



William Storer

1765 – 1843

Connecticut

William Storer, was born 11 May 1765 in Statford, CT, to James Storer (14 Apr 1742 - > 1781) and Electa Bradley (31 Jan 1741/2-16 Nov 1767).

He enlisted in the Company of Artillery Guards, New Haven Service on 26 May 1780, at age 15. That company was under the command of his uncle, Captain Phineas Bradley.

According to Connecticut in the Revolution, he fought with Reuben Moulthrop when the British attacked New Haven (CT) late in the war.

He was discharged 1 January 1781.

In March 1792, he married Deborah Beaman (1 Mar 1773-22 Apr 1817) and they had five children: Eliphelet Gilman, Betsy, Sophia, James Beaman and William Jr. (28 Sep 1798 - 30 May 1872)

Stephen Ensko in his book "American Silversmiths and Their Marks" says that William Storer worked from about 1792 to 1796 as a silversmith in Rutland, VT. He advertised in the Rutland Herald (Rutland, VT), on 20 Aug 1792, seeking an apprentice and noting the location of his shop "...next door South of the New Rutland Gaol." From 1796 to 1800, he was a partner with Thomas Wilmot in Rutland, VT, operating as Storer and Wilmot from a shop fifteen rods northwest of the courthouse. The shop was taken over by the firm of Lord and Goddard and he continued to work as a silversmith in Rutland from 1800 to 1842.

His name appears on the list of Revolutionary Pensioners in 1840.

William died nine days shy of his 78th birthday on 2 May 1843, and was buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in New Haven, CT.

He was named after the first of his Storer line to arrive in the new world. In 1640, William Storer (Storey) was one of the signers of the Dover (now New Hampshire) Combination, uniting the inhabitants and declaring allegiance to the King. He was the Town Marshall.

William named one of his two sons, William Jr. (28 Sep 1798 - 30 May 1872). That William married Delia Ann Moulthrop on 18 April 1827 in Stonington, CT. They had eight children: Delia Ann (6 Apr 1828), William (11 Jun 1829-11 Sep 1835), Ruben Moulthrop (14 Feb 1831 - 1890), Augusta M. (10 Mar 1833), Harriet S. (4 Feb 1835), William III (10 Aug 1837 - 19 Jul 1903), Charles C (9 Sep 1839-4 Aug 1849) and David Abiel (19 Jul 1842 - 11 Oct 1897).

William III married Martha Finck Sheldon on 3 Apr 1862. They had two children, Charles Edward (22 May 1863-7 Jan 1898), and William Sheldon (26 August 1864 - 14 Mar 1936).

William Sheldon married Frances Elizabeth Finck, a cousin of her mother-in-law, on 2 July 1889 in Castleton, NY, and she bore him four children: William Sheldon Jr. (3 Apr 1890-15 Jun 1890), Charles Stanley (3 Jun 1891 - 2 May 1956), Dorothy Finck (6 Jun 1892 - 9 Apr 1978) and Harold Sheldon (4 Aug 1894 - 13 Oct 1973).

Harold Sheldon and wife Helen Martha Becker (20 Sep 1904-2 May 1991) had one child, Harold Sheldon Jr.