



CHAPTER SIX -

Album of American Portraits

As I assembled these portraits, I found myself returning repeatedly to one ancestor whose life came to symbolize something much larger than himself—a Revolutionary War fifer.

MEET THE BAND

At first, these names may seem unfamiliar. But as each generation unfolds, the names become families, the families become stories, and the stories become our own.

The pages that follow are not intended to be exhaustive biographies. They are portraits—individual lives remembered through documents, family stories, photographs, artifacts, and memory. Together, they form an album, each contributing its own voice to the larger story of our family.

The pages that follow introduce the fifty men and women whose lives shaped our family's American story. In 2027, their lives span 300 years of our family in America.

We begin with the earliest generations and gradually work upward through time until we arrive at the people many of us were fortunate enough to know and love.

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