

Cascade Centennial Chapter

Compatriot: **Robert Doughty**

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Stephen Doughty ME

Stephen Doughty was a 27-year-old farmer with a wife, Hannah, and three daughters residing at Topsham, Maine. In March 1776, he, along with his brother, Ichabod, and a friend, John McMannus, both of Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, enlisted for 12 months as soldiers with the rank of Private in the company commanded by Captain William Lithgow.

Shortly after enlisting, the three new soldiers marched south 25 miles with their company to Falmouth (now Portland), Maine where they served faithfully, and were occupied building forts and fortifications, and doing other military duties as soldiers, for about nine months, from March to November 1776. Stephen and Ichabod messed together nearly the whole time they were at Falmouth. In November 1776, the three were honorably discharged at Falmouth and returned home together.

Two months later, in January 1777, the three were drafted for three months to serve in Captain William Stanwood's Company, to go to Peekskill, in the State of New York, 250 miles from Topsham. Stephen Doughty served as a Drummer; his brother Ichabod, and friend, John McMannus, served as Privates and were engaged in the duty of guarding continental stores. John McMannus and Stephen Doughty were quartered in the same barracks.

About March 1777, an ailing Stephen Doughty was honorably discharged about a week before his brother Ichabod and friend John McMannus were also discharged. The three made their way back to Topsham, Maine, absent from home about four months.

After the war Stephen and Hannah had at least four more children and continued to live on the Doughty family farm a few miles west of Topsham. Stephen Doughty died July 22, 1833 at age 84, and is buried in a pasture on his family farm.