



**NSSAR ANCESTOR # P-141413**

- 1 **JOSHUA CROOKER**, b Pembroke MA 26 Apr 1755 son of Isaac & Desire (Bates) Crooker (Vital Records of Pembroke, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 [1911], hereafter Pembroke MA VR, p. 69; his parents' marriage on 23 Nov 1738 recorded in *ibid.*, p. 260): d Minot ME 3 or 4 May 1820 (Rev War Pension Application #W23875, which gives 3 May; g.s., Riverside Cemetery, Minot, ME which gives 3 May; Early Vital Records of Minot, Maine [2005], hereafter Minot VR, p. 280, which gives 4 May; Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities, Town of Minot, hereafter, ORM, p. 371): m Marshfield MA 4 Nov 1779 **RUTH JOYCE** of Marshfield MA (Pembroke MA VR, p. 260; Vital Records of Marshfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 [1969], hereafter Marshfield MA VR, p. 131), b Marshfield MA 9 Nov 1759 dau of Ebenezer & Allathea (Fullerton) Joyce (Marshfield MA VR, p. 72; her parents' marriage on 11 Apr 1754 recorded in *ibid.*, p. 141): d Minot ME 18 May 1845 (g.s., Riverside Cemetery, Minot, ME). She was a descendant of Mayflower passengers Henry Samson (Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, hereafter MF, p. 20:3:504), Richard Warren (MF, p. 18:1:148), Miles Standish (MF, p. 14:10), John Alden (MF, p. 16:20), Pricilla Mullins, and William Mullins.

Joshua served as a private in the Revolutionary War with Capt Freedom Chamberlain's company, Col. Bailey's regiment, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, serving 14 days, and then enlisted and served for 3 months, 6 days; in the fall of 1775 he was at Roxbury Camp, to receive bounty coat or its cash value; in the fall of 1777 he marched to Rhode Island, serving just over a month with Capt. John Turner's company, Col. Theophilus Cotton's regiment (Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War [1898], hereafter MSSR, p. 4:142; MF, p. 20:3:504; Rev War Pension Application #W23875).

Joshua removed from Pembroke MA to Bakerstown Plantation ME, which became Poland ME and part later set off as Minot ME, between the births of his sons Isaac and Joshua.

Children:

- i. **CHARLES**, b Pembroke MA 23 Oct 1780 (Pembroke MA VR, p. 68; Minot VR, p. 143; ORM, p. 225): m Minot ME 27 Nov 1800 **ELIZABETH PACKARD** of Buckfield ME (Minot VR, p. 31; ORM, p. 105), b Hebron ME 29 May 1781 dau of Daniel & Elizabeth (Connelly) Packard (History of Buckfield, Oxford County, Maine [1915], p. 639).
- ii. **JOHN**, b Pembroke MA 20 Jul 1782 (Pembroke MA VR, p. 69; Minot VR, p. 143; ORM, p. 225): d unkm Minot ME 12 May 1806 (Minot VR, p. 277; ORM, p. 369).
- 2 + iii. **ISAAC**, b Pembroke MA 12 Oct 1785 (Pembroke MA VR, p. 68; Minot VR, p. 143; ORM, p. 225): d Portland ME 3 Apr 1829 (g.s., Norway Pine Grove Cemetery, Paris, ME): m Minot ME 8 Nov 1812 **IRENA COY** of Minot ME (Minot VR, p. 39; ORM, p. 114), b Poland ME 31 May 1792 dau of John & Molly (Millett) Coy (New England Historical and Genealogical Register, hereafter NEHGR, p. 88:50; her parents' marriage on 28 Nov 1773 recorded in Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the Year 1849 [1923], hereafter Gloucester MA VR, p. 2:148): d Bridgewater MA 8 Jun 1853 (Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915, p. 442): she m(2) Joseph Buck.
- iv. **JOSHUA**, b Minot ME 28 Mar 1788 (Minot VR, p. 144; ORM, p. 225): d Hebron ME 2 Jan 1876 (g.s., Hebron Churchyard Cemetery, Hebron, ME): m Hebron ME 19 Aug 1813 **ALMIRA BEARCE** of Hebron ME (Maine, Marriage Records, 1705-1922, Ancestry.com), b Hebron ME 29 Aug 1795 dau of Job & Betty (Turner) Bearce (Original Records of Maine Towns and Cities, Town of Hebron, hereafter, ORH, p. 193; her parents' marriage on 11 Apr 1793 recorded in Maine, Marriage Records, 1705-1922,

- Ancestry.com): d Hebron ME 26 Jul 1867 (g.s., Hebron Churchyard Cemetery, Hebron, ME).
- v. **WILLIAM**, b Minot ME 10 Jul 1791 (Minot VR, p. 144; ORM, p. 225): m Hebron ME 19 Aug 1813 **LUCY BEARCE** of Hebron ME (Maine, Marriage Records, 1705-1922, Ancestry.com), b Hebron ME 11 Apr 1795 dau of Gideon & Lucy (Bucknam) Bearce (ORH, p. 20).
  - vi. **COMFORT**, b Minot ME 18 Apr 1794 (Minot VR, p. 144; ORM, p. 225): d Minot ME 10 Sep 1874 (War of 1812 Pension File Application Index 1812-1815, Ancestry.com): m Hebron ME 31 Mar 1822 **JUDITH BUCKNAM** of Hebron ME (Maine, Marriage Records, 1705-1922, Ancestry.com): b Hebron ME 31 Oct 1799 dau of Calvin & Hopestill (Beace) Bucknam (Maine, Birth Records, 1621-1922, Ancestry.com).
  - vii. **RUTH**, b Minot ME 4 Sep 1796 (Minot VR, p. 144; ORM, p. 225): m Minot ME 5 Apr 1821 **JOHN WITTEMORE** of Hebron ME (Minot VR, p. 86; ORM, p. 156).
  - viii. **ALETHEA**, b Minot ME 17 Mar 1800 (Minot VR, p. 144; ORM, p. 225); No more information.

### **BAILEY'S REGIMENT / 2ND MASSACHUSETTS REGIMENT**

John Bailey was promoted to the rank of Colonel on July 1, 1775, and the regiment became Bailey's regiment. It served in the Siege of Boston. Bailey's regiment, subsequently numbered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts, was created November 1, 1776 and served until November 3, 1783 when it was discharged. A few of its recruits then went into Jackson's Continental Regiment (Encyclopedia of Continental Army Units, p. 72).

#### **COMMANDERS:**

Colonel John Bailey	November 1, 1776 - October 21, 1780
Lieutenant Colonel Ezera Badlam	October 21, 1780 - January 1, 1781
Lieutenant Colonel Ebenezer Sprout	January 1, 1781 - November 3, 1783

