

Philip Reed, Patriot of Rutland County Vermont and Ontario County New York

Philip Reed served during the Revolutionary War in 3 different Vermont Militia units. He married Margaret Fitch in Pawlet, Rutland County VT in 1780 and he was a resident of Pawlet in 1790. He later moved to Ontario County New York where he died in 1828.

Revolutionary War Service of Philip Read

- Philip Read, Captain Stark' Company, commanded at the time by Captain Parmalee Allen, Col. Warren's Regiment of Militia, payroll dated November 16, 1778 at Pawlet.¹
- Philip Read, Captain Parmalee Allen's Company of Rangers, Ebenezer Allen's Detachment of Militia, payroll November 17, 1779 at Castleton.²
- Philip Read, Lt. Col Pearl's Command, Militia called to assist the Sheriff from the towns of Pawlet, Rupert and Dorset in the execution of his office in September 1782.³

Philip Reed's Residence in Pawlet Vermont

- Philip Reed married Margaret Fitch May 20, 1780 in Pawlet Vermont.⁴
- William Fitch Reed was born to parents Philip and Margaret Reed on December 31, 1781 in Pawlet Vermont.⁵

¹ U.S., Revolutionary War Service Records, Vermont, Philip Read, Captain Stark's Co. commanded by Capt. Parmalee Allen, Col. Warren's Regiment of Militia, payroll dated November 16, 1778, Pawlet, NARA publication M881, roll 902, NARA catalog ID 570910, record group 93, 2 images, www.fold3.com.

² U.S., Revolutionary War Service Records, Vermont, Captain Parmalee Allen's Company of Rangers, Ebenezer Allen's Detachment, payroll dated November 17, 1779 at Castleton, NARA publication M881, roll 902, NARA catalog ID 570910, record group 93, 2 images, www.fold3.com.

³ U.S., Revolutionary War Service Records, Vermont, Philip Read, Lt. Col. Pearl's Command, 1782, NARA publication M881, roll 902, NARA catalog ID 570910, record group 93, 2 images, www.fold3.com.

⁴ Vermont, Pawlet, Vital Records, Philip Reed married to Margaret Fitch, May 20, 1780, film 28709, image 145 of 275, www.familysearch.org.

⁵ Vermont, Pawlet, Vital Records, William Fitch Reed born to Philip and Margaret Reed, December 31, 1781, film 28709, image 180 of 275, www.familysearch.org.

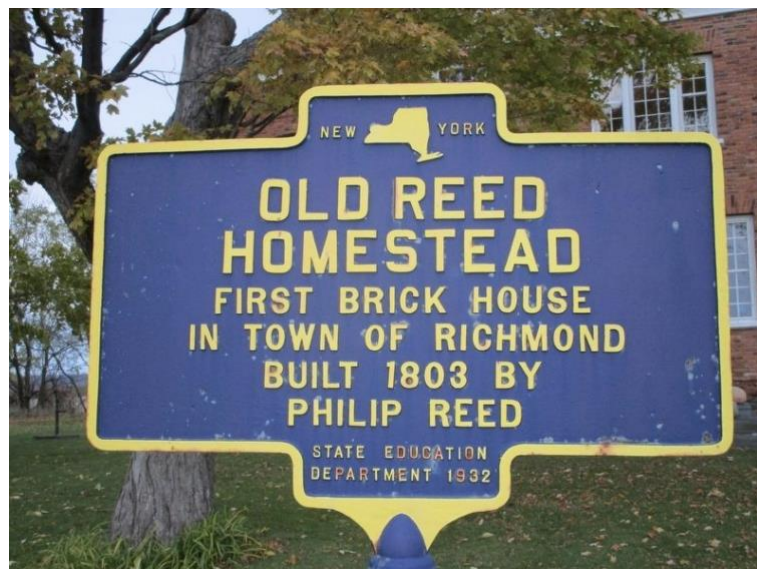
- Silas Reed was born to parents Philip and Margaret Reed on July 15, 1783 in Pawlet Vermont.⁶
- Philip Read was a resident of Pawlet Vermont in 1785.⁷
- The 1790 household of Philip Reed had this configuration:⁸

1790 Household of Philip Reed, Pawlet, Rutland County Vermont			
Males 16 & over	Males under 16	16	Other Free Persons
3	3	2	1

This is the only Philip Reed found in Vermont in 1790.

Philip Reed's Residence in Ontario County New York

- Philip Reed is recorded as having built the first brick house in the Town of Richmond, Ontario County New York. An image of the historical marker is shown below:⁹



Photographed by Anton Schwarzmüller, October 26, 2018

1. Old Reed Homestead Marker

⁶ Vermont, Pawlet, Vital Records, Silas Reed born to Philip and Margaret Reed, July 15, 1783, film 28709, image 1666 of 3579, www.familysearch.org.

⁷ Vermont, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, Philip Read, resident of Pawlet, 1785, Index Record, www.Ancestry.com.

⁸ U.S. Census, 1790, Vermont, Rutland, Pawlet, household of Philip Reed, The National Archives in Washington, DC; Washington, DC; First Census of the United States, 1790.; Year: 1790; Census Place: Pawlet, Rutland, Vermont; Series: M637; Roll: 12; Page: 237; Family History Library Film: 0568152.

⁹ The Historical Marker Database, Old Reed Homestead, Town of Richmond, Ontario County New York, Placed by the New York State Education Department, 1932, accessed September 1, 2026 at <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=125495>.

- The composition of the household of Philip Reed in Honeoye, Ontario County New York is shown

below:¹⁰

1810 Household of Philip Reed, Honeoye, Ontario County New York								
Males under 10	Males 10 - 15	Males 16 - 25	Males 26 - 44	Males 45 & over	Females under 10	Females 16 - 25	Females 45 & over	All Other Free Persons
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- The 1820 household of Philip Reed in Richmond, Ontario County New York had this composition:¹¹

1810 Household of Philip Reed, Richmond, Ontario County New York							
Males 10 - 15	Males 16 - 25	Males 26 - 44	Males 45 & over	Females 10 - 15	Females 45 & over	Free Colored Persons 45 & over	Foreigners Not Naturalized
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

The will of Philip Reed of Richmond, Ontario County NY dated January 4, 1820 names these heirs:

1. Wife Margaret Reed
2. Son William F. Reed
3. Son Philip Reed
4. Son John F. Reed
5. Son Wheeler Reed
6. Son Silas Reed
7. 5 grandchildren

The probate date of the will of Philip Reed was May 2, 1828.¹²

¹⁰ U.S. Census, 1810, New York, Ontario, Honeoye, household of Philip Reed, Year: 1810; Census Place: Honeoye, Ontario, New York; Roll: 33; Page: 717; Image: Nym252_33-0181; FHL Roll: 0181387.

¹¹ U.S. Census, 1820, New York, Ontario, Richmond, household of Philip Reed, Fourth Census of the United States, 1820; Census Place: Richmond, Ontario, New York; Page: 45; NARA Roll: M33_62; Image: 33.

¹² New York, Wills and Probate Records, Ontario County, Probate Records, volumes 13 – 19, 1818 – 1829, will of Philip Reed of Richmond, will date January 4, 1820, probate date May 2, 1828, film 834760, image 780 of 873.

Philip Reed died March 20, 1828 at age 71 and is buried in Richmond Center Cemetery in Richmond, Ontario County New York. An image of his headstone is shown below:¹³



A zoomed in image of the marker from this image is shown below:



¹³ FindaGrave Memorial, Philip Reed, died March 30, 1828, burial Richmond Center Cemetery, Richomnd, Ontario County New York, www.findagrave.com.

This marker does not appear to be an SAR or a DAR marker. Philip Reed of Pawlet VT and Richmond NY is recognized as a DAR ancestor.¹⁴ The SAR Patriot Research system does not contain a record for Philip Reed.¹⁵

Is the Philip Reed Who served in Vermont the same Philip Reed who died in New York in 1828?

The 1780 marriage record of Philip Read in Pawlet VT identifies his wife as Margaret Fitch. Two records were found for sons of Margaret and Philip Read born in Pawlet: William Fitch Reed and Silas Reed. William F. Reed and Silas Reed are named in the 1820 will of Philip Reed of Richmond NY, as is his wife Margaret Reed. William F. Reed and Silas Reed are both buried in the same cemetery as their parents in Richmond NY.¹⁶ The evidence found supports the conclusion that Philip Reed buried in Richmond Center Cemetery in Richmond, Ontario County New York is the same Philip Reed who served in the Revolutionary War and who lived in Pawlet Vermont.

¹⁴ National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Ancestor Search, Philip Reed, service Vermont, Ancestor A094630, accessed September 1, 2026 at https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A094630.

¹⁵ National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Patriot Research System, search for Philip Reed, Vermont conducted on September 1, 2026 at <https://sarpatriots.sar.org/patriot/search>.

¹⁶ FindaGrave Cemeteries, Richmond Center Cemetery, Richmond, Ontario County New York, www.findagrave.com.