

Levi was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1760 at Newington Connecticut to parents Stephen and Mary Whaples DeWolf. In 1779 at the age of 18 he enlisted in a Company commanded by Samuel Comstock, within a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Issac Hinnman of the Connecticut Line. He participated in the battle of Stoney Point. Staying in the Army he ended up serving in the Virginia campaign under General Lafayette. In 1787 he married Juddah Stanley at Bethlehem and they settled in South Farms. He set up shop and made his living as a Blacksmith. He died on the 23rd of January 1848, a Pensioner at the age of 85.

### **Abner Emmons 1761 -1805**

Abner was born on the 2nd of December 1761 to parents Elijah and Catherine Emmons as recorded at Litchfield. He enlisted at age 17 and is recorded as serving with Colonel Mead's Regiment within the Connecticut Militia. His name is commemorated as a soldier and Patriot of the Revolution, on a bronze plaque mounted for all to see on the Morris Green. He married probably before 1786, Anna, with whom records indicate he had 5 children.. The Litchfield Monitor newspaper reported that he died of Consumption on Saturday, the 31st of August 1805 at the age of 44.

### **Arthur Emmons Sr. 1731 - 1804**

Arthur the third son of William and Sarah way Emmons was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of, August 1731 at Taunton, Bristol County Massachusetts. He moved with his family to South Farms about 1732 or 3. In 1751 he married Sarah Porter, a childhood friend from Massachusetts. When hostilities commenced Arthur was about 45 years of age and suffered from a deformity that prevented him from standing fully erect. Being a supporter of the Revolution he found his calling being appointed to care for the needs of the soldiers, their wives and children, a task that earned him the title of Patriot. He died at South Farms on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 1804 and was buried in what is now called the East Morris Cemetery.

### **Arthur Emmons Jr. 1757 - 1833**

Arthur junior was born at South Farms on the 14th of June 1757 to Parents Arthur and Sarah Porter Emmons. He married first Elizabeth Palmer on the 6th of November 1777 as recorded at Litchfie; His service during the Revolution is long and well documented. He enlisted early, probably about November 1st 1775 and served until war's end in several units. Elizabeth passed and he married second Ruth Towner as announced in the Litchfield Monitor newspaper in 1792. He was awarded a Pension as a Resident of New York where he had moved about the year 1812. He died on the 9th of October 1833 at the age of 76 and is buried at the Prentiss Cemetery in Otsego County New York.

**Isaac Emmons 1759 - 1786**

Isaac was born at South farms to parents Arthur and Sarah Porter Emmons. Isaac served in the revolution as a Private with Colonel Webb and later in a Company commanded by Captain Barnes as part of Colonel Hookers Regiment. He married the 28th of September 1778 Hepsibath Doolittle at Wallingford Connecticut. He died, in debt at the young age of 27, on the 2nd of November 1786 leaving a wife and four children. His home was due for foreclosure by auction on the 29th of that same month.

**Corporal Phineas Emmons 1756 - 1825**

Phineas, the son of Arthur and Sarah Porter Emmons was born at South Farms on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1756 . He married Keziah Palmer on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1776. He enlisted at the age of 19 and served as a Corporal in the New York Line. Following the war he was awarded a pension of \$8.00 a month for his service. his occupation, a butcher. He died at South Farms on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 1825 at the age of 89. His wife Keziah collected on his pension until her death in 1838 at the age of 87.

**William Emmons III 1744 - 1791**

William was born at South Farms on the 8th of October 1744, the third child of William and Sarah Barnes Emmons. His first exposure to the Military came with his service in the French and Indian war campaign of 1762. It is recorded that he served in the 9th Company commanded by Archibal McNiel. He married Thankful Lee on the 4th of April 1768 at Litchfield. He served in Local Militia units during the revolution. A Payroll record in his name has the remark "for services guarding Prisoners in Hartford" He died at Litchfield on the 4th of November 1791, at the young age of 47.

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**Samuel Ensign Jr. 1740 - 1819**

Samuel was christened on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 1749 at Hartford, Connecticut to Parents Moses and Leve Andrews Ensign. It is recorded that he served during the French and Indian Wars in the Campaign of 1762 under Commander Archibald McNeil. During the year 1764 he purchased land in South Farms and began construction of a home. He married at Hartford on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 1767 Mary Slade. He earned his living as a Blacksmith and nail maker. He held the position of Lister and rate maker in 1773 and as a Grand Juror in 1780. He died on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December 1819 at the age of 79 and is buried at the East Morris cemetery.

**Gad Farnam 1736 - 1819**

Gad was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1736 at Guilford, Connecticut to parents John and Hannah Crittenden Farnam. He is recorded as serving in the French and Indian war campaigns of 1756 and 1757. He married at Litchfield on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1760 Jane Bishop. At the onset of hostilities he was about 40 years of age with a wife and several Children to feed. Litchfield historical records record his appointment as a supplier of Clothing and goods

to the Army. He died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1819. a Patriot at the age of 93. He is buried at the East Morris cemetery.

### **Seth Farnam Sr. 1733- 1820**

Seth, the younger brother of Gad was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 1733 at Guilford to Parents John and Hannah Crittenden Farnam . In January of 1766 he married Sarah Woodruff Gibbs as recorded at Litchfield. His Military service was under the Command of General Gates in the Northern campaign of 1777. He is recorded in Ms. Cropsey's book of Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Litchfield County and in the Hale collection. He died on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1820 at the age of 86 and is buried within the East Morris Cemetery.

### **John Farnam 1770 -1827**

John the son of Seth and Dinah Woodruff Gibbs Farnum of south farms, he was born in the year 1770. He was 5 years old at the outbreak of hostilities in 1775. Thus his Military service came late in the War. In the year 1782 he was recorded as a Corporal serving with the 2nd Connecticut Regiment. His service is recognized on a plaque mounted on the Morris green. He married Hannah Taylor in 1795 and they remained in South Farms where he died on the 21st of March 1824. He is buried at the Morris burying grounds.

### **Aaron Gibbs 1736 - After 1779**

Aaron the son of Zebulon and Eunice Gibbs was born at South Farms on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1736. He married Desire Clemmens on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1758 at Litchfield. He acquired land from his father Zebulon in 1759 on which he built his first home at South Farms. He sold that homestead in 1774. He served during the Revolution with Captain Alexander Waugh's 17th Regiment of Militia. On the 10th of July 1779 he rode to oppose the British who were burning Fairfield and Norwalk.. Little is known of his post war activities accepting a reference in the 1790 U. S. Census of living in Hebron, New York. His date of death and location of his burial is unknown.

### **Benjamin Gibbs Sr, 1710 - 1798**

Benjamin was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1710 to parents Benjamin and Abigail Marshall Gibbs at Windsor, Connecticut. He married Dinah Woodruff on May 30<sup>th</sup> 1730 at Litchfield. He served in the French and Indian wars as a lieutenant with Solomon Buels Company. He responded to the Fort McHenry alarm in 1757. He is listed as a soldier and Patriot of the Revolution in Joyce Cropsey's book, on page 50. He died 29 September 1798 at the age of 88.

### **Benjamin Gibbs Jr. 1747 - 1785**

Benjamin was born October 12<sup>th</sup> 1747 to Benjamin and Dinah Woodruff Gibbs of South Farms. Litchfield Connecticut. His military service consisted of militia duty as a Corporal with the 5<sup>th</sup> Company of the 7th Regiment, enlisting in 1775. He married in 1774 Thankful London

at Litchfield and they had 5 children. He died of a fractured skull caused by a falling tree in 1783 at the age of 39.

### **Darius Spencer Gibbs 1759 - 1811**

Darius was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1758 to parents Warham and Eunice Spencer Gibbs as recorded at Litchfield. In the spring of 1776 he served with Captain Titus Watson's company in Colonel Charles Burrell's Battalion in the northern command. He served at the battle of the Cedars, just 34 miles south of Montreal. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 1780 he married Sibbel Powers at Litchfield. He and Sibbel relocated to Rutland Vermont where he settled and became a Deacon of his church. He died at Benton, Rutland, Vermont on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1811 after an illness of some four weeks duration. He was survived by his wife, Sibbel and 10 children.

### **Gershon Gibbs Sr. 1721 - 1776**

Gershon was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 1721 at Litchfield to parents Benjamin and Abigail Marshal Gibbs. He is the first male child recorded as born at Litchfield. In 1747 he married Tabitha Moore of Litchfield. Several Gibbs family members enlisted in early 1776 and were involved in the defense of New York. Gershom senior was included in the detachment of 36 soldiers selected to cross the Hudson and defend Fort Washington. Ill prepared, outnumbered and betrayed, the defenses were soon defeated, and on November 16<sup>th</sup> Gershom, his son Issac, and 600 other revolutionaries were imprisoned. Upon hearing of her husband and son's capture, Tabitha forwarded \$3.00 for their aid. Imprisoned, starved and mistreated, first at the Livingston Sugar House and later aboard the infamous prison ship, *Grosvenor*, he died less than a month later, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 1776 at the age of 55. He was survived by his wife, a daughter and three sons, Gershom junior, and Moore, both serving somewhere in New Jersey, and lastly Isaac, a fellow prisoner suffering aboard the same prison ship. Isaac died 19 days later. Captain Beebe returned the \$3.00 to Tabitha.

### **Gershom Gibbs Jr. 1750 - 1843**

Gershom Gibbs junior was born 18 July as recorded at Litchfield to parents Gershom and Tabitha Moore Gibbs. He married 1774 at Litchfield, Submit Cadger. He gave testimony in 1818, stating that he enlisted in the spring of 1776 at Litchfield, in a company commanded by Captain Beebe and went with his command to Bergen New Jersey. He further stated that in 1778, he again enlisted, this time in a company of artificers commanded by Captain Richard Lamb and was stationed at Danbury, where he served for two years. He was awarded a pension of \$144.00 per annum, on which he collected until his death on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1833, at the age of 83.

### **Isaac Gibbs 1759 - 1777**

Isaac was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1759 to parents Gershom and Tabitha Moore Gibbs as recorded at Litchfield. At the onset of hostilities Isaac was 17 years of age. He and his father enlisted in Captain Bezaleel Beebe's company, being raised for the defense of New York. Once equipped and trained they were off to join their Regiment commanded by Colonel



Bradley. Beebe's company of 91 northwest Connecticut soldiers were eventually positioned at Fort Lee, across the Hudson river from Fort Washington. In November of 1776, as General Washington's forces retreated, Captain Beebe selected a detachment of 36 men including Isaac and his father Gershom senior to cross the Hudson and aid in the defense of Fort Washington. Thus on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> 1776 Isaac and his father became prisoners. Isaac, Starved, maltreated and cramped aboard a disease ridden prison ship named the Grosvenor, survived but a short time succumbing to his conditions he died on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1777.

#### **Ithamar Gibbs 1756 - 1828**

Ithamar was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1756 to Captain Benjamin and Dinah Woodruff Gibbs as recorded at Litchfield. He stated in his 1818 testimony that he enlisted during March of 1776 at Litchfield in Captain Beebe's company. He was discharged in 1777. He served multiple enlistments, the last of which was in June of 1781, again with Colonel Beebe. It was in that same year that he married Elizabeth Woodworth at Litchfield. Following the war they removed to New York state. He died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1828 in Albany, New York at the age of 73 a widower

#### **Lieutenant Lemuel Gibbs 1737 - 1827**

Lemuel Gibbs was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1737 to parents Benjamin and Dinah Woodruff Gibbs. His first military training came under the supervision of the British in the French and Indian campaign of 1758. He married on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1761, Ester Johnson and settled in a newly constructed home on what is now called the Thomaston Road. In 1775 he enlisted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Webb. After the war he farmed and operated a distillery and cider mill. He died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 1827 at the age of 90.

#### **Moore Gibbs 1757 - 1834**

Moore was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1757 to parents Gershom and Tabitha Moore Gibbs of South Farms as recorded at Litchfield. He states in his deposition of 9 March 1818 that he enlisted during the month of April 1777 as a Private soldier in a company of Light Dragoons commanded by a Captain Josiah in a Regiment commanded by Elisha Phelps. He further states he served till war's end. At war's end on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1783 he was discharged. His discharge was signed under the hand of Elisha Phelps thanking him for his more than six years of service. He returned to Litchfield, farmed and practiced the trade of Shoemaking. He married Patience Skeel during the month of June 1786. He was awarded a pension for his service in 1818, in the amount of \$96.00 annually. He died on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1834, at the age of 77 survived by his wife Patience, and 6 of his 9 children. He is buried at the Milton cemetery.

#### **Remembrance Gibbs 1734 - 1818**

Best guess is that remembrance was born to parents Zebulon and Eunice Woodruff Gibbs on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1734. . There is a reference to his marrying Rachel Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> of

May 1763. The Hale collection of Newspaper articles refers to a Remembrance Gibbs, formerly of Litchfield, as dying at Livonia New York. An application for a headstone filed with the Department of Defence on Form 1330 requests a headstone for Remembrance Gibbs of Litchfield who was born February 4th 1734. It further defines his service as the Revolutionary War, enlisting on the 10th of July 1775 and serving until the 18th of December 1775 as a Sergeant in the 5th Company of the 7th regiment Continental troops of Connecticut. That form further directs that the headstone be delivered to Union Cemetery Livonia New York.

### **Simeon Gibbs 1759 - 1833**

Simeon's birth is recorded at Litchfield as 3 September 1759, and his parents are listed as Justice and Hannah Gibbs. He married Hannah Martin in November of 1778. His pension application states he enlisted in The Revolution during December of 1775 at the age of 16. He was awarded a pension of \$96.00 annual. He was recorded as living at various locations within New York state, one of which was Avon, Livingston, New York in 1822. His obituary reads, "DIED In South Farms on the 28th Mr. Simeon Gibbs, aged 73 — a revolutionary Pensioner". The year was 1833.

### **Oliver Gibbs 1762 -1826**

Oliver was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1762 to parents Gershman and Tabitha Moore Gibbs as recorded at Litchfield. We find his first military record dated September of 1778, listed as a private in Captain Joel Gillets Company, Colonel Enos Regiment. In 1779 he was listed as serving with Webbs 2nd Connecticut Line. He married on the 5th of February 1786, Jane Speese at Woodbury and they settled in South Britain. He is recorded as removing to New York about the year 1790. He died 17 May 1826 at Rochester, Monroe, New York.

### **Private Timothy Gibbs 1761 - Unknown**

Tim is recorded as being born on the 18th of December 1761 to Parents Justus and Hannah Lindsey as recorded at Litchfield. He enlisted at age 16 and is recorded on the marching roll of Captain Griswolds Company dated 4 March 1777. His name also appears on the Rolls of the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Bradley. Records state he married Lydia Gibbs on the 28th of February 1782 at Litchfield.. Research is ongoing to discover his post revolution story.

### **Lieutenant Wareham Gibbs 1734 - 1783**

Wareham was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1734 to parents Zebulon and Eunice Woodruff Gibbs as recorded at Litchfield. He married on the 4th of March 1756 Eunice Spencer of Suffield. His military training came with his participation in the French and Indian wars. Payroll records show he served as a corporal in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 10<sup>th</sup> Company commanded by Captain Archibald McNeal in the 1758 campaign. His service to the Revolution is long and well documented starting in 1775, He was a First lieutenant in the 8<sup>th</sup> company 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment under colonel Hinman at Saratoga. In 1776 and 7 he was a first lieutenant serving with Asphalts Halls Company in Major Austin's Regiment. He participated in the New Haven raid defense. He served 8 days in Captain Tehan Nobles Company, Colonel Ira Allen's Regiment within the

state of Vermont. He served till war's end. He fathered 6 children all born at Litchfield. The exact date and location of his death are elusive but we do know it was sometime after 1793 and most probable at Washington county, New York.

### **Captain William Gibbs Jr. 1735 - 1818**

William stated in his pension application that he was born in Litchfield on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1735. Research identifies his parents as William and Elizabeth Gibbs. he married Amy Peck during the month of September 1769. His testimony further reveals that in June of 1776 he was already enlisted in Captain Seymours company of horse, that the British had evacuated Boston and that New York was his destination. his service was till war's end. He died at South Farms on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of october 1818 at the age of 83.

### **Truman Gibbs 1758 - 1830**

Truman was born at Litchfield during the year 1758 to parents Benjamin and Dinah Woodruff Gibbs, as recorded at litchfield. He married Anna Barnes of South Farms on the 17th of February 1773. He enlisted in 1776 and served as a trumpeter in captain Moses Symnours company, Major Elisha Sheldon's 5th Connecticut Regiment of light horse. Following the war he removed to Bridgeport Lawrence Illinois where he died on the 22nd of September 1840.

### **Captain Zebulon Gibbs 1711 - 1803**

Zebulon was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1711 at Windsor to parents Benjamin and Abigail Marshall Gibbs. he removed to Litchfield in 1720 with his family as a 10 year old. He is quoted in his published narrative as stating,"I went up to Ticonderoga in the late Revolutionary war with colonel Hinnman. I was active in the French war in the year 1756, till the year 1782". I was a conductor of teams of horses by which means I obtained the title Captain. He married Eunice Woodruff on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 1733 or 4 as recorded at Litchfield. By his count he had 9 children, and 48 grandchildren. At age 91 he stated that he was able to sow and reap his crops and expected to do the same in the next year. He died on the 8th of January 1803 as recorded at Litchfield.

### **Captain Nathaniel Goodwin Sr. 1727 - 1777**

Nathaniel was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1727 to parents Abraham and Mary Goodwin. He married on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1751 Elizabeth Marsh. In February of 1754, his father gifted him 50 acres of land at South Farms where he took up residence. He served as a lister, later known as a tax collector and served as a constable. He was appointed a Lieutenant in the litchfield third company of militia in 1767. In 1776 he served in Captain Joel Skinner's company within the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Connecticut light horse commanded by Elisha Sheldon. In 1777 he was commissioned a Captain and while awaiting assignment to New York City he took the Smallpox vaccination from which he died. He is buried at the West Cemetery, in Litchfield. .

### **Nathaniel Goodwin 1760 - 1841**

born 4 February 1760 to parents, Captain Nathaniel and Elizabeth Marsh Goodwin of South Farms. His service choice was clear, he enlisted immediately in his fathers command

destined for the defense of New York and subsequently served under Captain Archibald Buell. Following the war he built a home on what is now called the Thomaston Road and married on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1785 Rhoda Orion. Rohda died in 1797 as recorded at Litchfield. He died at South Farms on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1841, having lived 81 years.

#### **Phineas Goodwin 1756 - 1777**

Phineas was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1756 at South Farms probably on the family farm located on what is now known as the Thomaston Road, to parents Thomas and Anna Kilbourn Goodwin. A young man of twenty, he enlisted in Colonel Beebe's company of local men destined for the defense of New York. Within a week they were armed, trained and on their way. The British invaded in August. Phineas became one of the 36 local men assigned to defend Fort Washington. held as a prisoner it was reported he died at the prisoner center. at the "North Church" on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1777. two days short of his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday

#### **Thomas Goodwin 1729 - 1807**

Thomas was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1729 to parents Abraham and Mary Bird Goodwin, as recorded at Litchfield. He married on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 1752 Anna Kilbourn. His name is celebrated on page 52 of Joyce Cropseys, "Register of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots buried in Litchfield county, and on a bronze plaque displayed on the orris green honoring those who served. He died at South Farms on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November in his 78<sup>th</sup> year.

#### **Captain Solomon Goodwin 1755 - 1835**

Solomon was born at Litchfield on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 1755 to parents Nathaniel and Elizabeth Marsh Goodwin. Upon hearing of the Lexington Alarm he enlisted immediately in the defense of his community. His first enlistment was with Captain Welch's company campaigning along the Hudson river. In January of 1776 he enlisted as a sergeant within Captain Beebe's company and was off to the defense of New York City and the battles across New Jersey. In 1781 he married Anna Waugh of South Farms and they settled ;locally and had six children. In 1802 they removed to Oneida County, New York. In 1818 he applied for and was awarded.a pension of \$96.00 annually. Solomon died at Rome New York on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1835, a Deacon in his church.

#### **Private Uri Goodwin 1763 - 1840**

Uri was born 13 October 1763 to South Farm residents Thomas and Anne Kilbourn Goodwin. His service came later in the Revolution as he was only 13 years old at its beginning. In the year 1782 he is recorded as serving in Captain Alexander waughs company as part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the Fairfield Norwalk area. In October of 1795 he married Bethlehem resident Olive knapp. He supported his family as a Farmer and Cooper. Olive died in 1817 leaving Uri with two or three minor children still living at home. He spent with the exception of a couple of years when he traveled to Syracuse the remainder of his life in South Farms He was alone, worn and without means. he died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1830

### **Johnathan Griswold 1741 - 1823**

Jonathan was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 1741 at Durham to parents Hezekiah and Mary Eunice Rowely Olmstead Griswold. His introduction to the military came as he served in the French and Indian war as a Private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Eliphalet Dyer. He married Elizabeth Weeks on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 1764. They settled on what is now known as West Morris Road in Morris. In 1775, Jonathan enlisted with Captain Nathaniel Tuttle in Colonel Charles Webb's Regiment. Later in life he removed to Herkimer, New York, he returned a few years before his death at South Farms. He died on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1823 at the age of 82..

### **Mideon Griswold 1763 - 1829** ????

Mideon also spelled Midian, the first born son of Jonathan and Elizebeth Weeks Griswold of South Farms. He was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1763. At the outbreak of hostilities he was only about 12 years old and his father was enlisting, leaving him, the oldest male at home. He later enlisted and served with Sheldon's Dragoons. He was awarded a pension for his service, on which he collected until his death on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1829 at the age of 66. He is buried at the Bantam cemetery.

### **William Hall II 1739 - 1777**

Born at Guilford, Connecticut on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1739 to parents William and Mary (Mercy) Barnes Hall. He married Mary Smedley On the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1758 as recorded at Litchfield. They settled at South Farms, in an area that is now part of Bethlehem. He is noted as being active in forming the Society of South Farms. He responded early to the call for Patriots and served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut under Col. Webb... His name appears on page 55 of Joyce Cropsey's book, "Register of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots buried in Litchfield County" and his name, as well as his son William the 3<sup>rd</sup> appear on a bronze plaque displayed on the Morris Green. Both are designated as killed in the Revolution, his date of death is recorded as the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 1777, he left a wife and five children.

### **William Hall III 1758 - 1779**

William was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1758 as recorded at Litchfield to parents William and Mary Smedley Hall of South Farms. I have found no credible marriage record or further mention of his name except to report that his name appears to be on the bronze plaque at the Morris green, honoring those who served in the revolution. The plaque also identifies him as killed in the war. A Connecticut church record states, "William.Jr..d.July 8 1779 "slain in battle at Fairfield."

### **Daniel Harrison 1770 - 1811**

Daniel is only referred to as Dan in the Litchfield records. He is recorded as being born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1770 to parents Elihu and Theda Woodruff Harrison of South Farms. He married on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 1797 Abigail Goodwin, His name is mounted on the Morris

Green plaque for all to see. He died at South Farms on the 4th of June 1811 and he is buried at the Morris Cemetery.

### **Elihu Harrison 1739 - 1806**

Elihu was born in 1739, the year his parents Thomas and Hannah Sutliff Harrison removed to Litchfield from North Branford. He was a member of the church from 1745. His military service came with the 9th Company of the 4th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Fitch in the 1759 campaign of the French and Indian wars. In the year 1764 he built and occupied a tavern on the southeast corner of Straits Turnpike and the Thomaston Road. He married Theda Woodruff of Litchfield on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1764. He took the oath and enlisted in the Continental Army on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1776, serving in Colonel Andrew Ward's Regiment within General Lee's command. At war's end he returned to South Farms where he and Theda raised their family. He died at South Farms May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1806 at the age of 67.

### **David Harrison 1753 - 1812**

David was born 9 November 1753 to South Farm residents Ephrain and Hannah Sanford Harrison. He married first Jerusha Marsh during October of 1777 at Litchfield. He served in the revolution as a private with the 4th Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment commanded by Captain David Welch of Litchfield and General Wooster respectively. He died on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1812 survived by his second wife Mehetable, at the age of 61.

### **lieutenant Ephrain Harrison 1726 - 1791**

Ephrain one of nine sons of Thomas and Hannah Suliff Harrison of Branford Connecticut. He was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 1726. The entire family relocated to the South Farms section of Litchfield in 1739. He married on the 15<sup>th</sup> of february 1750 Hannah Sanford at Litchfield. Upon the outbreak of the Revolution Ephrain was a 50 year old farmer married with seven children. He is listed on page 55 of Joyce Cropsey's "book of Patriots and Soldiers buried in Litchfield county". he died on the 7th of November 1791 survived by his wife Hannah, a midwife who has the distinction of being remembered for her record of assisting the births of 2,182 children.

### **Ensign Gideon Harrison 1724 - 1801**

Gideon was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1724 at Branford, New Haven county Connecticut to parents Thomas and Hannah Suliff Harrison. During February of 1747 he married Ssarah Woodruff. His introduction to military service came with his participation in the French and Indian wars. Records show he served as an ensign in Colonel Wooster's 4<sup>th</sup> R Regiment during the campaign of 1758. His service in the Revolution was an Ensign in the 8<sup>th</sup> Company serving with Captain Archibald McNeal. His wife Sarah passed away in 1799 and he followed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 1801 at the age of 77.

**Corporal Jacob Harrison 1734 - 1776**

Jacob was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October at Branford, Connecticut to parents Thomas and Hannah Sutliff Harrison. His parents removed to Litchfield in 1739. Payroll records identify Jacob as a Corporal serving with Captain Archibald McNiels company in the French and Indian campaign of 1759. He married Elizabeth Plumb of Litchfield on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1762. His service to the Revolution was cut short with his untimely death on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 1776. He was survived by his wife and four children. His name appears on the Revolutionary war memorial on the Morris Green.

**Ensign Lemuel Harrison 1737/8 - 1807**

Lemuel the son of Thomas Harrison junior and Hannah Suliff Harrison was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 1737 at Branford Connecticut, he removed to the South farms section of Litchfield about 1740. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of february 1762 he married Lois Barnes as recorded at Litchfield He is recorded as serving as an Ensign the 17<sup>th</sup> connecticut regiment of Militia. He died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1807.

**Levi Harrison 1741 - 1796**

Levi was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1741 at South Farms to parents, Captain Thomas andHhannah Sutliff Harrison as recorded at litchfield, He was one of nine brothers. Each Brother was deeded 100 acres at South Farms from their father. He married on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1766 Electa woodruff st Litchfield.. His Revolutionary war service was recorded as service in 1778 with Captain Joel Gilets Company within Colonel Enos Regiment. He died, a widower at South Farms, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1796 leaving his farm to his only son,John

**Private Solomon Harrison 1761 - 1834**

Solomon was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 1760 at South Farms to parents Lieutenant Ephrain andHhannah Sanford Harrison as recorded at Litchfield. He states, under oath in his 1832 testimony, that he enlisted at Litchfield, in October or early November of the year 1776, into Captain Schubel Griswolds Company of Colonel Whiting's Regiment of the Connecticut troops. During this enlistment he served at Valentine Hill. Discharged in April of 1777 he again enlisted and served at Peekskill for three months. During enlistments in 1778 and again in 1779 he served with his father Lieutenant Ephrain Harrison. His service was till war's end. He married Susan Gunn of Milford about the year 1785 In 1823 he became a pensioner receiving \$3.03 per month. He died on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1834 as recorded at Bethlehem.

**Thomas Harrison jr. 1722 - 1791**

Thomas was born the first son of Thomas and Hannah Sutliff Harrison, Born on 14th of December 1722 at Branford New Haven Connecticut. In 1739 his family relocated to the South Farms section of Litchfield. He as did his brothers served in the French and Indian wars. He married at litchfield Sibel Shumway on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1764. Joyce Corpsys

book and the Hale collection list him as a participant in the Revolution. He died at the young age of 55, a father of four, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1791.

### **Sgt. Amos Johnson 1739 - 1776**

Amos was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1739 to parents Edward and Elizabeth Barnes Johnson of Wallingford, Connecticut. His military training came in the French and Indian war campaign of 1758. Between wars he married 12 October 1762 Jemima Chamberlain as recorded at Litchfield. In July of 1775 records list him as serving in Captain Nathaniel Tuttle's company as part of Colonel Webb's 7th Connecticut. Upon a reorganization he ended up in Captain Keeler's company of Colonel Bradley's Regiment. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1776 he became a Prisoner of War at the surrender of Fort Mifflin. He and 2,600 other prisoners were confined at various locations in the city. It is stated that he died soon thereafter from the effects of prisoner life.. His burial site is the "prison ship martyrs monument" in Brooklyn Kings County New York. He was survived by his wife and eight of his nine children.

### **Jared Knapp 1751 - 1784**

It is thought that Jared was baptized on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1752 to Jemima, widow of Moses Knapp. Jared states that as a resident of Litchfield on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1775 he enlisted in Captain Ezaleel Beebe's company and served 8 months at Ticonderoga. In April of 1776 he again enlisted, this time in Captain Hurds Company, Colonel Gould Hillman's Regiment. During the retreat from New York he participated in the battles of Flatbush and Harlem Heights plus associated skirmishes and was wounded by a cannonball. The severity of the injury is unknown. In January of 1777 he again enlisted, this time as a sergeant serving with Captain Wright's company within Colonel Bradley's Regiment fighting at the battle of Germantown. Again wounded, this time by exploding cartridges he was treated at Valley Forge at which place he remained until June of 1778. He later served in Colonel Swift's Regiment. He continued his service till war's end being honorably discharged on June 8<sup>th</sup> 1783. He married Caty Baldwin June 9<sup>th</sup> 1795 at Derby, Connecticut as is recorded at Litchfield where they resided. He was allowed a disability pension from 1793 for his war wounds. He and Catherine had nine children at Litchfield. He lived in Litchfield till sometime before 1826 at which year he is recorded as living in Bethany, New York. He died December 13<sup>th</sup> 1834 probably at Warsaw New York.

### **Daniel Lamson 1755 - 1762**

Daniel was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1755 at Litchfield. He served in the Revolution and is recorded as a soldier of the Revolution in the Hale collection. He married Lois Benton at Litchfield on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1784. In 1833 he applied for and was awarded a pension for his service. In that same year, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February Lois passed away and Daniel, now 78 years old, took a second wife, Anna Benton. He died at South Farms on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1852 at the impressive age of 98 years 7 months and 6 days. It was noted in his obituary that he had been the oldest man in town.



### **Abiel linsley III. 1758 - 1813**

Abiel was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 1757 to parents Abiel and Thankful Pond Linsley as recorded at Litchfield. He married 28 September 1783 at Woodbury Ann Gilbert. His military service starts with his enlistment during April of 1775 for the Lexington alarm and subsequent march to Boston with Colonel Hinman's Regiment. He was discharged from this enlistment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 1775. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1777 he again enlisted, this time for the duration with the 5th Connecticut line and was appointed Quartermaster Sergeant to the 8th Connecticut during April of 1780. He served until the war's end in 1783. After his death his family applied for pension benefits but were denied, the government ruling that Abiel had been listed as deserted at war's end and thus ineligible. The family reappealed to no avail. Following the war, Abiel removed to Cornwall, Vermont to prewar land holdings, where he lived for a number of years. In 1794 he removed with his family to Augusta, Oneida New York. Abiel died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 1813 at Plattsburgh New York survived by his wife Ann.

### **Soloman Linsley Jr. 1758 - 1839**

Solomon was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 1759 to parents Solomon and Mindwell Peck Linsley as recorded at Litchfield. While a resident of Litchfield, he enlisted with the Connecticut troops serving as a Corporal and Sergeant as follows. From March or April of 1778, one year as a Corporal in Captain Smith's Company in Colonel Meads Regiment. from sometime in the spring of 1779, one year as a Corporal in Captain Gillets Company in Colonel Enos Regiment, and participated in the battles of Fairfield and Norwalk. from sometimes in December, of 1780 as a sergeant in Captain James Morris and Captain Timothy Taylors company within Colonel Herman Swifts Regiment, He was discharged on the 8th of July 1783. Following his service he returned to South Farm's. In 1786 he married Katherine Wade and Shortly thereafter they removed to Cornwall, Vermont. The 1810 census finds he and Katherine residing in Madrid Saint Lawrence, New York where he spent the remainder of his life, Solomon died on the 9th of August 1839, aged 80, a pensioner, survived by his second wife Lucy Fairbanks Linsley.,

### **John Lyman before 1760 - 1777**

John's beginnings are shrouded in mystery and research is ongoing. Records show that he enlisted probably in January of 1776, in Captain Bezaleel Beebe's Company, being formed for the defense of New York. The company was made up almost entirely of men from northwest Connecticut. They marched off within a week of their enlistment destined for Fairfield to join Colonel Andrew Ward's regiment. It is recorded That John was armed with and carried the musket of John Agard . They next were deployed to Fort Lee in New Jersey. John became one of the 36 men detailed to the defense of Fort Washington. Overrun by the British he was made a prisoner of war on November 16<sup>th</sup> of 1776. Maltreated and starved he died as a prisoner, date unknown. There exists an alternative account of his death, A church record states "d. { }, 1776 On returning from captivity Taken at Ft. Washington" . His name is honored upon a bronze plaque placed on the Morris Green for all to see.

### **Captain Joseph Mansfield 1737 - 1821**

born 16 April at North Haven to parents Joseph and Phoebe Basset Mansfield. He married Hannah Punderdon on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 1761 at New Haven. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1775 he

enlisted as a Private in the 10<sup>th</sup> Company of the 7th Regiment. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1775 they were ordered to Boston to serve with General Sullivan's Command. Discharged December 15<sup>th</sup> 1775, he enlisted with the Continental Army being commissioned a Lieutenant on 16 January 1776. They were dispatched to New York to serve in General Washington's command. The British landed at Long Island on August 22nd pushing the continentals out of New York. Joseph participated in battles and actions during the retreat the last of which was the battle of White Plains after which he retreated with the Connecticut troops to Redding. He was promoted to Captain on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1777. In 1780 at the age of 43 he resigned his commission and left the army. He died at South Farms on the 6th of June 1821, a pensioner. he was survived by his wife Hannah and 8 of his 9 children.

### **Captain John Marsh Senior 1712 - 1780**

John Marsh was born at Hartford on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1712 to parents John and Elizabeth Pitkin Marsh. At the age of nine he removed with his family to the south farms section of litchfield. On August 20<sup>th</sup> 1733 John married Sarah Webster at a ceremony officiated by his father. John served in the French and Indian wars. Sarah passed sometime before 1779 and John married again to Sarah Strong. He served on the committee of safety of litchfield. He is recognized as a Patriot of the Revolution by the Daughters of the American Revolution. He died on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 1780 at South Farms.

### **Captain John Marsh II 1733 - 1806**

John was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 1733 to parents John and Sarah Webster Marsh as recorded at Litchfield. He married Sara Marsh, a cousin, at the age of 27. He served as a company commander, serving under his father in law Colonel Ebenezer Marsh during the alarm and relief of Fort William Henry and adjoining communities. His name appears on a bronze plaque honoring those who served in the Revolution, displayed for all to view at the Morris Green. He died on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1806 at South Farms.

### **Joseph Mason 1755 - 1844**

Joseph is recorded at Litchfield as being born on the 27th of April 1755 and his parents are listed as Joseph Junior and Rebecca Skinner Mason. He married Mehitabel Seymour. He was listed as being taxable within the South Farms Parish. His Obituary reads "DIED in this town on the 21st inst., Mr. Joseph Mason, a revolutionary pensioner and much esteemed citizen, in the 89th year of his age". He is buried at Northfield cemetery beside his wife,

### **Captain James Morris 1752 - 1820**

James was born at South Farms on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1752 to parents James Morris jr. and Phoebe Barnes Morris. A bright child he had learned to read by age 4 and had read his fathers bible by age 6. He attended and graduated from Yale college in 1775. Following

graduation he accepted a commission as a Ensign in the Connecticut Militia and as such saw action at Long Island and White Plains. In 1777 he served as a recruiter on the Litchfield Green. He enlisted again and joined Washington's forces at Peekskill.. At the battle of Germantown he was captured and made a prisoner of war at Philadelphia. He eventually was Paroled to Long Island and released in a prisoner swap on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1881, He immediately rejoined the army at Peekskill and found he had been promoted to Captain during his capture. During this period he married Elizabeth Hubbard at litchfield. His service ends with being present at the battle of Yorktown and the British surrender. He followed his military career as an educator championing co-education, with creation of the Morris Academy. his first wife Elizabeth died in 1814 and he remarried in 1815 Rhonda Farnum. he died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1820.

### **Richard Morris About 1737 - 1806**

Very little is known of Richard. A local church record states that a Richard Morris ae67 was found dead. and the Litchfield Monitor published an obituary stating that a "Richard Morris a European by trade a Weaver who for several years had resided in this town (South Farms)". His name appears on the Revolutionary War Plaque mounted on the Morris Green declaring him a veteran. His death came on 19 August 1806 at South farms.

### **David Olmstead abt 1753 - 1777**

David's beginning is shrouded in indecision as one version indicates he may be the son of Richard and Mary Keeler Olmstead of Ridgefield and another version states that in 1767 being of lawful age he chose Daniel Olmstead of Ridgefield to be his legal guardian. he married at Litchfield, Rachel Woodruff on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 1771. He enlisted with his cousin Roger Olmstead in the 4<sup>th</sup> company of the 7<sup>th</sup> regiment under Captain Joseph Hoyt, serving from 7 August to 23 December 1775. He enlisted again in November of 1776 under Captain Beebe, and became one of the 36 men picked for the defense of Fort Washington, Captured and imprisoned within New York his death is recorded as the 4<sup>th</sup> of January of 1777

### **Azarian Orton 1757 - 1835**

Azarian was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1757 to parents Hezekiah and Anna Hannah SedgwickOorton, and he married on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 1780 Sibel Cleveland as recorded at Litchfield. He received a pension for his Revolutionary war service, He served as a Private in the Connecticut troops under Colonel Sheldon. He died in 1835 at Florence, Oneida county, New york.

### **Darius Orton 1760 - 1841**

Darius, a younger brother of Azarian, was born on the 18th of March 1760 to Parents Hezekiah and Anna Sedgewick Orton as recorded at Litchfield . He states in his pension request that he enlisted at age 16. He served under local Commanders, Captain Nathaniel Goodwin and Captain Enos Barnes. his name appears on the rolls of the 17th Militia Company that saddled up on the night of July 10th 1779 and rode to the defense of Danbury and Fairfield. Darius married Vashi Jackson about 1788. Following the war he, like many veterans, moved west in search of their destiny. He died a Pensioner on the 15th of February 1741 at harborcreek Pennsylvania. .

### **Samuel Orton 1759 - 1833**

Samuel was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1759 to parents Samuel and Ruth Mason Orton. At the revolutions onset he was 16 years of age and is recorded in 1779 as serving with Colonel Alexander waughs 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Militia. in the counter attacks on the British forces who were attacking Fairfield and Norwalk. In 1784 he married Sarah Tucker. he died about 1833, location not recorded but evidence points to Woodbury.

### **Lieutenant John Orton 1744 - 1785**

John was born on the 4th of March 1744 to Parents Samuel and Abigail Orton as recorded at Litchfield. His early years were spent at South farms on the east side of the Great pond. He married Remember Landers on the 20th of November 1764 at Sharon Connecticut where they settled. He is credited as serving in the 2nd Company of the 14th regiment in 1775. He died 8 April 1785 at the early age of 42 and is buried at Sharon, Connecticut.

### **Lemuel Orton 1761- 1831**

Lemuel was born on the 5th of March 1761 to parents Samuel and Mary Orton. He enlisted and served 5 years with Captain Josiah Stoddard within Colonel Elisha Sheldons Light Dragoons 2nd Connecticut Regiment. He was engaged in the following battles, Monmouth, Frogs Neck, Youngs and Terrytown. In 1818 he applied for and was awarded a pension of \$96.00 annually for his Revolution service. He died on the 29th of September 1831 and is buried at Sharon Franklin Ohio. He was survived by his wife Sibbel Peck Orton.

### **Jeremiah Osborn 1741 - 1816**

Jeremiah was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1741 to parents Benjamin and Elizabeth Webster, Osbon as recorded at Litchfield. Some accounts show he married in 1774 Lois Vail of litchfield. His military service was with the 17th Militia Company. He participated in the July 1779 Danbury Raid defense. His name appears both on the rolls and "list of Connecticut men in the revolution" and on a bronze plaque mounted on the MorrisGreen. It is thought he died on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1826.

**Dr. Joseph Parker 1759 - 1830**

Joseph was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1760 in Woodbury to parents Thomas and Abigail Dutton Parker. His revolutionary war service was recorded in 1778 and 79 with a Connecticut Battalion. He married first Lydia Harrison of South Farms on the 2nd of January 1786. He purchased a home in 1792 located on the northside of route 109 and Higbee road where they lived until her death in 1806. He 2<sup>nd</sup> married Sarah Moss. He served the south farms community as their doctor for over 50 years. He died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 1830, survived by his wife Sarah and 5 children

**Asahel Peck 1762 - 1837**

Asahel Swore on his Pension application of 1834 that he was born at Litchfield on the 13th of August 1762. Other Records identify his parents as Reeve and Rachel Granger Peck. At the onset of the revolution he was about 14 years old, He further testifies that in June of 1777 he was drafted into a local Militia Company and marched to West Chester New York where they joined the regular Army. He relates that in November of 1778 he enlisted for six months and spent that entire time guarding British Prisoners of War at Litchfield. He marched to the New haven alarm and in 1781 marched with the local Militia to intercept and return to custody escaped deserters. He married, June 15<sup>th</sup> 1786 Hannah Farnum. at litchfield. Asahel died in 1837 at South Farms at the age of 75, a pensioner.

**John Peck Jr 1755 - 1831**

John was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1755 at New Milford to parents John and Sarah Platt Peck. He enlisted early in the Revolution serving at one time with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut Regiment and served till war's end. He married Mary Camp and they settled in the South Farms section of Litchfield. In 1826 he applied for and was awarded a Revolutionary war pension of \$80.00 annually, He died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1831 and is buried at the Foothill cemetery. His wife, Mary continued to collect on his pension until her death at the age of 97. Church records note that she was the last female Revolutionary war pensioner in Morris.

**Levi Peck 1748 - 1802**

Levi was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at the Chestnut Hill section of Litchfield, to parents Thomas and Sarah Smith Peck. He married Rachel Harrison of South Farms. in 1772. They settled in the South farms section of Litchfield. He served in the Continental Army as a private and was wounded in the shoulder during a skirmish at the battle of Ridgefield. Rachel died in 1791. He remarried that same year to Anna Jenks of Litchfield. His name appears upon a bronze memorial that honors his service displayed at the Morris Green. He died of consumption at South Farms on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1802. The location of his grave site remains a mystery sparked by the discovery of his headstone one hundred and ninety seven years later, in the cellar of property in Watertown Connecticut. "Where the heck is Levi Peck Became a local headline.

**Reeve Peck 1758 - 1830**

Reeve was born at Litchfield to parents Reeve and Rachel Granger Peck in the year 1758. He married Sarah Butler during the month of April in 1774. His military service came with Captain Seymours company of light horse. Census records indicate he removed to Cornwall, Addison County Vermont prior to 1810. His wife Sara died there about 1816. It is recorded that he died on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 1830 at Malone, Franklin, New York.

### **Gideon Phillips 1763 - 1834**

Gideon was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1771 to parents Gideon and Temperance Phillips as recorded at Litchfield, this record differs from Gideon's own sworn testimony given under oath at Litchfield in 1832 in which he stated, "in the month of October 1776 I enlisted in the army of the United States, under Captain Griswold of Farmington in this state. The other officers were Lieutenant Morris and Goodwin, both of Litchfield. The Ensign's name was J. Buell of Cornwall.. He further states he participated in the battle of White Plains at Valentine Hill. He was awarded a pension of \$100.00 annually on which he collected until his death. Following the war, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1785 he married Rhoda Stone and over the next 17 years they had 6 children. Gideon died at Litchfield on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1834.

### **Joel Potter 1761 - 1827**

Joel was born at New Haven in 1761 and baptized on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1764 to parents Joel and Susana Stacey Potter. At the outbreak of the Revolution he was about 14 years of age, thus his participation may have been restricted, it is known that he is awarded a pension for his service in the Connecticut line in the amount of \$96.00 annually. His rank on that document is listed as Drummer. Following the war on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1784, at Branford he married Thankful Stone, as recorded at Litchfield. His name appears on the bronze plaque displayed on the Morris Green that honors those South Farm residents that served. He died on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1827 and is buried at Headquarters Cemetery. His wife, Thankful continued to collect on his pension until her death.

### **William Rea 1755 - 1813**

William was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1755 to parents John and Elizabeth Gage of Beverly, Massachusetts. He was there at the Revolution's beginning. He, his father and brother were alarm riders for the Lexington alert. He had enlisted and served with Captain John Kettles Company of guards serving with Major Nathaniel Heath's detachment of Massachusetts Militia. He married at Litchfield on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1780, Hannah Gibbs and they made South Farms their home. He died 6 October 1813 at the age of 59.

### **Jeremiah Riggs 1750 - 1829**

Jeremiah was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1750 to parents Ebenezer and Rachel Peck Riggs of Derby, Connecticut. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1768 he married Anne Woodruff Oxford. They settled at South Farms. He is recorded as serving as a Corporal, in Captain Alexander

Wrights Company within the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He responded to both the Ridgefield, July 1777 and Norwalk, July 1779 incursions.. About 7 years after the birth of his 9th child they removed to New York state. Anne died about 1808 and Jeremiah returned to the Litchfield area and married his second wife, Rhonda of Plymouth. In February of 1811. Upon Rhoda's death, he returned to his children in New York and died there at Livonia livingston New York on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1829 and is buried there at the Union cemetery.

### **Simeon Ross 1718 - 1777**

Simeon was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 1718/9 at Windham, Connecticut to parents Joseph and Sarah Utley Ross. It is implied by the research that he married, before 1753 a woman by the first name of Mary, last or maiden name remains undiscovered. Like many of his generation he served in the French and Indian war campaign of 1757. He mustered with a company commanded by Ephraim Preston. His Revolutionary service came in his senior years. He served in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip Bradley. In a Muster roll of November 1777 he is listed as missing in action at the battle of Germantown. The defeat at Germantown cost the Revolutionary Army in excess of 1100 men, of which 700 men were killed in action plus 400 taken as prisoners and scores more went missing in action. He was about 59 years old.

### **Jonah Sanford 1735 - 1817**

Jonah was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 1735 at South Farms to parents Joseph and Mary Clark Sanford, as recorded at Litchfield. He married on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1767 Rhoda woodruff also of South Farms and settled into a life of farming. He was commissioned an ensign in 1770 and served with Captain jesse Curtis company within colonel Hookers Regiment, Erastus Wolcotts brigade. During the Revolution he served at peekskill, serving at Barracks number 3. he died in January of 1817 at the age of 81.

### **Joseph Sanford Jr. 1745 - 1813**

Joseph, the younger brother of Jonah, was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 1745 at South Farms to parents Joseph and Mary Clark Sanford. He married Mehitable Young on the 7th of March 1769 and settled in South Farms. At the onset of hostilities, he like his brother was married with children, yet enlisted and served. He was with Captain John Hinmans within the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Militia commanded by Colonel Mosley. He died on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 1813 survived by his wife and 5 of his 7 children.

### **Oliver Sanford 1732 - 1800**

It is thought that Oliver was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 1732 to parents Joseph and Mary Sanford at Durham, Middlesex county Connecticut. He removed at some point with his parents to Plymouth. On the 8th of February 1762 he married Elizabeth Lyon at Litchfield and they settled in the South Farms section of Litchfield. His service to the revolution is celebrated for all to see on a bronze plaque mounted on the Morris Green. Church records indicate he died at South Farms on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1800 at the age of 68.

**David Smith 1754 - 1805**

It is believed he was born about the year 1754 possibly in Litchfield, Connecticut. He married at Litchfield, Mary Beckam on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1780. For a reference to his Military service We refer to his inclusion in Joyce Cropsy's Book of Patriots and Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Litchfield county, page 104. The Hale Collection records his death as taking place on the 21st of April 1805. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife and about 5 children.

**Ephraim Smedley Jr. 1742 - 1821**

Ephraim was baptized on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1742 with parents Ephraim and Concurrence Hurd Smedley in attendance at Bethlehem. His military training came with service in the 9<sup>th</sup> company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> regiment commanded by captain Archibald McNiel during the French and Indian Campaign's.. He married on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1767 Anna Gibbs of South Farms. And settled in a newly constructed home located on what is now route 61 just North of Morris center. They had six children, he died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1821 in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of his life.

**Ephraim Spencer 1759 -1828**

Ephraim was born on the 31st of January 1759 at East Haddam Connecticut to parents Ebenezer and Hannah Gates Spencer, He states under oath in his Pension Application of 1818 that on the 4th of April 1777 he enlisted at East Haddam as a private soldier in a Company commanded by Captain Eliphalet Holmes in the first Connecticut Regiment. He participated in the Battle of Monmouth. On March 5th 1779 he received a warrant as a Corporal and was discharged on the 4th of April 1780. He married Sarah Stoddard at Litchfield on the 4th of June 1783

and settled into a newly constructed home which still stands on the corner of Route 209 and Benedict Road. His obituary stated "Died In this town suddenly, on the 17th. Mr Ephraim Spencer aged 68; a very useful and respected Citizen". The year was 1828. He was a Pensioner receiving \$8 monthly.

**Bryant Stoddard 1739 - 1823**

Bryant was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1739 as recorded in Litchfield, to parents James and Abigail Peck Stoddard. He served in the French and Indian war campaigns. He married Phebe Barnes on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1763. At the commencement of the Revolution he enlisted and is recorded as serving as a Captain of Militia, within Colonel Ephraim Sheldon's command. In 1779 he responded to the New Haven alarm helping repel the British raid. He died 18 February 1824 at the age of 84, survived by his wife Phoebe who lived to be 90.

**Captain John Stoddard 1736 - 1818**

John was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July to parents Moses and Ruth Goodwin Stoddard as recorded at Litchfield. At the age of 19 he married Eunice Goodwin of South Farms. His revolutionary war service is celebrated on a bronze plaque, displayed for all to view on the Morris Green, and his grave is noted as belonging to a revolutionary war veteran, both in the "Hale" collection



and on page 109 of Joyce Cropsey's "Register of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots buried in Litchfield county." Following the war he returned and spent the remainder of his life at South Farms, passing there on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 1818 at the age of 82. He was buried at the west cemetery in Litchfield with his wife Eunice who predeceased him.

### **Stephen Stone 1721 - 1792**

Stephen's birth date is recorded as 13 August 1721 at Guilford, Connecticut. His parents are listed as Stephen and Elizabeth Lehman Stone. He married Rebecca at Guilford in 1744. It is Probable that they removed shortly thereafter to the South Farms section of Litchfield and built a home on what is now known as Kenyon Road. Their first son, Stephen was born there in 1747. Rebecca died in 1767. She is and is buried in the family plot on the side of Todd Hill. Stephen married second Deliverance Chapman on the 12th of May 1768. At the onset of the Revolution Stephen was about 55 years old. His name appears on page 111 of Joyce Cropsey's Register of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots buried in Litchfield County. Stephen died at South farms IN 1792 and is buried within the family plot.

### **Benjamin Throop 1752 - 1833**

born 13 September 1752 in Litchfield to parents Joseph and Deborah Buell Throop. He married Mary Burgess of Litchfield in 1775. He rallied to the call for patriots in 1776 serving as a Major with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Company of the 2nd Connecticut Battalion. In the year 1779 he served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Regiment Commanded by colonel John Durkee. Upon war's end he settled at South Farms where he and Mary raised 11 children and operated a Milling company. He died 8 October 1884 at the age of 81.

### **Ezekiel Trumbull 1758 - 1838**

Ezekiel was born in the northwest corner of our state, Salisbury, to parents, the Honorable William and Mary Nichols Trumbull. He testified under oath that he enlisted at Litchfield on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1775 in Captain Tuttle's company, within Colonel Webb's Regiment, to serve for one year. He responded to the Fairfield, Norwalk raids in July of 1779, as a member of Alexander Waugh 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He married first Ruth Woodruff of Litchfield about 1780, she died on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1784 and shortly thereafter he married Anna Harrison of South Farms. He became a widower again in 1783 when Anna died. He applied for and was awarded a pension in 1819. He died in November of 1838, at the age of 78.

### **Alexander Waugh 1717 - 1789**

Alexander the son of John Waugh of Lebanon Connecticut moved here with his parents about 1746. His father constructed a home on what is now known as Todd hill Road that same year. His first military training occurred when he joined the 9th company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, and fought in the French and Indian campaign of 1762. Alexander married Elizabeth Throop of South Farms on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1766 and took possession of the

family home. On June 1<sup>st</sup> 1777, he, now a Lieutenant, with captain Nathaniel Goodwin and Ensign Ozais Godwin, all of South Farms, formed a company of 47 volunteers. In 1779 he was a Captain during the New Haven Alarm. In March of 1780. now over 60 years of age. He retired and lived his remaining years on Todd Hill, passing away on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 1789.

### **Joseph Waugh Jr. 1762 - 1850**

Joseph was born in the South Farms section of Litchfield to parents Joseph and Elizabeth as recorded at litchfield. He states in his 1832 Applications for pension benefits that he enlisted and served at litchfield. His enlistments are as follows. Starting in 1776, 3 months in the year of the Danbury raid, an additional 3 months in the year off Benedict Arnold's treachery. served 6 months in Captain Watsons company and he additionally served about 3 months as a substitute for his brother, Orderly Sergeant Thadeous Waugh in Captain Lindsley's Company. At war's end he left the state of Connecticut and by his account lived in different places. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1792 he married Mary Hopkins in the state of Pennsylvania. He applied for and was awarded his military pension October 19<sup>th</sup> 1832 as a resident of Buckskin Township. Ross county Ohio, where he remained until his death on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 1850. He was 87. Mary continued to collect on his pension until her death in 1861.

### **Samuel Waugh 1758 - 1838**

Born on 15 july 1758 at Litchfield to parents, Thomas and Roseanna Watson Waugh. He enlisted immediately at the age of 17 in an independent militia company commanded by August Curtiss. The following summer his company became attached to Col. Van Sholks Regiment of the New York Line. He enlisted in the company of Nathaniel Goodwin of the Connecticut line. He fought in the battles of Stony Point and Germantown, served at Valley Forge, and was a guard at the execution of Andre the spy. He married Elizabeth Goodwin at Washington, Connecticut on the 2nd of December 1784. and was awarded a pension of \$96.00 annually in 1818. He died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1838 at South Farms.

### **Thaddeus Waugh 1758 - 1810**

Born about 1758/60 at Woodbury to parents Joseph and Elizabeth Farnum Waugh. In the year 1777, at the age of 19 he enlisted as a private in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Connecticut troops for the duration. His service record is long; serving in the battles for New York and the retreat to and suffering through a winter at Valley Forge. He was captured, and as a prisoner confined aboard the notorious prison ship "HMS jersey. The starvation and maltreatment at the hands of the British led to his being an invalid.. He returned to South Farms, married Ruth Farnham and raised two children. He died 9 November 1810.

### **Thomas Waugh 1727 - 1801**

Born in Woodbury, colony of Connecticut in 1727 He married Roxanne (Roseanne) Watson on 11 April 1754 at washington, Connecticut. At the outbreak of the war Thomas was a 49 year old father of 8 Children one of which was enlisting. An ardent supporter he took the oath and became a member of the committee to provide food to soldiers serving in the Continental

Army and their families at home, a service that afforded him the title of Patriot. He raised 8 children and died on 24 February 1801 at the age of 74.

### **Ezra Weed 1754 - 1829**

Ezra was baptized December 17<sup>th</sup> 1752 by his mother Mercy the widow of Jonathan Weed in Stamford Connecticut. He married Rachel Roselle Jones of Stamford sometime before 1781. He enlisted in November of 1778 as a private in Captain Hicks company within Colonel Goose Van Schaicks 1st New York Regiment. He was taken prisoner at fort stanwix, in New York by Indians, and carried to Canada where he was confined until November of 1782. He then returned and rejoined his Regiment, in which he served until discharge in May or June of 1783. He was awarded a pension for his service effective 1 April 1818. He filed additional forms stating that he had no family living with him except his wife, aged sixty four. The Connecticut Courant Newspaper, January 20 1829 wrote, At Litchfield Mr. Ezra Weed, 74, a Revolutionary pensioner, formerly of Stamford died.

### **Deacon Roger Newton Whittlesey 1754 - 1835**

Roger Whittlesey was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1754 to parents Samuel and Susannah Newton Whittlesey of Milford, Connecticut. He married at Litchfield, Ann Woodruff on April 20<sup>th</sup> 1775. and they settled at South Farms. During the Month of January 1776 he answered the call to serve with Captain Bezel Beebe company in Colonel JWard's Regiment . Within one week he enlisted, was appointed to an arms inspection committee, inspected the entire Company Musketts, received his military training and marched off to Ridgefield for deployment to New York. After the war he served as a county justice of peace and became a Deacon in his church. He was one of Approximately 10 men of South farms who marched off with Colonel Beebe that day who ever returned. He died on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1835 at age 81.

### **Grant Wickwire 1758 - 1848**

Born at East Connecticut in 1758, to parents James and Mary Grant wickwire. he is recorded as serving as a private in captain Eliphalet homes company, part of Jediah Huntington's Regiment. He served at the battle of Momouth in New Jersey, He served for the remainder of the war in different enlistments. At war's end he settled in South Farms where in 1791 he married Sarah Throop and in 1803 they purchased a home on the corner of what now is known as Todd Hill and Kenyon Road. he supported his family as a grainier. He died in 1848 at the impressive age of 90 having raised 10 children. He was remembered as "a likely man, quick witted with a nickname for all."

### **James Wickwire 1759 - 1822**

James enlisted in May 1776, at the age of 17, in Captain Tuttlles company of the 4<sup>th</sup> regiment commanded by colonel Webb. He was eventually dispatched to New York city. where over the next 7 months he participated in the battles at New York, white plains Trenton and princeton. In december of 1777 he was discharged and walked home to South Farms. He remained

committed to the revolution and served until wars end. he and his wife, the former Sally Barnes purchased a home on what now is called Todd Hill and raised nine children together. He passed away as a pensioner in Warren, at the age of 62.

### **Andrew Woodruff 1758 - 1847**

Andrew was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 1758, and Baptized at oxford on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 1759, to parents SDamuel and Ann Nettleton woodruff. His family removed to the South Farms section of Litchfield sometime before 1772, as his father died at Litchfield in that year; he is recorded as marrying Miranda Orton Woodruff at Litchfield on the 18th of may 1777. He served in the 17th regiment of militia in a company commanded by captain Alexander Waugh in 1779. Following the birth of their 10th child William in 1803, they removed to New York state settling eventually at Livonia, New York where Miranda died in 1831. Andrew died in 1847 and is buried there at the union cemetery. A footnote to Andrew's story; in the year 1967, a full 120 years after his death, a new headstone was provided by the government he helped to create to mark his grave.

### **Benjamin Woodruff 1752 - 1782**

Benjamin was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1752 to parents Benjamin and Eunice Martin woodruff as recorded at Litchfield. He was Baptized on the 29th of October at Bethlehem. He married Rachel Olmsted about 1774 at Lebanon, New. London. His service to the revolution is recognized by the placement of his name on a bronze plaque which is placed in the Morris Green .It is recorded in the church records that he died in 1782.

### **Lieutenant Charles Woodruff Sr. 1720 - 1802**

Charles was born at Farmington on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1720 to parents Nathaniel and Thankful Wright woodruff. He married prudence stoddard at Litchfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1744. He served in the 8<sup>th</sup> company as a 1st lieutenant from March 26<sup>th</sup> under the command of Captain John Jefferies, in the French and Indian campaign of 1756. At the onset of the revolution he was 56 years old. He is listed on page 126 of Joyce Cropsey's Book, Revolutionary Soldiers and patriots buried in Litchfield County." . he died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1803 at South farms, at the age of 83.

### **Corporal Charles woodruff jr. 1752 - 1825**

charles jr. was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1753 to parents Charles and prudence Sloddard woodruff of the South farms section of Litchfield. He married Elanor Orton on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 1773 as recorded in Litchfield. During the month of January 1776, he, his brother , a cousin and many neighbor boys heeded the call to arms by captain beebee of Litchfield, and enlisted in his company. Within a week they were on the march to join their regiment commanded by colonel Andrew Ward in a command of general lee. He served at the battles for New York and fort Washington. He served many enlistments as a soldier in the Revolution. It is interesting to note that his first son, Ethan was born at Litchfield during that same year. It

is believed that about the year 1800 his family removed to upper New York state and that he died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1825 at Canandaigua, New York.

### **Jacob Woodruff Sr. 1717 - 1790**

Jacob, the older brother of Charles was born at Farmington on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1717 to Nathaniel and Thankful Wright Woodruff. He relocated with his family to South Farms prior to 1733. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1741 he married Ann Griswold who died in 1754. He married second Lucy B. Farmum in 1755. Jacob was 59 years old at the outbreak of the revolution, one year short of the maximum age allowed to be conscripted . He is listed in Joyce Cropsey's Register of soldiers and patriots buried in Litchfield county. he died at South Farms on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 1790 at the age of 73.

### **Jacob woodruff jr. 1747 - 1813**

Jacob was born at South Farms the son of Jacob and Ann Griswold Woodruff on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1747. He married Anne ortho at Litchfield on New Years day 1772. Among his Revolutionary war service records, an enlistment in 1777 in captain Asa Brays Company, within colonel Nathaniel Hookers regiment from Litchfield. Jacob died at south farms on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1813.

### **James Woodruff 1749 - 1813**

James, the youngest son, was born into a patriot family on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 1749, to parents Jacob and Anne griswold Woodruff of South farms. He married Lucy Morris on the 25<sup>th</sup> of october 1775 at Litchfield. He is listed on page 127 of Joyce Cropsey's book "Register of revolutionary soldiers and patriots buried in Litchfield County." He became one of the well-to-do and substantial Farmers of his community. After 15 years of marriage and 4 children, Lucy died, James remarried in September of 1790, Sally Bartholonew with whom he had an additional two children. James died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1813, at the age of 64.

### **Jonah Woodruff 1747 - 1823**

Jonah was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 1747/8 to parents Benjamin and Eunice Martin Woodruff as recorded at Litchfield. His baptism was recorded at Bethlehem during March of 1749. He married on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1769 Mary Olmsted at Litchfield. Immediately following the battle of Lexington the colony of Connecticut legislature called for troops and Jonah complied, enlisting at Litchfield in the 4<sup>th</sup> company, commanded by captain Welch as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> regiment commanded by general David Wooster. he saw service at Harlem and Long Island during that summer. In September of 1775 they marched to the Northern Command and saw action at lakes George and champlain, ending up stationed at Montreal. he was discharged in November of 1775 and returned to Litchfield following the war. In about the year 1799, he and his sons removed and settled at what is now known as Watertown, New York. he died on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1823, at the age of 76 and is buried at the Brookside Cemetery at Watertown, Jefferson county, New York.

**Oliver woodruff 1755 - 1845**

Oliver was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1755 to parents Charles and Prudence Stoddard Woodruff of South Farms. Oliver, his brother Charles jr. and several neighbors enlisted during the month of January 1776 in Captain Beebe's Company of Militia. Within a week of enlistment They had been trained, issued weapons and were on the march to New York to join their Regiment, commanded by Andrew Ward, under General Lee. Their company participated in the defense and fall of Fort Washington. He married Annis Knapp in the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 1785 as recorded at Litchfield, Connecticut. Following the war he removed to New York state. He applied for and was awarded a pension for his service. He died at Livingston county New York on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 1845 at the age of 90.

**Philoseblus (Philo) Woodruff 1757 - After 1824**

Philo is recorded as born and Baptized at New Haven, Connecticut to parents Samuel Andrew and Ann Nettleson Woodruff in 1757. Church records referred his parents to the Presbyterian Church at Litchfield, South farms in 1772. He married Huddah Ortho on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1779. His name appears on a bronze plaque honoring South farms Revolutionary war soldiers and Patriots located on the Morris Green. His first born son Philo Junior died at South farms in 1810 and is buried within the East Morris cemetery. The Litchfield Presbyterian Church records that on March 28th 1824 "Philo and wife Huldah were dismissed and referred by letter to the Presbyterian church at Livonia New York