

Francis CRAPO (1738 - 1830) P-140690

Private, Captain Amasa Soper's Company, 10th and 11th Massachusetts Regiment

The family of Patriot Francis Crapo arrived in the colonies around 1690. Pierre (Peter) Crapo is said to have stowed away aboard a ship captained by his brother. The ship was wrecked off the coast of Massachusetts and 10 year-old Pierre and at least three of the sailors remained in Rochester while his brother and the rest of the crew returned to France. Pierre prospered, bought land, married, and started his family "on the banks of Sniptuit Pond" near Rochester. This land would remain in the family for several generations and the house is still standing.

Second amongst his known siblings, Francis Crapo was born in 1705 and married Patience Spooner around 1734. It is their first son Francis Jr. who would fight to secure the independence of a new nation. He was born April 14, 1738 near Rochester, Massachusetts; first of 8 known children in the family. On April 24, 1760 Francis wed Margaret Beale of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Francis first appears in the payrolls of the 10th Massachusetts Regiment in 1778. However, some records show that he may have been a volunteer as early as the summer of 1776. There is a muster roll for the 10th Massachusetts Regiment dated April of 1779 stating that Private Francis Crapo had been discharged following his three year term on March 19th. The unit was then stationed at West Point, New York and Francis would have made his way home from there.

Little is known of Francis' life after the war other than he was a farmer.. He fathered seven children named; Rebecca, Patience, Jonathan, Rhoda, Susanna, Margaret B., and John B. Crapo. They lived in the Rochester area for many years. He passed on to his reward in 1830 where he died and was buried in Rochester, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts. Like so many others lost to the years, his sacrifice is not forgotten by those who enjoy the freedom he bravely fought for.

Submitted for Harold Burton Crapo, Jr.
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Other information:

CRAPO, FRANCIS; Freetown, Mass.; Private Capt. Amasa Soper's Co.; Col Thomas Marshall's regt; Abstract for advance pay dated Castle Island, Aug. 13, 1776; also, same co. and regt; enlisted June 25, 1776; service to Dec. 1, 1776, 5 mos. 9 1/2 days; also descriptive list of men raised in Bristol Co. for the term of 9 months from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, June 19, 1778; Capt. Benjamin Lawrence's co., Col. Edward Pope's (2d) regt., age 38 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion dark; hair brown; eyes, gray; residence, Freetown; reported mustered by James Leonard, Muster Master; also, list of men raised in Bristol Co, returned as received of Jonathan Warner, Commissioner, by Col. R. Putnam, July 20, 1778; also, Private, Capt. Amasa Soper's co. Col Thomas Marshall's regt; muster roll for Jan., 1779, dated West Point; enlisted June 19, 1778.

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