

Seth Spear (1741-1818) P-294704
Lieutenant, Captain Edmund Billings Company
Colonel Jonathan Bass' Regiment

Seth Spear was born 17 January 1741. He married Judith Adams, daughter of Deacon John and Sarah Adams of Milton and had 13 children. Judith died on 10 July 1787 at age 41. On 15 May 1788 he then married Abigail Marsh of Quincy (born 06 May 1756 and died 28 October 1812). They had 6 children including Alpheus. He was Seth's 18th child and was born 08 December, 1796. On 06 June 1814, at age 73, he married Florence – the widow of John Nightingale and daughter of Captain Moses Bracket. At his death he had 35 living grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Seth was fourth generation. (George, Samuel, John, Seth). He was a farmer and was active in community affairs. He served on the Commission of Safety to enforce the law that prohibited giving aid to British soldiers. He served two tours of duty in the military. The first tour was as a private with Capt. Seth Turner's independent company from 01 January, 1776 to 22 May, 1776. Then he served as a lieutenant under command of Captain Edmund Billings in Colonel Jonathan Bass's regiment in June in order to drive British ships out of Boston harbor. Seth was very proud of his service and chose to be addressed as Lieutenant or Lieutenant Spear. There is no record of him ever accepting money for his military service. In the year 1792 he paid the 14th highest taxes in Quincy. He was a signer of the partition to separate Quincy from the north precinct of Braintree.

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