

John Bantham (FPA s44344)

John Bantham enlisted 06Jul1776 at Georgetown, Kent County, MD in the company of Captain Maccomb in Colonel John Eager Howard's 5<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment. John was appointed sergeant in a few days and served as such until discharged in 1783. With the Maryland 5<sup>th</sup>, he was in battles York Island [09Nov1776] White house [White House Tavern PA, 16Sep1777], White Plains [28Oct1776], Kingston [13Oct1777], Trenton [26Dec1776], Red bank fort [Fort Mercer NJ, 22Oct1777], Germantown [04Oct1777], Monmouth [28Jun1778], Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16Aug1780], at the Cowpens, at Tarleton's defeat [Cowpens SC where Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton was defeated, 17Jan1781] – at fort ninety six – in South Carolina [Siege of Ninety Six, 22May - 19Jun1781] Guilford Court house [NC, 15Mar1781] and at Eutaw Springs [SC, 08Sep1781].

At Tarlton's defeat I **received three severe wounds** in my right side by a bayonet —

John Bantham twice applied for a hardship pension from Coshocton County, Ohio first 22Apr1818 and again 01Sep1820. He received a pension at \$8/month. One cover in his file is dated 22Sep1829 though descendants state that he died in 1824.

John was born about 1756. He married widow Rachel Stockton Riley in 1782. He adopted her son Nicholas Riley in Kent County MD. About 1806, the Bantham's moved to Bethlehem Township of Coshocton County OH and Nicholas moved nearby to Knox County OH, probably to John's 100 acre bounty land grant. John Bantham died in Coshocton County in 1824.