

Neri "Neriah" Crampton (1743-1827) P-140424

Private, Vermont

Neri "Neriah" Crampton was born January 10, 1743 to James Crampton, Sr. and Mary Coe in Connecticut. Neri met Abigail Field; daughter of David Field and Abigail Tyler. Neri and Abigail married on July 8, 1768 in East Guilford, Connecticut. Before the outbreak of the war, Neri and 3 brothers moved their families to the area of Tinmouth, Rutland County, Vermont.

Neri Crampton was said to have served under General Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga. After, whole on a scouting mission, he was captured by Burgoyne's men. He was paroled and returned home to his family. Fearing for his family's safety, he removed them to Arlington with hopes of reaching their old home in Litchfield. As the battle for Bennington loomed, he volunteered and took part in the battle there. This he did in spite of the fact that he would have been hanged for broken parole had he been caught.

Neri Crampton appears on the rolls as a private in Captain John Spafford's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Allen's Regiment in 1780, Captain Orange Train's Company, and Colonel Lee's Regiment in 1781. Later in life Neri is often referred to as "Lieutenant Crampton". This author has not found a source for the title.

Neri and Abigail's farm was located just a mile north of the village of Tinmouth, Rutland County, Vermont. There they raised a large family that included children Augustus, Lois, Buzi, Luman, Linus, Betsey, Elihue, and Eliada. Neri went on to his final reward September 20, 1827. He was preceeded in death by his wife Abigail on February 25, 1815. They both now rest side-by-side in Crampton Cemetery in Tinmouth with beautiful headstones to mark where they lay. His marker reads in part:

Ah! in what perils is vain life engaged?
The hardest frame of toil will die:
The all-surrounding heaven the vital air
is big with death.

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