

Private Eliphalet Stickney

Birth: January 10, 1747 Boxford, Essex County, MA

Death: December 12, 1821 Hartwick, Otsego County, NY

Eliphalet was born in 1747 to Joseph Stickney and Hannah Goodridge. He was the 12th of 16 children. He married Joanna Wright in September 1771. They had 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls.

Eliphalet's most notable service during the American Revolution was a Private in Captain Samuel Robinson's Company, Colonel Nathaniel Brush's Regiment of the Vermont Militia which participated in the Battle of Bennington on August 16, 1777. Although the battle took place in Waloomsac, NY, 10 miles from Bennington, the battle is named after Bennington because the British were headed for a cache of weapons and munitions stored in Bennington. The battle was comprised of nearly 2,000 untrained American soldiers who overwhelmingly defeated 1,200 of Europe's highly trained forces in a matter of 2 hours. The State of Vermont still honors August 16th as a State Holiday, "Bennington Battle Day", and a monument has been erected in the town of Bennington.

After the war, Eliphalet supported himself by carrying out the duties of surveyor of highways and pound keeper in Bennington, VT. He is on the list of Bennington voters, September 1786. He died in December 1821 at the age of 74 in Hartwick, NY.