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traits of his ancestor with one of the brightest in history. John McNeil moved to Suncook (now Pembroke) and was a resident there in 1747, the 26th of May of which year his name is found attached to a petition to the Governor and Council for assistance against the Indians, who had made an attack upon that settlement on Monday the 26th previous. It is probable that he lived there with John Knox who had married his daughter, and that he died and was buried in Suncook.

His son Daniel moved to Hillsborough in 1771, where his descendants are among the most respectable citizens of that town.

John McNeil, son of Daniel, was born in Derryfield in March 1757, five years after the incorporation of the town and moved to Hillsborough with his father. John was a private in Capt. Isaac Baldwin's company, which was of Stark's regiment in the memorable battle of Bunker's Hill. He assisted Capt. Baldwin from the field when he was mortally wounded. Lieut. McNeil served in the war several years. He died September 29, 1836, aged 79 years. He married Lucy, the oldest daughter of Isaac Andrews, Esq., of Hillsborough. Their children were Mary, born July 6, 1779; Solomon, born January 15, 1782; John, born March 25, 1784; and Lucy, born April 1786 and who died in infancy.

Mary [McNeil] married James Wilson, Esq. of Hillsborough.

Solomon [McNeil], Major General, is now living at Hillsborough. General Soloman McNeil, married Nancy M., the second daughter of Governor Benjamin Pierce.

Gen. John McNeil married Elizabeth A., the eldest daughter of Governor Pierce—she is still living. Gen. John McNeil was a distinguished officer in the War of 1812. He entered the service as a Captain, March 12th 1812. August 15, 1813 he was promoted to Majority; July 5, 1814, he was brevetted a Lieut. Colonel "for his intrepid behavior on the 5th of July in the Battle of Chippewa." He was brevetted a Colonel July 25, 1814 "for his distinguished valor as commander of the 11th regiment of infantry on the 25th day of July in the Battle of Niagara. He was promoted to the rank of Lieut. Colonel Feb. 24, 1818; to

Brigadier General July 25, 1824 after ten years of faithful service as brevet Colonel. In April 1830, General McNeil retired from the service, having been appointed by Gen. Jackson, Surveyor of the port of Boston. This last office he held until the day of his death, which happened at Washington, Feb 23, 1850.

At the Battle of Niagara, at the head of "the bloody 11th," Gen. McNeil, then a Major, received a wound in the knee from a grape shot. The limb was dreadfully shattered. Still McNeil retained his saddle and cheered on his men, until fainting from the loss of blood. His situation was observed by his soldiers, who held him in his saddle and thus took him from the field. This wound crippled him for



Brigadier General John McNeil (1784 - 1850)
Born Hillsborough (NH); died Washington, D.C.
Military and government service; son-in-law of
Governor Benjamin Pierce.
Portrait by Henry Willard.
Presented to the State by descendants, 1874.

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