

## **Samuel Ellsworth**

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Samuel Ellsworth was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Allen Ellsworth, the youngest son of Josiah and Martha Gaylord Ellsworth, who came from England and settled in West Windsor, Conn., on the farm which afterwards became the home of Oliver Ellsworth, late Chief Justice of the United States.

He (Samuel, Jr.) was born on October 1, 1718 in Windsor Hartford County, Connecticut and was of light complexion, blue eyes, middle stature, thick set, firm constitution and much given to study. When young he worked at the weaver's trade. His parents gave him little opportunity for acquiring learning, but having a great thirst for knowledge, he acquired, by his own exertions, considerable information, calculated almanacs for several years in Connecticut, and for one year in Vermont. At the age of about thirty years he married the widow Anna Haliday/Holliday Matson 2 December 1746 in Simsbury, Hartford, Connecticut by whom he had five children, Caroline, Tryphenia, Samuel III, Israel and Daniel. .

He came to Pittsford, Rutland County, Vermont in 1773, and purchased what is now the south part of the farm owned by Isaac C. Wheaton. He built a house about seventy rods south of the present residence of Mr. Wheaton, and just west of a small ravine, and to this he removed his family in the fall of that year. In addition to his agricultural employments, he practiced land surveying, and was Proprietors Clerk and Justice of the Peace.

From 1774 to 1775 he served as an assessor, in addition to farming. During the war, he lost most of his property. Sergeant Ellsworth was part of Captain Benjamin Cooley's company in Colonel Ebenezer Allen's regiment of the Militia. They were called to action March 23-28 in 1780. Samuel is listed as serving Patriot Service as a proprietor's clerk 1775-1776 and was a member of the Committee of Pittsford.

Soon after his discharge in October 1780, Samuel moved to Arlington where he lived with his son, Samuel until his death circa 1803. His son, Israel Ellsworth, married Hopestill Stevens, daughter of Patriot Benjamin Stevens.