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## Thomas Jerralds

**BIRTH** 1745  
Scotland

**DEATH** 1814 (aged 68–69)  
Williston, Chittenden County, Vermont, USA

**BURIAL** East Cemetery  
Williston, Chittenden County, Vermont, USA

**MEMORIAL ID** 199441666

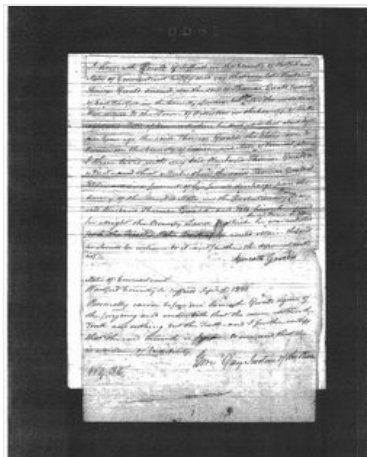
Thomas was born in Scotland around 1745. In his family bible, Thomas spelled the family name as Jerrells.

In 1777, Thomas joined the Continental Army, Connecticut Line, for the Duration of the war. In 1781, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. On April 5, 1781, he was transferred to the Corps of Invalids and Sappers. His discharge paper, attached, was signed by George Washington. The book *Private Yankee Doodle* by Joseph Plumb Martin is a first-hand account written by a soldier who also served in the Connecticut Line. It's a wonderful account of the Revolutionary War and must document many of the same experiences that Thomas had. I will post a link at the bottom of the sketch.

In his military files (where his name is spelled Thomas Jerrolds), there are many documents, including his discharge papers, signed by George Washington. I will post a copy in the memories section. Upon discharge, his role was Sergeant in the Corps of Invalids and Corps of Sappers and Miners. The nature and extent of his wounds or disabilities are not stated, but he did go on to father many children with three wives.

In 2010, Thomas gave his Revolutionary War bounty lands to his son, Thomas, Jr., who conveyed the same to Seth Leavitt, then a citizen of Wiliston. Seth is buried in the East Cemetery. Seth Leavitt had some legal problems getting title to the bounty lands and set out to quiet title. This included visiting all of Thomas' heirs. These letters are all in Thomas' military files. All heirs disclaimed their interest except Martha Jerrolds and David Randall. They would not agree to it, so Seth Leavitt appealed to the government via his Representative for relief.

Name: Thomas Jerolds  
Military Date: 5 Apr 1781  
Military Place: USA



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Rank: Sergeant

Military Unit: Corps of Invalids and Corps of Sappers and Miners

Notes: Continental

### Family Members

#### Children



Thomas Gerald  
1771 – unknown



Abigail *Gerald* Risley  
1776–1850



Mary *Jerrals* Williams  
1787–1819



Martha *Jerrals* Randall  
1792–1845

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