

HISTORY OF THE ABNER WEST AND MARY HATCH FAMILY

Abner West was born 1 May 1737 at Tolland, Tolland Co., Conn., a son of Samuel West and Sarah Delano.

Abner married Mary Hatch, a second cousin, and daughter of Joseph Hatch and Mary Clark, on 3 July 1760 and in a few years 5 children had entered their Tolland home. About 1770 or shortly after the family took up a new residence in the frontier town of Richmond, Berkshire Co., Mass. more than 60 miles to the northwest. Their house on Swamp Road, with some updating, is still occupied. Here 5 more children came into the family making a total of 2 sons and 8 daughters as follows:

Abigail b. 28 Jan 1761

*William b. 12 Feb 1762 m. _____

Abner b. 8 Jun 1765 m.

Mary b. 6 Mar 1767 m. Abraham Hand

Submit b. 27 Jul 1769 m. Samuel Southwick

Susannah b. abt.1772 m. Pardon Pierce

(Eley) Elizabeth b. abt. 1774 m. Richard Holcomb

Sarah b. abt. 1776 m. David Chamberlain

Pamelia b. 24 Feb 1778 m. Curtis Stoddard

Betsey b. abt. 1781 m. Francis Charevoy

Prior to his marriage Abner served in the expedition for the relief of Fort William Henry in the French and Indian War in 1757. During the Revolutionary War he served 3 short callups between 1777 and 1781.

In 1825 Abner wrote a Will. He died 8 Dec 1828. The bulk of his Estate went to his wife, Mary, and his son, Abner Jr. Mary died in 1829 and several members of this family are buried in a local cemetery just north of Richmond.

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