

The Battles of Lexington and Concord Eyewitness Account Database



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Prelude to War

Documented Arms and Equipment of Massachusetts Militia and Minute Companies

The Manual Exercise as Ordered By His Majesty in 1764 (Boston Edition)

A Plan of Discipline Composed for the Use of the Militia of the County of Norfolk

Orders on the Irish Establishment

British Military Orders and Instructions Relevant to April 19, 1775

General Thomas Gage to Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith, 10th Regiment of Foot

British Military Accounts of April 19, 1775

Command Staff

General Thomas Gage
Lord Hugh Earl Percy (Pt I)
Lord Hugh Earl Percy (Pt II)
Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith
Major John Pitcairn

4th Regiment of Foot (King's Own)

Lieutenant John Barker
Lieutenant Edward Thornton Gould
Private James Marr
Captain William Glanville Evelyn

10th Regiment of Foot

Ensign Jeremy Lister
Ensign Henry De Berniere

23rd Regiment of Foot (Royal Welch Fusiliers)

Lieutenant Frederick Mackenzie

38th Regiment of Foot

Lieutenant William Sutherland

47th Regiment of Foot

Richard Pope

52nd Regiment of Foot

Private John Bateman
Ensign Martin Hunter

Marines

Captain W. Souter

Unknown British Officers, Sailors, and Soldiers

Extract of a Letter Written by a Private Soldier in Boston, August 20, 1775

Intercepted Letters from British Soldiers and Officers Printed in the *Essex Gazette*, May 12, 1775

Letter to a "Dr. Rogers" from an unknown Royal Navy officer

British Political Accounts of April 19, 1775

House of Commons

History of the Proceedings and Debates of the House of Commons (1775)

American Military Accounts of April 19, 1775

Acton

Solomon Smith

Thomas Thorp

Andover

Thomas Boynton

James Stevens

Concord

Colonel James Barrett

Captain Nathan Barrett

Lieutenant Jonathan Farrar

Lieutenant Joseph Butler

Lieutenant Francis Wheeler

Ensign John Barrett

John Brown

Silas Walker

Ephraim Melvin

Nathan Buttrick

Stephen Hosmer, Junr.

Samuel Barrett

Thomas Jones

Joseph Chandler

Peter Wheeler

Nathan Peirce

Edward Richardson

Timothy Minot

Bradbury Robinson

Samuel Spring

Thaddeus Bancroft

Amos Barrett

Thaddeus Blood

Groton

Amos Farnsworth

Lexington

Captain John Parker

Solomon Brown
Jonathan Loring
Elijah Sanderson
Elijah Sanderson
John Munroe
Ebenezer Munroe
Levi Mead
Levi Harrington
William Draper
Thomas Fessenden
Sgt. William Munroe
William Tidd
Nathan Munroe
Amos Lock
Joseph Underwood
Abijah Harrington
Thomas Price Willard
Simon Winship
John Robbins
Benjamin Tidd
Nathaniel Mullekin, et al (multiple militiamen deposed)
Nathaniel Parkhurst, et al (various militiamen deposed)
Timothy Smith

Lincoln
John Hoar
John Whitehead
Abra. Garfield
Benjamin Munroe
Isaac Parks
Samuel Hartwell
William Hosmer
John Adams
Gregory Stone
Amos Baker

Needham
Rev. Samuel West

Newton

John Richardson

Reading
Edmund Foster

Roxbury
William Heath

Salem
Colonel Timothy Pickering

Woburn
Major Loammi Baldwin
Amos Locke
Sylvanus Wood
Robert Douglass
James Reed

Alarm Rider Accounts/ Alarm Letters of April 19, 1775

Paul Revere

Paul Revere (1798 account of Alarm Ride)

Joseph Palmer Lexington Alarm Letter

Alarm Letter of the Amesbury (MA) selectmen ordering the town's militia and minute
companies to mobilize for war

American Political Accounts of April 19, 1775

Massachusetts Bay Colony

Minutes of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress

“A Narrative of the Excursion and Ravages of the King’s Troops ...”

“Defend Our Wives and Our Children” - Massachusetts broadside authored by Dr. Joseph Warren

John Dickinson to Arthur Lee

Letter

Various

Historical Society of Pennsylvania detailing letter traveling from Watertown to Philadelphia

Civilian Accounts of April 19, 1775

Acton

Hannah Davis Leighton

Boston

Sarah Winslow Deming

Samuel Salisbury

John Andrews, Esq.

Cambridge

Hannah Winthrop

Benjamin and Rachel Cooper

Charlestown

Jacob Rogers

Colrain

William Draper

Concord

Martha Moulton

Rev. William Emerson

Granville

Lemuel Haynes

Lincoln

Mary Hartwell

Lexington

Rev. Jonas Clarke

Thomas Price Willard

Rebekah Fiske

James Adams

Menotomy

Hannah Adams

Hannah Bradish

North Hampton (NH)

[Rev. David McClure](#)

Roxbury

[Rev. William Gordon \(Part I\)](#)

[Rev. William Gordon \(Part II\)](#)

Westboro, Massachusetts

[Rev. Ebenezer Parkman](#)

Child Witnesses

Concord

Charles Handley

Lexington

Lucy Clarke

Anna Munroe

Loyalist Civilian Accounts of April 19, 1775

Boston

[Anne Hulton](#)

[Anonymous](#)

Charlestown

[Jacob Rogers](#)

[Jacob Rogers American Loyalist Claim](#)

Media Accounts and Propaganda of April 19, 1775

[“Bloody Butchery” Broadside Describing the Battles of Lexington and Concord](#)

[“Bloody News” - Correspondence from Newburyport to Portsmouth, NH as published in the New Hampshire Gazette, April 21, 1775](#)

[New Hampshire Gazette, April 21, 1775](#)

[New Hampshire Packet, September 5, 1775](#)

[Massachusetts Spy, May 3, 1775](#)

Artwork and Drawings

[The Doolittle Engravings of the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775](#)

[1775 Map of the Battles of Lexington and Concord and the Siege of Boston](#)

[“The Retreat From Concord to Lexington of the Army of Wild Irish Asses Defeated by the Brave American Militia”](#)

Massachusetts Legislative Records

Journal of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts