

Job Sheldon, Obituary, April 1832, from Find A Grave

On the night of the 1st inst. after an illness of one week, at the residence of his son, William H. Sheldon, of this village, Mr. Job Sheldon, aged 74 years. Mr. Sheldon was a soldier of the Revolution; he was born at Cranston, in Rhode Island, in January, 1758. At an early period of our revolutionary struggle, he enlisted into the regiment, at that time, commanded by Colonel Greene, and subsequently, Lt Col. Olney, and continued a faithful and devoted soldier in that regiment until the Army was disbanded in 1783, when he received his discharge, with two badges of honor attached, from under the hand of Washington. He was one of the gallant and distinguished few who successfully defended forts Mifflin and Mercer, against the attack of four times their number of chosen Hessians, under the command of Capt. Dunlop, in which engagement that officer and five hundred of his men, paid with their lives, the forfeit of their rash undertaking. For the heroic conduct of these brave defenders on that memorable day, the Commander-in-Chief made it a part of his general orders, that, on each anniversary during the war, they should be released from duty and receive double rations. It was also his lot to belong to that portion of the army which in it's winter quarters at Valley Forge rendered privations and sufferings to which history furnishes nothing parallel, and which could have been borne only by men who were willing to sacrifice all for their country's freedom. He fought on the hard-contested field of Monmouth - was one of the Sargent of the guard on duty

at the execution of Maj. John Andre, and was present at the siege of Yorktown, and the surrender of Cornwallis. The deceased, for many years subsequent to the Revolution, resided at Providence, in his native State. He afterwards resided in Litchfield county, Connecticut. His last years have been spent principally in Warren County, in this State. He came on a visit last fall to his sons in this village, where he remained to the time of his decease. Having naturally a vigorous constitution, and having been industrious in habits and temperate in his mode of life, he has generally enjoyed excellent health; and there was a prospect of his surviving yet many more years, but the complaint which has been prevalent the past winter in this vicinity, and which has been particularly fatal to persons of advanced age, proved also fatal to him. Like all his compatriots of the revolution, in whatever appertained to his country, he felt a deep and lively interest. If, when referring to the active and exciting scenes of his early life, and in fancy "fighting his country's battles o'er again, his eye kindled with the fire of enthusiasm: so his bosom would always glow with patriotic emotion: in contemplating each progressing stride of his country in her march to wealth and power, and to laying the foundation of which he felt the proud consciousness of having contributed his full share. His particular characteristics have been great activity in business, stern integrity, a strict adherence to the rule "of doing to others as you would have them do unto you," and a devoted attachment to his country's institutions. Possessing an active mind, much intelligence and having been an active observer of men

and things, his conversation always afforded both pleasure and instruction. His gentlemanly deportment, suavity of manners and kind and benevolent heart, endeared him to his numerous relatives and to an extensive circle of friends and acquaintance. As in the “hour that tried men’s souls” he hesitated not to peril life in behalf of the country that gave him birth, so in his last earthly scene, with the fortitude and calm resignation of a Christian, he yielded up his soul to Him whom gave it being. Delhi (Del) Gazette. The New York Spector, April 17, 1832