

425 West Olive Ave.,
Redlands, California,
January 12th, 1918.

Hon. O. B. Clason,
Gardiner, Maine.

My dear Senator,

I wish to give you certain information relative to the history of Litchfield. I have had the following data for several years but owing to a great deal of sickness in my family I have been unable to gather up these matters.

Captain Joseph Perry was a Revolutionary soldier. He was born in Bellingham, Massachusetts in 1752 and died in Litchfield Maine in 1818, on the Andrew Emmerson place in the Grant district. Captain Perry was the father of Otis Perry. The Captain had three sons and a daughter. The youngest child was Otis Perry. Captain Perry with his wife and the son Otis and a sister came from Massachusetts in 1790 and they lived at Richmond in what was called "Goshen". The two oldest sons of the Captain went West and probably to New York - and were never heard from. About 1808 Captain Joseph Perry and his two children came to Litchfield and the daughter is believed to have lived with the Captain and never married. The daughter's name is not remembered - nor date of birth or death.

The above information was furnished me by George Perry, the youngest son of Otis Perry. I wrote down this information from his dictation.

George Perry - George S. Perry - told me also that his father and grandfather went from Bellingham to Springfield, Massachusetts and from there to Maine.

I have an old tax roll showing that prior to 1823 (have not exact date) Otis Perry's name appears as one poll and estate \$696. also Joseph Perry's estate \$646. Probably this

tax roll was not prior to 1820.

Please preserve this data as I shall not save the memoranda any longer. I have saved it for many years.

Joseph Perry was called Captain Perry and he was an active participant supporting Shay's Rebellion. There is a tradition that Captain Perry was punished, or placed on parol after the collapse of the Rebellion. My father told me at the time that Captain Perry in Massachusetts was compelled to wear a sort of an apron for a long time as a punishment.

I find in the records that one Joseph Perry from Bellingham enlisted as a Corporal in Captain Samuel Kilton's Company, Col. John Patterson's Regiment. He enlisted April 24th, 1775. Service three months and fourteen days. I am not sure that this is our Joseph Perry.

You will remember that I asked several times who it was that wrote me about my great grandfather, James Lord's grave. You were never able to tell me. The lady was connected with the local Chapter of the D. A. R. I am now sending you the letter.

Wife and I left home early in September. We spent some six weeks in Denver and then came down to southern California. We will not go home before the last of May on account of my wife's health. She is suffering with bronchitis and asthma. I am pretty well myself,

Sincerely yours,

Received the enclosed letter nearly ten years ago. There is now a marker on the grave of Lieut. Lord, but no thanks to Mrs. L.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Day Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "John Day Smith".