

1793 Militia Census

Editor's Note: We have begun a new series of articles that will reprint the names on the 1793 Militia Census for Monmouth County. The militia listings were created due to the reorganization of the State Militia of New Jersey in 1793. These records list almost every free, white able-bodied male between the ages of 18 & 45 in the state at that time. This is very important because the 1790 census for the state of New Jersey was destroyed.

This series has been prepared from the original manuscript, not from the version that was previously published. This manuscript is questionable as it is in the handwriting of one person throughout. It seems likely that the writer may have misread some of the material he used to prepare the manuscript. We will try to indicate cases where this factor may be operating. We also, of course, have the usual problems with distinguishing between letters "a" and "o" and "e".

Original Manuscript: Militia Census, 1793; Department of Defense, Adjutant General's Office (SDEA0004); New Jersey State Archives, Trenton, New Jersey.

Return of the Militia, May 14th 1793 State of New Jersey – Monmouth County

A Return of the Militia in the County of Monmouth, As Enrolled by the Several Deputies Appointed in the Respective Townships thereof, pursuant to an Act for Organizing and Training the Militia of this State, passed at Trenton, November 30th 1792 . . . Viz. . .

Names of the Men that are Enrolled in the Township of Stafford

First Name	Surname	Title
Benjamin	Paul	Capt.
Seth	Crane	Lieut.
Benjamin	Randolph	Ensign
Thomas	Chaimberlain	
Moses	Headley	
Timothy	Soper	
Timothy	Spragg	
Benjamin, Jr.	Randolph	
Joseph, Jr.	Soper	
Robert	Camburn	
John	Doughty	
James, Jr.	Wells	
Joseph	Wells	
Jonathan	Wells	
Josiah	Cramer	
Clayton	Brown	
Grant	Folkinburg	
Thomas	Folkinburg	
Samuel	Bennet	
Uriah	Bennet	
Benjamin	Letts	
William	Letts	
Stephen	Pangburn	
Joseph	Cox	
Elisha	Bennet	
William	Randolph	
Henry	Pierson	
Soloman	Southard	
John	Haywood	
Jeremiah	Bennet	
Nehemiah	Samans	

Luke	Courtney	
Thomas	Randolph	
Joseph	Corlis	
Job, Jr.	Cramer	
Joseph	Truax	
Job	Southard	
Daniel	Wainright	
Ruben	Egelston	
Samuel	Carr	
John	Norris	
Edward	Cramer	
Joseph, Jr.	Cramer	
Silas	Crain	
Ruben, Jr.	Randolph	45

Names of the Men that are Exempt from Military Duty by paying an Annual Tax of three Dollars in the Township of Stafford

First Name	Surname
Daniel	Conklin
John	Perine
Nathan	Alexander
James, Jr.	Edwards
John	Carter
William	Cox
James	Arnold
Job	Randolph
William, Jr.	Cramer
Amos	Southard
Joseph	Pennington
David	Jones
Micajah	Willets
Nathan, Jr.	Burdsall

John	Rogers
Jesse	Rullong
Benjamin P.	Pierson
John	Corlis
Jeremiah	Soper
Nathaniel	Camburn
George	Soper
Thomas	Collins
Daniel	Pierson
Abraham, Jr.	Cramer
Richard	Burdsall
Richard, Jr.	Ridgway
Samuel, Jr.	Brown
Hezekiah	Soper
Joseph, Jr.	Headley
John, Jr.	Spragg
Antony	Soper
Samuel, Jr.	Cramer
David	Bennet
Joseph	Burdsall
Nathan, Sr.	Burdsall
Samuel	Rogers
Uriah	Boughcott
Joseph, Jr.	Brown
Jesse	Spragg
Abiah	Corlis
Samuel	Corlis
Samuel	Willets
Joshua	Seamans
James Cramer	Medes
Amos, Jr.	Pharo
James, Jr.	Pharo
William	Seamans
Edmund	Bartlett
Stephin	Willets
Stephen	Havens
Joseph	Havens
John	Havens
Joseph	King
James, Jr.	Cramer
Samuel, Sr.	Cramer
John	Collins
Samuel	Arnold
Joseph, Jr.	Camburn
Stephen	Conklin
Richard, Jr.	Brown
Micajah, Jr.	Willets
Asher	Corlis
Joseph	Headley
Job	Inman
Caleb	Brown
Samuel	Headley
Stephen	Inman
William, Jr.	Camburn
Stephen, Jr.	Burdsall
Joseph	Crafft
Timothy	Ridgway
Job, Sr.	Cramer
	72

Total Number of Men Enrolled
in Stafford Township, Viz.

Militia	45
Exempts	72
	117 Total



John & Sally O'Brien

You wouldn't be reading this issue of The Monmouth Connection without the help of John O'Brien. As Circulation Chair for MCGS for the last five years, John is responsible for organizing the bi-monthly mailing and getting it to the post office, a job that involves labeling, sealing, transporting, and - very important - arranging the 332 copies of TCM to comply with United States Postal Service requirements. It is just one of many ways that John and his wife, Sally, have served the Society without fanfare.

John and Sally are seen less often at General Meetings these days because of a conflict with the meeting dates for the Irish Federation of Monmouth County. He is the Librarian of the Federation and Sally runs the 50/50. He is an active member of MCGS Executive Board, however, and contributes to the Board meetings on a regular basis.

In the past John has served as a panel member at an MCGS Heritage Day workshop, providing assistance on German genealogy. He has introduced genealogy to other organizations of which he is a member. Last fall the Irish Federation started a Heritage Night series and John presented an in-house introduction to genealogy to a group of interested Irish.

While serving as President of Local Chapter 1533 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, John brought MCGS speaker and archivist Carol York to give an introductory program on genealogy.

Sally, who has a serious interest in creative writing, is a member of MCGS's Memoir Group, where she is valued for her memory for detail as well as for her bountiful buffet.

John says his interest in genealogy took off after his Aunt Rose gave his then nine year old son an old paper bag to play with. The bag found its way to the O'Brien attic where years later it was found to contain many handwritten letters from Germany to John's German immigrant grandparents.

