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# **Abijah Thurston**

Birth:

Jul. 5, 1751

Norfolk County

Massachusetts, USA

Death:

Jul. 10, 1812

From Thurston Genealogies, Second edition, compiled by Brown Thurston, 1892, page 382:

Abijah Thurston was the son of Deacon Daniel and Elizabeth (Whiting) Thurston of Franklin, Massachusetts, and was born there July 5, 1751. He married Rachel Johnson of Bellingham, Mass., sister to his brother Daniel's wife. He was a farmer and somewhat noted tavern keeper in Franklin, succeeding his fathers for several generations in the same house, which was a pleasant place to stop for a night or over the Sabbath. He was admitted to the Congregational church, April 9, 1779.

He fell dead in the door of his house as he was carrying in the milk, July 10, 1812, aged 61; she died Nov. 21, 1826, aged 72. Their children:

# Levina

- (1) Vina born May 30, 1775; married Jesse Miller who was a farmer in Sheldonville, Mass. She died Aug. 31, 1837.
- (2) Nancy born probably 1776; married Thaddeus Hastings, who was a farmer in South Hope, Maine, justice of the peace and selectman. She died Jan. 7, 1805.
- (3) Deborah born June 3, 1777; married Jesse Metcalf, a farmer of Hope, Maine. She died Jan., 1823.
- (4) Caleb born 1781; married Lovicey French. He succeeded his father in the tavern in Franklin; a colonel of militia.
- (5) David born Sept. 20, 1784; married Miranda Ellis. He was a farmer in Franklin and died July 25, 1811. She later married Jemetis Pond.



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(6) Julia - born Nov. 9, 1788; married Asa Rockwood, a merchant in Franklin, and a pioneer in the manufacture of straw bonnets. (7) Rachel - born 1792 - married Nahum Pike, a carpenter, and member of the Cong. church in Westboro, Mass. She died Jan. 9, 1813.

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# Family links:

Spouse:

Rachel Johnson Thurston (\_\_\_\_ - 1826)

### Children:

Levina Thurston Miller (1775 - 1837)\*
Deborah Thurston Metcalf (1777 - 1823)\*
Caleb Thurston (1781 - 1840)\*
David Thurston (1784 - 1811)\*
Julia Thurston Rockwood (1788 - 1857)\*

## \*Calculated relationship

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