

## Craig House Visitor Guide June 2016

### 1. *What will I experience?*

June 28, 1778: Craig House is empty on the day of the Battle of Monmouth. John Craig is with the Continental Army, and his wife, Ann, has fled with their child, two slaves, and two wagons of household goods. In the family's absence, residents of Monmouth County have gathered at the farm, perhaps to check on the family, perhaps to seek refuge from the depredations of the either army, or perhaps to hide from vigilantes.

### 2. *Who will I meet?*

You will meet costumed interpreters who are playing the roles of people who lived in Monmouth County New Jersey during the Battle of Monmouth in June of 1778.

There Loyalist (Tories) and Patriots (Whigs) in Monmouth County, as well as people in between. A member of the Association for Retaliation is out seeking revenge or refuge. A London trader hopes to hide from Patriot militia. A Quaker woman seeks refuge from both sides, while a Loyalist servant has lost her source of support when her master fled to Staten Island. A local farmer fears for the safety of the Craigs as rumors of escaped armed slaves circulate. Pine Robber is looking for whatever he can steal and sell.

### 3. *What should I talk about?*

The interpreters use documented facts about specific people and the history of Monmouth County to answer your questions. Need some ice breakers? Here are some questions that you might ask the interpreters:

- What did you think about the Revolution?
- Why have you left your home?
- Do you think slavery is immoral?
- How do you make a living?
- Do you support the Whigs/Patriots or the Tories/Loyalists?

### 4. *What can I touch?*

If an interpreter asks you to hold something, feel free to hold it. But please ask before touching! The objects they use are real-- and so is the fire-- and safety is paramount. Please do not touch any weapons.