

Jacob Hines / Hinds (1750 - 1825) P-332024 ACN 58336

Private, Westmorland County, Frontier Rangers

Johannes and Maria Elizabetha Heintz emigrated to the Colony of Pennsylvania through the port of Philadelphia. Having travelled from Dillenburg, Nassau (a part of Germany) they adopted to change the family name to the more common Hines (sometimes shown as Hinds). After settling in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, their son Jacob was born May 2, 1750.

He married in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to Elizabeth before the outbreak of the Revolution. Among their children were Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Margaret, Catherine, Christina, John, Frederick, Phillip, Adam, Jacob II, Henry, William, and Jane.

When the war became reality even in more rural areas, many looked to join the militia. Jacob Hines chose to join the Frontier Rangers of Westmoreland County. These Rangers were scouts and skirmishers tasked to watch the frontier and borderlands for spies, smugglers, and raiders.

After the war, around 1800, Jacob and some of his family took land grants from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in what is now Ohio. They moved there and in what is now Ross County, Ohio, Jacob passed away on October 10, 1825. SAR and DAR markers are posted alongside his headstone in Overly Chapel Cemetery near Hopetown in that same county. His wife passed in 1806 in Ross County. Though it is assumed she is buried near her husband, the location of her gravesite is not known.

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