

Joseph Fox

Service: Massachusetts Rank: Captain

Birth: 11/22/1749 Dracut Middlesex Co. Massachusetts

Death: 7/9/1827 Dutchess Co, N.Y buried Woodstock, N.Y.

Captain Joseph Fox, while residing in Billerica, Mass, became Adjutant of Col. Ebenezer Bridge's regiment of Massachusetts Minute Men and, upon the Lexington Alarm, marched April 19, 1775 for Lexington. This service was for four days. Appointed Adjutant April 24, 1775 in Col. Ebenezer Bridge's 27th Mass Regiment, Provincial Infantry, enlisted for eight months; was at the battle of Bunker Hill and siege of Boston until honorably discharged by reason of expiration of regimental term of service Dec. 31, 1775.

On requisition of the Continental Congress a State Volunteer regiment of infantry was raised in Connecticut for service during the year 1776 Under Major General Philip Schuyler. Fox was sent to Lake Champlain and then Montreal, thence to the Siege of Quebec. Joseph Fox was appointed an Ensign in the Col. Charles Burrall regiment in Jan. 1776. He was promoted to 2nd lieutenant in Sept. of the same year.

Joseph Fox was appointed 1st lieutenant in Jan. 1777 in the Continental regiment of infantry raised in Eastern Mass. by his Excellency Gen. Washington, Commander in Chief. Fox accompanied this regiment during the defense of Boston, the battle of Germantown, Penn, the battle of Monmouth, NJ, then north across the Hudson River to White Plains, N.Y.

Joseph Fox was promoted to Captain in June 1777 and regimental Paymaster in Oct. 1778. He served in the Battle of Springfields N.J. June, 1780 and after the discovery of Benedict Arnold's treason in Oct. of 1780 marched with his unit to West Point. Fox was honorably discharged in Nov. 1783. He became an original member in the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati.

Above is an abbreviated listing of Capt. Fox's service record.

Source: Genealogies of Woodstock CT. Families - Fox Family. Researched in 2012 by Varick Graver on behalf of Legion Post 1026

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