

CLARK, JEREMIAH JR.

Son of Jeremiah Clark. Born 1760; died 1845 in Clarkston, Mich. There is a tradition that he was in the Battle of Bennington with his father. The tradition is strong and will not easily be dislodged. But there is absolutely no evidence to sustain it. (See discussion on card of Hon. Jeremiah Clark). The first record of service by Jeremiah Clark, Jr. is as private in Captain Samuel Robinson's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Walbridge's Regiment; 24 days service in June-July, 1778. The record does not indicate that he was in the Battle of Bennington.

(Ed.)

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CLARK, JEREMIAH Deacon

Shaftsbury, Vermont. Deacon and Judge Jeremiah Clark. Born Preston, Conn., 1733; died Shaftsbury, Vt. October 17, 1817, aged 84. Settled in Shaftsbury 1767. Member of Council of Safety, 1777-1778. Delegate to first convention of Settlers on the New Hampshire Grants, held at Cephas Kent's Tavern, Dorset, September 1776. Judge of the first Court; one of the judges, who sentenced David Redding to be hung. The statement that he was in the Battle of Bennington, with the rank of Major, has been made numberless times and is accepted tradition. There is no record to prove the service. as early as 1860, Hiland Hall failed to discover evidence of service at Bennington. Despite the strength of the tradition, it must be said that there is no record or other evidence to prove that Judge Jeremiah Clark was in the famous battle.

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