

BONAR GENEALOGY

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Revolutionary War Records

D.A.R. Records

The following records of service in the Revolution are found in the Pennsylvania Archives, in the Fifth Series:

Vol III, pages 276, 277 Seventh Pennsylvania Continental Line: Roll of Capt Samuel Hay's Company... Private William Boner. (See page 449 of this Bonar Genealogy) William Boner (Bonar) signed the Oath of Allegiance, Oct 1777.

Vol VI, pages 242-244 County of Cumberland Associators and Militia: Fourth Battalion - First Class - In Service July, 1777. Captain, John Williams... Private, John Boner.

Vol VI, pages 246,247 County of Cumberland Associators and Militia: Fourth Battalion - 4th Class - In Service Oct, 1777. Captain, Philip Matthias... Private, James Bonar.

Vol VI, page 258 County of Cumberland Associators and Militia: Fourth Battalion - 1st Class - In Service, July, 1778. Captain, John Williams... Private, John Boner.

Vol VI, page 479 Muster Roll of Captain Daniel McClellan's Company, Sixth Company, of the Seventh Battalion of Cumberland County Militia, Commanded by Colonel Ja's Purdy, May 1, 1780... First Class, Jn'o Bonner. (Some descendants of John Bonar and Rebecca (Calhoun) Bonar claim that this record refers to their ancestor. See page 40 of this Bonar Genealogy) This John Bonar is listed in "DAR Patriot Index."

Vol VI, pages 493, 494 Muster Roll of Captain Daniel McClellan's Company, Sixth Captain of the Seventh Battalion of Cumberland County Militia, Commanded by Colonel James Purdy, May 1, 1781... Captain, Daniel McClellan... First Class, Jn'o Boner.

Vol VI, Pages 502, 503 An Account of the 1st Class of the 7th Battalion of Cumberland County Militia called upon to perform a Tour of Duty by an Order of Council bearing date the 27th Day of June, 1781. 6th Company. 1st Class, John Bonner.

Vol VI, pages 638, 639 Cumberland Co. Capt Hugh McCallester's Pay Roll from Augt 3d to Oct 2d, 1781. Privates... John Bonner.

Vol V, pages 865, 866 A Muster Role of the Melitary Inhabitants of Tredyffrin Township Chester County Command'd by Capt David Wilson May the 23th, 1782. Privates... Mathew Bowner. On page 867, same Muster Role: Privates... John Boner. Privates... Samuel Bones.

Vol V, pages 870, date not at hand, but would be a later date, same Captain, David Wilson: Privates... John Bonner Privates... Samuel Bones.

Vol 4, page 392 Continental Line Depreciation Pay. Washington County Militia. James Bonner, private. Also on same Roll... Edward Brooner, private... Henry Brunor, private.

Vol 4, page 280 Continental Line Depreciation Pay. Cumberland County Militia. John Bonner, private. (See lines 17, 22, and 25, above, John Bonner, Boner)

Vol VI, page 473 A Muster Roll of Captain John Taylor's Company, Being the Seventh Company of the Seventh Battalion of Cumberland County, the 1st of May, 1780, commanded by Colonel James Purdy. Fourth Class, Jas. Boner. (Some descendants of James Bonar and his third wife, Nancy Ann (VanScyoc) Bonar, claim that this James Boner is their ancestor. See page 37 of this Bonar Genealogy.)

Vol V, pages 445, 446 County of Bucks Associators and Militia. Cap't Thoma's Return of 4th Company, Bucks Co. Fourth Class... James Boner.
Company Bucks Co.

Vol VI?, pages 610, 611, 612 Revolutionary War Records, Virginia - Bounty Land Records, Virginia Military District in Ohio. Original Bounty Land Warrants Located in Virginia Military District in Ohio: ...Mathew Bonnor (his is the last name on page 612).

Vol VI, pages 387-389 Virginia Military Land Warrants, granted for Revolutionary War Services, State Continental Line, Beginning Aug 8, 1782. Virginia Military District of Ohio. #1705, Richard Bonner, Sgt, 3 years.

Vol VI?, pages 219, 220 Revolutionary War Records, Virginia - Bounty Land Warrants: List of Non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the Virginia line upon continental establishment, whose names are on the army register, and who have not received bounty land for their services in the war of the revolution... John Browner, Soldier, Cav... Joseph Bonner, Soldier, Inf...

See pages 17,18,26,448,526, for Signers of the "Oath of Allegiance," and Revolutionary Service. Page numbers refer to this "Bonar Genealogy."

Refer to lines 26 and 31, page 526 for another record on John Bonner. Following is his War Record, and additional information on his family; also further information on his parents:

John Bonner born Aug 12, 1755 on plantation in York Co, Pa, which was later Adams County. Enlisted Aug 1, 1776. Served as orderly Sargent in Capt James Chamberlain's Company. Col Matthew Rill's Pa Regiment, and in Capt Joshua Williams Company under Col Swope in the Flying Camp and continued until Jan 1, 1777. Enlisted in fall of 1777 and served as orderly sergeant and sergeant major in Capt William Dodd's Company under Col James Thompson and in Capt Ferguson's Pa Company. Was in Battle of Brandywine, Whitehorse, and Germantown. Length of service 2 mos. Enlisted in March 1778 and served 2 months as orderly sergeant in Capt Benj Cable's Company, under Maj Henderson. Was allowed pension on his application executed Nov 26, 1832, at which time he resided in Adams Co, Pa. (Spelling of name varies; but it is usually "Bonner.")

John m Jan 26, 1758, to Jane Thompson, dau of John Thompson, in Carlisle, Cumberland Co, Pa. Their children were: 1 Jamie (James) Bonar, b Jan 12, 1778; 2 Elizabeth Bonar, b Oct 4, 1781; 3 Isabel Bonar, b Nov 21 or 25?, 1783, m Alexander Porter - they had a dau, Elizabeth Jane Porter; 4 John Bonar (Jr), b May 21, 1786; 5 Robert Bonar, b April 25, 1788; 6 Eleanor E, b April 10, 1791; 7 Thomas (Thompson T) Bonar, b Sept 6, 1793, d Nov 22, 1827 - left sons, Bolivar and Columbus Bonar; 8 William F Bonar, b April 10, 1797; 9 Charles Francis, b May 30, 1800.

In 1836 Eleanor E, Elizabeth and William were living in Latimore, Adams Co, Pa, with their mother, Jane (Thompson) Bonner. (Jane is listed as Jean in DAR Patriot Index. See page 539)

J Franklin Bonner, a great-great-grandson, writes for information of War service, letter in which he states that John Bonner and six of his brothers walked a distance of 180 miles (Mifflintown to Philadelphia) to enlist. All were six feet tall. Two were killed in battle. Jane (Thompson) Bonar, the widow of John Bonner, died Feb 14, 1845. William Bonner was the executor of Will. Pension was \$45 per annum. (Uncertain whether pertains to Will of Jane? or John?) (The above record was among the papers of Grace L Bonar; source of information not given, except "Penn. W 3214" which may refer to a War Record in the National Archives, Washington.)

"Boner Family - Robert and Eleanor were the pioneers direct from Scotland to Adams Co, Pennsylvania, about 1745, six of their sons served in the Revolution. They are listed in the Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church, of Adams County, Pa. Their son, 'Major John Bonner died several years ago, his son William Bonner is a trustee of the Church.' This goes on to say that the Bonners of Adams Co, Pa, were confused with the Bonners of Virginia."—Record from Mrs Carl (Florence) Main, 1534 E 248th St, Cleveland, Ohio 44117. A record previously recorded said that Robert was a son of the immigrant; this record gives the name of his wife and states that Robert and Eleanor were the immigrants. Following is the record of another son of Robert:

William Bonner's Declaration, July 12th, 1833: Born in York County, Penna, Dec 29th, 1759. Was drafted in 1776 under Capt Charles Chamberlayne, Lieut William Dodd, Ensign John O Blains, General Ewins; in 1777 volunteered under Capt William Dodd, Lieut James McNickels, Col James Thompson, Major William Scott, General _____ Potter; in 1781 volunteered under Major Edder, Capt Orbison, Lieut _____ Stuart.--from "Military Services in Frederick County, Virginia," page 496, copied at Virginia State Library, Oct 1965, by Durward B Brown. (Do not know why he is listed with the Frederick County, Va, records. May he have later settled in that County?)

(When Mrs Main (above) sent information on Robert and Eleanor Bonar, she wrote: "The enclosed is what I found on the origin of the Boner family of Knox and Morrow /Counties in the State of Ohio/. I do not know how accurate it is; the data was from C W Rush of Akron, Ohio. I believe he is deceased, now.") (Later, another letter from Mrs Main stated: "The data I have does not give the children of Robert and Eleanor Boner. It does state that 6 of their sons served with distinction in the revolution. The name was originally spelled Bonard, and in later times Bonar. It says the genealogist of the Ross, Porter, Taggart and Nesbit family was familiar with the family and spelled the name Boner. A daughter Martha was named. No ages or other data given.") We now know that four of Robert's six sons were: John, William, Francis and Andrew Thompson(Bonner, Boner, or Bonar.) Additional records may be in York and Adams Counties, Pa.

The GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, Washington, D C 20408, does not have any records for many soldiers known to have served in the Revolutionary War. They state on one of their forms that, "Failure to find a record for a veteran does not necessarily mean that he did not serve." You may be able to obtain information about him from The Adjutant General of the State from which the service was rendered; or to mention a few other sources - Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Bureau of Archives and History, Harrisburg, Pa 17100; Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va (the Va State Lib has a very complete collection of records of George Rogers Clark and Armies of the West among the Military Records of Virginia.); and Archives and Libraries elsewhere.

NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION PATRIOT INDEX, pages 70,71

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Symbols and Abbreviations

★ *means* the soldier was pensioned:

W ★ *means* the soldier's widow was pensioned:

Heirs ★ *means* the soldier's heirs were pensioned; etc;

SDI *means* a Signer of the Declaration of Independence;

CS *means* Civil Service, that is, the holding of a Civil office such as: Constable; Jailor; Judge; Juror; Justice of Peace; Legislator; Ordinary; Selectman; Sheriff; Surveyor of Highways; Tax Collector; Town Clerk; Town Treasurer; etc. (See page 33, DAR Handbook).

PS *means* Patriotic Service, such as: An Associator; Collector of Provisions; Defender of fort or frontier; Delegate to a Continental Congress or to a Provincial Congress; Express Rider; Fence Viewer; Furnishing a substitute; Gunsmith who gave his services; Inspector of provisions; Member of the Boston Tea Party, or the Cherokee Expedition, or the Galvez Expedition, or the Kaskaskia Campaign; Member of a Committee made necessary by the War; Minister who made patriotic sermons; Munitions maker; Nurse; Taking an oath of allegiance; Patroller; Prisoner of War or of the Indians; Ranger; Rendering aid to the wounded; Rendering material aid; Signer of an Association Test; Signer of a petition; Surgeon; Wheelwright: (See page 8, "NSDAR Requirements for and Preparation of Application Papers.")

Rank, when stated, is the highest rank attained which has been proven for the patriot.

BONNER, (includes BONAR, BUNNER)

Andrew b 3-17-1740 d 12-19-1791 m Sarah Fisher PS PA
Benjamin b 2-4-1750 d 1-1-1815 m Frances — 1Lt NC
Charles b 1744 d 3-20-1833 m Nancy Galbraith Capt PA
David b — d 11-5-1804 m Mercy Hancock Pvt MA
Frederick b 11-4-1758 d 1830 m Elizabeth Smith PS VA
Henry b 1734 d 1-1-1822 m Ann Cate Capt VA
Henry b c. 1732 d p. 1779 m Elizabeth Ann Snoad 2Maj NC
James, Sr. b c. 1719 d p. 1782 m Mary Snode Col NC
James, Jr. b 1753 d 1791 m Sarah Wilson Sol NC
James. b 1753 d 11-1-1825 m Mary Laird Sol SC
John b 8-20-1764 d 9-4-1842 m Sarah Love Pvt VA ★
John b c. 1760 d p. 10-20-1824 m Rebecca Calhoun Sol VA
John b 8-13-1755 d 3-13-1835 m Jean Thompson SgtMaj PA ★
John b — d 1784/85 m Sarah — Pvt PA
Joseph b 1752 d p. 11-10-1828 m X Pvt PA ★
Joseph. b c. 1760 d 1-6-1825 m Susannah — Sol VA
Thomas. b a. 1720 d 1787 m Sarah Peyton Col NC
Thomas. b c. 1744 d 12- -1804 m X Sol SC
Wm. b 12-29-1759 d 4-9-1847 m Hannah — Pvt PA ★
Wm b c. 1755 d a. 3-4-1814 m Sarah — Pvt PA
Wm b 1756 d 12-29-1834 m Elizabeth Richards Pvt NC ★

Many Patriots who served in the Revolution are not listed in the DAR INDEX.
Only those are listed who had Descendants that became Members of the DAR.

