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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Tommy Joe Reynolds



Greetings, Cousins!

In this issue, we're very pleased to share an article by James R. Reynolds—7th great grandson of Robert and Mary “of Boston”—in which he shares some breaking research on the origins of that specific Reynolds family in England. Are you a descendant of Robert and Mary? See that article to see the latest findings and to learn how you can join their ongoing research efforts.

We're also glad to announce that on March 3rd (2pm Eastern) we'll be hosting our first “RFA Chat” for members via Zoom. This ‘no-agenda’ session is an opportunity for RFA members to meet up virtually and share Reynolds family history research efforts and ask questions. If we have a large turn-out, we'll create breakout groups participants can join to discuss specific Reynolds lineages or specific geographic areas. Depending on the level of interest and how the event goes we may hold similar sessions in future months.

Date: March 3, 2024

Time: 2pm Eastern

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83069764297?pwd=akprMExwVG4lWUJwVFJMMFVBbmtEdz09>

Finally, be sure to check out the [RFA channel](#) on YouTube. We have uploaded there a handful of lecture- and presentation-style sessions from the last few Reynolds Family History Reunions. I recommend you check out the session from our late 2022 reunion:

[Tips for Advancing Your Reynolds Family History Research.](#)

Wishing you all the best.
Tommy Reynolds
Your President,
Living in Fairfax County, Virginia



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you celebrated a birthday this quarter and it was not listed, we do not have it. Please send your birth date to Joe Reynolds at Joe.Reynolds@ReynoldsFamily.org!

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

3216 - Allan Eastman Reynolds	01 Jan
3615 - Brian Edward Reynolds	01 Jan
3491 - Zackary Haley Hopkins	02 Jan
2030 - Betty Ann Bendfeldt Collins	03 Jan
3303 - Carolyn Mae Reynolds Burnside	03 Jan
3637 - Jennifer Kay Ellison (Edler)	03 Jan
3454 - Stephen Philip Reynolds	05 Jan
3326 - Ryan Alexander Reynolds	07 Jan
3480 - Kenneth Edwin Reynolds	07 Jan
3598 - Roger Smith Dr.	09 Jan
3581 - Paula Henrietta Reynolds	10 Jan
3418 - Judith Vaughan Hoell	11 Jan
3487 - James Robert Reynolds	11 Jan
3266 - Helen Charlene Johnson Scott	12 Jan
3427 - Janice A. Brown	12 Jan
3603 - Jessica Smith	13 Jan
3446 - Jim Reynolds	14 Jan
3455 - Mary Jane Sewill	15 Jan
3408 - David Robert Allen	19 Jan
3405 - Robert Henry Reynolds III	20 Jan
3526 - Bruce K Cox	24 Jan
3554 - Kimberly Spaulding	27 Jan
3362 - Monica Ruth Pattangall	28 Jan
3369 - Anne McNulty Paine	28 Jan
3502 - Sherrie Ann Craun	28 Jan
3540 - William Reynolds	29 Jan

3608 - William Lewis Reynolds	30 Jan
3644 - Elsie Bernice DeMond	30 Jan
3315 - Jerry Allen Jones	31 Jan
3568 - Helen Ross Petty	31 Jan
3321 - Patricia Rae Van Thomme	02 Feb
3378 - Shirley Reynolds Burchfield	05 Feb
3564 - John Norman Gowdyh	07 Feb
3336 - Judith "Judy" Ann Reynolds	10 Feb
3513 - Cathrine Sue Lowndes	11 Feb
3627 - Christine Elizabeth Holloway	12 Feb
3366 - Lendel Ray Reynolds	13 Feb
3438 - Charles Wesley Reynolds	13 Feb
3577 - Tammie Jo Brockwell	17 Feb
3236 - Lorelee Carol Andersen	18 Feb
3281 - Phyllis Lynne Reynolds Shultz	18 Feb
3363 - William Travis Brown Jr	21 Feb
3299 - Joyce Ann "Jo" McGinnis	24 Feb
3338 - Kandice Sherilyn Wallace	25 Feb
3553 - Karen Leigh Reynolds Burkett	25 Feb
3476 - Noel Beldon Reynolds	26 Feb
3527 - Cynthia Ann Campeau	26 Feb
3289 - Janice Reynolds Kiolbassa	27 Feb
3623 - Elden Delaney Davie	27 Feb
3543 - Kristina Kay Aldrup	28 Feb
3641 - Michael Ray Reynolds	28 Feb
3514 - Patricia D Dutch	29 Feb
2580 - Sheryl Reynolds Edge	01 Mar
2122 - Dorothy Welch Smith	02 Mar
3145 - Marcella Jean Reynolds Rose	02 Mar
3395 - Debora Walton	04 Mar
3470 - Harry Martin Reynolds	05 Mar
3633 - Sandra L Powers	07 Mar
3634 - Brett Alan Reynolds	07 Mar
3566 - Gerry Webster Leonard Jr	09 Mar
3399 - Gabrielle Burdo	11 Mar
3435 - Marilyn Kay Reynolds	12 Mar
3528 - Stephen Craig Reynolds	14 Mar
3386 - Doris Lucille Evans Wright	15 Mar
3538 - Kim Yarbrough	16 Mar
3305 - Craig Matthew Reynolds	18 Mar
3328 - Colette H. Taylor	19 Mar
3376 - Lou Ella Reynolds	19 Mar
3532 - Joan Elizabeth Van Velsor	21 Mar
3392 - Denyse Marisa Dias	23 Mar
3480 - Michelle R Noble	24 Mar
3468 - Jennifer Leigh DeStefano	25 Mar
3416 - Ronald Philip Reynolds	28 Mar

3380 - Barri Reynolds Christian	29 Mar
3498 - Margaret D. Bailey	30 Mar
3599 - Damaris Keith Purtle Dr.	30 Mar
3640 - Bryan M Spellman	31 Mar



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

From the 1976-1982 RFA Annual Report
42 years ago!

A MEMORIAL SALUTE TO A GREAT LADY ANNA FRANCIS CONGDON RIPPPIER HISTORIAN, SECRETARY/TREASURER of the REYNOLDS FAMILY ASSOCIATION FORTY YEARS

*Written by her niece, Dorothy Jellinghaus, present
Executive/Secretary/Treasurer of the RFA.*

Through a chance meeting in a R. I. graveyard, probably around 1913/1914, while searching for her Congdon roots on one Benjamin Congdon, born 1650 in Portsmouth, R. I., Mrs. Rippier chanced to meet a friendly young man by the name of Marion Hobart Reynolds who was doing some genealogical searching for Reynolds' roots. He had several books in mind on this Reynolds clan and enthusiastically told her about The Reynolds Family Association founded back in 1892 and meeting annually. He told her he was sure her Congdon roots crossed the Reynolds' lines several times and he would check for her. This he did and, of course, she became a member of the RFA and became one of the Historians for the James of Kingstown line. Her descent is given at end of the article.

When Marion was in New York, he was a frequent visitor at the Rippier home and Mrs. Rippier assisted him in doing research in the New York Libraries and aided in the compilation of records of living generations of Reynolds Marion published his books and she assisted him in the publication of the RFA

annuals. In 1915 Marion left for London to become Private Secretary to The Right Hon. Sir Edgar Speysey, Bart., P. C. of London, international banker. He resigned this post in 1918 to enter the Army.

During this time Mrs. Rippier became more involved in RFA matters and the organization grew to some 600 members. After the Army, Marion worked for some years with the Port of Para Brazil and Amazon River Steam Navigation Companies and traveled abroad but he always maintained contact with the RFA and was at times (reunion meetings) a featured speaker, telling of his interesting experiences. Marion returned to NYC in 1921 to work for the Standard Oil Company but in 1929 was married and moved to California. After his return to the States, he was able to publish his books which are follows:

Historical Collections (Kingstown, RI, Weymouth, CT, MD and some NC, TN and MS records) 1922,

History and Descendants of John and Sarah Reynolds (1630- 1923) of Watertown, MA, Wethersfield, Stamford and Greenwich, CT 1924,

The History and One Line of Descendants of Robert and Mary Reynolds (1630-1928) of Boston, Mass.- Robert and Mary and the Children of Nathaniel Reynolds, Jr. continuing to the Hyatt Princeton line 1928 The History and Some of Descendants of Robert and Mary Reynolds, Boston 1931,

Marion died in San Francisco March 31, 1937 leaving his widow and a son, Dr. Edgar S. Reynolds of Portland, Oregon and he is a supportive member of the RFA as is Marion's sister, Mrs. Esther Daniels of Florida, her daughter and grand daughter, and two brothers, Lincoln of Corvallis, Oregon and Kenneth of Orinda, California.

Following Marion's death and the great loss to the RFA, Mrs. Rippier, assisted by the officers, took over more of the work of the Association but the years

following with the depression, second World War as well as the illness and deaths of many of the most active members and the prolonged illness of her husband, Mr. Rippier, caused a dropping off of interest in the reunions and helpers to produce the annuals. Thus the 1935-36-37 Annual was the last one published. After her husband's death, Mrs. Rippier came back to Germantown, Philadelphia, her former home, and tried to set up meetings and keep in touch with members. Crippled by neuritis, eye problems and finally diabetes, she was unable to carry on alone. She passed away in 1951 but before her death, had asked the writer to guard her records and files carefully until such time as the RFA resumed its meetings. Those records and files were brought to her home in a truck and the writer had at that time four young children. It was a long time before she ever really got into them.

The writer contacted the only Reynolds officer whose name she had. He was Laurist W. Reynolds of Brockton, Mass. and learned that he had been named president of the RFA in absentia. He knew little about the RFA except his grandfather may have suggested him for the office. He is of the Robert of Boston line.

Together he and the writer planned a reunion meeting to be held in the Plymouth, Mass. area - he to make the arrangements -- chicken barbecue on the beach, meeting to follow, and the writer agreed to send the notices. Several hundred were sent out but only about twenty acknowledged, and at the last minute, only about twelve could come. The meeting was postponed. The writer agreed to act as secretary until the regular meeting and did take care of inquiries and occasionally some dues came in which were duly banked and recorded.

In 1975 a telephone call from a former member, Robert J. Reynolds of Stow, Ohio, attending an SAR meeting in Washington, asked if a group could get

together to plan a reorganization meeting. He and his wife, Alice, and Col. Robert Reynolds of Arlington, VA also SAR, came to Wilmington, Del. and met the writer for lunch at Winterthur, Delaware, got acquainted and laid the original plans.

For the record, Mrs. Rippier's genealogy and the writer's is:

1. James of Kingstown, R.I. m. Deborah
2. Henry Reynolds m. Sarah Greene
3. Henry Reynolds m. Mary Jenkins both of E. Greenwich, RI
4. "Taylor" John Reynolds of Kingstown m. Abigail Sherman
5. Mary Reynolds md. John Congdon
- * 6. James Congdon, Revolutionary War Vet. #21712, m. Hannah Nichols
7. James Congdon m. Martha Essex -- Warwick, RI
8. Franklin Essex Congdon of Bristol, RI m. Dorcas Reynolds
9. John Richard Congdon of Bristol, RI m. Martha Ann Hill of Fall River, MA
10. Anna Francis Congdon of Germantown, Phil. m. Alfred C. Rippier of Brooklyn, NY; no issue.
10. Robert Franklin Congdon of Phil. m. Emma Guyer Miller of Roxborough, Phil.
11. Dorothy Miller Congdon of Phila. m. Norman K. Jellinghaus of Phila.
12. Sandra Congdon Jellinghaus m. Dr. Patrick K. McClellan of Michigan
13. Michelle Lee McClellan
13. John Patrick McClellan (adopted)
12. Norman K. Jellinghaus m. Sandra Storm of Bethesda, MD
13. Robert Norman Jellinghaus b. Watertown, CT
13. Kathryn Ann Jellinghaus b. Watertown, CT
12. Paula Elizabeth Jellinghaus
12. Carol Emma Jellinghaus m. Edward R. DeVito of Berwyn, IL
13. Edward R. DeVito, Jr.



HOUSEKEEPING

Don't forget to send in your changes of address or email. We are also always looking for new articles. If you find an interesting article, please pass it on.



AN EXPANSION OF RFA'S LARRY JOE REYNOLDS' YDNA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A goal of many American Reynolds researchers is to trace their lineage to the homeland of their Reynolds immigrant. British American Colony seventeenth and eighteenth century documents can be difficult to trace using traditional genealogy. As a result researchers have added DNA to their genealogy tool box. There are three types of DNA tests used for genetic genealogy, autosomal, mitochondrial, and Y-DNA. The Y-DNA test is best for a specific line to reach back in time because it is passed down directly without alteration from father to son, father to son, father to son (typically with the same surname).

To help with locating British, Scottish, and/or Irish connections, the Reynolds Family Association (RFA) has limited funds available for offering discounts on DNA tests. This funding is available to any male Reynolds living in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Republic of Ireland). There are \$100.00 stipends for either a Y-DNA 37-marker test (which is about \$100) or \$100 off a BigY test. Eligible recipients for this scholarship are required to provide a valid lineage chart. The intent is to expand Reynolds Y-DNA testing penetration in the UK, where most Reynolds surnamed lineages are believed to have originated. Hopefully, each of these newly tested UK Reynoldses will turn out to be a match to one of our 40+ existing Reynolds groups (that are predominantly American Reynoldses). The goal is to

provide some evidence of pre-immigrant local origins for some of our Reynolds lineages.

In addition to the United Kingdom programs, RFA continues the \$50 scholarships to Reynolds Y-DNA Project members that take a high resolution BigY test. RFA has provided over 20 of these scholarships in the past three years and they remain very popular and useful.

The Y-DNA 37-marker tests for United Kingdom and Ireland candidates are advertised on the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) website and at all Genealogical Conferences (where ISOGG volunteers are in attendance). Use

https://isogg.org/wiki/Free_DNA_tests/Reynolds for access to the application for this test.

For additional information about any of these scholarship programs, please contact one of the Y-DNA Project administrators for the Reynolds Y-DNA Surname Project using the following website: <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/reynolds-surname-y-dna-study/about>.

If you have questions, please reach out to Nancy Wallander (wallandern@gmail.com).

WANTED

REYNOLDS MALE FOR YDNA TEST

Some Reynolds history hunters are looking for other collaborator-cousins to share traditional research and test YDNA hypotheses.

One Reynolds ancestor that remains a bit of a mystery is the William Reynolds that married Martha Cole in Culpeper Co., VA, and left a will naming over a dozen children in Pittsylvania Co., VA, in 1791. While strong evidence exists

connecting William as the son of John Reynolds—whose will was proven in Culpeper Co. in Aug 1784.

Another Reynolds ancestor that we'd like a YDNA signature for is the Henry Reynolds that was born circa 1757 and lived on Camp Creek in Greene County, TN, in the early 1780s. He died there in before January 1835, when his will was proven naming wife Charity and children: Henry, Patsey, David, Sally, Ellander, William, Joseph, and Richard. Henry was the recipient of pension S4079 for Rev War service and is DAR patriot A095719. He had at least two wives (Catherine Skiles and Charity McNew).

We'd like to uncover the YDNA signatures of these groups of Reynoldses and to collaborate on further research. If you are connected to this Reynolds line, please be in touch with

tommyjoereynolds@gmail.com



REYNOLDS STAGE LINE



This picture, taken in 1882, at Dodge City, Kansas, shows one of a line of stages owned by P. G. Reynolds, operating from Dodge City to Fort Supply, Indian Territory and Fort Elliott, Texas, leaving

Dodge City every evening at 7 p.m., on a 20-hour schedule to Fort Elliott, 198 miles. A modern brick building in Dodge City's business district now occupies the spot where this photograph was taken.



NEW RESEARCH ABOUT ROBERT AND MARY REYNOLDS OF BOSTON, MA

By James R. Reynolds, Seventh GGS of Robert Reynolds,
Reynolds Family Association Member, and Member of
the Robert and Mary Reynolds Genealogical Interest
Group

As many of you know, finding the English origins of Robert and Mary Reynolds of Boston, MA, which meet the standards of genealogical proof, has been one of the brick walls for many researchers for years. However, recent work by **Mr. Randy A. West** was published by American Ancestors.org in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. The article is titled, "**The English Origin of Robert Reynolds of Boston, Massachusetts**" 177:2 (Spring 2023): 179-181,¹ and provides the evidence required to fill in important information about this family. Mr. West describes himself as a genealogical hobbyist interested in locating the English origins of 17th Century immigrants to New England. This article is available with an American Ancestors/NEHGS membership. Please consult the article for the details needed to update your genealogical records on the Robert and Mary Reynolds family. Briefly, the article contains information and sources of Robert's marriage to Mare (Mary) Curver (possibly Curner) on 9 Nov

1617 in Kingston-upon Thames, Surrey, England, and the baptismal or christening dates for six of their seven children (Ruth, Tabitha, Mary #1, Nathaniel, Sara, and Phillip) born to Robert and Mary from 1620 to 1633. Ruth was born in Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, and the remaining children in nearby Isleworth, Middlesex, England. Mary #1 and Phillip both died young (about 3 years old). The birth of the seventh child (Mary #2) is inferred from the records documenting Mary #2 in Boston along with descriptions of all five surviving children discussed in M.H. Reynolds *The History and Some of the Descendants of Robert and Mary Reynolds (1630?-1931) of Boston, Mass.*, (San Francisco: Sunset Press, 1931, 42). Digitized records may be viewed at an affiliated FamilySearch Library near you (FSL film number 8041035), and indexed information about the children of Robert and Mary is available through a membership in the West Middlesex Family History Society (www.west-middlesex-fhs.org.uk) in England.

These research findings are a *major* step forward documenting the Robert and Mary Reynolds family in England, and providing clues to the origin (i.e., birthplace and birth family) of Robert. It is possible, for example, since Robert was married in Kingston-upon-Thames in Surrey County and spent thirteen years living and raising a family in Isleworth, Middlesex County (about five miles away), that his birth location and family may be from somewhere in these two counties. My research efforts in numerous records thus far have not yet confirmed this speculation. Research will continue, however. Tentative plans are being considered to, among other things, hire a U.K based genealogist to search the taxation records in the National Archives in Kew, England, and the manorial records for the two manors within Isleworth parish, specifically,

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Isleworth manor and Isleworth Rectory manor. These latter records are held in the London Metropolitan Archives.

Since only some of these records have been digitized for online viewing, and are, in any case I've been told, difficult to search, I have been strongly advised to use the services of an experienced, professional genealogist based in the U.K. The goals are to search these records in person for any information about Robert and Mary in Isleworth, Middlesex, and look for clues about Robert's birth location and birth family who may have resided in the same area. There are no guarantees, of course, that useful information will be found, but this is the risk whenever genealogical research is undertaken. If anyone reading this is interested in participating by pooling funds with me and others to support this effort, please contact me (jreynold@hbc.com) to discuss the possibilities.

There are at least two other ways which readers can also help discover the origins of Robert Reynolds in England. First, please communicate with me about your independent and verifiable research on Robert's English origins, especially in Surrey, Middlesex, or other nearby counties, with a focus on finding his place of birth and birth family. We may, as a result, be more efficient researching more records, geographic areas, and lines of inquiry.

Second, Tommy Reynolds, President of the Reynolds Family Association, makes the following suggestion, which I am happy to include here. "A complimentary aspect of our research on Robert--including his origins and his potential connections to other Reynolds family lines--is our effort to reveal his YDNA "signature". As of early 2024, six direct male-line Reynolds descendants (i.e. people who inherited Robert's YDNA) have tested as part of the Reynolds Surname YDNA Project. Current testing technology and saturation indicate Robert's

haplogroup as R1b > M269 > U106 > FT70755. This designation is solid but may refine and become more granular over time with additional tested individuals and testing technology. This YDNA signature can be used to i) verify paper/traditional genealogies of living Reynolds males in the US back to Robert and to ii) validate any forthcoming paper genealogies that may trace down from Reynolds in Robert's locations in England in the early 1600s." If you are or know of a direct, male line descendant of Robert in the U.S. or England and are or may be interested in participating in YDNA testing (scholarships are available through the RFA) to help refine Robert's YDNA signature please contact Tommy Reynolds

(tommyjoereynolds@gmail.com).

Lastly, if you have questions or comments about anything presented here, please email me. Let's keep researching Robert and Mary's origins until we overcome this brick wall and find their birth locations and families in England!



A FEW THINGS I REALLY DIDN'T NEED TO KNOW

by Lee Taylor



[Editor's Note: *While searching through some of my old Reynolds Family papers I came across the following. Although I never met Lee, I consider her as one of my heroes! She is the one who first asked me to join the RFA, she is the one who first asked me to do the website, and when I was asked by Gary Reynolds, she was the one who encouraged me to accept the position of President of the RFA!*

Sybil Lena "Lee" (Reynolds) Taylor passed away peacefully on February 3, 2020 in Bridgewater, Virginia at the age of 88.]

This year I will be 73 years old and about:

- 14 years 11 months younger than Walter Cronkite, age 87
- 11 years 5 months younger than Pope John Paul II, age 84
- 0 years 1 month younger than Barbara Walters, age 73
- 8 years 4 months older than Ted Koppel, age 64
- 14 years 9 months older than George W. Bush, age 58
- 24 years 0 months older than Bill Gates, age 48
- 28 years 10 months older than Cal Ripken Jr., age 44
- 44 years 2 months older than Tiger Woods, age 28
- 50 years 8 months older than Prince William, age 22

This also means I was:

- 69 years old at the time of the 9-11 attack on America,
- 65 years old when Princess Diana was killed in a car crash,
- 59 years old when Operation Desert Storm began,
- 58 years old during the fall of the Berlin Wall,
- 54 years old when the space shuttle Challenger exploded,
- 52 years old when Apple introduced the Macintosh,

- 51 years old during Sally Ride's travel in space,
- 44 years old on the U.S.'s bicentennial Fourth of July,
- 37 years old at the time the first man stepped on the moon,
- 10 years old at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor,
- 3 years old in the year radar was invented.

Thanks to RFA member Megan Smolenyak for those tidbits above, which are just a few of the things I learned about myself. This information is from the site she mentioned in "Honoring Our Ancestors: As Time Goes By . . ." published online in "Ancestry Weekly Digest," 03 January 2003. Megan wrote "With the arrival of the New Year, it seems a good time to reflect on the past--but sometimes we need a little help doing that!" Megan shared a collection of sites that, in one way or another, provide perspective on the past. Try this one for information about yourself or someone else. I particularly liked the one that we can send to a friend that says, "but I am still younger than you."



Member John Reynolds of Bristol, VT sent me a fascinating copy of the Revolutionary War Pension Application of Jonathan Reynolds [Line 20]; I am including it in this issue for the enjoyment of all members.

Revolutionary War Pension Application Submitted by John Reynolds, Bristol, VT

Pension Application
Revolutionary War

State of Vermont
Rutland County

7 July, 1832

In the spring of 1775, immediately after the battle of Lexington, I was appointed a Sergeant in a company of minute men in Spencertown in the state of New York, commanded by Captain Brown in Col. Van Ness's regiment and continued in said company as Sergeant and Lieutenant during the entire war.

We always stood as minute men and marched at a minutes warning, and we were some times called out six or seven times a year. I am so old (over 90) that my memory fails me, and I cannot distinctly recollect the times of entering and leaving on different tours of duty. I can however state that we marched soon after the battle of Lexington as far as Sheffield, MA. when we received orders to return and we marched back to Spencertown. In the winter following, our whole Regiment were ordered out and marched to Johnstown under the command of Col. and General Schuyler, this being about 7,000 men in the expedition as it was said. We took the place with Sir William Johnson and a considerable number of Tories who had assembled there. I was also in service in 1776 - 1777 and 1778 as sergeant, as part of this time Capt. Barrett had the command of this company and we performed duty scouting up the Mohawk river and elsewhere and sometimes stationed at Albany and Saratoga, sometimes two and sometimes three months at a time and although I cannot specify each period of service, I am confident I served at least twelve months as a sergeant in the whole. I was in service during the whole time that General Burgoyne was in the country, and was at the capture of him and his army at Saratoga. In March 1779, I was appointed by the Governor of New York a 2nd Lieutenant, in said Regiment, and my commission accompanies this declaration, together with several orders that I received from time to time. From this time, to the end of the war, I was in service every year more or less as Lieutenant. I served at least three months at Fishkill under General Van (Rensselaer?) and at Schoharie and Cherry Valley about two

months each, but as I said before, my memory is so poor I cannot remember the respective years, the continental troops were at White Plains when I was at Fishkill. Col. Schuyler commanded when I was at Cherry Valley, and Col. Vrooman at Schoharie. I always commanded the company I belonged to in service as the Capt. and 1st Lieutenants were not present. I resided at Spencertown, County of Albany, State of New York, when I entered the service, and continued to live there during the war. I knew Gen. Gates, Gen. Schuyler, Gen. Arnold, Gen. Poor, Col. Jackson, Col. Ethan Allen, Col. (Miller?), Col. Van Schaick and many other continental officers, but my memory fails me so that I cannot distinguish regiments. I have no documentary evidence except my commission and accompanying orders - I know of no person whose testimony I can procure to testify to my service. I am confident I served in the whole twenty months namely eight months as Lieutenant and twelve months sergeant. I was born at Nine Partners, State of New York, Oct. 1, 1741 O.S. - there's a record of it in an old book of records and accounts which I have at home.

I came to Rutland in the winter of 1784 and have lived here ever since. I am known to Rev. Hadley Proctor and Robert Temple of Rutland and most of the inhabitants.

Jonathan Reynolds



ARTICLES NEEDED

I need articles and stories for our next newsletter which will be published on May 15th, 2024. Let's keep our newsletter alive and interesting!

Thanks, Joe

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