

250 years ago, a new nation was brought forth based on democratic principles. Since its founding in 1639, Sudbury has been helping to develop and shape these principles.

Join us in celebrating the self-governance that would later be known as “of the people, by the people, for the people.” While the fighting of the Revolution never came into Sudbury’s borders, there were a few other war- related events in 1775 and 1776 that occurred in Sudbury:

- The muster and march proceeded to Concord on April 19, 1775.
- British spies passed through in early 1775 to document the roads and distances.
- The Noble Artillery train of heavy weaponry followed Old Connecticut Path, partly through Sudbury, in January 1776.
- Concord dispersed stores to Sudbury and other towns to reduce the risk of one single store of military supplies.



SUDBURY & THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A TIMELINE
Sudbury Town Meeting 1774

At the meeting on January 10, 1774, in response to the Boston Tea Party, the Town wrote a strong letter of condemnation including the sentiment of no taxation without representation and the promise of all in our power to aid and assist Boston.

At a meeting on July 4, 1774, the Town asked its Ministers to arrange a Contribution to defray the Town's part of the Charges of the Committee of Congress.

On September 12, 1774, Town Meeting voted to purchase gun powder, rifles, bayonets, and flints, and on October 17, 1774, the Town voted to reimburse Ezekiel Howe for purchase of the arms voted in the September meeting.

Sudbury and the Battles of Lexington and Concord

On November 14, 1774, Sudbury ordered its Militia Companies to choose officers and organized two Minuteman Companies. The Sudbury Militia Companies were led by Captain Aaron Haynes, Captain Joseph Smith, and Captain Moses Stone. The Sudbury

Minuteman Companies were led by Captain John Nixon and Captain Nathaniel Cudworth. On March 20, 1775, two British spies passed through Sudbury on their way to Concord.

On March 29, 1775, the Massachusetts Committee of Safety ordered roughly one-third of the military supplies stored in Concord be moved to Sudbury.

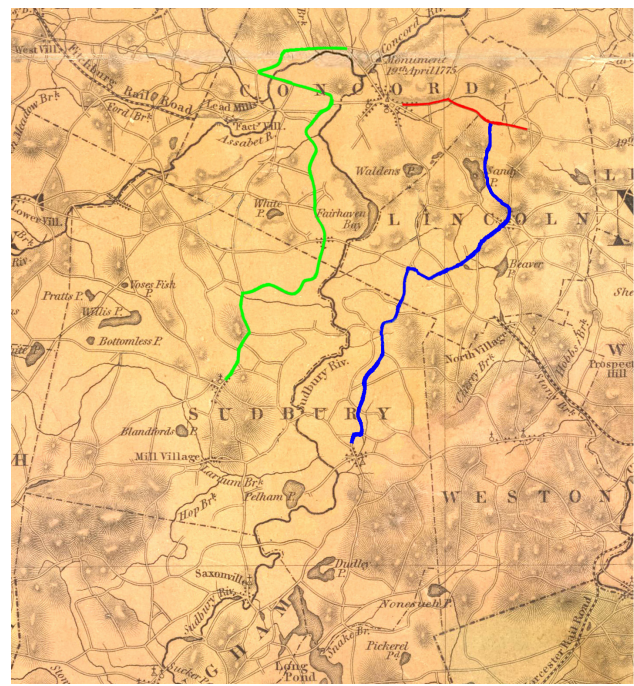
The Lexington Alarm reached Sudbury sometime between 3:00 and 4:00am on April 19, 1775.

The Sudbury Companies mustered and marched to Concord. The (East) Sudbury Companies first engaged the British at Merriam's Corner, about a mile east of Concord, on the road to Lexington.

Two Sudbury men, 78-year-old Deacon Josiah Haynes and 22-year-old Asahel Reed, were killed during the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

Sudbury sent more fighting men to the Battle of Concord than any other town.

The map below shows the probable routes the Minute Militia took to reach Concord from their starting points in Sudbury, which included Wayland and Maynard at the time.



The town established companies of minute men, ready to respond promptly. Unlike officers with commissions, these men voted to hold their positions. Two companies were formed on each side of the river, and a troop of horse was established from both precincts. An alarm company was also formed for individuals exempt from military service. The names of these companies were:

North Militia Company, West Side, Captain Aaron Haynes, 60 men.

East Militia Company, East Side, Captain Joseph Smith, 75 men.

South Militia Company (Lanham District) both Sides, Captain Moses Stone, 92 men.

Troop of Horse, Both Sides, Captain Isaac Loker, 21 men.

Minute Company, West Side, Captain John Nixon, 58 men

Minute Company, East Side, Captain Nathaniel Cudworth, 40 men

Below is a Call Roll for Capt. Nixon's troop, formed March 13th, 1775. They mustered six times before April 19th, 1775.

A Call Roll of Capt. Nixon's Co. Men, they enlisted March 13th 1775

No. 1.	March 13 th 1775	March 17 th 1775	March 20 th 1775	March 27 th 1775	April 3 rd 1775	April 10 th 1775	April 17 th 1775
Ino. Nixon Capt.	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
David Moot Lieut.	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Asahel Wheeler, D ^o	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Josiah Langdon Post	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Amiah Goodenow Sub	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
August Moor, D ^o	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Joseph Willis D ^o	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Abraham Robbins D ^o	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

The Sudbury 250 Committee was established by the Sudbury Select Board to plan for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the commencement of the American Revolution. In addition to the listed **EVENTS PLANNED**, the 250 Committee is planning presentations on several aspects of the American Revolution and life in Sudbury at that time. Subjects include George Washington, the women soldiers of the Revolution, Ezekiel Howe, the transportation of cannons through Sudbury, what life was like in colonial Sudbury, British spies in Sudbury, untold and under-told stories, and more.

The Sudbury 250 Committee is working with area schools to engage students and staff with their local history and the American story. Multiple concerts, kids story hours and book lists at libraries are also being planned.

The Sudbury Historical Society is also planning Semiquincentennial activities in Sudbury. Details can be found at:

<http://www.sudbury01776.org/>

For more information about the Sudbury 250 Celebrations, please visit:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/sudbury250/>

Find this brochure and more at the Sudbury 250 Committee webpage.

