

## **Benjamin Stevens**

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

Benjamin Stevens was born in 1733 in Quaker Hill, Dutchess County, New York. He married Hopestill Shaw and resided in Nine Partners, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where were born the following children, viz.: Daniel, Benjamin, James, Simeon, Jonathan and Hopestill. In 1773, he moved to Manchester, Vermont, and in the following year, to Pittsford. He bought the land which now forms the farm owned by Edward and Richard Hendee, and built a house on the south slope of the hill, the cellar of which may still be seen on the north side of the east and west road, near its junction with the north-and-south road. At that early period the Crown Point road passed a few rods east of this house; and the location of that road might have had some influence with Mr. Stevens in the selection of a site for his buildings. His daughter, Hopestill married Patriot Israel Ellsworth, son of Patriot Samuel Ellsworth.

Mr. Stevens was soldier in the American Revolution under Captains Benjamin Cooley and Colonels Warren and Allen. He died September 6, 1803, in Pittsford, Rutland County, Vermont, and is buried at the Baptist Cemetery in Pittsford. The inscription on his grave reads: In memory of Mr. BENJAMIN STEVENS who died June 9, 1803 In the 70 year of his age. ----- Earth has detain'd me pris'ner long- And I'm grown weary now. My heart my hands my ears, my tongue. There's nothing here for you.