

Thomas "Yankee Doodle" Fitch

Birth: 1724
Fairfield County
Connecticut, USA
Death: Jan. 16, 1795
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This monument is erected for our heritage to commemorate for posterity the name and personage Colonel Thomas Fitch and his Norwalk Company
Captain Thomas Fitch assembled his company of raw young recruits before the Fitch Homestead in Norwalk during the early days of the French and Indian War 1755-1761. Their lack of uniforms caused his sister Elizabeth to present each man a chicken feather for his hat that might suggest association. Upon entering West Albany with these plumes and their homespun and forlorn clothing their motley appearance caused Dr Richard Shuckburg, a British surgeon, being both a poet and musician, thru derision and mockery to write the verses dubbing them "Yankee Doodles and Macaronies". Having been placed to music these words became a marching piece for all time
However, after the Ticonderoga and Crown Point Campaign of 1759 was won, the battle cause became entirely in favor of the British. Within three years from this time, Thomas Fitch left at the close of the war with the eminent title and rank of Senior Colonel, having had charge of sixteen regiments.
Upon returning to Norwalk, Colonel Fitch found his Governor father honoring his war achievements thru the gift of a parcel of land upon which was soon built the house which became known as the Yankee Doodle House.
The original Yankee Doodle was taken down due to complete disrepair thru ge in the year 1919, the site of which is now Hendricks Avenue.
Erected in memory of Helen Louise Fitch Martin

Family links:

Parents:

[Thomas Fitch \(1699 - 1774\)](#)
[Hannah *Hall* Fitch \(1701 - 1769\)](#)

Spouses:

[Sarah St.John *Hill* Fitch \(1734 - 1795\)](#)
[Sarah Fitch \(1734 - 1795\)*](#)

Children:

[Sarah *Fitch* St. John \(1766 - 1825\)*](#)
[Thaddeus Hill Fitch \(1775 - 1776\)*](#)

Siblings:

[Thomas Fitch \(1724 - 1795\)](#)
[Jonathan Fitch \(1727 - 1793\)**](#)
[Hannah Fitch \(1731 - 1744\)*](#)
[Elizabeth *Fitch* Rowland \(1738 - 1825\)*](#)
[Esther Fitch \(1741 - 1771\)*](#)

*[Calculated relationship](#)

**Half-sibling

Inscription:

(White Marble double stone Replaced original Brownstone June 1953)

In Memory of Thomas Fitch Esqr. Who Died Jan. 16th 1795 in th 70th Year of His age. Son of Governor Fitch Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Called by the British YANKEE DOODLE
In Memory of Sarah Wife of Thomas Fitch Esqr. Who Died Jan. 27th, 1795 in the 61st Year of Her Age.

Burial:

[East Norwalk Historical Cemetery](#)

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