

Abraham Westfall

Abraham was born to John Westfall and Sarah Van Noy on his grandfather Abel's 400 acres farm in 1758; which was along the South Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River and twelve miles south of present Moorefield, West Virginia. At that time, the land was in Hampshire County, Virginia. In 1761, Abraham moved with his parents to one of Lord Fairfax's leased lands called farmlets on South Branch Manor, located at present Petersburg, West Virginia. In 1774, Abraham fought with George Rogers Clark against the Shawnee Indians, in present day Ohio, in Lord Dunmore's War. During the Revolution War Abraham served with his brothers Captain Abel Westfall, Lieutenant Cornelius Westfall, and Private John Westfall. Later he served in Captain Vauses' company (12th VA) in May 1778 then Colonel Wood's company (4th VA) from June 1778 to September 1778 and fought in the Battle of Monmouth. He then served in Captain Vauses' company (8th VA) from October 1778 to February 1779 then discharged. He listed on the rolls as being present at Valley Forge. In 1785, Abraham was serving as a sergeant in the Militia in present day Vincennes, Indiana and was later appointed by William Henry Harrison to be the first probate judge of the Indiana Territory. Abraham wed Massey Harbin on October 11, 1789, in Vincennes, Indiana. They had: 1) Thomas Westfall in 1790, 2) James Westfall in 1792, 3) Isaac Westfall in 1795, 4) Joshua Westfall in 1798, 5) Abraham Harbin Westfall in March 1801, 6) Sarah Westfall in 1804, 7) William Westfall 1807. Abraham died in Vincennes, Indiana Nov 1825.

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