

John Stanbro, Jr. (1758-1844) and Hannah Whittlesey (1763-1845)

John Stanbrough (the spelling of his name was changed in the 1800's) was born in the area of Hopkinton, Washington County, RI. He was the son of John Stanbrough, Sr. and his wife Patience and was the oldest of six known children (one brother, James, and four sisters). All three men, John Sr., John Jr., and James, served in the Revolutionary War. John Jr., served in about 1776 as a private in Babcock's troop, which was formed from the men who resided in Washington County, RI. He married Hannah Whittlesey, daughter of Isaac Whittlesey, on June 29, 1779 in Stonington, New London County, Connecticut, which is across the river from Hopkinton, RI., and the family lived in the area for about 20 years.

In 1790 census, John Jr. is listed as living in Voluntown, New London County, Connecticut. In 1800, John Jr. and his family are listed in Stonington, New London County, Connecticut census. (All three towns are about just a few miles from each other.) But shortly thereafter, in 1801, the family moved to Plainfield, Otsego County, NY, along with John Jr.'s brother James and his family. This places them among the first families to have settled in that area of New York. In 1810, John Jr. lived in Brookfield, Madison County NY. And in 1813, he purchased land in Cortland County, lot 81, which at the time was included in the town of Homer (now Cortlandville). He bought more land in 1815. In the 1825 census, John Jr. is listed as living in Virgil, where he continued to live and work as a farmer until his death in 1844.

Known family information:

The Stanbroughs originally came from England to the United States in the early 1600s, settling in the South Hampton, Long Island, NY area. Hannah Whittlesey, John, Jr.'s wife, was born in Rhode Island. Her father's name was Isaac Whittlesey. There were 12 children born to John Jr. and Hannah. Four children died in their youth: Freelove, Abel, Asa, and Lanson. Sons John (wife's name unknown), Isaac (Nancy Comstock), Peleg (Rhoda Collins), Thomas (Catherine Olmstead) and daughters Margaret (Simon Hatfield), Abigail (James Olmstead), and Sarah (Cyrus Hatfield) all lived to adulthood and all had children. Little information is known about daughter Hannah, who was born in 1787. In 1831, John Jr. received his Revolutionary War pension. This family was believed to be Quaker, as were many families in the area. Most of John Jr. and Hannah's children stayed in the Cortland County and surrounding area. The exception is son Isaac, who moved to Illinois where he died in 1850. While many of their grandchildren also stayed in the Cortland area, some moved as far away as Iowa, Kansas and Oregon. John Jr. and Hannah are buried side by side in the South Cortland Cemetery (in the town of Cortlandville). John Jr.'s grave is listed in the Graves of Revolutionary Patriots.