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FAMILY RECORD

FATHER

MOTHER

John Cropper, son of Setaceo Sabra Cropper 3<sup>rd</sup> child  
who Sabra was born at Downs of John and Margaret,  
man's Holly in the county of Accomack December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1765 (Sabra) was born at Downs

Margaret Pettit, daughter of William and Mary was born at Occanabeck in Northampton county April 12<sup>th</sup> 1765.  
She died October 10<sup>th</sup> 1781, and was interred October 27<sup>th</sup> 1783, much lamented by all the family.

Sarah C. Cropper 1<sup>st</sup> child and daughter of John and Margaret was born at Downs in the county of Accomack May 13<sup>th</sup> 1784, her mother was born at Downs when she was 3 was in her's Holly, in the county of Accomack, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1777, was absent on the year's Assembly of Virginia and was more than three years old before she saw her father, he being in the army of the Revolution, and General Washington.

John Cropper, son of Robert and Mary was born at Downs in the county of Accomack Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1772.

Sabra Cropper 2<sup>nd</sup> child and daughter of John and Margaret was born at Downs July 1<sup>st</sup> 1779, and died when six years old.

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

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John Cropper son of John  
 and Sabra, and Margaret  
 Pettit, daughter of William  
 and Mary, were married  
 by the Rev. William  
 at the house of  
 in the county of Accomack  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> 1802

August 15<sup>th</sup> 1796

The above named John  
 Cropper and Catharine  
 daughter of Thomas and  
 Ann, were married by the  
 Rev. William  
 at Hills  
 Farm, September 18<sup>th</sup> 1790

John Wise, son of John  
 and Margaret, and  
 C. Cropper, daughter of John  
 and Margaret, were married  
 by the Rev. Ebenezer Jones,  
 at Bowman's Hill,  
 April 18<sup>th</sup> 1796.

Augustus W. Bagwell son  
 of Robert and  
 Catherine Cropper, daughter  
 of John and Cath-  
 erine, were married  
 at Snow Hill Aug<sup>th</sup>  
 14<sup>th</sup> 1826

Joseph W. Gilb, son of  
 William and Frances,  
 and Eliza W. Cropper  
 daughter of John and  
 Catherine, were mar-  
 ried at Belvidere, Hob-  
 -low Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1826

George W. Debeckle son of  
 Edward and Ann and Ann C. Cropper  
 daughter of John and Catherine  
 were married at Centerville  
 May 28<sup>th</sup> 1831 by the Rev. Mr. John  
 John Washington Cropper and  
 Mary Ann Baynes were married  
 at Centerville, June 14<sup>th</sup> 1831

Coventon Hanson Cropper son of John and Catharine  
 and Leah S. Seymour daughter of Mrs. and Isabella  
 were married June 14<sup>th</sup> 1831

At a certain Superior Court of the County of Schuylkill  
for the County of Schuylkill, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838.

On this tenth day of October, 1838, eight hundred & thirty eight,  
personally appeared before the Judges of the said Superior Court of  
Schuylkill County, the County of Schuylkill, Catharine Cropper,  
a resident of the County of Schuylkill, aged sixty six years, who  
being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make

the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the  
provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled

"An Act granting half pay and Pensions to certain Soldiers."

That she is the widow of Lieutenant Colonel John Cropper  
who was first commissioned as she has always understood as a  
Captain in the North Regiment of the Virginia Continental  
lines in or about the last of the year 1776 or first of 1777 &  
was subsequently promoted and made a Lieutenant Colonel of  
the Eleventh Virginia Regiment and remained in service at  
the North till about 1779 when he returned to Schuylkill County  
and took command of the Militia and so continued in command  
for several years. She further declares, that she was married to  
said John Cropper on the eighth day of September in the year  
1790 that her said husband died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1812  
that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service  
but the marriage took place previous to 15<sup>th</sup> January 1794 or at  
at the time above stated. Heretofore she has lived the days  
of her said husband.

Attest my hand and seal of office this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1838.  
J. M. [Signature] Clerk of the Court

State of Virginia, Accomack County

J. Thomas R. Boyce Clerk of the Circuit Superior Court of Law  
and Chancery for the County of Accomack in  
the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the  
within and is truly copied from the records  
of the said Court - In Testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of  
said Court this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1858 &

in the sixty third year of the Independence of the  
U. S.

Wm. J. C. [Signature]  
for Thos. R. Boyce

The affidavit of Catherine Cropper  
widow of St. Col: John Cropper  
who states that the family record  
of her deceased husband contained  
in her family bible this day  
delivered to Vespuccius Ellis has  
been in her possession ever since  
the death of her said husband  
and that the entry therein stating  
the time of his marriage to this  
deponent is in the hand writing  
of her said husband, which entry  
(among many others) is in the following  
words to wit: The above named

"John Cropper and Catharine Bayly"  
 "daughter of Thomas and Ann were"  
 "married by the Rev. William Vose"  
 "at Hills farm September the eighteenth"  
 "seventeen hundred & ninety. - &  
 the official part, declare that  
 she is the identical Catharine  
 Bayly mentioned in said entry.

Catharina Cropper

State of Virginia  
 County of Accomack

This day Catharine Cropper known  
 to me personally to be the widow  
 of Lt Colonel John Cropper came  
 before me & made oath to the  
 truth of the above deposition,  
 Witness my hand here this 22<sup>d</sup>  
 October 1738

John C. Wise

State of Virginia, County of Accomack

I Thomas R. Hayes, Clerk of the County Court of Accomack in the State of Virginia, do hereby  
 certify that John C. Wise, whose name is affixed to the above  
 certificate, is a Justice of the Peace of the County aforesaid duly  
 commissioned & qualified, and that full faith & credit ought to  
 be placed in and his acts as such. And I further certify that  
 this signature affixed as aforesaid appears to be genuine. In  
 Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the  
 Seal of said County, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1738 in the 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Year of the Commonwealth.

Test. Thos. Hayes Clerk

State of Virginia, Accomack County  
This day Thomas R. Rogers of said County  
personally appeared before me William R. Custer  
a Justice of the Peace for said County and made  
Oath, that he is well acquainted with the handwriting  
of General John Cropper and late of said County, and  
formerly a Lieutenant Colonel in the Virginia Line  
on Continental Establishment during the Revolutionary  
War that he has frequently seen said Cropper write  
in his lifetime; that he is one of the Executors of said  
Cropper, and as such, had possession of all his Books and  
papers after his death. That this day a large Bible was  
shown to him by Mrs. Catharine Cropper widow of  
said John Cropper; that in said Bible under the head  
of "Family Record" there are registered in the handwri-  
ting of said John Cropper, the times of his marriages with  
his two wives, and the times of the births of his children;  
that the first entry in said "Family Record" and in the  
words and figures following to wit: "John Cropper son of"  
"Sebasto and Sabra and Margaret Dittel daughter of"  
"William and Mary were married by the Rev<sup>d</sup> William"  
"Pew at the house of George Abbott in the County of"  
"Accomack August 15<sup>th</sup> 1776." "The above named John"  
"Cropper and Catharine Bayly, daughter of Thomas and"  
"Ann, were married by the Rev<sup>d</sup> William Pew at Will"  
"Farm September 18<sup>th</sup> 1790." The deponent has always  
understood, and has no doubt that the said John  
John Cropper was the son of Sebasto and Sabra Crop-  
per. From the knowledge of the deponent of the hand-  
writing of said John Cropper, he has no doubt that  
the above quotations from the "Family Record" are  
entirely in the handwriting of said John Cropper.  
The deponent has frequently understood and believes  
that the said John Cropper was commissioned as



a Captain in the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and  
Continental Establishment in December 1775 or  
January 1776. That he joined the Army under the  
immediate command of General Washington, and  
fought in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown  
and Mifflin's Court House. That he continued in  
service until the year 1779. This knowledge of the Revolu-  
tionary services of General Cropper was derived partly  
from the information of others and partly from the  
papers of said John Cropper.

Given to and subscribed  
before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of }  
October 1838.

Thos. Joyner

Wm. R. Curtis

State of Virginia, Accomack County

Thomas R. Joyner, Clerk of the County  
Court of Accomack in the State of Virginia do hereby  
certify that William R. Curtis whose name is sub-  
scribed to the foregoing certificate is a Justice of  
the Peace for said County duly commissioned &  
qualified, and that due faith and credit are  
due and given to all his acts as such

Justice of the Peace whereof there becometh  
his right hand and official seal of  
said Court the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October  
1838 and in the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth

Thos. Joyner cl

Washington. Jan'y 11<sup>th</sup> 1839.

Sir. I have just had forwarded to me the certificate of Mr. Poinsett, Secty of war, in conformity with the act of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, that Catharine Cropper, of Virg.<sup>a</sup>, widow of Mr. Cropper, Lt. Col. of the Revolution &c, is entitled to receive five years' pension at the rate of \$570 & 85 cts pr. ann., commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March 1836. The certificate is dated 6<sup>th</sup> Novr. 1838.

Mrs. Cropper wishes me to draw the arrears of her pension. I am the grandson of Col. Cropper. If no power of atty. is necessary from Mrs. Cropper to me, please say so, & I will receive the amt. for her & accept. to Gov<sup>r</sup>. If a power is necessary please send me the form of a power of atty. to draw the amt. due a widow of a dec<sup>d</sup> officer under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 who has been placed on the annuity of five years' pension roll under said act. Yours very respectfully

J. L. Edwards Esq.

Com<sup>r</sup> of Pensions

Henry A. Wise

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March 21, 1927

Mrs. R. J. Hancock  
Sulphur, Kentucky

Madam:

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 3781 it appears that John Cropper, son of Sebastian and Sabra Cropper, was born December 23, 1755 in Bowman's Folly, Accomack County, Virginia.

While a resident of Accomack County, Virginia he was commissioned February 5, 1776, Captain of the Ninth Virginia Regiment, was later a Major, and on April 25, 1778 was appointed Lieutenant Colonel, served in the Eleventh and Seventh Virginia Regiments, was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth and served until November 1779, when he returned to Accomack County, Virginia and took command of the militia and served for several years.

In 1784 he was a member of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia.

Soldier married August 15, 1776 at the home of George Abbot in Accomack County, Virginia, Margaret, born April 13, 1755 in Occohannock, Northampton County, Virginia, daughter of

William and Mary Pettit. She died in June 1784. Their children were:

Sarah C. ....	born March	31, 1777	at Bowman's Folly, married April 18, 1799 at same place, John Wise, son of John and Margaret Wise.
Sabra .....	"	September 1, 1779	at Bowman's Folly, died when six days old.
Sabra .....	"	October 19, 1781	at Bowman's Folly, died October 27, 1783.
Margaret Pettit	"	May 13, 1784	(her mother died when she was 3 weeks old). She married March 7, 1803, at Bowman's Folly, Thomas M. Bayly, son of Thomas and Ann Bayly.

Soldier married the second time, September 18, 1790 at Hill's Farm, Accomack County, Virginia, Catharine born January 24, 1772 at said Hill's Farm, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Bayly. Their children were:

Catherine B. ...	born (date not stated)		married August 14, 1826, Augustus W. Bagwell, son of Charles and Ann.
Eliza W. ....	"	( " " " )	married October 23, 1826, Joseph W. Gibb, son of William and Frances.
Ann C. ....	"	( " " " )	married September 28, 1831, George W. Arbuckle, son of Edward and Ann.
John Washington	"	( " " " )	married September 5, 1832, Mary Ann Savage.
Coventon Hanson	"	( " " " )	married June 14, 1837, Leah B. Seymour, daughter of William & Isabella Seymour.

C. H. Soldier died January 15, 1821 in Accomack County, Virginia.

His widow Catharine was allowed pension on account of his services, on her application executed October 10, 1838 while

a resident of Accomack County, Virginia. She died January 24,  
1855.

Soldier's grandson, Henry A. Wise, was a Member of Congress  
in 1839.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT  
Commissioner.