

John Leonard Patriot of the German Regiment in the Revolutionary War

John Leonard served as a Private in George Hubly's Company of the German Battalion. He enlisted August 4, 1776 for the duration of the war. He was present at muster at Valley Forge in March and June 1778. He was present at the Camp at White Plains in July and August 1778. He was at the Camp at Fishkill NY in September and October 1778. He was paid for his service through December 1780.¹

John Leonard was born August 29, 1739. His wife Abigail was born in 1741. Their birth dates, along with the birth dates of 10 of their children were record in the Center Monthly Meeting [Quaker] of Guilford County NC as shown in the table below:²

Birth Records of the Children of John and Abigail Leonard recorded in the Center Monthly Meeting Records, Guilford County North Carolina	
Name	Birth Date
Pheniah Leonard	March 14, 1763
Joseph Leonard	January 27, 1765
Selinah Leonard	March 9, 1767
George Leonard	December 29, 1769
Ezekiel Leonard	February 19, 1772
Hannah Leonard	November 11, 1777
Eleanor Leonard	March 10, 1780
John Leonard	October 23, 1782
Abigail Leonard	March 6, 1785
Sarah Leonard	August 23, 1787

¹ U.S., Revolutionary War Service Records, John Leonard, German Battalion, NARA publication M881, roll 0140, NARA publication number 570910, record group 93, 45 images, www.Fold3.com.

² Hinshaw, William Wade, Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, Center Monthly Meeting, Volumes I-VI, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing, 1994 (reprint), page 660-1.

Since John Leonard served in the German Regiment, it is reasonable to conclude that the North Carolina meeting records record births that had happened elsewhere, although it is also be true that John and Abigail and at least some of their children lived in Guilford County NC after his service in the German Regiment.³ John Leonard was taxed in Sadsbury Township, Chester County PA in 1763.⁴

John Leonard paid £45 for a grant of 450 acres of land in Guilford County on Pole Cat Creek from the State of North Carolina on November 16, 1790.⁵ Pheniah Leonard, oldest child of John and Abigail, married Isaac Perkins in Guilford County NC on September 9, 1790.⁶

John Leonard was enumerated in Salisbury, Guilford County NC in a household with this composition:

1800 Household of John Leonard, Salisbury, Guilford County North Carolina						
Males 16 - 25	Males 26 - 44	Males 45 & over	Females 10 - 15	Females 16 - 26	Females 26 - 44	Females 45 & over
1	3	1	2	1	4	1

⁴ Pennsylvania, Chester County, Tax Records, 1754 - 1763, Sadsbury Township, 1763, John Leonard, £2, image 750 of 762, www.FamilySearch.org.

⁵ North Carolina, Guilford County, Deeds, Volume 6, pages 229-230, November 16, 1790, consideration \$45, Grant from the State of North Carolina to John Leonard, 450 acres of land in Guilford County on Pole Cat Creek, images 254-5 of 453, www.FamilySearch.org.

⁶ Hinshaw, William Wade , Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Volume 1, marriage of Pheniah Leonard, daughter of John and Abigail, to Isaac Perkins, September 9, 1790, Guilford County NC, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing, 1994 (reprint), page 683.

John Leonard was taxed in Chester, Clinton County Ohio in 1810.⁷ The will of John Leonard was probated June 14, 1812 in Clinton County Ohio.⁸ His will names the following heirs:

Heirs named in the June 14, 1812 Will of John Leonard Sr. of Clinton County Ohio		
Heir	Relationship	Bequest
John	Son	50 acres
Abigail	Wife	Residue of estate
Silenah	Daughter	\$15
Lidiah	Daughter	\$15
Mary	Daughter	\$15
Eleanor	Daughter	\$15
Abigail	Daughter	\$15
Sarah	Daughter	\$15
Feriah	Daughter	\$25
Ezekill	Son	\$25
Joseph	Son	\$8
George	Son	\$8

John's wife Abigail and his son Ezekiel were named executors of his estate. John Leonard is buried in the Center Friends Burying Ground, Wilmington, Clinton County Ohio.⁹

⁷ Ohio, Compiled Census and Census Substitute Index, 1810, John Leonard, Chester, Clinton County Tax List, Database: OH Washington County Census Index, page 008.

⁸ Ohio, Wills and Probate Records, Clinton County, will of John Leonard, probate date June 14, 1812, Index to Wills, 1826 – 1931, Record of Wills, Volumes A-c, 1810 – 1851.

⁹ FindaGrave Memorial, John Leonard, died October 23, 1812, burial Center Friends Burying Ground, Wilmington, Clinton County Ohio, www.FindaGrave.com.