

Goss, Elizabeth

Born in 1735 in Germany, Elizabeth Hughlett emigrated to Pennsylvania. She married George Goss on 11 January 1755 in Pennsylvania. They lived in Wyoming County, PA where they had three sons, George Jr., Jacob, and Abraham.

Elizabeth barely escaped being killed in the Wyoming Massacre of 1778, where her two eldest sons were killed. She, with her husband and youngest son, Abraham, survived by hiding in the laurel bushes. Shortly thereafter, both George Goss and Abraham Goss enlisted as fifiers. George died sometime before 1 August 1783. He was probably killed in battle in 1780.

When her husband and youngest son enlisted, and having lost everything they owned, Elizabeth attached herself to the army as hospital nurse and cook. This proved to be her 'service' in the Revolutionary War giving her Patriot Status. Near the end of the war, when Elizabeth had lost all her material possessions plus her two eldest sons and husband, she went to General Washington in person to beg him to release Abraham from service so that the two of them could try to find a living for themselves. General Washington granted that request. Elizabeth and Abraham moved back to Pennsylvania and took work where they could find it, and eventually settled near where Lock Haven, PA is located today.

She died in 1810 and is said to be buried in the Old Goss Cemetery with her son, Abraham, in Clearfield County, PA.