

Name: Ebenezer Stevens

Years: Aug. 11, 1751-Sep. 2, 1823

Locations: Providence, RI, Rockaway, NY, and New York City, NY

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Biography: Ebenezer Stevens was born in Boston in 1751 to Ebenezer Stevens and Elizabeth Weld Stevens. At an early age, Stevens joined a local artillery company, beginning his long military career. At age 22, Stevens participated in the Boston Tea Party protest. Stevens eventually enlisted in the Continental Army, serving under Major Gen. Nathaniel Greene in the first lieutenant capacity in the Company of Rhode Island Artillery. Stevens fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill in this rank and would go on to mobilize forces with General Washington to join the expedition against Canada. Stevens was present at the surrender of General Burgoyne in Saratoga in October of 1777. Additionally, Stevens aided the French general Marquis de Lafayette in Virginia. Stevens participated in the Siege at Yorktown and was later involved in the defense of New York during the War of 1812. After military service, Stevens pursued a career as a merchant and politician in the state legislature. He passed away in Rockaway, NY.

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