

TOTEMAN FIND A GRAVE

Birth:Â 1756
Massachusetts, USA
Death:Â Jul. 7, 1839
Plymouth
Plymouth County
Massachusetts, USA

The year of birth is approximate, being inferred from her age 83 at the time of her death according to the inscription on her gravestone and must be verified.

Elizabeth was the daughter of William Sutton and Lydia Rider. She married first Joshua Totman on December 29, 1776. She married second Samuel Churchill, son of Barnabas Churchill and Lydia Holmes, on October 27, 1798.

Elizabeth applied for a pension based on the Revolutionary War service of her first husband, Joshua Totman. A summary of her application and her two page statement in support of her application are shown in the photos loaded to this memorial. Her statement reads, in part:

"On this tenth day of April in the Year one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight personally appeared before the Hon. Willus Wood Judge of the Court of Probate for said County, Elizabeth Churchill of Plymouth in said County Widow aged Eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 & the Act of Congress passed March 3, 1837. That she was the Widow of Joshua Totman who served in the War of the



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>"She further declared that she was married to the said Joshua Totman on the twenty ninth day of December Seventeen hundred & seventy six, that the said Joshua Totman was lost at Sea about the Year 1786 on his passage from Jamaica to some port in England and that she remained a widow until the twenty seventh day of October in the Year Seventeen hundred & ninety eight; that the said Samuel Churchill her second husband died on the fifteenth day of December in the Year one thousand eight hundred & ten and that she has remained a widow ever since the period last above named as will appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed."

The following statement was made in support of her application:

"I Solomon Davis of Plymouth ... aged seventy seven years on oath do testify that I was a soldier of the Revolution. I was well acquainted with Joshua Totman late of said Plymouth deceased from his youth. * * * He married Elizabeth Sutton. I have always been acquainted with her & intimate with the family. After the close of the Revolution Mr. Totman went to Sea. * * * I perfectly recollect that many years ago it was correctly reported & believed in this town & never doubted that the ship in which said Totman sailed was lost & that all perished. I cannot tell what year it was but after the expiration of one or two years his widow the said Elizabeth Sutton married one Samuel Churchill whom I also knew. He died about thirty years ago in Consumption. The said Elizabeth Sutton has remained a widow ever since that time never having been since married and I know her to be the

In reply to your request of _____ received _____
for a statement of the military history of Joshua Totman
a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
sion as filed in this Bureau. Dec. 29, 1776

Date of enrollment or attachment	Location of service	Rank	OFFICER'S RATES WHEN SERVICE WAS RENDERED		Remarks
			Company	Division	
<u>Dec. 1775</u>	<u>1st Co.</u>	<u>En.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Artillery</u>	<u>Mass.</u>
<u>Jan. 1777</u>	<u>1st Co.</u>	<u>En.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>John Bailey</u>	
<u>Jan. 1778</u>	<u>1st Co.</u>	<u>En.</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>John Bailey</u>	

This above noted is the only Joshua Totman found in the Rev. War record of this Bureau.

Business engaged in, _____
Residence of soldier at enlistment, Plymouth, Mass.
Date of application for pension, April 12, 1882. Has also made a
Residence at date of application, Plymouth, Mass.
Age at date of application, 72 years. Dec. 29, 1776
Remarks: Soldier was lost at sea on his passage from
Jamaica to England, and he was lost Dec. 22, 1786, on the ship
the ship was lost Dec. 22, 1786.
Children reported to names not stated.

Respectfully,
Commissioner.

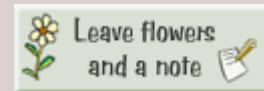
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same Elizabeth Sutton who married said Joshua Totman."

See Revolutionary War Pension File,
Mass. Service: Totman, Joshua;
Churchill, Elizabeth (Former widow);
Number W.22750, 32 pages
commencing with:
<https://www.fold3.com/image/19396492>
/ for the entire pension file.

See also page 18 of *The Churchill Family in America*, Gardner Asaph Churchill and Nathaniel Wiley Churchill compilers, Rev. George M. Bodge, editor and associate compiler. Published by the family of Gardner A. Churchill.

Many thanks go to [Marcia Briggs](#) for having done the research that identified the relationship of this Elizabeth (Sutton) Totman to Samuel Churchill, the son of Barnabas Churchill and Lydia Holmes. In particular, she told me about Elizabeth's pension application - of which I had been completely unaware. She shared that information with me which, in turn, allowed me to record the correct information in this memorial. Sandy Lenox, the originator of this memorial, is not to be faulted in her origination of the memorial - I fell into the same traps as she did in originally identifying this Elizabeth as the wife of Samuel Churchill, son of Elizabeth (Churchill) Churchill and Josiah Churchill.

[Samuel Churchill \(1753 - 1810\)](#)

Inscription:

ELIZABETH
Widow of
SAMUEL CHURCHILL,
died July 7th 1839,

in the 83d year
of her age.

Epitaphs from Burial Hill by Bradford Kingman, published 1892; Epitaph #1499. *Burial Hill, Plymouth Massachusetts: Its Monuments and Gravestone Numbered and Briefly Described, And the Inscriptions and Epitaphs Thereon Carefully Copied* by Benjamin Drew, published 1894. Epitaph #1707.

Burial:

[Burial Hill](#)

Plymouth

Plymouth County

Massachusetts, USA

Plot: B 518

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DAR Lineage book - Joshua Totman

Lineage BookÂ

National Society OF THE Daughters of the American Revolution,

VOLUME XVI.

15001 — 16000.

1896

Mrs. Bina Totman Van Nortwick. 1537

Born in New York.

Wife of John Smith Van Nortwick.

Descendant of Sergt. Joshua Totman, of Massachusetts.

Daughter of Edsel Totman and Mary Allen, his wife.

Granddaughter of Abijah Totman and Betsey Smith, his wife.

Gr.-granddaughter of Joshua Totman and Elizabeth Churchill, his wife.

Joshua Totman enlisted at Plymouth and served as sergeant under Col. John Bailey, 1777. His wife received a pension for nine months' service of her husband.