

Captain Thomas Cole of Wickford, RI
“An officer in the Revolution”

Baptized at the Old Narragansett Church, North Kingstown, RI, 2 August 1744
A son of Capt. John and Ann (Wilbur) Cole
Died: North Kingstown, RI, 9 December 1805, age 61 years

Revolutionary War Service¹
Seven Years: May 1775 – May 1782

Nine Battle Stars

May 1775 Lieutenant, age 20

James Mitchell Varnum’s 12th Continental Line Regiment, Nathanael Greene’s Brigade

- Siege of Boston, July-December 1775

January 1776 Captain, age 21

James Mitchell Varnum’s 9th Continental Line Regiment, Nathanael Greene’s Brigade

- Siege of Boston, January-March 1776
- Battle of Long Island, 27 August 1776
- Battle of Harlem Heights, 16 September 1776
- Battle of White Plains, 29 Oct 1776
- Second Battle of Trenton, 2 January 1777
- Battle of Princeton, 3 January 1777

January 1777 Captain

1st Rhode Island Regiment, Continental Line, James Mitchell Varnum’s Brigade

- Battle of Red Bank (Fort Mercer), NJ, 22 October 1777
(Spent winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge)
- Battle of Rhode Island, 29 August 1778

January 1781 Captain

Jeremiah Olney’s Consolidated 1st Rhode Island Regiment, Continental Line

- Yorktown Campaign, May-October, 1781

May 1782 Resigned, age 27

Capt. Thomas Cole was a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati.
His great-great-great-great-grandnephew Richmond Viall, III, currently holds the family’s hereditary membership in the society.

¹ *So Few The Brave*, Anthony Walker (1981), pp. 98, 111-112, 128-129, 155-156