

Biography of Private Johannes Neikerch

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Johannes Neikerch (a/k/a John Newkirk), was born 10 March 1743, in Oley Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He served as a Private in Captain George Rheims Company, 1st Regiment, Berks County, Pennsylvania Militia in 1781. He married Anna Catherine Hugette Wiest (date unknown). Known children of the marriage were: Jacob Neikerch (1771-1845), Johannes Neikerch, Jr. (1777-1822), who served as a Brigadier General during the War of 1812; Mary Catherine Neikerch (1779-1842); Susanna Neikerch (1782-1823).

Johannes Neikerch, Sr. passed away on 25 December, 1813 in Exeter Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He is interred in the Schwartzwald Cemetery, Jacksonwald, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Burial source: Find-A-Grave Memorial No.: 47676992.

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