

## Manahawkin Skirmish

About 72 days after the British surrender at Yorktown, a band of pine robbers led by notorious [Capt. John Bacon](#) ( - April 3, 1783) passed through Manahawkin in the dark hours of the night. Capt. Reuben Randolph's Company 5, 2nd Monmouth Militia met at his tavern and waited for the attack. The sentries posted at the Baptist Church are said to have dozed off, woken by the sound of the bayonets and fired upon the loyalists. The militia was half the size of Bacon's gang, forcing a retreat. Patriot Lines Pangborn was killed and Patriot Sylvester Tilton was seriously wounded. Sylvester would later seek revenge on the man who shot him. Ironically, on November 12, 1782 a petition was sent to Governor Livingston asking for protection from the refugees who "everyday...treating them with savage and inhuman manner..."and was signed by among others: Silas Crane, Sylvester Tilton and Samuel Bennet.

Lines (or Linus) Pangborn (app. 1740 — December 31, 1781) served as a private in the 5th Company, Second Regiment of the Monmouth County Militia, the Manahawkin Militia. He also served in Samuel Foreman Company. Killed in action at the Manahawkin Skirmish on the 31st of December 1781. Lines was born about 1740 in Perth Amboy. He was the son of Stephen Pangborn, Jr. and Rebecca Imlay. He married Anne Hazelton on November 5, 1761. His widow awarded half pension March 23, 1787