

34 Grayrock Rd. Clinton Township Middle School @ 10 am on April 23 (Rain date April 24)

Meet A Revolutionary War Loyalist

April 23, 2022 @ The 1759 Vought House



December 1776: Christopher Vought, who built this stone house, his son John, and Joseph Lee from the nearby Union Iron Works led local Hunterdon County loyalists to New Brunswick to join the British army as Washington's troops were in retreat across New Jersey. Cornelia Vought and Mary Grandin Vought managed this farm over the next few years. The restored patriot government would confiscate and sell at auction their furniture, livestock, house, barn, and 483 acres stretching to the Raritan.



April 23, 2022: Sample the life of John Vought and the uniformed New Jersey Volunteers with five loyalist reenactors, including author Todd Braisted. Learn about the attack on Captain Thomas Jones' Tavern, the lives of Cornelia and Mary running this large farm amid the maelstrom of revolution in New Jersey, the family's exile and 1792 return to the newly United States. *Scan on-site QR codes for info & video.*

10:00 am-1:30 pm Wander the grounds and explore the spring house foundation, herb garden & fruit trees. Learn about being a blacksmith, spinning wool, shaping wood. Hear of conflicts among neighbors. Question a New Jersey Volunteer. Take a guided tour of the Vought House.

10:00 am Welcome to the Vought House! ~ Kerry Cahill

10:15 am Register for tours of the Vought House ~ Michael Margulies, historic architect

10:15 am Attack on Jones' Tavern, War & Confiscation, the Exiles Return ~ Donald Sherblom

11:00 am Daily life ~ wool spinner Celeste Sherry, carpenter Scott Lance, blacksmith Billy Barrett.

11:00 am Making war ~ NJ Volunteers: drills, musket firing, uniforms, weapons, and equipment

12:00 pm John Vought's Military Service during the American Revolution ~ Todd Braisted

12:45 pm Daily life ~ wool spinner Celeste Sherry, carpenter Scott Lance, blacksmith Billy Barrett.

12:45 pm Making war ~ NJ Volunteers: drills, musket firing, uniforms, weapons, and equipment {over}

The Vought House is on the National & State Historic Registers due to:

- 1) Locally prominent Vought family
- 2) Events in the American Revolution
- 3) The home's unique architecture
- 4) What it can show about life in 18th Century rural New Jersey



While you're here, pick up your free copy of Christiana Vought's travel journal:

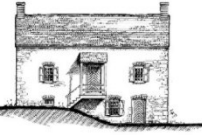


The 1759 Vought House nonprofit took possession in 2012. We have replaced the leaky slate roof with cedar shakes, rebuilt chimneys, removed an enclosed porch and stucco on the front façade, restored windows and the front door. We have begun to restore the decorative plaster ceilings, including the serpent.



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On September 9, 1773, Christiana Vought was born in the stone house her grandfather Christopher

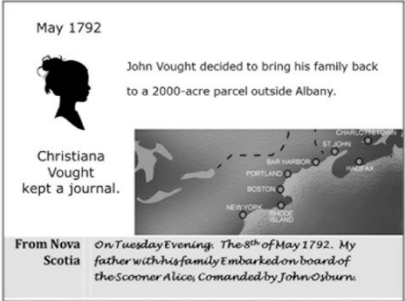


built. When she was four, her mother, Mary Grandin Vought took her and cousin George across enemy lines to Staten Island to join her grandfather and her father John, who fought in uniform with the New Jersey Volunteers.

New Jersey's patriot government confiscated the Vought house, its contents, farm tools, livestock, 488 acres of prime farmland and sold it at auction. Christiana was ten when the war ended in 1783. Her family was exiled to Nova Scotia.

In 1792, her father brought the family back to the new United States of America. Eighteen-year-old Christiana kept this journal as they sailed down

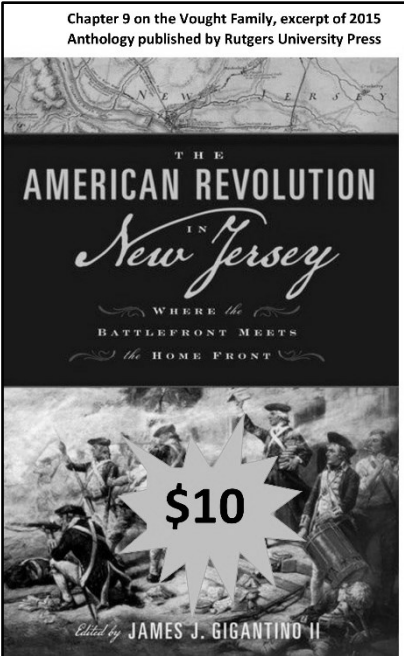
the coast to New York City. The family then spent a few days in New York, where Christiana met her future husband. Captain John Bogart would take them up the Hudson River.



The Vought family dined on board Bogart's sloop and in early June sailed upriver toward Albany with a "good wind and everything agreeable, our Capt. Is very Polite and obliging."

Chapter from The American Revolution in New Jersey "A Loyalist Homestead in a World Turned Upside Down"

(below) and books by Todd Braisted are available at our information table.



You can pick up or order a copy of this 24-page chapter for \$10. Also, please donate to preserve this historic gem, an artifact of the American Revolution.

The 1759 Vought House
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is a 501 (c) 3 tax deductible non-profit.

100% of every donation is spent to restore this local historic gem, preserve its amazing physical structure and promote the historic narrative.



"Join, or Die" serpent T-shirts in a variety of sizes are also available for \$15.

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