

Nicholas' name appears on the list of men who took the Oath of Allegiance between July 10 and September 13, 1777.⁽¹⁰⁾ By August 16, 1777, a company of volunteer militia had formed from Rapho township (Manheim) and Nicholas had joined up. Commanded by Captain Abraham Forey, it became part of the Third Battalion under Colonel Alexander Lowery. Nicholas was apparently so anxious to be a part of the action that, when he found he would be late to the company roll call, he asked his sister Hannah to stand in for him. It is Hannah's name that appears on the initial roll call,⁽¹¹⁾ but it was Nicholas who returned six months later as a Private Seventh Class.⁽¹²⁾

On September 11, barely a month after being formed, this battalion was part of the ill-fated battle at Brandywine Creek, fought just 30 miles, as the crow flies, from Manheim.⁽¹³⁾ In that battle, the British General Howe surprised Washington's troops by attacking them from behind and forced them to retreat. Howe went on to occupy Philadelphia by the end of the month, and then defeat Washington's troops yet again in early October at Germantown. It was that winter that Washington's troops spent in hardship at Valley Forge. According to the list of returnees on March 17, 1778, no one was lost from the Manheim unit during that tour of duty. Nicholas held the rank of Private 7th Class.

Result 1 of 1 in this book for Third Battalion 1777 Captain Abraham Forey

Muster Rolls

RELATING TO THE

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OF THE

COUNTY OF LANCASTER. (a)

A ROAL CALL FOR CAPT. ABRAHAM FOREY'S COMPENY IN THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF RAPPO TOWNSHIP COMMANDED BY MR. ALEXANDER LOWRY COLONELL OF THE THIRD BATTALION OF MELISHEY IN LANCASTER COUNTY, MANHIME, AUGUST 16TH 1777.
(c.)

Sarjents.

Christian Detter,
Jacob Earehart.

Jacob Coladen.
George Stake.

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Corprels.

Benge Nowman.
Adam Wauffel.

Phillip Bratz.
George Warner.

Privets.

Christen Marten.
John Fritz.
Abraham Lamon.
John Laman.
Mical Bambarger.
Solamon Langanker.
John Hetey.
Christen Meshey.
Cristen Wenger.
John Wenger.
Jonas Humer.

Henry Werley.
George Gock.
Marten Getter.
George Fishhooke.
Matties Long.
Hanukel Lebrech.
John Fooks.
Peter Fisher.
Fridrick Druckannel.
John Fisher.
George Fisher.

RETURN OF CAPT. ABRAHAM FOREY'S COMPANY IN
THE MIDDLE DETREKT OF RAPPO TOWNSHIP UNDER
COMMAND OF ALEXANDER LOWRY COLONEL OF THE
3D BAT'N OF MELISHEY IN LANCASTER COUNTY,
MARCH 17TH, 1778. (c.)

Capt.

Abraham Forey.

Left.

1st.—Noah Carey.

2d.—Steven Wimer.

Ensign.

John Dyer.

7th Class.

George Fisher.

Nickles Lebrick.

George Yoake.

Mattiese Long.

Mical Yudey.

Christen Reape.

Peter Humer.

Marten Yetter.

Abraham Wetmore.

Henry Reffer.

8th Class.

John Hernley.

Christen Chrimer.

Marten Betz.

Fredrek Newman.

John Fisher.

Mical Stoke.

John Laman.

Jacob Shoal.

Stoffel Wals.

John Beaker.

Jacob Coachart.

Fredrek Douchameter.