

**Edward Spicer Revolutionary War Veteran
of Groton Connecticut and Plainfield New York**

Edward Spicer of Groton Connecticut served as a Private during the American Revolution. After the war, he relocated with his family to Plainfield, Otsego County New York. He owned a substantial farm along the Unadilla River and he had a large family. He died in 1823 and is buried in the Unadilla Forks Cemetery in Plainfield.

Revolutionary War Service

Edward Spicer served as a Private in Captain Abel Spicer's 10th Company of the 6th Connecticut continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Holden Parsons.. He enlisted May 10, 1778 and he was discharged December 17, 1778.¹

DAR and SAR Records

Edward Spicer is identified as Ancestor #A107189 by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR records refer to his service in Captain Abel Spicer's Company. The DAR record states his birth was October 8, 1755 at Somers, Hartford County Connecticut and he died January 6, 1823 in Plainfield, Otsego County New York. He was married twice according to DAR records: first Esther Ames, and second Deborah Brown. His children were identified as Minor, Seth, Ezra, and Shubael.²

The Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Research System recognizes Edward Spicer born 1722 in Groton CT, died 1797 Groton CT as Patriot Ancestor P-333282 for holding a Civil Service position. This is the father of Edward Spicer born 1755 in CT, died 1823 in NY. There is no PRS record for Edward Spicer who died in 1823 in Plainfield NY.³

Early Family History

Edward Spicer was born October 8, 1755 in Somers, Hartford County Connecticut to parents Edward and Hannah Spicer.⁴ Edward Spicer married Esther Ames January 7, 1779 at Preston CT.⁵ Russel Spicer, son of Edward and Esther Spicer, died June 25, 1796 and is buried in the Unadilla Forks Cemetery in Plainfield, Otsego County New York.⁶ This is the same cemetery where his father and mother would later be buried. This grave is evidence that Edward and Esther Spicer's family had relocated from Groton Connecticut to Otsego County New York by 1796. An image of the headstone for Russell Spicer is shown below:



The 1796 gravestone of Russell Spicer is evidence that Edward Spicer had relocated to Plainfield NY by that date. Edward Spicer was taxed in Plainfield, Otsego County New York in 1799. In this record, he is listed next to his brother Silas Spicer and he nephew Silas Spicer Jr.⁷ In 1800, the household of Edward Spicer had this composition:⁸

1800 Household of Edward Spicer, Plainfield, Otsego County New York				
Males under 10	Males 10 - 15	Males 16 - 25	Males 45 & over	Females 26 - 44
2	4	1	1	1

Edward Spicer was elected as a founding trustee of the Town of Plainfield Library on March 10, 1801.⁹ Edward Spicer received a mortgage of \$952 on a 254 acre parcel of land on the Unadilla River in Otsego County on September 16, 1801. This property was referred to as the De Lancey and Morgans Purchase. This mortgage was granted by John De Lancy Esquire of the City of New York.¹⁰

His first wife Esther Ames Spicer died January 22, 1808 and is buried in the Unadilla Forks Cemetery in Plainfield.¹¹ Edward Spicer married second Deborah Brown.¹² The children of Edward Spicer are shown in the table below:

Children of Edward Spicer 1755 - 1823				
Name	Mother	Birth	Marriage	Death
Robert Spicer ¹³	Esther Ames	1782 Groton CT	Sarah Kendall	1851 Plainfield NY
Shubel Spicer ¹⁴	Esther Ames	1790 Groton CT	Sally Coates	1855 Columbia Co. WI
Seth Spicer ¹⁵	Esther Ames	1792 Groton CT	Mary Worden	1876 Allegany Co. NY
Russell Spicer ¹⁶	Esther Ames	1795		1796 Plainfield NY
Esther Spicer ¹⁷	Deborah Brown	1810 Plainfield NY	William Collins	1864 Plainfield NY
Deborah Spicer ¹⁸	Deborah Brown	1813 Plainfield NY		1820 Plainfield NY
Minor Spicer ¹⁹	Deborah Brown	1815 Plainfield NY	Mary McFarland	1896 Plainfield NY
Sarah Jane Spicer ²⁰	Deborah Brown	1817 Plainfield NY	William Wilcox	1888 Plainfield NY

Burial of Edward Spicer

Edward Spicer died on January 6, 1823 and is buried in the Unadilla Forks Cemetery in Plainfield, Otsego County New York.²¹ The grave of Edward Spicer is recorded as a burial of a Revolutionary soldier in a 1924 publication of the New York, Historic Research and Preservation of Records Commission.²² An image of the gravestone of Edward Spicer is shown below:



No grave marker recognizing the service of Edwar Spicer is visible in the photo.

¹ Connecticut Men in the Revolutionary War, Volume I, Hartford, CT: Case, Lockwood, and Brainard Company, 1889, page 78.

² National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR Ancestor Search, Edward Spicer, Ancestor #A107189, accessed September 5, 2026 at https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A107189.

³ National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Patriot Research System, search for Edward Spicer conducted on September 7, 2026 at <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/patriot/display/333282>.

⁴ Connecticut, Birth Records, pre 1870 (Barbour Collection), birth of Edward Spicer, October 8, 1755, Somers CT, parents Edward and Hannah Spicer, Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55; Author: White, Lorraine Cook, Ed.; Publication Date: 1994-2002; Volume: 40, page 163.

⁵ Connecticut, Town Marriage Records, pre 1870 (Barbour Collection), marriage of Edward Spicer and Esther Ames, January 7, 1779, Preston CT, Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55; Author: White, Lorraine Cook, Ed.; Publication Date: 1994-2002; Volume: 35, page 310.

⁶ FindaGrave Memorial, Russell Spicer, died June 25, 1796, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Unadilla Forks, Plainfield Township, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.

⁷ New York, Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799, Plainfield No. 1, Edward Spicer, house and farm, value of real estate \$327, image 9 of 10.

Connecticut, Town Birth Records, Silas Spicer, born January 22, 1744/5, Groton CT, parents Edward and Hannah Spicer, Genealogical Publishing Co.; Baltimore, Maryland, USA; The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55; Author: White, Lorraine Cook, Ed.; Publication Date: 1994-2002; Volume: 15, page 209.

History of the Descendants of Peter Spicer, A Landholder in New London Connecticut, compiled by Susan Spicer Meech and Susan Billings Meech, Copyright 1911, Susan Meech, page 135.

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- ⁸ U.S. Census, 1800, New York, Otsego, Plainfield, household of Edward Spicer, Year: 1800; Census Place: Plainfield, Otsego, New York; Series: M32; Roll: 25; Page: 674; Image: 99; Family History Library Film: 193713.
- ⁹ New York, Otsego County, Deeds, Volume C, 1801 - 1805, page 327, Certification of the Founding of the Social Library in the Town of Plainfield, Charles Burt, Chairman, March 10, 1801, film 1023764, image 747 of 815.
- ¹⁰ New York, Otsego County, Mortgages, 1791 – 1806, page 273, mortgage of John Delancey Esquire of the City of New York to Edward Spicer of the County of Otsego, September 16, 1801, mortgage of \$952 on 254 acres on the Unadilla River, film 1024337, image 389 of 548.
- ¹¹ FindaGrave Memorial, Esther Spicer, died January 22, 1808, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Plainfield, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
- ¹² New York, Otsego County, Wills and Administrations, will of Caleb Brown of Plainfield, will date September 22, 1815, probate date October 15, 1815, pages 315 – 318, film 947164, images 197 – 199 of 586. His daughter Deborah Spicer, wife of Edward Spicer Esq. named as an heir.
- ¹³ FindaGrave Memorial, Robert Spicer, died February 9, 1851, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Plainfield, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
FindaGrave Memorial, Sarah Kendall Spicer, died December 8, 1863, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Plainfield, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
- ¹⁴ National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR Ancestor Search, Edward Spicer, Ancestor #A107189, accessed September 5, 2026 at https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A107189.
Michigan, Death Records, death of Ambrose Coates Spicer, died September 8, 1903 at Battle Creek MI, age 83, parents Shubel Spicer and Sally Coates, Michigan Department of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics; Lansing, Michigan; Death Records, 1903, image 781 of 3595.
FindaGrave Memorial, Shubel Spicer, died September 10, 1855, burial Portage, Columbia County, Wisconsin, www.findagrave.com.
- ¹⁵ Meech, Susan Spicer and Susan Billings Meech, History of the Descendents of Peter Sicer, Privately Printed, 1911, page 145.
- ¹⁶ FindaGrave Memorial, Russell Spicer, died June 25, 1796, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Unadilla Forks, Plainfield Township, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
- ¹⁷ FindaGrave Memorial, Esther Collins died September 6, 1864, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Plainfield, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
Collins, George Knapp, Descendents of John Collins of Charlestown Rhode Island, Privately Printed, 1901, page 23.
- ¹⁸ FindaGrave Memorial, Deborah Spicer, died March, 1820, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Plainfield, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
- ¹⁹ National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Lineage Book, Volume 71, page 178, Washington D.C., 1924.
FindaGrave Memorial, Minor Spicer, died July 21, 1896, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Plainfield, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
- ²⁰ Meech, Susan Spicer and Susan Billings Meech, History of the Descendents of Peter Sicer, Privately Printed, 1911, page 91.
- ²¹ FindaGrave Memorial, Edward Spicer, died January 6, 1823, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Plainfield, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
FindaGrave Memorial, Sarah Jane Wilcox, died February 24, 1888, burial Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Plainfield, Otsego County New York, www.findagrave.com.
- ²² New York, Historic Research and Preservation of Records Commission, Graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers, Volume 5, Rhinebeck NY, 1924, page 115, Edward Spicer, died January 6, 1823, Unadilla Forks Cemetery, Town of Plainfield, Otsego County, film 860330, image 1176 of 1281.

