

## Major Thomas Hughes of Centreville, Warwick, RI

Born: 30 May 1752, son of Joseph & Mary Hughes

Died: Centreville, Warwick, RI, 10 December 1821, age 69 years

Buried: Greenwood Cemetery #59, Fairview Ave., Phoenix, Coventry, RI

Married: Providence, RI, 27 February 1782, Welthian Greene,  
*daughter of Col. Christopher Greene, KIA 1781, the Hero of Redbank*

Revolutionary War Service<sup>1</sup>  
June 1775 – November 1783

### Ten Battle Stars

June 1775    Ensign, age 23

Thomas Church's 3<sup>rd</sup> Rhode Island Regiment, Nathanael Greene's Brigade

- Siege of Boston, June-December 1776

January 1776    Lieutenant, age 24

Daniel Hitchcock's 11<sup>th</sup> Continental Line Regiment, Nathanael Greene's Brigade

- Siege of Boston, January-March 1776
- Battle of Long Island, 27 August 1776, Wounded in Action
- Battle of White Plains, 28 Oct 1776
- Second Battle of Trenton, 2 January 1777
- Battle of Princeton, 3 January 1777

January 1777    Lieutenant, age 25, promoted Captain, November 1777, age 26

Israel Angell's 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhode Island Continental Line, James Mitchell Varnum's Brigade

- Battle of Red Bank (Fort Mercer), 22 October 1777
- Battle of Monmouth, 28 June 1778
- Battle of Rhode Island, 29 August 1778
- Battle of Springfield, 23 June 1780,

January 1781    Captain, age 29, promoted Brevet Major, 30 September 1783, age 31

Jeremiah Olney's Consolidated 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Continental Line

- Yorktown Campaign, May-October, 1781,

November 1783    Retired, age 31

Major Thomas Hughes was a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati. His hereditary membership in the society is not represented today, and he may not have living descendants.

*In 2001, Major Hughes' father-in-law Col. Christopher Greene, and his brother-in-law Lt. (later Col.) Job Greene were both represented in the Society of Cincinnati by their descendant John Drayton Greene of Citrus Hills, FL, and his son Richard Drayton Greene of Otis, MA.*

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<sup>1</sup> *So Few The Brave*, Anthony Walker (1981), pp. 103, 115-117, 136-138, 158; *Historical Register of the Officers of the Continental Army*, Francis B. Heitman (1914), p. 307