

## John Dennis

### Litchfield, Maine Revolutionary War Veterans

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Dennis, John</b>
<b>Born / Location:</b>	April 29, 1741 / Ipswich, MA
<b>Parents:</b>	Thomas
<b>Spouse(s):</b>	Salome Hodgkins (m. May 13, 1773)
<b>Where lived in Litchfield:</b>	Dennis Hill
<b>Date enlisted / Location:</b>	
<b>Rank:</b>	
<b>Service:</b>	
<b>Date of Discharge:</b>	
<b>Moved to Litchfield:</b>	1789 from Ipswich, MA
<b>Left Litchfield:</b>	N/A
<b>Died / Location</b>	April 30, 1816 / Litchfield, ME
<b>Buried:</b>	Grant Cemetery, Pine Tree Road, Litchfield, ME
<b>Find A Grave No.</b>	<a href="#">58642718</a>
<b>* Sources:</b>	A (p.99), B, C (errors), D (errors), E, F

A: History of Litchfield and An Account of Its Centennial Celebration, 1895

B: Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA)

C: Veteran's Record Card

D: Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution

E: Vital Records of Litchfield, Maine

F: Find A Grave

G: Index of Revolutionary Pensioners Living in Maine

#### History of Litchfield and An Account of Its Centennial Celebration, 1895: Pages 99-100

John Dennis, son of Thomas, and grandson of John, lived in Ipswich until 1789, when he moved to Litchfield, Me. The family sailed from Ipswich October 25, 1789, on board the Schooner Polly and arrived at the Cobbossee stream November 2, and November 3 took a canoe from Goodwin's, near what is now the New Mills, and with all the family, paddled up the Cobbossee stream, landing near what is now called Horse Shoe pond bridge, and from there went through the woods to what is now known as the Dennis farm. John was a mariner and was appointed prize master during the Revolutionary war. After he moved to Litchfield, he was town treasurer many years, and also a member of the board of selectmen. He married Salome Hodgkins May 13, 1773, and died in Litchfield April 30, 1816.

Children of John and Salome (Hodgkins) Dennis:

John, Jr., b. October 5, 1774, died November 5, 1774.

Salome, b. December 8, 1776, married Ephraim Lord, died in Hallowell, October 20, 1854.

John, Jr., b. May 30, 1780, married 1st, Elizabeth Walker; 2nd, Harriet Sawyer.

Martha, b. February 16, 1782. Died September 16, 1795.

Elizabeth, b. February 26, 1785, married Daniel Ring, and died December 13, 1820.

Thomas, b. November 28, 1787, married Hannah Walker. Died January 12, 1831.

Lydia, b. April 13, 1794, died November 24, 1850.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution: Vol. 4, pages 680-682

There are 15 men named John Dennis listed in this publication and it cannot be determined with certainty which, if any, of these men are the John Dennis who lived in Litchfield. The History of Litchfield says John was a mariner, and there are three men in the publication who are described as such. The most likely appears on page 681 and reads:

Dennis John. 2d Lieutenant, ship "General Mifflin," commanded by Capt. Daniel McNeill; petition dated Boston, March 17, 1778, signed by Phillip Moore, of Boston, asking that said McNeill be commissioned as commander of the "General Mifflin" (privateer); ordered in Council March 18, 1788, that a commission be issued"

Contributed by Ed Avis, Litchfield.

