

the 21st of October, ending the 2d of November following, 1781," it appears that GIDEON WALKER served as an ENSIGN 13 days, and received £3. 3s. 3d.

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As the history of those colonial days abundantly shows that, in Vermont, the military service required was not continuous, the service rendered by Gideon Walker was such as was common, during the era of the War of the Revolution. Upon the receipt of a call for forces, to resist anticipated invasion, as the armies of England swept up and down Lake Champlain, upon the western border, or to meet and resist savage Indian foes, in their forays from Canada, on the north, the hardy yeomen of Vermont, true "Minutemen," were wont to respond with alacrity, and when duty was done, and the danger had passed, to return to their homes, and await with heroic soul, the exigencies of the future. They were not soldiers by profession; they drew scanty pay, as the pay-rolls show, and only for the days of service actually rendered. They were, in the true sense, Citizen soldiers.

Such a soldier was ENSIGN GIDEON WALKER. He was also appointed a member of the Committee of Safety of Vermont, by the Windsor Convention, July, 1777.

On the 6th of July of that year General Burgoyne with an army of about 8,000 men, largely made up of well drilled troops from the Old World, encamped before Ticonderoga. So largely was General St. Clair, in command of that fortress, outnumbered by the invading foe, that the position became untenable, was abandoned without a battle; and a hasty retreat was made by the Americans across Lake Champlain, through Vermont to the southward.