

Garret Longstreet (ca 1740 - 1818) P-238191 ACN-38426
Captain, 3rd Regiment, Monmouth County Militia, New Jersey

Patriot Garret Longstreet was a lifelong resident of Monmouth County, New Jersey. Purportedly born December 13, 1740, his parents were Gysbert Longstreet and Rachel Garretse Schenck. His grandsire Theophilus Longstreet owned a "plantation" on the north side of the Manasquan River that was bequeathed to sons Gisbert and Derrick. In his will, Gilbert describes himself as being "of Howell Township" of which Manasquan is a part. This land was bequeathed to his children upon his death.

Gilbert Longstreet was first married to Catherine Lawrence according to a license issued May 9, 1761. Their son Hendrick was born in 1762. The exact cause or date of Catherine's death is not known but it was shortly thereafter. Gilbert obtained a license to wed his second wife, Catherine Smock, on December 27, 1763. To this union were born Rachel (1768), Gysbert (1770 or 71), Barent or Barnes(1773) and Garret (1776).

Though he had a family to care for, Garret took a great risk and decided to support the patriot cause. On May 27, 1775 he accepted appointment to the Committee of Observation in Shrewsbury. Later, in 1776, he was commissioned as a Captain in the 3rd Regiment, Monmouth County, New Jersey Militia. His name features prominently in the pension applications of many New Jersey soldiers and patriots. Even after the end of the War for Independence, Gilbert continued to serve his community. In 1814 he is known to have served as a "judge in the inferior court of common pleas.

Gilbert passed away August 11, 1818 in Monmouth County, New Jersey and he is said to be buried in what is now known as Atlantic View Cemetery near Manasquan. He is buried alongside his third wife Lydia Barraclow (d. 1812) who he had married December 16, 1802.

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