

**SAR, ROBERT BROMLEY GRINNELL**

National Number 73727

State Number 653

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

THE \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIETY

OF THE

NATIONAL SOCIETY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, **ROBERT BROMLEY GRINNELL** being of the age of 34 years hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from . . . . .

Capt. **MICAH VAIL** of Danby, VT

who was born in Huntington, L. I. . . . . on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 1730  
and died in Danby, VT . . . . . on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1777  
and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in New York City . . . . . County of . . . . .  
State of New York . . . . . on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Jan., 1916

(1) I am the son of Dr. **WILLIAM H. GRINNELL** born 1/22/1874 now living, and his wife **BERTHA A. BROMLEY** born 5/22/1876, now living, married 6/24/1902

(2) grandson of **LANNIE JERRY GRINNELL** born 2/14/1853, died 1912, and his wife **MARY WETHERBY VAIL** born 3/26/1855, died 7/7/1914, married 5/1/1873

(3) great-grandson of **WILLIAM HERRICK VAIL** born 11/27/1824, died 4/22/1893 and his wife **ALVIRA C. ALLEN** born 3/15/1824, died 5/28/1889, married 9/14/1847

(4) great<sup>2</sup>-grandson of Col. **EDWARD VAIL** Jr. born 7/13/1791, died 9/29/1841 and his wife **SALLY HERRICK** born 1795 died 8/3/1872, married 1812

(5) great<sup>3</sup>-grandson of Capt. **EDWARD VAIL** Sr. born 3/12/1756, died 5/12/1837 and his wife **MARGARET ALLEN** born 9/26/1758, died 9/29/1831, married 6/22/1777

(6) great<sup>4</sup>-grandson of Capt. **MICAH VAIL** born 9/24/1730, died 6/8/1777, and his wife **MARY BRIGGS** born 12/24/1724 died 6/8/1777, married 1754

(7) great<sup>5</sup>-grandson of **MOSES VAIL** born 1685, died 1750 and his wife **PHEBE PLATT**

(8) great<sup>6</sup>-grandson of **JOSEPH VAIL** died 1698

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and he, the said Capt. **MICAH VAIL** (No. 6) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of captain of 6<sup>th</sup> company of Green Mt. Boys and 6<sup>th</sup> judge of the 9 supreme judges of the N. H. Grants, 1776, member of the committee of Safety and delegate to conventions.

These papers were filled out by **PHEBE & ALBERT CONGDON** from records and papers here at Danby, VT.

**PHEBE A. CONGDON** {signature}

**ALBERT B. CONGDON** {signature}

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My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Capt. **MICAH VAIL**, b. 9/24/1730, was the seventh son of **MOSES** and **PHEBE (PLATT) VAIL**, of Huntington, L. I. And of English decent. He married **MARY BRIGGS** 1754 and was one of the first five settlers who came to Danby, VT, 1765. This house stood south of the present dwelling of W. W. Hilliard. He was moderator of the town meetings of 1773 & 1774, selectman, 1770 to 1775, and was associated with Allen, Warner and others in defending the rights of the N. H. Grant settlers in the struggle between New York and N. H. Grants.

**MICAH VAIL** was a member of the committee of Safety, Danby's delegate to Dorset Conventions and an intimate friend of Ethan Allen, who frequently visited him. The 6<sup>th</sup> or Danby company of Green Mt. Boys, which he commanded 1769 to 1777, was reorganized upon a written request from Ethan Allen April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1774, and this company, 54 men under Capt. **MICAH VAIL**, Lieuts. Ira Allen and Jesse Sawyer, went with the expeditions under the command of Col. Ethan Allen and Col. Seth Warner, which took Ticonderoga, Crown Point and Montreal 1775.

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**MICAH VAIL** was the 6<sup>th</sup> judge of the 9 supreme judges of the Grants, elected at Dorset 1776, and he was the sixth signer of the association signed at Dorset, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1776, when the N. H. Grants pledged all they had to the American cause. **MICAH VAIL** and his wife both died June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1777 and their descendants have reason to believe they were poisoned by a Tory doctor. Two weeks after **MICAH VAIL**'s death Danby elected his neighbor, Col. Thomas Chittenden, to take his place as delegate to the constitutional convention at Windsor July 1777, and the next March Chittenden became chief executive of the republic of VT.

**MICAH VAIL**'s sons, **MOSES** and **JOHN**, served in the American Revolution, as did also his sons-in-law, Lieut. **ISAAC GAGE**, **PLINEY ADAMS** & **THOMAS ALLEN**. **MICAH VAIL**'s son **EDWARD** was Captain of the Danby company which marched to Whitehall at the time of the battle of Plattsburg in the War of 1812 and his grandson, **EDWARD VAIL** Jr. was Colonel of VT state militia 1824.

Danby town records say, "**EDWARD VAIL**, son of **MICAH VAIL** and **MARGARET ALLEN**, both of Danby, were married by Thomas Rowley, Justice of the Peace June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1780". **MARGARET ALLEN**'S parents, **HENRY** and **EUNICE ALLEN**, lived in Dorset, VT during the Revolution. **HENRY** was a surveyor and served in Capt. Abraham Underhill's company of Dorset Men. (See VT rolls of the Revolution, pages 156, 427, 455). Col. **ETHAN ALLEN** was in some way related and came to **MARGARET**'s wedding. (See William Penn Vail's History of the Vail family). For Capt. **MICAH VAIL**'s services see VT Rolls of the Revolution 685, 814, 815. For his son **MOSES VAIL**'s, see page 430. For his son, **JOHN VAIL**, see page 123. For his son-in-law, **PLINEY ADAMS**, see page 592. For his son-in-law, **THOMAS ALLEN**, see 372, 462 and 163. For Capt. **EDWARD VAIL**, see Child's Rutland Co. Directory, pages 128, and for the Vail family, see Williams' History of Danby, pages 15 & 21 to 31, also pages 272 to 280, or see Danby's section of Hemenway's Rutland County, which is copied from William's History of Danby. For **MICAH VAIL**'s son-in-law, see VT Rolls of the Revolution, pages 92, 123, 243, 787, Lieut. **ISAAC GAGE**.

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Full maiden name of applicant's wife: not married

NAMES OF CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF APPLICANT  
(Added to blank by order of Trustees. July 1915)

Applicant's Services

Lieut. **ROBERT GRINNELL** is a graduate of Rutland High School, Culver Military Academy & Pittsburgh University, and he graduated from the U. S. Merchants' Marine Academy, King's Point NY, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1944.

Lieut. **ROBERT GRINNELL** served as 2<sup>nd</sup> or Navigational Officer of the S. S. Washington and served on six trips to the War Zones, including the Invasion of Africa, 1942, the Normandy Invasion on 1944, and on the mission to Archangel, Russia. While on the S. S. John Adams Dix in the Mediterranean was bombed by both the Italian and German aircraft. **ROBERT GRINNELL** holds a maritime service decoration and was cited for saving three lives during the Normandy invasion by President Truman. His father, Dr. **W. H. GRINNELL** of 92 Church St., served as a Lieutenant in the First World War, being stationed at the Base Hospital at Brest, France.

The following references to the authorities for the record of my ancestor's service and for the genealogical data contained in this application.

See Marriage Records enclosed, Bromley Genealogy by **VIOLA BROMLEY**, pages 3, 7, 12, 24, 47, 88 & 198. History of Danby by John Williams, pages 112, 115, 291, 40, 70, 34, 32 & 23. Town Records of Danby & Dorset; Gravestones in Evergreen Cemetery, Rutland, Reade Cemetery, Danby, and West Danby Cemetery.

**ROBERT BROMLEY GRINNELL** {signature}

Notarized:  
Philadelphia, PA  
April 24, 1950

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SUPPLEMENTAL  
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OF

**ROBERT BROMLEY GRINNELL**

DESCENDANT OF

**BETHUEL BROMLEY**, Drummer & Corporal, 1775-1781

Application examined and approved  
Feb. 5, 1951

Accepted by the State Board of Management  
Feb. 5, 1951

Approved and registered by the Registrar General Mar 9, 1851

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who was born in Preston, CT . . . . . on the 22<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 1737  
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(4) great<sup>2</sup>-grandson of Private **JOSHUA BROMLEY** born 2/24/1764, died 8/25/1825 and his wife **ANNA THAYER** born 1769 died 12/12/1852, married 1792

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(7) great<sup>5</sup>-grandson of **WILLIAM BROMLEY** born Abt. 1668, died 1700 and his wife **LYDIA BILLINGS** died 8/1747 proved by deed 7/1700

(8) great<sup>6</sup>-grandson of **LUKE BROMLEY** died Before 1700, came from England before 1648, settled in Warwick, R. I.

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And he, the said Corporal **BETHUEL BROMLEY** (No. 5) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Private, Drummer & Corporal, Vermont Militia.

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Ancestors of service in the American War of independence or revolution were as follows: **BETHUEL BROMLEY** of Preston Conn. marched on the Lexington alarm and enlisted May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1775 in Colonel Pearson's regiment (See Connecticut men of the Revolution, **BETHUEL BROMLEY**, Drummer).

**BETHUEL BROMLEY** removed to Danby VT in 1777 and served in 1778 in Capt. Nathan Smith's company. In 1780 he served in Capt. Parmalee Allen's company of Pawlet, VT and in 1781 he served as a Corporal in Capt. Ebenezer Wilson's company of Danby VT. It is probable his son **BETHUEL** also served, as in May, 1778 records show a Private **BETHUEL BROMLEY** in Nathan Smith's company, and a drummer **BETHUEL BROMLEY** in Thomas Sawyer's company (See VT Rolls of the Revolution. pages 67 and 74).

**BETHUEL BROMLEY**'s son **JOSHUA BROMLEY**, aged 15, served 65 days in Capt. Eli Noble's company in 1780, and 48 days in 1781, in Capt. Daniel Comstock's company. This **JOSHUA BROMLEY** was three times **ROBERT GRINNELL GRINNELL** great-grandfather and his

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father had another son **WILLIAM** 3<sup>rd</sup> who also served in VT and **BETHUEL BROMLEY** had two brothers, **WILLIAM** Sr., of Danby, VT, and **PRESERVED BROMLEY** of the Preston Conn. who served in the revolution. **WILLIAM BROMLEY** senior's son, **DANIEL**, was a sergeant and Capt. Calkins' company of Danby, and his son, **WILLIAM** Jr., served in both the War of the Revolution and the War of 1812.

**BETHUEL BROMLEY**'s Sister **BARSHEBA BROMLEY** married **WILLIAM WILLIS**, lived in NJ. She had six sons who served in the revolution, making 14 soldiers in the revolution, counting **ROBERT GRINNELL**'s ancestor, Corporal **BETHUEL**, and his two brothers, Williams Sr. and **PRESERVED**, **BETHUEL BROMLEY**'s three sons and 8 nephews.

**ROBERT BROMLEY GRINNELL**'s grandfather **ROBERT BROMLEY** had three brothers, **DEWITT**, **ERWIN E.**, and **JOSHUA BROMLEY**, who served in the Civil War. **JOSHUA** was a lieutenant and served in the 5th New Hampshire regiment. He was killed at Cold Harbor, VA, June 1864.

MILITARY RECORD REFERENCES.

VT Rolls of the Revolution, pages 204, 66, 77, 74, 232, 387, 462, 574.

Hemingway's Vol. III page 613

Williams' History of Danby, pages 23, 40, 70, 71, 112, 115, 291.

Bromley genealogy, pages 22, 23, 24, 42, 43, 46 and 47.

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