



## James Small, Sr.

1734-1812

### MAINE

James Small, Sr. was born in Falmouth, Maine on August 4, 1734 to Isaac Small and Elizabeth Barnaby. He married Hannah Delano of Falmouth on Mar 3, 1758 and they had 9 children. Hannah was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Delano also of Falmouth. James Small moved his family to Cape Elizabeth, Maine where he was a Sea Captain in West India trade and was captain of the schooners Neptune and the Hannah and Molly at different times before the Revolutionary War.

When war was eminent, he joined Captain Briant Morton's company stationed on the seacoast at Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough, Maine from Feb 5, 1776 to Sept 1, 1776. He reenlisted Sept 1, 1776 and served until November 25, 1776 in the same company in Colonel Mitchell's regiment also at Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough, Maine. To protect his family from the dangers of the British on the coast, James Small moved his family inland to Limington, Maine, in the winter of 1776-1777 and bought a farm. Hannah helped cut down trees and build their house. She taught her children using birch bark and the charred end of a stick as a pencil to write their alphabet and figures.

In 1666 James Small's great grandfather Francis Small had purchased 20 square miles of land on Little Ossipee (Limington) from the Indian known as Captain Sandy. But the deed was not recorded until 1773. This led the Small family to become embroiled in a legal battle for ownership of this land. Captain James Small appears to have been one of the earliest to take measures to prove his claim to the land but neither he nor his sons became involved in the lawsuit. He showed his acquiescence to the decisions of the Courts. James Small purchased 100 acres of the land that runs out of Horn Pond. On this land he built a Saw Mill in 1799 known as Small's Mill which he and his sons operated for many years. James Small died December 9, 1812 in Limington, Maine. He is buried in the North Limington cemetery.