



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

Israel Higgins Jr, Connecticut, A055289

- Civil Service
- Residence: Chatham Hartford Co Connecticut
- Born: 3 Oct 1728, Eastham Barnstable Co Massachusetts
- Died: a1 Apr 1793, Chatham Middlesex Co Connecticut

Israel's first wife was Hannah Arnold (b Oct 1735). They married in Haddam Twp Middlesex, CT 20 Feb 1752. Elizabeth Aiken (b 3 Apr 1733 Middletown Hartford Co CT d p 14 Jan 1794) became his second wife at Harford Co CT on 15 Mar 1753.

Israel's children were Eunice (b 23 Feb 1754), George (b 20 Oct 1756), Elizabeth (b 16 Sep 1757), Israel H. (b 22 Feb 1761), Lydia (b 18 Apr 1763), Mollie (b 12 May 1765), Timothy, Anna (b 8 Apr 1770), William, and Sibyl (b 14 Sep 1776). As of 2021, DAR recognizes daughters from their children George W, Mary, Timothy, and William.

- George W (b 20 Oct 1756 Middletown Hartford Co CT d p 1820 Edwards Co IL) on 27 Sep 1777 married at New Fairfield Fairfield Co CT to Patience Mapes (d p 19 Apr 1792 CT).
- Mary (Molly) (b 12 May 1765 Middletown CT, d 21 Jan 1849 Weathersfield VT) on 12 Dec 1786 at Chatham CT married Jehiel Whitmore (b 31 Dec 1764 Middleton Middlesex CT d 19 Aug 1847 Weathersfield VT).
- Timothy (b p19 Jul 1767 Middletown CT d 16 Feb 1850 East Randolph VT) on 15 Apr 1787 at Chatham CT married Lucy Whitmore (b 7 Apr 1768 Chatham CT d 1 Nov 1803 East Randolph VT).
- William (b 13 Sep 1772 Middle Town CT d 25 Oct 1846 Angelica NY) married on 31 May 1795 at Angelica NY to Abigail Strong (b Nov 1774 Chatham CT d 8 Sep 1850 Angelica NY).

On Dec 2, 1776, the Chatham town council chose Israel to be a Tything Man. A Tything Man functioned as a peace officer, bailiff, constable, or process server. In some churches this person's duty was to enforce the observance of the Sabbath. This entailed keeping people awake during service and policing the roads to assure traffic was only going to church, to tend to the ill or some other sort of charity. Since Israel was chosen by the town council, his responsibilities were likely those of a peace officer.

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