

gave their all to their country that we their children might inherit freedom.

On that list is the name of Major William Treadwell. William Treadwell was a private in Capt. Timothy Bigelow's Company of Minute-men. On the return from the Lexington Alarm he enlisted as Lieutenant in **Capt. Edward Crafts'** Company of Artillery, **Col. Thomas Crafts' regiment**. He was a brave man, a born soldier. He served through the war and lived to come home. He was one of the founders of the Worcester Artillery. Like many another hero of that war, he lost all his property. Theirs were in truth experiences which tried men's souls. He died at last in 1795, broken-hearted.

There was **Major Edward Crafts**: Major Crafts was a prominent man here in those times, yet, I doubt if more than a few of our citizens know there was such a Revolutionary soldier who went forth from Worcester. **He was the intimate friend of John Hancock and Samuel Adams, and a brother of Col. Thomas Crafts, of Boston.** He fought at Bunker Hill. He has a glorious record. He was a man of superb physique, but he returned from his long term of service with shattered health and bearing the burden of heavy financial losses caused by the depreciation of the Continental currency. He later emigrated to Murrayfield, now the town of Chester, and from there, his sons having gone further on to New York state, he went with them to Middlesex, N. Y., where he died at the early age of sixty. His children pressed still further on and settled in Ohio, and every year his descendants gather there to honor the memory of Major Edward Crafts, their Revolutionary ancestor, and his brave wife, his equal in patriotism,—Eliot Winship Crafts.

There was Col. Benjamin Flagg who marched as captain of the second company of minute-men on that memorable nineteenth of April. He afterward commanded a regiment from this county and won glory for himself as well as for the town.

It was Capt. Jonas Hubbard of Worcester who on that awful march under General Arnold, one of the most terrible marches ever made in any war, said, "I do not value life or property, if I may secure liberty for my children." Those