

Joseph Call

1741 – 1821

by Karla Knapp Oswald a 4th great granddaughter of Joseph Call

Fact Sheet

Born: February 11, 1741 at Oxford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, United States

Son of: Abigail Sprague and Samuel Call

Married: Mary Sanderson, October 22, 1766 at Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, United States. Mary was the daughter of Elizabeth Green and Benjamin Sanderson and was born July 3, 1742 at Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, United States. It is believed that Mary died in 1819 at Geauga County, Ohio, United States.



Father of:

Azubah	1767-1823
Rufus	1769-1869
Cyrus	1772-1860
Tryphena	1775-1845
Daughter	1775-1775
Mary Polly	1779-1859
Joseph	1783-1812
Cyril	1785-1873

Died: In 1821 at Perry, Geauga County, Ohio, United States

Buried: In 1821 at South Ridge Cemetery, Madison, Lake County, Ohio, United States
Plot: Section E Row 7 Stone 2
Inscription: PVT Vt Vols Revolutionary War – Project symbol reads “1776
Flagholder”*

As a young man, Joseph left his birth place in Massachusetts and traveled to a small, but growing community of Hertford. The area later became part of Vermont. The countryside was rough and very challenging for any hard working, adventurous individual wanting to settle new frontiers. Such was the case with Joseph.

After a short time of working the property he had claimed at Hertford, Joseph returned to Leicester, Massachusetts to marry his sweetheart, Mary Sanderson. They were married on October 22, 1766. The newlyweds then traveled back to Hertford and moved into a cabin Joseph had built for them.

Joseph and Mary faced many hardships in the rough wilderness. Hertford was so primitive there were few neighbors. What neighbors they had were spread out and contact with them did not happen often. Joseph and Mary had to be grateful for some family members who also moved to the area. The families worked together as they could. The difficulties of converting this area into farm land were hard and many early settlers left. Joseph and Mary's family members were among those who chose not to stay. Their move left Joseph and Mary alone to face the hard work and challenges of this frontier.

Joseph & Mary continued to clear land, fight wild animals and make a home in this untamed land. The Call family eventually grew to include seven children.

In 1775, The American Revolution was declared. Vermont was one of the thirteen colonies faced with the question of independence from British rule. This question divided many. Joseph was committed to the cause of freedom. Joseph enlisted August 16, 1778 and became a Private in Regiment of Vermont Volunteers. Included in Joseph's military record of service is the statement,

An account of what Services we whole Names are hereafter mentioned have Done in watching & Guarding Suspected Persons as Enimies to the Eunited States of America By order of Committys of Safty of towns of Harford, Labanon, Hartford & Woodstock.

Joseph's name is one of twelve names recorded below the statement and signed by B. Durkee, February 10th 1778**

Joseph, like generations before him, was a Baptist. He served in different positions of the church including deacon, Preacher and later as Pastor in the Baptist Church located at Woodstock, Vermont. At one point his Church service required him to travel throughout a large area, which stretched as far north as the Canadian border.

In 1793, the Calls moved to Cambridge, Vermont where Joseph became the town's first Pastor. In 1797, Joseph became the Pastor in Fairfax. In 1801, Joseph & Mary moved their family from Cambridge to Fletcher, which was twenty miles south the Canadian border. At Fletcher Joseph accepted the position of part-time Pastor. This new responsibility was added to his already busy schedule of his traveling ministry. Joseph also purchased farm ground, which he developed with the help of his sons.

Joseph helped organize The Grand River Baptist Association. While Joseph served in this association he helped draft "The Confessions of Faith" a document outlining the Baptist beliefs.

The 'Ohio Fever' drew Joseph and Mary away from Vermont in 1815. They found land to claim and settled at Perry, Lake County, Ohio. Several of their family members, including sons Rufus and Cyril, also moved to Ohio where the family worked and supported each other.

In 1819, Joseph lost his bride after fifty-three years of marriage. It is not certain when Mary died as a death record has never been found, but family records indicate that she passed away at Perry, Lake County, Ohio.

Joseph married a second wife, Anna Nutling or Nutting, on May 26, 1820 at Lake County, Ohio.

Joseph died in 1821 at Perry, Lake County, Ohio. He was buried in the South Ridge Cemetery at Madison, Lake County, Ohio.

Joseph was described by his grandson, Amherst, as follows:

"Grandfather was a small man but all his brothers were large and strong. He was a Communion Baptist Elder and a pretty smart man, a great historian. He lived with father 'till I was 17 and (he) was 80 years old when he died."

The information for this Fact Sheet came from family records in the possession of Karla Knapp Oswald. Dates, locations and other vital facts have been compared to and verified with records preserved within the *FamilySearch* data base maintained by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints available at FamilySearch.org.

*Find A Grave Memorial #36983596 & #39494379 <http://www.findagrave.com>

** The American Revolution War Records for Joseph Call found at [Fold3.com/image #9962519](https://www.fold3.com/image/9962519)

For more detailed information about the Call Family –

Anson Call and the Rocky Mountain Prophecy by Gwen Marler Barney