



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

Benjamin Cox, North Carolina, A207891

- Private, Pension #S2146
- Born: c 1746, PA
- Died: a Dec 1841, Montgomery Co OH

Benjamin is believed to be a son of Friend Cox (b 1714 d 1787 WV) and Nancy Schurck (b 1724 d 1751). The Friend Cox family moved through MD, southwestern PA, northwest VA and finally settled in Brooks and Ohio Co WV in the long set of counties called the WV panhandle. Benjamin may have had five siblings.

Benjamin may have had two or three wives. His wife Rachel (b 1760 VA d 15 May 1822 OH) is DAR proven. Rachel and Benjamin are buried in Montgomery Co OH. Benjamin may have died 22 Dec 1842. As of Summer 2021, NSDAR recognizes daughters from Jesse.

- John (b 1777 d 8 Jan 1867) married Elizabeth Neff.
- Jesse (b c 1779 NC d 22 May 1861 Estill Co KY) married Mary Wagle (b3 Jul 1781 NC d 5 Jul 1852 Madison Co KY) on 15 Dec 1803 at Madison Co KY.
- Elizabeth (b 1780 d Nelson Co KY).
- Benjamin (d 1880 Jackson Co KY) married Elizabeth (Betsy) Murphy.
- Charles (b 1781 d 20 Dec 1861 Estill Co KY) married Frances (Frankey) Murphy.
- Sarah (b 1781 d Nelson Co KY).
- Susanna (b 1783 d Nelson Co KY).
- Rachel (b 1790 d 1802) married cousin Richard McMahan.
- William (b 1791 d 12 Sep 1852) married Elizabeth Lehmon.
- Lewis (b 1802 d 187 Miami Valley OH) married Mary Neff and then Catherine Clatten.

Benjamin volunteered in the spring of 1778 at which time he resided in Rowan Co NC although a native of PA. He was attached to Capt. Richard Graham's company; the regiment was commanded by Col Richard Grimes and the staff included Maj Tanner Smith. His service took him to SC and GA. At the river Stono, perhaps James Island, they engaged the British. General Butler commanded the American Army during this battle. The battle of Stono (12 Jun 1779) is also called the Battle of Stono Ferry and occurred just outside Charlestown SC.

In all he served nine months from the time he volunteered. He suffered greatly almost the whole time from want of provisions and necessary supplies.

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