

John Light (1724-1810)

Private, 6<sup>th</sup> Co., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., Lancaster County, PA Militia

John Light was born in 1724, probably on his father's farm in the Conestoga Valley. John married Catharine most likely during the 1740's. It is reasonable to assume that John's father purchased land from Joseph Williamson to give John and Catharine a start in their married life. The farm was actually transferred by deed to John by his father on August 20, 1754. John would serve in the French & Indian War during this time. After his wife's death, John moved with his family to Westmoreland County. As the revolution in the east spread to the frontier, his brother Jacob adopted and raised John's two younger sons. Free of family ties and without (known) land holdings, John enlisted in the militia. His grave records indicate he served 3 years as a private in the 6<sup>th</sup> Co., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., Lancaster County, PA Militia. His commander was Cpt. John Stone. In 1794 Anthony "Blue Steel" Wayne routed the Indians at Fallen Timbers with a bayonet charge. This opened more of Ohio for settlement. John and his boys took this opportunity to cross into the newly secured lands. Though he had several land holdings in the following years, John was living with his son at the time of his death. Originally buried in Old Light Cemetery, the gravestones were destroyed during an excavation. The DAR saw to it that a replacement memorial was erected.

SAR Compatriot Charles Jim Crandall #143915 joined under this patriot in 1995. Jim was a WWII veteran of the US Army Air Corps. He died 17 APR 2019 in Sarasota, FL and is interred at Sarasota National Cemetery.

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