

## **John Adam Gruber**

Born on October 24, 1735, in Berks County, PA, John Adam Gruber was the son of Henry Gruber and Marie Eva Rosina Gruber. He is the oldest of four sons and three daughters of the immigrant Henry Gruber. He married twice. First to Elisabeth Schauer and secondly to Sara Bressler (no children). He and Elisabeth had eight sons, and four daughters.

John Adam Gruber is considered a DAR Patriot because he paid the Supply Tax. Tradition has it that John Adam Gruber's horse team with himself as teamster (driver) was pressed into service, and that he returned home with only a pair of traces (The traces are the leather straps with which the horse pulls the cart), the horses having died from want of forage. In 1778 and 1779 orders were issued for about two hundred wagons from Berks County to carry provisions and supplies.

He died on March 4, 1807, in Berks County, PA and is buried in the Saint Daniel's Church Cemetery in Robesonia, Berks County, PA.