

Meet A Revolutionary War Loyalist
April 23, 2022 @ The 1759 Vought House



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.



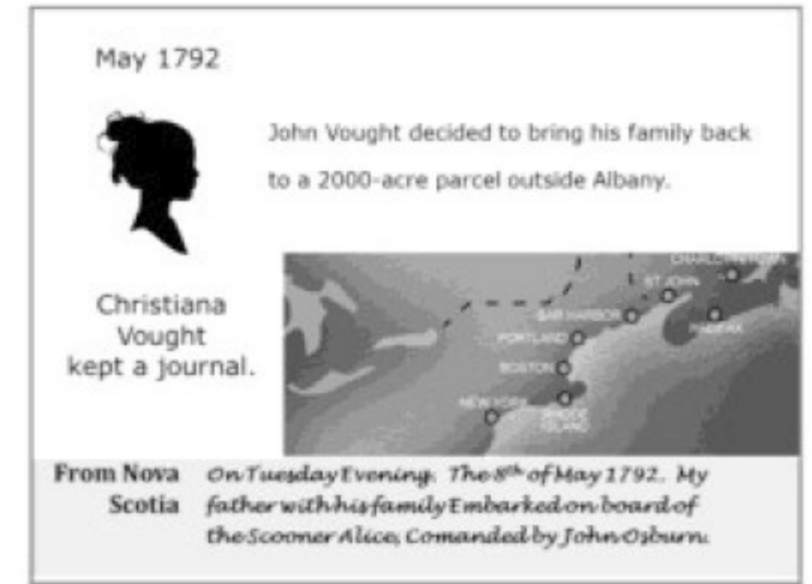
On September 9, 1773, Christiana Vought was born in the stone house her grandfather Christopher



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."

A good wind and every thing agreeable

Christiana's journal as her family sailed back from Nova Scotia.

May 8, 1792

On Tuesday Evening. The 8th of May 1792. My father with his family Embarked on board of the Scooner Alice, Comanded by John Osburn.

May 9, 1792

3 o'clock in the Morning Sailed from Patridge Island with wind N. E., in the afternoon very Calm.

May 10, 1792

Wind S. W., went in at Aple River ; the afternoon went a Shore to Capt. Doves and had tea ; in the evening Came on board again. Sail.d out in the Night with a fair Breeze.

May 11, 1792

Anchor.d 5 hours in Cumberland Bay.

May 12, 1792

Went in at Quawes harbour, went a Shore to Capt. Howards, where we spent the afternoon in Chearfulness, was used with a great Deal of Politeness, Mrs. Howard a lively Agreeable Woman, had tea and Came on board at 6 o'clock. Now the Breeze from N. E. weigh,d anchor to sail but diretly the wind dyed away and tide took us very near Quawes Rocks so that the Captain Gave orders to Pull away on the owers to keep the vesel from being stove; again we are favoured with a Breeze wc'h set us off the Rocks at 10 o'clock. Got out of the harbour and Sail,d very fast all Night.

May 13, 1792

Foggy went in an harbour at one of the Pasmaquady Islands.

May 14, 1792

Wind S. W. went in little River, in the evening wind haul,d round to N., left the harbour at 7 o'clock.

May 15, 1792

Wind W. S. W. Made a harbour at Moosepecka Beach.

May 16, 1792

Wind N. E. sail'd Past Mount Desert.

May 17, 1792

Came across Boston Bay with big wind N. E.

May 18, 1792

Anchor'd off Chatham at Night Came across Nantucket Shoals with high wind W. N. W. a double reef in the Sails.

May 19, 1792

Went in at Nantucket was ashore 15 minutes. Now a Messenger Comes and says we must be on board that the wind was Come round accordingly we was and sail'd from this at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Struck on a Shoal.

May 20, 1792

Wind W. S. W. Made an harbour at Matthews Vineyard. Mr. Dwolf & My Father went ashore return'd in the Evening and deverted us with the detail of what they had heard and seen, they told us in Particular they had seen at A small distance a Woman lead 4 Children in a Grave Yard and going to

a grave she fell Prostrate over it. A very affecting scene indeed.

May 21, 1792

Wind still W. S. W. My Father took us ashore to Capt. Deagetts where we were to dine on a Turkey but the wind shifting to N. E. frustrated our intention and Blew so high made Such a sea was obliged to hire a Whale Boat to Put us on board. We then Got Under way and sail,d very Pleasing 4 hours, the remainder of the day Calm.

May 22, 1792

Past Block Island, a Cloudy Morning and everything apeard very Dull.

May 23, 1792

Anchor,d off Fishers Island, sail,d in the Evening with a Breeze N. E.

May 24, 1792

Wind S. W. went in at Saybrook.

May 25, 1792

Wind S. W. in Saybrook, we went a Shore and Saw a very Pretty Country Place every thing looks very Promising for the season.

May 26, 1792

The fore Part of this Day the wind S. W. the afternoon N. weigh, d anchor and Sail, d out of the harbour, at 6 o'clock beCalm, d anchor, d in the Sound, at 7 run back to Saybrook, in the evening had a Shower.

May 27, 1792

Wind S. W. Showers the fore Part of the day. the Evening wind N. W. Hoised Sail and bid adieu to Saybrook.

May 28, 1792

Anchor, d off Old Mans Harbour.

May 29, 1792

Anchor, d off Smith's harbour.

May 30, 1792

Anchor, d in Oyster Bay Early in the morning, 10 o'clock went ashore; Met with an old Lady that took us to her house and used us very kindly indeed, in the afternoon the wind sprang up N. E. and we left this, with joy.

May 31, 1792

At Break of day was alarm, d out of our beds by Striking on the Rocks Called the Executioners, was fast 15 Minutes, Breeze very light and the Scooner went on easy; Received no damage—but we were in a disagreeable situation for a little while, at 3 o'clock

Came a Pilot on board from Hart Island at 10
Anchor, d at 4 Hoised Sail at 5 a very heavy thunder
Gust accompanied with rain, at 6 Came through Hell
Gate, at 10 Arrived in New York—My Pappa took
Mamah, My sisters and I to Charles McLeans who lives
at White Hall.

June 1, 1792

Pappa introduced us to A Mr. Covenhoven from Jersey
who gave us some account of our friends there, also to
A Mr. Bell from Halifax, also to Capt. Bogart with
whom we are to go to Albany.

June 2, 1792

He introduced us to A Mr. Younglove from Albany Who
told Mamah he had Come to Welcome her to his Part
of the World.

June 3, 1792

Papa, Sister & I dined on board of Capt. Bogarts Sloop.

June 4, 1792

Wrote to my aunt in Jersey and to my friend Miss
Crane in Novascotia sent her the Particulars of my
Pasage from Novascotia to New York;

June 5, 1792

Nothing in Particular.

June 6, 1792

Embarked for Albany at 9 o'clock in the Morning with a fine Breeze S.

June 7, 1792

A good wind and every thing agreeable, our Capt. is very Polite and obliging.

June 8, 1792

Wind very high N. at anchor before Mr. Timbrooks house; here Capt. Bogart leaves us as he is obliged to be in Albany at an appointed time. In the afternoon we were invited ashore to tea by Capt. B's. Sister inlaw, A young Lady where we were treated with Politeness—they are Dutch People and appear to be very Neat and Clean.

June 9, 1792

Wind N. Beat up the River as far as the City of Hudson

June 10, 1792

Wind N. our Captain is Come down from Albany in a schooner, you are Welcome Sir on Board, again is Echo'd through the Ship. This is about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We find him more agreeable as we are more acquainted with him.

June 11, 1792

In the Morning My father left us and took the land in order to Provide Wagons by the time we arriv'd 10 o'clock in the Evening we arived in Albany.

June 12, 1792

Early in the Morning Capt. Bogart Went to his Father's (Who lives in the City) and Brought his Brother Garet on board to introduce him to our family. After Compliments were Past and we sat Down, " Mrs. Vought ", said he, " shall we have you & Family to dine with us to Day". "I thank you sir", said Mamah, " our Family is very large." " No Matter for that we shall be hapy to wait on them ". —Just as we were finishing breakfast Came in Mr. Gurst and with A Mr. Wright, Who after they were set down and welcom,d us to Albany said he has Come to invite Mamah and Family to dine with him. " I am much obliged to you sir, I am engaged to Mr. Bogarts." "Well Madam to Tea then". "No", said Garet Bogart, "where they dine they must Drink Tea"; accordingly we went with Capt. B. to his Fathers; we met the old lady (his Mother) on the Porch Who Conducted us in a well furnished room then turn.d about "your welcom here" said she —

Now Comes in Miss Bogart (Sister to Capt. B.) " Miss Vought you are welcome here I hope you will make this as your home". "I thank you Madam", said I; "you have had a long Passage"; "Yes, but A very agreeable one, Miss Bogart ". So the Conversation turn,d Now in Comes Garet B. "I am hapy to see you here Ladys I wish you not to Make Strange ". Mamah returned the Compliment; When diner was ready we were bid in, Garet and Miss B. did the honours of the table; their Parents is old People wich I expect is the reason they take this on themselves—After Tea Miss Bogart Took My sister & I thro the Most Capital Streets of the City. When we returned Mr. Garet asked us if we would not walk up to the Springs (this is a Spring about 3 quarters of Mile out of Town where many walks about Sun set and

after). "I have no objection" was the General answer; accordingly we went and saw A Number of People there Drinking of this Very Cold Water – We all sup.d at Mr. Bogarts and then returned to the Sloop where we Lodged.

June 13, 1792

At Eleven o'clock we left Albany, at 2 o'clock din,d 7 mile from Albany, at 9 in the evening we arrived on Voughts Patton our Place of residence.



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VoughtHouse.org

The Vought House is on the National and State Historic Register due to:

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

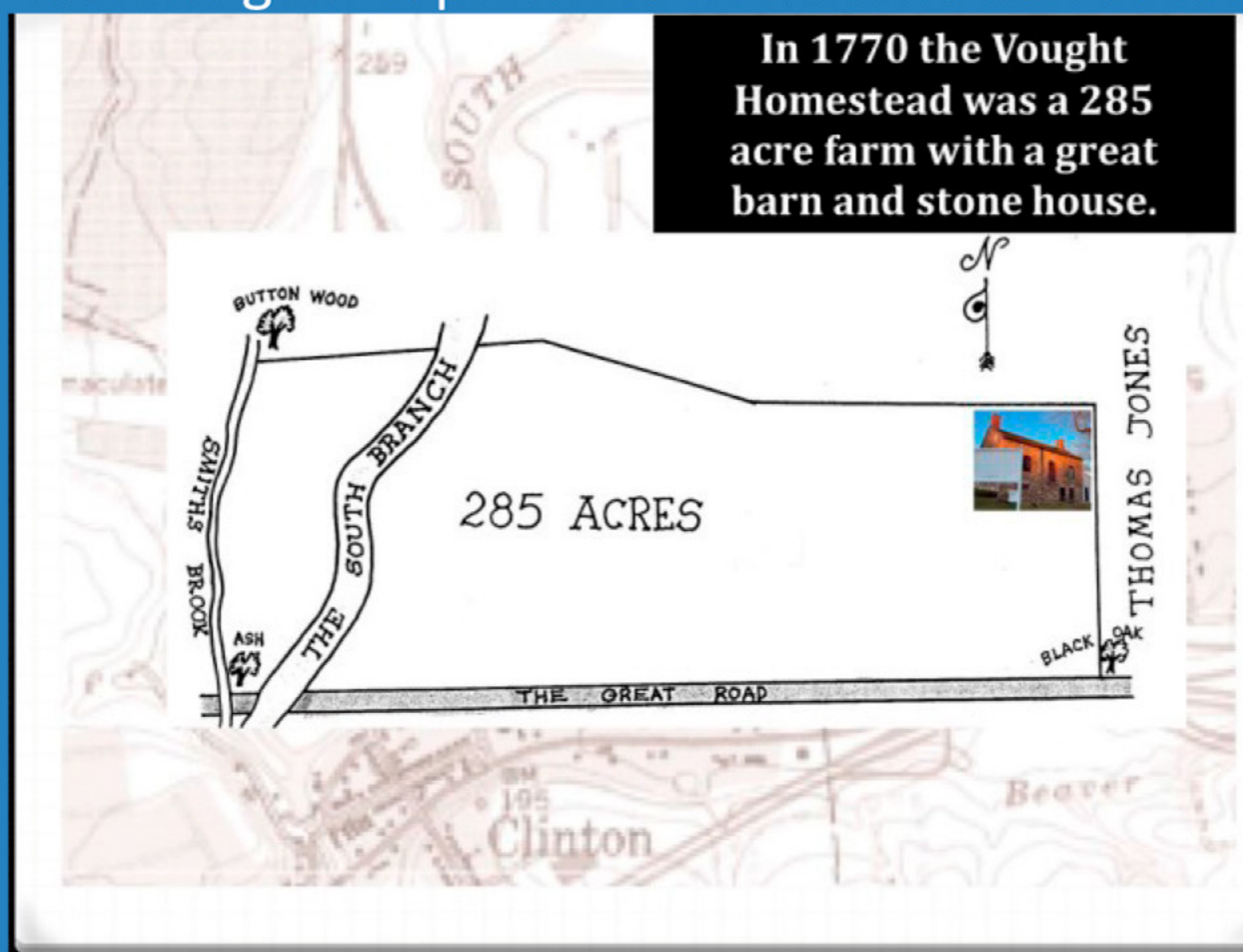
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