

Seattle Chapter

Patriot's name: Amos Miner

Patriot's State: Connecticut

Patriot's Military Service:

A descendant of Mayflower passenger William Brewster, Amos Miner was born in New London, Connecticut on August 6, 1755, and was the third son of Jesse and Jane (Watrous) Miner. As a Sergeant in Captain Benjamin Throop's Company, Amos was one of approximately 1,500 volunteer troops who took possession of Bunker Hill on the night of June 16, 1776. These men were concealed behind the breastwork of new-mown hay and a post and rail fence, delivering the first volley of musketry from their flintlock guns into the ranks of the British as they marched up the hill in solid column. He was in the thick of the battle on the 17th, and among the last to leave the field when the order to fall back was given. He gave vivid descriptions of many incidents of this memorable battle.

On December 14, 1780, Amos married Mary Rowley, daughter of John and Rebecca (Hurd) Rowley. Mary was also related to Mayflower passengers, descending from the Rogers and Fuller families. Between 1781 and 1799, the couple parented a total of 9 children, all born in the New Canaan, Connecticut area.

During a military expedition to Canada, he received a gunshot wound in an arm, disabling him for life. Amos died in Palmyra, New York on November 11, 1836 at the age of 81 years, and is buried near the main entrance of the Palmyra Village Cemetery, Wayne County, New York.

Gravestone Inscription, Palmyra Village Cemetery, Wayne County, New York
(Lot #1074, Section Q):

"In memory of Amos Miner, died November 11, 1836, aged 84 years.
He was a brave soldier of the Revolution. He was at the Battle of
Bunker Hill, also at the surrender of Burgoyne. He was always at his
post, and was one of those brave souls that could not be conquered."

Descendants: Richard Lee Barton Hutchins (164861)