

## **William Martin**

When William Martin was born in September 1730, in Brunswick, Cumberland, Maine, which was at that time part of Massachusetts. He married Mary Stuart (Stuard) in 1758 and they had two sons and five daughters: Margaret, Mary, Lettice Wilson (Letty), Charles Stuart (Stewart), Elizabeth (Betsey), John and Sarah. He died before 20 September 1791, in Bristol, Lincoln, Maine, United States, at the age of 61.

There is debate over the last name of Mary, his wife. DAR lists it as 'Burns', but that has come to be known as a mistake and hopefully someday will be corrected to her correct name, Stuart (although there are several spellings of that name used).

William Martin served as a Second Lieutenant under Capt. James Hilton and Colonel William Jones' 3<sup>Rd</sup> Lincoln Company Regiment of the Massachusetts Militia. He was commissioned on May 8, 1776 in Bristol, Lincoln County, Maine.

He served in the same unit as another MGT Chapter Patriot, Benjamin Meservey. After the Revolutionary War, William's daughter, Lettice, married Benjamin Meservey's son, Joseph. Maine was extremely rural at that time, and it was not unexpected that the men who served in their local militia regiment and their families knew each other before, during and after their service.