

**Abraham Long (1750 - 1825) P-237957 ACN 58336**

Private, Westmorland County, Frontier Rangers

In 1743, Abraham Long was born in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to John and Anna Long. Though part of a large family of modest means, he resided in Lancaster County his entire life. In 1764 he married his wife Maria and they went on to have ten children.

As the War for independence raged on, the Continental Congress as well as the many state governments found themselves increasingly short of men, material, and money. In 1779, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ordered an effective tax be imposed. Every property holder and tradesman was to be examined and assessed for tax. Though Abraham's large family lived on only five acres and consisted of just 1 horse, 2 cows, and 2 sheep, a significant tax was levied to support the war effort. Instead of having to come up with the significant amount, Abraham decided to leave the farm in the hands of his wife and sons and to take up service on behalf of the Commonwealth and the rebellion. Records show that he entered the service in 1780 and was enrolled under Captain George Feather. He is first listed as "7<sup>th</sup> class"; often a trainee or reservist designation in the rolls. Just a short time later we find him listed as Private "3<sup>rd</sup> Class" under Captain Henry Custer as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion under the command of now Colonel George Feather. This listing indicates generally that he was ready for or had already taken his place as a regular member of his unit.

After independence is won, Abraham found his way back to the family farm and we find him listed in the tax rolls as well as the Commonwealth Census. Though he served honorably, he did not live long enough to receive a pension for his service. On April 19, 1794, Abraham Long passed away and was buried in the Long Family Graveyard in Greenwood Township near Pfoutz Valley in modern day Perry County, Pennsylvania. Currently no marker is known to exist that marks this patriot's gravesite or that of his wife Maria.

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