

## **Israel Ellsworth**

Patriot of Jill Ellsworth Scott, Narcissa Whitman Chapter, Yakima, Washington

Israel Ellsworth (Haliday/Holliday) was born on April 1, 1755, Simsbury West Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut. His parents were Samuel Ellsworth and Aimee Holladay.

Israel's first wife was Hopestill Stevens and they had several children including Hezekiah, Benjamin, Israel Jr., Jonathan, Sylvannus and Susannah. Israel Sr. deserted this family and assumed the name of Israel Ellsworth Holliday, taking on the maiden name of his mother. This is the name the pension application is under. He then married Anne Bennett and had four or children including Israel Ellsworth Holliday, Jr.

Israel resided, during the American Revolution, at Pittsford, Rutland County, Vermont and assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Captain. He was part of what was known as the Continental Green Mountain Boys volunteered and served in the army of Vermont in 1776 and served as Sergeant under Captain Peleg Sunderland and marched with Colonel Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold when they took Fort Ticonderoga.

He assisted, under Captain P. Sunderland, in building Fort Independence and was at Otter Creek near Brown's Camp as a lookout for British foragers and was taken with the twelve men under his command by Major Frasure, a British officer. After his exchange he joined Captain Samuel Blotchet at Hubbleton.

In 1777, he received a Captain's commission. He marched his command of 75 men and two Lieutenants to join Colonel Seth Warner, who joined Colonel Allen to march to New York. Here he fought a detachment of Burgoyne's army. After approximately two months, he marched under Colonel Warner to Pittsford, Vermont where he continued to serve as a Captain in the Vermont Line until the end of the war before his discharge.

Israel was on the payroll of Captain Colley's Company in Colonel Gideon Warren's Regiment of militia for six days – 8 – 13 November 1776 with his brother Samuel. .

He died post October 15, 1832 in Fairfax County, Virginia. He is possibly buried in Jennette Cemetery in Lookout, Fayette County, West Virginia. He was married to Ann Bennett and Hopestill Stevens and had nine children. He is listed in both the Sons and the Daughters of the American Revolution as a patriot.

His father, Samuel Ellsworth, and father-in-law, Benjamin Stevens, are also Revolutionary Patriots.