

Peter Waltz

Born 1751 in Maryland.

In 1775 he and his brother, Michael went to Boston to join the Continental army. They served at the Battle of Lexington, Bunker Hill and eventually under George Washington. He fought in at least 14 major battles. Peter stayed in the army for 5 years, 8 months.

When he left to join the army, he had one daughter and his wife was pregnant with a son. She told him at that time that if he left her she would not take him back or allow him to see his children.

When he returned home in 1780 she kept her word - she would not let him in the house and he was kept from seeing his daughter or meeting his son.

He left Maryland and settled in Pennsylvania where he remarried and raised a family. He eventually moved to Wayne County, Ohio.

In 1815 He heard of another Waltz family living in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He went to visit them and was shocked to discover it was his son, Jacob – son of his first wife. Their meeting was pleasant and frequently repeated.

A few years after that he heard of another Waltz family who lived in the vicinity in destitute circumstances. He went to see if he could help them and was astonished to discover it was his brother Michael with whom he had fought for so long during the Revolution. They had become separated during the war and had not seen each other for 40 years.

He died in 1832.

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