

Isaiah Smith

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Birth: Jan. 22, 1757
New York, USA
Death: Mar. 27, 1825
Perry
Wyoming County
New York, USA

In the History of Canadice by D. Byron Waite, he states that Isaiah Smith, a Revolutionary War soldier and bodyguard to Gen. George Washington, rests in a local cemetery but does not name the cemetery. No record in his military papers confirms Isaiah was a bodyguard.

Isaiah Smith married Ann Williams, dau. of Richard Williams of the Highlands, Orange Co., NY. They were married May 5, 1783 at the Hudson River's edge where the William's property adjoined and ran below West Point. Their property was sold years later to the U.S. government for additions to West Point. Isaiah and Ann Smith had 8 children: Mahitabell Mariah; Ann; Sebria; Isaiah, Jr.; Samuel; Caten John; Robert Williams; and Hannah Jane. They also raised their granddaughter Abigail Smith, 6 years old in 1820. Two daughters rest in this cemetery: Ann Smith Quick and Sebria Smith Schenck.

This compiler believes this is the grave of Isaiah Smith, Revolutionary War soldier. In 1775, he enlisted in the 2nd Connecticut Line under Col. Charles Webb. Isaiah, a blacksmith apprentice, replaced his master blacksmith. He enlisted in June, 1775 for six months and was in the battle at Ft. Ticonderoga, NY. He was discharged in Jan. 1776, then reenlisted at Stamford, CT for one year. He remained in the Army until discharged in June, 1783 at the Highlands, Orange Co., NY.

Isaiah Smith was at Highlands, Orange Co., NY. In the winter months he lodged with Washington's troops at Continental Village, Morristown, NJ.

In Aug., 1776, he was in the battles at Long Island and Brooklyn Hts., NY. April 10, 1777, he was discharged at Peekskill, NY, and reenlisted for the remainder of the war.



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