

September 1745 states that "John Hooker was one of the gunners a Sistance at ye advance Batry & was Blown up By a cartrege of powder with John Whitelock;" young John was sent back to the Boston hospital in October 1745 and discharged from hospital, January 27th, 1746; he afterwards lived at Falls Town, now Bernardston, and then at Sutherland, Mass.

From this same dwelling young Joseph Hooker (3) marched away to the French and Indian war in 1755, at the age of 22; the September previous his father had deeded to him the farm and homestead and on his return from service he married Ruth Powers of Westford, on April 7, 1756.

In 1757 both his and his wife's name appear on the church records of Westford as "owning the covenant;" they had born to them in Westford children as follows:

- I. JOHN, bapt. October 15, 1758, married Hannah Fields, of Greenwich.
- II. BENJAMIN, bapt. November 30, 1760, married Esther Woodward, of Greenwich.
- III. JOSEPH (4) the father of the General, bapt. July 10, 1763, married 1st, Nancy Spear, of Greenwich, and 2nd, Mary Seymour, of Hadley.