



Johannes (John) Ortt

Johannes (John) Ortt is the eldest son of Hans and Sabina Ortt, who immigrated from Schwabisch Hall, Germany to Milford Township, Northampton County in the Colony of Pennsylvania with his parents sometime in the early to mid-1700s. John was born in Upper Milford Township on August 15, 1749. He enlisted in the Northampton County Militia and served as a Private 5th Class in 3rd Company, 1st Battalion under the command of Captain David Good from 1781 until 1783.

The Pennsylvania militia was not a combat unit of the Continental Army. Instead, they provided security of key installations in Pennsylvania and along the Delaware, Lehigh and Schuylkill Rivers. Their duty was to prevent British troops from foraging in Pennsylvania and to support the Continental Army.

After the Revolutionary War ended in 1783, John settled in Pennsylvania and raised his own family. His son Christian served in the War of 1812.

John died on December 25, 1797, and is buried in the Zionsville Cemetery, Northampton County, Pennsylvania.