

DAVID CADY, RWPA #S29053. In 1781, he was serving under Captain Solomon Woodworth's Company of Lieutenant Colonel Willett's Regiment and was wounded in the left elbow in an ambush near Fort Herkimer.

HENRY COVELL, RWPA #S30954. He states that in 1781 he went as one of the Classites from Hancock Berkshire County in the State of Massachusetts to fill up Colonel Marinus Willetts Regiment, the Classites being ordered out by Government, _ from Hancock he went to Albany & from there to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River where he joined Colonel Willetts Regiment — That at Fort Plain he was one of the party under Captain Solomon Woodward or Woodworth ordered out by Colonel Willett to relieve the inhabitants on the German Flatts from the attacks of the Indians & destroy them if possible _ that on the sixth of September 1781 the party so ordered out left Fort Plain, on the next day came in sight of the Indians & attacked them, that the whole party was killed by the Indians as deponent believes with the exception of five of which were but ~~this was~~ [unreadable cross out] deponent & four others who were carried taken by the Indians to Fort Niagara & delivered to the British _ Ebenezer Peese he was taken a prisoner along with Covell in 1781.

JOEL SAVAGE, RWPA #. He fought in the Battle of Stillwater. enlisted for a term of four months in Captain [edit] Skinner's Company of Colonel [edit]'s Regiment of Albany County Militia and about the first of August he marched out as a substitute for his said brother. About September 7, 1781, his company marched from Albany to Schenectady to Schoharie for a few days and from thence to Fort Plain and then Fort Herkimer where they joined Lieutenant Colonel Marinus Willett's Corps. While at Fort Herkimer in late August, he transferred into Captain Solomon Woodworth's Company of Rangers. Joel states that while he was at Fort Herkimer *Col. Willett ordered a Company of Rangers to be organized under the Command of Capt. Solomon Woodworth Consisting of volunteers from the other Companies for the purpose of Scouting among the Indians I joined said Company about the last of Aug^r - Soon after a party of Indians was discovered between East & West Canada Creeks & our Company was ordered to go in pursuit -- We took rations for seven days and with a company of 42 privates besides officers and 5 Stockbridge indians & our Oneida we start from Fort Herkimer on the 7th day of Sept crossed West Canada Creek and soon after came across the trail of the Indians and after following a few miles further we came up with enemy when a Skirmish ensued and the Indians apparently fled, when our Captain (Woodworth) exclaimed "Hurra, men the rascals run" -- he a few moments however we found ourselves surrounded, and all of our officers and 23 privates fell in the conflict - the remainder except myself and 5 others were either wounded and tomahawked by the indians or made their escape back to the fort - I was taken with five other prisoners to Fort Niagara and after running the gauntlet twice was dressed in Indian Style and given as a present to Col Butler, a Tory officer who commanded a Regt of Rangers in the British Army - On my refusing to take arms against my Country I was taken & confined in the guard house where I was kept about 12 days & taken from thence to Carlton Island at the base of the River St. Lawrence where I was confined in a dungeon for 4 weeks on very close face, was taken from thence to an Island about 40 miles above Montreal called Rison or Rebel Island & then imprisoned about 11 months was taken from thence to Montreal & Quebec & was then (Quebec) taken on board a British vessel and carried to Boston where I was exchanged on the 28th day of Nov. 1782 . . .*

JOHN L. SCHERMERHORN, RWPA #W17785. Schermerhorn states: . . . *That he enlisted in the Town of Philipstown (as then called) in the County of Rensselaer State of New York on the 21st day of August in the year 1782 under Captain Houghstresser for four months was mustered in Albany soon there after & joined Capt Woodworth's Company of Col Willett's Regiment and marched to Fort Plain Capt Woodworths Company was ordered out on a scouting tour marched up the Mohawk river to Fort Herkimer in the month of October crossed the river at the Fort and marched up East Canada Creek early in the morning had not proceeded far when we were furiously attacked by a body of Indians consisting of about 400 (as afterwards informed) fought them until the whole company were killed except this deponent and six others who were taken prisoners and conveyed by the indians to Buffalo this deponent was there taken by a squaw and adopted as her son who had lost him and in the aforesaid battle the indians stated they had nering one hundred of their men killed . . .*

BERIAH THOMAS, RWPA #S14672. In 1781 he was hired by a class to serve a term of nine months under Captain Edward Perlle and went to Saratoga for a fortnight before being ordered to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River where

. . . Captain Solomon Woodworth had the priviledge of picking from the Regiment forty Men to be used as Scouts -- that this deponent was selected by him for the first man, that while in that service Captain Woodworth went in pursuit of the Tories & Indians when each man took ten days provisions with the others accouterments on their backs after a March of a few hours ~~several days~~ they were ambushed & fired upon by the Indians - Captain Woodworth & twenty five of his Men were killed on the spot and two wounded who with the remainder fled to the fort -- this deponent was followed by three Indians & fired upon -- One ball passed between his legs & struck a log and through the bark in his face -- One ball passed through the crown of his hat the other near his head -- This deponent with fourteen others got back to the Fort with the loss of every thing but life & gun . . .

FREDERICK HALDIMAND PAPERS, Additional Manuscript #21767:224. Report of an action between a party of 74 Onondaga and Cayuga Indians command by *Deigwand*, an Onondaga Chief, & Lieutenant John [sic: Joseph] Clement as reported by an Onondaga at [Fort] Niagara on September 18, 1781. The Indian messenger stated that they arrived near the German Flatts on the 8th of September, 1781 and at daybreak on the 9th noted that the Rebels were following their scouting party. Upon the Rebels arriving at the Indians fire pit from the night of the 8th, Lieutenant Clement and the Indians being a little distance from the Rebel party heard one of the rebels say *Damn them They are gone off*. The Indians were then formed into a half circle and when the Rebels were in *pistol shot of their centre* they rose up, fired, and totally routed the Rebels. Of the Rebel party: three officers and 19 privates were killed. Eight Rebel privates were taken prisoner. Two Onondaga Indians were dangerously wounded. Among the Rebels killed were Captain Solomon Woodward *a Noted Scouter* and Lieutenant ____ Willson.

FREDERICK HALDIMAND PAPERS, Additional Manuscript #21767:226 [Letters from Guy Johnson to Frederick Haldimand]. A report given by the Onandaga Chief *Otsitatego* stating that he his party had taken seven prisoners and one scalp at Cobus Kill and released three women. That his party had brought off twenty head of cattle. That Lieutenant [Joseph] Clement of the

Indian Department along with the Onandaga Chief *Deigwanda* of Onandaga had killed 22 Rebels including three officers and had captured eight Rebel privates. That *Capt Woodward* one of the Killed was amongst the most enterprising Partisans on the frontier and he with *Cap^t M^c Kean* killed lately by *Lieut Dachsteaders* party have long been wished for by my Officers and Indians.

JACOB GUADINIER, RWPA #S15583. . . . *That in the next year, which was the second year after Burgoyne was taken in the spring of the year, he enlisted ~~in~~ as a volunteer in a company commanded by one Capt Woodruff, whose Christian name He cannot remember, This company belonged to the same Regiment under the same Col Willett to which company belonged in the year before, this second enlistment was for the period of nine (9) months, which period, He served as a soldier in the said company untill it was completed. During this time his said company, with the said Regiment were stationed employed in the same services as is [an unreadable word blotted out] mentioned, in his first enlistment.*

During the period of his second enlistment, there were two engagements with the enemy, deserving mention. While his company was stationed at Fort-Herkimer about harvest time a part of his company including himself went out on a scouting party to the number of 36, up West Canada Creek, which empties into the Mohawk River near Fort Herkimer when about 18 miles up this Creek, at a place called the "Royal grant" his party fell in with and was surrounded by a large body of Indians, and the whole of the party including Capt Woodruff, was taken by the Indians and massacred, excepting himself and two others who returned to the Fort

MARINUS WILLETT'S LETTER BOOK, NYSL Mss. #SC16670.

Schenectady, 8th September, 1781

Dear Sir—As the inclosed is so wet by the rain, I am afraid you will not be able to read the whole. By the letter of Lieutenant Fonda, it appears that Lieutenants Woodworth and Wilson, with a party of forty, including themselves, went from Fort Plain yesterday in the forenoon, and were attacked between the Indian Castle and Fall hill; both lieutenants are killed, and twenty-six privates, and four wounded. I can not learn the enemy's strength, nor what number are killed on either side.

Captain V_____, and the small party, with some pork, beef, salt, &c., &c., are gone off.

Yours, sincerely, in haste,

H. Glen.

To Captain E. Marshall.

By accounts this moment received the enemy appear to be in Considerable force at the German Flats I wish you to March your regiment this way with as much expedition as possible & as much Provision as they can furnis themselves

with without being detained . . .

I am &c

[Marinus Willett]

JOHN STARK'S CORRESPONDENCE: 240.

Albany, September 12, 1781.

Dear General—I this moment received a letter from Colonel Willet, dated Fort Plain, 10th inst. The following is an extract:

“I am just returned to this place. The party that Lieutenant Woodworth fell in with, which occasioned the late alarm, was not so strong as was represented to me. They were too far gone before I got to Fort Herkimer.

Poor Woodworth was taken in by their ambuscade, and was unfortunately killed the second fire. It cost us dear; only fifteen men out of thirty-nine, and two officers, have escaped; eleven of our men, including Woodworth, were found dead. The remainder, with Lieutenant Wilson, we have no account of. Wilson, no doubt, did all in his power. The enemy were too heavy for him; and I fear some of his men left him in the lurch. It has been an unfortunate affair. We must hope for better luck hereafter. Please communicate this to the governor and General Stark. Want of paper and time prevented me from doing it myself.”

Inclosed you have a copy of a hand-bill from below. I give you my warmest congratulations on the flattering aspect and prospect of our affairs.

I am, &c., dear sir,

Your Obed't serv't

E. MARSHALL.

Hon. General Stark.