

From our Ballard Family History

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Zaccheus Ballard (Ballord) Our Revolutionary war Ancestor

Ancestor's Services

Our ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Appears with rank of Private on Muster and pay roll of Capt. Jeramiah Kingsberys Co. and Colonel Jonathan Helmans Regiment roll dated Jan. 20 1777

Time of service 1 mo., 13 days.

He also appears with rank of private on Continental Army Pay accounts of Capt. Moore's Co. and Colonel Shepards regiment for service from Mar. 5, 1777 to Apr. 20, 1780.

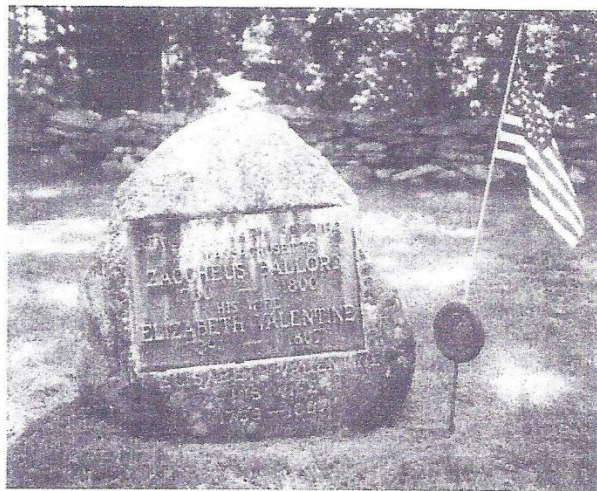
He was dismissed from service for disability too soon to be at Yorktown with his regiment and witness the surrender of Cornwallace.

Given below are references, by volume and page, to the authority for above claimed service:

Commonwealth of Mass. Office of the Secretary of Revolutionary War Service
Vol. 20,p. 142; Vol. 4, p. 130, p1, p2, p44

Zaccheus Ballard record has been researched and is on file at the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution #194834

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Bates Cemetery • Thompson, CT

Error in this publication is Cornwallis is spelled incorrectly

Zaccheus⁴ son of William³, (Nathaniel²) (William¹) and Deborah Ivory Ballard was born in Framingham, Middlesex County, Mass. Mar. 21, 1730.

With his twin brother Timothy he changed the spelling of their name from Ballard to Ballord and many of his children followed his example.

His son Lynde, our ancestor, adopted this form but about 1825 the eldest son of Lynde, Rev. John Bates Ballard, chose to revert to the more ancient form and his ten brothers and sisters went with him as did *their* descendants. Esek, the second child and only son of Rev. John Bates Ballard clung to the latter spelling, "Ballord," as did his children.

Zaccheus, our Revolutionary ancestor, married in Hopkinton, Mass. 1758 Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gooch) Valentine.

She was born in Thompson, Conn. May 18, 1739. She survived him and married for second husband, Jonathan Ellis of Thompson. She died March 26, 1807 and is buried in West Thompson cemetery.

Thomas Valentine was a son of John and Mary (Lynde) Valentine and Mary Lynde was a grand daughter of Sir Charles Hobby who was knighted at Windsor Castle in 1705 by Queen Anne for his "eminent services rendered in New England," where he commanded a Massachusetts regiment at the siege of Port Royal,

Nova Scotia. He later became vice governor of Annapolis City, N.S. His portrait in his official robes was painted by Sir Peter Lely in 1705 and hangs in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Owing to illness at the expiration of his governorship in Nova Scotia he returned to Boston where he revived and was at one time commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He died in London, England 1714.

After about ten years' residence in Framingham, where his farm was adjacent to Shephards Mills, **Zaccheus** moved to Leicester, Mass. In 1775 he bought the Crafts Davis farm in Oxford, Mass. This farm was the original homestead lot No. 40 of Oxford's first town plot.

In 1785 he moved his family to Thompson, Windham County, Conn. where he died in April, 1800. He is our Revolutionary ancestor and served thirty-nine months in the Revolutionary war. He went from Oxford to Boston at the call of Lexington and later enlisted in the 4th Mass. from Oxford. His name is third in the list of the Published Records in Boston. He was with Washington at Valley Forge, (as we are told). He is buried in the Bates Cemetery near Bates Grove. A boulder marks his resting place erected there by his great grand son, Esek Steere Ballard, of Davenport, Iowa.

Zaccheus and Elizabeth Valentine Ballard had nine children:

1. Elizabeth Gooch b. Framingham, Mass., May 20, 1759, married Hezekiah Stone, and died Mar. 29, 1825; had nine children
2. William b. Framingham, Mass., Oct. 26, 1761, d. 1791 Vt.
3. Sarah b. Framingham, Mass., Jan. 5, 1764 married Micaiah Robinson, and died July 16, 1802; had ten children
4. **Mary**[†], b. Framingham, Mass., Aug. 1765 married Nathaniel Carrill (Carroll); died--; had nine children
5. Mehitabel b. Framingham, Mass., May 31, 1767 married Obadiah Bates
6. Martha b. Framingham, Mass., April 14, 1769 married James Bates, d. Nov. 30, 1848; eight children
7. Nancy, b. Leicester, Mass., Oct. 16, 1770 married Abel Jacobs; had four children
8. **Lynde**^{††} b. Oxford Mass., May 15, 1774, married Polly Bates, d. June 7, 1825; had eleven children
9. Alice, b. Oxford, Mass., June 23, 1779, married Joseph Dike 1, John Jacobs 2, died Apr. 24, 1861; seven children (6 Dikes, 1 Jacobs)

Error above: Elizabeth Valentine was born in Hopkinton, MA, not Thompson

Zaccheus Ballard our ancestor who fought in the American Revolution
From the information in our Ballard History and Muster Rolls and Payroll Accounts
By Mary Tomeo (If my math is correct):

Zaccheus was 45 years old when he answered the call of Lexington in April 1775 from Oxford, MA, where he lived at the time. Probably one of the older men to serve

Zaccheus and Elizabeth had 8 children between 1759 and 1774 so he would have left her at home with these 8 children (ages 1 to 16) when he went off to fight. In 1775 she would have been 36 years old

He again served from May 5, 1777 to Apr 20, 1780 (age 47 to 50)

In 1777 Elizabeth was home with 8 children --- ages 3 to 18

Their last child (9th) was born in June 1779. He was 49 and she was 40.

Muster Roll states he was home on furlough dated 5 Sept, 1778 for July and Aug so probably into Sept.

From Muster Roll and Payroll Accounts

He was with Homan's Regiment in Oct 1777. So he would have been at the Battle of Saratoga when British General Bourgoyne surrendered

He was in the 4th Massachusetts Regt under Col William Shepard. This regiment accompanied Gen Washington in battles in NY and NJ and was at Valley Forge for the winter of Dec 1777 to June 1778.

He was dismissed for disability too soon to be at Yorktown with his regiment to witness the surrender of Cornwallis (Oct 19, 1781). Muster Roll states he was in the Corps of Invalids 1 Nov, 1778. Returned to Mountain Hutts, West Point, 23 Jan 1780 and discharged 20 April 1780
One account from a cousin says he was given property in Ohio for his service.

Zaccheus and Elizabeth moved to Thompson in 1785. He died in April 1800 at the age of 70
Elizabeth married 2nd Jonathan Ellis. She died in March 1807 at the age of 68



Zaccheus - Bates Cemetery, Thompson
Elizabeth is not buried here



Elizabeth - West Thompson Cemetery
With 2nd husband, Jonathan Ellis