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## F O R W A R D

In this paper we have transcribed and analyzed two documents pertaining to Westford, Massachusetts in 1774. The first is the "1774 Covenant" in which some of the resident males covenanted with each other not to purchase goods imported from Great Britain, nor to do any business with those who did purchase such imports or refused to sign such a Covenant. The second document is the two Tax or Assessment list for town charges dated 11 November 1774.

A number of taxpayers did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and a number of males aged 15 through 20 years, not named in the Tax Lists did sign the Covenant. From a study of the volume, Vital Records of Westford, Massachusetts we have identified a number of other males, then aged 16 through 20 years who probably were then living in Westford, but did not sign the Covenant. The residents named in the 1774 Tax Lists have been arranged in a ranking based on the amount each was assessed for their possessions. Taxpayers with low or no assessments for their possessions were less likely to have signed the 1774 Covenant than those having the highest assessments.

An extensive Appendix is provided for each person named in the 1774 Tax List, or who signed the 1774 Covenant, and males born in Westford in 1754 to 1758 who did not sign the 1774 Covenant, but were probably then living in Westford. Each entry identifies, where possible the parents of the individual, where he signed the 1774 Covenant, the amount of taxes he was assessed, his ranking based on possessions, and where applicable any information on his service in the Revolutionary War transcribed from the multi-volume "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War."

## T H E   1 7 7 4   C O V E N A N T

We must first consider the climate in which this document was generated. There had been many acts by the British Parliament and the British governors which had led to protests in the North American colonies, one of which was the Massachusetts Bay Colony. We recall the Stamp Act, the Townshend Acts and the Boston Massacre to be among them. But the Act of Parliament in March 1773 giving the East India Company a monopoly on the importation of tea into the North American Colonies some consider as the spark that ignited the conflagration we call the Revolutionary War. The East India Company used their authority to ship large amounts of tea to the Colonies, including three ships to Boston. The persistence of the British authorities at Boston to land the tea resulted in the Boston Tea Party. On 16 December 1773 Boston men, painted like Indians, dumped the tea into the harbor, a telling break with British authority not copied in other Colonial ports.

On 7 March 1774 the British Parliament met in an angry mood and began debate on a series of Acts, two years later referred to in the Colonies as "the Intolerable Acts." The first of these, the Boston Port Act, was passed 25 March 1774 to punish the Massachusetts Bay Colony for the Boston Tea Party. It closed the Port of Boston to all vessels effective 1 June 1774. To Boston residents it was Blockade!

In each of the towns in the Colony there had been formed a "Committee of Correspondance". They, in our present day vocabulary, "networked" on matters concerning the rights and freedoms abused by the British, with the Committee for the Town of Boston seeming to be "first among equals." The Inhabitants of Westford had chosen their first such Committee at a Town Meeting 12 January 1773 with Mr. Samuel Gardner, Capt. Jonathan Minot, Deacon John Abbot, Dr. Asaph Fletcher, and Mr. Nathaniel Boynton comprising the Committee. At a later meeting 30 March 1774 the town adopted a lengthy paper by Dr. Asaph Fletcher complaining about British abuses, ordered it transmitted to the Committee of the Town of Boston, also notifying them that Mr. Samuel Gardner, having removed from Westford had been replaced as Chairman of the Westford Committee by Mr. Zaccheus Wright. An entry in the Town Book dated 4 July 1774 reads; "Voted unanimously to take under our Consideration the Papers sent from Boston to our Town in Consequence of sd Boston Harbour being Blocked up. Voted unanimously that the Covenant lately sent to Westford (with some small alteration thereon) should be signed by the Town. Voted that the Covenant signed by the Inhabitants of Westford relating to Boston affairs be kept or left in the Town Clerk's hands during the Town's pleasure and also to return the names of those who did not sign the paper."

It appears that each town received a copy of the Covenant, printed on a large sheet of paper with spaces for writing in the name of the town and the date, leaving most of the paper for signatures by the "Inhabitants"(read men). It is this original document signed in Westford that was transcribed for this study. It may be found in the Historical Collection of the J.V. Fletcher Library in Westford. It was a gift to the Library in 1916 as described in the Report of the Librarian as printed in the "Annual Report of the Town of Westford for the Year Ending 31 December 1916."

" A very rare and interesting document has been presented to the Library by Miss Mary A. Tenney of Roxbury. It contains the signatures of more than two hundred citizens of Westford to a 'Solemn League and Covenant' dated 1774. One of Miss Tenney's ancestors lived in Westford and the paper has been treasured in the family until this time when she very generously returned it to us."

The Tenney surname is retained in present-day Westford as the name of a road in the area north of the present Groton Road(Route 40). However the volume Vital Records of Westford, Mass. includes the births of only one Tenney family, the six children to Samuel and Rebecca Tenney between 1803 and 1818, none of them named Mary A. The Massachusetts State Census compiled in Westford in 1855 lists only one person with the Tenney surname, Mary A., age 13 years, born in Vermont, and included in the household of Reuben Wright, aged 67, born in Mass. Also in the same household were Sarah Wright, aged 63, born in Mass., John Wright, aged 38, born in Mass., and Charlotte Wright, aged 31, born in Vermont. The map of Westford prepared by Edward Symmes in 1853-1855 shows Reuben Wright's residence on Tyngsboro Road near the Tyngsboro line. We know that Sarah was Sarah(Moor)(Dane)Wright second wife of Reuben and that John was the son of Reuben by his first wife Esther(Woodward)Wright. We suspect that ~~Charlotte~~ Charlotte was John's wife, but no such marriage is recorded at Westford. However Westford marriage records indicate that a William W. Tenney of Charlestown married at Westford 7 April 1831 Esther Wright, born at Westford 11 January 1810, daughter of Reuben and Esther(Woodward)Wright.

We postulate that the Miss Mary A. Tenney who gave the 1774 Covenant to the Library in 1916 was the same Mary A. Tenney who in 1855 was in the Westford household of her grandfather Reuben (Reuben<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3-1</sup>) Wright and that she had been born in Vermont in 1842, the daughter of William W. and Esther(Wright)Tenney. She would have been 74 years of age in 1916 and her "ancestor who lived in Westford" was a Wright.

The document is about sixteen inches wide and twenty inches in length. Sometime in recent years it has been sealed in a clear plastic container for preservation, but appears to be in excellent physical condition. The text of the Covenant is printed in the upper right quadrant of the sheet. The signatures on the front are in five columns, two long ones on the left half and three shorter ones under the printed text. Another column of signatures is on the reverse near the left margin. As noted above the printed text has spaces for writing in the name of the town and the date. As is common in many Colonial documents the printer used two different pieces of type for the letter "s." One was similar to the present custom. The other piece resembled the present day lower-case "f", but with no upper cross-bar, and retaining the horizontal base. In this transcription the latter "type" has been transcribed as an "f". Thus the reader will know that an "s" is an "s" in the original, but must decide whether an "f" is an "f" or the archaic form of "s" in the original. Material handwritten in the original has been underlined. Printed material in the original that has been lined out has been transcribed and then ~~lined-out~~.

WE THE SUBSCRIBERS, INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN of Westford having taken into our ferious confideration the precarious ftate of tne liberties of North America, and more efpecially the prefent diftressed condition of this infulted province, embarruffed as it is by feveral acts of the British parliament, tending to the entire fubverfion of our natural and charter rights; among which is the act for blocking up the harbour of Bofton; and being fully fenfible of our indifpenfable duty to lay hold of every means in our power to preferve and recover the much injured confitution of our country; and confcious at the fame time of no alternative between the horrors of flavery, or the carnage and defolation of a civil war, but in a fufpention of all commercial intercourfewith the ifland of Great Britain; Do, ~~in the prefence of~~ God, ~~solemnly and in good faith~~, covenant and engage with each other, 1ft, that from henceforth we will fufpend all commercial intercourfe with the faid ifland of Great Britain until the faid act for blocking up the faid harbour be repealed, and a full reftoration of our charter rights be obtained. AND,

2dly, That there may be lefs temptation to others to continue in the faid, now dangerous commerce. we do in like manner, folemnly covenant that we will not buy, purchase, or confume, or fuffer any perfon by, for, or under us to purchafe or confume, in any manner whatever, any goods, wares, or merchandize which fhall arrive in America from Great Britain, aforesaid, from and after the laft day of August next enfueing. And in order as much as in us lies to prevent our being interrupted and defeated in this only peaceable meafure, entered into

for the recovery and preservation of our rights, we agree to break off all trade, commerce and dealings whatever with all persons, who preferring their own private interest to the salvation of their now perishing country, shall still continue to import goods from Great Britain, or shall purchase of those who do import.

3rdly, That such persons may not have it in their power to impose upon us by any pretence whatever, we further agree to purchase no article of merchandize from them, or any of them, who shall not have signed this or a similar Covenant, or will not produce an oath, certified by a magistrate to be taken by them to the following purpose: viz. I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

In the county of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear that the goods I have now on hand and propose for sale, have not, to the best of my knowledge, been imported from Great Britain, into any port of America since the last day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, and that I will not, contrary to the spirit of an agreement entering into through this province import or purchase of any person so importing any goods as aforesaid until the port or harbour of Boston shall be opened and we are fully restored to the free use of our constitutional and charter rights, AND

Lastly, we agree, that after this, or a similar covenant has been offered to any person and they shall refuse to sign it, or produce the oath, aforesaid, we will consider them contumacious importers, and withdraw all commercial connexions with them, so far as not to purchase of them, any article whatever [interlined imported from Great Britain] and publish their names to the world.

Witness our hands July 4<sup>th</sup> 1774

The above statement was signed by 207 persons, all with male given names. It is noteworthy that all are signatures none signed by mark. To the non-professional eye there does not seem to be any one handwriting repeated for more than one signature. This raises a question the transcribers cannot answer, whether only men who could sign their names were permitted to sign, and if so, for what reason. As will be discussed later the Covenant bears the signatures of many young men who had not attained the age of 21 years.

The 207 signatures are aligned in six columns, five on the face and one on the reverse. Columns I and II run down the left face, beside the printed text. Columns III, IV, and V are shorter and below the printed text. Column VI is on the reverse. Column V contains the signatures of members of the Committee of Correspondance, Town officers, and some men of substance. In transcribing all signatures we have added an Arabic number in brackets, thus [15], to denote the position from the top of the column for each signature.

Column I

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|--------------------------|---|
| [1] Joshua Read          | [31] PEletiah Wright                      |
| [2] Samuel Adams, jnr    | [32] Elijah Hildreth                      |
| [3] John Wright          | [33] Francis Smith                        |
| [4] Gershom Heald        | [34] Henry Wright                         |
| [5] John Hildreth        | [35] Joseph Underwood                     |
| [6] Joseph Wright, James | [36] Amos Hildreth                        |
| [7] John Hadley, jun     | [37] Joseph Wright                        |
| [8] David Dutton         | [38] Asahel Wyman                         |
| [9] Philip Spaulding     | [39] Jonathan Fletcher, jun               |
| [10] Abner Kent, jnr     | [40] Joseph Comings                       |
| [11] Issacher Keyes      | [41] Ephraim Hildreth jun <sup>r</sup>    |
| [12] Calvin Blanchard    | [42] Daniel Dudley                        |
| [13] Lenard Read         | [43] Zechariah Hildreth                   |
| [14] Levi Bixby          | [44] Joseph Dutton, jnr                   |
| [15] David Bixby         | [45] Thomas Comings                       |
| [16] Joseph Richardson   | [46] William Read                         |
| [17] Jacob Bixby         | [47] Amos Fletcher[?22ia?]                |
| [18] Sam. Farwell        | [48] Zechariah Hildreth, jun <sup>r</sup> |
| [19] Joshua Fletcher     | [49] Obadiah Perry                        |
| [20] Thomas Meads        | [50] Thomas Rogers                        |
| [21] Silas Spaulding     | [51] Joseph Prescott                      |
| [22] Eleazer Read        | [52] Timothy Cumings                      |
| [23] Abijah Read         | [53] Abel Boynton                         |
| [24] Benjamin Osgood     | [54] Thomas Comings 3rd                   |
| [25] Joseph Keyes        | [55] Jacob Wendell                        |
| [26] Thos Fletcher       | [56] John Barritt                         |
| [27] Eleazer Blood       | [57] John Underwood                       |
| [28] [?Jacob?] Robbins   | [58] Levi Fletcher                        |
| [29] Ephraim Dutton      | [59] Samson Read                          |
| [30] Simeon Read         | [60] Willard Fletcher                     |
|                          | [61] William Read, jnr                    |

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: We have no explanation for the nature of entry 6.

we cannot associate "james" with any Joseph Wright. Note  
that another Joseph is entry no. 37. ]

Column II

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| [1] Charles Procter                       | [30] Thomas Wright                  |
| [2] Steohen Wright                        | [31] Thomas Coming, jur             |
| [3] Jon <sup>a</sup> Hildreth             | [32] Daniel Goodhue                 |
| [4] John Nutting, jnr                     | [33] Abner Kent                     |
| [5] Nehemiah Fletcher                     | [34] Asa Bixby                      |
| [6] Sam. Read, jnr                        | [35] Levi Temple                    |
| [7] Oliver Barret                         | [36] Richard Kneeland               |
| [8] Willard Read                          | [37] Jacob Robinson                 |
| [9] Thomas Carver                         | [38] Willis Hall                    |
| [10] Daniel Whitney                       | [39] Isaac Coming                   |
| [11] Jonathan Carver                      | [40] Abner Wilkins                  |
| [12] Timothy Hildreth                     | [41] Andrew Spaulding               |
| [13] Benjamin [?Beales?]                  | [42] Thomas Adams                   |
| [14] Nathaniel Holmes                     | [43] Amos Hardy                     |
| [15] John Robinson                        | [44] Ebenezer Willis                |
| [16] James F. [illegible]                 | [45] Abel Corey                     |
| [17] Thomas Richardson, ju <sup>r</sup>   | [46] Smith Foster                   |
| [18] Benjamin Fletcher, jun <sup>er</sup> | [47] Moses Parker, Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| [19] Jacob Robbins                        | [48] Thomas Kidder                  |
| [20] Benjamin Carver                      | [49] John Pushee                    |
| [21] David Keyes                          | [50] Samuel Keyes                   |
| [22] Eben Prescott                        | [51] Francis Kidder                 |
| [23] Jonas Prescott, Jun <sup>r</sup>     | [52] Solomon Wheat, Jun             |
| [24] Jonas Prescott , THird               | [53] Silas Bigelow                  |
| [25] Jonas Hadley                         | [54] John Bigelow                   |
| [26] Jonas Prescott                       | [55] James Blodget                  |
| [27] John Prescott                        | [56] Solomon Wheat                  |
| [28] Jonathan Hadley                      | [57] Amos Russel                    |
| [29] Thomas Heald                         | [58] Ezekiel Procter                |

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: Entry 16 is the only signature on this document that we find impossible to assign a surname. ]



Column III

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| [1] James Pollard              | [13] John Abbot jun <sup>r</sup> |
| [2] Timothy Fletcher junr      | [14] James Procter               |
| [3] Timothy Fletcher           | [15] Thomas Read                 |
| [4] David Fletcher             | [16] Samuel Wright               |
| [5] Simeon Wright              | [17] Amos Wright                 |
| [6] Jon <sup>a</sup> Spaulding | [18] Ebenezer Cory               |
| [7] Timothy Spaulding          | [19] Gershom Fletcher            |
| [8] Joshua Parker              | [20] Ephraim Spaulding           |
| [9] Amos Parlen                | [21] Nehemiah Green              |
| [10] Ephraim Comings, junr     | [22] David Goodhue               |
| [11] Benjamin Read             | [23] Isaac Chandler              |
| [12] William Nichols           | [24] Ephraim Comings             |

Column IV

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| [1] Amos Fletcher                | [11] Ephraim Chamberli[ sic]     |
| [2] Ephraim Wright               | [12] Samuel White                |
| [3] Daniel Keyes                 | [13] Josiah Boynton              |
| [4] Eph <sup>m</sup> Hildreth 3d | [14] Tho <sup>s</sup> Richardson |
| [5] John Fletcher                | [15] Silas Read                  |
| [6] William Spaulding            | [16] Joseph Dutton               |
| [7] Hosea Hildreth               | [17] Thomas Smith                |
| [8] David Hildreth               | [18] John Procter                |
| [9] Moses Burge                  | [19] Seth Fletcher               |
| [10] James Spaulding             | [20] Leonard Procter             |
| [21] Solomon Spaulding           |                                  |

Column V

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|---|------------------------------|
| [1] Zaccheus Wright                           | [12] Jonathan Keyes          |
| [2] Jonathan Minot                            | [13] Oliver Prescott         |
| [3] John Abbot                                | [[14] Benjamin Forster       |
| [4] Asaph Fletcher, med <sup>s</sup> excepted | [15] Timothy Underwood       |
| [5] Nath <sup>l</sup> Boynton                 | [16] William Chandler        |
| [6] Samuel Fletcher                           | [17] Timothy Prescott        |
| [7] Benjamin Fletcher                         | [18] Pelat. Fletcher         |
| [8] Jos. Read                                 | [19] Nathaniel Barrett       |
| [9] John Nutting                              | [20] Jona <sup>th</sup> Keep |
| [10] Nathan Procter                           | [21] Samuel Read             |
| [11] John Read                                | [22] Oliver Bates            |

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTES: Entry 4-- Asaph Fletcher was a physician and excepted his purchase of medicines. Capt. Jonathan Minot, Deacon John Abbot, Dr. Asaph Fletcher and Mr. Nathaniel Boynton were four of the five members of the first "Committee of Correspondence" in Westford. Dea. Abbot, Capt. Minoi, Amos Fletcher, Oliver Bates & Jonathan Keep were the Selectmen in 1774.]

Column VI

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|--------------------------|---|
| [1] Moses Parker         | [11] Josiah Spaulding                     |
| [2] Ebenezer Foster      | [12] Samuel Fasset                        |
| [3] Daniel Whitney junr  | [13] Jonathan Fletcher                    |
| [4] Israel Keyes         | [14] Jonathan Fletcher the 3d             |
| [5] Jeremiah Robbins     | [15] Samuel Butterfield                   |
| [6] Peter Brown          | [16] Ebenezer Wright                      |
| [7] Samuel Fasset        | [17] William Butterfield                  |
| [8] Benjamin Dutton      | [18] William Butterfield jun <sup>r</sup> |
| [9] Benjamin Dutton, jnr | [19] Daniel Raymond                       |
| [10] Henry Richerson     | [20] Elias Foster                         |
|                          | [21] William Fletcher                     |

THE WESTFORD TAX LISTS  
FOR TOWN CHARGES  
DATED 11 NOVEMBER 1774

From the earliest tax lists in 1730 the practice was to divide the town geographically into two lists, the North List and the South List. The North List included the present Forge Village, Graniteville, Nabnasset, the Chamberlin's Corner area, and much of Westford Center. The South list included Parkerville, South Chelmsford Road, Carlisle Road, Acton Road, Littleton Road, Concord Road and the southwestern end of Hildreth St. At each Annual Town Meeting a separate Constable was elected for each list. He was personally responsible to collect the total amount of money on his list and remit it to the Town Treasurer. This led to some Constables owing to the Town Treasurer for a few years some small amounts uncollectable by them. It required an Order by the Selectmen or a vote of Town Meeting to relieve them of such debts.

The total tax assessed was the sum of four components: (1) A "head" or poll tax, (2) a tax on real property, (3) A tax on personal property, and (4) a "Money tax." The last three are considered in this paper as taxes on "possessions," even though the "money" tax was assessed on income derived from some activity other than agricultural production from their land. It was assessed, as a sort of rudimentary "income tax" on inkeepers, storekeepers and such artisans shoemakers, tanners, blacksmiths or iron-workers, and operators of corn or saw mills. Each male, 21 years of age or older, was named in the appropriate list and assessed 1 head, an amount of 6 shillings and 6 pence (6s-6d). Males between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age were not named in a tax list, but the head of the household of which such an individual was a part was assessed an extra "head" for each such person in his household. In the list studied here a few men were assessed 3 "heads", but none higher. The only females named in the Tax Lists were those who owned real or personal property in their own name, mostly widows, but some unmarried who probably acquired property through inheritance, and one female was assessed a "Money Tax." Females were not assessed a "head" or poll tax for themselves, however 1 widow was assessed a poll tax for her son, then 18 years of age, too young to be named himself.

Also named in the Tax Lists were residents of other towns who had to pay taxes on real property they owned which was located in Westford. They paid no poll taxes, and were not assessed for any personal property. These Non-residents were identified by having an abbreviation for their town of residence following their name in the appropriate list.

We transcribe and study herewith the North List and the South List, both dated 11 November 1774 to raise a total of two hundred pounds for "Town Charges." Among the expenses in this category were payments to school masters, payments to Inhabitants for "boarding the schoolmaster," modest sums for town officials or for their expenses incurred on town business, purchases of equipment for the town militia, purchase of clothing or food for the destitute, an annual payment to the "Pound-keeper," and to an individual "to cleanse the meeting-house." All these had been specifically approved, both in nature and amount by either Town Meeting or by the Selectman based on authority so granted by the Town Meeting. It did not include the costs for building or repairing roads for which separate lists were promulgated with individuals able to obtain credits against the road taxes by either working on such activities themselves or by providing oxen and/or a cart. In this time period there also were separate tax lists for the "Ministers Rate" to raise money for the salary paid the Rev. Willard Hall, at this period in time a source of much contention. This is another story, but the town records show that he was one of three men who at the onset of the Revolutionary War displayed strong Loyalist sympathies. He retained this until his death in 1779.

The original Tax Lists are found on pages 408 through 414 of Tax Book 1735-1774, in the custody of the Westford Town Clerk. These records were microfilmed in 1972 for the present Family History Library of the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) and can be found in FHL Microfilm Reel #902074, a copy of which is available in the Historical Collection of the J. V. Fletcher Library, Westford. The only change made in transcribing is expressing single digit amounts for shillings and pence as double digits [thus, for example, 9 pence has been transcribed in the tables as 09]. We found that the Assessors made a few arithmetical errors which are retained in the tables but followed by an asterick and an explanatory foot-note.

As a refresher in Colonial money equivalents:

1 Pound, (£) = 20 shillings, (s) = 240 pence, (d) = 960 farthings, (f).

1 shilling, (s) = 12 pence, (d) = 48 farthings, (f).

1 pence, (d) = 4 farthings, (f).

Thus in the tables that follow £1-11-10-3 is read as One pound 11 shillings 10 pence 3 farthings.

[North List]

Westford, November 11, 1774

The Town Rate

	<u>Polls</u> <u>s-d</u>	<u>Money</u> <u>Tax</u> <u>s-d</u>	<u>Personal</u> <u>s-d-f</u>	<u>Real</u> <u>f-s-d-f</u>	<u>[Total,</u> <u>No polls]</u> <u>f-s-d-f</u>
Jonas Prescott, Esq.	06-06	02-05	06-10-2	0-16-05-0	1-05-08-2
Capt. James Pollard	06-06	02-05	08-00-0	1-03-06-0	1-13-11-0
Dea <sup>n</sup> Andrew Spaulding	04-00		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Capt. Joseph Read	06-06		03-01-0	0-09-09-1	0-12-10-1
Dea <sup>n</sup> John Abbot	06-06	01-07	04-01-3	0-09-09-1	0-15-06-0
Capt. Benjamin Fletcher	06-06		05-03-0	0-18-02-1	1-03-05-1
Lieut. Timothy Fletcher	06-06		05-01-2	0-14-05-1	0-19-06-3
Capt. Amos Fletcher	13-00	01-05	07-10-2	1-05-10-2	1-15-02-0
Samuel Addams, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		01-08-1	0-12-11-0	0-14-07-1
En <sup>s</sup> John Abbot, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06	01-00	04-11-2	0-09-09-1	0-15-08-3
William Butterfield	00-00		02-08-1	0-00-00-0	0-02-08-1
William Butterfield, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		03-01-2	0-08-07-3	0-11-09-1
Samuel Butterfield	06-06		03-07-2	0-08-07-3	0-12-03-1
Capt. Oliver Bates	13-00		02-08-1	0-11-08-2	0-14-04-3
Asa Bixby	06-06		03-10-1	0-07-10-1	0-11-08-2
Wid. Lydia Brooks	06-06		03-06-2	0-09-00-3	0-12-07-1
Moses Burge	06-06		06-04-0	0-16-08-0	1-03-00-0
En <sup>s</sup> Nathaniel Boynton	13-00	04-01	04-05-3	0-16-08-0	1-05-02-3
Nathaniel Barrit	13-00		00-11-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-11-1
David Bixby	06-06		00-00-0	0-01-00-0	0-01-00-0
Levy Bixby	06-06		01-07-0	0-00-00-0	0-01-07-0
Jacob Bixby	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Eleazer Blood	06-06		02-01-3	0-01-11-1	0-04-01-0
William Chandler	13-00		04-04-3	0-09-09-1	0-14-02-0
Isaac Chandler	06-06		04-08-3	0-09-09-1	0-14-06-0
Nath <sup>l</sup> Cumings	06-06		02-10-2	0-07-10-1	0-10-08-3
Mr. Thomas Cumings	06-06		03-11-1	0-15-10-2	0-19-09-3
Thomas Cumings, jun <sup>r</sup>	13-00		04-09-0	0-11-08-2	0-16-05-2
Isaac Cumings	06-06		03-10-0	0-07-00-3	0-10-10-3
Ephraim Cumings	06-06		07-07-1	0-11-08-2	0-19-03-3
Ephraim Cumings, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		01-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-01-00-0
Timothy Cumings	06-06		02-07-1	0-05-09-2	0-08-04-3
William Chandler jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Benjamin Dutton	13-00		01-10-2	0-02-08-2	0-04-07-0
David Dutton	06-06		04-03-3	0-07-00-3	0-11-04-2
David Fletcher	13-00		02-09-3	0-09-09-1	0-12-07-0
Reubin Fletcher	06-06		05-10-2	0-13-07-3	0-19-06-1
Tho <sup>s</sup> Fletcher	06-06		07-08-1	1-02-03-0	1-09-11-1
Eben <sup>r</sup> Fletcher	13-00		04-10-3	0-14-11-0	0-19-09-3
Pelataiah Fletcher	06-06		13-07-2	1-03-06-0	1-17-01-2
Joshua Fletcher	19-06		05-01-3	0-12-06-0	0-17-07-3

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	Polls s-d	Money Tax s-d	Personal s-d-f	Real f-s-d-f	[Total, No polls] f-s-d-f
Benj <sup>a</sup> Fletcher, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		01-08-0	0-08-07-3	0-10-03-3
Mr. Jon <sup>a</sup> Fletcher	04-06		02-10-1	0-05-09-2	0-08-07-3
Jon <sup>a</sup> Fletcher 3 <sup>d</sup>	06-06		02-08-3	0-09-09-1	0-12-06-0
James Fletcher	13-00		02-10-1	0-13-03-0	0-16-01-1
Tim <sup>o</sup> Fletcher	06-06		04-11-3	0-11-08-2	0-16-08-1
Willard Fletcher	06-06		02-00-1	0-09-09-1	0-11-09-2
Josiah Fletcher	06-06	00-09	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-0
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David Fletcher, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06	01-08	00-01-1	0-00-00-0	0-01-09-1
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Fassett	06-06		03-08-1	0-07-00-3	0-10-09-0
Joshua Fassett	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Farwell	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Mr. David Goodhue	13-00	02-05	02-04-0	0-05-09-2	0-10-06-2
Daniel Goodhue	06-06	01-07	00-07-1	0-02-04-2	0-04-06-3
John Glenne	06-06		02-01-3	0-00-00-0	0-02-01-3
Mr. Tho <sup>s</sup> Heald	06-06		03-11-3	0-12-06-0	0-16-05-3
Gershom Heald	19-06		03-06-2	0-07-10-1	0-11-04-3
Jon <sup>a</sup> Keyes	06-06		12-06-0	1-02-11-1	1-15-05-1
Issaca Keyes	06-06		02-04-1	0-06-04-0	0-08-08-1
Abner Kent jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		00-07-1	0-03-10-0	0-04-05-1
Jon <sup>a</sup> Keep	13-00	02-00	01-06-2	0-09-09-1	0-13-03-3
Richard Kneeland	06-06	02-00	00-00-0	0-01-00-0	0-03-00-0
John Nutting	13-0		05-10-2	0-11-08-2	0-17-07-0
Jacob Nutting	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Tho <sup>s</sup> Nutting	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Lieut. Jonas Prescott jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		07-02-0	0-12-06-0	0-19-08-0
Tim <sup>o</sup> Prescott	06-06		04-08-3	0-09-00-3	0-13-09-2
Oliver Prescott	06-06	01-10	07-10-2	0-14-06-1	1-04-02-3
Joseph Prescott	06-06	00-05	04-04-3	0-14-08-2	0-16-06-1
Eben <sup>r</sup> Prescott	06-06	00-06	04-03-3	0-11-08-2	0-16-06-1
John Prescott	06-06		02-04-2	0-08-01-0	0-10-05-2
Abigail Prescott Groton	00-00		00-00-0	0-01-11-3	0-01-11-3
Isaac Parker	06-06	01-00	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-01-00-0
Jonas Procter	06-06		00-09-2	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-2
Jonas Prescott 3rd	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
James Perry	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Lieut. Sam <sup>ll</sup> Read	13-00		06-05-1	1-02-11-1	1-09-04-2
Eleazer Read	13-00		05-11-2	0-14-11-0	1-00-10-2
Benj <sup>a</sup> Read	13-00		04-07-3	0-12-06-0	0-17-01-3
Tho <sup>s</sup> Read	13-00		04-06-0	0-09-00-3	0-13-06-3
Henry Richardson	06-06		03-07-0	0-06-04-0	0-09-11-0
Joshua Read	06-06		04-00-0	0-03-10-3	0-07-10-3
Abijah Richardson	06-06		02-04-1	0-09-00-3	0-11-05-0
Wyle Richardson	06-06		00-09-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-1

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	Polls s-d	Money Tax s-d	Personal s-d-f	Real £-s-d-f	[Total, No polls] £-s-d-f
Tho <sup>s</sup> Richardson	06-06	01-01	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-01-01-0
Tho <sup>s</sup> Rogers	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Jon <sup>a</sup> Spaulding	06-06		04-06-0	0-13-07-3	0-18-01-3
Wid. Sarah Spaulding	00-00		00-09-1	0-02-08-2	0-03-05-3
Timo Spaulding	13-00		03-01-1	0-09-09-1	0-12-10-2
Josiah Spaulding	06-06		00-07-1	0-03-10-3	0-04-06-0
Will <sup>m</sup> Spaulding	06-06		04-11-2	0-07-05-2	0-12-05-0
Tho <sup>s</sup> Smith	06-06		02-07-2	0-03-02-0	0-05-09-2
Solomon Spaulding	06-06		03-03-3	0-09-09-1	0-13-01-0
Eben <sup>r</sup> Wright	04-06		02-04-3	0-00-00-0	0-02-04-3
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wright	06-06		04-05-0	0-11-03-3	0-15-08-3
James Spaulding	13-00		04-09-2	0-10-11-2	0-14-09-0*

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Lieut. Zacc <sup>s</sup> Wright	13-00	02-08	05-05-0	0-08-07-3	0-16-08-3
Henry Wright	13-00		06-03-2	0-15-10-2	1-02-02-0
Eph <sup>m</sup> Wright	06-06		03-02-0	0-09-05-1	0-12-07-1
Pelathiah Wright	06-06		02-11-02	0-13-07-3	0-16-07-1
Joseph Wright	13-00		03-01-2	0-09-09-1	0-14-10-3
Jacob Wendell	06-06		02-00-0	0-03-02-0	0-05-02-0
John Wright	06-06	00-09	01-04-1	0-07-10-1	0-09-11-2
Amos Wright	06-06		03-04-0	0-10-11-2	0-14-03-2
Abner Wilkins	06-06		05-02-1	0-01-07-0	0-06-09-1
Asahel Wyman	13-00	02-05	02-08-3	0-07-10-1	0-13-00-0
Peter Wright	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Will <sup>m</sup> Nickols	06-06		00-09-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-1
Benj <sup>a</sup> Estterbrook	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Willis Hall	06-06	01-07	00-09-2	0-00-00-0	0-02-04-2
Miss Lydia Keyes	00-00	01-03	00-00-0	0-02-04-2	0-03-07-2
Levy Temple	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Eph <sup>m</sup> Dutton	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Wid. Eunice Bixby	00-00		00-09-1	0-01-00-0	0-01-09-1
Simeon Stevens, Chelmsford				0-01-11-3	0-01-11-3
Eleazer Richardson, Ch.				0-05-09-2	0-05-09-2
Josia Richardson, Ch.				0-01-00-0	0-01-00-0
David Spaulding, Ch.				0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
Wid. Sarah Richardson, Ch.				0-01-00-0	0-01-00-0
John Glenne, Dunstable				0-00-07-1	0-00-07-1
Joseph Keyes	06-06		03-05-1	0-06-08-0	0-10-01-1
Lenard Read	06-06		00-01-2	0-00-00-0	0-00-01-2
John Hadley, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		00-09-1	0-03-02-0	0-03-11-1
Jonas Holding	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0

Total of this list is £ 109-11-0

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[South List]

THE TOWN RATE  
MADE 11 November 1774

	Money			[Total, No polls]
Polis	Tax	Personal	Real	
s-d	s-d	s-d-f	£-s-d-f	£-s-d-f
Mr. Aaron Parker	00-00	01-02-2	0-03-07-1	0-04-09-3
Capt. William Fletcher	06-06	05-00-3	0-17-09-2	1-02-10-1
Capt. Samuel Fletcher	19-06	12-01-1	1-07-02-3	1-19-04-0
Capt. Jonathan Minot	06-06	05-10-0	0-11-08-2	0-17-06-2
Sart. Thomas Addams	06-06	07-02-0	0-10-02-0	0-17-04-0
John Biglow	06-06	05-00-3	0-07-00-3	0-12-01-2
Silas Biglow	06-06	00-03-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-03-0
Josiah Boynton	06-06	01-05	0-04-08-3	0-08-06-3
Ens. Benjamin Carver	13-00	03-04-0	0-13-07-3	0-16-11-3
Abraham Boynton	06-06	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Ephraim Chamberlain	13-00	01-11	0-13-03-0	1-01-08-0
Wido. Luce Corey	00-00	01-04-2	0-01-07-0	0-02-11-2
Abel Corey	06-06	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Joseph Coming	06-06	05-08-2	0-12-06-0	0-18-02-2
Mr. Joseph Dutton	06-06	04-04-3	0-14-11-0	0-19-03-3
Joseph Dutton jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06	01-00	0-00-00-0	0-01-09-1
William Dutton	06-06	00-09-2	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-2
Nehemiah Green	13-00	00-10	0-06-04-0	0-09-11-3
Mr. Samuel Fitch	06-06	01-05	0-09-09-1	0-13-08-1
Benjamin Foster	06-06	00-07-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-07-1
Elias Foster	13-00	03-10-3	0-05-09-2	0-09-08-1
Dea <sup>n</sup> Jonathan Fletcher jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06	04-05-3	0-15-10-2	1-00-04-1
Seth Fletcher	06-06	02-10-0	0-05-00-2	0-07-10-2
Doc <sup>r</sup> Asaph Fletcher	06-06	01-07	0-00-00-0	0-02-04-2
David Fish	06-06	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Mr. Joseph Hildreth		[lined out, no entries]		
Ephraim Hildreth jun <sup>r</sup>	13-00	07-00-3	0-18-07-0	1-05-07-3
Ephraim Hildreth 3rd	06-06	06-05-2	0-12-06-0	0-18-11-2
Zachariah Hildreth	13-00	00-05	0-17-09-2	1-07-07-3
John Fletcher	06-06	02-02-1	0-10-06-3	0-12-09-0
Amos Hildreth	06-06	02-04	1-04-03-2	1-15-04-1
Hosea Hildreth	13-00	07-10-2	1-01-06-1	1-09-04-3
Phineas Hildreth	06-06	03-08	0-19-07-2	1-07-03-1*
John Hildreth	06-06	04-10-2	0-10-11-0	0-15-09-2
William Hildreth	06-06	03-01-0	0-10-02-0	0-13-03-0
John Hadley	13-00	03-01-0	03-10-3	0-06-11-3
Thomas Kidder	06-06	08-04-0	1-01-06-1	1-09-10-1
Ebenezer Foster	06-06	01-06-3	0-03-02-0	0-04-08-3
Daniel Keyes	13-00	04-03-2	0-10-06-0	0-14-09-2
Samuel Keyes	06-06	01-06-3	0-01-02-2	0-03-09-1**

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	Polis	Money	Personal	Real	[Total,
	s-d	Tax	s-d-f	f-s-d-f	No polls]
		s-d			f-s-d-f
Rogers King	06-06		07-05-3	1-00-04-1	1-07-10-0
Josiah Kemp	06-06		00-09-1	0-01-07-0	0-02-04-1
Simeon Kemp	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Jonas Kemp	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Francis Kidder	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Francis Laughton	06-06		05-00-1	0-12-06-0	0-17-06-1
Wid Ruth Mead	00-00		00-11-1	0-01-02-2	0-02-01-3
Jonathan Minot jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Phinehas Procter	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Mrs. Nathan Procter	06-06		08-06-0	1-03-06-0	1-12-00-0
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Agnes Procter	00-00		01-02-2	0-02-10-2	0-04-01-0
Ezekiel Procter	00-00		02-09-3	0-07-10-1	0-10-08-0
Wid Lydia Procter	00-00		00-07-1	0-01-04-3	0-02-00-0
Amos Parlin	06-06		05-05-3	0-07-10-1	0-13-03-0*
Joshua Parker	06-06	01-03	02-01-2	0-06-08-0	0-10-00-2
James Procter	06-06		03-06-2	0-05-09-2	0-09-04-0
Leonard Procter	13-00		05-07-0	0--11-11-0	0-16-06-0 **
John Procter	06-06		05-00-2	0-05-05-0	0-10-05-2
John Procter jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		02-07-3	0-05-05-0	0-08-00-3
Lieut. Moses Parker	19-06		06-00-2	0-13-07-3	0-19-08-1
Aaron Parker jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		03-08-2	0-05-09-2	0-09-06-0
Ebenezer Parker	06-06		02-10-3	0-00-00-0	0-02-10-3
John Pushee	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Silas Procter	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
[?Capt.?] Phillip Robbins	06-06		03-08-3	0-08-07-3	0-12-04-2
[?Lieut.?] Zachariah Robbins	13-00		05-10-0	0-16-03-0	1-02-01-0
John Robbins	13-00		02-09-3	0-13-07-3	0-16-05-2
Jacob Robinson	06-06		02-09-3	0-11-00-1	0-13-10-0
[?Lieut.?] John Robinson	06-06		04-09-3	0-11-00-1	0-15-10-0
Daniel Raimond	13-00		06-07-2	0-13-07-3	1-00-03-1
John Read	06-06		03-01-1	0-04-08-3	0-07-10-0
William Read	13-00		03-10-1	0-04-04-3	0-08-03-0
Thaddeus Read	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Silas Read	06-06		04-03-3	0-07-10-1	0-12-02-0
Willard Read	06-06		01-06-2	0-00-00-0	0-01-06-2
Jacob Robbins	06-06		03-01-1	0-11-00-1	0-14-01-2
Thomas Richardson	06-06		04-00-0	0-05-09-2	0-09-09-2
Amos Russel	06-06		02-03-1	0-05-09-2	0-08-00-3
Abel Russel	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Timothy Underwood	13-00		04-09-1	0-08-07-3	0-13-05-0

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	Polls s-d	Money Tax s-d	Personal s-d-f	Real £-s-d-f	[Total, No polls] £-s-d-f
Simeon Wright	06-06		04-06-1	0-07-00-3	0-11-07-0
Samuel Wright	06-06		03-10-3	0-07-00-3	0-10-11-2
Daniel Whitney	13-00		01-09-0	0-03-02-0	0-04-11-0
Samuel White	13-00		05-11-0	0-10-06-3	0-16-05-3
Ephraim Hildreth	00-00		02-01-0	0-00-00-0	0-02-01-0
Joel Barrit, Chelmsford	00-00			0-02-04-0	0-02-04-0
Daniel Procter, Ch.	00-00			0-02-04-0	0-02-04-0
James Haywood, Ch	00-00			0-02-04-0	0-02-04-0
Nathaniel Farron, Ch	00-00			0-09-09-1	0-09-09-1
Andrew Battyés, Ch.	00-00			0-02-04-0	0-02-04-0
Elijah Procter, Ch.	00-00			0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
Jonathan Addams, Ch.	00-00			0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
Samuel Fitch, Acton				0-01-09-2	0-01-09-2
Jeremiah Cogswell, Littleton				0-14-11-0	0-14-11-0
Samson Tuttle, Littleton				0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
John Addams, Ch.				0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
Benjamin Warren, Litt.				0-00-07-1	0-00-07-1
Samuel Read, Litt.				0-01-07-0	0-01-07-0
Peter Fletcher, Litt.				0-01-00-0	0-01-00-0
John Tuttle, junr, Litt.				0-00-07-1	0-00-07-1

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Samuel Addams, Chelmsford				0-07-00-3	0-07-00-3
Jonathan Harwood, Ch.				0-01-07-0	0-01-07-0
Samuel Addams, jun <sup>r</sup> , Ch.				0-02-07-3	0-02-07-3
Solomon Wheat	06-06		00-09-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-1
Thomas Meeds	06-06		02-02-0	0-04-08-3	0-06-10-3
Joseph Barrit	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Elijah Hildreth	06-06	00-04	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-04-0
Jeremiah Temple	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Peter Brown	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Daniel Dudley	06-06		03-06-0	0-03-02-0	0-06-08-0
Eben <sup>r</sup> Corey	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Smith Foster	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Gershom Fletcher	06-06		05-01-2	1-00-03-1	1-05-04-3
Oliver Barrit	06-06		01-07-3	0-04-08-3	0-06-04-2
James Blodget	06-06		00-09-0	0-01-02-2	0-01-11-2
Calvin Blanchard	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Phillip Spaulding	03-03		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Obadiah Perry	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Jeremiah Robbins	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Francis Smith	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Amaziah Hildreth	03-03		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0

Total of this list = £ 90-9-0

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Eight females were named in the 11 November 1774 Tax Lists, four each in the North and South Lists. Only one paid a poll tax, and that was for a teen-age son. Only one paid any "Money Tax." Their names and the amounts assessed for their "possessions" are detailed in Table I on page 19.

Twenty four Non-residents of Westford were assessed for real property located in Westford which they owned. They paid no poll taxes and no taxes on any personal property. The amount assessed each individual is detailed in Table II on pages 20-21.

We can summarize the sources of the money raised to defray Town Charges on 11 November 1774 as follows:

Total Raised for Town Charges	£200-00-00-0	(100%)
Paid by Non-Residents	£ 2-16-01-0	1.4 %
Paid by Resident Poll Taxes	£ 81-01-06-0	40.5 %
Paid by Resident "Possession" Taxes	£116-02-05-0	58.1 %

We have no knowledge of the basis for the assessor's decision to raise about 40% of the money by poll taxes and about 60% by taxes on real property, personal property, and "Money Tax." An analysis we carried out several years ago on the first Tax Lists for Westford in 1730 and 1731 about 60% was raised by poll taxes and only 40% by the other taxes.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AMONG WESTFORD RESIDENTS IN 1774

There is always interest in who has or had the most wealth. Social, cultural and economic historians have used several different measures of wealth to make this evaluation. These include (1) inventories of estates in probate; (2) lists of acreages of land owned in towns; (3) lists of divisions of common land within a town; (4) lists of real estate valuations; (5) rates to pay a minister or build a meetinghouse; (6) taxable wealth including polls; (7) taxable wealth excluding polls. We have chosen to use as the measure for our study what we have defined above as "Possessions" taxes, that is the sum of taxes on real property, personal property, and "money." This figure is explicit for each individual in the original lists. We also considered that a ranking based on total taxes, including poll taxes, would be confounded by non-economic issues such as fecundity, and the fact that poll taxes were assessed for only males with a certain age bracket, reflecting a different valuation of young females. The ranking of Westford residents using taxes on "Possessions" is in Table III found on pages 22 through 29.

RESIDENT WOMEN NAMED IN 11 NOVEMBER 1774 WESTFORD TAX LISTS

	<u>List</u>	<u>Total Taxes</u> £-s-d-f
Widow Eunice Bixby	North	0-01-09-0
Widow Lydia Brooks[Note A]	North	0-12-07-1
Widow Lucy Corey	South	0-02-11-2
Miss Lydia Keyes[Note B]	North	0-03-07-3
Widow Ruth Mead	South	0-02-01-3
Agnes Procter	South	0-04-01-0
Widow Lydia Procter	South	0-02-00-0
Widow Sarah Spaulding	North	<u>0-03-08-3</u>
Total		£ 1-12-11-0

Note [A] In addition to the amount listed she was assessed  
1 poll, £ 0-06-06-0, for her son Josiah Brooks

Note[B] The indicated tax includes £ 0-01-03-0 in "Money Tax,  
the only female so taxed.

TABLE II

NON- RESIDENTS OF WESTFORD WHO WERE ASSESSED IN THE 11 NOVEMBER 1774 TAX LISTS

	<u>List</u>	<u>Total Taxes</u> <u>£-s-d-f</u>
Jonathan Addams, Chelmsford	South	0-00-09-2
Samuel Addams, Chelmsford	South	0-07-00-2
Samuel Addams, Junr, Chelmsford	South	0-02-07-3
Joel Barrett, Chelmsford	South	0-02-01-0
Andrew Batteys, Chelmsford	South	0-02-04-0
Jeremiah Cogswell, Littleton	South	0-14-11-0
Nathaniel Farrow, Chelmsford	South	0-09-09-1
Samuel Fitch, Acton	South	0-01-09-2
Peter Fletcher, Littleton	South	0-02-00-0
John Glenne[?Glynn?], Dunstable	North	0-00-07-1
Jonathan Harwood, Chelmsford	South	0-01-07-0
James Haywood, Chelmsford	North	0-02-04-0
ABigail Prescott, Groton	North	0-01-11-3
Daniel Procter, Chelmsford	South	0-02-04-0
Elijah Procter, Chelmsford	South	0-00-09-2

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TABLE II (Continued)  
 NON-RESIDENTS OF WESTFORD WHO WERE ASSESSED IN THE 11 NOVEMBER 1774 TAX LISTS  
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	<u>List</u>	Total Taxes <u>£-s-d-f</u>
Samuel Read, Littleton	South	0-01-07-0
Eleazer Richardson, Chelmsford	North	0-05-09-2
Josiah Richardson, Chelmsford	North	0-02-00-0
Sarah Richardson, Chelmsford	North	0-01-00-0
David Spaulding, Chelmsford	North	0-00-09-2
Simeon Stevens, Chelmsford	North	0-01-11-3
John Tuttle, jun <sup>r</sup> , Littleton,	South	0-00-07-1
Samson Tuttle, Littleton	South	0-00-09-2
Benjamin Warren, Littleton,	South	<u>0-00-07-1</u>
Total for 24 Non-residents		£ 2-16-01-0

TABLE III

RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
1	Capt. Samuel Fletcher	Yes	3	1-19-04-0
2	Peletiah Fletcher	Yes	1	1-17-01-2
3	Jonathan Keyes	Yes	1	1-15-05-1
4	Amos Hildreth	Yes	1	1-15-04-1
5	Capt. Amos Fletcher	Yes	2	1-15-02-0
6	Capt. James Pollard	Yes	1	1-13-11-0
7	Nathan Procter	Yes	1	1-12-00-0
8	Thomas Fletcher	Yes	1	1-09-11-1
9	Capt. Thomas Kidder	Yes	1	1-09-10-1
10	Hosea Hildreth	Yes	2	1-09-04-3
11	Lt. Samuel Read	Yes	2	1-09-04-2
12	Rogers King		1	1-07-10-0
13	Zachariah Hildreth	Yes	2	1-07-07-3
14	Phineas Hildreth		1	1-07-01-1
15	Jonas Prescott, Esq.	Yes	1	1-05-08-2
16	Ephraim Hildreth, Jr.	Yes	2	1-05-07-3
17	Gershom Fletcher	Yes	1	1-05-04-3
18	Ens. Nathaniel Boynton	Yes	2	1-05-02-3
19	Oliver Prescott	Yes	1	1-04-02-3
20	Capt. Benjamin Fletcher	Yes	1	1-03-05-1
21	Moses Burge	Yes	1	1-03-00-0
22	Capt. William Fletcher	Yes	1	1-02-10-1
23	Henry Wright	Yes	2	1-02-02-0
24	Ens. Zachariah Robbins		2	1-02-01-0
25	Ephraim Chamberlin	Yes	2	1-01-08-0
26	Eleazer Read	Yes	2	1-00-10-2
27	Deacon Jonathan Fletcher, Jr.	Yes	1	1-00-04-1
28	Daniel Raymond	Yes	2	1-00-03-1
29.5	Ebenezer Fletcher		2	0-19-09-3
29.5	Mr. Thomas Cummings	Yes	1	0-19-09-3
31	Moses Parker	Yes	3	0-19-08-1

TABLE III(Continued)

RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
32	Jonas Prescott, Jr.	Yes	1	0-19-08-0
33	Lt. Timothy Fletcher	Yes	1	0-19-06-3
34	Reuben Fletcher		1	0-19-06-1
35.5	Mr. Joseph Dutton	Yes	1	0-19-03-3
35.5	Ephraim Cummings	Yes	1	0-19-03-3
37	Ephraim Hildreth, 3rd	Yes	1	0-18-11-2
38	Joseph Cummings	Yes	1	0-18-02-2
39	Jonathan Spaulding	Yes	1	0-18-01-3
40	Joshua Fletcher	Yes	3	0-17-07-3
41	John Nutting	Yes	2	0-17-07-0
42	Capt. Jonathan Minot	Yes	1	0-17-06-2
43	Francis Loughton		1	0-17-06-1
44	Leonard Procter	Yes	2	0-17-06-0
45	Sart Thomas Adams	Yes	1	0-17-04-0
46	Benjamin Read	Yes	2	0-17-01-3
47	Ens. Benjamin Carver	Yes	2	0-16-11-3
48	Zaccheus Wright	Yes	2	0-16-08-3
49	Timothy Fletcher, Jr.	Yes	1	0-16-08-1
50	Peletiah Wright	Yes	1	0-16-07-1
51.5	Ebenezer Prescott	Yes	1	0-16-06-1
51.5	Joseph Prescott	Yes	1	0-16-06-1
53.5	Thomas Heald	Yes	1	0-16-05-3
53.5	Samuel White	Yes	2	0-16-05-3
55.5	Thomas Cummings, Jr.	Yes	2	0-16-05-2
55.5	John Robbins		2	0-16-05-2
57	James Fletcher	Yes	2	0-16-01-1
58	Lt. John Robinson	Yes	1	0-15-10-0
59	John Hildreth	Yes	1	0-15-09-2
60	James Spaulding	Yes	2	0-15-09-0
61.5	John Abbot, Jr.	Yes	1	0-15-08-3
61.5	Thomas Wright	Yes	1	0-15-08-3
63	Deacon John Abbot	Yes	1	0-15-06-0



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RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	Signed 1774 <u>Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£-s-d-f</u>
64	Joseph Wright	Yes	2	0-14-10-3
65	Daniel Keyes	Yes	2	0-14-09-2
66	Samuel Adams, Jr.	Yes	1	0-14-07-1
67	Isaac Chandler	Yes	1	0-14-06-0
68	Lt. Oliver Bates	Yes	2	0-14-04-3
69	Amos Wright	Yes	1	0-14-03-2
70	William Chandler	Yes	2	0-14-02-0
71	Jacob Robbins	Yes	1	0-14-01-2
72	Jacob Robinson	Yes	1	0-13-10-0
73	Timothy Prescott	Yes	1	0-13-09-2
74	Samuel Fitch		1	0-13-08-1
75	Thomas Read	Yes	2	0-13-06-3
76	Timothy Underwood	Yes	2	0-13-05-0
77	Amos Parlin		1	0-13-04-0
78	Jonathan Keep	Yes	2	0-13-03-3
79	William Hildreth		1	0-13-03-0
80	Solomon Spaulding	Yes	1	0-13-01-0
81	Asahel Wyman	Yes	2	0-13-00-0
82	Timothy Spaulding	Yes	2	0-12-10-2
83	Capt. Joseph Read	Yes	1	0-12-10-1
84	John Fletcher	Yes	1	0-12-09-0
85.5	Widow Lydia Brooks		1	0-12-07-1
85.5	Ephraim Wright	Yes	1	0-12-07-1
87	David Fletcher	Yes	2	0-12-07-0
88	Jonathan Fletcher, 3rd	Yes	1	0-12-06-0
89	William Spaulding	Yes	1	0-12-05-0
90	Lt. Phillip Robbins		1	0-12-04-2
91	Samuel Butterfield	Yes	1	0-12-03-1
92	Silas Read	Yes	1	0-12-02-0
94	John Bigelow	Yes	1	0-12-01-2
94	Willard Fletcher	Yes	1	0-11-09-2
95	William Butterfield , junr.	Yes	1	0-11-09-1

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"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
96	Asa Bixby	Yes	1	0-11-08-2
97	Simeon Wright	Yes	1	0-11-07-0
98	Abijah Richardson		1	0-11-05-0
99	Gershom Heald	Yes	3	0-11-04-3
100	David Dutton	Yes	1	0-11-04-2
101	Samuel Wright	Yes	1	0-10-11-2
102	Isaac Cummings	Yes	1	0-10-10-3
103	Samuel Fassett	Yes	1	0-10-09-0
104	Nathaniel Cummings		1	0-10-08-3
105	Ezekiel Procter	Yes	0	0-10-08-0
106	Mr. David Goodhue	Yes	2	0-10-06-2
107.5	John Prescott	Yes	1	0-10-05-2
107.5	John Procter	Yes	1	0-10-05-2
109	Benjamin Fletcher, Jr.	Yes	1	0-10-03-3
110	Joseph Keyes	Yes	1	0-10-01-1
111	Joshua Parker	Yes	1	0-10-00-2
112	Jeremiah Green	Yes	2	0-09-11-3
113	John Wright	Yes	1	0-09-11-2
114	Henry Richardson	Yes	1	0-09-11-0
115	Thomas Richardson	Yes	1	0-09-09-2
116	Elias Foster	Yes	2	0-09-08-1
117	Lt. Aaron Parker, Jr.		1	0-09-06-0
118	JaMES Procter	Yes	1	0-09-04-0
119	Issacher Keyes	Yes	1	0-08-08-1
120	Mr. Jonathan Fletcher	Yes	(4s-6d)	0-08-07-3
121	Josiah Boynton	Yes	1	0-08-06-3
122	Timothy Cummings	Yes	1	0-08-04-3
123	William Read	Yes	2	0-08-03-0
124.5	John Procter, Jr.		1	0-08-00-3
124.5	Amos Russel	Yes	1	0-08-00-3
126	Joshua Read	Yes	1	0-07-10-3

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"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	Signed 1774 <u>Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount</u> £-s-d-f
127	Seth Fletcher	Yes	1	0-07-10-2
128	John Read		1	0-07-10-0
129	John Hadley		2	0-06-11-3
130	Thomas Meads	Yes	1	0-06-10-3
131	Abner Wilkins	Yes	1	0-06-09-1
132	Daniel Dudley	Yes	1	0-06-08-0
133	Oliver Barrett	Yes	1	0-06-04-2
134	Thomas Smith	Yes	1	0-05-09-2
135	Jacob Wendell	Yes	1	0-05-02-0
136	Daniel Whitney	Yes	2	0-04-11-0
137	Mr. Aaron Parker		0	0-04-09-3
138	Ebenezer Foster	Yes	1	0-04-08-3
139	Benjamin Dutton	Yes	2	0-04-07-0
140	Daniel Goodhue	Yes	1	0-04-06-3
141	Josiah Spaulding	Yes	1	0-04-06-0
142	Abner Kent, Jr.	Yes	1	0-04-05-1
143.5	Eleazer Blood	Yes	1	0-04-01-0
143.5	Agnes Procter		0	0-04-01-0
145	John Hadley, Jr.	Yes	1	0-03-11-1
146	Miss Lydia Keyes		0	0-03-07-2
147	Widow Sarah Spaulding		0	0-03-05-3
148	Richard Kneeland	Yes	1	0-03-00-0
149	Widow Luce Corey		0	0-02-11-2
150	Ebenezer Parker		1	0-02-10-3
151	Samuel Keyes	Yes	1	0-02-09-1
152	William Butterfield	Yes	0	0-02-08-1
153	Ebenezer Wright	Yes	(4s-6d)	0-02-04-3
154.5	Dr. Asaph Fletcher	Yes	1	0-02-04-2
154.5	Willis Hall	Yes	1	0-02-04-2
156	Josiah Kemp		1	0-02-04-1
157.5	John GLenne		1	0-02-01-3

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RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount f-s-d-f</u>
157.5	Widow Ruth Mead		0	0-02-01-3
159	Ephraim Hildreth[Sr.]		0	0-02-01-0
160	Widow Lydia Procter		0	0-02-00-0
161	James Blodgett	Yes	1	0-01-11-2
163.0	David Fletcher, Jr.		1	0-01-09-1
163.0	Widow Eunice Bixby		0	0-01-09-1
163.0	Joseph Dutton, Jr.	Yes	1	0-01-09-1
165	Levi Bixby	Yes	1	0-01-07-0
166	Willard Read	Yes	1	0-01-06-2
167	Thomas Richardson, Jr.	Yes	1	0-01-01-0
169.0	David Bixby	Yes	1	0-01-00-0
169.0	Ephraim Cummings, Jr.	Yes	1	0-01-00-0
169.0	Isaac Parker		1	0-01-00-0
171	Nathaniel Barrett	Yes	2	0-00-11-1
172.5	Jonas Procter		1	0-00-09-2
172.5	William Dutton		1	0-00-09-2
175.0	William Nichols	Yes	1	0-00-09-1
175.0	Wyle Richardson		1	0-00-09-1
175.0	Solomon Wheat	Yes	1	0-00-09-1
177	Josiah Fletcher		1	0-00-09-0
178	Benjamin Foster	Yes	1	0-00-07-1
179	Elijah Hildreth	Yes	1	0-00-04-0
180	Silas Bigelow	Yes	1	0-00-03-0
181	Leonard Read	Yes	1	0-00-01-2

A total of 39 men paid no money, real, or personal estate taxes, only poll taxes. All have been assigned a rank of 200.0 and are listed below as they are named first on the North List followed by the South List. No subranking because of reduced poll taxes was used.

200.0	Jacob Bixby	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Deacon Andrew Spaulding	Yes	(4s-0d)	0-00-00-0
200.0	William Chandler, Jr		1	0-00-00-0

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"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
200.0	Joshua Fassett		1	0-00-00-0
200.00	Samuel Farwell	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jacob Nutting		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Thomas Nutting		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jonas Prescott, 3rd	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	James Perry		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Thomas Rogers	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Peter Wright		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Benjamin Estabrook		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Levi Temple	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Ephraim Dutton	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jonas Holding		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Abraham Boynton		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Abel Corey	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	David Fish		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Simeon Kemp		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jonas Kemp		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Francis Kidder	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jonathan Minot, Jr.		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Phineas Procter		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	John Pushee	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Silas Procter		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Thaddeus Read		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Abel Russell		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Joseph Barrett		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jeremiah Temple		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Peter Brown	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Ebenezer Corey	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Smith FOster	Yes	1	0-00-00-0

TABLE III(Continued)  
 RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
 "MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	Signed 1774 <u>Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£-s-d-f</u>
200.0	Calvin Blanchard	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Phillip SPaulding	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Obadiah Perry	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jeremiah Robbins	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Francis Smith	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Amaziah Hildreth		(3s-3d)	0-00-00-0
200.0	Silas Bigelow	Yes	1	0-00-00-0

Compiler's Note: Rank numbers with a decimal point are those shared by two or more individuals assessed exactly the same amount. Rank numbers with no decimal point are those assigned to individuals assessed a unique amount.

Table III ranks the 220 residents named in the two tax lists for 11 November 1774. Since the total taxes on possessions for residents amounted to £116-02-05-0 the average tax per resident amounted to £0-10-06-3. The median tax (one half the residents paid higher, one half paid lower) amounts to £0-10-01-1, only 2% less than the average amount.

Fischer[1] uses the term "Size Share of Top Tenth", SSTT, as a statistic to elucidate how equally wealth was distributed in Colonial American towns. The data in Table III can be used to calculate this figure. The total "possession Taxes" for the 22 highest ranked residents (the Top Tenth) amounts to £36-06-00. Dividing this by the total "Possession Taxes" for all 220 residents, stated above, and expressing the result as a percentage we find that SSTT= 31.3. Fischer[op. cit.] States: "Studies of wealth distribution have been completed for more than twenty five Massachusetts towns from 1630 to 1750, and also for at least three counties. In most of these places throughout this period, the top tenth of wealth holders

[1] Fischer, David H., Albion's Seed, pp.170-171, Oxford U. Press, (New York, 1989)

held only 20 to 30 percent of taxable property and about 30 to 40 percent of estates in Probate. The pattern of wealth distribution was egalitarian by comparison with other colonies. With a few urban exceptions such as Salem and Boston it was typical of New England and very different from other parts of British America."

In a foot-note table Fischer presents SSTT values derived for Massachusetts town using different measures of wealth. We extract herewith a few values based on taxes excluding poll taxes:

<u>Town(Year)</u>	<u>SSTT</u>
Boxford (1746)	28.8
Amherst (1759)	24.6
Leicester (1743)	33.7
Sudbury (1777)	25.0

Based on the above we conclude that in 1774 the distribution of wealth in Westford was typical of rural Massachusetts and New England.

#### MALE TAXPAYERS WHO DID NOT SIGN THE 1774 COVENANT

By a careful comparison of the 1774 Covenant and the two tax lists of 11 November 1774 we have ascertained that 48 of the men and the 8 women named in the Tax Lists did not sign the 1774 Covenant. As noted previously, the 1774 Covenant has no female signatures. Considering the status of women in this period, it is likely that no woman was afforded the opportunity to sign, whether they paid taxes or not. In Table IV on pages 31 and 32 we list, in alphabetical order, separated according to the Tax List on which they appeared, and have included for each name his "Rank" based on "Possession Taxes" from Table III. We reiterate that a Rank of 200.0 signifies that the individual paid only a poll tax. It appears that many who paid only a poll tax did not sign the 1774 Covenant.

In order to ascertain whether highly ranked taxpayers were more likely to have signed the 1774 Covenant we divided the ranking in Table III into quartiles. [Since there were 212 males named in the two 1774 Tax Lists each quartile comprised 53 male names.] The number of men in each quartile who did not sign the 1774 Covenant are tabulated below:

	<u>Number of men who did not sign the 1774 Covenant</u>
Top Quartile	6
2nd Quartile	7
3rd Quartile	11
Bottom Quartile	24

TABLE IV

## MEN NAMED IN 1774 TAX LISTS WHO DID NOT SIGN 1774 COVENANT

NORTH LIST	Tax Rank*	SOUTH LIST
	200.0	Joseph Barrett
	200.0	Abraham Boynton
William Chandler, Jr.	200.0	
Nathaniel Cummings	104	
	172.5	William Dutton
Benjamin Estabrook	200.0	
Joshua Fassett	200.0	
	200.0	David Fish
Mr. Samuel Fitch	74	
David Fletcher, Jr.	163.0	
Ebenezer Fletcher	29.5	
Josiah Fletcher	177	
Reuben Fletcher	34	
John Glenne, jr[?Glynn]	157.5	
	129	John Hadley
	200.0	Amaziah Hildreth
	159	Ephraim Hildreth[Senior[
	14	Phineas Hildreth
	79	William Hildreth
Jonas Holden[?Holding?]	200.0	
	200.0	Jonas Kemp
	156	Josiah Kemp
	200.0	Simeon Kemp
	12	Rogers King
	45	Francis Loughton[?Leighton?]
	200.0	Jonathan Minot, Jr.

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MEN NAMED IN 1774 TAX LISTS WHO DID NOT SIGN 1774 COVENANT

NORTH LIST	Tax Rank*	SOUTH LIST
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Jacob Nutting	200.0	
Thomas Nutting	200.0	
	137	Mr. Aaron Parker
	117	Lt. Aaron Parker, Jr.
	150	Ebenezer Parker
Isaac Parker	169	
	77	Amos Parlin
James Perry	200.0	
	124.5	John Procter, Jr.
Jonas Procter	172.5	
	200.0	Phineas Procter
	200.0	Silas Procter
	128	John Read
	200.0	Thaddeus Read
Abijah Richardson	98	
Wiley Richardson	175	
	55.5	John Robbins Jr.
	90	Phillip Robbins
	24	Zachariah Robbins
	200.0	Abel Russell
	200.0	Jeremiah Wright
Peter Wright	200.0	

\*---Ranking based on amounts assessed Westford residents for sum of money tax, real and personal estates. Excludes all poll taxes.

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## F O R W A R D

In this paper we have transcribed and analyzed two documents pertaining to Westford, Massachusetts in 1774. The first is the "1774 Covenant" in which some of the resident males covenanted with each other not to purchase goods imported from Great Britain, nor to do any business with those who did purchase such imports or refused to sign such a Covenant. The second document is the two Tax or Assessment list for town charges dated 11 November 1774.

A number of taxpayers did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and a number of males aged 15 through 20 years, not named in the Tax Lists did sign the Covenant. From a study of the volume, Vital Records of Westford, Massachusetts we have identified a number of other males, then aged 16 through 20 years who probably were then living in Westford, but did not sign the Covenant. The residents named in the 1774 Tax Lists have been arranged in a ranking based on the amount each was assessed for their possessions. Taxpayers with low or no assessments for their possessions were less likely to have signed the 1774 Covenant than those having the highest assessments.

An extensive Appendix is provided for each person named in the 1774 Tax List, or who signed the 1774 Covenant, and males born in Westford in 1754 to 1758 who did not sign the 1774 Covenant, but were probably then living in Westford. Each entry identifies, where possible the parents of the individual, where he signed the 1774 Covenant, the amount of taxes he was assessed, his ranking based on possessions, and where applicable any information on his service in the Revolutionary War transcribed from the multi-volume "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War."

## T H E   1 7 7 4   C O V E N A N T

We must first consider the climate in which this document was generated. There had been many acts by the British Parliament and the British governors which had led to protests in the North American colonies, one of which was the Massachusetts Bay Colony. We recall the Stamp Act, the Townshend Acts and the Boston Massacre to be among them. But the Act of Parliament in March 1773 giving the East India Company a monopoly on the importation of tea into the North American Colonies some consider as the spark that ignited the conflagration we call the Revolutionary War. The East India Company used their authority to ship large amounts of tea to the Colonies, including three ships to Boston. The persistence of the British authorities at Boston to land the tea resulted in the Boston Tea Party. On 16 December 1773 Boston men, painted like Indians, dumped the tea into the harbor, a telling break with British authority not copied in other Colonial ports.

On 7 March 1774 the British Parliament met in an angry mood and began debate on a series of Acts, two years later referred to in the Colonies as "the Intolerable Acts." The first of these, the Boston Port Act, was passed 25 March 1774 to punish the Massachusetts Bay Colony for the Boston Tea Party. It closed the Port of Boston to all vessels effective 1 June 1774. To Boston residents it was Blockade!

In each of the towns in the Colony there had been formed a "Committee of Correspondance". They, in our present day vocabulary, "networked" on matters concerning the rights and freedoms abused by the British, with the Committee for the Town of Boston seeming to be "first among equals." The Inhabitants of Westford had chosen their first such Committee at a Town Meeting 12 January 1773 with Mr. Samuel Gardner, Capt. Jonathan Minot, Deacon John Abbot, Dr. Asaph Fletcher, and Mr. Nathaniel Boynton comprising the Committee. At a later meeting 30 March 1774 the town adopted a lengthy paper by Dr. Asaph Fletcher complaining about British abuses, ordered it transmitted to the Committee of the Town of Boston, also notifying them that Mr. Samuel Gardner, having removed from Westford had been replaced as Chairman of the Westford Committee by Mr. Zaccheus Wright. An entry in the Town Book dated 4 July 1774 reads; "Voted unanimously to take under our Consideration the Papers sent from Boston to our Town in Consequence of sd Boston Harbour being Blocked up. Voted unanimously that the Covenant lately sent to Westford (with some small alteration thereon) should be signed by the Town. Voted that the Covenant signed by the Inhabitants of Westford relating to Boston affairs be kept or left in the Town Clerk's hands during the Town's pleasure and also to return the names of those who did not sign the paper."

It appears that each town received a copy of the Covenant, printed on a large sheet of paper with spaces for writing in the name of the town and the date, leaving most of the paper for signatures by the "Inhabitants"(read men). It is this original document signed in Westford that was transcribed for this study. It may be found in the Historical Collection of the J.V. Fletcher Library in Westford. It was a gift to the Library in 1916 as described in the Report of the Librarian as printed in the "Annual Report of the Town of Westford for the Year Ending 31 December 1916."

" A very rare and interesting document has been presented to the Library by Miss Mary A. Tenney of Roxbury. It contains the signatures of more than two hundred citizens of Westford to a 'Solemn League and Covenant' dated 1774. One of Miss Tenney's ancestors lived in Westford and the paper has been treasured in the family until this time when she very generously returned it to us."

The Tenney surname is retained in present-day Westford as the name of a road in the area north of the present Groton Road(Route 40). However the volume Vital Records of Westford, Mass. includes the births of only one Tenney family, the six children to Samuel and Rebecca Tenney between 1803 and 1818, none of them named Mary A. The Massachusetts State Census compiled in Westford in 1855 lists only one person with the Tenney surname, Mary A., age 13 years, born in Vermont, and included in the household of Reuben Wright, aged 67, born in Mass. Also in the same household were Sarah Wright, aged 63, born in Mass., John Wright, aged 38, born in Mass., and Charlotte Wright, aged 31, born in Vermont. The map of Westford prepared by Edward Symmes in 1853-1855 shows Reuben Wright's residence on Tyngsboro Road near the Tyngsboro line. We know that Sarah was Sarah(Moor)(Dane)Wright second wife of Reuben and that John was the son of Reuben by his first wife Esther(Woodward)Wright. We suspect that ~~Charlotte~~ was John's wife, but no such marriage is recorded at Westford. However Westford marriage records indicate that a William W. Tenney of Charlestown married at Westford 7 April 1831 Esther Wright, born at Westford 11 January 1810, daughter of Reuben and Esther(Woodward)Wright.

We postulate that the Miss Mary A. Tenney who gave the 1774 Covenant to the Library in 1916 was the same Mary A. Tenney who in 1855 was in the Westford household of her grandfather Reuben (Reuben<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3-1</sup>) Wright and that she had been born in Vermont in 1842, the daughter of William W. and Esther(Wright)Tenney. She would have been 74 years of age in 1916 and her "ancestor who lived in Westford" was a Wright.

The document is about sixteen inches wide and twenty inches in length. Sometime in recent years it has been sealed in a clear plastic container for preservation, but appears to be in excellent physical condition. The text of the Covenant is printed in the upper right quadrant of the sheet. The signatures on the front are in five columns, two long ones on the left half and three shorter ones under the printed text. Another column of signatures is on the reverse near the left margin. As noted above the printed text has spaces for writing in the name of the town and the date. As is common in many Colonial documents the printer used two different pieces of type for the letter "s." One was similar to the present custom. The other piece resembled the present day lower-case "f", but with no upper cross-bar, and retaining the horizontal base. In this transcription the latter "type" has been transcribed as an "f". Thus the reader will know that an "s" is an "s" in the original, but must decide whether an "f" is an "f" or the archaic form of "s" in the original. Material handwritten in the original has been underlined. Printed material in the original that has been lined out has been transcribed and then lined-out.

WE THE SUBSCRIBERS, INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN of Westford having taken into our serious consideration the precarious state of the liberties of North America, and more especially the present distressed condition of this infertile province, embarrassed as it is by several acts of the British parliament, tending to the entire subversion of our natural and charter rights; among which is the act for blocking up the harbour of Boston; and being fully sensible of our indispensable duty to lay hold of every means in our power to preserve and recover the much injured constitution of our country; and conscious at the same time of no alternative between the horrors of slavery, or the carnage and defoliation of a civil war, but in a suspension of all commercial intercourse with the island of Great Britain; Do, ~~in the presence of God, solemnly and in good faith,~~ covenant and engage with each other, 1st, that from henceforth we will suspend all commercial intercourse with the said island of Great Britain until the said act for blocking up the said harbour be repealed, and a full restoration of our charter rights be obtained. AND, 2dly, That there may be less temptation to others to continue in the said, now dangerous commerce. we do in like manner, solemnly covenant that we will not buy, purchase, or consume, or suffer any person by, for, or under us to purchase or consume, in any manner whatever, any goods, wares, or merchandize which shall arrive in America from Great Britain, aforesaid, from and after the last day of August next ensuing. And in order as much as in us lies to prevent our being interrupted and defeated in this only peaceable measure, entered into

for the recovery and preservation of our rights, we agree to break off all trade, commerce and dealings whatever with all persons, who preferring their own private interest to the salvation of their now perishing country, shall still continue to import goods from Great Britain, or shall purchase of those who do import.

3rdly, That such persons may not have it in their power to impose upon us by any pretence whatever, we further agree to purchase no article of merchandize from them, or any of them, who shall not have signed this or a similar Covenant, or will not produce an oath, certified by a magistrate to be taken by them to the following purpose: viz. I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

In the county of \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear that the goods I have now on hand and propose for sale, have not, to the best of my knowledge, been imported from Great Britain, into any port of America since the last day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, and that I will not, contrary to the spirit of an agreement entering into through this province import or purchase of any person so importing any goods as aforesaid until the port or harbour of Boston shall be opened and we are fully restored to the free use of our constitutional and charter rights, AND

Lastly, we agree, that after this, or a similar covenant has been offered to any person and they shall refuse to sign it, or produce the oath, aforesaid, we will consider them contumacious importers, and withdraw all commercial connexions with them, so far as not to purchase of them, any article whatever [interlined imported from Great Britain] and publish their names to the world.

Witness our hands July 4<sup>th</sup> 1774

The above statement was signed by 207 persons, all with male given names. It is noteworthy that all are signatures. none signed by mark. To the non-professional eye there does not seem to be any one handwriting repeated for more than one signature. This raises a question the transcribers cannot answer, whether only men who could sign their names were permitted to sign, and if so, for what reason. As will be discussed later the Covenant bears the signatures of many young men who had not attained the age of 21 years.

The 207 signatures are aligned in six columns, five on the face and one on the reverse. Columns I and II run down the left face, beside the printed text. Columns III, IV, and V are shorter and below the printed text. Column VI is on the reverse. Column V contains the signatures of members of the Committee of Correspondance, Town officers, and some men of substance. In transcribing all signatures we have added an Arabic number in brackets, thus [15], to denote the position from the top of the column for each signature.

Column I

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|------------------------------------|---|
| [1] Joshua Read                    | [31] PEletiah Wright                      |
| [2] Samuel Adams, jnr              | [32] Elijah Hildreth                      |
| [3] John Wright                    | [33] Francis Smith                        |
| [4] Gershom Heald                  | [34] Henry Wright                         |
| [5] John Hildreth                  | [35] Joseph Underwood                     |
| [6] Joseph Wright <sub>James</sub> | [36] Amos Hildreth                        |
| [7] John Hadley, jun               | [37] Joseph Wright                        |
| [8] David Dutton                   | [38] Asahel Wyman                         |
| [9] Philip Spaulding               | [39] Jonathan Fletcher, jun               |
| [10] Abner Kent, jnr               | [40] Joseph Comings                       |
| [11] Issacher Keyes                | [41] Ephraim Hildreth jun <sup>r</sup>    |
| [12] Calvin Blanchard              | [42] Daniel Dudley                        |
| [13] Lenard Read                   | [43] Zechariah Hildreth                   |
| [14] Levi Bixby                    | [44] Joseph Dutton, jnr                   |
| [15] David Bixby                   | [45] Thomas Comings                       |
| [16] Joseph Richardson             | [46] William Read                         |
| [17] Jacob Bixby                   | [47] Amos Fletcher[?22ia?]                |
| [18] Sam. Farwell                  | [48] Zechariah Hildreth, jun <sup>r</sup> |
| [19] Joshua Fletcher               | [49] Obadiah Perry                        |
| [20] Thomas Meads                  | [50] Thomas Rogers                        |
| [21] Silas Spaulding               | [51] Joseph Prescott                      |
| [22] Eleazer Read                  | [52] Timothy Cumings                      |
| [23] Abijah Read                   | [53] Abel Boynton                         |
| [24] Benjamin Osgood               | [54] Thomas Comings 3rd                   |
| [25] Joseph Keyes                  | [55] Jacob Wendell                        |
| [26] Thos Fletcher                 | [56] John Barritt                         |
| [27] Eleazer Blood                 | [57] John Underwood                       |
| [28] [?Jacob?] Robbins             | [58] Levi Fletcher                        |
| [29] Ephraim Dutton                | [59] Samson Read                          |
| [30] Simeon Read                   | [60] Willard Fletcher                     |
|                                    | [61] William Read, jnr                    |

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: We have no explanation for the nature of entry 6.

we cannot associate "james" with any Joseph Wright. Note  
that another Joseph is entry no. 37. ]



Column II

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| [1] Charles Procter                       | [30] Thomas Wright                  |
| [2] Steohen Wright                        | [31] Thomas Coming, jur             |
| [3] Jon <sup>a</sup> Hildreth             | [32] Daniel Goodhue                 |
| [4] John Nutting, jnr                     | [33] Abner Kent                     |
| [5] Nehemiah Fletcher                     | [34] Asa Bixby                      |
| [6] Sam. Read, jnr                        | [35] Levi Temple                    |
| [7] Oliver Barret                         | [36] Richard Kneeland               |
| [8] Willard Read                          | [37] Jacob Robinson                 |
| [9] Thomas Carver                         | [38] Willis Hall                    |
| [10] Daniel Whitney                       | [39] Isaac Coming                   |
| [11] Jonathan Carver                      | [40] Abner Wilkins                  |
| [12] Timothy Hildreth                     | [41] Andrew Spaulding               |
| [13] Benjamin [?Beales?]                  | [42] Thomas Adams                   |
| [14] Nathaniel Holmes                     | [43] Amos Hardy                     |
| [15] John Robinson                        | [44] Ebenezer Willis                |
| [16] James F. [illegible]                 | [45] Abel Corey                     |
| [17] Thomas Richardson, ju <sup>r</sup>   | [46] Smith Foster                   |
| [18] Benjamin Fletcher, jun <sup>er</sup> | [47] Moses Parker, Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| [19] Jacob Robbins                        | [48] Thomas Kidder                  |
| [20] Benjamin Carver                      | [49] John Pushee                    |
| [21] David Keyes                          | [50] Samuel Keyes                   |
| [22] Eben Prescott                        | [51] Francis Kidder                 |
| [23] Jonas Prescott, Jun <sup>r</sup>     | [52] Solomon Wheat, Jun             |
| [24] Jonas Prescott , THird               | [53] Silas Bigelow                  |
| [25] Jonas Hadley                         | [54] John Bigelow                   |
| [26] Jonas Prescott                       | [55] James Blodget                  |
| [27] John Prescott                        | [56] Solomon Wheat                  |
| [28] Jonathan Hadley                      | [57] Amos Russel                    |
| [29] Thomas Heald                         | [58] Ezekiel Procter                |

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTE: Entry 16 is the only signature on this document that we find impossible to assign a surname. ]

Column III

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| [1] James Pollard              | [13] John Abbot jun <sup>r</sup> |
| [2] Timothy Fletcher junr      | [14] James Procter               |
| [3] Timothy Fletcher           | [15] Thomas Read                 |
| [4] David Fletcher             | [16] Samuel Wright               |
| [5] Simeon Wright              | [17] Amos Wright                 |
| [6] Jon <sup>a</sup> Spaulding | [18] Ebenezer Cory               |
| [7] Timothy Spaulding          | [19] Gershom Fletcher            |
| [8] Joshua Parker              | [20] Ephraim Spaulding           |
| [9] Amos Parlen                | [21] Nehemiah Green              |
| [10] Ephraim Comings, junr     | [22] David Goodhue               |
| [11] Benjamin Read             | [23] Isaac Chandler              |
| [12] William Nichols           | [24] Ephraim Comings             |

Column IV

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| [1] Amos Fletcher                | [11] Ephraim Chamberli[ sic]     |
| [2] Ephraim Wright               | [12] Samuel White                |
| [3] Daniel Keyes                 | [13] Josiah Boynton              |
| [4] Eph <sup>m</sup> Hildreth 3d | [14] Tho <sup>s</sup> Richardson |
| [5] John Fletcher                | [15] Silas Read                  |
| [6] William Spaulding            | [16] Joseph Dutton               |
| [7] Hosea Hildreth               | [17] Thomas Smith                |
| [8] David Hildreth               | [18] John Procter                |
| [9] Moses Burge                  | [19] Seth Fletcher               |
| [10] James Spaulding             | [20] Leonard Procter             |
| [21] Solomon Spaulding           |                                  |

Column V

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|---|------------------------------|
| [1] Zaccheus Wright                           | [12] Jonathan Keyes          |
| [2] Jonathan Minot                            | [13] Oliver Prescott         |
| [3] John Abbot                                | [14] Benjamin Forster        |
| [4] Asaph Fletcher, med <sup>S</sup> excepted | [15] Timothy Underwood       |
| [5] Nath <sup>1</sup> Boynton                 | [16] William Chandler        |
| [6] Samuel Fletcher                           | [17] Timothy Prescott        |
| [7] Benjamin Fletcher                         | [18] Pelat. Fletcher         |
| [8] Jos. Read                                 | [19] Nathaniel Barrett       |
| [9] John Nutting                              | [20] Jona <sup>th</sup> Keep |
| [10] Nathan Procter                           | [21] Samuel Read             |
| [11] John Read                                | [22] Oliver Bates            |

[TRANSCRIBER'S NOTES: Entry 4-- Asaph Fletcher was a physician and excepted his purchase of medicines. Capt. Jonathan Minot, Deacon John Abbot, Dr. Asaph Fletcher and Mr. Nathaniel Boynton were four of the five members of the first "Committee of Correspondence" in Westford. Dea. Abbot, Capt. Minoi, Amos Fletcher, Oliver Bates & Jonathan Keep were the Selectmen in 1774.]

Column VI

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|--------------------------|---|
| [1] Moses Parker         | [11] Josiah Spaulding                     |
| [2] Ebenezer Foster      | [12] Samuel Fasset                        |
| [3] Daniel Whitney junr  | [13] Jonathan Fletcher                    |
| [4] Israel Keyes         | [14] Jonathan Fletcher the 3d             |
| [5] Jeremiah Robbins     | [15] Samuel Butterfield                   |
| [6] Peter Brown          | [16] Ebenezer Wright                      |
| [7] Samuel Fasset        | [17] William Butterfield                  |
| [8] Benjamin Dutton      | [18] William Butterfield jun <sup>r</sup> |
| [9] Benjamin Dutton, jnr | [19] Daniel Raymond                       |
| [10] Henry Richerson     | [20] Elias Foster                         |
|                          | [21] William Fletcher                     |

THE WESTFORD TAX LISTS  
FOR TOWN CHARGES  
DATED 11 NOVEMBER 1774

From the earliest tax lists in 1730 the practice was to divide the town geographically into two lists, the North List and the South List. The North List included the present Forge Village, Graniteville, Nabnasset, the Chamberlin's Corner area, and much of Westford Center. The South list included Parkerville, South Chelmsford Road, Carlisle Road, Acton Road, Littleton Road, Concord Road and the southwestern end of Hildreth St. At each Annual Town Meeting a separate Constable was elected for each list. He was personally responsible to collect the total amount of money on his list and remit it to the Town Treasurer. This lead to some Constables owing to the Town Treasurer for a few years some small amounts uncollectable by them. It required an Order by the Selectmen or a vote of Town Meeting to ~~relieve~~ relieve them of such debts.

The total tax assessed was the sum of four components: (1) A "head" or poll tax, (2) a tax on real property, (3) A tax on personal property, and (4) a "Money tax." The last three are considered in this paper as taxes on "possessions," even though the "money" tax was assessed on income derived from some activity other than agricultural production from their land. It was assessed, as a sort of rudimentary "income tax" on inkeepers, storekeepers and such artisans shoemakers, tanners, blacksmiths or iron-workers, and operators of corn or saw mills. Each male, 21 years of age or older, was named in the appropriate list and assessed 1 head, an amount of 6 shillings and 6 pence (6s-6d). Males between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age were not named in a tax list, but the head of the household of which such an individual was a part was assessed an extra "head" for each such person in his household. In the list studied here a few men were assessed 3 "heads", but none higher. The only females named in the Tax Lists were those who owned real or personal property in their own name, mostly widows ,but some unmarried who probably acquired property through inheritance, and one female was assessed a "Money Tax." Females were not assessed a "head" or poll tax for themselves, however 1 widow was assessed a poll tax for her son, then 18 years of age, too young to be named himself.

Also named in the Tax Lists were residents of other towns who had to pay taxes on real property they owned which was located in Westford. They paid no poll taxes, and were not assessed for any personal property. These Non-residents were identified by having an abbreviation for their town of residence following their name in the appropriate list.

We transcribe and study herewith the North List and the South List, both dated 11 November 1774 to raise a total of two hundred pounds for "Town Charges." Among the expenses in this category were payments to school masters, payments to Inhabitants for "boarding the schoolmaster," modest sums for town officials or for their expenses incurred on town business, purchases of equipment for the town militia, purchase of clothing or food for the destitute, an annual payment to the "Pound-keeper," and to an individual "to cleansethe meeting-house." All these had been specifically approved, both in nature and amount by either Town Meeting or by the Selectman based on authority so granted by the Town Meeting. It did not include the costs for building or repairing roads for which separate lists were promulgated with individuals able to obtains credits against the road taxes by either working on such activities themselves or by providing oxen and/or a cart. In this time period there also were separate tax lists for the "Ministers Rate" to raise money for the salary paid the Rev. Willard Hall, at this period in time a source of much contention. This is another story, but the town records show that he was one of three men who at the onset of the Revolutionary War displayed strong Loyalist sympathies. He retained this until his death in 1779.

The original Tax Lists are found on pages 408 through 414 of Tax Book 1735-1774, in the custody of the Westford Town Clerk. These records were microfilmed in 1972 for the present Family History Library of the Church of Latter Day Saints(Mormon) and can be found in FHL Microfilm Reel #902074, a copy of which is availiable in the Historical Collection of the J. V. Fletcher Library, Westford. The only change made in tanscribing is ~~expressings~~ single digit amounts for shillings and pence as double digits[thus, for example, 9 pence has been transcribed in the tables as 09]. We found that the Assessors made a few arithmetical errors which are retained in the tables but followed by an asterick and an ~~expl~~explanatory foot-note.

As a refresher in Colonial money equivalents:

1Pound,(£) = 20 shillings,(s) = 240 pence,(d) = 960 farthings,(f).

11 shilling,(s) = 12 pence,(d) = 48 farthings,(f).

1 pence,(d) = 4 farthings,(f).

Thus in the tables that follow £1-11-10-3 is read as One pound 11 shillings 10 pence 3 farthings.

[North List]

Westford, November 11, 1774

The Town Rate

	Polls s-d	Money Tax s-d	Personal s-d-f	Real f-s-d-f	[Total, No polls] f-s-d-f
Jonas Prescott, Esq.	06-06	02-05	06-10-2	0-16-05-0	1-05-08-2
Capt. James Pollard	06-06	02-05	08-00-0	1-03-06-0	1-13-11-0
Dea <sup>n</sup> Andrew Spaulding	04-00		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Capt. Joseph Read	06-06		03-01-0	0-09-09-1	0-12-10-1
Dea <sup>n</sup> John Abbot	06-06	01-07	04-01-3	0-09-09-1	0-15-06-0
Capt. Benjamin Fletcher	06-06		05-03-0	0-18-02-1	1-03-05-1
Lieut. Timothy Fletcher	06-06		05-01-2	0-14-05-1	0-19-06-3
Capt. Amos Fletcher	13-00	01-05	07-10-2	1-05-10-2	1-15-02-0
Samuel Addams, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		01-08-1	0-12-11-0	0-14-07-1
En <sup>s</sup> John Abbot, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06	01-00	04-11-2	0-09-09-1	0-15-08-3
William Butterfield	00-00		02-08-1	0-00-00-0	0-02-08-1
William Butterfield, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		03-01-2	0-08-07-3	0-11-09-1
Samuel Butterfield	06-06		03-07-2	0-08-07-3	0-12-03-1
Capt. Oliver Bates	13-00		02-08-1	0-11-08-2	0-14-04-3
Asa Bixby	06-06		03-10-1	0-07-10-1	0-11-08-2
Wid. Lydia Brooks	06-06		03-06-2	0-09-00-3	0-12-07-1
Moses Burge	06-06		06-04-0	0-16-08-0	1-03-00-0
En <sup>s</sup> Nathaniel Boynton	13-00	04-01	04-05-3	0-16-08-0	1-05-02-3
Nathaniel Barrit	13-00		00-11-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-11-1
David Bixby	06-06		00-00-0	0-01-00-0	0-01-00-0
Levy Bixby	06-06		01-07-0	0-00-00-0	0-01-07-0
Jacob Bixby	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Eleazer Blood	06-06		02-01-3	0-01-11-1	0-04-01-0
William Chandler	13-00		04-04-3	0-09-09-1	0-14-02-0
Isaac Chandler	06-06		04-08-3	0-09-09-1	0-14-06-0
Nath <sup>l</sup> Cumings	06-06		02-10-2	0-07-10-1	0-10-08-3
Mr. Thomas Cumings	06-06		03-11-1	0-15-10-2	0-19-09-3
Thomas Cumings, jun <sup>r</sup>	13-00		04-09-0	0-11-08-2	0-16-05-2
Isaac Cumings	06-06		03-10-0	0-07-00-3	0-10-10-3
Ephraim Cumings	06-06		07-07-1	0-11-08-2	0-19-03-3
Ephraim Cumings, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		01-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-01-00-0
Timothy Cumings	06-06		02-07-1	0-05-09-2	0-08-04-3
William Chandler jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Benjamin Dutton	13-00		01-10-2	0-02-08-2	0-04-07-0
David Dutton	06-06		04-03-3	0-07-00-3	0-11-04-2
David Fletcher	13-00		02-09-3	0-09-09-1	0-12-07-0
Reubin Fletcher	06-06		05-10-2	0-13-07-3	0-19-06-1
Tho <sup>s</sup> Fletcher	06-06		07-08-1	0-10-03-0	1-09-11-1
Eben <sup>r</sup> Fletcher	13-00		04-10-3	0-14-11-0	0-19-09-3
Pelataiah Fletcher	06-06		13-07-2	1-03-06-0	1-17-01-2
Joshua Fletcher	19-06		05-01-3	0-12-06-0	0-17-07-3

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	Polls s-d	Money Tax s-d	Personal s-d-f	Real f-s-d-f	[Total, No polls] f-s-d-f
Benj <sup>a</sup> Fletcher, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		01-08-0	0-08-07-3	0-10-03-3
Mr. Jon <sup>a</sup> Fletcher	04-06		02-10-1	0-05-09-2	0-08-07-3
Jon <sup>a</sup> Fletcher 3 <sup>d</sup>	06-06		02-08-3	0-09-09-1	0-12-06-0
James Fletcher	13-00		02-10-1	0-13-03-0	0-16-01-1
Tim <sup>o</sup> Fletcher	06-06		04-11-3	0-11-08-2	0-16-08-1
Willard Fletcher	06-06		02-00-1	0-09-09-1	0-11-09-2
Josiah Fletcher	06-06	00-09	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-0
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David Fletcher, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06	01-08	00-01-1	0-00-00-0	0-01-09-1
Sam <sup>l</sup> Fassett	06-06		03-08-1	0-07-00-3	0-10-09-0
Joshua Fassett	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Sam <sup>l</sup> Farwell	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Mr. David Goodhue	13-00	02-05	02-04-0	0-05-09-2	0-10-06-2
Daniel Goodhue	06-06	01-07	00-07-1	0-02-04-2	0-04-06-3
John Glenne	06-06		02-01-3	0-00-00-0	0-02-01-3
Mr. Tho <sup>s</sup> Heald	06-06		03-11-3	0-12-06-0	0-16-05-3
Gershom Heald	19-06		03-06-2	0-07-10-1	0-11-04-3
Jon <sup>a</sup> Keyes	06-06		12-06-0	1-02-11-1	1-15-05-1
Issaca Keyes	06-06		02-04-1	0-06-04-0	0-08-08-1
Abner Kent jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		00-07-1	0-03-10-0	0-04-05-1
Jon <sup>a</sup> Keep	13-00	02-00	01-06-2	0-09-09-1	0-13-03-3
Richard Kneeland	06-06	02-00	00-00-0	0-01-00-0	0-03-00-0
John Nutting	13-0		05-10-2	0-11-08-2	0-17-07-0
Jacob Nutting	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Tho <sup>s</sup> Nutting	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Lieut. Jonas Prescott jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		07-02-0	0-12-06-0	0-19-08-0
Tim <sup>o</sup> Prescott	06-06		04-08-3	0-09-00-3	0-13-09-2
Oliver Prescott	06-06	01-10	07-10-2	0-14-06-1	1-04-02-3
Joseph Prescott	06-06	00-05	04-04-3	0-11-08-2	0-16-06-1
Eben <sup>r</sup> Prescott	06-06	00-06	04-03-3	0-11-08-2	0-16-06-1
John Prescott	06-06		02-04-2	0-08-01-0	0-10-05-2
Abigail Prescott Groton	00-00		00-00-0	0-01-11-3	0-01-11-3
Isaac Parker	06-06	01-00	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-01-00-0
Jonas Procter	06-06		00-09-2	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-2
Jonas Prescott 3rd	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
James Perry	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Lieut. Sam <sup>l</sup> Read	13-00		06-05-1	1-02-11-1	1-09-04-2
Eleazer Read	13-00		05-11-2	0-14-11-0	1-00-10-2
Benj <sup>a</sup> Read	13-00		04-07-3	0-12-06-0	0-17-01-3
Tho <sup>s</sup> Read	13-00		04-06-0	0-09-00-3	0-13-06-3
Henry Richardson	06-06		03-07-0	0-06-04-0	0-09-11-0
Joshua Read	06-06		04-00-0	0-03-10-3	0-07-10-3
Abijah Richardson	06-06		02-04-1	0-09-00-3	0-11-05-0
Wyle Richardson	06-06		00-09-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-1

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	Polls s-d	Money Tax s-d	Personal s-d-f	Real £-s-d-f	[Total, No polls] £-s-d-f
Tho <sup>s</sup> Richardson	06-06	01-01	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-01-01-0
Tho <sup>s</sup> Rogers	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Jon <sup>a</sup> Spaulding	06-06		04-06-0	0-13-07-3	0-18-01-3
Wid. Sarah Spaulding	00-00		00-09-1	0-02-08-2	0-03-05-3
Timo Spaulding	13-00		03-01-1	0-09-09-1	0-12-10-2
Josiah Spaulding	06-06		00-07-1	0-03-10-3	0-04-06-0
Will <sup>m</sup> Spaulding	06-06		04-11-2	0-07-05-2	0-12-05-0
Tho <sup>s</sup> Smith	06-06		02-07-2	0-03-02-0	0-05-09-2
Solomon Spaulding	06-06		03-03-3	0-09-09-1	0-13-01-0
Eben <sup>r</sup> Wright	04-06		02-04-3	0-00-00-0	0-02-04-3
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wright	06-06		04-05-0	0-11-03-3	0-15-08-3
James Spaulding	13-00		04-09-2	0-10-11-2	0-14-09-0*
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Lieut. Zacc <sup>s</sup> Wright	13-00	02-08	05-05-0	0-08-07-3	0-16-08-3
Henry Wright	13-00		06-03-2	0-15-10-2	1-02-02-0
Eph <sup>m</sup> Wright	06-06		03-02-0	0-09-05-1	0-12-07-1
Pelatah Wright	06-06		02-11-02	0-13-07-3	0-16-07-1
Joseph Wright	13-00		00-01-2	0-09-09-1	0-14-10-3
Jacob Wendell	06-06		02-00-0	0-03-02-0	0-05-02-0
John Wright	06-06	00-09	01-04-1	0-07-10-1	0-09-11-2
Amos Wright	06-06		03-04-0	0-10-11-2	0-14-03-2
Abner Wilkins	06-06		05-02-1	0-01-07-0	0-06-09-1
Asahel Wyman	13-00	02-05	02-08-3	0-07-10-1	0-13-00-0
Peter Wright	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Will <sup>m</sup> Nickols	06-06		00-09-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-1
Benj <sup>a</sup> Estterbrook	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Willis Hall	06-06	01-07	00-09-2	0-00-00-0	0-02-04-2
Miss Lydia Keyes	00-00	01-03	00-00-0	0-02-04-2	0-03-07-2
Levy Temple	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Eph <sup>m</sup> Dutton	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Wid. Eunice Bixby	00-00		00-09-1	0-01-00-0	0-01-09-1
Simeon Stevens, Chelmsford				0-01-11-3	0-01-11-3
Eleazer Richardson, Ch.				0-05-09-2	0-05-09-2
Josia Richardson, Ch.				0-01-00-0	0-01-00-0
David Spaulding, Ch.				0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
Wid. Sarah Richardson, Ch.				0-01-00-0	0-01-00-0
John Glenne, Dunstable				0-00-07-1	0-00-07-1
Joseph Keyes	06-06		03-05-1	0-06-08-0	0-10-01-1
Lenard Read	06-06		00-01-2	0-00-00-0	0-00-01-2
John Hadley, jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		00-09-1	0-03-02-0	0-03-11-1
Jonas Holding	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Total of this list is £ 109-11-0					
Made & Completed by us			John Abbot	Assessors	
Nov. 11th 1774			Zac <sup>s</sup> Wright	of	
			Jos. Read	Westford	



[South List]

THE TOWN RATE  
MADE 11 November 1774

	Money			[Total, No polls]
Polles	Tax	Personal	Real	
s-d	s-d	s-d-f	£-s-d-f	£-s-d-f
Mr. Aaron Parker	00-00	01-02-2	0-03-07-1	0-04-09-3
Capt. William Fletcher	06-06	05-00-3	0-17-09-2	1-02-10-1
Capt. Samuel Fletcher	19-06	12-01-1	1-07-02-3	1-19-04-0
Capt. Jonathan Minot	06-06	05-10-0	0-11-08-2	0-17-06-2
Sart. Thomas Addams	06-06	07-02-0	0-10-02-0	0-17-04-0
John Biglow	06-06	05-00-3	0-07-00-3	0-12-01-2
Silas Biglow	06-06	00-03-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-03-0
Josiah Boynton	06-06	01-05	0-04-08-3	0-08-06-3
Em <sup>s</sup> . Benjamin Carver	13-00	03-04-0	0-13-07-3	0-16-11-3
Abraham Boynton	06-06	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Ephraim Chamberlain	13-00	01-11	0-13-03-0	1-01-08-0
Wido. Luce Corey	00-00	01-04-2	0-01-07-0	0-02-11-2
Abel Corey	06-06	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Joseph Coming	06-06	05-08-2	0-12-06-0	0-18-02-2
Mr. Joseph Dutton	06-06	04-04-3	0-14-11-0	0-19-03-3
Joseph Dutton jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06	01-00	0-00-00-0	0-01-09-1
William Dutton	06-06	00-09-2	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-2
Nehemiah Green	13-00	00-10	0-06-04-0	0-09-11-3
Mr. Samuel Fitch	06-06	01-05	0-09-09-1	0-13-08-1
Benjamin Foster	06-06	00-07-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-07-1
Elias Foster	13-00	03-10-3	0-05-09-2	0-09-08-1
Dea <sup>n</sup> Jonathan Fletcher jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06	04-05-3	0-15-10-2	1-00-04-1
Seth Fletcher	06-06	02-10-0	0-05-00-2	0-07-10-2
Doc <sup>r</sup> Asaph Fletcher	06-06	01-07	0-00-00-0	0-02-04-2
David Fish	06-06	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Mr. Joseph Hildreth		[lined out, no entries]		
Ephraim Hildreth jun <sup>r</sup>	13-00	07-00-3	0-18-07-0	1-05-07-3
Ephraim Hildreth 3rd	06-06	06-05-2	0-12-06-0	0-18-11-2
Zachariah Hildreth	13-00	00-05	0-17-09-2	1-07-07-3
John Fletcher	06-06	02-02-1	0-10-06-3	0-12-09-0
Amos Hildreth	06-06	02-04	1-04-03-2	1-15-04-1
Hosea Hildreth	13-00	07-10-2	1-01-06-1	1-09-04-3
Phineas Hildreth	06-06	03-08	0-19-07-2	1-07-03-1*
John Hildreth	06-06	04-10-2	0-10-11-0	0-15-09-2
William Hildreth	06-06	03-01-0	0-10-02-0	0-13-03-0
John Hadley	13-00	03-01-0	03-10-3	0-06-11-3
Thomas Kidder	06-06	08-04-0	1-01-06-1	1-09-10-1
Ebenezer Foster	06-06	01-06-3	0-03-02-0	0-04-08-3
Daniel Keyes	13-00	04-03-2	0-10-06-0	0-14-09-2
Samuel Keyes	06-06	01-06-3	0-01-02-2	0-03-09-1**

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	Polis s-d	Money Tax s-d	Personal s-d-f	Real f-s-d-f	[Total, No polls] f-s-d-f
Rogers King	06-06		07-05-3	1-00-04-1	1-07-10-0
Josiah Kemp	06-06		00-09-1	0-01-07-0	0-02-04-1
Simeon Kemp	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Jonas Kemp	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Francis Kidder	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Francis Laughton	06-06		05-00-1	0-12-06-0	0-17-06-1
Wid Ruth Mead	00-00		00-11-1	0-01-02-2	0-02-01-3
Jonathan Minot jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Phinehas Procter	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Mr. Nathan Procter	06-06		08-06-0	1-03-06-0	1-12-00-0

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Agnes Procter	00-00		01-02-2	0-02-10-2	0-04-01-0
Ezekiel Procter	00-00		02-09-3	0-07-10-1	0-10-08-0
Wid Lydia Procter	00-00		00-07-1	0-01-04-3	0-02-00-0
Amos Parlin	06-06		05-05-3	0-07-10-1	0-13-03-0*
Joshua Parker	06-06	01-03	02-01-2	0-06-08-0	0-10-00-2
James Procter	06-06		03-06-2	0-05-09-2	0-09-04-0
Leonard Procter	13-00		05-07-0	0-11-11-0	0-16-06-0 **
John Procter	06-06		05-00-2	0-05-05-0	0-10-05-2
John Procter jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		02-07-3	0-05-05-0	0-08-00-3
Lieut. Moses Parker	19-06		06-00-2	0-13-07-3	0-19-08-1
Aaron Parker jun <sup>r</sup>	06-06		03-08-2	0-05-09-2	0-09-06-0
Ebenezer Parker	06-06		02-10-3	0-00-00-0	0-02-10-3
John Pushee	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Silas Procter	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
[?Capt.?] Phillip Robbins	06-06		03-08-3	0-08-07-3	0-12-04-2
[?Lieut.?] Zachariah Robbins	13-00		05-10-0	0-16-03-0	1-02-01-0
John Robbins	13-00		02-09-3	0-13-07-3	0-16-05-2
Jacob Robinson	06-06		02-09-3	0-11-00-1	0-13-10-0
[?Lieut.?] John Robinson	06-06		04-09-3	0-11-00-1	0-15-10-0
Daniel Raimond	13-00		06-07-2	0-13-07-3	1-00-03-1
John Read	06-06		03-01-1	0-04-08-3	0-07-10-0
William Read	13-00		03-10-1	0-04-04-3	0-08-03-0
Thaddeus Read	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Silas Read	06-06		04-03-3	0-07-10-1	0-12-02-0
Willard Read	06-06		01-06-2	0-00-00-0	0-01-06-2
Jacob Robbins	06-06		03-01-1	0-11-00-1	0-14-01-2
Thomas Richardson	06-06		04-00-0	0-05-09-2	0-09-09-2
Amos Russel	06-06		02-03-1	0-05-09-2	0-08-00-3
Abel Russel	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Timothy Underwood	13-00		04-09-1	0-08-07-3	0-13-05-0

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	Polls s-d	Money Tax s-d	Personal s-d-f	Real £-s-d-f	[Total, No polls] £-s-d-f
Simeon Wright	06-06		04-06-1	0-07-00-3	0-11-07-0
Samuel Wright	06-06		03-10-3	0-07-00-3	0-10-11-2
Daniel Whitney	13-00		01-09-0	0-03-02-0	0-04-11-0
Samuel White	13-00		05-11-0	0-10-06-3	0-16-05-3
Ephraim Hildreth	00-00		02-01-0	0-00-00-0	0-02-01-0
Joel Barrit, Chelmsford	00-00			0-02-04-0	0-02-04-0
Daniel Procter, Ch.	00-00			0-02-04-0	0-02-04-0
James Haywood, Ch	00-00			0-02-04-0	0-02-04-0
Nathaniel Farron, Ch	00-00			0-09-09-1	0-09-09-1
Andrew Battyés, Ch.	00-00			0-02-04-0	0-02-04-0
Elijah Procter, Ch.	00-00			0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
Jonathan Addams, Ch.	00-00			0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
Samuel Fitch, Acton				0-01-09-2	0-01-09-2
Jeremiah Cogswell, Littleton				0-14-11-0	0-14-11-0
Samson Tuttle, Littleton				0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
John Addams, Ch.				0-00-09-2	0-00-09-2
Benjamin Warren, Litt.				0-00-07-1	0-00-07-1
Samuel Read, Litt.				0-01-07-0	0-01-07-0
Peter Fletcher, Litt.				0-01-00-0	0-01-00-0
John Tuttle, junr, Litt.				0-00-07-1	0-00-07-1

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Samuel Addams, Chelmsford				0-07-00-3	0-07-00-3
Jonathan Harwood, Ch.				0-01-07-0	0-01-07-0
Samuel Addams, jun <sup>r</sup> , Ch.				0-02-07-3	0-02-07-3
Solomon Wheat	06-06		00-09-1	0-00-00-0	0-00-09-1
Thomas Meeds	06-06		02-02-0	0-04-08-3	0-06-10-3
Joseph Barrit	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Elijah Hildreth	06-06	00-04	00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-04-0
Jeremiah Temple	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Peter Brown	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Daniel Dudley	06-06		03-06-0	0-03-02-0	0-06-08-0
Eben <sup>r</sup> Corey	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Smith Foster	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Gershon Fletcher	06-06		05-01-2	1-00-03-1	1-05-04-3
Oliver Barrit	06-06		01-07-3	0-04-08-3	0-06-04-2
James Blodget	06-06		00-09-0	0-01-02-2	0-01-11-2
Calvin Blanchard	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Phillip Spaulding	03-03		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Obadiah Perry	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Jeremiah Robbins	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Francis Smith	06-06		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0
Amaziah Hildreth	03-03		00-00-0	0-00-00-0	0-00-00-0

Total of this list = £ 90-9-0

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Nov. 11th 1774

John Abbot |  
 Jos. Read |  
 Zac<sup>c</sup> Wright |

Assessors  
 of  
 Westford

Eight females were named in the 11 November 1774 Tax Lists, four each in the North and South Lists. Only one paid a poll tax, and that was for a teen-age son. Only one paid any "Money Tax." Their names and the amounts assessed for their "possessions" are detailed in Table I on page 19.

Twenty four Non-residents of Westford were assessed for real property located in Westford which they owned. They paid no poll taxes and no taxes on any personal property. The amount assessed each individual is detailed in Table II on pages 20-21.

We can summarize the sources of the money raised to defray Town Charges on 11 November 1774 as follows:

Total Raised for Town Charges	£200-00-00-0	(100%)
Paid by Non-Residents	£ 2-16-01-0	1.4 %
Paid by Resident Poll Taxes	£ 81-01-06-0	40.5 %
Paid by Resident "Possession" Taxes	£116-02-05-0	58.1 %

We have no knowledge of the basis for the assessor's decision to raise about 40% of the money by poll taxes and about 60% by taxes on real property, personal property, and "Money Tax." An analysis we carried out several years ago on the first Tax Lists for Westford in 1730 and 1731 about 60% was raised by poll taxes and only 40% by the other taxes.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AMONG WESTFORD RESIDENTS IN 1774

There is always interest in who has or had the most wealth. Social, cultural and economic historians have used several different measures of wealth to make this evaluation. These include (1) inventories of estates in probate; (2) lists of acreages of land owned in towns; (3) lists of divisions of common land within a town; (4) lists of real estate valuations; (5) rates to pay a minister or build a meetinghouse; (6) taxable wealth including polls; (7) taxable wealth excluding polls. We have chosen to use as the measure for our study what we have defined above as "Possessions" taxes, that is the sum of taxes on real property, personal property, and "money." This figure is explicit for each individual in the original lists. We also considered that a ranking based on total taxes, including poll taxes, would be confounded by non-economic issues such as fecundity, and the fact that poll taxes were assessed for only males with a certain age bracket, reflecting a different valuation of young females. The ranking of Westford residents using taxes on "Possessions" is in Table III found on pages 22 through 29.

TABLE I  
RESIDENT WOMEN NAMED IN 11 NOVEMBER 1774 WESTFORD TAX LISTS

	<u>List</u>	<u>Total Taxes</u> £-s-d-f
Widow Eunice Bixby	North	0-01-09-0
Widow Lydia Brooks[Note A]	North	0-12-07-1
Widow Lucy Corey	South	0-02-11-2
Miss Lydia Keyes[Note B]	North	0-03-07-3
Widow Ruth Mead	South	0-02-01-3
Agnes Procter	South	0-04-01-0
Widow Lydia Procter	South	0-02-00-0
Widow Sarah Spaulding	North	0-03-08-3
	Total	£ 1-12-11-0

Note [A] In addition to the amount listed she was assessed  
1 poll, £ 0-06-06-0, for her son Josiah Brooks

Note[B] The indicated tax includes £ 0-01-03-0 in "Money Tax,  
the only female so taxed.

TABLE II

NON- RESIDENTS OF WESTFORD WHO WERE ASSESSED IN THE 11 NOVEMBER 1774 TAX LISTS

	<u>List</u>	<u>Total Taxes</u> £-s-d-f
Jonathan Addams, Chelmsford	South	0-00-09-2
Samuel Addams, Chelmsford	South	0-07-00-2
Samuel Addams, Junr, Chelmsford	South	0-02-07-3
Joel Barrett, Chelmsford	South	0-02-01-0
Andrew Batteys, Chelmsford	South	0-02-04-0
Jeremiah Cogswell, Littleton	South	0-14-11-0
Nathaniel Farrow, Chelmsford	South	0-09-09-1
Samuel Fitch, Acton	South	0-01-09-2
Peter Fletcher, Littleton	South	0-02-00-0
John Glenne[?Glynn?], Dunstable	North	0-00-07-1
Jonathan Harwood, Chelmsford	South	0-01-07-0
James Haywood, Chelmsford	North	0-02-04-0
ABigail Prescott, Groton	North	0-01-11-3
Daniel Procter, Chelmsford	South	0-02-04-0
Elijah Procter, Chelmsford	South	0-00-09-2

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TABLE II (Continued)  
 NON-RESIDENTS OF WESTFORD WHO WERE ASSESSED IN THE 11 NOVEMBER 1774 TAX LISTS  
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	<u>List</u>	Total Taxes <u>£-s-d-f</u>
Samuel Read, Littleton	South	0-01-07-0
Eleazer Richardson, Chelmsford	North	0-05-09-2
Josiah Richardson, Chelmsford	North	0-02-00-0
Sarah Richardson, Chelmsford	North	0-01-00-0
David Spaulding, Chelmsford	North	0-00-09-2
Simeon Stevens, Chelmsford	North	0-01-11-3
John Tuttle, jun <sup>r</sup> , Littleton,	South	0-00-07-1
Samson Tuttle, Littleton	South	0-00-09-2
Benjamin Warren, Littleton,	South	<u>0-00-07-1</u>
Total for 24 Non-residents		£ 2-16-01-0

TABLE III

RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
1	Capt. Samuel Fletcher	Yes	3	1-19-04-0
2	Peletiah Fletcher	Yes	1	1-17-01-2
3	Jonathan Keyes	Yes	1	1-15-05-1
4	Amos Hildreth	Yes	1	1-15-04-1
5	Capt. Amos Fletcher	Yes	2	1-15-02-0
6	Capt. James Pollard	Yes	1	1-13-11-0
7	Nathan Procter	Yes	1	1-12-00-0
8	Thomas Fletcher	Yes	1	1-09-11-1
9	Capt. Thomas Kidder	Yes	1	1-09-10-1
10	Hosea Hildreth	Yes	2	1-09-04-3
11	Lt. Samuel Read	Yes	2	1-09-04-2
12	Rogers King		1	1-07-10-0
13	Zachariah Hildreth	Yes	2	1-07-07-3
14	Phineas Hildreth		1	1-07-01-1
15	Jonas Prescott, Esq.	Yes	1	1-05-08-2
16	Ephraim Hildreth, Jr.	Yes	2	1-05-07-3
17	Gershom Fletcher	Yes	1	1-05-04-3
18	Ens. Nathaniel Boynton	Yes	2	1-05-02-3
19	Oliver Prescott	Yes	1	1-04-02-3
20	Capt. Benjamin Fletcher	Yes	1	1-03-05-1
21	Moses Burge	Yes	1	1-03-00-0
22	Capt. William Fletcher	Yes	1	1-02-10-1
23	Henry Wright	Yes	2	1-02-02-0
24	Ens. Zachariah Robbins		2	1-02-01-0
25	Ephraim Chamberlin	Yes	2	1-01-08-0
26	Eleazer Read	Yes	2	1-00-10-2
27	Deacon Jonathan Fletcher, Jr.	Yes	1	1-00-04-1
28	Daniel Raymond	Yes	2	1-00-03-1
29.5	Ebenezer Fletcher		2	0-19-09-3
29.5	Mr. Thomas Cummings	Yes	1	0-19-09-3
31	Moses Parker	Yes	3	0-19-08-1



TABLE III(Continued)

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"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
32	Jonas Prescott, Jr.	Yes	1	0-19-08-0
33	Lt. Timothy Fletcher	Yes	1	0-19-06-3
34	Reuben Fletcher		1	0-19-06-1
35.5	Mr. Joseph Dutton	Yes	1	0-19-03-3
35.5	Ephraim Cummings	Yes	1	0-19-03-3
37	Ephraim Hildreth, 3rd	Yes	1	0-18-11-2
38	Joseph Cummings	Yes	1	0-18-02-2
39	Jonathan Spaulding	Yes	1	0-18-01-3
40	Joshua Fletcher	Yes	3	0-17-07-3
41	John Nutting	Yes	2	0-17-07-0
42	Capt. Jonathan Minot	Yes	1	0-17-06-2
43	Francis Loughton		1	0-17-06-1
44	Leonard Procter	Yes	2	0-17-06-0
45	Sart Thomas Adams	Yes	1	0-17-04-0
46	Benjamin Read	Yes	2	0-17-01-3
47	Ens. Benjamin Carver	Yes	2	0-16-11-3
48	Zaccheus Wright	Yes	2	0-16-08-3
49	Timothy Fletcher, Jr.	Yes	1	0-16-08-1
50	Peletiah Wright	Yes	1	0-16-07-1
51.5	Ebenezer Prescott	Yes	1	0-16-06-1
51.5	Joseph Prescott	Yes	1	0-16-06-1
53.5	Thomas Heald	Yes	1	0-16-05-3
53.5	Samuel White	Yes	2	0-16-05-3
55.5	Thomas Cummings, Jr.	Yes	2	0-16-05-2
55.5	John Robbins		2	0-16-05-2
57	James Fletcher	Yes	2	0-16-01-1
58	Lt. John Robinson	Yes	1	0-15-10-0
59	John Hildreth	Yes	1	0-15-09-2
60	James Spaulding	Yes	2	0-15-09-0
61.5	John Abbot, Jr.	Yes	1	0-15-08-3
61.5	Thomas Wright	Yes	1	0-15-08-3
63	Deacon John Abbot	Yes	1	0-15-06-0

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RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	Signed 1774 <u>Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount</u> £-s-d-f
64	Joseph Wright	Yes	2	0-14-10-3
65	Daniel Keyes	Yes	2	0-14-09-2
66	Samuel Adams, Jr.	Yes	1	0-14-07-1
67	Isaac Chandler	Yes	1	0-14-06-0
68	Lt. Oliver Bates	Yes	2	0-14-04-3
69	Amos Wright	Yes	1	0-14-03-2
70	William Chandler	Yes	2	0-14-02-0
71	Jacob Robbins	Yes	1	0-14-01-2
72	Jacob Robinson	Yes	1	0-13-10-0
73	Timothy Prescott	Yes	1	0-13-09-2
74	Samuel Fitch		1	0-13-08-1
75	Thomas Read	Yes	2	0-13-06-3
76	Timothy Underwood	Yes	2	0-13-05-0
77	Amos Parlin		1	0-13-04-0
78	Jonathan Keep	Yes	2	0-13-03-3
79	William Hildreth		1	0-13-03-0
80	Solomon Spaulding	Yes	1	0-13-01-0
81	Asahel Wyman	Yes	2	0-13-00-0
82	Timothy Spaulding	Yes	2	0-12-10-2
83	Capt. Joseph Read	Yes	1	0-12-10-1
84	John Fletcher	Yes	1	0-12-09-0
85.5	Widow Lydia Brooks		1	0-12-07-1
85.5	Ephraim Wright	Yes	1	0-12-07-1
87	David Fletcher	Yes	2	0-12-07-0
88	Jonathan Fletcher, 3rd	Yes	1	0-12-06-0
89	William Spaulding	Yes	1	0-12-05-0
90	Lt. Phillip Robbins		1	0-12-04-2
91	Samuel Butterfield	Yes	1	0-12-03-1
92	Silas Read	Yes	1	0-12-02-0
94	John Bigelow	Yes	1	0-12-01-2
94	Willard Fletcher	Yes	1	0-11-09-2
95	William Butterfield , junr.	Yes	1	0-11-09-1

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"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
96	Asa Bixby	Yes	1	0-11-08-2
97	Simeon Wright	Yes	1	0-11-07-0
98	Abijah Richardson		1	0-11-05-0
99	Gershom Heald	Yes	3	0-11-04-3
100	David Dutton	Yes	1	0-11-04-2
101	Samuel Wright	Yes	1	0-10-11-2
102	Isaac Cummings	Yes	1	0-10-10-3
103	Samuel Fassett	Yes	1	0-10-09-0
104	Nathaniel Cummings		1	0-10-08-3
105	Ezekiel Procter	Yes	0	0-10-08-0
106	Mr. David Goodhue	Yes	2	0-10-06-2
107.5	John Prescott	Yes	1	0-10-05-2
107.5	John Procter	Yes	1	0-10-05-2
109	Benjamin Fletcher, Jr.	Yes	1	0-10-03-3
110	Joseph Keyes	Yes	1	0-10-01-1
111	Joshua Parker	Yes	1	0-10-00-2
112	Jeremiah Green	Yes	2	0-09-11-3
113	John Wright	Yes	1	0-09-11-2
114	Henry Richardson	Yes	1	0-09-11-0
115	Thomas Richardson	Yes	1	0-09-09-2
116	Elias Foster	Yes	2	0-09-08-1
117	Lt. Aaron Parker, Jr.		1	0-09-06-0
118	JaMES Procter	Yes	1	0-09-04-0
119	Issacher Keyes	Yes	1	0-08-08-1
120	Mr. Jonathan Fletcher	Yes	(4s-6d)	0-08-07-3
121	Josiah Boynton	Yes	1	0-08-06-3
122	Timothy Cummings	Yes	1	0-08-04-3
123	William Read	Yes	2	0-08-03-0
124.5	John Procter, Jr.		1	0-08-00-3
124.5	Amos Russel	Yes	1	0-08-00-3
126	Joshua Read	Yes	1	0-07-10-3

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RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	Signed 1774 <u>Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount</u> £-s-d-f
127	Seth Fletcher	Yes	1	0-07-10-2
128	John Read		1	0-07-10-0
129	John Hadley		2	0-06-11-3
130	Thomas Meads	Yes	1	0-06-10-3
131	Abner Wilkins	Yes	1	0-06-09-1
132	Daniel Dudley	Yes	1	0-06-08-0
133	Oliver Barrett	Yes	1	0-06-04-2
134	Thomas Smith	Yes	1	0-05-09-2
135	Jacob Wendell	Yes	1	0-05-02-0
136	Daniel Whitney	Yes	2	0-04-11-0
137	Mr. Aaron Parker		0	0-04-09-3
138	Ebenezer Foster	Yes	1	0-04-08-3
139	Benjamin Dutton	Yes	2	0-04-07-0
140	Daniel Goodhue	Yes	1	0-04-06-3
141	Josiah Spaulding	Yes	1	0-04-06-0
142	Abner Kent, Jr.	Yes	1	0-04-05-1
143.5	Eleazer Blood	Yes	1	0-04-01-0
143.5	Agnes Procter		0	0-04-01-0
145	John Hadley, Jr.	Yes	1	0-03-11-1
146	Miss Lydia Keyes		0	0-03-07-2
147	Widow Sarah Spaulding		0	0-03-05-3
148	Richard Kneeland	Yes	1	0-03-00-0
149	Widow Luce Corey		0	0-02-11-2
150	Ebenezer Parker		1	0-02-10-3
151	Samuel Keyes	Yes	1	0-02-09-1
152	William Butterfield	Yes	0	0-02-08-1
153	Ebenezer Wright	Yes	(4s-6d)	0-02-04-3
154.5	Dr. Asaph Fletcher	Yes	1	0-02-04-2
154.5	Willis Hall	Yes	1	0-02-04-2
156	Josiah Kemp		1	0-02-04-1
157.5	John GLenne		1	0-02-01-3

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"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
157.5	Widow Ruth Mead		0	0-02-01-3
159	Ephraim Hildreth[Sr.]		0	0-02-01-0
160	Widow Lydia Procter		0	0-02-00-0
161	James Blodgett	Yes	1	0-01-11-2
163.0	David Fletcher, Jr.		1	0-01-09-1
163.0	Widow Eunice Bixby		0	0-01-09-1
163.0	Joseph Dutton, Jr.	Yes	1	0-01-09-1
165	Levi Bixby	Yes	1	0-01-07-0
166	Willard Read	Yes	1	0-01-06-2
167	Thomas Richardson, Jr.	Yes	1	0-01-01-0
169.0	David Bixby	Yes	1	0-01-00-0
169.0	Ephraim Cummings, Jr.	Yes	1	0-01-00-0
169.0	Isaac Parker		1	0-01-00-0
171	Nathaniel Barrett	Yes	2	0-00-11-1
172.5	Jonas Procter		1	0-00-09-2
172.5	William Dutton		1	0-00-09-2
175.0	William Nichols	Yes	1	0-00-09-1
175.0	Wyle Richardson		1	0-00-09-1
175.0	Solomon Wheat	Yes	1	0-00-09-1
177	Josiah Fletcher		1	0-00-09-0
178	Benjamin Foster	Yes	1	0-00-07-1
179	Elijah Hildreth	Yes	1	0-00-04-0
180	Silas Bigelow	Yes	1	0-00-03-0
181	Leonard Read	Yes	1	0-00-01-2

A total of 39 men paid no money, real, or personal estate taxes, only poll taxes. All have been assigned a rank of 200.0 and are listed below as they are named first on the North List followed by the South List. No subranking because of reduced poll taxes was used.

200.0	Jacob Bixby	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Deacon Andrew Spaulding	Yes	(4s-0d)	0-00-00-0
200.0	William Chandler, Jr		1	0-00-00-0

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RANKING OF RESIDENT TAXPAYERS BY SUM OF  
"MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
200.0	Joshua Fassett		1	0-00-00-0
200.00	Samuel Farwell	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jacob Nutting		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Thomas Nutting		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jonas Prescott, 3rd	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	James Perry		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Thomas Rogers	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Peter Wright		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Benjamin Estabrook		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Levi Temple	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Ephraim Dutton	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jonas Holding		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Abraham Boynton		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Abel Corey	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	David Fish		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Simeon Kemp		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jonas Kemp		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Francis Kidder	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jonathan Minot, Jr.		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Phineas Procter		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	John Pushee	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Silas Procter		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Thaddeus Read		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Abel Russell		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Joseph Barrett		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jeremiah Temple		1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Peter Brown	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Ebenezer Corey	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Smith FOster	Yes	1	0-00-00-0

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 "MONEY TAX", PERSONAL ESTATE, & REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Covenant</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Amount £-s-d-f</u>
200.0	Calvin Blanchard	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Phillip SPaulding	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Obadiah Perry	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Jeremiah Robbins	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Francis Smith	Yes	1	0-00-00-0
200.0	Amaziah Hildreth		(3s-3d)	0-00-00-0
200.0	Silas Bigelow	Yes	1	0-00-00-0

Compiler's Note: Rank numbers with a decimal point are those shared by two or more individuals assessed exactly the same amount. Rank numbers with no decimal point are those assigned to individuals assessed a unique amount.

Table III ranks the 220 residents named in the two tax lists for 11 November 1774. Since the total taxes on possessions for residents amounted to £116-02-05-0 the average tax per resident amounted to £0-10-06-3. The median tax (one half the residents paid higher, one half paid lower) amounts to £0-10-01-1, only 2% less than the average amount.

Fischer[1] uses the term "Size Share of Top Tenth", SSTT, as a statistic to elucidate how equally wealth was distributed in Colonial American towns. The data in Table III can be used to calculate this figure. The total "possession Taxes" for the 22 highest ranked residents (the Top Tenth) amounts to £36-06-00. Dividing this by the total "Possession Taxes" for all 220 residents, stated above, and expressing the result as a percentage we find that SSTT= 31.3. Fischer[op. cit.] States: "Studies of wealth distribution have been completed for more than twenty five Massachusetts towns from 1630 to 1750, and also for at least three counties. In most of these places throughout this period, the top tenth of wealth holders

[1] Fischer, David H., Albion's Seed, pp.170-171, Oxford U. Press, (New York, 1989)

held only 20 to 30 percent of taxable property and about 30 to 40 percent of estates in Probate. The pattern of wealth distribution was egalitarian by comparison with other colonies. With a few urban exceptions such as Salem and Boston it was typical of New England and very different from other parts of British America."

In a foot-note table Fischer presents SSTT values derived for Massachusetts town using different measures of wealth. We extract herewith a few values based on taxes excluding poll taxes:

<u>Town(Year)</u>	<u>SSTT</u>
Boxford (1746)	28.8
Amherst (1759)	24.6
Leicester (1743)	33.7
Sudbury (1777)	25.0

Based on the above we conclude that in 1774 the distribution of wealth in Westford was typical of rural Massachusetts and New England.

MALE TAXPAYERS WHO DID NOT SIGN THE 1774 COVENANT

By a careful comparison of the 1774 Covenant and the two tax lists of 11 November 1774 we have ascertained that 48 of the men and the 8 women named in the Tax Lists did not sign the 1774 Covenant. As noted previously, the 1774 Covenant has no female signatures. Considering the status of women in this period, it is likely that no woman was afforded the opportunity to sign, whether they paid taxes or not. In Table IV on pages 31 and 32 we list, in alphabetical order, separated according to the Tax List on which they appeared, and have included for each name his "Rank" based on "Possession Taxes" from Table III. We reiterate that a Rank of 200.0 signifies that the individual paid only a poll tax. It appears that many who paid only a poll tax did not sign the 1774 Covenant.

In order to ascertain whether highly ranked taxpayers were more likely to have signed the 1774 Covenant we divided the ranking in Table III into quartiles. [Since there were 212 males named in the two 1774 Tax Lists each quartile comprised 53 male names.] The number of men in each quartile who did not sign the 1774 Covenant are tabulated below:

	<u>Number of men who did not sign the 1774 Covenant</u>
Top Quartile	6
2nd Quartile	7
3rd Quartile	11
Bottom Quartile	24



TABLE IV

## MEN NAMED IN 1774 TAX LISTS WHO DID NOT SIGN 1774 COVENANT

NORTH LIST	Tax Rank*	SOUTH LIST
	200.0	Joseph Barrett
	200.0	Abraham Boynton
William Chandler, Jr.	200.0	
Nathaniel Cummings	104	
	172.5	William Dutton
Benjamin Estabrook	200.0	
Joshua Fassett	200.0	
	200.0	David Fish
Mr. Samuel Fitch	74	
David Fletcher, Jr.	163.0	
Ebenezer Fletcher	29.5	
Josiah Fletcher	177	
Reuben Fletcher	34	
John Glenne, jr[?Glynn]	157.5	
	129	John Hadley
	200.0	Amaziah Hildreth
	159	Ephraim Hildreth[Senior]
	14	Phineas Hildreth
	79	William Hildreth
Jonas Holden[?Holding?]	200.0	
	200.0	Jonas Kemp
	156	Josiah Kemp
	200.0	Simeon Kemp
	12	Rogers King
	45	Francis Laighton[?Leighton?]
	200.0	Jonathan Minot, Jr.

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MEN NAMED IN 1774 TAX LISTS WHO DID NOT SIGN 1774 COVENANT

NORTH LIST	Tax Rank*	SOUTH LIST
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Jacob Nutting	200.0	
Thomas Nutting	200.0	
	137	Mr. Aaron Parker
	117	Lt. Aaron Parker, Jr.
	150	Ebenezer Parker
Isaac Parker	169	
	77	Amos Parlin
James Perry	200.0	
	124.5	John Procter, Jr.
Jonas Procter	172.5	
	200.0	Phineas Procter
	200.0	Silas Procter
	128	John Read
	200.0	Thaddeus Read
Abijah Richardson	98	
Wiley Richardson	175	
	55.5	John Robbins Jr.
	90	Phillip Robbins
	24	Zachariah Robbins
	200.0	Abel Russell
	200.0	Jeremiah Wright
Peter Wright	200.0	

\*---Ranking based on amounts assessed Westford residents for sum of money tax, real and personal estates. Excludes all poll taxes.

TABLE V

THE FOLLOWING MALES SIGNED THE WESTFORD 1774 COVENANT  
BUT ARE NOT NAMED IN THE WESTFORD TAX LISTS FOR 1774

John Barrett

(b. Westford 13 March 1757, s. Nathaniel & Abigail(Sears)Barrett)

Benjamin Beals

(may be the Benjamin Beels of Rindge, NH who m. at Groton  
11 May 1779 Anna Lawrence, prob. b. there 18 Jan. 1757  
dau. Jonathan & Esther(----)Lawrence)

Abel Boynton

(b. Westford 9 August 1755, s. Nathaniel & Rebecca(BARrett)Boynton)

Jonathan Carver

b. Westford 9 May 1751, s. Benjamin & Edee(Fletcher)Carver)

Thomas Carver

(b. Westford 4 September 1755, s. Benjamin & Edee(Fletcher)Carver)

Thomas Cummings, 3rd

(b. Westford 16 June 1757, s. Thomas & Lucy(Lawrence)Cummings)

Benjamin Dutton, Jr.

(b. Westford 12 September 1755, s. Benjamin & Mary(Rumril)Dutton)

Amos Fletcher

(b. Westford 25 June 1755 s. Amos & Mary(Perham)Fletcher)

Levi Fletcher

(b. Westford 21 September 1756, s. Joshua & Elizabeth(Raymond)Fletcher)

Nehemiah Fletcher

(b. Westford 27 November 1758, s. Amos & Mary(Perham)Fletcher)

Jonas Hadley

(b. Westford 26 May 1756, s. John & Eunice(----)Hadley)

Jonathan Hadley

(b. Westford 19 July 1754, s. John & Eunice(----)Hadley)

Amos Hardy

(married at Westford 6 August 1768 Lydia Stratton)

David Hildreth

(b. Westford 27 February 1746, s. Jacob & Abigail(Harwood)Hildreth)

Jonathan Hildreth

( b. Westford 15 September 1757 s. Ephraim & Priscilla(Barron)Hildreth)

Timothy Hildreth

(b. Westford 31 January 1756, s. Joseph & Abigail(Hill)Hildreth)

Zechariah Hildreth, Jr.

(b. Westford 13 Jan. 1754, s. Zechariah & Elizabeth(Prescott)Hildreth)

Nathaniel Holmes

Abner Kent

(Among those annexed to Westford from Groton in 1730)

TABLE V(Continued)

David Keyes

(b. Chelmsford 2 January 1724, s. Moses & Susan(Stratton)Keyes)

Israel Keyes

(b. Westford 1 February 1756, s. Daniel & ABigail(Parker)Keyes)

John Nutting, Jr.

(b. Westford 22 October 1756 s. John & Hannah(Peirce) Nutting)

Benjamin Osgood

(b. ca. 1754, m. at Westford 31 October 1778 Tryphena Cummings  
, b. Westford 5 February 1756, dau. Thmas, Jr. & Lucy(Lawrence)Cummings;  
Benjamin d. Westford 9 December 1824, a. 70 y.)

Moses Parker, Jr.

(b. Westford 14 August 1755, s. Moses & Bridget(Cummings)Parker)

Charles Procter

( b. Westford 13 September 1755, s. Philip & Phebe(Hildreth)Procter)

Abijah Read

(b. Littleton 15 July 1754, s. Peter & Betty(Hartwell)Read)

Samson Read

( b. Westford 13 May 1754, s. Joseph & Ruth(Underwood)Read)

Samuel Read, Jr.

(b. Westford 7 March 1756, s. Eleazer & Joanna(Fitch)Read)

Simeon Read

( b. Westford 9 May 1756, s. John & Abiel(Butterfield)Read)

William Read, Jr.

( b. Westford 9 July 1753, s. William & Thankful(Spaulding)Read)

Joseph Richardson

Ephraim Spaulding

( b. Westford 24 May 1742, s. Andrew & Hannah(----)Spaulding)

Silas Spaulding

( b. Westford 25 March 1757, s. James & Ame(Underwood)Spaulding)

John Underwood

( b. Westford 1 August 1757, s. John & Hannah(Wright)Underwood)

Joseph Underwood

( b. Westford 1 August 1757, s. Timothy & Rachel(Russel)Underwood)

Solomon Wheat, Jr.

( m. Westford 31 October 1769 Hannah Richardson)

Daniel Whitney, Jr.

( bp. Westford 20 February 1757, s. Daniel Whitney)

Ebenezer Willis

( 5 children bp. at Westford starting in 1762)

Joseph Wright, Jr.

(b. Westford 3 March 1758, s. Joseph & Dorothy(Heald)Wright)

Stephen Wright

(b. Westford 18 May 1758, s. Henry, Jr. & Sarah(Spaulding)Wright)

TABLE VI

INHABITANTS WHO WERE ASSESSED EXTRA POLLS IN THE 1774 TAX LISTS, AND  
THEIR SONS WHO WERE BORN BETWEEN 1754 AND 1758

	1774 Tax Lists		Signed 1774 Covenant	
	List	Rank	Yes	No
<u>Nathaniel(a. 50 y.) &amp; Abigail(Searle)Barrett</u> John, b. Westford 3 May 1757	N	171	X	
<u>Capt. Oliver)a. 53 y.) &amp; Ruth(Wright)Bates</u> None	N	68	X	
<u>Nathaniel(a. 50 y.) &amp; Rebecca(Barrett)Boynton</u> Abel, b. Westford 14 May 1755	N	18	X	
<u>Lydia(Heywood)Brooks, widow of Josiah Brooks</u> Josiah, b. Westford 21 June 1756	N	85.5		X
<u>Benjamin(a. 52 y.) &amp; Edea(Fletcher)Carver</u> Thomas, b. Westford 4 September 1755	S	47	X	X
<u>Ephraim(a. 49 y.) &amp; Esther(Boynton)Chamberlin</u> Ephraim, b. Westford 5 March 1756 Nehemiah, b. Westford 21 December 1758	N	25	[A] [A]	X
<u>William(a. 55 y.) &amp; Dorcas(Blood)Chandler</u> Silas, b. Westford 6 May 1755	N	70		X
<u>Thomas,Jr.*a. 40 y.) &amp; Lucy(Lawrence)Cummings</u> Thomas,3rd, b. Westford 16 June 1757	N	55.5	X	X
<u>Benjamin(a. 55 y.) &amp; Mary(Rumril)Dutton</u> Benjamin, Jr., b. Westford 12 Sept.[?Oct.?] 1755	N	139	X	X
<u>Capt. Amos(a. 57 y.) &amp; Mary(Perham)Fletcher</u> Amos, b. Westford 5 June 1755 Nehemiah, b. Westford 27 November 1758	N	5	X	X

[a]-- Only one Ephraim Chamberlin signed the 1774 Covenant, which one?

TABLE VI (Continued)

INHABITANTS WHO WERE ASSESSED EXTRA POLLS IN THE 1774 TAX LISTS, AND  
THEIR SONS WHO WERE BORN BETWEEN 1754 and 1758

	List	1774 Tax Lists		Signed 1774 Covenant	
		Rank	Polls	Yes	No
<u>David(A. 57 y.) &amp; Mary(Butterfield)Fletcher</u> Soloman. b. Westford 2 July 1758	N	87	2	X	X
<u>Ebenezer(a. 49 y.) &amp; Joanna(Stearns)Fletcher</u> Josiah, b. Westford 7 July 1757	N	29.5	2	X	X
<u>JAMES(a. 31 y.) &amp; Rebecca(Prescott)Fletcher</u> None	N	57	2	X	
<u>Joshua(a. 43 y.) &amp; Elizabeth(Raymond)Fletcher</u> Levi, b. Westford 21 September 1756 Lyman, b. Westford 12 June 1758	N	40	3	X	X
<u>Samuel(a. 68 y.) &amp; Mary(Lawrence)Fletcher</u> Samuel, b. Westford 24 January 1754 Samson, b. Westford 24 August 1758	S	1	3	X	X
<u>Elias(a. 58 y.) &amp; Abigail(Wheeler)Foster</u> Samuel, b. Westford 16 August 1756	S	116	2	X	X
<u>David(a. 32 y.) &amp; Esther(Prescott)Goodhue</u> None, they m. at Westford 6 November 1767	N	106	2	X	
<u>Nehemiah(a. 30 y.) &amp; Eunice(----)Green</u> None, based on his age	S	112	2	X	
<u>John(a.? y.) &amp; Eunice(----)Hadley</u> Jonathan, b. Westford 19 July 1754 Jonas, b. Westford 26 May 1756	S	129	2	X	X
<u>Gershom(a. 47 y.) &amp; Hannah(Blood)Heald</u> Ephraim, b. Westford 6 November 1753 Oliver, b. Westford 31 March 1758	N	99	3	X	X

TABLE VI (Continued)

INHABITANTS WHO WERE ASSESSED EXTRA POLLS IN THE 1774 TAX LISTS, AND  
THEIR SONS WHO WERE BORN BETWEEN 1754 and 1758

	1774 Tax Lists			Signed 1774 Covenant	
	List	Rank	Polls	Yes	No
<u>Ephraim, Jr.(a. 55 y.) &amp; Priscilla(Barron)Hildreth</u> Jonathan, b. Westford 15 September 1757	S	16	2	X	
<u>Hosea(a. 30 y.) &amp; Experience(Keep)Hildreth</u> None, m. at Westford 22 June 1769	S	10	2	X	
<u>Zechariah(a. 46 y.) &amp; Elizabeth(Prescott)Hildreth</u> Zechariah, Jr., b. Westford 3 June 1754	S	13	2	X	
<u>Jonathan(a. 29 y.) &amp; Hannah(Hildreth)Keep</u> None, m. at Westford 26 July 1769	N	78	2	X	
<u>Daniel(a. 43 y.) &amp; Abigail(Procter)Keyes</u> Israel, b. Westford 1 February 1756 Jacob, b. Westford 4 February 1758	S	65	2	X	X
<u>John(a. 68 y.) &amp; Hannah(Read)Nutting</u> John, b. Westford 22 Oct. 1756 Thomas, b. Westford 10 December 1758	N	41	2	X	X
<u>Moses(A. 56 y.) &amp; Bridget(Cummings)Parker</u> Moses, Jr., b. Westford 14 August 1755 John, b. Westford 12 July 1757	S	31	3	X	X
<u>Leonard(a. 39 y.) &amp; Lydia(Nutting)Procter</u> None, m. at Westford September 1760	N	44	2	X	
<u>Daniel(a.? y.) &amp; Lucy(Wooley)Raimond</u> poss. John, b. elsewhere, m. Westford 1788	s	28	2	X	X
<u>Benjamin(a. 42 y.) &amp; Abigail(Fassett)Read</u> Abel, b. Westford 7 March 1756 Benjamin, Jr., b. Westford 17 September 1758	N	46	2	X	X

TABLE VI (Continued)

INHABITANTS WHO WERE ASSESSED EXTRA POLLS IN THE 1774 TAX LISTS, AND  
THEIR SONS WHO WERE BORN BETWEEN 1754 and 1758

	1774 Tax Lists			Signed 1774 Covenant	
	List	Rank	Polls	Yes	No
<u>Eleazer(a. 43 y.) &amp; Joanna(Fitch)Read</u>	N	@	@	X	
<u>Samuel, b. Westford 7 March 1756</u>				X	
<u>Samuel (a. 63 y.) &amp; Hannah(Wright)(Underwood)Read</u>	N	11	2	X	
None					
<u>Thomas(a. 41 y.) &amp; Susanna(Dutton)Read</u>	N	75	2	[B]	X
<u>Stephen, b. Westford 26 March 1754</u>					
<u>William(a. 49 y.) &amp; Thankful(Spaulding)Read</u>	S	123123	2	X	X
<u>Oliver, b. Westford 15 August 1756</u>					
<u>John(a. 47 y.) &amp; Sarah(Davis)Robbins</u>	N	55.5	2	X	X
<u>Peter, b. Westford 18 March 1755</u>					
<u>Zechariah(a. 54 y.) &amp; Elizabeth(Procter)Robbins</u>	S	24	2		X
<u>Zechariah, Jr., b. Westford 16 March 1756</u>					X
<u>Benjamin, b. Westford 10 July 1758</u>					X
<u>James(a. 60 y.) &amp; Ama(Underwood)Spaulding</u>	N	60	2	[C]	
<u>Silas, b. Westford 28 March 1757</u>					X
<u>Timothy(a. 33 y.) &amp; Hannah(Richardson)Spaulding</u>	N	82	2	X	
<u>None, m. at Westford 4 August 1763</u>					
<u>Timothy(a. 50 y.) &amp; Rachel(Russel)Underwood</u>	S	76	2	X	
<u>Joseph, b. Westford 1 August 1757</u>					X
<u>Samuel White(a. 30 y.)</u>	S	53.5	2	X	
<u>None, he m. (1) in 1773 and m.(2) in 1775</u>					

[B] ONE of 3 Thomas Reads signed the 1774 Covenantm but which one?

[C]-- One of 2 James Spauldings signed the 1774 Covenant, but which one?



TABLE VI (Continued)  
 INHABITANTS WHO WERE ASSESSED EXTRA POLLS IN THE 1774 TAX LISTS, AND  
 THEIR SONS WHO WERE BORN BETWEEN 1754 and 1758

	1774 Tax Lists		Signed 1774 Covenant	
	List	Rank	Yes	No
<u>DANIEL(a. 50 y.) &amp; Hannah(Hildreth)Whitney</u> Daniel, Jr., b. Westford 20 February 1757	S	136	X	
<u>Henry(a. 42 y.) &amp; Sarah(SPaulding)Wright</u> Steven, b. Westford, 18 May 1758	N	23	X	
<u>Joseph(a. 38 y.) &amp; Dorothy(Heald)Wright</u> Joseph, b. Westford 3[?4?] March 1758	N	64	X	
<u>Zaccheus(a. 36 y.) &amp; Rachel(Parker)Wright</u> None VR Westford list no birth to them	N	48	X	
<u>Asahel(a.? y.) &amp; Rebecca(----)Wyman</u> Earliest Westford birth is 1763	N	81	X	

We can identify in Table VI twelve young men born in Westford during 1758. For one half of these their fathers were assessed an extra poll, while for the other half the fathers were not so assessed. It is instructive to arrange these chronologically by birth date, and to separate them according to whether or not they elicited an additional poll, as below:

<u>Father Assessed An Extra Poll</u>	<u>Signed 1774 Cove't</u>	<u>Father Not Assessed An Extra Poll</u>
	No	Jacob Keyes, b. 4 February
Joseph Wright, b. 3 March	Yes	
Oliver Wright, b. 31 March	No	
Steven Wright, b. 8 May	Yes	
Lyman Fletcher, b. 12 June	No	
Solomon Fletcher, b. 2 July	No	
	No	Benj. Robbins, Jr., b. 10 July
SAMSON Fletcher, b. 24 August	No	
	No	Benj. Read, Jr., b. 17 September
	Yes	Nehemiah Fletcher, b. 17 Nov.
	No	Thomas Nutting, b. 10 Dec.
	No	Nathaniel Chamberlin, b. 21 Dec.

We know from our study of the records of colonial Westford that an early part of the assessment process each year was for one or more of the Assessors to "Collect Invoices" from the Inhabitants. These identified for each taxpayer their real property, personal property including the number of horses, cows, swine, sheep, and amount of "money." They also must have the number of males, then aged sixteen through twenty years in the household. These "invoices" were used to generate Tax Lists then called "The Single Rate." While no "Invoices" or "Single Rate lists exist for 1774 in Westford, the above tabulation suggests that the Assessors may have taken the "Invoices" about the first of September 1774 when Samson Fletcher had just turned sixteen, and Benjamin Read was about two weeks shy of sixteen. We can postulate that the fathers of Jacob Keyes and Benjamin Robbins, Jr did not include them in their "Invoices" for one of two reasons, either they were not residing in their household, but were residing in the household of another Inhabitant (Such as Zaccheus Wright) who was assessed an extra poll, but had no son of the appropriate age, as noted above, or they had emigrated from Westford. This postulate is based on the assumption that the fathers, Daniel Keyes and Zachariah Robbins were not making a deliberate attempt to avoid paying another poll tax.

The above tabulation indicates that the youngest signer of the 1774 Covenant, Nehemiah Fletcher was only fifteen years, 7 months of age at the time, while many others aged sixteen through twenty did not sign the Covenant. This raised the question as to whether there were other young men in this age group who did not sign the Covenant. In an attempt to answer this the BIRTHS SECTION OF THE VOLUME, Vital Records of Westford, Mass. was scanned line by line for males born during 1754 through 1758. We eliminated from the list any males for which an entry in the DEATHS section of that volume indicated that they had died before 4 July 1774. We have tabulated these young men in Table VII. The Table is in alphabetical order by surname, and within surname by Christian name of the father. [See pages 43-46]

It is recognized that many of the young men listed in Table VII may have emigrated elsewhere before 1774, particularly if the parents had emigrated. For example, History of Westford, Mass. by Rev. E. R. Hodgman (Lowell, Mass., 1883) states that Ebenezer Stone and his family emigrated to Ashby. We also know from our study of PRESCOTT genealogy that Benjamin<sup>6</sup> (Oliver<sup>5</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>, Jonas<sup>302</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) emigrated to Jaffrey, NH and is listed as residing there in 1775 in his marriage entry in the volume Vital Records of Chelmsford, Mass. WE note however of the 34 young males listed in Table VII 12 had fathers named in the 1774 Westford Tax Lists. The marriages of seven of these twelve are also recorded at Westford. Based on either (or both) of these criteria, (a) father named in 1774 Tax List, (b) marriage recorded at Westford, we postulate that the following were resident in Westford in 1774:

Jonathan Adams, b. Westford 3 March 1757  
 Jonas Blodgett, b. Westford 4 August 1757  
 m. at Westford 25 July 1781 Sarah Fletcher  
 Joshua Fletcher, b. Westford 6 September 1756  
 Reuben Fletcher, b. Westford 25 March 1755  
 Hezekiah Hildreth, b. Westford 10 October 1758  
 m. at Westford 29 January 1781 Esther Parlin  
 Amos Read, b. Westford 31 March 1754  
 m. at Westford 27 February 1790 Rachel Prescott of Groton  
 Elnathan Read, b. Westford 12 October 1758  
 m. at Westford 4 August 1781 Anna Prescott  
 Phillip Robbins, Jr., b. Westford 12 June 1757  
 m. at Groton 22 November 1792 Ruth Peirce  
 Ephraim Smith, b. Westford 20 November 1756  
 John Underwood, b. Westford 29 October 1755  
 m. at Westford 3 April 1779 Mary Fassett

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TABLE VII  
 MALES BORN AT WESTFORD BETWEEN 1754 AND 1758  
 NOT INCLUDED IN TABLE VI, AND WHO DID NOT SIGN THE 1774 COVENANT  
 [Listed alphabetically by parents]

	1774 Tax Lists			Signed	
	List	Rank	Polls	Yes	No
<u>Samuel, Jr.(a. 42 y.) &amp; Elizabeth(Blod)</u> Adams Jonathan, b. Westford 3 March 1757	N	66	1	X	X
<u>James(a. 41 y.) &amp; Abigail(Keyes)</u> Blodgett Jonas, b. Westford 4 August 1757; m. at Westford 25 July 1781 Sarah Fletcher	S	161	1	X	X
<u>Robert(a. 58 y.) &amp; Joanna(Parker)</u> Butterfield James, b. Westford 23 April 1755	Not listed				X
<u>Samuel, Jr.(a. 53?) &amp; Sarah(Tinney)</u> Chamberlin Wilder, b. Westford 11 July 1754	Not listed				X
<u>Moses(a. 54 y.) &amp; Dorothy(Marble)</u> Chandler Moses, b. Westford 27 August 1757	Not listed				X
<u>Enoch(a. ? y.) &amp; Martha(Butterfield)</u> Cleaveland Enoch, b. Westford 26 July 1754	Not listed				X
<u>John(a. ? y.) &amp; Hannah(Davis)</u> Cowdrey David, b. Westford 11 April 1756	Not listed				X
<u>Gershom(a. 62 y.) &amp; Lydia(Townsend)</u> Fletcher Joshua, b. Westford 6 September 1756	S	17	1	X	X
<u>Reuben(a. 54 y.) &amp; Susanna(Chandler)</u> Fletcher William, b. Westford 25 March 1755	N	34	1		X
<u>Ebenezer(a. ? y.) &amp; Abigail(Spaulling)</u> Hadley Ebenezer, Jr., b. Westford 20 October 1755	Not listed				X

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 NOT INCLUDED IN TABLE VI, AND WHO DID NOT SIGN THE 1774 COVENANT  
 [Listed alphabetically by parents]

	1774 Tax Lists			Signed 1774 Covenant	
	List	Rank	Polls	Yes	No
<u>Ephraim, 3rd(a. 49 y.) &amp; Elizabeth(French)Hildreth</u> Hezekiah, b. Westford 10 October 1758, m. Westford 29 January 1781 Esther Parlin	S	37	1	X	X
<u>Joseph, 3rd(a. 51 y.) &amp; Lydia(Fletcher)Hildreth</u> Jesse Hildreth, b. Westford 17 February 1757	Not listed				X X X
<u>Joseph, Jr.(a. ? y.) &amp; Ruth(Powers)Hooker</u> John, b. Westford 5 October 1758	Not listed				X X
<u>Samuel(a. ? y.) &amp; Elizabeth(Keyes)Horsley</u> John, b. Westford 20 February 1755	Not listed				X X
<u>Samuel(a. ? y.) &amp; Mary(Hildreth)Lawrence</u> William, b. Westford 3 June 1757	Not Listed				X X
<u>Oliver(a. 49 y.) &amp; Bethia(Underwood)Prescott</u> Benjamin, b. Westford 15 March 1754; he, then of Jaffrey, NH, m. at Chelmsford 3 April 1775 Rachel Adams	N	19	1	X	
<u>Rebecca Procter[no father stated]</u> Asa, bp. Westford 21 September 1755	Not listed				X X X
<u>Joseph(a. 58 y.) &amp; Ruth(Underwood)Read</u> Amos, b. Westford 31 May 1754, m. at Westford 22 Feb. 1790 Rachel Prescott, Groton	N	83	1	X	
<u>Joshua(a. 37 y.) &amp; Mary(Spaulding)Read</u> Elnathan, b. Westford 12 October 1758, m. at Westford 4 August 1781 Anna Prescott	N	126	1	X	X

TABLE VII(Continued)  
 MALES BORN AT WESTFORD BETWEEN 1754 AND 1758  
 NOT INCLUDED IN TABLE VI, AND WHO DID NOT SIGN THE 1774 COVENANT  
 [Listed alphabetically by parents]

	1774 Tax Lists		Signed 1774 Covenant	
	List	Rank	Yes	No
Thomas(a. ? y.) & Rebecca(Read)Richardson	Not listed			X
Wiley, b. Westford 14 April 1754, poss. m. at Andover 15 May 1782 Frances Poor of Andover				X
Joseph(a. 57? y.) & Mary(Chamberlain)Robbins	Not listed			X
Joseph, b. Westford 28 March 1756				X
Phillip(a. 49 y.) & Anna(Minot)Robbins	S	90		X
Phillip, Jr., b. Westford 12 June 1757, m. Groton 22 November 1792 Ruth Peirce				X
Thomas(a. ca 36 y.) & Lydia(----)Smith	N	134	X	
Ephraim, b. Westford 20 November 1756				X
Leonard(a. 46 y.) & Margaret(----)Spaulding	Not listed			X
Reuben, b. Westford 19 December 1756				X
Ebenezer(a. ? y.) & Sarah(----)Stone	Not listed			X
Ebenezer, Jr., b. Westford 30 January 1754				X
John, b. Westford 19 October 1756				X
Timothy, b. Westford 1758				X
John, (a. 47 y.) & Hannah(Wright)Underwood	Not listed			X
Thomas, b. Westford 11 August 1754				X
John, b. Westford 29 October 1755, m. at Westford 3 April 1779 Mary Fasset				X

TABLE VII(Continued)  
 MALES BORN AT WESTFORD BETWEEN 1754 AND 1758  
 NOT INCLUDED IN TABLE VI, AND WHO DID NOT SIGN THE 1774 COVENANT  
 [Listed alphabetically by parents]

	1774 Tax Lists			Signed 1774 Covenant	
	List	Rank	Polls	Yes	No
Jacob(a. 42 y.) & Lucy(Butterfield)Wright Jacob, b. Westford 9 December 1758	Not listed				X
John(a. 51 y.) & Mary(---)Wright Isaac, b. Westford 4 September 1754, m. at Chelmsford 3 Oct. 1776 Sybil Taylor Nehemiah, b. Westford 12 October 1756 Oliver, b. at Westford 4 September 1758, m. at Westford 30 March 1797 Dolly Prescott	N	113	1	X	X
Simeon(A. 56 y.) & Dorcas(Hildreth)Wright James, b. Westford 5 January 1754. m. at Westford 19 April 1781 Mary Minot	S	97	1	X	X

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Isaac Wright, b. Westford 4 September 1754  
m. at Chelmsford 13 October 1776 Sybil Taylor

Nehemiah Wright, b. Westford 12 October 1756

Oliver Wright, b. Westford 4 September 1758  
m. at Westford 30 March 1797 Dolly Prescott

Simeon Wright, b. Westford 5 January 1754  
m. at Westford 19 April 1781 Mary Minot

We recognize that the above listing may be in error. We suggest that the entries for the thirty four young men named in Table VII to be found in the Appendix be consulted for any additional information we found . We note that eighteen of these young men have entries in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War.



## A P P E N D I X

This Appendix is in two parts. Both parts relate only to the following persons:

- (1) Those persons named in the 1774 Tax Lists for Westford.
- (2) Signers of the Westford 1774 Covenant (All were male.)
- (3) Males whose Birth entries in Vital Records of Westford, Mass. fall in 1754 through 1758 and for whom there is no Death entry before 4 July 1774 in the same volume.

The first part is the APPENDIX TABLE in which the entries are arranged alphabetically by surname, then within surname by Christian name. Also included are the person's age on the birthday in 1774, which Tax List they appear on and their Tax Rank, whether they signed the 1774 Covenant and whether we found an entry in Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, hereafter MSSRW.

The second part of the Appendix, arranged in the same order as the APPENDIX TABLE, consists of brief biographical on each person including birth, death and marriage dates, parents, the Tax List on which they are named, how much they paid in each category of taxes, the Tax Ranking, whether they signed the 1774 Covenant and where, and a complete transcript of any entry found in MSSRW. In compiling this information we have made extensive use of the volumes of the uniform series of Vital Records for Massachusetts towns, particularly those for Charlestown, Chelmsford, Concord, Dunstable, Groton, Lancaster, Littleton, and Westford. In some instances Hodgman's History of the Town of Westford, Mass. provided useful guidance on the destinations of emigres from Westford. We have used the Genealogical Section in Hodgman sparingly since we have found in earlier research that it contains many errors.

The seventeen volume Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War is a compilation from the Massachusetts Archives prepared and published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth in accordance with Chapter 100, Resolves of 1891. It was published in Boston in 1908. Some people seem to have more than one entry, particularly when the surname is subject to multiple spellings. When there are multiple entries for the same surname and the same Christian name, and both entries indicate Westford origin, it is difficult to decide which applies to the senior and which to the junior person. In our transcriptions we have included the volume and page on which the entry may be found. CAUTION: THIS APPENDIX DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL ENTRIES FOR WESTFORD MEN WHO SERVED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, ONLY THOSE FALLING IN ONE OR MORE OF THE THREE CATEGORIES LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE.

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	Age, yrs.	Taxes		Signed 1774 Cove't	MSSRW Entry
		List	Rank		
Gershom Fletcher	62	S	27	Yes	No
James Fletcher	31	N	57	Yes	Yes
Jeremiah Fletcher	18	Not listed		No	Yes
Jesse Fletcher	17	Not listed		No	Yes
John Fletcher	23	N	84	Yes	Yes
Jonathan Fletcher	84	N	120	Yes	No
Jonathan Fletcher, Jr.	30	S	26	Yes	No
Jonathan Fletcher, 3rd	38	N	88	Yes	Yes
Joshua Fletcher	43	S	40	Yes	Yes?
Joshua Fletcher	18	Not listed		No?	Yes?
Josiah Fletcher	25	N	78	No	Yes
Levi Fletcher	18	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Lyman Fletcher	16	Not listed		No	No
Nehemiah Fletcher	16	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Capt. Peletiah Fletcher	47	N	2	Yes	Yes
Peter Fletcher, Littleton	41	N	Non Resident		Yes
Reuben Fletcher	54	N	34	No	No
Sampson Fletcher	16	Not listed		No	Yes
Capt. Samuel Fletcher	68	N	1	Yes	No
Samuel Fletcher	20	Not listed		No	No
Seth Fletcher	30	S	127	Yes	No
Solomon Fletcher	16	Not listed		No	Yes
Thomas Fletcher	36	N	8	Yes	No
Timothy Fletcher	67	N	33	Yes	No
Timothy Fletcher, Jr.	65	N	49	Yes	No
Willard Fletcher	25	N	94	Yes	Yes
Capt. William Fletcher	72	S	22	Yes	No
William Fletcher	19	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Benjamin Forster	61	S	178	Yes	No
Ebenezer Foster	30	S	138	Yes	Yes
Elias Foster, Jr.	58	S	116	Yes?	Yes?
Samuel Foster	18	Not Listed		No	Yes
Smith Foster	17	Not listed		No	Yes
John Glenne, Dunstable	?	N	Non Resident		Yes
John Glenne, Jr.	23	N	57.5	No	Yes
Daniel Goodhue	24?	N	140	Yes	Yes
Mr. David Goodhue	32	N	106	Yes	Yes
Nehemiah Green	30	S	112	Yes	Yes
Ebenezer Hadley, Jr.	19	Not listed		No	No
John Hadley [Sr.]	55	S	127	Yes	No
John Hadley, Jr.	28 <sup>1/2</sup>	N	145	Yes	Yes
Jonas Hadley	18	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Jonathan Hadley	20	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Willis Hall	27	N	154.5	Yes	No
Amos Hardy	24?	Not listed		Yes	Yes

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	Age, yrs.	Taxes		Signed 1774 Cove't	MSSRW Entry
		List	Rank		
Jonathan Harwood, Chelmsford	?	S	Non Resident		No
James Haywood, Chelmsford	?	N	Non Resident		No
Ephraim Heald	21		Not listed	No	Yes
Gershom Heald	47	N	99	Yes	No?
Oliver Heald	16		Not listed	No	Yes
Thomas Heald	67	S	53.5	Yes	No
Amaziah Hildreth	35	S	200.0	No	Yes
Amos Hildreth	36	S	4	Yes	No
David Hildreth	28		Not listed	Yes	No
Elijah Hildreth	24	S	179	Yes	Yes
[Mr.] Ephraim Hildreth	74	S	159	No	No
Ephraim Hildreth, Jr.	55	S	16	Yes	No
Ephraim Hildreth, 3rd	49	S	37	Yes	Yes
Hezekiah Hildreth	16		Not listed	No	Yes
Hosea Hildreth	30	S	10	Yes	Yes
Jesse Hildreth	16		Not listed	No	No
John Hildreth	36	S	59	Yes	Yes
Jonathan Hildreth	17		Not listed	Yes	Yes
Mr. Joseph Hildreth	79		[Lined out]	No	No
Phinehas Hildreth	49	S	14	No	No
Timothy Hildreth	18		Not listed	No	No
William Hildreth	34	S	79	No	Yes
Zechariah Hildreth	46	S	13	Yes	Yes
Zechariah Hildreth, Jr.	20		Not listed	Yes	Yes
Jonas Holden	23	N	200.0	No	Yes
Nathaniel Holmes	?		Not listed	Yes	Yes
John Hooker	16		Not listed	No	No
John Horsley	19		Not listed	No	Yes
Jonathan Keep	29	N	78	Yes	No
Jonas Kemp	29	S	200.0	No	Yes
Josiah Kemp	44	S	156	No	No
Simeon Kemp	24	S	200.0	No	Yes
Abner Fent	?		Not listed	Yes	No
Abner Kent, Jr.	37	N	142	Yes	Yes?
Daniel Keyes	43	S	65	Yes	No
David Keyes	50		Not listed	Yes	Yes
Israel Keyes	18		Not listed	Yes	No
Issacher Keyes	27	S	119	Yes	No
Jacob Keyes	16		Not listed	No	No
Jonathan Keyes	53	N	3	Yes	No
Joseph Keyes	28	N	10	Yes	No
Miss Lydia Keyes	51	N	146	No	No
Samuel Keyes	51	S	151	Yes	Yes
Francis Kidder	22	S	200.0	Yes	Yes
Capt. Thomas Kidder	57	S	9	Yes	Yes

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	Age, yrs.	Taxes		Signed 1774 Cove't	MSSRW Entry
		List	Rank		
Rogers King	48	S	12	No	Yes
Richard Kneeland	22	N	48	Yes	No
Francis Loughton	40	N	43	No	No
William Lawrence	17	Not listed		No	No
Wid. Ruth Mead	65	S	157.5	No	No
Thomas Mead	33	S	130	Yes	No
Capt. Jonathan Minot	51	N	42	Yes	Yes
Jonathan Minor, Jr.	25	N	200.0	No	Yes
William Nichols	27	N	200.0	Yes	No
Jacob Nutting	27	N	200.0	No	Yes
John Nutting	68	N	41	Yes	No
John Nutting, Jr.	18	Not listed.		Yes	Yes
Thomas Nutting	24	N	200.0	No	Yes
Benjamin Osgood	20	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Mr. Aaron Parker	85?	S	137	No	No
Aaron Parker, Jr.	35	S	117	No	Yes
David Parker	17	Not Listed		No	Yes
Ebenezer Parker	25	S	150	No	Yes
Isaac Parker	43	N	169.0	No	Yes
John Parker	17	Not Listed		No	Yes
Joshua Parker	34	S	111	Yes	Yes
Moses Parker	19	Not Listed		Yes	Yes
Amos Parlin	?	S	77	Yes	Yes
James Perry	?	N	200.0	No	Yes
Obadiah Perry	22?	S	200.0	Yes	Yes
James Pollard	66	N	6	Yes	No
Abigail Prescott, Groton	43	N Non Resident			No
Benjamin Prescott	20	Not listed		No	No
Ebenezer Prescott	27	N	51.5	Yes	No
John Prescott	22	N	107.5	Yes	Yes
Jonas Prescott, Esq.	71	N	15	Yes	No
Jonas Prescott, Jr.	47	N	32	Yes	No
Jonas Prescott, 3rd	23	N	200.0	Yes	Yes
Joseph Prescott	25	N	51.5	Yes	Yes
Oliver Prescott	49	N	19	Yes	No
Timothy Prescott	46	N	73	Yes	Yes
Agnes Procter	71	S	143.5	No	No
Asa Procter	19	Not listed		No	No
Charles Procter	19	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Daniel Procter, Chelmsford	68	S Non Resident			No?
Elijah Procter, Chelmsford	38	S Non Resident			Yes
Ezekiel Procter	65	S	105	Yes	No
James Procter	54	S	118	Yes	No
John Procter	80	S	104.5	Yes?	No
John Procter, Jr.	41	S	104.5	Yes?	No

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	Age, yrs.	Taxes		Signed 1774	MSSRW
		List	Rank	Cove't	Entry
Jonas Procter	25	N	172.5	No	No
Leonard Procter	39	S	44	Yes	Yes
Widow Lydia Procter	66	S	160	No	No
Nathan Procter	76	S	7	Yes	No
Phinehas Procter	52	S	200.0	No	No
Silas Procter	24	S	200.0	No	Yes
John Pushee	26	S	200.0	Yes	Yes
Daniel Raymond	?	S	28	Yes?	No
Abel Read	18	Not listed		No	Yes
Abijah Read	20	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Amos Read	20	Not listed		No	No
Benjamin Read[Sr.]	42	N	46	Yes	No
Benjamin Read,Jr.	14	Not listed		No	Yes
Eleazer Read	43	N	26	Yes	No
Elnathan Read	16	Not listed		No	Yes
John Read	34	S	128	Yes	No
Capt. Joseph Read	58	N	83	Yes	Yes
Joshua Read	37	N	126	Yes	Yes
Leonard Read	24	N	200.0	Yes	Yes
Oliver Read	18	Not listed		No	Yes
Samson Read	20	Npt listed		Yes	Yes
Samuel Read[Sr.]	63	N	11	Yes	No
Samuel Read, Jr.	18	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Samuel Read, Littleton	?	S Non Resident			Yes
Silas Read	37	S	92	Yes	No
Simeon Read	18	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Stephen Read	20	Not listed		No	Yes
Thaddeus Read	32	S	200.0	No	Yes
Thomas Read	31	N	25	Yes	Yes
Willard Read	28	S	165	Yes	No
William Read[Sr.]	25	S	123	Yes	Yes
William Read, Jr.	21	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Abijah Richardson	26	N	98	No	Yes
Eleazer Richardson,Chelmsford	56	N Non Resident			No
Henry Richardson	60	N	114	Yes	No
Joseph Richardson	?	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Josiah Richardson,Chelmsford	40	N Non Resident			Yes
Sarah Richardson,Chelmsford	41	N Non Resident			No
Thomas Richardson	27	S	115	Yes	No
Thomas Richardson,Jr.	23	N	167	Yes	No
Wyle Richardson	21	N	200.0	No	Yes
Benjamin Robbins	16	Not listed		No	Yes
Jacob Robbins[Sr.]	45	S	71	Yes	Yes
Jacob Robbins,Jr.	12	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Jeremiah Robbins	21	S	200.0	Yes	Yes

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	Age, yrs.	Taxes		Signed 1774 Cove't	MSSRW Entry
		List	Rank		
John Robbins	47	S	55.5	NO	NO
Joseph Robbins	18?	Not Listed		No	Yes
Peter Robbins	19	Not listed		No	Yes
Phillip Robbins	49	S	90	No	Yes
Phillip Robbins, Jr.	17	Not listed		No	Yes
Ens. Zecharish Robbins[sr.]	54	S	24	No	Yes
Zechariah Robbins, Jr.	18	Not listed		No	Yes
Jacob Robinson	64?	S	72	Yes	No
Lieut. John Robinson	39	S	58	Yes	Yes
Thomas Rogers	24?	N	200.0	Yes	Yes
Abel Russell	21	S	200.0	No	Yes
Amos Russell	47	S	145	Yes	Yes
Ephraim Smith	18	Not listed		No	No
Francis Smith	21	S	200.0	Yes	Yes
Thomas Smith	36?	N	134	Yes	Yes
Dea. Andrew Spaulding	73	N	200.0	Yes	No
David Spaulding, Chelmsford	57	N	Non Resident	Yes	Yes
Ephraim Spaulding	32	Not listed		Yes	Yes
James Spaulding	60	N	60	Yes	No
Jonathan Spaulding	43	N	37	Yes	No
Josiah Spaulding	68	N	141	Yes	No
Levi Spaulding	16	Not listed		No	No
Phillip Spaulding	38?	S	200.0	YES	Yes
Reuben Spaulding	18	Not listed		NO	No
Widow Sarah Spaulding	62	N	147	No	No
Silas Spaulding	17	Not listed		No	Yes
Solomon Spaulding	26	N	80	Yes	Yes
Timothy Spaulding	33	N	82	Yes	Yes
William Spaulding	37	N	89	Yes	Yes
Simeon Stevens, Chelmsford	39	N	Non Resident		No
Ebenezer Stone	20	Not listed		No	Yes
John Stone	18	Not listed		No	Yes
Timothy Stone	16	Not listed		No	Yes
Jeremiah Temple	?	S	200.0	No	Yes
LEVI Temple	?	N	200.0	Yes	Yes
John Tuttle, Jr., Littleton	31	S	Non Resident		Yes
Samson Tuttle, Littleton	36	S	Non Resident		No
John Underwood	19	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Joseph Underwood	17	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Thomas Underwood	20	Not listed		No	No
Capt. Timothy Underwood	50	N	76	Yes	Yes
Benjamin Warren, Littleton	?	S	Non Resident		Yes
Jacob Wendell	?	N	135	Yes	Yes
Solomon Wheat	?	S	176.0	Yes	No
Solomon Wheat, Jr.	?	Not listed		Yes	No

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	Age, yrs.	Taxes		Signed 1774 Cove't	MSSRW Entry
		List	Rank		
Samuel White	30	S	53.5	Yes	Yes
Daniel Whitney	50?	S	136	Yes	No?
Daniel Whitney, Jr.	16?	S	Not listed	Yes	Yes
Abner Wilkins	?	N	131	Yes	No
Ebenezer Willis	?		Not listed	Yes	No
Amos Wright	30	N	69	Yes	Yes
Ebenezer Wright	28	N	153	Yes	Yes
Ephraim Wright	48	N	85.5	Yes	Yes
Henry Wright	42	N	23	Yes	Yes
Isaac Wright	20		Not listed	No	No
Jacob Wright	16		Not listed	No	No
James Wright	20		Not listed	No	No
John Wright	51	N	113	Yes	Yes
Joseph Wright	38	N	64	Yes	No
Joseph Wright, Jr.	16		Not listed	Yes	Yes
Nehemiah Wright	18		Not listed	No	No
Oliver Wright	16		Not listed	No	No
PEletiah Wright	40	N	50	Yes	Yes
Peter Wright	22	N	200.0	No	Yes
Samuel Wright	29	N	101	Yes	No
Simeon Wright	55?	S	97	Yes	No
Stephen Wright	16		Not listed	Yes	Yes
Thomas Wright	40	N	61.5	Yes	Yes
Lieut. Zaccheus Wright	36	N	48	Yes	Yes
Asahel Wyman	?	N	81	Yes	Yes

Total Names = 340

## B I O G R A P H I C A L   S U M M A R I E S

### DEACON JOHN ABBOT

Born at Billerica, Mass. 5 May 1713, died at Westford 22 October 1791, son of Joshua & Rebecca (Shedd) Abbot of Billerica. He married Hannah Richardson, also born about 1713, who died at Westford 29 November 1795 in her 82nd year. He was the progenitor of the many generations of Abbots who resided in and contributed much to the civic, industrial, and religious life of Westford. His name is first found in Westford records in the early seventeenth forties. For many years he was a Deacon of the church. He was 61 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Col. V-3. In the North Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, a total of 15s-6d for real and personal property plus 1s-7d for "Money" to give him a rank of 63. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

### JOHN ABBOT, JR.

Born at Westford 2 December 1743, died there 8 May 1804. son of John & Hannah (Richardson) Abbot. He married (1) at Westford -- July 1769 Lucy Procter, born at Chelmsford 28 November 1746, died at Westford 27 April 1779. aged 33 y., daughter of Daniel & Susanna (Hill) Procter; he married (2) at Westford 22 June 1780 Mary Farrar of Concord, born there 4 July 1747, died at Westford 26 February 1815, aged 68 years, daughter of Jacob & Mary (Merriam) Farrar. He was six months shy of his 31st birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Col. III-13. In the North Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, a total of 15s-8d-3f for his real and personal property, plus 1s for "Money" to give him a ranking of 61.5. "2nd Lieut., Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; served 5 days." [MSSRW I-9]

### JONATHAN ADAMS

Born at Westford 3 March 1757, son of Samuel, Jr. & Elizabeth (Blood) Adams. There is no further mention in Westford records. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant and was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists, nor was his father assessed an extra poll for him. This suggests he was not then residing with his father. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW. Hodgman indicates that his father emigrated to Cavendish, VT in 1786, Jonathan may have also emigrated.

### JONATHAN ADAMS

This resident of Chelmsford was assessed 9d-2f for real property he owned in Westford on the South 1774 Tax List. He was born at Chelmsford 7 August 1714, son of Timothy & Dorothy (Chamberlin) Adams. He may have married at Chelmsford 8 June 1769 Esther Spaulding, born at Chelmsford 22 February 1721/22 daughter of Ebenezer & ?Ama? (----) Spaulding.

### SAMUEL ADAMS

This resident of Chelmsford was assessed on the South 1774 Tax List the sum of 7s-0d-2f for real property he owned in Westford. It is not clear which of the many Samuel Adams of Chelmsford this was. (Also see below)



SAMUEL ADAMS, JR.

THIS resident of Chelmsford was assessed on the South 1774 Tax List 2s-7d-3f for real property he owned in Westford. Again, we cannot identify this man. The following entry in MSSRW is for the only Samuel Adams, specifically identified as from Chelmsford. "List of men in Col. Baldwin's Regt., 1 May 1775; also, Private in Capt. John Ford's (Volunteer) Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; enlisted 27 Sept. 1777; discharged 8 Nov. 1777; service 1 mo. 13 days; marched to reinforce Northern army [MSSRW I-72]

SAMUEL ADAMS, JR.

Born at Westford 26 August 1731, son of Samuel & Elizabeth (Butterfield) Adams. He married at Westford 3 December 1756 Elizabeth Blood. They probably both died in Cavendish, VT where Hodgman states they emigrated to in 1786. His signature appears on the 1774 Covenant at Col. II-42. He was then 42 years of age. In the North Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, even though he had a son, Jonathan (see above) then aged 17 y., 9 mo. His real and personal property assessments totaled 14s-7d-1f, with a rank of 66. "Private, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt., in a return of men who served at White Plains, NY 31 October 1776." [MSSRW I-71]

THOMAS ADAMS

Born at Chelmsford 3 June 1707, died at Westford 10 April 1775 in his 68th y., son of Timothy & Dorothy (Chamberlin) Adams. He married at Chelmsford 5 November 1737 Elizabeth Minot, born there 30 January 1717, daughter of Jonathan & Elizabeth (---) Minot. He was 67 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Col. I-42. On the South 1774 Tax List he is referred to as "Sargt." where he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and assessed 17s-4d for his real and personal property for a rank of 45.

JOEL BARRETT

This resident of Chelmsford was assessed 2s-1d on the South List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Chelmsford 30 November 1737, died there 6 June 1805, aged 67 y., son of Thomas & Rachel (Burge) Barrett. He married at Chelmsford 31 January 1781 Elizabeth Burge, born there 14 May 1739, died there 24 February 1820, aged 82 y., daughter of John & Sarah (Taylor) Burge.

JOHN BARRETT

Born at Westford 13 March 1757, son of Nathaniel & Abigail (Searles) Barrett. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists, but his father was assessed an extra poll in the North List. He was 17 years 4 months of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-56. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt in a pay anstract for travel allowance dated Cambridge 12 January 1776." [MSSRW I-681]

JOSEPH BARRETT

Probably born at Chelmsford 30 June 1744, son of Joseph & Sarah (Martin) Barrett. He was thirty years of age in 1774 when he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, on the South List with no assessments for real or personal property, thus ranking 200.0. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant nor do we find any appropriate entry in MSSRW.

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	Age, yrs.	Taxes		Signed 1774	MSSRW Entry
		List	Rank	Cove't	
Dea..John Abbot	60	N	63	Yes	No
John Abbot, Jr.	31	N	61.5	Yes	Yes
Jonathan Adams	17	Not listed		No	No
Jonathan Adams,Chelmsford	60	S,NonResident		NR	NR
Samuel Adams,Jr,Chelmsford	?	N, Non Resident		NR	Yes
Samuel Adams, Jr.	42	N	66	Yes	Yes
Thomas Adams	67	S	45	Yes	No
Joel Barrett,Chelmsford	?	S	Non Resident		No
John Barrett	17	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Joseph Barrett	30	S	200.0	No	No
Nathaniel Barrett	49	N	171	Yes	No
Oliver Barrett	47	S	133	Yes	Yes
Capt. Oliver Bates	53	N	68	Yes	Yes
Andrew Batteys,Chelmsford	26	S Non Resident		NR	No
Benjamin Beals	?	Not listed		Yes	No
John Bigelow	?	S	93	Yes	No
Silas Bigelow	?	S	200.0	Yes	No
Asa Bixby	39	N	96	Yes	Yes
David Bixby	25	N	169	Yes	Yes
Wid. Eunice Bixby	43	N	163.0	No	No
Jacob Bixby	17	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Levi Bixby	24	N	165	Yes	Yes
Calvin Blanchard	20	S	200.0	Yes	Yes
James Blodgett	44	S	161	Yes	No
Jonas Blodgett	17	Not listed		No	Yes
Eleazer Blood	30	N	143.5	Yes	No
Abel Boynton	19	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Abraham Boynton	?	S	200.0	No	No
Josiah Boynton	29	S	121	Yes	No
Nathaniel Boynton	50	N	18	Yes	No
Josiah Brooks	18	Not listed		No	Yes
Wid. Lydia Brooks	50	N	85.5	No	No
Peter Brown	?	S	200.0	Yes	Yes
Moses Burge	46	N	21	Yes	No
James Butterfield	19	Not listed		No	Yes
Samuel Butterfield	29	N	91	Yes	Yes
William Butterfield,Sr.	69	N	153	Yes	No
William Butterfield, Jr.	40	N	95	Yes	No
Benjamin Carver	52	S	47	Yes	No
Jonathan Carver	23	Not listed		Yes	No
Thomas Carver	19	Not listed		Yes	No
Ephraim Chamberlin	49	S	25	Yes ?	No
Ephraim Chamberlin,Jr.	18	Not listed		Yes ?	Yes
Nathaniel Chamberlin	16	Not listed		No	No
Wilder Chamberlin	20	Not listed		No	Yes

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	Age, yrs.	Taxes		Signed 1774 Cove't	MSSRW Entry
		List	Rank		
Isaac Chandler	44	N	67	Yes	Yes
Moses Chandler	17	Not listed		No	Yes
William Chandler	55	N	70	Yes?	No
William Chandler, Jr.	23	Not listed		Yes?	Yes
Silas Chandler	19	Not listed		No	Yes
Enoch Cleaveland	20	Not listed		No	Yes
Jeremiah Cogswell, Littleton	40	Non Resident			No
Isaac Coming	32	N	102	Yes	No
Joseph Comings	38	S	38	Yes	No
Thomas Comings	60	N	29.5	Yes	No
Thomas Comings, Jr.	40	N	55.5	Yes	Yes
Thomas Comings, 3rd	17	Not listed		Yes	No
Abel Corey	48	S	200.0	Yes	No
Wid. Lucy Corey	48	S	149	No	No
Ebenezer Corey	21	S	200.0	Yes	Yes
David Cowdrey	18	Not listed		No	No
Ephraim Cummings	54	N	35.5	Yes	No
Ephraim Cummings, Jr.	27	N	170	Yes	Yes
Nathaniel Cummings	?	N	104	No	Yes
Timothy Cummings	22	N	122	Yes	Yes
Daniel Dudley	?	S	132	Yes	No
Benjamin Dutton	55	N	139	Yes	No
Benjamin Dutton, Jr.	19	Not listed		Yes	No
David Dutton	43	N	100	Yes	Yes
Ephraim Dutton	?	N	200.0	Yes	Yes
Joseph Dutton	62	S	35.5	Yes	No
Joseph Dutton, Jr.	33	S	164	Yes	Yes
William Dutton	24	S	173.5	No	Yes
Benjamin Estabrook	29	N	200.0	No	Yes
Daniel Farrow, Chelmsford	?	S	Non Resident		Yes
Samuel Farwell	22	N	200.0	Yes	No
Joshua Fassett	27	N	200.0	No	Yes
Samuel Fassett	?	N	103	Yes	No
Samuel Fassett, Jr.	31	Not listed		Yes	No
David Fish	?	S	200.0	No	Yes
Samuel Fitch	74?	S	74	No	No
Samuel Fitch, Acton	31	S Non Resident			No
Capt. Amos Fletcher	57	N	5	Yes	No
Amos Fletcher, Jr.	19	Not listed		Yes	Yes
Dr. Asaph Fletcher	28	S	153.5	Yes	Yes
Capt. Benjamin Fletcher	58	N	20	Yes	Yes
Benjamin Fletcher, Jr.	27	N	109	Yes	Yes
David Fletcher	57	N	87	Yes?	No
David Fletcher, Jr.	22	N	161.5	Yes?	Yes
Ebenezer Fletcher	59	N	29.5	No	Yes

NATHANIEL BARRETT

Born at Chelmsford 1 December 1724, died at Westford about 1774, son of Josepg & Mary(Taylor)Barrett; he married at Westford 8 February 1744 Abigail Searles of Concord. At age 49 years he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-19. He was assessed 2 polls, 13s, on the North Tax list, one for his son John(see above). His assessment of 11d-1f for real and personal estate gave him a rank of 171. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

OLIVER BARRETT

Born at Chelmsford 9 January 1726/27, son of son of Joseph & Mary(Taylot)Barrett. At age 47 he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-7. On the South LList for 1774 Town Charges he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a totals of 6s-4d-2f for real and personal estate, giving him the rank of 133. "Private, Colonel's Co., Col. Thomas Marshall's Regt. Continental Army pay accounts for service from 2 January 1777 to 7 October 1777; reported deceased 7 October 1777; also Capt. Philip Thomas' Co., Col. Marshall's Regt.; roll made for 36 days rations from 2 January 177 to date of arrival at Bennington, 6 February 1777; reported marched from Boston." [MSSRW I-683]

CAPT. OLIVER BATES

Born at Westford 3 January 1721/22, died there as Captain, 4 July 1775 from wounds received at Bunker Hill. He was the son of Edward & Mary(Snow)Bates, and at the time of these events was a Selectman of Westford. He married at Westford 16 January 1744 Ruth Wright, born at Westford 13 June 1721, died at Westford 7 September 1800, aged 79 y., daughter of Jacob & Abigail(----)Wright. She married(2) at Westford 12 July 1784 Henry Richardson. Capt. Bates was 53 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-22. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s. He must have had a young man in his household since we find no births recorded to this couple. His assessment for real and personal estate amounted to 14s-4d-3f for the rank of 68. "Captain of a company in Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched in the alarm of 19 April 1775, service 9 days; also Col. William Prescott's Regt., muster roll dated 1 August 1775, enlisted 26 April 1775, service 29 days; reported succeeded in command by Jonathan Parker 24 May 1775." [MSSRW I-797]

ANDREW BATTEYS

This resident of Chelmsford was assessed 2s-4d on the South 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Chelmsford 22 December 1748, son of Andrew & Mary(Tucker)Batteys. He married(1) at Westford 6 December 1765 Rebecca Farmer of Westford, born there 28 May 1743 daughter of Benjamin & Rebecca(Minot)Farmer.

BENJAMIN BEALS

HE signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-13, but is not named in the 1774 Tax Lists. HE may have been the Benjamin Beals of Rindge, NHwho, as BEELS, married at Groton 11 May 1779 Anna Lawrence, presumably the Anna Lawrence born at Groton 18 January 1757, daughter of Jonathan & Esther(----)Lawrence. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

### JOHN BIGELOW

Hodgman[History of Westford, Mass.] suggests he was probably born in Framingham, then removed first to Weston, then to Acton, and then to Westford, and had four children(including Silas, see below) born before Acton and four at Acton. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-54, and in the 1774 Tax Lists was assessed only 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 12s-1d-2f for real and personal estate, giving him the 93rd rank. By 1787 he and his son were in New Ipswich, NH.

### SILAS BIGELOW

Born probably at either Framingham or Weston, Mass before 1754, son of John & Grace(----)Bigelow. HE probably came to Westford with his parents about 1762. HE married at Westford 30 July 1774 Rachel Pett. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-53, just above his father, John. In the 1774 South List he was assessed only 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no assessments for real and personal estate, thus having a rank of 200.0. He was in New Ipswich, NH by 1787.

### ASA BIXBY

Born at Westford 24 February 1734/35. died there 21 September 1819, son of David & Abigail(----)Bixby. He filed intentions of marriage at Westford 17 April 1756 with Susanna Howard who probably died at Westford 26 June 1818. Asa was 39 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-34. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List, and a total of 11s 8d-2f for real and personal estate for the rank of 96. It is uncertain whether the following entry in MSSRW applies to him or to a son of the same name, born in 1761. "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 4 August 1777; roll made up to 1 January 1778 served 5 months at Rhode Island." [MSSRW II-87]

### DAVID BIXBY

Born at Westford 11 August 1749, son of Jacob & Eunice(Heald)Bixby; he married at Dunstable 10 February 1773 Alice Haywood of Dunstable. They removed to Ludlow,VT in 1792. He was 25 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-15. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll. 6s-6d, and only 1s for real estate, with no personal estate, giving him the rank of 169. There is only one David Bixby, WESTFORD in MSSRW. ""Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge 1 November 1775; also Private, Capt. Aaron Jewett's Co., Col. Job Cushing's (Middlesex County)Regt.; enlisted 27 July 1777, discharged 29 August 1777, service 1 mo. 3 days; marched to Bennington on an alarm; also Capt. Jewett's Co., Col. Samuel Ballard's Regt.; enlisted 30 August 1777, discharged 29 November 1777, service 3 mo. 12 days; marched to Saratoga; roll, dated Littleton; also descriptive list of men raised to reinforce Continental Army for a term of six months, agreeable to a resolve of 5 June 1780; arrived at Springfield 6 July 1780; marched to camp 7 July 1780 under command of Capt. Dix; also, pay roll for 6 month men raised by the town of Westford for service in the Continental Army during 1780; discharged 7 December 1780; service 5 mo. 17 days"[MSSRW II-88]

#### WIDOW EUNICE BIXBY

She was born at Westford 4 January 1730/31 as Eunice Heald, daughter of Thomas & Sarah(Butterfield)Heald. She married at Westford 6 April 1749 Jacob Bixby, born at Westford 12 August 1728, son of David & Abigail(----) Bisby. There is no Westford record of his death, but since she is referred to as "Widow" it must have been before November 1774. She had four sons, David, born 1749(see above), Levi, born 1750(see below), Ephraim, born 4 January 1753, and Jacob, born 1754(see below). On the North Tax List for 1774 she was assessed 9d-1f for personal estate and 1s for real estate for a rank of 162.5. Her name does not appear with the other BIXBY names, but almost at the bottom of the list, suggesting her husband may have died between the preparation of 1773 list and this list. There is no record of her remarriage in Westford after 1774, and no record of her death in Westford. Since two of her sons emigrated to Ludlow,VT she may have gone with one of them.

#### JACOB BIXBY

Born at Westford 28 May 1754, son of Jacob & Eunice(Heald)Bixby. (See above). He married at Westford 14 October 1773 Martha Hardy. Their daughter, Patty, was baptized at Westford 26 March 1775. His signature appears at Column I-17 on the 1774 Covenant. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed for 1 poll, 6s-6d, but had no real or personal property and thus is ranked 200.0. It is of interest that he is named in the Tax List since he was then only 20 years 6 months in age, but of course he was then married. " Private Capt. Jonathan Minor's Co., Col. Dikes Regt.; pay abstract for travel allowance; served at Dorchester Heights in 1776; also Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; enlisted 27 September 1777; discharged 9 November 1777; service 1 mo. 15 days with Army under Gen. Gates" [MSSRW II-89]

#### LEVI BIXBY

Born at Westford 15 November 1750, son of Jacob & Eunice(Heald)Bixby (See above). He was 23 years, 8 mo. of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-14. Hodgman(History of the Town of Westford, Mass.) suggests he emigrated first to Wilton, NH, then to Ludlow,VT. Westford Vital Records contains no marriage or death records for this man. In the North Tax List for 1774 he was assessed 1 poll. 6s-6s plus 1s-7d for personal property, but nothing for real property, giving him the rank of 165. "Private, Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton's Co., Col. Dykes Regt., pay abstract for gun and blanket, money paid by resolve of 27 November 1776." [MSSRW II-90]

#### CALVIN BLANCHARD

Born at Littleton 27 February 1754, died there 2 January 1800; marriage intentions filed 5 July 1777 at Westford with Abigail Read, born at Westford 5 January 1757, died at Littleton 12 June 1836, aged 79 years, daughter of Thomas, 3rd & Susanna(Dutton)Read. This native of Littleton is listed as a resident of Westford in the South Tax List for 1774, being assessed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no assessments for real or personal property. Thus, he ranked 200.0. It should also be noted that as of the 11 November 1774 date of the Tax List he was 3 months shy of his 21st birthday. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-12. "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's

CALVIN BLANCHARD(Continued)

Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt., muster roll dated 1 August 1775, roll made up from 28 April 1775, service 95 days; reported enlisted 19 April 1775; also, company return dated 27 September 1775; also bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Cambridge, Mass. 1 November 1775" [MSSRW II-144]

JAMES BLODGETT

Born at Westford 19 January 1733; son of John & ABigail(----)Blodgett. HE filed intentions of marriage at Westford 1 February 1755 with ABigail Keyes, baptized at Westford 20 June 1736, daughter of Moses & Susanna(Stratton) Keyes. He was about 41 years, 6 months in age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-55. On the South Tax List for 1774 he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 1s-11d-2f for real and personal property with the rank of 161. We believe the following MSSRW entry refers to him: "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 26 April 1775; service 29 Days" [MSSRW II-195]

JONAS BLODGETT

Born at Westford 4 August 1757, son of James & ABigail(Keyes) Blodgett. He filed marriage intentions at Westford 3 July 1781 with a Sarah Fletcher. It is uncertain whether she was (A) born at Westford 18 February 1762, daughter of Jonathsan, Jr. & Sarah(----)Fletcher, or (B) was born at Westford 12 August 1763, daughter of Peletiah & Dorothy(Hildreth) Fletcher. They removed to Swanzey, NH according to Hodgman. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant, was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax List, nor was his father assessed an extra poll for him, so he probably was not, in 1774 a member of his father's household. "Matross, Capt. John Popkin's Co., Col. Richard Gridley's(Artillery)Regt., muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 26 May 1775; service 2 mo., 11 days; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Winter Hill 2 January 1776; also, descriptive list of men enlisted from Middlesex County for the term of 9 months from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, 19 June 1778; 8th Co., Col. Reed's Regt.; age 20 yrs; stature 5 ft 8 in.; residence, Westford; also descriptive list of men enlisted from Middlesex County agreeable to Resolve of 2 December 1780; age 24 years; stature 5 ft. 9½ in.; complexion, light; eyes, blue; hair, brown; occupation, farmer; residence, Westford; enlisted 26 July 1781; enlistment, 3 yrs; also, Private, Capt. Elnathan Haskell's Co., Col. William Shepard's(44th) Regt.; muster rolls for Jan. & Feb. 1782. dated York, Hutt's" [MSSRW II-196]

ELEAZER BLOOD

Born at Groton 16 July 1744, died at Westford, as a pauper, aged 87 years, 20 July 1832. He married at Westford 15 March 1779 Lydia Fletcher, probably born at Westford 8 June 1757, died there, as a pauper, 28 August 1833, daughter of Reuben & Susanna(CHandler)Fletcher. HE was a few days over 30 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-27. In the North list he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 4s-1d for his real and personal estate, thus ranking 143.5. We find no appropriate listing in MSSRW.

#### ABEL BOYNTON

Born at Westford 9 August 1755, probably died at Bath, Maine, son of Nathaniel & Rebeckah(Barrett)Boynton; he married(1) at Westford 28 July 1782 Polly Abbot, born about 20 September 1761, died at Westford 7 July 1797 aged 35 y., 9 mo., 18 days. He married (2) at Charlestown 18 May 1798 Polly Peirce. Hodgman indicates he removed to Bath, Maine. He was a month shy of his 19th birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-53. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax List, but his father was assessed an extra poll for him. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 12 days; Also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 5 May(also given as 24 May 1775; service 69 days; also company return dated 27 September 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, return of men enlisted into the Continental Army from Middlesex County agreeable to resolve of 20 April 1778; residence, Westford; enlisted for town of Westford; enlistment 9 mo." [MSSRW II-372]

#### ABRAHAM BOYNTON

Westford Vital Records have no birth or marriage entries for this man. An "Abram Boynton" died there 8 July 1829. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South Tax List for 1774 he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property for a rank of 200.0. We find

#### JOSIAH BOYNTON

Born about 1744, died at Westford 28 June 1816, aged 72 years. He married at Westford 25 April 1769 Lucy Raymond, probably daughter of Daniel Raymond. We find no death record in Westford for her and Hodgman is mute about their emigration elsewhere. He was about 30 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-13. HE was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the South Tax List plus a total of 8s-6d-3f for real and personal property including 1s-5d for "Money" Tax, to give him the rank of 121. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

#### NATHANIEL BOYNTON

Born at Westford 8 June 1724, died there 5 April 1798 in his 74th year, son of Nathaniel & Hannah(Perham)Boynton. He filed marriage intentions at Westford 23 November 1750[?1751?] with Rebecca Barrett, probably born at Concord 14 February 1730/31, died at Westford 30 March 1805, aged 74 years, daughter of Benjamin & Rebecca(Jones)Barrett. She married(2) at Westford 10 July 1800, as his second wife, Timothy Prescott, born at Westford 21 November 1728, son of Jonas<sup>4</sup>(Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John) and his first wife Esther(Spaulding)Prescott. Rebecca(Jones)(Barrett)(Prescott),<sup>4</sup> the mother of Rebecca(Barrett)(Boynton)Prescott was the third wife of Jonas<sup>4</sup> Prescott, the father of Timothy Prescott. Nathaniel Boynton was a month shy of his 50th birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-5. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed two polls, the extra for his son Abel(see above), or 13s. In this list he is referred to as "Ensign" and assessed a total of 11-5s-2d-3f for his real and personal property, including 4s-1d "Money" tax, thus having the rank of 18. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.



### JOSIAH BROOKS

Born at Westford 21 June 1756, died at West Point 28 February 1782, in his 26th year, probably unmarried, son of Josiah & Lydia(Haywood) Brooks. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant and was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his mother, Widow Lydia Brooks, was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d for him. While the MSSRW entry beow suggests limited military service, we wonder if his death at West Point was in connection with additional military service. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minutemen which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 9 days." [MSSRW II-579]

### WIDOW LYDIA BROOKS

Born as Lydia Heywoof ar Concord, MA 24 May 1724 and probably died at Westford 15 January 1812, daughter of Joseph & Lydia(----)Heywood. She married at Westford 12 January 1753 Josiah Brooks, born at Concord, MA 21 May 1722, died at Westford 9 August 1771, aged 50 years, son of Daniel & Ann(Merriam)Brooks. No women signed the 1774 Covenant. She is the only women named in the 1774 Tax Lists who was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and that was for her 18 year old son, Josiah(See above). On the North list she was also assessed 12s-7d-1f for real and personal property, thus raning at 85.5.

### PETER BROWN

The identity of this person has not been established. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-6. On the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed only a poll tax, 6s-6d, with no real or personal estate, thus hvaing a rank of 100.0. We find two enties in MSSRW, either or both could apply. (a)" Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 7 days." (B) "Private, William Prescott's Regt. which marched on alarm of 19 April 1775; service not giev; also, same company and regiment order for advanced pay dated Cambridge 9 June 1776; also, muster roll dated 1 Augyst 1775, enlisted 21 April 1775, service97 days; also, return dated 27 September 1775; also, in November 1775 an order at Cambridge for a bounty coat or equivalent in money"[MSSRW II-673]. Hodgman in his History of Westford, Mass. states on page 109 lists Peter Brown as a private in Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., and on page 111 lists a Corporal Peter Brown in Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., and in his summary list on page 137 lists only one Peter Brown. Some record may be in error, but which one?

### MOSES BURGE

Born at Westford 19 October 1728, died there 22 December 1796 aged 68 years, son of Josiah & SUsanna(Jacquith)Burge. We find no Westford records of marriage or birth of children. We note that an adopted son, Samuel, son of Josiah Howard, was baptized at Westford 11 February 1787. When he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-9 he was 4 month shy of his 49th birthday. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of £1-3s-0d for his real and personal property, thus giving him the rank of 21.

JAMES BUTTERFIELD

Born at Westford 23 April 1755, son of Robert & Joanna(Parker) Butterfield. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. Westford Vital Records indicate his father died near Lake George 23 October 1756, but do not show a second marriage for or the death of his widow. Hodgman indicates that some other Butterfield emigrated to Westmoreland, NH and James and his siblings may also have gone. The following entry in MSSRW is for James Butterfield of Acton, noting that his residence is also given as Westford: "Return of men enlisted into Continental Army from Capt. Simeon Hunt's Co., Col. Eleazer Brooks's Regt., dated 5 September 1777; residence Acton; enlisted for town of Acton; joined Capt. Parker's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; enlistment 3 years or during the War." [MSSRW II-962]

SAMUEL BUTTERFIELD

Born at Westford 14 July 1745, son of William & Bathsheba(Shepard) Butterfield. He married at Westford 24 December 1772 Abigail Pett. Local Vital Record volumes give no clue to their places or dates of death. We suggest they emigrated elsewhere. He was jst 29 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-15. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll. 6s-6d and for his real and personal property a total of 12s-3d-1f to rank 91. We note that in this tax list he and his brother, William, Jr.(See below) are each assessed identical amounts for real property while their father, William Sr.(See below) has no assessment for real property, suggesting that the two sons each had been gifted equal portions of their father's real estate, or owned it all jointly. The only MSSRW entry for this name indicates enlistment from Acton, but the volume Vital Records of Acton, Mass. has no Butterfield entries whatever. HodHodgman, page 137, includes Samuel Butterfied in his summary list of those who served in the Revolutionary War. "List of men enlisted into the Continental Army from Middlesex County, year not given; enlisted for the Town of Acton, reported transient." [MSSRW II-965]

WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD[SR.]

Born at Chelmsford 28 November 1706, died at Westford 7 February 1785, son of Benjamin<sup>3</sup>(Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>) & Elizabeth(----)Butterfield. He married at Concord, MA 21 May 1727 BATHsheba Shepard, born these 28 May 1707, died at Westford 6 April 1793, daughter of Abraham & Abigail(Lamson) Shepard of Concord. He was 67 years 6 months of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI=18. In the North 1774 Tax List he was not assessed any poss, nor for any real property, but only 2s-8d-1f for personal property, and thus is ranked at 153. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD, JR.

Born at Westford 15 May 1734, died there 10 October 1793, probably unmarried and without issue. He was 40 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-17. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed for 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 11s-9d-1f for real and peesonal estate for a rank of 95. As noted above his real estate assessment was identical to that of his brother Samuel suggesting divisiom or joint ownership of the lands previously owned by their father. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW even though Hodgman in his summary list on page 137 indicated he served in the Revolutionary War.

### BENJAMIN CARVER

Born at Canterbury, CT 10 December 1722, died at Westford 18 July 1804, son of David and his second wife Sarah (Butterfield) Carver. He married at Westford 23 May 1745 Edea Fletcher, born at Chelmsford 8 April 1725, died at Westford 9(?) 13? August 1813, daughter of Joseph & Sarah (---) Fletcher. He was about 51 years 6 months in age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-20. In the North list for 1774 Taxes he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son Thomas (See below). Vital Records of Westford, Mass. show births for two Josephs, one baptized 24 December 1752 and another baptized 21 July 1754? July 1753, with no marriage or death entries for any Joseph. We assume that no Joseph was in the 16 to 20 years age bracket in 1774. Benjamin Carver was assessed a total of 16s-11d-3f for his real and personal property for a rank of 47. Hodgman notes that he was a Non-Resident Taxpayer in New Ipswich, NH. We find no entry in MSSRW.

### JONATHAN CARVER

Born at Westford 9 May 1751, died there 16 October 1805, son of Benjamin & Edea (Fletcher) Carver. We note that the death entry in Vital Records of Westford, Mass. indicates the original entry was in pencil and states an age at death of 64 years, but the latter must be an error. He married at Westford 16 August 1774 Mary Procter, born at Chelmsford 11 February 1753 daughter of Israel & Sarah (Raymond) Procter. She filed intentions of a 2nd marriage at Westford 9 May 1813 with Nathan Davis of Boston. Jonathan Carver was 23 years of age and unmarried, when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-11. Jonathan Carver does not appear in the 1774 Tax Lists. Hodgman indicates he emigrated to Ashby, MA, then later returned to Westford. We can postulate that this emigration occurred after 4 July 1774 and before the Assessors collected the "Invoices" for the 11 November 1774 Tax Lists. WE find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

### THOMAS CARVER

Born at Westford 4 September 1755, son of Benjamin & Edea (Fletcher) Carver. HE was almost 19 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-9. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists, but his father paid an extra poll for him. Westford records are mute about anything further. Hodgman indicates he emigrated to Ashby, MA. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW.

### EPHRAIM CHAMBERLIN

Born at Chelmsford 28 September 1725, son of Samuel & Rebecca (Whitcomb) Chamberlin. He married at Westford 9 January 1752 Esther Boynton, born at Westford 18 November 1729, daughter of Nathaniel & Hannah (----) Boynton. Local records are mute as to their dates and places of death. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son, Ephraim, Jr. (See below). He was also assessed a total of 11s-8d his real and personal property including 1s-11d for "Money" tax. This gives him a rank of 25. In 1774 he was 49 years of age. An Ephraim Chamberlin signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-11. We postulate from the location it was the father, but it may have been his son. An entry in MSSRW we postulate refers to the son.

EPHRAIM CHAMBERLIN, JR.

Born at Westford 5 March 1756, son of Ephraim & Esther(Boynton) Chamberlin. He married at Concord, MA 28 June 1786 Persis Barrett, born there 20 October 1759 daughter of John & Lois(Brooks)Barrett of Concord. Local Vital Records give no dates or places of death for this couple so they must have emigrated elsewhere. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax List, but his father was assessed an extra poll on the South List. As mentioned above an Ephraim Chamberlin signed the 1774 Covenant, but it is uncertain whether it was father or son. We postulate the following entry in MSSRW pertain to this individual: "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt, muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 19 April(?4 May?) 1775; service 88 days.. " [MSSRW III-264]

NATHANIEL CHAMBERLIN

Born at Westford 27 June 1758, son of Ephraim & Esther(Boynton) Chamberlin. Vital Records of Westford, Mass. is mute on any marriage or death entry. Hodgman(page 441) states he was a schoolteacher in Westford in 1783. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant even though some other young men 16 years of age did. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax List, and his father was assessed only 1 extra poll, presumably for his brother Ephraim. We postulate he removed elsewhere.

WILDER CHAMBERLIN

Born at Westford 11 July 1754, son of Samuel, Jr. & Sarah(TENney) Chamberlin. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists. His father also is not named in the Tax Lists.. Hodgman suggests he emigrated to Hollis, NH. The following entry in MSSRW refers to Wilder Chamberlin of Hollis: " Private, Capt. Reuben Dow's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; company return dated Cambridge 6 October 1775." [MSSRW III-270]

ISAAC CHANDLER

Born at Westford 7 December 1730, son of William & Susanna(Burge) Chandler. He married at Chelmsford 1 November 1759 Betty Procter of Chelmsford, born there 7 March 1730/31, daughter of Benjamin & Lydia(Chamberlain) Procter. Vital Records of Westford, Mass. gives no dates of death for this couple so they probably emigrated elsewhere as did many of the Chandler family. HE was about 43 years, 6 months in age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-23. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 14s-6d-0f for his real and personal estate. His rank was 67. WE postulate the following entry should be attributed to him, but it may refer to his son, Isaac born at Westford 5 June 1760: "Private, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dikes's Regiment; pay abstract for wages & travel allowances on march to and from Dorchester Heights; warrant allowed in Council 30 November 1776; also, same Co. and Regt., service from 5 December 1776 to March 1777; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.: enlisted 5 July 1777; service to 1 January 1778, 5 mo. 26 days at Rhode Island." [MSSRW III-287]

MOSES CHANDLER

Born at Westford 27 August 1757, son of Moses & Dorothy(Marble) Chandler. Local Vital Records have no other entries on him. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant nor was his father named in the 1774 Tax Lists. Hodgman(Page 442) indicates the father in 1762 married(2) in 1762 Elizabeth Kendall of Litchfield. He also states that young Moses " removed to Farmington, Maine and was Known as Colonel; m. Sarah Berry". The following entry from MSSRW may be his:" Receipt dated Ticonderoga 28 August 1776 for mileage, etc. given to Capt. John Ford; also receipt dated Ticonderoga 2 October 1776 for wages due 1 October 1776, given to Capt. John Ford; roll endorsed "marched from Chelmsford 25 July 1776, discharged at Albany 1 January 1777" [MSSRW III-293]

SILAS CHANDLER

Born at Westford 16 May 1755, died there 29 December 1839, son of William & Dorcas(Blood)Chandler. HE filed marriage intentions at Westford 18 October 1802 with Mary Brown of Billerica, born about 1764, died at Westford 12 September 1827, aged 63 years. They had only one child, Mary, born at Westford 31 March 1804 who married Benjamin F. Morse. Silas did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists. but his father paid an additional poll for him. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 2 days; also Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; return of men in camp at White Plains dated 31 October 1776; reported sick & absent; also, Capt. Aaron Jewett's Co., Col. Job Cushing's Regt.; enlisted 27 July 1777; discharged 29 August 1777; service 1 mo, 10 days, travel included; marched to Bennington on an alarm; company raised in Westford, Groton, Shirley, Townsend, and Ashby." [MSSRW III-297]

WILLIAM CHANDLER[SR.]

Born at Chelmsford in 1719, son of William & Susanna(Burge) Chandler. He married at Westford 28 November 1750 Dorcas Blood. We assign the North Tax List for 1774 to him on the basis that he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra poll for his son Silas(See above). He was assessed a total of 14s-2d for his real and personal property, thus having the rank of 70. We note however that with the above assignment, then, his son, William, Jr. does NOT appear on any 1774 Tax List(See below) One William Chandler signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-16, but we do not know which one. Vital Records of Westford, Mass. contains no death entries for either William or his wife Dorcas.

WILLIAM CHANDLER, [JR.]

Born at Westford 12 December 1751, died there 25 February 1826, aged 74 years, son of William & Dorcas(Blood)Chandler. He filed intentions of marriage at Westford on 26 September 1787 with Joanna Read, born at Westford 30 October 1754, died there 23 January 1842, aged 87[?86?] years. We have no explanation for why William, Jr. is not named in the 1774 Tax Lists. As mentioned above only one William Chandler signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-16 and we do not know which, father or son. We are more certain that the following MSSRW entry applies to him:" Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of minute-men which marched on

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the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 11 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's(10th)Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 30 April 1775; service 93 days; also, company return dated 27 September 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co. of volunteers, Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; enlisted 26 September 1777; discharged 2 October 1777;service 10 days, travel included; company raised in towns of Westford and Littleton and marched to assist Gen. Gates at the Northward; also, Capt. Simon Hunt's Co., Col. Jacob Gerish's Regt. of Guards; enlisted 15 July 1778; discharged 15 October 1778; service 5 mo. 1 day; roll dated Winter Hill." [MSSRW III-299]

ENOCH CLEAVELAND

Born at Westford 26 July 1754, son of Enoch & Martha(Butterfield) Cleaveland. We note that the town records show that in 1751 "Enoch Cleaveland and his whole family were warned out of town." At least one Enoch did not go far since he was a resident of Chelmsford when intentions of his marriage were filed at Westford 20 January 1753. The bride was Martha Butterfield, born at Westford 9 February 1731/32, daughter of Joseph & Dorothy(----)Butterfield. Their son, born as above was really Enoch III. There is no Enoch Cleaveland named in the 1774 Tax Lists, nor did anyone so named sign the 1774 Covenant. The following MSSRW entry seems to be his: "Private, Col. Moses Parker's Co., commanded by Lieut. Benjamin Walker, which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 8 days; also, descriptive list of enlisted men endorsed 'Jan. 11, 1781'; age 25 years; stature 5 ft 4 in.; complexion, light(also given as dark); hair, dark; occupation, farmer; birthplace, Westford; residence, Chelmsford (also given as Westford); enlisted 16 March (also given as April--)1779 by Capt. Coburn; joined Light infantry company Lieut. Col. John Brooks's(7th)Regt.; enlistment during the war; also, Private, Capt. William White's(Light Infantry)Co., Lieut. John Brooks's Regt.; muster roll for January 1781, dated West Point; also, Light Infantry Co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's Regt; list of men court-martialed; tried 30 March 1781 by regimental court-martial, Cspt. Felt, President, on charges of stealing a blanket; sentence 100 lashes, 10 remitted; also, Capt. Asa Coburn's Light Infantry Co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's(7th)Regt.; muster roll for February to December 1781. dated York Huts; also, Light Infantry Co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's Regt.; list of men discharged subsequent to 1 January 1781; discharged 10 June 1783 by Gen. Washington, term of enlistment having expired." [MSSRW III-610]

JEREMIAH COGSWELL

This resident of Littleton appears on the South 1774 Tax List assessed 14s-11d for real property he owned in Westford. He was born about 1734 and died at Westford 17 April 1820, aged 86 years. He married (1) at Littleton 17 March 1760 Elizabeth Hall, of Littleton, born about 1736 who died at Littleton 12 December 1766 in the 30th year of her life. He married(2) at Littleton 31 October 1771 Sarah Fletcher, born at Westford 10 October 1746, died there 11 January 1814, aged 67 years, daughter of Samuel, Jr. & Mary(Lawrence)Fletcher. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

### ISAAC COMING

Born at Westford 13 April 1742, died there 27 June 1817, aged 75 years, son of Thomas & Sarah(Fassett)Coming. He married at Westford 17 May 1769 Elizabeth Trowbridge, born about 1744, died at Westford 11 February 1804, aged 50 years. Isaac was 3 months over his 32nd birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-39. On the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 10s-10d-3f for his real and personal property for a rank of 102. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW and Hodgman does not list him in his Summary List (page 137) of men who served.

### JOSEPH COMINGS

Born at Westford 21 October 1736, died there 15 March 1814, aged 77 years, son of Thomas & Sarah(Fassett)Comings. He married at Westford 12 September 1765 Elizabeth Fletcher, born at Westford 2 March 1737/38, died there 26 November 1799 in her 62nd year, daughter of William & Elizabeth (Remington)Fletcher. Joseph was about 3 months shy of his 38th birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-40. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and also assessed a total of 18s-2d-2f for his real and personal estate; thus he ranked 38. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW and Hodgman does not include him in his Summary List (page 137) of those who served.

[For THOMAS COMING PLEASE SEE PAGE A-115]

### THOMAS COMINGS, JR.

Born at Westford 29 May 1734, died there 17 November 1818(as Lieut.), aged 84 years, son of Thomas & Sarah(Fassett)Comings. He married at Littleton 20 February 1755 Lucy Lawrence, born at Littleton 29 February 1731/32, died at Westford 28 October 1815, aged 84 years, daughter of Eleazer & Lucy(Tuttle) Lawrence. HE was about a month past his 40th birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-45. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son, Thomas, 3rd, (See below). His assessment for real and personal estate totalled 16s-5d-3f for a rank of 55.5. "1st Lieutenant Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of minute-men, which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 5 days; also, 2d Lieutenant, Capt. Wyman's Co., Col. Prescott's Regt.; list of officers recommended to be commissioned by Committee of Safety at Cambridge 23 June 1775; ordered in Provincial Congress 25 June 1775, that commissions be delivered; also, Lieutenant, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co. of volunteers, Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; entered service 27 September 1777; discharged 9 November 1777; service 1 mo. 14 days; company raised in Littleton and Westford and marched to reinforce Army under Gen. Gates." [MSSRW IV-220]

### THOMAS COMINGS, 3RD

Born at Westford 16 June 1757, son of Thomas, Jr. & Lucy(Lawrence) Comings. He married at Westford 16 January 1779 Elizabeth Hildreth, born at Westford 18 October 1755, daughter of Zechariah & Elizabeth(Keyes)Hildreth. Hodgman indicates they emigrated first to New Ipswich, NH, then to Cavendish, VT. When he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-54 he was two weeks past his 17th birthday. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll for him. We find no entry in MSSRW and Hodgman includes only one Thomas in his Summary List (page 137).

ABEL COREY

Born at Littleton 24 May 1751, died at Westford 5 June 1829, son of Stephen & Lucy(Parker)Corey. He married at Westford 16 January 1778 Hannah Raymond, born about 1756, death recorded at Westford 26 April 1841, aged 35 years, possibly the daughter of Daniel Raymond of Westford. Abel was a few weeks past his 23rd birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-45. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property, thus ranked 200.0. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW and Hodgman does not include him in his Summary List (page 137) of those who served.

EBENEZER COREY

Born at Chelmsford 15 November 1753, son of Ebenezer & Hannah (Robbins)Corey. He was 4 months shy of his 21st birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-18 (as Cory). He is named (as Corey) in the South 1774 Tax List, assessed only 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property. We find two entries in MSSRW, one as COREY and one as CORY. (A) "Corey, Ebenezer, Westford. Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on other alarm of 19 April 1775; service 5 days; also, Private, Capt. White's Co., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 July to 1 July 1780; enlistment 3 years. [MSSRW III-1023] (B) "Cory, Ebenezer, Westford (also given Shrewsbury) Private, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 April 1775; service 3 mo. 9 days; also, company return dated Cambridge 3 October 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Cambridge 11 November 1775; also, return of men enlisted or drafted into Continental Army from South Co. in Shrewsbury, Col. Job Cushing's (6th Worcester County) Regt.; dated Shrewsbury 15 December 1777; residence, Westford; engaged for town of Shrewsbury; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term 3 yrs; also, return of men hired to serve in Continental Army from Capt. Zaccheus Wright's and Capt. Peletiah Fletcher's companies, sworn to at Westford, 16 February 1778; residence, Westford; hired for town of Shrewsbury; term 3 years, to expire in 1780; also, list of men returned by a committee for settling disputes between towns as to soldiers credited to them; said Cory claimed by Westford and Shrewsbury; allowed to Shrewsbury; also, Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. John Brooks's (late Alden's) Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 July 1777 to 31 December 1779; residence Shrewsbury; credited to town of Shrewsbury; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; muster return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County; reported never joined; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., late Col. Alden's (16th) Regt.; muster roll for March and April 1779, dated Cherry Valley; enlisted 1 July 1777; also, 1st Co., Col. John Brooks's (7th) Regt.; return made up to December 1779, signed by Lieut. James Lunt." [MSSRW III-1023]

WIDOW LUCY COREY

Born as Lucy Parker, probably at Chelmsford, 11 January 1725/26, daughter of Aaron & Abigail (Winship) Parker. She married at Westford 6 June 1744 Stephen Corey of Littleton, born there 26 March 1723, son of Samuel & Mary (----) Corey. No women signed the 1774 Covenant, but she was assessed on the South 1774 Tax List 2s-11d-2f for real and personal estate; rank is 149.



#### DAVID COWDREY

Born at Westford 11 April 1756, son of John & Hannah(Davis)Cowdrey. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and his father is not named in any 1774 Tax List, so we conclude they then did not reside in Westford. Hodgman is mute as to their emigration. We believe the following MSSRW entry is his: " Private; list of men returned as serving on main guard under Col. Loammi Baldwin dated 22 June 1775; also, Capt. Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.: order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Cambridge 4 December 1775; order for advanced pay, etc. dated Hull 10 July 1776." [MSSRW IV-31]

#### EPHRAIM CUMINGS

Born at Chelmsford 13 November 1720, died at Westford 17 January 1775 in his 55th year, son of John & Elizabeth(Adams)Cumings. He married at Westford 12 October 1742 Mary Hildreth, born at Chelmsford 24 February 1723/24, daughter of Ephraim & Mary(Butterfield)Hildreth. Ephraim Cumings was about 4 months shy of his 54th birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-24. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d on the North 1774 Tax List and in addition, a total of 19s-3d-3f for his real and personal property to give him a rank of 35.5. Hodgman indicated he was a Non-Resident Tax Payer in New Ipswich, NH. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

#### EPHRAIM CUMINGS, JR

Born at Westford 5 September 1747, died before 30 April 1784, son of Ephraim & Mary(Hildreth)Cumings. He married at Westford 25 November 1773 Lydia Adams of Chelmsford. She married(2) at Westford 30 April 1784(as Widow Lydia Cumings) Charles Procter, born there 13 September 1735, died there(as Dr.) 6 March 1817, son of Phillip & Phebe(Hildreth)Procter. Lydia(Adams)Cumings)Procter died at Westford 23 September 1830. Ephraim was 3 month shy of his 27th birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-10. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and 1s for personal property, with no real property for the rank of 170. "Return of men engaged to service in the Continental Army for Capt. Zaccheus Wright's and Capt. Peltiah Fletcher's companies, Col. Jonathan Reed'd(Middlesex)Regt. dated at Westford 16 February 1778; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term 3 years to expire in 1780." [MSSRW IV-214]

#### NATHANIEL CUMINGS

We are uncertain of to his identity. We know that he and his wife, Rebecca, had two children born at Westford, Nathaniel, born 15 September 1778, and John, born 9 October 1781. We postulate that the parents died at Dunstable, Mass.[See Vital Records of Dunstable, Mass., p. 213], Nathaniel on 21 May 1812, age 61 years, extrapolating to a birth year of 1751; a RebeKah Cumings, wife of Nathaniel, died 13 October 1808 in her 57th year, again extrapolating to a birth year of 1751. However this volume is mute as to their marriage or their parents. Nathaniel did not sign the 1774 Covenant, but was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d on the North 1774 Tax list in addition to an assessment of 10 s-8d-3f for real and personal property, thus a rank of 104. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 9 days." [MSSRW IV-218]

### TIMOTHY CUMINGS

Born at Westford 15 January 1752, died there 12 October 1832, aged 81 years, son of Thomas & Sarah(Fassett)Cumings. He married (1) at Westford 5 March 1776 Katherine Fassett, born at Westford 6 May 1757, died there 14 October 1812, aged 56 years, daughter of Benjamin & Rebecca(Russel) Fassett. He filed at Westford 13 June 1813 intentions of marriage(2) with Elizabeth W. Farrar of Pepperell, born about 1781, died at Westford (as wife of Col. Timothy) 27 January 1839, aged 58 years. He had several children by both wife, the youngest born in 1822! He was 22 years, 6 mo. of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant in Column I-52. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 8s-4d-3f for his real and personal property and a rank of 122. "Drummer, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 10 days." [MSSRW IV-221]

### DANIEL DUDLEY

The identity of this man has not been ascertained. He and his wife, Hannah, had five children born at Westford between 1759 and 1770. A son, Jesse, born 18 April 1761 died in the Army in 1778. Daniel must have died before 21 October 1811 when Widow Hannah Dudley married at Westford Isaac Patch. She died at Westford 20 November 1812.. Daniel signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-42. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 6s-8d for his real and personal property, about equally divided between the two. His rank was 132. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW.

### BENJAMIN DUTTON

Born about 1719, probably in Billerica, died at Westford 4 September 1811, aged 92 years, son of Thomas, Jr. & Mary(----) Dutton who came to Westford about 1738 from Billerica. He married at Westford 10 July 1751 Mary Runrill, probably daughter of Simon Rumrill, named in the first Westford Tax Lists of 1730. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-8 when he was about 55 years of age. In the North 1774 Tax List, he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son Benjamin(See below). HE was also assessed 4s-7d for his real and personal property for a rank of 139. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

### BENJAMIN DUTTON, JR.

Born at Westford 12 September 1755, son of Benjamin & Mary(Rumrill) dutton. He married at Westford 14 March 1786 Widow Elizabeth(---)Freetoe of Dunstable. The Vital Records volumes for Westford and Dunstable are mute on any children of this couple and their dates and places of death. We postulatethey emigrated elsewhere, but are not included in Hodgman's compilation. He was 2 months shy of his 19th birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenantat Column VI-9. He was too young to be named in any 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll for him.

### DAVID DUTTON

Born about 1731, probably in Billerica, son of Thomas, Jr. & Mary(--)  
dutton. He died at Westford 10 March 1818, aged 87 years. He married at Westford 19 November 1761 Esther Heald, born at Westford 5 February 1736/37, daughter of Thomas & Sarah(----)Heald. We find no death entry locally for

### DAVID DUTTON Continued

her. David was about 43 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-8. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 11s-4d for real and personal property, with a rank of 100. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which arched on the alarm of 19 April 1775.; service 7 days." MSSRW V-98]

### EPHRAIM DUTTON

The parentage of this man has not been established. He probably married at Westford 8 June 1781 Susanna Bixby, born at Westford 27 April 1757, daughter of Asa & Susanna(Howard)Bixby. Hodgman(p. 165) indicates they emigrated to Cavendish, VT. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-29. In the North 1774 Tax List he appears late in the list suggesting this may have been the first time he was named in the list. He was assessed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal estate. " Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 26 April 1775; service 97 days; also, company return dated 27 September 1775; reported enlisted 19 April 1775."[MSSRW V-95]

### MR. JOSEPH DUTTON

Born about 1712, died at Westford 1 May 1775, aged 63 years, 4 mo. 19 days. He married (1) at Westford 6 November 1735 Rebecca Adams of Chelmsford. He was 62 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-44. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the South 1774 Tax List together with a total of 19s-3d-3f for real and personal property giving him a rank of 35.5.

### JOSEPH DUTTON, JR.

Born at Westford 25 November 1741, died there 7 March 1817, son of Joseph & Rebecca(Adams)Dutton. He married at Westford 17 September 1766, Lucy Bigelow, born possibly in Weston, Mass, daughter of John & Grace(-- ) Bigelow who came to Westford about 1762 from Acton. Lucy died at Westford 14 September 1807. Joseph, Jr. was about 32½ years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-16. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, plus 1s-0d for "Money Tax" and 9d-0f for personal property with no assessment for real property, thus having the rank of 164. "List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army, as reported by Capt. Zaccheus Wright and Capt. Peletiah Fletcher, dated Westford 16 February 1778; said Dutton & others enlisted in the carpenter's Regt. for 1 year from July 1777 out of the Town of Westford."[MSSRW V-100]

### WILLIAM DUTTON

Born at Westford 6 October 1750, son of Joseph & Rebecca(Adams) Dutton.. He married at Westford(1) 17 December 1777 Rebecca Temple of Acton; he possibly married(2) at Westford 7 December 1781 Susanna Read, born at Westford 29 March 1764 daughter of Thomas & Susanna(Dutton)Read. Hodgman(p.445) suggests he removed to Cavendish, VT. There are no Westford death records for him or either wife. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South Tax List for 1774 he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and 9d-2f for personal estate, with no assessment for real estate, thus he has a rank of 173.5. An entry in MSSRW is transcribed below in it's entirety

WILLIAM DUTTON(Continued)

even though some parts must refer to some other William Dutton about five years younger. "DUTTON, William, Westford( also given Charlmont and Vermont) Capt. Abishi Brown's Co., Col. Whitney's Regt; company order for advanced pay, etc. dated Hull 20 July 1776; also, petition, dated Camp at Hull, 17 September 1776, signed by sd Dutton and others, asking for increase and payment of wages; also, Corporal, Capt. Abishi Brown's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.; service from 1 August 1776 to 1 November 1776, 3 months at Hull; also, return of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Wright's Co., Col. Reed's (16th Middle County)Regt.; dated Lottleton, 17 September 1777; residence, Westford; engaged for TOWN of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term 3 years; also, Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Brook's Regt.; Continental army pay accounts for service from 9 April 1777 to 31 December 1779; also Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Battalion; muster return dated Albany 12 Januuary 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-Master for Middlesex Co., and muster roll for March & April a779, dated Cherry Valley; enlisted 3 April(also given as 9 April) 1777; also, 1st Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; return made to 1 January 1780; also, Corporal, Capt. White's Co., Col. Brown's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 3 December 1780; reported serving 1 mo. as Private, 11 mo. as Corporal; also, COrporal, Capt. Asa Coburn's Co., Lt. Col. John Brook's(7th)Regt.; muster rolls for February to May 1781, dated West Point; reported promoted to Sergeant 1 JUNE 1781; also, Sergeant, same Co. & Regt.; muster rolls for June, July, & SEptember 1781; also, (late) Capt. Coburn's Co., commanded by Lieut. Levi Parker, Lieut. Col. Brooks' Regt.; musater roll October & November 1781; also, Capt. Jonathan Felt's Co., Lieut. Col. Brook's Regt.; muster rolls for January & FEbruary 1782, dated York Hutts; also descriptive list datēd 20 February 1782; age 27 years.[? at date of enlistment?]; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, light(a;so given as dark); hair, dark; occupation, farmer; birthplace, Westford; residence, Westford; enlisted 18 December 1777(Also given as -December 1779); joined Capt. Turner's )also given as Capt. Jonathan Felt's) Co., Col. John Brook's(7th)Regt.; enlistment, during war; also, list of men entitled to honorary badges for faithful service from 1 December 1775; also, Sergeant, 7th Mass. Regt.; list of men entitled to 200 acres of land or \$10 in money, agreeable to Resolve of 5 March 1781; residence, Charlmont; also, same Regt. list dated Boston 28 January 1803, returned by John Avery, Secretary and J. Jackson, Treasurer of men who had enlisted into the Continental Army and actually served 3 years and were accordingly entitled to gratuities agreeable to Resolves of 4 March 1801 and 19 June 1801; said Dutton, credited with \$20 in money; residence, Vermnont." [MSSRW V-100]

BENJAMIN ESTABROOK

Born at Dunstable 29 February 1744/45, died there 24 January 1813, aged 68 years, son of Thomas & Prudence(----)Estabrook(Esterbrooks). He married, as a resident of Westford, at Westford 28 November 1769 Sarah Heald, probably born at Westford 14 August 1751, daughter of Gerhom & Hannah (Blood)Heald. There were seven births to this couple recorded at Westford between 1770 and 1783, then no further records. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was assessed for only 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax Lists, with no assessments for real or personal property, even though he had been married for five years. He thus had a rank of 200.0."Capt.

BENJAMIN ESTABROOK(Continued)

Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for county coat or its equivalent in money; dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, Private, Capt. Abishi Brown's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.; enlisted 26 May 1776; service to 1 August 1776, 2 mos. 6 days; roll dated Hull; also, same Co. & Regt.; service from 1 November 1776 to 1 December 1776, 1 mo. 3 days, travel included; roll dated Camp at Hull." [MSSRW V-391]

NATHANIEL FARROW

This resident of Chelmsford was assessed 9s-9d-1f in the South 1774 Tax List for real estate he owned in Westford. We have not identified this man. "Private, Capt. Varnum's Co., Col. Michael Jackson's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 28 April 1777 to 31 December 1779; residence Chelmsford; engaged for Chelmsford." [MSSRW V-555]

SAMUEL FARWELL

Probably born at Groton 21 May 1752, died at Westford 30 May 1824, son of Henry & Lydia(Tarbell)Farwell. He married at Westford 2 May 1774 Mary Lawrence, born at Westford 25 August 1749, died there(as a pauper) 29 May 1831, daughter of Samuel & Mary(Hildreth)Lawrence. He was 22 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant in Column I-18. His assessment in the North 1774 Tax List was only for 1 poll with no real or personal property, thus he has a rank of 200.0. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW.

JOSHUA FASSETT

Born at Westford 5 February 1747, son of Samuel, Jr. & Catherine (Read)Fassett. He married at Westford 12 November 1768 Sarah Priest of New Ipswich, NH. They had children born at Westford from 1769 through 1787, then no further records, so we assume they emigrated elsewhere, but Hodgman does not include him in his account of emigrees. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the North 1774 Covenant he was assessed only 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal estate although he had been married for six years, thus having a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwoods Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 8 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, Private, Capt. Asa Coburn's Co., Lt. Col. John Brooks's(7th) Regt.; muster rolls for February to May 1781. dated West Point; reported on command with light infantry; also, (late) Capt. Coburn's Co., commanded by Lieut. Levi Parker. Lieut. Col. Brooks's Regt.; muster roll for October and November 1781, dated York Hutts; also, 8th Co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's Regt.; muster roll for December 1781, certified at York Hutts and endorsed "Capt. Coburn's Co." [MSSRW V-561]

SAMUEL FASSETT

Born, probably before 1720, son of Samuel & Lydia(----)Fassett. He married at Westford 1 January 1741 Katherine Read, who died at Westford 19 April 1805, as a widow. He signed the 1774 Covenant probably at Column VI-7. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 10s-9d for real and personal estate, ranking 103. No entry in MSSRW.

SAMUEL FASSETT, [JR.]

We have made the following tentative assignment of this individual although there are still questions. He was probably born at Westford 2 June 1743, son of Samuel & Katherine(Read)Fassett. He would have been 31 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-12, five spaces below his father(See above). It is surprising that there is only one Samuel Fassett listed in the 1774 Tax Lists. WE have assigned that to his father, but it may be that of Samuel, Jr. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW.

DAVID FISH

We have **not** identified this man, except that he married at Westford 20 June 1767 Sarah Barron of Acton. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, but is named in the South 1774 Tax List where he was assessed only 1 poll, 6s-6d with no real or personal property for a rank of 200.0 "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 5 days; also, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 April 1775; service 3 mos. 9 days; also, company return dated Cambridge 3 October 1775; reported 'Queback Sept. 10'"[MSSRW V-678]

MR. SAMUEL FITCH

Probably born at Bedford about 1700, died at Westford 29 January 1775 in his 75th year. He married at Westford 24 April 1732 Joanna Kidder, born about 1697, died at Westford 4 March 1787, aged 90 years, probably daughter of John & Lydia(Parker)Kidder. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d. Considering his age, this may have been for a young "hired man" since he had no sons of the appropriate age. He was also assessed a total of 13s-8d-1f for real and personal estate and including 1s-5d in "Money Tax., for a rank of 74.

SAMUEL FITCH

This resident of Acton was assessed 1s-9d-2f in the South 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Westford 28 August 1733, son of Samuel & Joanna(Kidder)Fitch(see above). He married at Concord(then as a resident of Acton) 28 August 1766 Mary Blood of Concord, born there 1 August 1740, daughter of Stephen & Mary(---)Blood. He married(2) at Chelmsford 23 April 1778 Abial[Acton records say Alice] Walker. The Acton Vital Records volume has no death entries of either Samuel or his wife. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW.

AMOS FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 11 July 1717, died at Westford 27 March 1798, son of William & Mary(Foster)Fletcher. He married at Westford 3 September 1741 Mary Perham who died at Westford 9 June 1813. He was a few days shy of his 57th birthday when he signed the 1774 Covenant in Column IV-1. In the North 1774 Tax List his name appears in eighth position among the men of respect in that section of town. He was assessed two polls, 13s-0d, the extra for his son Amos, Jr.(see below). We assume he was not assessed another poll for his son Nehemiah(see below) since he was only fifteen years of age when the "Invoices" for the 11 November 1774

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Tax Lists were collected. He was assessed a total of £1-15s-2d-0f for his real and personal property including 1s-5d for "Money Tax." He thus had the rank of 5. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW.

AMOS FLETCHER(JR.)

Born at Westford 25 June 1755, son of Amos & Mary(Perham)Fletcher. He married at Westford, intentions 15 June 1776, Rebecca Prescott, born at Westford 10 April 1753, daughter of Jonas<sup>4</sup>(Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John) and his third wife Rebecca(Jones)(Barrett)Prescott. Local records give no death dates so we assume they emigrated elsewhere, but Hodgman does not include him in his listing of emigrees. He was 19 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists, but his father paid an extra poll for him in his entry in the North List. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 4 days." [MSSRW V-769]

DR. ASAPH FLETCHER

Born at Westford 28 June 1746, died at Cavendish, VT 5 January 1839, aged 92 years., son of William, Jr. & Elizabeth(Remington)Fletcher. HE married at Chelsea, MA 3 October 1776 Sarah Green of Chelsea. They emigrated to Cavendish, VT where he had a distinguished career in medicine and politics, being a member of the convention that applied to Congress for the admission of Vermont to the Union. He was a member of the Committee of Correspondance for Westford and 28 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-4, adding the notation "excepting mededines." On the South Tax List for 1774 he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 2s-4d-2f for personal estate and 1s-7d for "Money Tax." He had no real property. "Official record of a ballot by the House of Representatives dated 23 January 1776; said Fletcher chosen Surgeon of a regiment to be raised from militia of Middlesex and Lincoln countiesto serve before Boston until 1 April 1776; appointment concurred in by Council 23 January 1776; also, Surgeon, Col. John Robinson's Regt; list of officers; warrant issued said Fletcher probably about 5 February 1776." [MSSRW V-770]

CAPT. BENJAMIN FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 8 August 1716, died at Westford 25 February 1789, in his 72nd year, son of Joseph & Sarah(----)Fletcher. HE married(1) at Westford 29 June 1742 Bethia Herrick who died at Westford 21 December 1772, aged 49 years, 4 mos. 2days. He married (2) at Westford 9 February 1779 Elizabeth(Hall)Symmes, born at Westford 24 October 1732, died at Acton 31 January 1813, daughter of Rev. Willard & Abigail(Cotton)Hall, and widow of Caleb Symmes of Charlestown. Benjamin was almost 58 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-7. In the North Tax List for 1774 he appears at the sixth position from the top, among the men of respect, was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of £1-3s-5d-1f for his real and personal property for the rank of 20. The entry below may not apply to him since it does not indicate Westford residence, and he would have been 64 years of age at the time."Capt. 1st Co., 7th Middlesex County Regt., Mass. militia; list of officers commissioned 13 July 1780." [MSSRW V-770]

BENJAMIN FLETCHER, JR.

Born at Westford 8 May 1747, son of Benjamin & Bethia(Herrick) Fletcher(See above). He married at Westford 14 June 1774 Rebecca Boynton, born at Westford 5 March 1753, daughter of Nathaniel & Rebecca(Barritt) Boynton. Hodgman(p. 173) states that they emigrated to Lansingburg, VT. He was 27 years of age and married less than 3 weeks when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-18. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 10s-3d-3f for real and personal property for the rank of 109. It is possible that the MSSRW entry transcribed above for his father may be his, or may refer to neither since Hodgman in his listing(p. 137) of men from Westford who served does not include any Benjamin Fletcher.

DAVID FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 9 March 1717, died at Westford 4 June 1804 in his 88th year, son of Samuel & Hannah(----)Fletcher. He married at Westford 13 November 1742 Mary Butterfield of Chelmsford, born there 8 November 1723, died at Westford 8 November 1783, daughter of Samuel & Rachel(SPalding)Butterfield. One David Fletcher signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-4. It is uncertain whether this was David Sr. or his son, David, Jr.(See below). David, Sr. was assessed 2 polls, 13s-0d, the extra for his son Jeremiah, then about 18 years old((See below). He was assessed 12s-7d for real and personal property, thus having the rank of 87. We find no appropriate MSSRW entry.

DAVID FLETCHER, JR.

Born at Westford 8 December 1752, died at Groton 1 November 1831, son of David & Mary(Butterfield)Fletcher. He married (1) at Westford 27 October 1774 Joanna Stevens who died at Westford 8 September 1778. HE married(2) at Westford 22 November 1784 Sarah Richardson, born at Westford 2 August 1750, daughter of Henry & Priscilla(----)Richardson. Hodgman(p. 171) indicates they moved to Groton in 1796. One David Fletcher signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-4, but it is uncertain which one. David, Jr. was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List, and a total of 1s-9d-1f to give him a rank of 161.5. A "Money Tax" of 1s-8d and a personal property assessment of 1d-1f comprised the total with no assessment for real property. The following entry must apply to him, even though Hodgman(p. 137) does not include any David Fletcher in his list of soldiers in the War of the Revolution. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 2 days." ,SSRW V-771] Hodgman(p. 107) does include David Fletcher in the roster of Capt. Timothy Underwood's company.

EBENEZER FLETCHER

Born about 1726, probably at Chelmsford, died at Westford 17 March 1799 in his 74th year, son of Paul & Deliverance(Stevens)Fletcher. He married at Billerica 8 August 1754 Joanna Stearns, born there 29 July 1724, died at Westford 1 June 1806, aged 82 years. daughter of John & Esther(Johnson)Stearns. Ebenezer did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s-0d,, the extra for his seventeen year old son, Josiah. He also was assessed 19s-9d-3f



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for real and personal property giving him a rank of 29.5. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 5 days." [MSSRW V-771]

GERSHOM FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 27 July 1712, died at Westford 28 June 1779, son of Joshua & Dorothy(Heald)Fletcher. He married at Westford 28 May 1733 Lydia Townsend, possibly the daughter of Ebenezer Townsend whose property was among that annexed to Westford from Groton in 1730. Hodgman(p. 163) States a Gershom Fletcher went to Plymouth, NH in 1773 and returned to Westford in 1778. The location of his entry in the South 1774 Tax List suggests a "New Entry", but the amount is indicative of amature individual. Thus we conclude it refers to the Gershom Fletcher who was 62 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-19. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed only 1 poll, 6s-6d, so we must assume that an eighteen year old son, Joshua, was not then resident with him. Gershom was assessed 1l-5s-4d-3f for his real and personal property giving him the rank of 17. A entry in MSSRW(V-772) we believe refers to his son, Gershom, Jr.

JAMES FLETCHER

Born at Westford 3 September 1743, died at Boxford, MA 19[?27?] September 1806, aged 62 years, son of Timothy<sup>5</sup>(Paul<sup>4</sup>, Joshua<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Mary(Prescott)Fletcher. He married at Westford 21 February 1770 Rebecca Prescott, born there<sup>2</sup> January 1751, died there 1 December 1833, daughter of Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>(Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) and his 2nd wife Elizabeth (Avery)(Sprague)Prescott. Rebecca married(2) at Westford 22 April 1823 Samuel Wright, as his 2nd wife. He was born at Westford 23 September 1745 and died there 27 December 1827, aged 82 years, son of Simeon & Dorcas (Hildreth)Wright.[See his entry below] James served as a warden and as a Surveyor of Highways for Westford in 1776. He was 31 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-16. In the North Tax List for 1774 he was assessed 2 polls, 13s-0d, but had no sons to account for the extra poll. His assessment for real and personal property amounted to 16s-11d-1f giving him the rank of 57. "Sergeant, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the arlarm of 19 April 1775; service, 19 days." [MSSRW V-777]

JEREMIAH FLETCHER

Born at Westford 9 April 1756, son of David & Mary(Butterfield) Fletcher. He married at Dunstable 11 December 1783 Elizabeth Perham, born there 3 October 1762, daughter of Lemuel & Mary(French)Perham of Dunstable. Hodgman(p. 169) indicates they emigrated to Wilton, Maine. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant and was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll for him. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 6 days; also, Fifer, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for travel allowance to and from headquarter, dated Cambridge 1776; also, Corporal, Capt. Aaron Jewett's Co., Col. Job Cushing's Regt.; engaged 27 July 1777; discharged 29 August 1777; service 3 mos. 3 days; company raised at Littleton, Westford, Groton, Shirley and Ashby, which marched to Bennington on an alarm; also,

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3rd Corporal, Capt. Aaron Jewett's Co., Col. Samuel Bullard's Regt.; engaged 29 August 1777, discharged 29 November 1777; service 3 mos. 12 days, travel included, at North River, at time of taking Gen. Burgoyne; company reported to have marched to Saratoga; roll, dated Littleton; pay roll comprised part of two companies doing duty in two places." [MSSRW V-774]

JESSE FLETCHER

Born at Westford 27 February 1757, son of Timothy, Jr. & Bridget (Richarson)Fletcher. He married at Westford 8 August 1782 Lucy Keyes, born there 7 December 1764, daughter of Jonathan & Elizabeth(Hartwell)(Read) Keyes. We find no local death entries, so they must have emigrated elsewhere, but they are not included in Hodgman's discussion. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was too young to be named in any 1774 Tax List, nor was his father assessed an extra poll for him, suggesting he may not then have been a member of his father's household. "Private, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Cyprian How's Regt.; enlisted 27 July 1780; discharged 30 October 1780; service 3 mos. 7 days, travel included; company raised for three months; roll sworn to in Suffolk County." [MSSRW V-774] Hodgman does not include a Jesse Fletcher in his list(page 137) of Westford men who served in the Revolutionary War.

JOHN FLETCHER

Born at Westford 14 [??] November 1751, died there 4 January 1810, aged 58 y., son of Timothy & Mary(Prescott)Fletcher. He married at Westford 30 November 1773 Elizabeth Perry. He was 23 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-5. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List, and a total of 12s-9d for his real and personal property, thus having a rank of 84. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 5 days." [MSSRW V-776]

MR. JONATHAN FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 10 August 1693, died at Westford between 1 & 11 April 1777, son of JOshua<sup>3</sup>(William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & his second wife, Sarah (Wooley)Fletcher. He married at Westford 3 May 1735 Jane Chamberlin, born at Groton 2 February 1705/06, living in 1780, daughter of Thomas & Abigail(Nutting)CHamberlin. When he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column Vi-13 he was 84 years of age. In the North Tax List for 1774 he is referred to as "Mr." and assessed the unusual sum of 4s-6d as his poll tax. We might expect him to have paid no poll tax due to his age, but cannot otherwise explain the reduced amount. For his real and personal property he was taxed 8s-7d-3f for the rank of 120.

JONATHAN FLETCHER, JR.

Born at Westford 23 March 1733/34, died there 27 October 1813, aged 79 years, son of William(Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Robert<sup>2</sup>) and Elizabeth(Remington) Fletcher. He married at Westford 22 January 1761 Sarah Spaulding, born at Chelmsford 22 November 1739, died at Westford in November 1813, daughter of Simeon & Sarah(---)SPaulding. We not here another example of the colonial usage of "Junior", applying it to a younger male with that given name, regardless of the given name of his parent. His death entry refers to him as "Deacon" He was forty years of age when

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he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-39. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and his combined real and personal property assessments amounted to £1-0s-4d-1f to give him the rank of 26. We can find no suitable entry in MSSRW. Hodgman does not include any Jonathan Fletcher in his list(p. 137) of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution.

JONATHAN FLETCHER, 3RD

Born at Westford 16 November 1736, son of Jonathan & Jane (Chamberlin)Fletcher. He married at Littleton 28 January 1762 Mary Lawrence, born at Littleton 7 July 1737, daughter of Eleazer & Lucy(Tuttle) Lawrence. We note that by modern usage he would be "Junior", but by colonial usage he was "Third", the "junior" being applied to his cousin born in Westford about 2½ years earlier. (See above). Hodgman (p. 172) indicates a Jonathan Fletcher emigrated to Rutland, Mass. He was almost 38 yerars of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-14, just below his father. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 12s-6d for his real and personal property for the rank of 88. Since hodgman does not list any Jonathan Fletcher of Westford as serving in the War of Revolution, we suggest the following entry may be his, with service from another town. "Private, Capt. Samuel's Reed's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 6 days; reported enlisted into the army; also, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.;muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 19 April 1775; service, 3 mos. 9 days; also, company return dated Cambridge 11 November 1775; also, Private, Capt. George Minot's Co., Col. Samuel Bullard's Regt.; enlisted 16 August 1777; discharged 30 November 1777; service 3 mos. 14 days, travel included, in Northern Department." [MSSRW V-777]

JOSHUA FLETCHER

Born at Westford 10 November 1731, died there 10 June 1782, aged 52 years, son of Joseph & Sarah(Adams)Fletcher. He filed intentions of marriage at Westford 28 June 1755 with Elizabeth Raymond, born about 1736, died at Westford 16 February 1816, aged 80 years. He was 43 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-19. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 3 polls, 19s-6d, the extra two for his sons LEvi and Lyman(See below). His assessment for real and personal property amounted to 17s-7d-3f for the rank of 40. The MSSRW compilation has only 1 entry for a Joshua Fletcher. The heading reads: FLETCHER, Joshua(also given as Joshua, Jr.) Westford. From our study of the volume, Vital Records of Westford, Mass. and the manuscript Fletcher Genealogy by Winifred Lovering-Holman(on deposit at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston) we have concluded that in the time period under consideration only 3 persons named Joshua Fletcher were living and had a relationship with Westford, and were of an age to have served in the War of the Revolution. The first is the man described above. The second is a Joshua Fletcher, born at Westford in 1756, son of Gershom Fletcher, and the third is Joshua FLETCHER, born at Westford 27 February 1760, son of the above Joshua & Elizabeth(Raymond)Fletcher. Hodgman states that "Rev. Joshua Fletcher emigrated to Plymouth,NH about 1775(p. 163) and that "Joshua Fletcher emigrated to Ashburnham, Mass., no date given, (p.171). Since the MSSRW entry cites service in 1777 through 1779 when the last named Joshua WAS IN Plymouth,NH, we conclude that he is not the subject of the entry.

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Therefore we conclude that the entry describes the service of either Joshua, b. 1731, or his son, Joshua, b. 1760, or is a combination of some service by each of them. We favor that it concerns Joshua, born in 1760, but cannot prove it. "Private, Capt. Abishi Brown's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.; company order for advanced pay etc. dated Camp at Hull, 29 August 1776; also, petition dated Camp at Hull 17 September 1776, signed by said Fletcher and others asking for increase and payment of wages; also, Private, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dikes's Regt.; service from 13 December 1776 to date of discharge, 14 January 1777; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Fletcher's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's(16th Middlesex County)Regt., as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott, dated Littleton 17 September 1777; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Thomas's Co., Col. Marhsall's Regt.; term 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Private, Colonel's Co., Col. Thomas Marshall's Regt.; Continental Army accounts for service from January 1777 to 1 January 1779; also, Capt. Phillip Thomas's (5th) Co., Col. Thomas Marshall's Regt.; subsistence allowed from date of enlistment 2 January 1777 to 6 February 1777 credited with 36 days allowance; subsistence also allowed for 11 days travel on march from Boston to Bennington; also, same Co. & Regt.; muster roll for January 1779, dated West Point; reported on furlough by leave of Gen. DeKalb; also, (late) Capt. Thomas's Co., Col. Thomas Marhsall's Regt.; pay abstract for clothing for the year 1778; reported deserted 1 March 1779. [MSSRW V-777-778]

JOSHUA FLETCHER

Born at Westford <sup>5</sup>26 September 1756, <sup>2</sup>died at Bridgewater, NH 15 August 1829, son of Gershom (Joshua<sup>4-3</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Lydia Townsend Fletcher. He married a Sarah Brown in 1775, and according to Hodgman(p. 163) EMigrated to Plymouth, NH in 1775. He was a Congregational minister. He had four sons born in Plymouth between 1776 and 1780, so we conclude he was NOT the Joshua Fletcher of Westford referred to in MSSRW. We must state that it may have he who signed the 1774 Covenant, but we consider it more likely to be the Joshua listed above. This Joshua was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax List, and since his father was not assessed an extra poll, he may not have been then part of his father's household.

JOSIAH FLETCHER

Here again we are faced with difficulty in assignments. In the time frame being considered there were two Josiah Fletchers in Westford. One is named in the 1774 Tax Lists, so we can identify him based on age. No Josiah Fletcher signed the 1774 Covenant. Hodgman (p. 137) includes only 1 Josiah Fletcher in his list of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution. He also states (p. 164) that a Josiah Fletcher emigrated to Cavendish, then Ludlow, VT in 1792. We do not know which Josiah went to Vermont. MSSRW has four entries for Josiah Prescott of Westford which seem to fall into two separate time frames, but we cannot assign any one (or all) of them to either individual with any certainty. We have assigned marriages based solely on age.

Josiah Fletcher(the elder) was born at Westford 19 October 1749 son of Timothy & Bridget(Richardson)Fletcher. He probably married at Littleton 25 February 1779 Margaret Fletcher, born at Westford 13 September 1755, daughter of Samuel & Mary(Lawrence)Fletcher. In the North 177 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and 9d for "Money Tax" with no assessment for real or personal estate to give him the rank of 178.

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\_\_\_\_ Josiah Fletcher(the younger) was born at Westford 7 July 1757, son of Ebenezer & Joanna(Stearns)Fletcher. He probably married at Westford 9 April 1786 Abigail Fletcher. She could have been the Abigail Fletcher born at Westford 13 June 1768, daughter of Zechariah & Eunice(Keep)Fletcher or the Abigail Fletcher born at Westford --August 1768, daughter of JOshua & Elizabeth(Raymond)Fletcher. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax List, but his father was assessed an extra poll. The following four entries are printed in the same order in which they appear in MSSRW V-778.

"Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 12 days."

Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's REgt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 15 days."

Private, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt; company return dated Camp at White Plains, 31 October 1776."

"Private, Capt. JOshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th)Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 28 April 1775; service 95 days; also, company return dated 27 September 1775; reported enlisted 19 April 1775; also. order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, Private, Capt. JOshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 5 July 1777; service to 1 January 1778, 5 mos. 26 Days at Rhode Island."

LEVI FLETCHER

Born at Westford 11 September 1756, son of Joshua<sup>5</sup>(Joseph<sup>4</sup>, JOshua<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Elizabeth(Raymond)Fletcher. He married at Westford 4 January 1783 Jerusha Morton of Athol,Mass. He was 18 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-58. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List but his father was assessed an extra poll for him. Since there are no death entries for he or his wife in Westford VR we conclude that they emigrated elsewhere, although Hodgman does not so indicate. WE note that an entry in MSSRW(see below) indicates an enlistment in the Continental Army for the Town of Ashby. WE believe that MSSRW has two items for the same individual. We transcribe them in order of service. ""Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 9 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's(10th)Regt.; company orders for advanced pay dated Cambridge 9 JUNE 1775; also, Private, some Co. & Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 27 April 1775, service, 96 days; also, company returned dated 27 September 1775; reported enlisted 19 April 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775." [MSSRW V-780]

"List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army as returned by Capt. David Wright and Capt. Peletiah Fletcher, dated Westford, 16 February 1780; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Ashby; joined Col. Bigelow's Regt.; term, 3 years, to expire in 1780." [MSSRW V-779]

LYMAN FLETCHER

Born at Westford 12 June 1758, son of Joshua<sup>5</sup> (Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joshua<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Elizabeth (Raymond) Fletcher. He married at Ashburnham, 20 April 1796 Lois Gates of there. Hodgman indicates (p. 171) that he emigrated to Ashburnham. We note the seven births to this couple recorded at Westford between 1796 and 1813 and so suggest this removal was after the latter date. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father was assessed 2 extra polls for he and his brother, Levi (See above). We no no entry in MSSRW and Hodgman (p. 137) does not list his as serving in the War of Revolution. He, unlike his brother and father did not sign the 1774 Covenant.

NEHEMIAH FLETCHER

Born at Westford 27 November 1758: son of Amos<sup>5</sup> (William<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Mary (Perham) Fletcher. He married at Westford 21 October 1779 Mary Welch [Wesh?]. The absence of local death records suggests they emigrated elsewhere, but Hodgman does not list them in his discussion of emigration. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List and since he was not 16 until November 1774 his father was not assessed an extra poll for him. He was only 16 years, 7 months in age when along with his father and brother he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-5. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minott's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for allowance to and from home, dated Cambridge 12 January 1776; also, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; company return, dated Camp at White Plains, 31 October 1776; reported wounded and absent; also, Capt. Mott's Co., Col. Dikes's Regt.; service from 18 December 1776 to 1 March 1777; also, Capt. Lawrence's Co. of volunteers, Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; enlisted 26 September 1777; discharged 9 November 1777; service, 1 mo. 15 days; company raised in Littleton and Westford and marched to the assistance of the army under Gen. Gates." [MSSRW V-781]

CAPT. PELETIAH FLETCHER

Born at Westford 3<sup>4</sup> May 1727, died there 23 February 1807, aged 79 years, son of Joseph<sup>4</sup> (Joshua<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & his first wife Sarah (Adams) Fletcher. He married (1) at Westford 13 January 1757 Dorothy Hildreth, born at Westford 26 August 1736, died at Westford 14 June 1782, daughter of James & Dorothy (Prescott) Hildreth, He married (2) at Westford 15 October 1782 Widow Elizabeth (Hartwell) (Reed) Keyes who died at Westford 10 February 1826, aged 95 years. He was 57 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-18. In the North Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 1l-17s-1d-2f for his real and personal estate for a rank of 2. "Captain, 4th (1st Westford) Co., 6th Middlesex County Regt. of Mass. Militia; list of officers chosen by respective companies in said regiment as returned by Jonathan Reed and others, field officers; ordered in Council 24 April 1776 that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned 24 April 1776. [MSSRW V-781]

PETER FLETCHER

This resident of Littleton was assessed 1s on the North 1774 Tax List for real estate he owned in Westford. He was born at Westford 31 October 1733, and died at Littleton 11 May 1812, aged 79 years, son of Samuel & Mary(Lawrence)Fletcher. He married at Littleton 25 November 1762 Martha Dix, born at Littleton 4 January 1745, died there 20 June 1793, aged 48 years, daughter of Jonathan & Sarah(SHattuck)Dix. "Private, Capt. Samuel Reed's Co., of Minute-men, Col. William Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 1 day." [MSSRW V-781]

REUBEN FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 2 July 1720, son of William & Mary(Fletcher) Fletcher. He filed marriage intentions at Westford 4 May 1745 with Susanna Chandler. Hodgman states(p. 168) they removed to Plymouth, Vt in 1805. At age 54 he did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the North Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and for his real and personal property 19s-6d-1f for the rank of 34. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

SOLOMON FLETCHER

He was baptized at Westford[as SALMON FLETCHER] 2 July 1758, son of David & Mary(Butterfield)Fletcher. He was probably the Solomon Fletcher who filed at Westford 20 February 1782 intentions of marriage with Abigail Melven of Concord, probably born there 31 August 1757, daughter of David & Abigail(Davis) Melvin. Hodgman indicates (p. 1660) they emigrated to Cavendish, VT in 1787. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, either as Salmon or Solomon. He was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists. His father was assessed one extra poll which we assume was for an older son Jeremiah, age 18, but, if Jeremiah was not then in his father's household could have been for Solomon. We cannot ignore that David may have not included Solomon in his "invoice" since he was barely 16 years of age, or he may have not been in the household then. "Petition, dated Camp at Hull 17 September 1776, signed by said Fletcher and others asking for increase and payment of wages; also, Private, Capt. John Minott's Co., Col. Dike's Regt.; service from 13 December 1776 to date of discharge, 14 January 1777; also, return of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Wright's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's(16th Middlesex County) Regt., dated Littleton 17 September 1777; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Thomas's Co., Col. Marshall's Regt.; term, 3 years to expire in 1780; also, list of men mustered by Nathaniel Barber, Muster-master for Suffolk County, dated Boston 8 January 1777; Capt. Thomas's Co., Col. Marshall's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 2 January 1777 to 31 December 1779; reported discharged; also, Capt. Phillip Thomas's Co., Col. Thomas Marshall's(10th)Regt.; subsistence allowed from date of enlistment 2 January 1777 to 6 February 1777; credited with 35 days allowance; subsistence also allowed for 11 days of travel on march from Boston to Bennington; Also, Capt. Thomas's (5th)Co., Col. Marshall's Regt.; muster roll for April 1779 dated at West Point." [MSSRW V-783-784]

### SAMPSON FLETCHER

Born at Westford 24 August 1758, died there 2 September 1828, son of Samuel & Mary(Lawrence)Fletcher. He married at Westford 1 February 1785 Dolly Fletcher, born there 21 December 1759, died there (as Dorothy) 10 May 1828, aged 68 years, daughter of Peletiah & Dorothy (Hildreth)Fletcher. He was too young to be named on a 1774 Tax List, but his father was assessed two extra polls on the South list for Sampson and his brother Samuel(See below). Neither brother signed the 1774 Covenant while their father did. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minott's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstracts for travel to and from home, dated Cambridge 12 January 1776; also Capt. Edmund Longley's Co., Col. Cogswell's Regt.; enlisted 22 September 1778; discharged 31 December 178; service, 3 mos. 12 days travel included; company detached to fortify posts at and about Boston." [MSSRW V-782]

### CAPT. SAMUEL FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 26 August[?September?]<sup>3</sup> 1706, died at Westford 11 March 1780 in his 74th year, son of William (Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) and Mary(Fletcher)Fletcher. He married at Westford 7 September 1729 Mary Lawrence of Littleton, born there 1709-10, died at Westford 4 October 1780, aged 71 years, daughter of Eleazer & Mary(Scripture)Lawrence. Until 1748 he appears in the Westford<sup>2</sup> records as "Samuel,Jr.", the elder Samuel being Samuel<sup>4</sup>(Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) born in 1684. died in 1749. In 1759 he was referred to as "Ensign." He served under Lovell in the Colonial Wars in 1725. He received his commission as Captain of the 2nd Westford Company, 6th Middlesex Regiment under Col. Bulkley in 1762. HE was 68 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-6 among other town disnitarities. In the North 1774 Tax List his name appears third on the first page of the list where he was assessed 3 polls, 19s-6d. WE can expalin the extra polls by his son Sampson and Samuel. We wonder whether the third poll was his, because of his age, or was for some other young male, not a son, in residence. He was assessed a total of £1-19s-4d for his real and personal property, the highest of all taxpayers for the rank of 1. We find no entry in MSSRW nor in Hodgman's list of men serving in the War of Revolution.

### SAMUEL FLETCHER

Born at Westford 24 January 1754, died there (as Deacon Samuel) 26 August 1838, son of Ens. Samuel & Mary(Lawrence)Fletcher. He filed at Westford 26 June 1771 intentions of marriage with Lucy Jones of Concord, born there 18 April 1756, died at Westford 5 August 1785 in her 30th year, daughter of John & Abigail(Wesson)Jones. He married (2) at Westford 14 December 1786 Miriam("Milla") Keyes, born at Westford 13 March 1757, daughter of Jonathan & Elizabeth(Hartwell)(Reed)Keyes. This Samuel did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid extra polls for he and his brother Sampson.

### SETH FLETCHER

Born at Westford<sup>4</sup> 8 August 1744<sup>3</sup>, died there 2 July 1812, aged 68 years, son of William (William<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Elizabeth(Remington) Fletcher. He married at Westford 2 June 1772 Joanna Fletcher born there 2 July 1747, died there 19 june 1842, aged 94 years, 11 mos. 17 days, daughter of David & Mary(Butterfield)Fletcher. Seth was 30 years of



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age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-19. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 7s-10d-2f for his real and personal property, thus held a rank 127. We find no entry in MSSRW, nor is he included in Hodgman's list (page 138) of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution.

THOMAS FLETCHER

He was baptized at Westford 15 October 1738, son of Joseph<sup>5</sup>)Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Joshua<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Elizabeth(Underwood)Fletcher. He filed at Westford 15 January 1763 intentions of marriage with Wid. Sarah(Procter) Hildreth, born at Chelmsford 2 November 1736, died at Westford 2 April 1813, aged 76 years, daughter of Israel & Sarah(Raymond)Procter, and widow of Samuel Hildreth who had died at Westford 3 October 1759. Thomas was 36 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-26. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s06d, in the North 1774 Tax List, plus a total of 11-9s-11d-1f for his real and personal property, giving him the rank of 8. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW in spite of the fact that Hodgman (page 138) includes a Thomas Fletcher in his list of Westford service-men.

LIEUT. TIMOTHY FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 20 September 1707, died at Westford 7 May 1780 in his 73rd year, son of Paul<sup>4</sup>(Joshua<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Deliverance (stevens)Fletcher. He married(1) at Chelmsford 5 October 1729 Mary<sup>3</sup> Prescott<sup>2</sup> of Concord, born there 5 January 1707/08, daughter of Samuel<sup>1</sup>)Jonathan<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) & Esther(Wheeler)Prescott. We find no death entry for Mary in the vital record volumes of Concord, Chelmsford, or Westford, but she was living in 1775. He was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Militia in 1761, but probably due to age, did not serve in the War of Revolution. He was 67 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-3. In the North 1774 Tax List his name appears seventh from the op of the first page. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 19s-6d-3f for real and personal property, thus gaining the rank of 33.

TIMOTHY FLETCHER, JR.

Born at Chelmsford 12 April 1719, died at Westford 15 April 1786, son of JOseph<sup>4</sup>(Joshua<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Sarah(Adams)Fletcher. He married(1) at Chelmsford 15 February 1745 Bridget Richardson, born there 23 April 1726, died at Westford 8 June 1770 in her 45th year; he filed at Westford 14 May 1774 intentions of marriage(2) to Huldah(Putnam) Perley, born about 1717, died at Westford 21 August 1777, aged 60 years; he married(3) at Westford 25 November 1778 Hannah Procter, born at Westford 4 August 1747, died there 8 July 1837, aged 90 years, daughter of Phillip & Phebe(Hildreth)Procter. She married(2) at Westford 3 June 1789 Capt. Eleazer Hamlin of Harvard, born about 1732, died at Westford 1 December 1807, aged 75 years. Timothy Fletcher, Jr. was a tavern-keeper in the building in the town center on the south side of Lincoln St, facing the present Metcalf Civil War Monument. When his widow married Capt. Hamlin it became the "Hamlin Tavern." Timothy was 55 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-2. He appears in the North 1774 Tax List taxed for 1 poll, 6s-6d, which raises the question as to whether his son, Jesse(See above) was then resident in his household. His real and personal property tax toal of 16s-8d-1f gave him the rank of 49. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW, and Hodgman does not name him in his list(page 138) of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution.

#### WILLARD FLETCHER

Born at Westford 21 August 1749, son of David & Mary(Butterfield) Fletcher. He married at Westford 26 December 1775 Abigail Hardy. This couple had several children's births recorded at Westford through 1794, their deaths are not recorded. Hodgman (p 445) suggests they emigrated to Townsend. He was 25 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-60. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the North 1774 Tax List plus a total of 11s-9d-2f for his real and personal property. He thus had the rank of 94. "Corporal. Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 4 days; also, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; company return dated Camp at White Plains, 31 October 1776." [MSSRW-V-784]

#### CAPT. WILLIAM FLETCHER

Born at Chelmsford 22 September 1702, died at Westford 22 September 1784, aged 82 years, son of William<sup>3</sup>(Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) & Mary (Fletcher) Fletcher. He married (1) at Westford 16 March 1731 Elizabeth Remington, born at Suffield, MA 15 April 1710, died at Westford 24 May 1749, aged 39 years, daughter of Jonathan & Sarah(Hovey) Remington. He married(2) at Medfield 22 June 1762( as Capt. William)(also recorded at Westford) Susanna(Fassett) Fletcher, born at Billerica 2 April 1718, died at Westford 30 June 1763, aged 45 years, daughter of Samuel & Lydia (Parker) Fassett and widow of Zechariah<sup>5</sup>(Joshua<sup>4,2</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) Fletcher. He was 72 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-21. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 6s-6d for 1 poll, in spite of his age and with no sons younger than 28 years. His real and personal property was taxed at 11-2s-10d-1f for the rank of 22. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

#### WILLIAM FLETCHER

Born at Westford 25 March 1755, son of Reuben & Susanna(Chandler) Fletcher. We find no local marriage or death record so he may have emigrated elsewhere, even before his father went to Plymouth, NH in 1805. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant and was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List. His father was not assessed an extra poll in his listing, again suggesting that William, then about 19 years of age, was not resident in his household. We find no entry in MSSRW that specifically is for a William Fletcher of Westford, however Hodgman (p. 138) indicates a William Fletcher served in the War of Revolution. The following entry MAY be his, but does not refer to a Westford company. "Private, Capt. Reuben Butterfield's Co.; enlisted 16 December 1776; discharged 16 March 1777. 90 days; 10 days travel allowed to return home." [MSSRW-V-784]

#### BENJAMIN FORSTER

Probably born at Chelmsford 18 February 1712/13, son of Elias & Hannah(----)Forster. He married at Littleton(as FORSTER) 3 December 1761 Sarah Whitney of Littleton, born there 29 December 1716, daughter of Moses & Lydia(---)Whitney. He was of Lunenburg at the time of this marriage. He must have married(2) before 1765 when a son Benjamin was born at Westford to Benjamin & Abigail, and in 1768 a daughter Susanna was born to Benjamin & Abigail. Susanna, married at Westford 18 May 1786

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Slijah Nutting of Groton. His signature, as Benjamin FORSTER, appears in the 1774 Covenant at Column V-14. He was probably about 61 years of age when , in the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and 7d-1f for personal property to give him the rank of 178. He had no assessment for real property. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

EBENEZER FOSTER

Probably born at Chelmsford 23 July 1744, son of Ebenezer & Sarah(Parker)Foster He died in military service prior to 5 November 1777. He married at Chelmsford 8 September 1768 Hannah Foster, born at Chelmsford 7 February 1748/49, probably died there 23 March 1803, daughter of William & Hannah(Colborn)Foster. He was 30 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant ay Column VI-2. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed for 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 4s-8d-3f for his real and personal property to produce the rank of 138. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 8 days; also, Capt. Solomon Kidder;s Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; company return endorsed 1776, said Foster reported at White Plains; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Wright's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's (6th Middlesex County)Regt., as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott dated Littleton 17 September 1777; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Btbrooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 May 1777 to 1 October 1777; reported deceased. also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's (6th)Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County, reported died 1 October(also given as 7 October) 1777."[MSSRW V-806]

ELIAS FOSTER[?JR?]

Born at Chelmsford 11 April 1716, son of Elias & Anna(----)Foster. He married at Westford 12 April 1746 Abigail Wheeler of Acton, prob. born at Concord 7 December 1721 daughter of Timothy & Abigail(Roe)Wheeler. Since we find no local death records for them, they must have emigrated elsewhere, but Hodgman did not include them in his discussion of emigration. He was 58 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-20. In the SOuth 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra poll for his son, Samuel(See below). His taxes for real amd personal property amounted to 9s-8d-1f for the rank of 116. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minott's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for travel allowance from home and return 52 miles, dated Cambridge 12 January 1776." [MSSRW V-897]

SAMUEL FOSTER

Born at Westford 16 August 1756, son of Elias & ABigail(Wheeler) Foster. He married at Westford 30 August 1787 Mary Fletcher, prob. born at Westford 21 March 1757 daughter of Amos & Mary(Perham)Fletcher. The absence of local records after the birth of a daughter Polly in 1788 suggest they emigrtd else. Hodgman does not so indicate. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. HE was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists, but his father paid an additonal poll for him. It is considered that the following MSSRW entry pertains to him although it does not specifically identify him as from Westford; "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt; enlisted 5 July 1777; service to 1 January

SMITH FOSTER

Born at Billeric, MA 21 May 1757, son of Henry & Agnes(----)Foster. He married at Acton, MA 16 June 1778 Esther Sawtell of Acton, born about 1755 who died at Acton 17 May 1822, aged 67 years. He was only 17 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-46. In light of his age we wonder why he was named in the South 1774 Tax list where he was assessed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d with no real or personal property. He thus has a rank of 200.0. The following MSSRW entry which mentions Billerica, Acton and Westford must apply to him. "Private, Capt. John Minott's Co., Col. Dikes' Regt; service from 13 December 1776 to date of discharges, 18 February 1777; credited to Town of Westford; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Zaccheus Wrihght's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's(6th Middlesex County) Regt., as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott, dated Littleton 17 September 1777; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; term 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Private, Capt. Ballard's Co., 5th Mass. Regt., lately commanded by Col. Alden; return of men in camp on or before 5 August 1777; also Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and by a Continental Muster-master; also, same Co. & Regt.; muster roll for March and April 1779, dated Cherry Valley; enlisted 17 May 1777; also, 1st Co., Lieut. Col. John Brooks's (7th)Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1779; residence, Acton; also, Matross, Capt. William Treadwell's Co., Col. John Crane's(Artillery)Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 31 December 1780; reported transferred tofrom Col. Brooks's Regt.; also, Capt. Treadwell's Co., 3rd Artillery Regt.; return made by order of Gen. Heath of 5 January 1781, dated West Point; enlisted by Lieut. Mason 29 December 1779; for the war; residence, Billerica; engaged for TOWN of Billerica; also, Matross, Capt. Treadwell's Co., Col. John Crane's (3rd Artillery)Regt.; muster rolls for February through April 1781, West Point: deserted on furlough by leave of Lieut. Nestle[?] in February and March 1781; deserted in April 1781." [MSSRW V-932[

JOHN GLENNE[?JR?]

JOHN GLENNE[?3rd?]

We have difficulty identifying these two persons and their relationship.. Neither signed the 1774 Covenant, but both appear in the North 1774 Tax List. It must be noted that the surname is spelled in other towns as GLYNN and GLINEY. The present facts are that John Glenne of Dunstable, was taxed, as a Non-resident in Westford the sum of 7d-1f for real property he owned in Westford. Another John Glenne, as a resident of Westford was taxed 6s-6d for 1 poll, and 2s-1d-3f for personal property with no assessment for real property. He thus had a rank of 157.5. One deduction might be that the John Glenne, resident of Westford, was occupying land owned by the John Glenne of Dunstable. From the Volume, Vital Records of Westford, Mass. we know that "John Glenne of Dunstable filed marriage intentions at Westford 29 March 1751 with Thankful Adams!"

JOHN GLENNE[?JR?] & JOHN GLENNE[?3rd?](continued)

She was born at Westford 4 November 1729 daughter of Samuel & Elizabeth (Butterfield)Adams. The births of their children are recorded at Westford as follows: (i.) John, b. 8 July 1751[ he probably m. a Sarah--- and had a son born at Westford 15 April 1772 and William, born in 1774]; (ii.) Sarah, bp. Westford 17 Nov. 1754, dau. John, Jr.; (iii.) Sarah, b. Westford 14 Sept. 1755, dau. John & Thankful; (iv.) Sarah, b. Westford 12 Nov. 1757, dau. John & Thankful; (v.) William, b. Westford 18 August 1759, son of John & Thankful; (vi.) Isaac, b. Westford 8 July 1761. s. John & Thankful[he m. at Westford 24 August 1785 Mrs. Sally Nutting] (vii.) Molley, b. Westford 14 Sept. 1763, dau. John & Thankful; (viii) James, bp. Dunstable 8 Oct. 1769[Westford record]. From the above we postulate that a John, Jr. was resident in Westford in Westford in 1774 and an elder John was then resident in Dunstable in 1774. The volume, Vital Records of Dunstable, Mass. is of no help in resolving these identifications. We transcribe two entries from MSSRW: "GLENNE, John, Dunstable. Private, list of men returned as serving on main guard under Maj. Loammi Baldwin at Cambridge, dated 15 May 1775; also Capt. Ebenezer Bancroft's Co., Col. Ebenezer Bridge's (27th) Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 8 June 1775; service 1 mo. 26 days; also, company return dated 25 September 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge, 14 December 1775." [MSSRW VI-499] GLENNE, JOHN, JR., Westford: "Private, Capt. Ebenezer Bancroft's Co., Col. Ebenezer Bridge's (27th) Regt.; receipt for advanced pay signed by sd Glenne and others, dated Camp before Boston 24 July 1775; enlisted 4 May 1775 service 3 mos. 5 days; also, company return dated 25 September 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated 4 November 1775." [MSSRW VI-499.] We must note that the latter entry could apply either to the John Glenne who married at Westford in 1751 or his son, John born there in the same year. The same page of MSSRW has entries for William, b Westford 1759 and Isaac, born Westford 1761.

DANIEL GOODHUE

He was probably born at Ipswich, Mass between 1750 and 1753, son pf Sgt. Joseph & Elizabeth(Parker)(Gilbert)Goodhue . He married at Westford 7 April 1774 Sarah Hildreth, born at Westford 20 September 1753, daughter of Samuel & Sarah(Procter)Hildreth. They must have emigrated elsewhere after 1 July 1794 when the death of their one year old daughter, Patty, was recorded. Hodgman does not so indicate in his dsicussion. He was probably about 21 to 24 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-32. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the North 1774 Tax List, and when a "Money Tax" of 1s-7d was added to those for his real and personal property the total, 2s-11d-3f, gave him the rank of 140. "Corporal, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 9 days." [MSSRW VI-576]

MR. DAVID GOODHUE

Born at Ipswich, Mass 23 May 1742, died at Westford(as Colonel) 3 August 1798, aged 56 years, son of William,3rd & Mercy(Gilbert)Goodhue. He married at Westford 5 November 1767 Esther Prescott, born at Westford 25 October 1742, died there 11 June 1833, aged 91 years, daughter of

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Jonas<sup>4</sup>(Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) & his third wife, Rebecca(Jones)(Barrett)Prescott. From extant town records we know he had a textile finishing[& dyeing?] enterprise at Forge Village near Stony Brook., since he was paid by the town for working on a "burying cloth" for the use of the town. He was 32 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-22. In the North 1774 Tax List(where he is referred to as "Mr." in spite of his young age and modest possessions) he was assessed for 2 polls, 13s, even though he had no teen-aged son. He may have had a young helper or apprentice in his business. He was also assessed 2s-5d "Money Tax" which when added to his real and personal property taxes totalled 10s-6d-2f, so he had the rank of 106. "Lieutenant, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775.; service, 15 days." [MSSRW VI-576]

NEHEMIAH GREEN

Born at Groton 1 October 1744, son of Isaac & Martha(Boyden)Green. He married before 1771 Eunice----- and had at least four children: (i.)Mary, bp Groton 27 March 1771; (ii) Eunice, bp. Westford 26 December 1773; (iii.)Nehemiah, bp. Groton 28 April 1778; (iv.) Isaac, bp. Groton 27 December 1778. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, but had no teen aged -sons. He probably had some occupation in addition to farming since he was taxed 10d "Money Tax". Adding this to his personal property and real property taxes gave a total of 9s-11d-3f for the rank of 112. He was 30 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-2. "Corporal, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 15 days; also, Sergeant, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th)Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 May 1775; service 68 days; also, company return dated 27 September 1775; also, Certificate, dated Cambridge 31 December 1775 signed by Capt. Joshua Parker, stated that said Green, of his company, 10th Regt., had not received a bounty coat or its equivalent in money." [MSSRW VI-827]

EBENEZER HADLEY, JR.

Born at Westford 20 October 1755, son of Ebenezer & Abigail (Spaulding)Hadley. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant and his father was not named in a 1774 Tax List. Hodgman [(p.169) indicates an Ebenezer Hadley emigrated to Brattleboro, VT, so we postulate this emigration was before 1774.

JOHN HADLEY[SR]

Probably born at Groton 28 September 1719, son of Benjamin & Mehitable(----)Hadley. He and his wife Eunice(----)Hadley were residing in Westford on 3 March 1745 when a daughter Sarah was born. to them. Hodgman (p. 167 ) indicates a John Hadley emigrated to Ludlow, VT in 1792. Whether this was the elder John or his son John, born at Westford in 1746(See below) we do not know, but there are no Westford death records for Eunice or the two Johns. Similarly, one John Hadley signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-7, but which John Hadley? The elder John was assessed 2 polls, 13s, in the South 1774 Tax List. We know he had two sons, Jonathan and Jonas (See below) of the proper age so

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that if they were both in his household he should have been assessed 3 polls. He was assessed 6s-11d-3f for his real and personal property to give him the rank of 129. "He signed an order, dated Westford 5 April 1776 for money in lieu of a bounty coat due Jonathan Hadley, deceased, Capt. Parker's Co., Col. Prescott's Regt.; also, account showing sums of money to be paid from the public treasury to sundry persons or losses sustained at Battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill; amounts allowed in Council 13 JUne 1776." [MSSRW VII-17]

JOHN HADLEY, JR.

Born at Westford 20 January 1746, son of John & Eunice(----)Hadley. He married at Groton 6 January 1774 Ruth Kemp of Groton, probably born there 19 January 1753, daughter of Samuel & ELizabeth(Gilson)Kemp. Hodgman (P. 167) indicates a John Hadley emigrated to Ludlow, VT in 1792, but it may have been his father(See above). Similarly we do not know which John Hadley signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-7. He was named, as John Hadley, Jr, in the next to last position in the North 1774 Tax List with an assessment of 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 3s-11d-1f for real and personal property with the rank of 145. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 7 days. [MSSRW VII-17]

JONAS HADLEY

Born at Westford 26 May 1756, son of John & Eunice(----)Hadley. He married at Groton 14 December 1780 Azubah Prescott, born these 24 July 1764, daughter of David<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer<sup>3-2</sup>, Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) & ABigail(Wright) Prescott. Jonas signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-25 when he was 18 years of age. He was too young to be names in the 1774 Tax List. His father paid an extra poll, but we do not know if it was for Jonas or his brother Jonathan(See below). It suggests one of the two were not then resident in their father's jousehold. "Private, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col.Dikes" Regt.; pay abstract for wages and travel allowance to and from Dorchester Heights; said Hadley credited with 2 days; mileage allowance (68 miles) also allowed; warrant allowed in Council 30 November 1776; also, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co. of volunteers, Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; enlisted 26 September 1777; discharged 9 November 1777; service, 1 mo. 15 days, travel included, at the Northward; company raised in Westford and Littleton and marched to assist the Army under Gen Gates." [MSSRW VII-17]

JONATHAN HADLEY

Born at Westford 19 July 1754, killed st Battle of Bunker Hill, Charlestown, 17 June 1775. son of John & Eunice(----)Hadley. He was 20 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-28. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List. His father paid 1 extra poll, whether for Jonathan or his younger brother Jonas(See above) is not certain. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April, 1775; service 2 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) Regt.; order for advancedpay. signed by said Hadley and others, dated Cambridge, 9 June 1775; also, Private, same Co. & Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 26 April 1775; service, 53 days; also, company return

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dated 27 September 1775; reported killed 17 June 1775; also, order on Committee of Clothing, payable to John Hadley, dated 15 March 1776, signed by the Selectmen of Westford, for money in lieu of a bounty coat due Jonathan Hadley, deceased. said John Hadley being the proper heir to the deceased; also, certificate, dated Cambridge 20 March 1776, signed by Capt. Joshua Parker, stating that said Hadley was a soldier in his company, Col. Prescott's Regt., and was killed in battle at Breed's Hill, 17 June 1775, and had not received a bounty coat or its equivalent in money; also, order on Henry Gardner, Paymaster General, payable to Jonathan Kemp, dated Westford 10 September 1776, signed by John Hadley, father of said Jonathan Hadley, for losses sustained by his son, who was slain at battle of Bunker Hill, 17 June 1775." [MSSRW VII-17]

WILLIS HALL

Born at Westford 14 November 1747, died there 13 May 1813. Aged 66 years, son of Rev. Willard & Abigail (Cotton) Hall. He married at Westford 4 September 1779 Mehetable Pool of Hollis, born about 1755, died at Westford 4 March 1804, aged 49 years. Willis was 27 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-38. This might be considered surprising since his father, the minister at Westford then for over forty years, was the center of an uproar in town, in part because of arguments on salary matters, and in large part because of his Loyalist sympathies. In the Spring of 1775 Rev. Hall was stripped of his weapons and restricted to his immediate premises for a period of time, by vote of the town. The Rev. Willard Hall did not sign the 1774 Covenant. Willis was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, on the North 1774 Tax List. He must have had occupation in addition to farming since he was assessed 1s-7d for "Money Tax", and his personal property assessment amounted to 9d-2f for a total of 2s-4d-2f for a rank of 154.5. We conclude he did not own real property in 1774. We find no entry in MSSRW we can connect with him and Hodgman has omitted his name in his list of those who served from Westford (p. 138).

AMOS HARDY

This man is still largely an enigma. From his entry in MSSRW we know he was probably born about 1750-1751. Did he marry in Westford 6 August 1768 to Lydia Stratton. We cannot judge whether this marriage took place, since no children born to this couple are recorded at Westford, and on 24 October 1785 a Lydia Stratton married, at Westford William Read. There are births recorded to Westford for this couple. Amos signed the 1774 Covenant in Column II-43, but his name does not appear in any 1774 Tax List. The following entry from MSSRW gives all else we know about him. "Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regt.; muster roll, dated Camp at Ticonderoga, 27 November 1776; enlisted 12 January 1776; reported deserted 15 November 1776; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., 6th Middlesex County Regt., as returned by Col. Jonathan Read to Brig. Gen. Prescott, dated Littleton 17 September 1777; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 2 April 1777 to 31 December



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1779; reported transferred to Capt. Day's Co.; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., lately commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; return of men who were in camp on or before 15 August 1777; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. ALden's Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and by a Continental Muster-master; Also, Capt. Luke Day's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., lately commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; muster roll for March & April 1779, dated Cherry Valley; enlisted 2 April 1777; also, 12th Co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's (7th) Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. Varnum's Co., Col. Michael Jackson's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for 1 January 1780 to 17 August 1780; reported transferred from Col. Brooks's Regt.; also, reported deserted 17 August 1780; also a descriptive list of deserters from 8th Regt. and part of the 9th Regt. commanded by Col. Michael Jackson, dated 15 January 1781; age 30 years; stature 5 ft 10 in.; complexion, dark; hair, dark; residence, Westford, enlistment- during the war; deserted ----June 1780." [MSSRW VII-27]

JONATHAN HARWOOD

This resident of Chelmsford, as a non-resident of Westford was taxed on the South 1774 Tax List 1s-7d for real estate he owned in Westford. He was born at Chelmsford 21 April 1710, died there 18 June 1783, aged 73 years, son of Nathaniel & Mary(----)Harwood. He filed at Chelmsford 3 April 1731 intentions of marriage(1) with Joanna Spaulding, born at Chelmsford 8 July 1712, died there 10 May 1737, daughter of Andrew & Abigail(Waring[Warren?])Spaulding. He filed at Chelmsford intentions of marriage(2) with Mary Parker, born at Chelmsford 14 January 1716/17, died at Westford 27 December 1754, in her 37th year, daughter of Ebenezer & Elizabeth(\_\_\_\_)Parker. He filed at Chelmsford 20 August 1768 intentions of marriage (3) with Mrs. Lucy Procter, born about 1709, died at Chelmsford 14 June 1774 in her 65th year. HE filed at Chelmsford 4 April 1776 intentions of marriage(4) with Mrs. Mary Cummings of Westford. We find no MSSRW entry appropriate for this man.

JAMES HAYWOOD

This resident of Chelmsford, as a Non-resident of Westford was assessed 2s-4d in the North 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born about 1725 and died at Chelmsford 6 November 1791. He married at Chelmsford 11 April 1751 Sarah Emory, born there 17 August 1727, died there 21 March 1802, aged 75 years, daughter of Zachary & Sarah(----)Emery. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW for this man.

EPHRAIM HEALD

Born at Westford 6 November 1753, son of Gershom & Hannah(Blood) Heald. On 6 April 1776 he filed an intention of marriage at Westford with Sarah Hardy. Westford records contain the births of six children to this couple through 1791, but not any records of the parent's deaths. We conclude they emigrated elsewhere, but are not included in Hodgman's discussion of emigration from Westford. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, is not named in any 1774 Tax List, but his father paid two extra polls,

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presumably for his two sons, Ephraim and Oliver(See below) who was born in 1758. "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dike's Regt.; pay abstract for mileage to and from Dorchester Heights and travel allowance home; said Heald credited with 2 days allowance; mileage(68 miles)also allowed; warrant allowed in Council 30 November 1776." [MSSRW VII-653]

GERSHOM HEALD

Born at Chelmsford 4 September 1727, son of Gershom & Sarah(----)Heald. He married at Westford 31 October 1750 Hannah Blood, probably born at Groton 15 September 1732, daughter of Ebenezer & Abigail(----)Blood. Their deaths are not recorded locally so we assume they emigrated, but Hodgman does not so specify. He was 47 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-4. In the North Tax List for 1774 he was taxed for 3 polls, 19s-6d, the extras for his son Ephraim(See above) and his son Oliver(See below). His assessment for real and personal property amounted to 11s-4d-3f to give him the rank of 99. While MSSRW has an entry for a Gershom Heald, town unspecified, we believe it applies to another Gershom, born at Concord, MA 3 September 1746.

OLIVER HEALD

Born at Westford 31 March 1758, son of Gershom & Hannah(Blood)Heald. He married at Westford 26 December 1786 Esther Fletcher, born at Westford 9 June 1762; daughter of Ebenezer & Joanna(Stearns)Fletcher. The Westford Vital Records volume does not record any births to this couple, or their deaths. We conclude they emigrated elsewhere, but Hodgman does not so state. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List. His father paid 2 extra polls, presumably for him and his brother, Ephraim(See above). "Private; list of men returned as serving on picket guard under Maj. L. Baldwin, dated 11 May 1775; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; company return, dated 27 September 1775; enlisted 17 May 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 20 April 1777 to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., lately commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; return of men who were in camp on or before 15 August 1777 and who had not been absent subsequently except on furlough, etc.; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's battalion; return dated Albany, 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and a Continental Muster-master; also, same Co. & Regt.; muster roll for March and April 1779, dated Cherry Valley; enlisted 20 April 1777; also, 1st Co., Lt. Col. John Brooks's (7th)Regt.; return made up to 1 January 1780; also, Capt. White's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 20 April 1780; also, list of deserters, dated West Point 18 August 1782 Lt. Col. John Brooks's 7th Regt.; [name crossed out on list]; also receipt dated Westford 11 March 1781, for bounty paid said Heald by Capt. Peletiah Fletcher on behalf of a class of the Town of Westford, to serve in the Continental Army for the term of three years; also, descriptive list

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of men raised in Middlesex County, agreeable to resolve of 2 December 1780, as returned by JOseph Hosmer, Superintendent for said County; age 23 years; stature, 6 ft. 1 in.; complexion, dark; eyes, blue; occupation, farmer; engaged for Town of Westford; engaged 16 March 1781; term, 3 years." [MSSRW VII-654]

THOMAS HEALD

Born at Chelmsford 25 September 1707, son of Ephraim & Ann(----)Heald. He married(1) at Chelmsford 28 October 1725 Sarah Butterfield. possibly born these 23 September 1701, daughter of Benjamin & Sarah(Bates)Butterfield. She must have died before 15 August 1759 when he married(2) at Pepperell, Widow Elizabeth Boynton of Pepperell. We find no local deaths for Thomas or his wives. He was 67 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-29. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 16s-5d for his real and personal property for a rank of 53.5. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

AMAZIAH HILDRETH

Born at Westford <sup>4</sup>1 April <sup>3</sup>1739, died there, <sup>1</sup>as a pauper, 1 January 1832, son of Benjamin (Richard<sup>1</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>) & Lydia(Fassett) Hildreth. He filed intentions of marriage at Westford 30 May 1761 with Ruth Read, born at Westford 4 January 1739/40, probably died there 5 January 1829, daughter of JOseph & Ruth(Underwood)Read. The births of ten children are recorded at Westford between 1761 and 1783. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. His taxes in the South 1774 Tax List is perplexing since he was assessed only one half a poll, 3s-3d, for some reason, and had no real or personal property. "Corporal, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 5 days; also, Private, Capt. Jonathan Minott's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for mileage to and from headquarters, dated Cambridge, 12 January 1776; also, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brook's Regt.; company return, dated Camp at White Plains 31 October 1776; reported absent; also, Capt. JOshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 2 August 1777; service to 1 January 1778 at Rhode Island." [MSSRW VII-856]

AMOS HILDRETH

Born at Westford 1 November 1738, died there 25 September 1807, son of James & Dorothy(Prescott)Hildreth. He married at Westford 21 May 1765 Priscilla Hildreth, born there 10 September 1742, died there 12 May 1810, daughter of Ephraim, Jr. & Priscilla(Barron)Hildreth. He was about 35-36 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-36. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a "Monet Tax" of 2s-4d. The latter plus his taxes for real and personal property totalled £1-15s-4d-1f to give him the rank of 4. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

DAVID HILDRETH

Born at Westford 27 February 1746, son of Jacob & ABigail(Underwood) Hildreth. His entry is one of four in Westford for this couple, and in all of them the printed version indicates that the child's name and

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date of birth are in different inks. We find no other entry for David in the Westford Vital Records volume. A David Hildreth signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-8. However there is no David Hildreth named in either of the 1774 Tax Lists. It may be germane that Hodgman(p. 158) states that David's father, Jacob, emigrated to Litchfield, <sup>NH</sup> in 1736. The Westford bith entries may represent a desire on the part of the parents(or grand-parents) to have then recorded in the former residence. We have no explanation how such a 28 year old non-resident would be a signer of the 1774 Covenant.

ELIJAH HILDRETH

Born at Westford 29 February 1750/51, died there 17 March 1798, aged 47 years, 12 days, son of Ephraim, Jr. & Priscilla(Barron)Hildreth. He married at Westford 13 January 1776 Molly Read, born at Littleton 29 May 1759 at Westford[as Mary W., wife of Elijah,Sr., and daughter of Peter Reed] 22 February 1843, aged 83 years, daughter of Peter, Jr. & Betty(Hartwell)Reed of Littleton. He was 24 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-32. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a "Money Tax" of 4d, with no taxes for real or personal property. THus he had the rank of 179. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt., which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 6 days." [MSSRW VII-857]

EPHRAIM HILDRETH

Born at Chelmsford 25 August 1700, died at Westford 29 December 1783, "in his 85th year" son of Joseph & ABigail(Wilson)Hildreth. He married at Chelmsford 5 January 1722/23 Mary Butterfield, born at Chelmsford 25 August 1706, died at Westford 6 January 1770 in her 64th year, daughter of Benjamin & Sarah(Bates)Butterfield. This 74 year old did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He is named in the South 1774 Tax List, was assessed no poll tax and only 2s-1d for his personal property with no assessment for real property, thus had the rank of 159. We wonder why his name appears, late in the list, just before the Non-Residents, and neither among the other "elders" heading the list nor among the other Hildreth men in the middle of the list.

EPHRAIM HILDRETH, JR.

Born at Chelmsford 21 January 1718/19, died at Westford 15 July 1797, aged 78 years, son of Joseph & Deliverance(----)Hildreth. He married at Westford 30 November 1741 Priscilla Barron, probably born at Concord about 1724, died at Westford 15 April 1809, aged 85 years, daughter of Elias & Priscilla(Wilson)Barron. Ephraim, Jr. was 66 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-41. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s-0d, the extra for his son, Jonathan(See below). His taxes for real and personal property totalled £1-5s-7d-3f to afford him the rank of 16. WE find no appropriate entry in MSSRW and Hodgman includes no Ephraim Hildreth in his list(p. 138) of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution.

### EPHRAIM HILDRETH, 3RD

Born at Chelmsford 31 May 1725, died at Westford 27 February, 1790[?1791?] in his 66th year, son of Ephraim & Mary(Butterfield)Hildreth. He filed at Westford on 25 August 1753 intentions of marriage with Elizabeth French of Hollis,NH, born about 1720, died at Westford 5 April 1818, aged 88 years. He was 49 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-4. In the South 1774 Tax List he is assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in addition to a total of 18s-11d-2f for his real and personal property, for the rank of 37. In MSSRW we find the following: "HILDRETH, Ephraim, Westford; Account dated Westford 19 June 1781, rendered by the Selectmen, of bounties paid men raised to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years, agreeable to resolve of 2 December 1780; said Hildreth reported to be a member of the class which engaged David Johnston." We do not consider this indicates that he served in the War of Revolution.

### HEZEKIAH HILDRETH

Born at Westford 10 October 1758, died at St. Vincent, 7 November 2809, in his 52nd year, son of Ephraim,3rd & Elizabeth(French)Hildreth.. He married at Westford 29 January 1784 Esther Parlin, born about 1759, died at Westford 3 June 1789, aged 30 years. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant.He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, and appears to have been less than 16 years of age when his father submitted his "invoice" to the Assessors for that year, since his father did not pay an additional poll."Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. Balwin's Regt.; pay abstract for mileage to and from headquarters, dated Cambridge, 12 January 1776; discharged 16 March 1777; service 90 days; travel 15 days(300 miles) home also allowed; also, Capt. Aaron Jewett's Co., Col. Job Cushing's Regt.;; enlisted 27 July 1777; discharged 29 August 1777; service 1 mo. 3 days; reported 140 miles from home; company raised in Littleton, Westford, Groton, Shirley, Ashby and Townsend, and marched to Bennington on an alarm." [MSSRW VII-857]

### HOSEA HILDRETH

Born at Westford 21 November 1744, died there 20 December 1776, in his 33rd year, son of Joseph,Jr. & Abigail(Hill)Hildreth. He married at Westford 22 June 1769 Experience Keep, born at Westford 23 January[?23 February?] 1752, died at Westford 27 May 1817, daughter of Jabez & Experience(Lawrence)Keep. She married(2) at Westford 18 November 1777 Ebenezer Parker. Hosea was in his 30th year when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-7. He was assessed 2 polls, 13s-0d, on the South 1774 Tax List, with no son to account for the extra poll. His real and personal property was taxed 11-9s-4d-3f to give him the rank of 10.0 "Corporal, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 6 days." MSSRW VII-857] [Hodgman, (p. 171) states that a Hosea Hildreth emigrated to Pepperell, but this was probably Hosea, Jr., born to Hosea & Experience Hildreth at Westford 15 March 1774.]

### JESSE HILDRETH

Born at Westford 17 Debruary 1757, son of Joseph, 3rd & Lydia (Fletcher)Hildreth.... He married at Westford 24 March 1801 Olive Fletcher whom we have not been able to identify. We find no local death entries for Jesse or Olive, although they had several children in Westford whose marriages or deaths are recorded, the youngest being a Harriet born in 1819. One daughter Olive, whose birth is 1804-1805 is not recorded at Westford, was adopted by Abel & Ruth(Hildreth)Hildreth prior to her death at Westford, age 16 years in either 1820 or 1821. Jesse did not sign the 1774 Covenant, was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, nor is father named in a 1774 Tax List. We find no entry for Jesse Hildreth in MSSRW.

### JOHN HILDRETH

Born at Westford 5 November 1738, died there 13 August 1802, aged 64 years, son of Ephraim & Mary(Butterfield)Hildreth. He married(1) at Westford 27 July 1762 Abigail Parker: born there 24 December 1745, died at Westford 30 October 1769, aged 24 years, daughter of Aaron, Jr. & Dorothy(Fletcher)Parker. He married (2) at Westford 24 December 1772 Betty Gates, born at Westford 29 July 1749, died there 13 April 1787 in her 38th year, daughter of Stephen & Betty(----)Gates. He married (3) at Shirley 21 April 1789 Widow Ruth(---)Bicknell, born about 1745, died at Westford 2 March 1802, aged 57 years. He was in his 36th year when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-5. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 15s-9d-2f for his real and personal property for the rank of 59. "Private, Capt. Timonhy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 1 day." [MSSRW VII-858]

### JONATHAN HILDRETH

Born at Westford 15 September 1757, son of Ephraim, Jr. & Priscilla(Barron)Hildreth. We have no other information on this person. He may have been the Jonathan Hildreth who filed intentions of marriage 14 May 1779 with Eunice Warren, daughter of Benjamin & Eunice(Prescott)Warren and had a daughter Eunice born at Littlein in 1784. We know that a Jonathan Hildreth signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-3. HE was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father was assessed an extra poll, presumably for him. We find two entries, one for a Jonathan Hildreth of Westford, the other for Jonathan Hildrick of Westford, in MSSRW. "HILDRETH, Jonathan, Westford; List of men returned as serving on picket guard under Maj. Baldwin, dated 23 May 1775; said Hildreth reported detailed under Capt. Reuben Dickenson; also, Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's(10th)Regt.; company return dated 27 September 1775; enlisted 19 April 1775; also, company return endorsed 'October ye 30th 1775'; enlisted 10 May 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, return of men raised by the Town of Ashby to serve in the Continental Army, as returned by Capt. James Bennett, sworn to at Ashby 13 February 1778; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Ashby; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term 3 years; also, list of men raised for Continental Army as returned by Capt. Zaccheus Wright and Capt. Peletiah Fletcher, endorsed 'Westford Feb. 16, 1778'; also, Private, Capt. White's

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Co., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 13 June 1780." [SSRW VII-858]  
"HILDRICK, JONATHAN, Westford; Private, Capt. Jonathan Patker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 7 May 1775; service 86 days." [MSSRW VII-861]

MR. JOSEPH FLETCHER

HILDRETH

Born at Chelmsford 30 November 1695, died 4 January 1780 in his 85th year, son of Joseph<sup>2</sup> (Richard<sup>1</sup>) and Abigail (Wilson) Hildreth. He filed at Chelmsford 29 March 1720 intentions of marriage with Phebe Fletcher, born there 24 November 1700, died at Westford 21 January 1743, daughter of William & Sarah (Richardson) Fletcher. He married (2) at Westford 22 January 1743/44 Abigail (Shedd) Hill of Billerica. She died in June 1780 and was the daughter of Nathan & Mary Shedd, and the widow of Nathaniel Hill. Mr. Joseph Hildreth did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List his name is given but it is lined out with no entries for any taxes. We note that the volume, Vital Records of Westford, Mass. (Salem, Mass., 1915) on pages 286-287 contains death entries for Joseph and Abigail taken from gravestone(s) in Fairview Cemetery, Westford. We question whether they died at Westford in 1780 and postulate they died at Dummerston, Vermont. From our study of Westford Tax Lists between 1770 and 1781 (FHL Microfilm Reels No. 902,074 & 904,075) we find Mr. Joseph Hildreth was last taxed in the Single Rate, taken 1 September 1771 where he was assessed 1 poll, and 3s 10d for his personal property (3 cows and 2 sheep) with no taxes for real property. The Tax Lists for 1772 seem to be missing. In 1773 he is named in the South List, but no amounts for taxes are included. In Tax Lists from 1775 through 1781 he is not listed at all. We know from 3rd. Hildreth Family Association Publication No. 3, page 63, that Joseph<sup>4</sup>, the eldest son of Joseph<sup>3</sup> and his first wife, Phebe, who was born at Chelmsford 21 February 1723/24, and that in 1772 he was chosen as one of the first town officers in Dummerston, Vt where he died in 1796. We postulate Mr. Joseph Prescott and his 2nd wife Abigail emigrated from Westford between 1771 and 1773 and that they may have died there in 1780 on the dates given above., and that they were either buried in Westford or the gravestone in Westford was erected as a "memorial" in their "home town." We further postulate, to explain the name lined out, then an Assessor used the 1773 List to copy the names for his 1774 List, then realized he was no longer a Westford Inhabitant and lined out the name. Paper was an expensive commodity in 18th century Westford.

PHINEAS HILDRETH

Born at Chelmsford 6 August 1725, died at Westford, probably unmarried 19 June 1777, aged 52 years, son of Joseph & Deliverance (Barrett) Hildreth. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 Poll, 6s-6d, and 2s-8d in "Money Tax", thesecond highest of the thirty three men so taxed. The total for his Money, real and personal property taxes is shown as £1-7s-3d-1f, which by our addition is 2s too high. He had the rank of 14. He is not listed in MSSRW.

### TIMOTHY HILDRETH

Born at Westford 31 January 1756, son of Joseph<sup>3</sup>(Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) & his second wife ABigail(Shedd)(Hill)Hildreth. On 15 March 1777 he filed at Westford intentions of marriage with Hannah Hildreth, born at Westford 31 January<sup>4</sup> 1758, died<sup>2</sup> at Sterling, Mass. 4 January 1836, daughter of Zechariah<sup>4</sup>(James<sup>3</sup>, Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) & Elizabeth(Prescott) Hildreth. Hodgman(page 164) indicates they went to Cavendish,VT in 1786. However, the Third Hildreth Samily Association Publication,(pages 66-67) shows children born to them in Chelmsford from 1779 to 1782, at Sterling, Mass from 1792-1795, and a daughter born at Boylston, Mass in 1800 and that he died at Sterling in 1813 or 1817. Timothy did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List.His father's name was lined out(See above) in the 177South Tax List. Did he reain in Westford or briefly go to Vermont during the period 1772-1776? The fact that we find no entry in MSSRW suggests he may have been in Vermont.

### WILLIAM HILDRETH

Born 24 July 1740, probably at Litchfield, NH, died at Westford (as Deacon William)3 February 1800, in his 60th year, son of JACOB<sup>3</sup>(EPhraim<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) and ABigail(Harwood)Hildreth. He filed at Westford 16 April 1763 intentions of marriage with Dorothy Parker, born at Westford 26 October 1742, died there 30 September 1813, aged 70 years, daughter of Aaron, Jr. & Dorothy(Fletcher)Parker. William did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 13s-3d for his real and personal property to give him the rank of 79. "Sergeant, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 4 days." [MSSRW VII-859]

### ZECHARIAH HILDRETH[SR.]

Born at Chelmsford 28 December 1728, died at Westford 18 April 1784 in his 58th year, son of James<sup>3</sup>(Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) & Dorothy(Prescott) Hildreth. He married at Westford 12 April 1753 Elizabeth Prescott, born at Westford 15 September 1734, died there 1 May 1812, aged 77 years, daughter of Jonas<sup>4</sup>(Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) & his 2nd wife ELizabeth(Harwood) Prescott. He was 46 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-43. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son, Zechariah, Jr.(See below). He was taxed 11-7s-7d-3f forthe sum of his peronal property, his real property, and a 5d "Money TAX", for the rank of 13. "Second Lieut., Capt. Zechariah[sic] Wright's 8th(2nd Westford)Co., 6th Middlesex County Regt. of Mass. Militia; list of officers chosen by the several companies in said regiment, as returned by Col. JONathan Read and others, field officers; ordered in COUNtil 24 April 1776 that said officers be commissioned; reported commission-ed 24 April 1776." [MSSRW VII-860]

### ZECHARIAH HILDRETH, JR.

Born at Westford 13 January<sup>4</sup> 1754, probably died<sup>1</sup> at Townsend, Mass. after 1810, son of Zechariah<sup>4</sup>(JAMES<sup>3</sup>, Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) & ELizabeth



ZECHARIAH HILDRETH, JR.(Continued)

(Prescott)Hildreth. He married at Townsend, MA 1 September 1777 Elizabeth Keyes, born at Westford 8 April 1759, probably died at Townsend in July 1793, daughter of Jonathan & Elizabeth(Fletcher)Keyes. He married (2) at Townsend about 1795 Abigail Hart, born about 1775 and taken as a small child into their home by Zechariah,Jr. & Elizabeth. After Zechariah's death she married, intentions filed at Westford 13 December 1838, as his third wife, Deacon Andrew Fletcher. She may have died at Westford in 1848. Zechariah,Jr. fathered 19 children between 1778 and 1810. He was 20 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant Column I-48. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father was taxed an extra poll for him. The following entry from MSSRW confirms he was not associated with Westford companies in the time period covered. "Corporal, Capt. Isaac Wood's Co., Col. Jonathan Reads Regt. of Guards; joined 1 April 1778; service 3 nos. 4 days, at Cambridge; enlistment 3 months from 1 April 1778; also, same Co. & Regt.; muster roll dated Cambridge 9 May 1778; enlisted 31 March 1778." [MSSRW VII-860]

JONAS HOLDEN

Born at Groton 8 September 1751, son of Stephen & Sarah(Cressy) Holden[also spelled Holdin in Groton records]. He filed at Westford 3 November 1775 intentions of marriage with Sarah Read, probably born at Westford 25 April 1747/48, daughter of Thomas, Jr. & Olive(Howard)Read. This intentions is the only HOLDEN entry in the Westford Vital Records volume. Hodgman (p. 161) indicates the removed to New Ipswich, NH in 1774, then to Mt. Holly, VT in 1794, but his extensive entry in MSSRW suggestshe was in Massachusetts in early 1778. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. At 23 years of age, his name was the last in the North 1774 Tax List wherein he was assessed only 1 poll, 6s-6d with no real or personal property. He had a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775;enlisted 26 April 1775; service 97 days; reported promoted to Corporal 18 June 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, account of articles lost in battle at Bunker Hikk 17 June 1775, by men belonging to Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Prescott's Regt., dated Westford 22 June 1776; certificate, dated 24 June 1776 signed by Capt. Parker, accompanying above account, certificate that said Holden, a soldier in his company, Col. Prescott's Regt. was wounded in the battle at Bunker Hill and lost articles there; also, Lieutenant, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Wade;s Regt.; list of officers of the two regiments raised for defense if New England states and commanded by Cols. Wade and Jacobs; commissioned 14 March 1778; also, 2nd Lieut., Capt. JOshua Parker's Co., Col. Nathaniel Wade's Regt.; engaged 1 January 1778; service at Rhode Island; engagement to expire 1 January 1779; also, 2nd Lieutenant, Capt. Joseph Boynton's Co., Col. Wade's Regt; engaged 1 April 1778; service to 4 January 1779, 9 mos. 4 days at Rhode Island; also, same Co. and Regt.; muster rolls dated North Kingston, 6 November, East Greenwich 17 September, 22 September, 22 November, 29 December 1778; commissioned 1 January 1778." [MSSRW VIII-104-105]

### NATHANIEL HOLMES

We have not identified this man. The Westford Vital Record volume contains only three HOLMES entries, intentions of marriages filed in 1828, 1842, and 1844. HE did sign the 1774 Covenant at Column II-14. HE is not named in a 1774 Tax List, so he may have been a "hired man" in one of the household paying an extra poll, but with no sons of the appropriate age. There are 10 entries for Nathaniel Holmes in MSSRW, many associated with Plymouth County. The following entry is the only one identified with Westford: "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 26 April 1775; service 29 days; also, came Co. and Regt.; company returns endorsed 'October 30, 1775'; entered service 19 April 1775; reported enlisted into the train 26 May 1775; also, Capt. John Popkin's Co., Col. Richard Gridley's (Artillery) Regt.; receipt for advanced pay, signed by sd Holmes and others, dated Winter Hill 14 July 1775; also, company return dated Camp at Winter Hill 27 September 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Winter Hill 2 January 1776; [MSSRW VIII-172]

### JOHN HOOKER

Baptized at Westford 15 October 1758, son of Joseph & Ruth (Powers) Hooker. His parents were both born at Littleton. The only HOOKER entries in Vital Records of Westford, Mass. are the baptisms of four children in 1757 through 1760. No Hooker signed the 1774 Covenant, nor is any HOOKER named in a 1774 Tax List. Hodgman (p. 172) indicates a Joseph Hooker emigrated to Hardwick, Mass. We find no entry in MSSRW identified as a Westford resident.

### JOHN HORSLEY

Born at Westford 20 February 1755, son of Samuel & Elizabeth (Keyes) Horsley [Hosley, etc.] He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, nor is any HORSLEY named in a 1774 Tax List. Hodgman (p. 171) indicates he and two brothers emigrated to Pepperell, Mass. MSSRW gives entries for Timothy Hosley of Pepperell, Samuel Hosley of Hollis, NH. An entry for John HOSLEY is not identified as to town. We transcribe it here, but it may not refer to the man born in Westford. "Receipt dated 18 June 1783 for wages for service to 10 May 1783 on board the frigate, 'Hague' commanded by Capt. J. Manly." [MSSRW VIII-286]

### JONATHAN KEEP

Born at Westford 7 August 1745, son of Jabez & Experience (Lawrence) Keep. He married at Westford 6 July 1769 Hannah Hildreth, born at Westford 5 May 1749, daughter of Ephraim, Jr. & Priscilla (Barron) Hildreth. We have no death dates recorded at Westford for them, although the births of 11 children from 1770 to 1789 to this couple are recorded. Hodgman does not include them in his discussion of emigrees from Westford. HE was 29 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-20. He was taxed for 2 polls, 13s, in the North 1774 Tax List, but had no sons to account for the extra poll. He was also taxed 2s for "Money Tax", suggesting an additional occupation to farming which might have resulted in an "Apprentice" in his household. His total taxes, less polls, amounted to 13s-3d-3f to give him the rank of 78. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

### JONAS KEMP

Born at Chelmsford 5 July 1745, son of Josiah & Rachel(----)Kemp. HE married at Westford 12 September 1769 Joanna Corey of Chelmsford, born there 17 November 1748, daughter of John & Ruth(Keyes)Corey. We find no local death entries for this couple. They had three children recorded at Westford through 1782. Hodgman does not include them in his discussion of emigration from Westford. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He is named in the South 1774 Tax List, taxed for only 1 poll. 6s-6d, with no real or personal property even though he had been married for 5 years and had 2 children. His rank was 200.0. "Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 5 days; also, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regt.; muster roll dated Camp at Ticonderoga 27 November 1776; enlisted 1 January 1776; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Jonathan Read's (6th Middlesex County)Regt.; as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term, 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 3 May 1777 to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., formerly commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; return of men who were not in camp on or before 15 August 1777; and who had been absent subsequently except on furlough, etc.; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and by a Continental Muster-master.; also, Capt. Asa Coburn's (Light Infantry) Co., (late)Col. Alden's (6th)Regt.; muster roll for March and April 1779 dated Fort Herkimer; enlisted May 1777; also, 1st Co., Lieut. Col. John Brooks's(7th)Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. Coburn's Cp., Col. Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 1 May 1780." [MSSRW IX-86]

### JOSIAH KEMP

Born at Chelmsford 17 January 1732/33, son of Josiah & Rachel (----)Kemp. He filed at Chelmsford 1 July 1758 intentions of marriage with Sarah Parrot. The births to them of 2 daughters are recorded in 1759 and 1761 at Westford. HE may have filed at Westford intentions of marriage (2) on 14 November 1772 with Widow Lydia Robinson, but there are no death records there for him, his first wife, Sarah or his 2nd wife Lydia. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, but at age 41 he is named in the South 1774 Tax List, being taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 2s-4d-1f for personal property with no real property. His rank was 156. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

### SIMEON KEMP

Born at Chelmsford 23 October 1750, son of Josiah & Rachel(----)Kemp. HE died at Westford 9 January 1815. He married at Westford 19[?11?] November 1785 Susanna Hildreth, probably born at Westford 5 March 1766, daughter of Amaziah & Ruth(Read)Hildreth. A daughter, Susan died at Westford 21 October 1826, aged 16 years, but her birth, nor the deaths of her parents are not included in Vital Records of Westford, Mass. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant, but at 43 years of age he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the South 1774 Tax List with no taxes for real or personal property. [MSSRW IX-86] (A-59)

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property. "List of men returned as having served on picket guard under Major Baldwin, dated 23 May 1775' reported detailed under Lieut. Jesse Hollister; also, Private, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 30 April 1775; service, 3 mo. 2 days; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge 11 November 1775; also, order on Henry Gardner, Paymaster-General, payable to Capt. Joseph Read, dated Westford 9 September 1776, signed by the Selectmen, for money due for providing a gun for said Kemp of Capt. Wyman's Co., Col. Prescott's Regt.; also, Private, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dike's Regt.; muster roll for December 1776 to February 1777; enlisted 13 December 1776; regiment raised to serve until 11 March 1777; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 5 July 1777; service to 1 January 1778, at Rhode Island; also, Capt. Nathan Rowle's Co., Col. John Jacob's Regt.; enlisted 1 January 1778; service 12 mos. 4 days at Rhode Island, including travel (80 miles) home; enlistment to expire 1 January 1779." [MSSRW IX-88]

ABNER KENT[SR.]

We have not been able to ascertain either his birth or death or parents. HE had a wife, Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>(----) and was one of four families [Abner Kent, Jonas<sup>3</sup> Preecott, Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> Prescott, and Ebenezer Townsend] who, on their petition, were annexed to Westford from Groton in 1730. The births of five children are recorded at Westford between 1729 and 1742. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-33, yet is not named in a 1774 Tax List, which we cannot explain.

ABNER KENT, JR.

Born at Westford 3 February 1736/37, died there 2 April 1814, aged 77 years, son of Abner & Elizabeth(----)Kent who were one of the four families annexed to Westford from Groton in 1730(See above). He married at Westford 29 November 1764 Dorcas Hildreth, born there 28 November 1736, died there 27 March 1816, daughter of Benjamin & Lydia (Fassett)Hildreth. HE was 37 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-10. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 4s-5d-1f for his real and personal property to give him the rank of 142. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 5 days; also, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 April 1775; service, 3 mos. 9 days; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge 27 December 1775; also, Private, Capt. Zachariah Fitch's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt.; service from 23 August 1776 50 30 September 1776, 1 mo. 9 days; also, Lieut. John Flint's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt.; enlisted 20 June 1778, 3 days preceding march; discharged 29 January 1779; service, 7 mos. 21 days at and around White Plains, including 11 days(220 miles) travel home; company raised to fortify passes of North River, New York; also, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt.; pay rolls for JUNE to August 1778, dated Fort Clinton; Also, (late)Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co., commanded by Lieut.

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John Flint, Col. Poor's Regt.; pay-roll for September 1778, dated West Point; also, Lieut. John Flint's Co., Col. Poor's Regt.; pay-toll for November 1778, dated West point; also, same Co. & Regt.; pay-toll for December 1778." [MSSRW IX-128]

DANIEL KEYES

Baptized at Westford 12 December 1731, son of Moses & Susanna (Stratton)Keyes. he married at Chelmsford 19 Decemer 1754 Abigail Procter of Chelmsford, born there 16 December 1733, daughter of Peter & Hannah(Harwood)Procter. The Westford Vital record volume shows the births of two sons, Israel in 1756 and Jacog in 1758, but no death entries for parents or sons. Hodgman( p. 163) says he emigrated to Washington, NH.HE was 43 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-3. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 2 polls, 13s. Since, as noted abobe he had two sons, Israel, age 18 and Jacob, aged 16, we must conclude that perhaps one was not then part of his household. His real and personal property was taxed 14d 9d-2f to give him the tank of 65. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW, even though HGodgman's list (p. 138) includes his name.

DAVID KEYES

Norn at Chelmsford 2 JANuary 1724, son of Moses & SUsan Stratton)Keyes. WE believe that he(then of Acton) filed at Littleton 24 January 1761 intentions of marriage with Esther Robbins, born at Littleton 18 February 1728/29, daughter of Robert & ELizabeth(Cummings)Robbins. Vital Records of Westford, Mass. (p.65) teaches: "KEYES, Esther, daughter of David, baptized 28 October 1770." He was 50 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-21. HE was not then a resident of Westford since he was not named in any 1774 Tax List. We note however, that the Town of Acton shares a toan line with the Town of Westford. "Private, Capt. Hoshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1776; enlisted 28 April 1775; service, 95 days." [MSSRW IX-125]

ISRAEL KEYES

Born at Westford 1 February 1756, son of Daniel & ABigail(Parker)Keyes(See above) He was 18 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-4. HE was too young to be names in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll, probably for him or his brother, Jacob(See below). Hodgman(p. 163) states he emigrated to Washington, NH. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

ISSACHER KEYES

Born at Chelmsford 30 July 1742, died at Westford 20 Aptil 1820, son of Zechariah & Dinah(----)Keyes. He Married(1) at Westford 22 October 1770 Elizabeth Richardson, probably born there 12 December 1747, died there 19 Jan. 1817, daughter of Henry & Priscilla(\_\_\_\_)Richardson. HE married(2) at Westford 1 May 1817 Mrs. Abigail Carleton of Westford. He was about 47 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-31.

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HE was taxed one poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List along with 8s-8d-1f for his real and personal property to give him the rank of 119. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

JACOB KEYES

Born at Westford 4 February 1758, son of Daniel & Abigail (Procter)Keyes. He probably emigrated, un-married, to Washington, NH at the same time as his ather and Brother Israel(See above). He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and was too young to be names in a 1774 Tax List. His father paid an extra poll in the North 1774 Tax List, but where for Israel or Jacob cannot be determined. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

JONATHAN KEYES

Born at Chelmsford 25 January 1721/22, died at Westford 20 June 1781, aged 60 years, son of Joseph & Elizabeth(Fletcher)Keyes. He married(1) at Westford 20 January 1745/46 Elizabeth Fletcher, born at Chelmsford 21 October 1723, died at Westford 23 July 1761, daughter of Jonas & Elizabeth(Robbins)Fletcher. HE married (2) at Westford 1 July 1762 Widow Elizabeth(Hartwell)Read of Littleton, born at Westford 13 February 1732/33, died there 10 February 1826, aged 95 years, daughter of Jonathan & his 2nd wife Sarah(Wheeler)Hartwell and widow of Peter Read. She married(3) 15 October 1782 Capt. Peletiah Fletcher. Jonathan Keyes was 53 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-12. He was assessed 1 poll. 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List with his taxes for real and personal property totaling £1-15s-5d-1f to give him the rank of 3. An entry in MSSRW for a Jonathan Keyes relating 3 months service from July to October 1780 probably refers to his son, Jonathan, born 10 March 1763.

JOSEPH KEYES

Born at Westford 6 November 1746, died there 22 February 1823, aged 77 years, son of Jonathan & Elizabeth(Fletcher)Keyes. He married (1) at Acton 7 May 1768 Ruth Forbush of Acton, born about 1749, died at Westford 20 August 1785, aged 36 years. He married(2) at Groton 19 April 1786 Widow Sarah(Boyden)Dalrumple of Groton, born there 14 November 1752, died at Westford 21 November 1830, aged 78 years, daughter of Josiah & Jane(Read)Boyden, and widow of William Dalrumple. HE was 28 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-25. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List and his taxes for real and personal property totalled 10s-1d-1f for the rank of 110. WE find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

MISS LYDIA KEYES

WE are not certain of her identity, but postulate she was born at Chelmsford 31 May 1741 daughter of Zachariah & Dinah(---)Keyes. We find no appropriate marriage or death entry locally for her. She was taxed 1s-3d in "Money Tax", and 2s-4d-2f for real property in the North 1774 Tax list to give her the rank of 146.

### SAMUEL KEYES

Born at Chelmsford 17 February 1723, killed in battle 7 October 1777, son of Moses & Susan(Stratton)Keyes. His marriage at Concord on 21 March 1769 to Molly Davis of Acton is also recorded in Vital Records of Westford, Mass., which also on pages 66-67 records the births of 3 children, Samuel, born 9 October 1769, Molly, baptized 9 June 1771, and John, born 4 July 1774. The last date, by coincidence is the date on the 1774 Westford Covenant which Samuel signed at Column II-50. The above volume is mute on these children and their mother. Hodgman (p. 172) states a Samuel Keyes removed to Acton, Mass. Our Samuel was in Westford in 1774 since he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the South 1774 Tax List, and a total of 3s-9d-1f for his real and personal property. By our arithmetic we find this to be too high by 1s, so we use 2s-9d-1f to give him the rank of 151. "KEYES, Samuel; Westford; Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 27 April 1775; service, 96 days; also, return of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Jonathan Read's(6th Middlesex County)Regt.; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Brook's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 18 May 1777 to 7 October 1777; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., formerly commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; return of men who were in Camp on or before 15 August 1777; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; return Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and a Continental muster-master; reported killed in battle 7 October 1777." [MSSRW IX-156]

### FRANCIS KIDDER

Born probably at Littleton about 1752, died there, as Captain, 10 February 1822. He married(1) at Littleton 13 July 1779 Abigail Russel, born at Littleton 27 June 1757, died there 12 May 1812, daughter of John, Jr. & Abigail(Hildreth)Russel. He married(2) at Littleton Lydia(Cummings)Abbot of Westford, born there 26 November 1769, died at Westford 5 March 1813, aged 43 years, 4 months, daughter of Isaac & Elizabeth (Trowbridge)Cummings and widow of Joel Abbot. He married (3) probably at Littleton about 1814 Widow Sally(Hamlin)Davis. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-51. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property for a rank of 200.0 Hodgman (p. 170) states he removed to Littleton. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 12 days." [MSSRW IX-171]

### THOMAS KIDDER

Born at Chelmsford 2 January 1717/18, died at Westford 31 January 1793, aged 75 years, lacking 13 days, son of Thomas & Johannah (Keyes)Kidder. HE married (1) at Littleton in 1741 Elizabeth Wheeler, born at Littleton 5 February 1722/23, died at Westford 29 November 1764 in her 42nd year, daughter of Edward & Elizabeth(Herrick)Wheeler. He married (2) at Westford(referred to as "Cornet Thomas Kidder") Mary Fletcher, whom we have not identified. He was 57 years of age when he signed

21 June 1780

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the 1774 Covenant at Column II-48. HE was taxed for 1 Poll, 6s-6d in the South 1774 Tax List with a total tax of £1-9s-10d-1f for his real and personal estate for the rank of 19. The Westford Vital Records volume includes the births of 3 children to Thomas & Elizabeth: Elizabeth, born 19 June 1743, Isaiah, baptized 5 August 1749, and Sarah, born 15 September 1761. The son Isaiah died at Westford in 1759. The MSSRW compilation has two entries for Thomas Kidder of Westford. Since our research suggests only one was in Westford in the time frame, we conclude they refer to the same individual, a few years apart: "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 3 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) Regt.; order for advance pay, signed by said Kidder and others, dated Cambridge 9 June 1775; also, Private, same Co. & Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 29 April 1775; service 94 days; also, company return dated 27 September 1775; reported enlisted 28 April (also given 15 April) 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Camp at Cambridge, 1 November 1775."

"Account dated Westford 19 June 1781, rendered by the Selectmen, of bounties paid men raised to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years agreeable to resolve of 2 December 1780; said Kidder, "Cor't", reported as a member of Class No. 15 which engaged Amos Parlin, Jr." [Both entries on MSSRW IX-174]

ROGERS KING

Born at Littleton 10 February 1726/27, died at Westford 18 January 1797 in his 71st year, son of Richard & Elizabeth(----)King. He married at Westford 22 June 1767 Lydia Woods, possibly born at Chelmsford 21 January 1733, prob. buried 13 March 1829 [Littleton VR], daughter of Samuel & Mary(----)Woods. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, on the South 1774 Tax List, and a total of £1-7s-10d for real and personal property to give him the rank of 12. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 3 days [MSSRW IX-224]

RICHARD KNEELAND

Born about 1752, died by drowning in the Concord River at Carlisle Bridge 8 [28?] March 1800, aged 48 years. HE married before 1776 Martha Hall, born at Westford 16 July 1752, died there 4 September 1840, aged 88 years, youngest child of Rev. Willard & Abigail (Cotton) Hall. The births of ten children are recorded at Westford between 1776 and 1800. HE was 22 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-36. HE was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List. He was also taxed 2s in "money Tax" and 1s for real property, with no assessment for personal property. The total of 3s-0d-0f gave him the rank of 148. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW, nor does Hodgman include him in his list of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution.

FRANCIS LAIGHTON

This surname is also spelled LEIGHTON in Westford records. HE was born at Ipswich, Mass. 22 July 1734, died at Westford 9 April 1806,



FRANCIS LAIGHTON(Continued)

aged 72 years, son of John & Hannah(Tredwell)Laighton. HE married at Westford 20 October 1760 Lydia Fitch, born at Westford 13 March 1737, died there 13 February 1801, aged 63 years, daughter of Samuel & Joanna(Kidder)Fitch. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. As "Francis Laughton" he was assessed on the North 1774 Tax List, 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 17s-6d for his real and personal property for the rank of 43. WE find no appropriate entry in MSSRW even though HODgman lists him (p. 138) as having served.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE

Born at Westford 3 JUNE 1757, son of Samuel & Mary(Hildreth)Lawrence. HE probably was the William Lawrence, of Littleton, who married at Littleton 24 June 1780 Rhoda Wheeler of Ashby. Hodgman (p. 459) states he emigrated to Ashby, but does not include him( p.171) in his discussion of emigration from Westford. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and neither he nor his fther are named in a 1774 Tax List, so we conclude his removal to Ashby was prior to 1774. WE find no suitable entry in MSSRW.

WIDOW RUTH MEAD

She was born at Concord, as Ruth Parlin, 7 April 1709,, daughter of John & Mary(Hartwell)Parlin. She married at Concord 12 December 1738 Thomas Mead. They must have moved to Westford within two years of their marriage where he becae the first physician in Westford. In a 1759 muster roll for service in the French & Indian War his age then is given as 56, years, extrapolating to a birth year of 1703. We know from other town records that he was dead by 1760. He may have been the son of Thomas & Hannah(Smith) Mead whose marriage 31 January 1695 C,A, Torrey[New England Marriage Prior to 1700, pge 501] places in the Cambridge, Woburn, Lexington area. Westford records are mute on both their deaths. She is named in the South 1774 Tax List and assessed a total of 2s-1d-3f[about equally split between real and personal property), giving her a rank of 157.5. Hodgman(pages 163 & 171) indicates a son John emigrated to Washington, NH and another son, Stephe<sup>n</sup>to Ashby, Mass. She may have died in either of their households.

THOMAS MEAD

Born at Westford 4 January 1741, son of Thomas & Ruth(Parlin)Mead. He filed at Westford 26 March 1763 Intentions of Marriage with Lucy Read whom we have not identified. The baptisms of two children in 1765 and 1767 are recorded at Westford. Lucy must have died before 3 November 1778 when he married(2) at Concord(he then being of Westford) Sarah Foster of Concord. The Concord Vital Records volume does not record <sup>her</sup> birth or parents. He was 33 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-20. He is called Thomas MEEDS in the South 1774 Tax List where, in addition to his 6s-6d poll tax he also was taxed a total of 6s-10d-3f for real and personal property. His rank was 130. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

JONATHAN MINOT

Born at Chelms ford 19 January 1722/23, died(as Major) at Westford 7 February 1806, son of JONathan & Elizabeth(Stratton)Minot. He married at Westford 6 March 1745/46 Esther Procter, born at Chelmsford 27 November

JONATHAN MINOT(Continued)

1725, died at Westford 30 March 1808, aged 83 years, daughter of Joseph & Agbes(Peirce)Procter. He was 51 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-2, presumably, the second to sign. His name is fourth from the top of the North 1774 Tax List wherein he is taxed for 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 17s-6d-2f for real and personal property for the rank of 42. "Captain of a company of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt., which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 15 days; also, official record of a ballot by the House of Representatives, dated 1 February 1776, said Minot chosen 2nd Major, Col. Oliver Prescott's(6th Middlesex County)Regt. of Mass. militia; appointment concurred by Council 7 February 1776; reported commissioned 7 February (also given as 8 February) 1776; also, official record of a ballot by the House of Representatives dated 14 February 1776; said Minot chosen 1st Major, Col. Jonathan Read's (6th Middlesex County) Regt. of Mass. militia, in the room of Josiah Sartell, elected Lieutenant Colonel; appointment concurred in by Council 15 February 1776; reported commissioned 14 February 1776." [MSSRW X-819]

JONATHAN MINOT, JR.

Born at Chelmsford 23 August 1749, son of Jonathan & Esther(Procter) Minot. He married at Concord( he then of Chelmsford) 13 September 1777 Hannah Eastman of Hollis. There are no births recorded in Westford to this couple. Hodgman (p. 461) states they removed to Westminster, Mass. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed only 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property for a rank of 200.0 HE was then 25 years of age and unmarried. "Drummer, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of Militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 15 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for advanced pay signed by said Minot and others, dated Cambridge 9 June 1775; also, Drummer, same Co. \* Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 8 May 1775; service 85 days; reported promoted to Sergeant 24 May 1775; company commanded by Capt. Oliver Bates prior to 24 May 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge 1 November 1775." [MSSRW X-819]

WILLIAM NICHOLS

We have not identified this man's parents. He was born about 1747 and died at Westford 24 August 1835, aged 88 years. He married before 1774 Ruth, born about 1752, died at Westford 16 July 1840, aged 88 years. They had four children born at Westford; (i.) Stephen; b. 23 March 1774; (ii) Ruth, b. 2 July 1777,, died Westford 9 March 1801, unmarried; (iii.) William, born 23 July 1787; (iv.) Mary, born 8 November 1790, died at Westford 9 December 1823, unmarried. Hodgman (p. 462) suggests he came from Concord. The Concord Vital Record volume contains no such an individual in this time frame. HE was probably about 27 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-12. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed only for one poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property, thus having a rank of 200.0. Hodgman (p. 108) lists him as a Private in Capt. Oliver Bates Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1774, but we could not locate his entry in MSSRW.

### JACOB NUTTING

Born at Groton 23 January 1747, died there, probably unmarried, 14 May 1841, aged 95 years, son of Isaac & Lydia(Nutting)Nutting. Hodgnab (p. 163) indicates he removed to Washington, NH, then returned. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. At age 27 years he was taxed only 1 poll, 6s-6d in the North 1774 Tax List with no real or personal property, for a rank of 200.0 "List of men raised in Middlesex County agreeable to resolve of 9 June 1779, as returned by Joseph Hosmer, Superintendent, 24 November 1779; engaged for Town of Westford.: [MSSRW XI-576]

### JOHN NUTTING

Probably born at Groton about 1706, died at Westford( as Ensign) 26 May 1776, aged 70 years, 3 months 22 days, son of John & Mary(Parker) Nutting. He(then of Groton) is mentioned in intentions of marriage(1) filed at Chelmsford 31 March 1727 with Mary Spaulding, born at Chelmsford 19 January 1708, died, probably at Westford prior to 1747, daughter of John & Mary(Barrett)Spaulding. He (then of Westford) married (2) at Chelmsford 1 December 1747 Mary Adams, born at Chelmsford 14 April 1710, buried at Westford 16 May 1751, daughter of Timothy & Dorothy(CHamberlin)Adams. He married (3) at Westford 23 March 1754 Hannah Read, probably born at Chelmsford 26 April 1724 daughter of Thomas & Sarah(Fletcher)Read. John Nutting was 68 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-9. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son John, Jr.(See below). His assessment for real and personal property totaled 17s-7d to give him the rank of 41. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

### JOHN NUTTING, JR.

Born at Westford 22 October 1756, died at Albany, NY 25 December 1777 in the service of his country, son of John & his 3rd wife, Hannah(Read) Nutting. He was 18 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-4. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 9 days; also, Capt. Jonathan Minott's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstracts for mileage from home to headquarters and return, dated Cambridge 12 January 1776; mileage for 52 miles allowed said Nutting; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Wright's Co., Col. Jonathan Read's (6th Middlesex County)Regt. as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term, 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's CCo., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 30 June 1777 to 15 December 1777; residence, Fitchburg; reported deceased; also Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., formerly commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; return of men who were in camp on or before 15 August 1777; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Uchabod Alden's Regt.; return, dated Albany 12 January 1778; residence, Westford; enlisted for the Town of Fitchburg; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and a Continental Muster-master; also, 1st Co., Lieut. Col. John Brooks's (7th) Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1779; enlisted 30 June 1777; reported dead 25 December 1777." [MSSRW XI-578]

## THOMAS NUTTING

We have an interesting puzzle in identification, also complicated by a multiplicity of entries in MSSRW. With regard to the two documents herein studied, no Thomas Nutting signed the 1774 Covenant. One Thomas Nutting is named in the North 1774 Tax List, assessed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d with no taxes for real or personal property. This tax pattern is typical for a young unmarried man, perhaps still residing with his parents. The Westford Vital Records volume includes the births of only two Thomas Nuttings, one in 1758 and one in 1784, neither of whom would be named in a 1774 Tax List. The Vital Record volumes for Chelmsford, Concord, and Littleton include no Thomas Nutting births. Vital Records of Groton, Mass., Volume I, contains births of Thomas Nutting in 1750, 1766, and 1777. The last two, again even if resident in Westford would not be named in the 1774 Tax List. We conclude that the Thomas Nutting, born at Groton 29 January 1750, son of Isaac & Lydia(Nutting)Nutting was resident in Westford in 1774 as indicated by the North Tax List. [We note the Thomas Nutting born at Westford 10 December 1758, son of John & his third wife Hannah(Read)Nutting. John was taxed 2 polls, the extra for his son, John, Jr, but none for his son Thomas, since in November 1774 Thomas was not yet 16 years of age. Thus in 1774 there were two Thomas Nuttings in Westford, one 24 years of age, the other just reaching 16 years of age. There is only one appropriate marriage entry for a Thomas Nutting recorded in the Vital Record volumes of Chelmsford, Concord, Groton, Littleton and Westford, that which occurred at Westford 31 August 1781 with Sibbel Prescott. Fortunately entries in MSSRW permit us to identify which Thomas married Sibbel. One entry states that Thomas Nutting of Westford was killed 7 December 1777. Another MSSRW entry for Thomas Nutting of Westford states that when mustered on 21 July 1779 he was then 20 years of age, identifying him as the Thomas Nutting born at Westford 19 December 1758, son of John & Hannah(Read)Nutting.

We conclude that the Thomas Nutting killed in service in 1777 was Thomas Nutting, born at Groton in 1750, son of Isaac & Lydia(Nutting) Nutting who was a resident of Westford in November 1774 and probably died unmarried. The Vital Record volumes of both Groton and Westford are mute concerning the deaths of both these men and of the death of Sibbel (Prescott)Nutting, wife of Thomas, born at Westford in 1758. There are five entries in MSSRW that could apply to these two men. We transcribe them all, allocating them to our best ability.

We believe the following three entries apply to Thomas Nutting, born at Groton 29 January 1750, died in service 7 December 1777, unmarried, son of Isaac & Lydia(Nutting)Nutting; "NUTTING, Thomas; Private, Capt. Jonathan Minott's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for mileage from home to headquarters and return, dated Cambridge 12 January 1776, mileage for 52 miles allowed said Nutting!" [MSSRW Xi-571]

"NUTTING, Thomas, Westford; Order on Deacon Jeffers, Paymaster to the Colony Troops, payable to Col. Ephraim Jackson, dated Camp at Hull, 10 July 1776, signed by said Nutting and others belonging to Captain Abishai Brown's Co., Col. Whitney's Regt.; for advanced pay, blanket money, etc.; also, petition, dated Camp at Hull, 17 September 1776, signed by said Nutting and others belonging to battalion stationed at Hull, asking for increase and payment of wages; also, Private, Capt. Abishai Brown's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.; enlisted 26 May 1776, 6 months 9 days; rolls, dated Camp at Hull" [MSSRW XI-571]

EBENEZER PRESCOTT(Continued)

(AVery)(Sprague)Prescott. He married at Littleton 20 January 1774 Lydia Wood, born there 15 October 1750, died at Dracut, Mass in 1845, daughter of Ebenezer & Jane(---)Wood of Littleton. He was 27 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-22. HE was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the North 1774 Tax List. Including his "Money Tax" of 6d, with histaxes for real and personal property gave a total of 16s-6d-1f, and thus a rank of 51.5. We find no entry in MSSRW, nor is he included in HODgman's list(p. 138) of westford men who served in War of Revolution.

JOHN PRESCOTT

Born at Westford 14 April<sup>4</sup> 1752, died at Reading, Mass. 30 October 1842, aged 90 years, son of Jonas<sup>3-2</sup> (Jonas<sup>1</sup>, John) and his third wife, Rebecca(Jones)(Barrett)Prescott. He married at Westford 14 November 1776 Martha Abbot, born there 17 September 1755, died at Reading, Mass. 20 October 1842, daughter of John & Hannah(Richardson)Abbot. They removed to REading about 1835. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-27 when he was 22 years of age. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the North 1774 TAX List. His taxes for real and personal property amounted to 10s-5d-2f to give him a rank of 107.5 "Corporal, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 8 days." [MSSRW XII-748]

JONAS PRESCOTT, ESQ.

BORN at <sup>3</sup>Groton<sup>2</sup> 26 January 1703, died at Westford 9 September 1784, son of Jonas<sup>3</sup> (Jonas<sup>2</sup>, John) and his first wife, Thankful(WHEeler) Prescott. He filed at Chelmsford 6 March 1725/26 intentions of marriage(1) with Esther Spalding of Chelmsford, born there 8 December 1705, died at Westford 4 October 1730, daughter of Timothy & Rebecca(Winn)SPaulding. HE filed at Westford 7 March 1730/31 intentions of marriage(2) with Elizabeth Harwood, born at Chelmsford 18 January 1701, died at Westford 27 December 1739, daughter of Nathaniel & Mary(Barron)Harwood. He married (3) at CONcord, Mass. 25 December 1740 Rebecca(Jones)Barrett, born at CONcord 15 April 1710, died at Ashby,Mass., 14 April 1802, daughter of Samuel, Jr. & Ruth(Wheeler)Jones amd widow of Benjamin Barrett. He was 71 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-26, just above his son John. He had been Representative to the General COURT from 1764 through 1769. In the 1774 Tax List he paid 1 poll, 6s-6d, in spite of his age, suggestig he may have had a young man in his household. Including his 2s-5d "Money Tax" he paid a total of 11-5s-8d-2f for his real and personal property for the rank of 15. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

JONAS PRESCOTT, JR.

BORN at Westford<sup>3-2</sup> 7 April<sup>1</sup> 1727, died there 23 March 1813, aged 86 years, son of Jonas<sup>4</sup> (Jonas<sup>3</sup>, John) and his first wife, Esther(SPaulding)Prescott. He married at Groton 13 March 1750/51 Rebecca(Bulkley)Parker, born at CONcord 2 November 1730, died at Westford 23 May 1795, aged 65 years, daughter of John & Abigail(---)Bulkley, and widow of John Parker of Groton. He was 47 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-23.

JONAS PRESCOTT, JR.(Continued)

In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 19s-8d for his real and personal property for the rank of 32. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW. We also note that he is referred to in Westford records as "Junr." only after 1750 when his grandfather, Jonas<sup>3</sup> died and his father was no longer referred to as Jonas, Junr.

JONAS PRESCOTT, 3RD

Born at Westford 26 August 1751, died there, unmarried, 2 September 1820. [ A Groton record for his death gives 4 September and states his age was 65, but we find no record of a Jonas born in 1755.] He was the son of Jonas<sup>5</sup> (Jonas<sup>4-2</sup>, John) and Rebecca(Bulkley)(Parker)Prescott. He was 23 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-24. He was taxed only 1 poll, 6s-6d on the North 1774 Tax List, with no real or personal property, for a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 2 days." [MSSRW XII-748]

JOSEPH PRESCOTT

Born at Westford<sup>4</sup> 19 May 1749, died there 1 April 1813, aged 64. son of Ebenezer<sup>3-2</sup> (Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John) and his 2nd wife, Elizabeth(Avery)(Sprague) Prescott. HE married at Groton 22 December 1774 ABigail Derumple, born at Groton 2 May 1755, died at Westford 24 April 1804, aged 48 years, daughter of William & Elizabeth(Shead)DERumple of Groton. He was 25 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-51. HE was assessed for 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a "Money Tax" of 5s in the North 1774 Tax List. The "money Tax plus his taxes for real and personal property totalled 16s-6d-1f for a rank of 51.5. "Corporal, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 3 days." [MSSRW XII-748]

OLIVER PRESCOTT

Born at Westford 5 May 1725, died there 1 January 1803, aged 77 years, son of Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> (Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) & his first wife, Hannah(Garnsworth) Prescott. He married at Westford 8 June 1749 Bethiah Underwood, born at Westford 27 September 1729, died in the Shaker Community at Harvard, Mass. 6 October 1813, aged 83 years, daughter of Joseph & Susanna(Parker) Underwood. HE was 49 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-13. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d[ his son Benjamin having emigrated to JAffrey, NH in 1774] and a "Money Tax" of 1s-10d. The latter, combined with taxes for real and personal property amounted to £1-4s-2d-3f for the rank of 19. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

TIMOTHY PRESCOTT

Born at Westford<sup>4</sup> 21 November 1728, died there 30 April 1803, son of Jonas<sup>3-2</sup> (Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) & his first wife, Esther(SPaulding)Prescott. He married at Westford 22 February 1753 Lydia Fletcher, born at Westford 18 February 1733/34, died there 1 May 1798 aged 64 years, daughter of Gershom & Lydia(Townsend)Fletcher. He was 45 years of age when he signed the

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1774 Covenant at Column V-17. In the North Tax List for 1774 he paid 1 poll, 6s-6d, in addition to a total of 13s-9d-2f for his real and personal property taxes. His rank was 73. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 4 days." [MSSRW XII-749]

AGNES PROCTER

Born Agnes Pierce about March 1703, she died at Westford 15 May 1790, aged 87 years, 2 months, 2 days, as widow of Josph Procter, born at Chelmsford 8 November 1703, died at Westford 16 January 1754 in his 56th year, son of Peter & Rebecca(----)Procter. They were married at Chelmsford 1 December 1722. In the South 1774 Tax List she was taxed 4s-1d for her real property to give her a rank of 143.5.

ASA PROCTER

The identity of this man is speculative. The birth record [Vital Record of Westford, Mass., p. 88] reads: "PROCTER, Asa, s. Rebecca, bp. September 21, 1755, C.R.1." This same volume contains no marriage entry for any male PROCTER [or PROCTOR] with a Rebecca. We speculate, therefore that he may have been an illegitimate son of Rebecca Procter, born at Westford 28 May 1737, daughter of Joseph & Agnes (Pierce) Procter. We find no marriage or death entries at Westford for either Asa or Rebecca. No Asa Procter signed the 1774 Covenant. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, and we find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

CHARLES PROCTER

Born at Westford 13 September 1755, , died there 6 Marh 1817, son of Phillip & Phebe (Hildreth) Procter. He filed at Westford 28 February 1778 intentions of marriage (1) with Edee Carver, born at Westford 30 October 1757 daughter of Benjamin & Edee (Fletcher) Carver. We find no deaths record for her in Westford Vital Records volume, but he married (2) at Westford 30 April 1784 widow Lydia (Adams) Cummings, probably born at Chelmsford 12 December 1748, died at Westford 23 December 1830, daughter of Samuel & Lydia (Fletcher) Adams, and widow of Ephraim Cummings, Jr. Charles was 19 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-1. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, nor was his father who had died in 1759. HE became a physician in Westford and was one of the founding Trustees of Westford Academy. " Capt. Joel Fletcher's Co., Col. Ephraim Doolittle's Regt.; receipt for advanced pay signed by said Procter and others, dated Charlestown Camp 26 June 1775; also, Private, same Co. & Regt.' muster roll dated Camp at Winter Hill, Charlestown 6 October 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Winter Hill, 25 December 1775." [MSSRW-XII-8]

DANIEL PROCTER

THIS resident of Chelmsford was taxed 2s-4d for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Chelmsford 1 November 1706, died there 28 January 1775, aged 69 y., 1 mo., 17 days, son of Samuel & Sarah (----) Procter of Chelmsford. HE married at Chelmsford 17 September 1727

DANIEL PROCTER(Continued)

Susanna Hill of Billerica, born there 18 February 1704/05, died at Chelmsford 26 December 1786, aged 81 years, daughter of JOseph & SUsannah(Baldwin)Hill. An entry for Daniel Procter of Chelmsford[MSSRW XII-802] cites service in 1776 so must refer to a son, Daniel, born in 1744.

ELIJAH PROCTER

This resident of Chelmsford was taxed 9d-2f for real property he owned in Westford. HE was born at Chelmsford 6 July 1736, died there (as Lieut.) 14 April 1819, aged 80 years[?]. son of Benjamin & Lydia(CHamberlin) Procter. HE married, by a Justice of the Peace at Charlestown, 31 December 1756 Esther Adams, both being of Chelmsford. She was born at Chelmsford 25 September 1748, daughter of JOhn & Elizabeth(Perham)Adams. She drowned herself in a small well, in a deranged state of mind, at Chelmsford 1 April 1808, aged 59 years. "2nd Lieutenant, Capt. John Minot's(1st)Co.(South Co. in Chelmsford) Col. Simeon SPaulding's (7th Middlesex County) REgt. of Mass. Militia; list of officers chosen in said regiment; ordered in Council 31 May 1776, that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned 31 May 1776; also, Lieut., Capt. John Moore's Co., Col. JOnathan Reed's Regt. of Guards; muster rolls dated Cambridge 9 May and 1 June 1778; appointed 23 March 1778; service guarding troops of convention; term, 3 mo. from 2 April 1778; also, same Co. & Regt.; engaged 1 April 1778, discharged 1 July 1778; service 3 mo. at Cambridge." [MSSRW XII-803]

EZEKIEL PROCTER

Born at Westford 9 November 1709, died at Hollis, NH 21 February 1777, probably son of PEter & MARY(Patterson)Procter. He married at Chelmsford 24 October 1734 Elizabeth Chamberlin, probably born there 8 January 1709/10 daughter of Samuel & Abigail(----)CHamberlin. HE signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-58 when he was 65 years old. In the South 1774 TAX List he was NOT taxed for any polls, and taxed a total of 10s-8d for his real and personal property for the rank of 105. HE must have removed to Hollis, NH before 1776 since the Westford death entry for his son, Ezra in 1776 refers to Ezekiel. "now of Hollis." According to HODgman (p. 158) his son Ezekiel( born at Westford in 1735) had emigrated to Hollis, NH in 1771. An entry in MSSRW for an Ezekial Procter of Hollis, must refer to the son.

JAMES PROCTER

Born at Chelmsford 14 November 1720,, son of John & Mary(----)Procter. He married at Westford 19 May 1747 Hannah NUTting, whom we have not identified. The births of several children are recorded at Westford, but no death entries. We assume they emigrated elsewhere, but Hodgman does not include them in his discussion of emigrants. HE was 54 years of age when he signed the 1774 Coveant at Column III-14. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed for 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 9s-4d for his real and personal property, thus had the rank of 118. An entry [MSSRW-XII-804] for a James Procter indicates engagement for the TOWN of Westford in 1780. We conclude this entry refers to a son, James, then 16 years of age, born in 1764.



### JOHN PROCTER, [SR.]

Born at Chelmsford 6 October 1694, died at Westford 17 April 1783, aged 88 years, son of John & Mirian(Marshall)Procter. HE married before 1720, Mary(----), born about 1701, died at Westford 9 August 1781, aged 80 years, 3 mos., 20 days. ONE John Procter signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-18. We do not know if it was this man or his son, John, Jr, (See below).John Procter[sr.] was 80 years of age when in the South 1774 Tax list, he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, probably for a young man then resident in his household HIS taxes of 10s-5d-2f for real and personal property afforded him a rank of 107.5. No entry in MSSRW.

### JOHN PROCTER, JR.

Born at Westford 14 October 1733, son of John & Mary(----)Procter. HE married(1) at Westford 17 June 1762 Molly Nutting, born at Westford 13 March 1736, prob. died at Westford about 1768, daughter of Josiah & Mary(----) Nutting. HE married (2) at Westford 24 December 1771 Sarah Wright. We are uncertain of her parents, or birth date, or the death dates of she and John, Jr. They must have emigrated elsewhere after 1784 when the last birth entry of a child was recorded. Hodgman is mute on this couple. As mentioned one John Procter signed the 1774 Covenant, but we do not know which one. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 8s-0d-3f for real and personal property. Thus he had a rank of 124.5. We find no entry in MSSRW, and Hodgman does not include a John Procter in his list of Westford men who served(p. 138).

### JONAS PROCTER

Born at Westford 16 September 1749, died at Louisburg, Cape Breton, Canada 6 November 1783 in his 35th year, son of Phillip & Phebe(Hildreth) Procter. HE filed at Westford 17 November 1778 intentions of marriage with Lydia Brooks, born at Westford 21 August 1754, daughter of Josiah & Lydia(Haywood)Brooks. She married (2) at Westford 16 June 1785 Simeon Hunt, Jr. of Acton.. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a personal property tax of 9d-2f, with no real property. HE had a rank of 172.5. We find no entry in MSSRW, nor is he included in Hodgman's List (p. 138) of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution, so we conclude that his death at Cape Brton in 1783 was not military service related.

### LEONARD PROCTER

Born at Westford 5 January 1734/35, died there 3 January 1827, son of Thomas & Hannah(Barron)Procter. HE filed at Westford 6 September 1760 intentions of marriage(1) with Lydia Nutting, born about 1736, died at Westford 7 November 1767. aged 31 years. HE married(2) at Harvard, Mass., 23 December 1769 Mary Keep of Harvard who died at Westford 3 September 1827. He was about 39 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-20. HE was taxed for 2 polls, 13s, in the South 1774 Tax List, so he probably had a young man, not his son, in his household. HE was assessed 17s-6d for his real and personal property for the rank of 44. Hodgman(p. 162) indicates he emigrated to New Ipswich, NH, then returned to Westford. "2nd Lieutenant, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 5 days; also, 1st Lieutenant, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's 8th( 2nd Westford) Co., 6th Middlesex County Regt. of Mass. Militia; list of officers chosen by the several companies in said regiment, as returned by Jonathan Read and other field officers; ordered in Council 24 April 1776, said officers to be commissioned; reported commissioned 24 April 1776." [MSSRW XII-815]

#### WIDOW LYDIA PROCTER

She was born as Lydia Wright at Chelmsford 19 April 1708, died at Westford 13 April 1797 with a pencil notation in the record that she was 87 years of age and former widow of Capt. James Hildreth. [Her actual age at her death must have been 89 years.] She married(1) at Chelmsford 13 August 1727 James Hildreth, born at Chelmsford 18 May 1701, died at Cape Breton(Louisburg) CANada 11 October 1745, aged 44 years, 4 mos., son of Richard & Dorcas(Wilson) Hildreth. She filed at Westford 15 April 1757 intentions of marriage(2) with David Procter of Acton who died there 18 March 1762. She was taxed in the South 1774 Tax List a total of 2s for her real and personal property for the rank of 160.

#### NATHAN PROCTER

Born at Chelmsford 1 October 1698, died at Westford 16 January 1788 in his 90th year, son of Gershom & Sarah(Whitlows)Procter. HE married (1) at Westford 24 April 1756 Mehitable VArnum of Dracut, born there 12 July 1712, died at Westford 20 August 1761, aged 48 years, 6 mos. 10 days, HE married(2) at Stoneham, Mass. 17 December 1761 Phebe Green, born about 1730, died at Westford 7 April 1814, aged 84 years. He was 76 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-10. HE was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the South 1774 Tax List, suggesting, at his age he may have had a young man in the household. HIS real and personal estate was taxed at 1-12s to give the rank of 7. The births of four children to he and his 2nd wife are recorded at Westford from 1762 to 1768!

#### PHINEHAS PROCTER

The only vital record we can find for this man is his birth at Westford 10 November 1722, son of John & Mary(-----)Procter. No Phinehas Procter signed the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed only 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property, for a rank of 200.0. We find no entry in MSSRW. HE is not named in HODgman's discussion of emigrants nor in his list of men who served in the War of Revolution.

#### SILAS PROCTER

Born at Westford 6 September 1750, son of James & Hannah(SPaulding) Procter. As Lieut. Silas he filed at Westford 26 June 1784 intentions of marriage with Olive Read, born at Westford 13 April 1760, daughter of Samuel & Hannah(Richardson)(Underwood)Read. HODgman (p. 167) indicates they emigrated first to Ludlow, VT then to Mount Holly, VT in 1792. There are no births to this couple recorded at Westford. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed only 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property, for a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 11 days; also, Sergeant, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 Augyst 1775; engaged 20 April 1775; service 93 days; also, 2nd Lieutenant, Capt. Abishai Brown's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.; engaged 11 April 1776, 4 days preceeding march; service to 1 December 1776; 7 months, 20 days; rolls, dated CAMP at Hull." [MSSRW XII-816]

### JOHN PUSHEE

Born, probably at Acton about 1748, died at Littleton 13 June 1834, aged 86 years, married at Concord, he then of Acton, 20 November 1770, Lucy Blodgett of Westford, born there 28 December 1755, died at Westford 23 May 1811, aged 56 years, daughter of James & Abigail(Keyes)Blodgett. John was 26 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-49.

In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d with no real or personal estate, in spite of the fact that he was married and had two children, John, born at Westford 11 October 1771 and Lucy, born at Acton 10 March 1773, and his wife must have been pregnant with a third child, Daniel, born at Westford 6 January 1775. He had a rank of 200.0. MSSRW has two entries for John, one with the surname spelled as above, and the other with it spelled PUSHE. It is obvious that the two entries do not overlap with respect to service dates, so we conclude they both refer to the same individual, so we have combined them here in chronological order: "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1776; service 10 days; reported as having enlisted in the army; Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 29 April 1775; service 94 days; also, company return dated 27 September 1775; reported enlisted 19 April 1775; also order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Camp at Cambridge, 1 November 1775; also, Capt. Zechariah Fitch's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt.; service from 23 August 1776 to 30 September 1776, 1 mo. 9 days; also, Private Capt. Aaron Jewett's Co., Col. Samuel Bullard's Regt.; enlisted 15 August 1777; discharged 29 November 1777; service, 3 mo. 26 days with Northern Army, including 11 days (220 miles) travel home; company marched to Saratoga; roll dated Littleton; also, 3rd Sergeant, Capt. John Flint's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt.; engaged 26 June 1778, 3 days preceding march; discharged 29 January 1779; service 7 mos. 15 days; at and about White Plains, including 11 days (220 miles) travel home; regt. raised to fortify passes of North River, NY; also, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt.; pay rolls for June, July and August 1778, dated Fort Clinton; also, (late) Capt. Lawrence's Co., commanded by Lieut. John Flint, Col. Poor's Regt.; pay roll for November 1778, dated West Point; also, Sergeant, Capt. John Porter's Co., Col. Samuel Denny's (2d) Regt.; engaged 19 October 1779, discharged 23 November 1779; service, 1 mo. 15 days at Clavarack, including 10 days (200 miles) travel; regiment raised for 3 mos." [MSSRW XII-853]

### DANIEL RAYMOND

We are somewhat uncertain about this identity because of several confusing facts. A Daniel Raymond signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-19. A Daniel Raymond is named on the South 1774 Tax List assessed 13s for 2 polls, and a total of £1-0s-3d-1f for his real and personal property and the rank of 18. We know from Hodgman (page 110) that in early 1775 both Daniel Raymond and his son, Daniel, Jr. were inhabitants of Westford since on 25 May 1775, by vote of the town the elder Daniel was ordered to deliver up his fire-arms to the Committee of Correspondance, and he and his son were forbidden to go out of town without a pass from the same Committee. The only other man so ordered to give up his fire-arms was Rev. Willard Hall, who had Loyalist sympathies. Hodgman (page 470) also states that Daniel, Sr. is first mentioned in Westford when he joined the

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church in 1760. We note that a Daniel Raymond and a Lucy Wooley, both of Concord, MA were married there 15 January 1744, but find no birth entries there of any children of this couple. The Westford Vital Records volume includes the baptisms of three children of Daniel Raymond, Elizabeth in 1758, Hepzibah in 1762, and John in 1764. We further note that a Daniel & Abigail(----)Raymond were having children in CONcord in 1730/31, but their marriage is not recorded there. We postulate that the Danuel Raymond who came to Westford about 1758 and joined the church in 1760 was an earlier child of Daniel & ABigial who was brought to Concord and who married there 15 January 1744 Lucy Wooley, born at Concord 1 September 1725, daughter of Samuel & MARY(----)Wooley. They had some children, including a son, Daniel, elsewhere and moved to Westford about 1758. There is one additional confusion Daniel, Jr. died at Westford 7 November 1808, aged 57 years. If this age at death is correct it extrapolates to a birth year of 1751. However this means he was 23 years old. If he was then resident in Westford he would have been named in a 1774 Tax List, and there is no such listing. Daniel, Raymond, Jr. married at Littleton 27 September 1781 Naomi Leighton, born there 1 April 1761, died at Westford 1 November 1808, aged 48 years, daughter of Francis & Lydia(Fitch)Leighton. The biirths of four children to Daniel, R. & Naomi are recorded at Westford. Were it not for the fact that he is not named in a 1774 Tax List, we would suggest that it was Daniel, Jr. who signed the 1774 Covenant, in lights of his father;s Seeming Loyalist tendencies. We find no entries in MSSRW we can connect to either father or son..

ABEL READ

Born at Westford 7 March 1757, son of Benjamin & Abigail(Fassett) Read. He married at Westford 24 November 1778 Rebecca Farrar, born at Chelmsford 1 May 1757, daughter of Joseph & Deborah(Richardson)Farrar. The births of six children are recorded at Westford between 1779 and 1788, but no death records for them. We conclude they emigrated elsewhere, possibly Vermont like two of his brothers, but HODgman does not so indicate. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and at 18 years of age was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll for him. There are three listings for an Abel Read in MSSRW, one identifying Westford in the heading, another mentioning Westford within the entry, and a third with no town identification. Since they do not overlap, we conclude they all may refer to the same man. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co. of militia Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 3 days." "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 15 September 1777, service to 1 January 1778 at Rhode Island." Receipt, dated Boston 31 May 1782, for bounty paid sd Read and others by Col. Zaccheus Wright, CHairman of Class No. 1, of the TOWN of Westford, to serve in the Continental Army for a term of 3 years; also, Private, Col. Benjamin Tulper's(10th)Regt.; service from 30 May 1782, 7 mos. 2 days." [MSSRW XIII-5]

ABIJAH READ(REED)

Born at Littleton 15 July 1754, died at Westford 27 March 1844, age, 89 years, 9 mos., son of Peter, Jr. & BETty(Hartwell)Reed. HE married at Westford 23 March 1786 Elizabeth Boynton, born at Westford 26 May 1760,

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died there 29 August 1790, age 31, daughter of Nathaniel & REbecca(Barrett) Boynton. He was just 20 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-23. HE was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, nor did his step-father, Jonathan Keyes, pay an extra poll for him, so we conclude he was then in the household of one of the other men who paid an extra poll, but had no sons to account for the extra poll. "List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army, as returned by Capt. Zaccheus Wright and Capt. Peletiah Fletcher, endorded 'Westford Feb. 1, '78"; residence, Westford; engaged for the town of Ashby; joined Capt. BALLard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term 3 years to expire in 1780." [MSSRW XIII-5]

AMOS READ

Born at Westford 31 May 1754, son of Joseph & Ruth(Underwood)Read. He married at Westford 18 March 1773 Lydia Phelps. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, nor was his father assessed an extra poll for him. HODgman (page 173) indicates that an Amos Read emigrated to Sodus, New York. HIS absence from these 1774 documents in any way suggests his emigration occured before November 1774 and possibly immediately after his marriage. No entry in MSSRW.

BENJAMIN READ[SR.]

Born at Westford 3 September 1732, died there 2. April 1788, son of Thomas & Sarah(Fletcher)Read. He married at Westford 2 January 1755 Abigail Fassett who died at Westford 7 May 1787, probably daughter of Samuel & Lydia(Parker)Fasset. He was about 72 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-11. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son Abel(See above). A son, Benjamin, baptized 17 September 1758, must have died since a son, born 8 June 1768 was also named Benjamin. He was taxed 17s-1d-3f for his real and personal property for the rank of 46. An entry in MSSRW for Benjamin Read which mentions Westford, we attribute to another(See below.).

BENJAMIN READ[JR.]

Born at Westford 5 December 1760; died at Templeton, MA 23 December 1823, aged 63 years, son of Joshua & Mary(SPalding)Read. He, then of Templeton, married at Concord, MA(also recorded at Westford) 30 May 1783 Olive Robbins, baptized at Westford 8 May 1763, daughter of Zaccheriah & Elizabeth(Procter) Robbins. The Templeton Vital Records volume has no entry for her death. HE did not isgn the 1774 Covenant, and was too young to be considered in any 1774 Tax List. THEir three children, all born at TEmpleton, Benjamin (1784-1813), Elizabeth(1788-1795), Olive,(1786-1790) all died before their father. "Private, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co. of volunteers, Col. JOJonathan Reed's Regt.; entered service 26 September 1777; discharged 9 November 1777; serice 3 mos. 13 days, at the Northward; company raised in Littleton and Westford and marched to assist army under Gen. Gates." [MSSRW XIII-7]

#### ELEAZER READ

Born at Westford 22 February 1730/31, died there 18 June 1789, died there 18 June 1789 in his 59th years, son of Thomas & Sarah(Fletcher)Read. He married at Westford 22 March 1754 Joanna Fitch, born at Westford 29 January 1734/35, daughter of Samuel & Joanna(Kidder)Fitch. He was 43 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-22. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son, Samuel(See below). He was taxed £1-2f for his real and personal property for the rank of 26. The following entry in MSSRW may be his, or for his son, Eleazer born at Westford 1 March 1760. Both are included in Hodgman's list (page 139) of Westford men who served. "List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from: 6th Middlesex Regt., as returned by Col. Jonathan Reed, dated Littleton 2 December 1777; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term, 3 years." [MSSRW XIII-12]

#### ELNATHAN READ

Born at Westford 12 October 1758, died at Cavendish, VT 25 July 1845, son of Joshua & Mary(SPalding)Read. He married at Westford 4 August 1781 ANN Prescott, born at Westford 7 May 1761, died at Cavendish, VT 6 December 1821, daughter of Timothy (Jonas<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) and Lydia(Fletcher) Prescott. Hodgman(page 163) says they emigrated first to Stoddard, NH, then to Walpole, NH, then to Cavendish, VT. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. Since he would attain the age of 16 in October 1774, his father was not taxed an extra poll for him. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for mileage from home to headquarters and return, dated Cambridge 12 January 1776; mileage for 52 miles allowed said Read; also, order to Deacon Jeffers, Paymaster for the Colony troops, payable to Col. Ephraim Jackson, dated Camp at Hull, 10 July 1776, signed by said REad and others belonging to Capt. Abishai Brown's Co., Col. Whitney's Regt., for advance pay, travel allowance, etc.; also, petition, dated Camp at Hull, 17 September 1776 signed by said Read and others belonging to battallion stationed at Hull, asking for increase and payment of wages." [MSSRW XIII-12]

#### JOHN READ

Born at Westford 1 September 1740, son of John, Jr. & Abiel (Butterfield)Read. We find little more about him with respect to marriage or death. He was 34 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-11. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed only 1 poll, and a total of 7s-10d for his real and personal property to give him the rank of 128. We find no appropriate entry in SSRW, nor does Hodgman(page 139) include him in his list of Westford men who served.

#### JOSEPH READ

Born at Chelmsford 4 June 1716, died at Westford 1 November 1795, aged 79 years, son of Thomas & Sarah(Fletcher)Read. He married at Concord, MA 30 May 1737 Ruth Underwood, born at Chelmsford 2 January 1719, died at Westford 1 November 1795, daughter of Joseph & SUsanna(Parker) Underwood. HE was 58 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at

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Column V-8, among the other "Town Fathers." In the North 1774 Tax List where his name is fourth in order, he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 12s-10d-1f for real and personal property, for the rank of 83. The following entry in MSSRW reflects his position in 1776 as First Selectman. "Orders on Henry Gardner, Paymaster General, payable to said Read, Captain, dated Westford 2 September and 9 September 1776, respectively, signed by the Selectmen of Westford, due for money for providing guns for certain soldiers in Capt. Joshua Parker's and Capt. Wyman's Cos., Col. Prescott's Regt." [MSSRW XIII-21]

### JOSHUA READ

Born at Westford 1 December 1737, died there 20[?26?] April 1809, aged 73 years, son of Joseph & Ruth(Underwood)Read. He married at Westford 27 May 1758 Mary Spaulding, born at Westford 4 June 1736, died there 6 May 1813, aged 77 years, daughter of Andrew & Hannah(Wright)Spaulding. He was 37 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-1.

In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 7s-10d-3f for his real and personal property for the rank of 126. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 3 days; reported returned home.[MSSRW XIII-22] [WE note his son, Joshua, born 6 March 1763, served at Rhode Island from May 1779 to July 1779, and an additional 6 months in Continental Service in 1780, all while he was 16 and 17 years of age.]

### LEONARD READ

Born at Westford 23 April 1750, died there 8 June 1811, aged 61 years, son of Joseph & Ruth(Underwood)Read. HE filed at Westford 25 November 1769 intentions of marriage with Bethyah Herrick, born at Chelmsford 2 December 1750, daughter of Joseph & Lois(----)Herrick. We find no local death entry for her. He was 24 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-13. In the North 1774 Tax List, he was taxed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property, thus had a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co. of volunteers, Col. Jonathan Read's Regt.; entered service 26 September 1777; discharged 9 November 1777; service 1 mo. 15 days at Northward; company raised in Littleton and Westford and marched to assist army under Gen. Gates." [MSSRW XIII-23]

### OLIVER READ

Born at Westford 15 August 1756, died there 20 June 1791 in his 35th year, son of William & Thankful(SPaulding)Read. HE filed at Westford 13 April 1779 intentions of marriage with Abigail Read, born at Westford 5 June 1757, died at Dunstable, MA 5 December 1838, aged 81 years, daughter of Thomas, 3rd & Susanna(Dutton)Read. She filed at Westford 14 August 1797 intentions of marriage(2) with Joseph Fletcher of Dunstable. [VR Dunstable is mute on such a marriage.] Oliver did not sign the 1774 Covenant, was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll for him. "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's(10th)Regt.; company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775' reported enlisted 19 April 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its

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equivalent in money dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 5 July 1777; service to 1 January 1778 at Rhode Island." [MSSRW XIII-25]

SAMSON READ

Born at Westford 13 May 1754, son of Capt. Joseph & Ruth(Underwood) Read. He married at Westford 18 March 1773 Lydia Phelps. At least two children were born to this couple at Westford, but the deaths of the parents are not recorded there. We assume they emigrated elsewhere, but are not mentioned in Hodgman's discussion of emigrees from Westford. He was 20 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-59. HE was too young to be named in the 1774 Tax Lists, but his father did not pay an extra poll for him, so we deduce this newly married couple lived in place they did not then own. We note that the Westford Vital Records volume contains a death entry for Lydia Reed, pauper, aged 91 years who died in 1841, but this may be someone else. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for mileage from home to headquarters and return, dated Cambridge, 12 JANuary 1776; mileage for 52 miles allowed said Read." [MSSRW XIII-27]. Hodgman does NOT include Samson Read in his list of Westford men(page 139) who served.

SAMUEL READ[SR.]

Born at Chelmsford 7 August 1711, died at Westford 29 March 1781, aged 69 years 7 months 11 days, son of John & Jane(CHamberlin)Read. HE married(1) at Westford 23 November 1732 Abigail Cummings, born at Chelmsford in November 1716, died at Westford 31 March 1743 in her 27th year, daughter of John & ELizabeth(Adams)Cummings. HE married(2) at Westford 22 June 1757 Widow HANNAH Underwood, born at Westford 30 JUNE 1730, died at Westford 7 March 1811, aged 81 years, daughter of Henry & Esther(Adams)Wright, and widow of John Underwood. Samuel was 63 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-21. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 2 polls, 13s, but we find no sons of the appropriate age, so some other young man must have been residing in his household. For his real and personal property he was taxed a total of £1-9s-4d-2f, so he had the rank of 11.

**We do not believe any entry for a Samuel Read, or Reed, of Westford applies to this individual.**

SAMUEL READ, JR.

Born at Westford 7 March 1756, died there 7 October 1834, aged 78 years, 7 months, son of Eleazer & Joanna(Fitch)Read. He married (1) at Westford 1 August 1778, Elizabeth Raymond, baptized at Westford 12 October 1758, died there 6 October 1804, aged 46 years, daughter of Daniel & ----- Raymond. HE filed intentions of marriage (2) at Westford 1 December 1805 with Mrs. Lois(SNOW)Brooks, born at Chelmsford 5 February 1771, died at Westford 6 November 1840, aged 69 years. daughter of JOshua & Lois(Hildreth) Snow and widdow of Daniel Brooks. Samuel was 18 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-6. HE was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll for him. IN MSSRW we have entries for two men identified as of Westford, a Samuel READ, and



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a Samuel REED. We believe these two entries may refer to the same individual, but transcribe them separately.

"READ, Samuel. Westford. Capt. Joel Fletcher's Co., Col. Ephraim Doolittle's Regt.; receipt for advanced pay signed by said Read and others dated Camp near Charlestown Road, 8 JUNE 1775; also, Private, same co. & regt.; muster roll dated 1 AUGUST 1775; enlisted 2 May 1775, service 3 mos. 7 days; also, company return dated Camp at Winter Hill, CHARLESTOWN 6 October 1775; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 15 September 1777; service to 1 January 1778 at Rhode Island." [MSSRW XIII-28]

"REED, Samuel, Westford. Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 13 days; also, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; company return dated Camp at White Plains 31 October 1776; said Reed reported as in camp at White Plains and fit for duty." [MSSRW XIII-90]

SAMUEL READ(REED)

This resident of Littleton was taxed 1s-7d on the South 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Littleton in 1737 and died there 9 March 1806. son of Benjamin & Rebecca(Stone)Read. He married at Littleton 16 February 1762 Hannah Raymond, daughter of Jonathan, Jr. & Hepzibah(----)Raymond. She died at Littleton 28 September 1819. The births of ten children are recorded at Littleton. "Private, Capt. Moses Barns's Co., Lt. Col. Samuel Pierce's Regt.; enlisted 17 May 1779; service at Rhode Island; enlistment 2 months to expire 1 July 1779." [MSSRW XIII-27]

SILAS READ

Born at Westford 2 April 1737, died there 17 August 1817, aged 79 years, son of Samuel & Abigail(Cummings)Read. HE married at Westford 2 June 1772 Hannah Chamberlin, born at Westford 14 October 1752, daughter of Ephraim & Esther(Boynton)Chamberlin. We find no death record for her. He was 37 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-15. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 12s-2d for real and personal property for the rank of 92. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW, nor is he included in Hodgman's list(page 139) of Westford men who served.

SIMEON READ

Born at Westford 9 May 1756, son of John & Abigail(Butterfield)Read. HE filed at Westford 29 January 1779 intentions of marriage with Sarah Comings, born at Westford 11 May 1762, daughter of Thomas & Lucy (Lawrence)Cummings. Hodgman(page 167) indicates they emigrated to Ludlow, VT in 1792. He was 18 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-30. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, and his father had died in 1767, his mother is not named, so he must have been in some other household. "Private, Capt. Abishai Brown's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.; service from 28 May 1776, 4 days preceding march, to 1 December 1776. 6 months 7 days; rolls, dated Camp at Hull; also, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.; arrived at destination 10

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May 1777; discharged 9 July 1777; service 2 months 3 days at Rhode Island; including travel(8 days) to and from place of destination; roll dated Warwick Neck; also, 2nd Corporal, Capt. Aaron Jewett's Co., Col. Job Cushing's Regt.; enlisted 27 July 1777; discharged 29 August 1777, service 1 month 10 days, including 7 days(140 miles) travel home; company raised in Littleton, Westford, Groton, Shirley, Townsend and Ashby and marched to Bennington on an alarm." [MSSRW XIII-92-93]

STEPHEN READ

Born at Westford 26 March 1754, son of Thomas & Susanna(Dutton) Read. HE filed at Westford 8 April 1779 intentions of marriage with Mary Derumple of Groton, born there 17 October 1759, daughter of William & Elizabeth(Shead)Derumple(Dalrymple). They emigrated to Ludlow, VT in 1792 according to Hodgman( page 163). He did not sign the 1774 Covenant and was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father was taxed an extra poll for him. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 8 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th)Regt.; order for advance pay signed by said Read and others, dated Cambridge, 9 June 1775; Private, same co. & regt.; company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775'; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775." [MSSRW XIII-29]

THADEUS READ[REED]

Born at Westford 5 May 1742, died there 1 April 1816, son of William & Thankful(Spaulding)Read. He filed at Westford 19 March 1774 intentions of marriage with ANNA Sawtell, probably born at Groton 1 May 1748, died at Westford 5 March 1816, daughter of David, Jr. & Rebecca(Pratt) Sawtell of Groton. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no real or personal property taxes for a rank of 200.0. Two entries in MSSRW with different spellings of his surname, both identified as Westford, both seem to apply to this man.

"REED, Thaddeus. Westford. Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 7 days; also, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 26 April 1775; service 3 mos. 7 days; also, company retrun dated Cambridge 3 October 1775." [MSSRW XIII-94]

"READ, Thaddeus. Westford. Private, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's(Regt.); order for money in lieu of bounty coat, dated Westford 10 September 1776; also, receipt, dated Westford 3 April 1781 for bounty paid to said Read by David Goodhue and others, members of Class No. 11 of the Town of Westford to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years; also, Private, Capt. Isaac Pope's Co., Col. William Shepard's(14th) Regt.; muster rolls for December 1781 and January 1782 dated York Hutts and sworn to at West Point; enlisted 22 February 1781; enlistment 3 years; also, muster roll for February 1782, dated Cantonment 1st Brigade and sworn to at West Point." [MSSRW XIII-30]

### THOMAS READ

Born at Westford 6 February 1732/33, son of Samuel & Abigail (Cummings)Read. He married (1) at Westford 13 December 1753 Susanna Dutton, born about 1732, died at Westford 8 April 1781 in her 49th year. He married (2) at Westford 20 January 1784 Widow Phebe Procter of Groton who died before 17 June 1792 when he married (3) at Westford Polly Spaulding. Since there are no local death entries for either Thomas or Polly we conclude he was the Thomas Read who, according to Hodgman( page 163), emigrated to Londonderry, VT. He was 41 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-15. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son Stephen(See above). His total real and personal property tax amounted to 13s-6d-2f for the rank of 75. "Account dated Westford 10 June 1781, endorsed by the Selectmen, of bounties paid to the men raised to serve inthe Continental Army for the period of three years, accountable to resolve of 2 December 1780; said REad reported as a member of Class No. 3 which engaged Asa Patch." [MSSRW XIII-30]

### WILLARD READ

Born at Westford 15 August 1746, died there 8 February 1814, aged 67 years, son of John & ABigail(Butterfield)Read. He married at Charlestown 30 November 1774 Olive Minot, born at Chelmsford 14 June 1753, ddied at Westford 25 September 1827, aged 74 years, daughter if Jonathan & Esther(Procter)Minot. He was 28 years of age, unmarried, when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Coluymn II-8. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 1s-6d-2f for his real and personal property, for the rank of 125. We find no entry in MSSRW, nor is he included by Hodgman in his list(page 139) of Westford men who served.

### WILLIAM READ[SR.]

We believe that the eldest William Read living in Westford in 1774 was born there 24 September 1749, son of Samuel & ABigail(Cummings) Read. The Vital Records volume for Chelmsford indicates that the William Read born there in 1734/35 died at Litchfield, NH in 1769. Hoever we find no suitable marriage or death entries for this son of Samuel & Abigail. He was 25 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-46. He was taxed 2 polls, 13s, in the South 1774 Tax List together with a total of 8s-3d for real and personal property for the rank of 123. Hodgman (page 139) lists only one William Read as having served in the War of Revolution. HOwever there are two entries ascribed to Westford. We transcribe here an entry we judge belongs to him. The other we ascribe to William Read, Jr.(See below). "REED, William. Westford. Private, Capt. JOshua Parker's Co., commanded by Capt. Oliver Bates prior to 24 May 1775, Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 19 May 1775; service, 94 days; also, Capt. ABishai Brown's Co., Col. JOSiah Whitney's REgt.; service from 1 November 1776 to 1 December 1776, 1 mo. 3 days including travel(63 miles)home; roll dated Camp at Hull; also, Capt. John Minot's Co.,Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.;; arrived at destination 10 May 1777; discharged 9 July 1777; service 2 mos. 9 days at Rhode Island;; including travel(8 days) to and from place of destination; roll dated Warwick, Neck" [MSSRW XIII-98]

WILLIAM READ, JR.

The younger William Read in Westford in 1774 was born there 9 July 1753, son of William & Thankful(SPaulding)Read. AS noted above his father had died at Litchfield, NH in 1769. THis William may have married at Westford 24 October 1785 Lydia Stratton. He may be the William Read that Hodgman(Page 172) indicates emigrated to Chesterfield, Mass. HE signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-61 when he was 21 years of age. He does not appear in any 1774 Tax List, but may have been missed by the Assessors. We transcribe here the MSSRW entry we believe applies to him:

"READ, William(also given as William, Jr.). Westford. " Capt. JOshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's(10th)Regt.; order for advanced pay, signed by said Read and others, dated Cambridge 9 JUNE 1775; also, Private, same co. & regt.; company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775'; enlisted 19 May 1775; also order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775." [MSSRW XIII-32]

ABIJAH RICHARDSON

Born at Westford 4 September 1748, died there 23 November 1828, aged 80 years, son of Thomas & REbecca(Reed)Richardson. He married before 1773 Elizabeth----, born about 1749, died at Westford 11 May 1826, aged 77 years. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was taxed for 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List, and a total of 11s-5d for his real and personal property for the rank of 98. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in reponse to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 9 days; also, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for mileage from home to headquarters and return, dated Cambridge 12 JANuary 1776; also, list of men raised for Continental service as returned by Capt. Zaccheus Wright and Capt. Peletiah Fletcher, endorsed 'Westford Feby 6th '78' said Richardson, with others, enlisted from the TOWN of Westford for 1 year from July 1777; reported enlisted into 'Carpenter's Regt.' " [MSSRW XIII-223]

ELEAZER RICHARDSON

This resident of Chelmsford was taxed 5s-9d-2f on the North 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Chelmsford 29 October 1718, died there 16 August 1776, aged 58 years, son ofof Samuel & Rachel(Howard)Richardson. HE married at Chelmsford 30 March 1748 Lydia Perham, born there 24 September 1722, died at Westford 21 February 1797, aged 74 years. We find no entry in MSSRW.

GENRY RICHEYSON(RICHARDSON)

Born at Chelmsford 19 september 1714, died at Westford 22 January 1793, aged 78 years, son of John & Elizabeth(Farwell)Richardson. HE narried(1) at Billerica 20 February 1732/33 Amy HAsselton of Billerica. He married (2) Priscilla----, born about 1713, died at Westford 7 June 1776. He filed at Westford 10 September 1777 intentions of marriage(3) with Widow Lucy Wright. He married (4) at Westford 12[?16?] july 1784 Widow Ruth(Wright)Bates, born at Westford 23 June 1731, died at Westford 7 September 1800, daughter of Jacob & Abigail(----)Wright and widow of Capt. Oliver Bates(See above).He was 60 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column Vi-10, and in the North 1774 Tax List was taxed 1 poll and a total of 9s-11d for real and personal property for the rank of 114.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON

We are uncertain about the identity of this person who signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-16. No JOseph Richardson appears in any 1774 Westford Tax list which seems to eliminate the JOseph Richardson, born at Chelmsford 16 June 1751, son of Eleazer and Lycia(Perham)Richardson. He may have been the Joseph Richardson, then of Fitchburg, who married at Westford 4 February 1791 Ruth STEvens of Chelmsford, born there 6 March 1766 daughter of Samuel & TABitha(----)Stevens. "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 5 July 1777; service to 1 January 1778 at Rhode Island." [MSSRW XIII-253]

JOSIAH RICHARDSON

THIS resident of Chelmsford was taxed 1s on the North 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Chelmsford 8 May 1734, and was buried there 16 April 1801, aged 67 years, son of Zechariah & Sarah(-----)Richardson. He married at Chelmsford 2 December 1761 Lydia Warren, born there 1 January 1738, died there 3 October 1822, daughter of Ephraim & Esther(Carlton)Warren. Private, Capt. Oliver Barron's Co. of militia, Col. David Green's REgt. which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 3 dats." [MSSRW XIII-254]

SARAH RICHARDSON

This resident of Chelmsford was taxed on the North 1774 Tax List the sum of 1s for real property she owned in Westford. She was born at Chelmsford 30 July 1733, died there 4 July 1785, aged 52 years, daughter of Joseph & Tabitha(Parker)Warren. She married at Chelmsford 22 April 1755, as his 2nd wife, Capt. Zechariah Richardson, born at Chelmsford 19 February 1721/22, died there 20 May 1773, aged 51 years, son of Zechariah & Sarah(----)Richardson.

THOMAS RICHARDSON

Baptized at Westford 25 January 1747, son of Thomas & Rebecca(Read) Richardson. He married at Charlestown 13 April 1769 Abigail Read, probably born at Westford 21 July 1743, daughter of John, Jr. & Abial(Butterfield) Read. Since their deaths are not recorded locally, we assume they emigrated elsewhere, but Hodgman does not mention him in his discussion of emigres from Westford. He was 27 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-14. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 9s-9d-2f for his real and personal property for the rank of 115. We find no entry in MSSRW .

THOMAS RICHARDSON, JR.

Born at Pepperell, Ma (also rec. at Westford) 8 January 1751 son of Abiel & Sarah(Boynton)Richardson. He was proably the Thomas Richardson who filed at Westford 28 November 1774 intentions of marriage with Rachel Spalding, born there 3 June 1754, daughter of Andrew & Mehitabel(CHandler)(CRosby)Spalding. We find no local death entries for them, so they must have emigrated elsewhere, but are not mentioned in Hodgman's discussion of emigres from Westford. He was 23 years of age when he signed the

THOMAS RICHARDSON, JR.(Continued)

1774 Covenant at Column II-17. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the North 1774 Tax List and the total ofls-ld for real and personal property taxes to give him the rank of 167. We find no entry in MSSRW and Hodgman does not include any Thomas Richardson in his list of Westford men who served.

WYLE RICHARDSON

Baptized at Westford 14 April 1754, died there 1 February 1846(In his death entry in VR Westford, two ages are given:90 years, 10 month, 1 day; and 92 years. We question both ages and his birth date in light of the fact that he was named in the North 1774 Tax List, so must have been 21 years of age on or before September 1774 when "invoices" were taken, suggesting birth date before September 1753 . He was the son of Thomas & Rebecca(Read)Richardson. He married (1) before 1776 Bridget Farrer, born at Chelmsford 11 January 1753, died at Westford 28 March 1782, aged 29 years, 2 month, 17 days, daughter of Joseph & Deborah(Richardson)Farrer. HE married(2) at Andover 15 May 1783 Frances Poor of Andover, born there 24 April 1758, died at Westford 22 August 1815, aged 59 years, daughter of Peter & Sarah(Wood)Poor. He filed at Westford 31 December 1815 intentions of marriage (3) with Mrs. Mary Wilson of Bedford. She probably died before her husband since his death record refers to him as "Widower."

HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. As mentioned above he was taxed for 1 poll, 6s-6d in the North 1774 Tax list with no assessment for real or personal property. He had a rank of 200.0."Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 9 days." [MSSRW XIII-271]

BENJAMIN ROBBINS

Born at Westford 10 July 1758, died there(as Lieut.) 14 January 1837, aged 78 years, son of Zechariah & Elizabeth(Procter)Robbins. He married at Westford 25 August 1784 Huldah Robinson. born there 23 September 1765, died there 8 February 1848, aged 82 years, daughter of Lieut. John & Huldah(----)(Perley)Robinson. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List. While his father was assessed 2 polls, the extra appears to be for his son, Zechariah, Jr., born in 1756, so Benjamin was not included that year. "Private, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; company return dated Camp at White Plains, 31 October 1776; said Robbins reported as in Camp and fit for duty; also, reported as having lost articles in battle." [MSSRW XIII-421]

JACOB ROBBINS[SR.]

Probably born at Littleton 11 July 1729, son of John & Hannah(---) Robbins. HE married at Westford 25 November 1749 Lydia Heald of Acton. While six children were born to this couple at Westford we find no death entries for JAcob or lydia, assume they emigrated elsewhere, but are not included in Hodgman's discussion of emigres. Two Jacob Robbins signed the 1774 Covenant, one at Column I-28, the other at Column II-19. We cannot

JACOB ROBBINS[SR.](Continued)

decide which signature is which. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 14s-1d-2f for his real and personal property, thus having the rank of 71. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 12 Days; Private, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dike's Regt.; muster roll for December 1776-February 1777; credited to Town of Westford; enlisted 23 December 1776; regiment raised to serve until March 1777." [MSSRW XIII-378]

JACOB ROBBINS[JR.]

The Westford Vital Records volume (page 100) list the births transcribed below:

Jacob, s. Jacob & Lydia, bp 14 October 1753

Jacob, s. Jacob & Lydia 28 October 1755

Jacob, s. Jacob & Lydia 3 May 1762

The "Deaths" section of this volume contains no entries for any Jacob Robbins. We must conclude that the other Jacob Robbins who signed the 1774 Covenant was the one born in 1762, and thus at age 12 years, 2 months, was the youngest signer of the 1774 Covenant. HE married at Westford 26 January 1783 Dolly Hildreth, born there 1 April 1764, daughter of William & Dorothy (Parker) Hildreth. The births to this couple of 2 children, William on 29 June 1783, and Dolly on 23 February 1785 are recorded at Westford. WE conclude, from the absence of death entries at Westford they emigrated elsewhere, but are not mentioned in Hodgman's discussion of emigres. He was too young to either be named in a 1774 Tax List, or cause his father to be taxed an extra poll. We transcribe an entry in MSSRW which probably refers to him, noting that it covers service while he was 15 years to 18 years of age!

"ROBBINS, Jacob (also, given as Jacob, Jr.) List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Wright's Co., Col. Jonathan Read's (6th Middlesex County) Regt., as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence, Westford; enlisted for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; enlistment 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Drummer, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. John Brook's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 April 1777 to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and by a Continental Muster-master; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., formerly commanded by Col. Alden; muster roll for March-April 1779, dated Cherry Valley; enlisted 1 April 1777; also, 1st Co., Lt. Col. John Brooks's (7th) Regt.; return made up to December 31, 1779; also, Capt. White's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 1 April 1780." [MSSRW XIII-378]

JEREMIAH ROBBINS

Born at Westford 14 August 1753, died there 17 October 1811, son of Phillip & Anna (Minot) Robbins. He filed at Westford 2 December 1780 intentions of marriage with Elizabeth Keele, whom we cannot identify. The births of three children to this couple are recorded at Westford, but no death or remarriage entry for Elizabeth. HE was 21 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-5. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d with no taxes for real or personal property,

JEREMIAH ROBBINS(Continued)

thus having a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 5 days; also, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 April 1775; service 90 days; also, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regt.; muster roll dated Camp at Ticonderoga, 27 November 1776; enlisted 1 January 1776; reported re-engaged 13 November 1776; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Wright's Co., Col. Jonathan Read's(6th Middlesex County)Regt.; as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence **Westford**; **engaged to serve for Town of Westford**; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term, 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1777 to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and by a Continental Muster-master; also, 1st Co., Lieut. Col. Brooks's (7th)Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1779." [MSSRW XIII- 379]

JOHN ROBBINS

Born at Chelmsford 15 September[?October?]1727, son of Benjamin & Hannah(-----)Robbins. He married at Westford 15 May 1750 Sarah Davis of Acton. The births of seven children to this couple are recorded at Westford, but no death entries for the parents. We assume they emigrated elsewhere, but Hodgman does not so indicate. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s, the extra foir his son Peter(See below). His taxes of 16s 5d 2f for real and personal property gave him a rank of 55.5. We find no entry in MSSRW even though Hodgman included a John Robbins in his list(Page 139) of Westford men who served.

JOSEPH ROBBINS

Baptized at Westford 28 March 1756, possible died at Littleton 10 May 1792, son of Joseph & MARY(CHamberlin)Robbins. HE may be the Joseph Robbinswho married at Leominster Mercey Taylot, born at Littleton 6 September 1760, daughter of Aaron & Mercey(Gould)Taylor. Littleton Town Records states they moved to Peterboro, then East Jaffrey, NH. No Joseph Robbins signed the 1774 Covenant. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, nor was his father named. The following entry in MSSRW may apply to him:  
"ROBBINS, Joiseph, Jr. Receipt dated Littleton 30 April 1781 for bounty paid said Robbins by Class No. 5 of the TOWN of Littleton to serve in the Continental Armyfor the period of 3 years." [MSSRW XIII-384]

PETER ROBBINS

Born at Westford 18 March 1755, son of John & Sarah(Davis)Robbins. He married at Dunstable 29 May 1788 Rachel Robbins, whom we have not identified. We find no births recorded to this couple in Dunstable or Westford. He was too young to be named ina 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll for him.. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 11 days; reported returned home" [MSSRW XIII- 429]



THOMAS NUTTING(Continued)

"NUTTING, Thomas, Westford. Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 20 June 1777 to 7 December 1777; reported deceased; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., formerly commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; retrun of men who were in camp on or before 15 August 1777; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; return dated Albany, 12 January 1778; residence, Westford; enlisted for TOWN of Westford; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and a Continental Muster-master; also, 1st Co., Lieut. Col. John Brooks's (7th) Regt.; return made up 31 December 1779; enlisted 28 May 1777; enlistment, 3 years; reported dead 7 December (Also given 1 December) 1777." [MSSRW XI-581]

WE believe that the following two entries apply to Thomas Nutting, born at Westford 10 December 1758, son of John & his 3rd wife, Hannah(Read)Nutting and who married at Westford 31 March 1781 Sibbel Prescott, born there 6 January 1756, daughter of Jonas<sup>5</sup> (Jonas<sup>4-2</sup>), John<sup>1</sup> and Rebecca(Bulkley) (Parker)Prescott:

"NUTTING, Thomas. Private, Capt. Edmund Longley's Co., Col. Cogswell's Regt.; enlisted 22 September 1778, discharged 31 December 1778; service 3 mos. 12 days; company detached to guard and fortify post at and about Boston." [MSSRW XI-571]

"NUTTING, Thomas, Westford(probably). List of nine months men mustered by Thomas Newhall, Muster-master for Worcester County; Capt. Fisher's Co., Col. Cushing's Regt.; engaged for Town of Westborough; mustered 21 July 1779; also descriptive list of men raised for Continental service as returned by Seth Washburn, Superintendent for Worcester County; Capt. Fletcher's Co., Col. Read's Regt.; age 20 years; stature, 5 feet, 10 inches; complexion, light; residence, Westford;(probably); reported delivered to Ensign Clarke; also, MAJ. Keith's Co., Col. Michael Jackson's (8th)Regt.; entered service 28 July 1779; discharged 20 April 1780; term 9 months." [MSSRW XI-581]

BENJAMIN OSGOOD

Born, proably at Andover about 1754 and died at Westford 9 December 1824, aged 70 years. He married at Westford 31 October 1778 Tryphena Cummings, born at Westford 5 February 1756, died there 13 December 1826, aged 71 years, daughter of Thomas, Jr. & Lucy(Lawrence)Cummings. HE was about 20 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-24. He was not named in any 1774 Tax List. In later years he was referred to as "Colonel", but the basis for this is not reflected in his entry from MSSRW. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 10 days; also, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. Balwin's Regt.; pay extract for mileage from home to headquarters and return, dated Cambridge 12 January 1776; mileage ffor 52 miles allowed said Osgood." [MSSRW XI-698]

MR. AARON PARKER

Born at Chelmsford 9 April 1689, died at Westford 19 December 1775, aged 86 years, 7 months, 28 days, son of Moses & Abigail(Hildreth)Parker. He married at Concord 13 August 1712 Abigail Winship, born at Cambridge about 1691, daughter of Samuel & Mary(Poulter)Winship. One Parker genealogy suggests she may have died at Westford 12 October 1746, but we find no such

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in the Westford Vital Record volume. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. At age 85 years his name heads the South 1774 Tax List where he paid no poll tax and a total of 4s-9d-3f for his real and personal property to give him the rank of 137. He has no entry in MSSRW.

AARON PARKER, JR.

We have here another example of the Colonial custom of assigning the suffix, Junior." This man was born at Westford 15 April 1739, son of Aaron, Jr. & Dorothy(Fletcher)Parker. He was thus the grandson of Mr. Aaron Parker(See above) and became Aaron, Jr. when his father died in 1762. He married (1) at Westford 9 July 1763 Lucy Hildreth, born at Westford 28 March 1742, died there 9 October 1763 in her 22nd year, daughter of James & Dorothy(Prescott)Hildreth. He married(2) at Westford 3 June 1766 Lydia Spaulding, born at Chelmsford 22 March 1741/2, daughter of Job & Lydia(---)SPaulding. Hodgman(p. 164) indicates Aaron & Lydia removed to Cavendish,VT in 1788. Aaron, like his grandfather, did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the South 1774 Tax List, together with a total of 9s-6d for real and personal property for a rank of 117. We believe the following three entries, all from MSSRW XI-832, pertain to this man.

"PARKER, Aaron, Jr., Westford. Sergeant, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 12 days."

PARKER, Aaron, Jr., Westford Private, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dike's Regt.; muster roll for December 1776-February 1777; credited to Town of Westford; enlisted 13 December 1776; regiment raised to serve until 1 March 1777."

"PARKER, Aaron. 2nd Lieut., Capt. Zaccheus Wright's (8th) Co., 6th Middlesex County Regt. of Mass. Militia; list of officers, date not given."

DAVID PARKER

Born at Westford 15 November 1757, died there 8 July 1834, aged 76 years, son of Aaron, Jr. & Dorothy(Fletcher)Parker. He married(1) at Littleton 18 January 1782 Martha Carver, born at Westford 9 December 1759, died there 10 May 1788 in her 29th year, daughter of Benjamin & Edea (Fletcher)Carver. He married(2) at Westford 8 October 1789 Lydia Hildreth, born at Westford 9 March 1760, died there 16 July 1834, aged 74 years, daughter of Ephraim, Jr. & Priscilla(Barron)Hildreth. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. After his father died in 1762, this grandson of Mr. Aaron Parker probably stayed with his mother. She married(2) at Westford Peter Read of Littleton. David was too young to be named in any 1774 Tax List. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 14 days; also, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dike's Regt.; muster roll for December 1776 to February 1777; enlisted 18 December 1776; regiment raised to serve until 1 March 1777." [MSSRW XI-847]

EBENEZER PARKER

Born at Westford 18 June 1749, died there 29 December 1831, aged 83 years, son of Aaron, Jr. & Dorothy(Fletcher)Parker. He married at Westford 18 November 1777 Widow Experience(Keep)Hildreth, born at Westford

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3 February 1752, died there 27 May 1817, aged 65 years, daughter of Jabez & Experience(Lawrence)Keep, and widow of HOsea Hildreth. Ebenezer did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List, he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, along with 2s-10d-3f for personal property, with no taxes for real property to give him the rank of 150. "Private, Capt. JONathan Minot's Co. of militia Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 6 days." [MSSRW XI-848]

ISAAC PARKER

Born at Westford 20 May 1731, son of Aaron & ABigail(Winship)Parker. He filed at Westford 10 March 1776 intentions of marriage with Bridget Cummings, born at Westford 16 July 1749, daughter of Thomas & Sarah(Prescott)Cummings. According to one entry in Hodgman( p. 158) this couple emigrated to Litchfield, Nh, then returned to Westford. Only 3 births are recorded for this couple in Vital Records of Westford, Mass., Isaac, Jr. born at Litchfield 30 July 1779, Thomas Cummings, born at Chelmsford 10 July 1781, and Sarah, born at Westford 21 December 1787. The absence of death entries for Isaac and Briget, suggests they removed to some other place. Hodgman (p. 164) indicates an Isaac Parker emigrated to Cavendish,VT in 1788. Isaac did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List along with a "Money Tax" of 1s. Since he was not taxed for any real or personal estate he had the rank of 169. "Drummer, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 14 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for advanced pay signed by said Parker and others, dated Cambridge 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 May 1775; service 69 days; also, company return dated 17 September 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge Camp, 1 November 1775; also, Private Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dike's Regt.; muster rill for December 1776 to February 1777; enlisted 3 December 1776; regiment raised to serve until 1 March 1777; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 5 July 1777; service to 1 January 1778 at Rhode Island." [MSSRW XI-861]

JOHN PARKER

Born at Westford 12 July 1757, son of Moses & Bridget(Cummings)Parker. We cite two different versions for his death: (a) from Vital Records of Westford, Mass. p. 300, "PARKER, John, s. Moses & Bridget [Feb. 5 1778. different ink; killed by a fall on ye ice with a stick of timber on his shoulder, a. 20 y. 6 mo. 22 d. G.R.1]" (B) from MSSRW XI-873 " reported killed in action 7 October 1777." From our study of the Westford records we believe there was only one John Parker of a suitable age in Westford to serve in the War of REvolution. WE must mention another death entry in the same volume cited above: "PARKER, John, Lt., Dec. 15 1814, a. 73 y. G. R. 1" This information extrapolates to a birth year of 1741, but we find no such birth record in Chelmsford, Concord, Dunstable, Groton, Lancaster, Littleton or Westford, although two sons of Mr. Aaron Parker, Aaron and Samuel were having children in this time frame.

No John Parker signed the 1774 Covenant. John, son of Moses & Bridget was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father was taxed 3 polls, 19s-6d, the two extra for his sons Moses, Jr. & John. No John Parker is named in a 1774 Tax List, suggesting that the John who

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died in 1814 was not a resident in 1774. We transcribe completely the two entries in MSSRW which we believe apply, at least in part, to the same man.

"PARKER, John. Westford. Private Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minutemen which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 10 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th)Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775, enlisted 29 April 1775; service, 94 days; also, company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775'; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge Camp 1 November 1775." [MSSRW XI-872]

"PARKER, John, Westford(also given as Chelmsford) List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army as returned by Capt. Zaccheus Wright and Capt. Peletiah Fletcher; residence, Westford(also given as Chelmsford); engaged for Town of Westford(also given as Chelmsford); joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; term to expire in 1780;also, Private Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 18 April 1777 to 7 October 1777; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; return dated Albany 2 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex Count and by a Continental Muster-master; also, 1st Co., Col. John Brooks's (7th)Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1777; reported killed in action 7 October 1777." [MSSRW XI-873]

JOSHUA PARKER

Born at Westford 13 December 1740, son of Aaron, Jr. & Dorothy(Fletcher)Parkers. He married (1) at Westford 15 March 1764 Mary Boynton, born at Westford 18 December 1737, died there 30 November 1771, daughter of Nathaniel & Elizabeth(Shedd)Boynton. He married (2) at Westford 8 March 1774 Hannah Kidder of Cambridge. The Westford Vital Record volume has 4 births [Joshua, bp. 1771] by his first wife, and 1 child [Hannah, b. 1778] by his second wife. Hodgman (p. 165) states he emigrated first to Cavendish VT in 1782, then later to New York State. He was 34 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-8. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll. 6s-6d, "Money Tax" of 1s-3d which added to his real and personal property taxed gave a total of 10s-0d-2f for the rank of III. "Sergeant, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minutemen which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 8 days; also Captain, return of officers belonging to Col. William Prescott's Regt., dated 15 May 1775; ordered in Provincial Congress 26 May 1775 that said officers be commissioned; also, 1st Lieut. Capt. Oliver Bates's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; engaged 26 April 1775; service 29 days as Lieut, 68 days as Captain; reported having succeeded Capt. Bates in command 24 May 1775; also, Captain, Col. Prescott's Regt.; company return endorsed 'September 17, 1775'; also, Captain; memorandum of firelocks received of sundry officers and soldiers; date of delivery 26 January 1776; also, Captain, Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; Gen. Bricket's Brigade; ammunition return dated Ticonderoga 3 September 1776; also, same Regt.; return dated Ticonderoga 2 November 1776; also, return of sentences by a general court martial, Lt. Col. Craig, President, appearing in a General Order dated Headquarters, Ticonderoga, 2 November 1776, taken from Col. Ephraim Wheelock's Orderly Book; said Parker,

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Captain, and others of Col. Brooks's Regt., tried on charges of disobedience of orders, found not guilty, and acquitted with honor; also, pay abstract for rations due officers of Col. Reed's Regt.; rations allowed said Parker from 11 July 1776 to 10 November 1776; credited with 13 days allowance; also, pay abstracts for mileage and travel allowance due said Parker's Co., in Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt., on their return home from Saratoga, sworn to 18 January 1777; 212 miles travel allowed said Parker; also, Captain, Col. Wade's Regt.; ;ist of officers appointed to command two regiments raised forfor the defense of the New England states and commanded by Wade and Col. Jacobs; commissioned 14 March 1778; also, pay roll for wages and subsistance as a supernumerary officer in Col. Wade's Regt. at Rgode Island, dated Westford 30 October 1778; discharged 10 October 1778; service 9 mos. 10 days; enlistment to expire 1 January 1779." [MSSRW XI-882]

MOSES PARKER

Born at Chelmsford 16 May 1718, died at Westford 3 July 1797, son of Aaron & ABigail(Winship)Parker. HE married (1) at Westford 6 June 1744 Bridget Cummings, born at Westford 15 November 1722, died there 9 October 1778, aged 56 years, daughter of John & ELizabeth(Adams)Cummings. He filed at Westford 20 AUGust 1779 intentions of marriage (2) with Widow Anna Barritt. The births of 10 children to he and his first wife are recorded at Westford HE was 56 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-1. In the SOuth 1774 Tax List, he was taxed 3 polls, 19s-6d, one extra for his son John(See above) and for his son Moses(See below). His taxes for real and personal property totalled 19s-8d-1f to give him the rank of 31. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW. This man must not be confused with with Lieut. Col. Moses Parker of Chelmsford, born there 13 May 1731, died at Boston 4 July 1775, a prisoner of war, from a wound received atthe Battle at Bynker Hill, son of Joseph & Rebecca(----)Parker.

MOSES PARKER, JR.

Born at Westford 14 August 1755, died there 17 December 1775, aged 20 y., 4 mos. 4 days, son of Moses & Bridget(Cummings)Parker. He was 19 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at II-47. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax LIst, but his father paid an extra poll for him."Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 2 days." [MSSRW XI-889]

AMOS PARLIN

We have not identified this man. We cite two marriage entries: (A)Vital Records of Charlestown, Mass.p. 400. "Amos Parling & [Mrs. Co. Mar. 1:330] ELizabeth Davis 19 April 1757." (B)Concord, Mass., Births, Marruages & Deaths, p. 197, "Mary Parlin, daughter of Amos Parlin and his wife Esther was born 17 January 1758."

These are the only references to him in the Vital Record volumes for Charlestown, Chelmasford, Concord, Groton, Lancaster, Littleton, and Westford. HE signed the 1774 Covenant in Column III-9. In the South 1774 Tax LIst he was assesed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 13s-4d for real

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and personal property for the rank of 77. " Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of Militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775.; service 3 days." [MSSRW XI-932]

JAMES PERRY

We have not positively identified this man. He may have been a son of James & Anna(----)Perry of Concord, but there is no such birth record there. On page 215 of Concord, Mass., Births Marriages and Deaths, is the marriage of a James Perry, Jr. of Concord and Hannah Pollard of Bedford on 10 March 1754. On page 231 of the same volume we find "James Perry & Mary Cowdrey, both of Concord, were married 1 September 1768." The Westford Vital records volume contains births to A James & Mary Perry in 1770, 1772, 1773, and 1778. The same volume (page 214) records the marriage at Littleton 22 October 1786 of Widow Mary Perry to Henry Durant of Littleton. The Littleton VR volume indicates she died there in 1831. James Perry did not sign the 1774 Covenant. In the Ninth 1774 Tax List he was taxed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d with no real or personal estate, for a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 7 days; also, Corporal, Capt. John Potkin's Co., Col. Richard Gridley's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 May 1775; service 2 mo. 13 days; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Fletcher's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's (6th Middlesex County) Regt., as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence, Westford; engaged for town of Westford; joined Capt. Whitcomb's Co.,; term 3 years; also, Sergeant, in a company of rangers under Maj. Whitcomb; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 12 January 1777 to 3 April 1780; also, account rendered against the United States for amounts paid by the Commonwealth to Maj. Caleb Gibbs and men in Col. Washington's guards and others, as exhibited by the Committee on Claims in behalf of Massachusetts against the United States. 21 September 1787." [MSSRW XII-205]

OBADIAH PERRY

We have not identified this man with any certainty. We quote from Hodgman, page 57 regarding the men from Westford who participated in the 1745 expedition against Louisburg: "Lieut. Obadiah Perry of Col. Choate's Regt., who received his commission at Louisburg." We postulate that he may have been a son of Obadiah Perry (of Boston) and Elizabeth Chambers who were married at Concord, Mass. 23 January 1723/24. We also transcribe a death entry from page 302 of Vital Records of Westford, Mass.; PERRY, Mary, wid. [w. Obadiah, C.R. 2], old age, Sept. 8, 1844, a. 83 y., [a. 92 y. P.R. 2 and C.R. 2]" This extrapolates to a birth year of about 1752 suggesting that she and her husband were of a later generation than Lieut. Obadiah who served at Louisburg. An Obadiah Perry signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-49. HE was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the South 1774 Tax List, with no real and personal estate, also suggesting a much younger man than someone who was commissioned at Louisburg. The following MSSRW entry does not shed any light on his identity; "Corporal, list of men returned as serving on main guard under Lieut. Col. Baldwin, dated 22 January 1775[?sic?];

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also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., commanded by Capt. Oliver Bates prior to 24 May 1775, Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for advance pay, signed by said Perry and others, dated Cambridge, 9 June 1775; also, Corporal. same Co. & Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 29 April 1775, served 94 days; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Cambridge Camp, 1 November 1775." [ ,SSRW XII-219]

JAMES POLLARD

Probably born at Billerica about 1708, died at Westford 7 March 1781 in his 73rd year, probably son of Thomas & Sarah(Farmer)Pollard. He married at Westford 17 December 1734 Abigail Chamberlin of Chelmsford, born there 28 December 1707, died at Westford 19 April 1774, daughter of Samuel & Abigail(----)Chamberlin. The Westford records of 1750 indicate he was a tavern-keeper. He also served on a Committee to establish the bounds of the "Burying Ground[now Fairview Cemetery]. In some records he is referred to as Capt. James Pollard, suggesting he may have participated in the French & Indian Wars or in an early militia company. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-1 when he was 67 years of age. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, also 2s-5d "Money Tax" which added to his real and personal property taxes totalled £1-13s-11d for the rank of 6. We find no suitable entry in MSSRW.

ABIGAIL PRESCOTT

This resident of Groton was taxed 1s-11d-3f for real property she owned in Westford. She was Abigail(Wright)Prescott, born at Westford 28 February 1730/31, daughter of Ebenezer & Deliverance(Stevens)Wright. She married (intentions at Westford 9 December 1752) David<sup>5</sup> Prescott, born at Groton 6 July 1728[extrapolated from age at death], died at Westford 9 February 1774, aged 45 years, 7 months, 3 days, son of Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>(Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John) and his first wife Hannah(Farnsworth)Prescott. She married (2) at Groton 14 February 1788 John Hadley of Gardner.

BENJAMIN PRESCOTT

Born at Westford<sup>5</sup> 15 March<sup>4</sup> 1754,<sup>3-2</sup> died at<sup>1</sup> Jaffrey, NH in 1839, aged 85 years, son of Oliver (Ebenezer, Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John) and Bethiah(Underwood) Prescott. He, then of Jaffrey, NH filed at Chelmsford 3 April 1775 intentions of marriage with Rachel Adams, born there 19 August 1757, daughter of Oliver & Rachel(Procter)Adams. Hodgman( p. 163) states he went to Jaffrey, NH in 1774. This is supported by the fact that he did not sign the 1774 Covenant, nor did his father pay an extra poll for him in the North 1774 Tax List. Since he was in New Hampshire there is no entry in MSSRW. The Prescott Memorial (p 101) indicates he was an original settler of Jaffrey, a farmer and Inn-keeper, and "while acting as a spy, the day previous to the Battle of Bunker Hill, he was captured by the British, but made his escape the same day."

EBENEZER PRESCOTT

Born at Westford 15<sup>4</sup> August<sup>3-2</sup> 1747, died there 23 January 1811, aged 63 years, son of Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>(Jonas<sup>3-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) and his 2nd wife Elizabeth

PHILLIP ROBBINS[SR.]

Born at CHelmsford 24 February 1724/25, son of Thomas & Sarah(---) Robbins. He, then of Westford, married at CHelmsford 24 June 1750 Ann Minot of Chelmsford, born there 13 September 1725, daughter of Jonathan & Elizabeth(Stratton)Minot. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was taxed, in the South 1774 Tax List(as Lieut.) for 1 poll, and a total of 12s-4d-2f for his real and personal property for the rank of 90. "Lieut. Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men, which marched in reponse to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 5 days; also, Sergeant, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; engaged 24 April 1775; service 90 days: [MSSRW XIII-387]

"Sergeant, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; company retrun, dated Cambridge 3 October 1775." [MSSRW XIII-429]

PHILLIP ROBBINS, JR.

Born at Westford 12 June 1757, son of Phillip & Ann(Minot)Robbins. He married at Groton 22 November 1792 Widow Ruth Pearce of Groton. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant and at age 17 years was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List. Since his father was not taxed an extra poll for him we must assume he did not reside in his fathers household. Since the volume Littleton Town Records does not mention a Phillip Robbins, we conclude that the following applied to him. "Private, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co. of volunteers, Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; entered service 26 September 1777; discharged 9 November 1777; service 1 mo. 15 days at the Northward; company raised in Littleton & Westford and marched to assist Army under Gen. Gates." [MSSRW XIII-387]

ZECHARIAH ROBBINS[SR.]

Born at Westford 6 July 1720, son of Benjamin & Hannah(----)Robbins. He married at Westford 4 April 1744 Elizabeth Procter, born at Westford 18 October 1724, daughter of John & MARY(----)Procter. Hodgman(page 162) indicates a Zechariah emigrated to Hillsborough, NH, but it is not clear whther it was the father, his son(See below), or both. Local vital record volumes do not include death entries for either man or their wives. No Zechariah Robbins signed the 1774 Covenant. In the South 1774 Tax List he (referred to as Ens.) was taxed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son, Zechariah, Jr. He also was taxed a total of £1-2s-1d for his real and personal property, thus had the rank of 24. There are 3 entries for ZECHARIAH in MSSRW, one ROBBINS, attributed to Westford, and 2 ROBINS, one identified as Jr. and attributed to Westford, the other attributed to Littleton. The volume Littleton Town Records has no entries for a Zechariah Robbins(Robins). We postulate the ROBBINS entry in MSSRW applies to the father( in spite of his age), and the two ROBINS entries to the son, acknowledging there may be confusion in the ROBBINS Entry between the two men.

"ROBBINS, Zechariah. Westford. Corporal, Capt. Samuel Gilbert's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 April 1775, service 98 days; also, list of men returned as serving on picket guard under Maj. Baldwin, dated 23 May 1775; said Robbins detailed under Lieut. Jesse Hollister; also, company return, dated Cambridge 28 September



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1775; also, order for Bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Camp at Cambridge 30 October 1775; also list of men raised to serve in Continental Army from Capt. Aaron Jewett's (3rd) Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's (6th Middlesex County)Regt.; residence, Littleton, enlisted for Town of Littleton; joined Capt. Darby's(also given as Derby's)Co., Col. Bailey's Regt.; enlistment, 3 Years; also Sergeant, 2nd Co., Col. John Bailey's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for serving from 10 May 1777 to 31 December 1779; reported as serving 11 mos. 24 days as Private, 19 mos. 17 days as Sergeant; also, Private, Capt. Samuel Darby's (2nd)Co., Col. Bailey's Regt.; company return dated Valley Forge, 25 January 1778; also, Colonel's Co., Col. Bailey's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 31 December 1780; also, Seaman, State Sloop "Winthrop" commanded by Capt. George Little; engaged 9 December 1782, discharged 17 March 1783; service 3mo., 9 days." [MSSRW XIII-391]

ZECHARIAH ROBBINS, JR.

Born at Westford 6 March 1756, son of Sechariah & Elizabeth(Procter) Robbins. He married at Westford 14 April 1785 Abigail Hildreth, probably born at Westford 3 May 1765, daughter of John & Abigail(Parker)Hildreth. There are no other entries in the Westford Vital Record volume for this couple, so they probably emigrated to Hillsborough, NH with his father(See above). At 18 years of age he did not sign the 1774 Covenant, and was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father was taxed an extra poll for him. AS noted above, the entries in MSSRW are confusing. It is possible that much of the entry above for his father belong to this son. Hodgman (page 139) includes only one Zechariah Robbins in his list of Westford men who served in the War of Revolutions. In addition the father would have been serving when he was 59 years of age. We note also that Zechariah, Jr. did not marry until 1785, when he was 29 years of age.

"ROBBINS, Zechariah, Westford. Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 9 days; reported enlisted in the Army."

"ROBBINS, Zechariah. Littleton. Sergeant, Capt. Adams Bailey's Co., Col. John Bailey's (2d)Regt.; commanded by Col. Sprout subsequent to 1 January 1781; muster roll made up from 1 January 1780 to 1 January 1782; enlistment 3 years; reported discharged 9 January 1781." [Both MSSRW XIII-431]

JACOB ROBINSON

Born about 1710, died at Westford 7 July 1778, aged 68 years. He married prior to 2735 Mary Gould, probably of Topsfield, born about 1704, died at Westford 2 December 1789, aged 85 years, 9 months. HE was 64 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-37. **HE was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the Sout Tax List of 1774 together with a total of 13s-10d for his personal and real property. He thus had the rank of 72.** He was the father of then Lieut. John ROBINSON(See below). We find no entry in MSSRW and his is not included in Hodgman's list of Westford men who served.

LIEUT. JOHN ROBINSON

Born at Topsfield in 1735, died at Westford 13 June 1805, aged 70 years, son of Jacob & Mary(Gould)ROBINSON. He married at Boxford 27 November 1764 Huldah Perley, born there 28 March 1742, died at Westford

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5 August 1812, aged 70 years, daughter of Francis & Huldah(Putnam)Perley. He was 39 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-15. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the South 1774 Tax List along with a total of 15s-10d for his real and personal property, thus having the rank of 58. "Lieutenant Colonel, Capt. William Prescott's Regt.; entered service 19 April 1775; service 3 months, 20 days; also, Lieutenant Colonel, Col. Prescott's Regt.; return of officers, dated 15 May 1775; order in Provincial Congress 26 May 1775, that the said officers be commissiobed; also, Lieut. Col., Col. Prescott's (10th)Regt.; list of field and staff officers appearing on a return of Capt. Henry Farwell's(1st)Co.:[Probably October 1775]; also, petition addressed to the Council dated Cambridge 28 October 1775, signed by Col. William Prescott and said Robinson, asking that certain officers belonging to Col. Prescott's Regt. who had served as commissioned officers from the formation of the army receive their commissions; ordered in Council 31 October 1775 that said officers be recommended to Gen. Washington for commissions; also, an official record of a ballot by the House of REpresentatives dated 7 May 1777; said Robinson chosen Colonel of a regiment to be raised for defense of Boston Harbour; appointment concurred in by Council 8 May 1777; reported commissioned 8 May 1777; also, Colonel, muster roll of field and staff officers dated North Kingston 28 December 1777; commissioned 17 June 1777; term 6 months, to expire 1 January 1778; also, Colonel, Col. David Mosely's (3rd Hampshire County) REgt.; entered service 13 JUNE 1782, discharged 14 june 1782; service 3 days; horse ration allowed said Robinson; reported as not belonging to said Regt., although serving with it; regiment raised for support of the Government at Northampton."[MSSRW XIII-451]

THOMAS ROGERS

We are not certain of the background of this man. He was born about 1750 and, according to Vital Records of Westford, Mass., page 312, died on an expedition to Canada by the bursting of a cannon at Lake Champlain 17[?11?]October 1776, aged 26 years 9 months. He married before 1774 Molly-----, who married (2) at Westford 23 March 1783 William Munroe of Lexington. Thomas & Molly had 2 daughters, both named Molly, born at Westford. The first, born 20 May 1774, died there 30 August 1775, the second, born 2 January 1777, less than 3 months after her father death, died at Westford 11 September 1778. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-60 when about 24 years of age. In the North 1774 Tax LIst he was taxed only for 1 poll, 6s-6d, with no taxes for real or personal property, so he had a rank of 200.0. We find his service in the War of the Revolution is covered in two entries in MSSRW:

ROGERS, THOMAS. Westford. "Sergeant, Capt. Oliver Bates Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; saervice, 7 days, reported enlisted in the army; Also, Second Lieutenant, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co.; list of officers of Col. Prescott's Regt. reccomended in Committee of Safety at Cambridge 23 June 1775 for commissions; ordered in Provincial Congress 25 JUNE 1775 that said officers be commissioned; also, Sergeant, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th)Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; engaged 26 April 1775; service, 97 days; reported promoted to 2ns Liutenant 24 May 1775; also, 2nd Leiutenant, same Co. & Regt.; company return endorsed 'SEptember the 27th 1775;'also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Camp at Cambridge, 1 November 175." [MSSRW XIII-624]

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"RODGERS, Thomas. Matross, Capt. William Treadwell's Co., Col. John Cranel's(Artillery)Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 12 April 1777 to 7 October 1777, reported deserted; also, Gunner, same Co. & Regt.; muster rolls for August to December 1777; reported wounded 11 September 1777, also reported sick in hospital in October, November and December 1777. [MSSRW XIII-488]

ABEL RUSSELL

Born at Westford 16 September 1753, son of Amos & Sarah(Hildreth) Russell. He married at Westford 1 November 1781 Widow Sarah Frost of Chelmsford. There are no entries in VR Westford for this couple. They may have emigrated to Washington NH with his father. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. AT age 21 he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d in the South 1774 Tax List, with no taxes for real or personal property, thus having a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dikes's Regt.; muster roll for December 1776 to February 1777; enlisted 18 December 1776; regiment raised to serve until 1 March 1777; also, descriptive list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army, agreeable to resolve of 20 April 1778; 8th Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; age 25 years; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; residence, Westford; engaged for Town of Westford." [MSSRW XIII-683]

AMOS RUSSELL

HE may have been a native of Harvard. We know that his first wife, Deborah, who was born about September 1727, died at Harvard 14 September 1745, aged 17 years 11 months and 28 days. He was of Harvard when he married(2) at Westford 25 June 1747, Sarah Hildreth, born at Chelmsford 3 October 1726, daughter of Ephraim & Mary(Butterfield)Hildreth. Hodgman (page 162) indicates they emigrated to Washington, NH. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-57. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 8s-3f for his real and personal property. This gave him a rank of 124.5. "Sergeant, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Dikes's Regt.; muster roll December 1776 to February 1777; credited to Town of Westford; engaged 18 December 1776; regiment raised to serve until 1 March 1777." [MSSRW XIII-684]

EPHRAIM SMITH

Born at Westford 20 November 1756, son of Thomas & Lydia(----)Smith. We know nothing more about this person. He did not sign the 1774 Tax List. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW. His father did not pay an extra poll for him in the 1774 Tax List. It is possible that he died, but there is no such death entry in Westford, but neither are there death entries for the first three of Thomas's wives!

FRANCIS SMITH

Born at Westford 6 May 1753, son of Thomas & his first wife, Lydia(----)Smith. He married at Westford 2 January 1783 Hannah Russell, born at Westford 10 August 1755, daughter of Amos & Sarah(Hildreth)Russell. We have no births recorded at Westford to this couple, nor are their deaths recorded so we conclude they emigrated elsewhere. Hodgman does not include them in his discussion of emigres from Westford. At age 21 years he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-33. In the South 1774 Tax List he was assessed for only 1 poll, 6s-6d with no taxes for real or personal property, thus

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sharing a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; servicew 11 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., commanded by Capt. Oliver Bates prior to 24 May 1775, Col. William Prescott's (10th)Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 30 April 1775; service 93 days; also, company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775'; also, order for bounty coat dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775; also, Private, Capt. Reuben Butterfield's Co.; enlisted 16 December 1776; discharged 16 March 1777; service 90 days; 15 days(300miles) travel home also allowed; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Wright's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's (6th Middlesex County)Regt. as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence, Westford; enlisted for Town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.; enlistment for 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Corporal, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. John Brooks's Regt.; COntinental Army pay accounts for service from 27 March 1777 to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlezed County and by a Continental Muster-master; reported deserted 1 November 1777; also Capt. BALLARD's Co., 6th Mass. Regt., formerly commanded by Col. Alden; muster roll for March and April 1779, dated at Cherry Valley; enlisted 27 March 1777; also, 1st Co., Col. Brooks's (7th)Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. White's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; COntinental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 27 March 1780." [MSSRW XIV-402]

THOMAS SMITH

Born, possibly at Reading, about 1737-1738, died at Wesyford 19 November 1829[?1828?], aged 91 years. His first wife was Lydia---- who died before February 1762 (having had 5 children between 1749 and 1759) when he married (2) at ReADING, Elizabeth Walton of Reading. She had two children( in 1763 and 1765) and died before 10 December 1767 when he married (3) at Groton HANNAH Saunders. She had one child in 1770 and died before 3 March 1772 when he married(4) at Westford Molly Herrick, born about 1743, died at Westford 18 December 1835, ahed 92 years. She had ten children between 1772 and 1793. THus he fathered 18 children. He was 36 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-17. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 5s-9d-2f for his real and personal property, and thus had the rank of 134. "List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army[year not given]; residence, Westford; engaged for TOWN of Westford. [MSSRW XIV-560]

DEACON ANDREW SPAULDING

Born at Chelmsford 8 December 1701, son of Andrew & ABigail (Waring)SPaulding. He filed at Chelmsford 1 November 1725 intentions of marriage(1) with HANNAH Wright, born there 2 JUNE 1704, died at Westford 11 February 1744, daughter of John & HANNAH(----)Wright. HE married(2) at Andover, MA 26 May 1745 Widow Mehitable(Chandler) Crosby, born at Andover 22 April 1711, died at Westford 1 July 1768, daughter of JOseph & Mehitable (Russel)Chander and widow of Robert Crosby. He was 73 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-41. In the North 1774 Tax List his name is 3rd at the top of the list, he was assessed 4s for his poll

DEACON ANDREW SPAULDING(Continued)

tax, with no taxes for real or personal property. There is no death entry in the Westford Vital Records volume. The Spaulding Memorial gives a death at Townsend 1 July 1768, however this must be in error since he signed the 1774 Covenant, and is named in the 1774 Tax List. Hodgman (page 159) indicates that he signed the Covenant at New Ipswich, NH, but was never a permanent resident there, while his son Andrew, born in 1728, did become a citizen there as did his Crosby stepsons. It may be that he died there sometime after 1774.

DAVID SPAULDING

This resident of Chelmsford was taxed 9d-2f on the North 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Chelmsford 28 September 1717, and died there 9 November 1793, aged 77 years, son of Andrew & Abigail (Waring) Spaulding. He married at Chelmsford before 1741 Phebe---- who died there 20 December 1795 aged 76[?77?] years. "Private, Col. Moses Parker's Co., which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 11 days; Roll endorsed 'Lieut. Benj. Walker's Roll'. [MSSRW XIV-687]

EPHRAIM SPAULDING

Born at Westford 24 May 1742, son of Deacon Andrew & Hannah (Wright) Spaulding. He probably dies at Westford (as a pauper) 5 January 1831. He (then of Fitchburg) married at Westford 5 April 1792 Lydia Spaulding, born at Chelmsford 22 March 1741/42, probably died, as a pauper, at Westford 5 June 1832, daughter of Job & Lydia (----) Spaulding. He was 32 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-30. We cannot explain why he was not NAMED in a 1774 Tax List. We find two entries in MSSRW:

"SPALDING, Ephraim. Westford. Musician, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) Regt.; company return endorsed 'September 27 1775'; enlisted 19 April 1775." MSSRW XIV-683]

"SPAULDING, Ephraim. Private, List of men returned as serving picket guard under Maj. Loammi Baldwin, dated 11 May 1775; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for advance pay, signed by said Spaulding and others, dated Cambridge 9 June 1775; also, Private, Capt. Parker's Co., commanded by Capt. Oliver Bates prior to 24 May 1775, Col. Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 26 April 1775; service, 97 days; also, order for bounty coat dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775." [MSSRW XIV-687-688]

JAMES SPAULDING

Born at Chelmsford 27 October 1714, son of Deacon Andrew & Hannah (Wright) Spaulding. He married (1) at Westford 17 September 1736 Ama Underwood, born, probably at Reading, MA about 1717, died at Westford 24 May 1770, in her 53rd year, daughter of Joseph & Susanna (Parker) Underwood. He married (2) at Westford 15 January 1771 Widow Eunice (Fletcher) Fassett, born at Westford 2 November 1720, daughter of Joshua & Dorothy (Heald) Fletcher and widow of Amaziah Fassett. He was 60 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-10. He was taxed 2 polls, 13s, in the North 1774 Tax List, the extra for his son Silas. He was taxed 15s-9d for his real and personal property for the rank of 60. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

JONATHAN SPAULDING

Born at Westford 21 February 1730/31, died there 5 November 1775 in his 45th year, son of timothy & Bethia(Herrick)SPaulding. He married at Westford 11 January 1759 Lydia Richardson, born at Westford 11 October 1738, daughter of Henry & Priscilla(----)Richardson. We find no local death entry for her. He was 43 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-6. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1poll, 6s-6d and a total of 18s-1d-3f for his real and personal property, thus had the rank of 39. We find no suitable MSSRW entry.

JOSIAH SPAULDING

Born at Chelmsford 3 January 1706, died at Westford 4 January 1780, son of Timothy & REbecca(Winn)SPaulding. He married at Westford 2 July 1733 Mary Fletcher, born at Chelmsford 15 April 1706, daughter of Paul & Deliverance(STevens)Fletcher. We find no local death entry for her. He was 68 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-11. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d plus a total of 4s-6d for real and personal property, thus holding the rank of 141. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

LEVI SPAULDING

Born at Westford 18 November 1758, son of Thomas & Rachel(Chandler) Spaulding. There seems to be no other local record of this person. No Levi Spaulding signed the 1774 Covenant or is named in a 1774 Tax List, nor is his father Thomas. Hodgman(page 160) indicates his father emigrated to New Ipswich, NH in 1760, so this child probably was never an adult in Westford. There is no appropriate entry in MSSRW, nor does Hodgman include a Levi Spaulding in his list of Westford men who served.

PHILIP SPAULDING

We are uncertain of the parents and birth date of this person. We have 2 entries in Vital Records of Westford, Mass. (1) Spaulding, Philip. bp. 21 March 1736, son of EBenezer & Hannah(Craft)Spaulding. (2) SPAULDING, Philip[husband of Elizabeth born March 18 1737. A Philip Spaulding filed at Westford 10 April 1762 intentions of marriage with Elizabeth Obert of Acton. There are no death entries for a Philip or an Elizabeth Spaulding locally. He ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> 38 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-9. We are intrigued as to why he was taxed only 3s for his polltax in the South 1774 Tax List, with no assessment for real or personal property, thus a rank of 200.0. HODgman(page 331) states his son, Rev. Philip became a minister and removed to Penobscot, Maine. We cite an appropriate entry from MSSRW: "SPauldon, Philip. Westford. Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's COL. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 4 days," [MSSRW XIV-697]

REUBEN SOAULDING

Born at Westford 19 November 1756, son of Leonard & Bridget (----)SPaulding. There is no other local record on this person since he went with his family first to Westmoreland, NH, then Putney, Vt in 1764.

SARAH SPAULDING

Born, as Sarah Read, at Chelmsford 17 August 1712, daughter of Thomas & Sarah (Fletcher) Read. She married at Westford 25 November 1730 Oliver Spaulding, born about 1709, died at Westford 27 July 1757, aged 48 years. The births or baptisms of six children to this couple are recorded at Westford. We find no record of a second marriage for her. She was 62 years of age when she was assessed 3s-8d-1f for her real and personal property on the North 1774 Tax List to have the rank of 147.

SILAS SPAULDING

Born at Westford 25 March 1757, son of James & Ana (Underwood) Spaulding. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant and was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father was taxed an extra poll for him. Hodgman (page 173) indicates he emigrated to Greenville, NY. "Private, List of men returned as serving on main guard under Lieut. Col. Baldwin, dated 22 June 1775; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 25 April 1775; service, 97 days; also, company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775'; reported enlisted 19 April 1775; also, order for bounty coat dated 1 November 1775." [MSSRW XIV-694]

SOLOMON SPAULDING

Born at Westford 28 September 1748, died there (as Lieut.) 6 August 1826, aged 78 years, son of Deacon Andrew and, his second wife, Mehitable (Chandler) (Crosby) Spaulding. He married at Westford 3 May 1780 Jemima Read, born there 10 November 1761, daughter of Thomas, 3rd & Susanna (Dutton) Read. We find no local death entry for her. Hodgman (page 163) states he emigrated to Warner, NH, then to Waterford, VT, then Saratoga Springs, NY. He was 26 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-21. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List along with a total of 13s-1d for real and personal property, thus had the rank of 80. :Sergeant, Capt. Oliver Bates Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 7 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) Regt; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; engaged 26 April 1775; service 97 days; also, company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775'; also. order for bounty coat dated Camp at Cambridge, 1 November 1775; also, list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army, as returned by Capt. Zaccheus Wright and Capt. Peletiah Fletcher, endorsed "Westford Feb. 16 '78'; residence, Westford; reported enlisted into Carpenter's Regt.; term 1 year from July 1777." [MSSRW XIV-695]

TIMOTHY SPAULDING

Born at Westford 26 November 1741, died there (as Lieut.) 24 September 1784 in his 44th year, son of Oliver & Sarah (Read) Spaulding. HE married at Westford 4 August 1763 Hannah Richardson, born at Westford 28 October 1743, died there 27 October 1807, aged 64 years. She married (2) at Westford 12 November 1795, as his third wife, Joseph Jewett, possibly born at Littleton 15 June 1740, son of Ezra & Mary (Herrick) Jewett. Timothy was 33 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-7. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 2 polls, 13s. He had no sons of the appropriate age so some other young man must have resided with them. He paid a total of 12s-10d-2f for his real and personal property tax to gain

TIMOTHY SPAULDING(Continued)

the rank of 82. "Sergeant, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 6 days; also, 2nd Lieut., Capt. Peletiah Fletcher's 4th(1st Westford)Co., 6th Middlesex County Regt. of Mass. militia; list of officers chosen by the several companies in said regiment as returned by Jonathan Read and others, field officers; ordered in Council 24 April 1776 that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned 24 April 1776." A second entry reads "Account, dated Westford 10 June 1781, rendered by the Selectmen, of bounties paid men to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years, agreeable to resolve of 2 December 1780; said Spaulding reported as a member of a class which engaged John Patch"[Both MSSRW XIV-696]

WILLIAM SPAULDING

Born at Westford 11 September 1737, died at Cavendish, VT in 1805, aged 67 years, son of Josiah & Mary(Fletcher)Spaulding. He married at Westford 29 November 1759 Esther Dutton, born at Westford 22 September 1738, daughter of Joseph & Rebecca(Adams)Dutton. Hodgman(page 165) states he and his sons emigrated to Cavendish, VT in 1782. HE was 37 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-6. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d. His total taxes of 12s-5d for real and personal property have him the rank of 89. "Corporal, Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co. of volunteers, Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt.; entered service 26 September 1777; discharged 9 November 1777; service 1 mo. 15 days at the Northward; including travel home; company raised in Littleton and Westford and marched to assist the Army under Gen. Gates." [MSSRW XIV-677-678]

SIMEON STEVENS

This resident of Chelmsford was taxed in the North 1774 Tax List the sum of 11s-11d-3f for real estate he owned in Westford. He was born at Chelmsford 1 November 1735, died there 22 July 1815, aged 80 years, son of Samuel & Betty(Wright)Stevens. He married at Chelmsford 15 January 1761 Tabitha Parker, born there 4 November 1739, died at Dunstable 16 March 1807, aged 67 years, daughter of Jonathan & Rachel(Butterfield)Parker.

EBENEZER STONE, JR.

Born at Westford 30 January 1754, son of Ebenezer & Sarah(Crowell) Stone. The father emigrated from Wenham and they had children at Westford through 1766. The family emigrated to Ashby sometime before 1774 and later(Hodgman, page 166) to Cavendish, VT. There are entries for three of the sons in MSSRW, identified as Ashby. "Private, Capt. Samuel Stone's Co. of Minute-men, Col. William Prescott's Regt. which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 6 days." [MSSRW-XV-90]

JOHN STONE

Born at Westford 19 October 1756, son of Ebenezer & Sarah(Crowell) Stone. See above for family exodus to Ashby. "Private, Capt. Samuel Stone's Co. of Minute-men, Col. William Prescott's Regt. which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 11 days; also, copy of list from Ashby records of men who voluntarily enlisted in July 1776 for 6 months service at Boston." [MSSRW XV-99]



#### TIMOTHY STONE

Born at Westford in 1758, died at Xavendish, VT in 1839, aged 81 years[from VR Westford]. See entry for brother Ebenezer concerning family exodus. "Drummer, Capt. Samuel Stone's Co. of Minute-men, Col. William Prescott's Regt. which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 13 days; also, Capt. Henry Farwell's(1st) Co., Col. William Prescott's (10th) Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; engaged 19 July 1775; service, 13 days; also, company return,[probably October 1775]; also, copy of a list of men who enlisted into the Continental Army in July 1776 and served 9 mo. at the Northward, taken from Ashby records." [MSSRW XV-123]

#### JEREMIAH TEMPLE

We cannot identify this man, unless he was somehow related to Joseph, who was father of a daughter baptized at Westford in 1741, and Levi(See below. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was taxed for 1 poll, 6s-6d in the South 1774 Tax List, with no taxes for real or personal property, thus had a rank of 200.0 WE find no entry in MSSRW and he is not included in Hodgman's list(page 139) of Westford men who served.

#### LEVI TEMPLE

We know little about this man. He may be related in some fashion to Joseph Temple whom Hodgman states (page 169) emigrated to Sanford, Maine. Levi married at Westford 10 March 1774, Rachel Nutting, whom we cannot identify. They had a daughter Rachel, baptized at Westford 26 June 1774. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-35. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed only a poll tax, 6s-6d, with no taxes for real or personal property, thus had a rank of 200.0. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 10 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; order for advance pay signed by said Temple and others, dated Cambridge 9 June 1775; enlisted 26 April 1775; service 97 days; also, company return, endorsed 'September the 27th 1775'; also. order for bounty coat, dated Camp at Cambridge 1 November 1775." [MSSRW XV-478]

#### JOHN TUTTLE, JR.

This resident of Littleton was taxed 7d-1f on the South 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Littleton 30 July 1743, son of John & Sarah(---)Tuttle. He married at Littleton 2 May 1773 Elizabeth Leighton of Littleton. "Lieutenant, Capt. Aquilla Jewett's Co. of militia, Col. James Precott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775.;service, 1 day; also, list of men drafted from the militia to march to Horse Neck under command of Col. Brooks[year not given], but who failed to join regiment; reported drafted from Town of Littleton; drafted into Capt. Kidder's Co." MSSRW XVI-205]

#### SAMSON TUTTLE

This resident of Littleton was taxed 9d-2f on the South 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Littleton 29 August 1738, died there 7 January 1815, aged 76 years 9 mos., son of

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Samuel & Martha(SHattuck)Tuttle. HE married at Littleton 21 April 1761 Submit Warren, born there 12 December 1742, died there 11 November 1828, daughter of Jacob & SUBmit(RUssel)Warren. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

JOHN UNDERWOOD

Since there is no one of this name in a 1774 Tax List, we conclude that this man was born at Westford 29 October 1755, son of John & Hannah(Wright) Underwood. He filed at Westford 3 April 1779 intentions of marriage with Mary Fassett, born there 4 March 1759, daughter of BENjamin & REbecca(Russel) Fassett. The Westford VR volume is mute concerning any births to this couple or their deaths, so we conclude they emigrated elsewhere, but are not mentioned in Hodgman's discussion of emigres from Westford. John signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-57. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List. His father had died in 1756 and his mother re-married in 1757 to Samuel Read (See above), who paid an extra poll, probably for this stepson, John Underwood. "Private, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 15 December 1777, served at Rhode Island to January 1778." [MSSRW XVI-248]

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD

Born at Westford 1 April 1757, son of Timothy & Rachel(Russel)Underwood. Hodgman(page 168) states he emigrated to Putney,VT before 1775, but an MSSRW entry refutes this. He further states(page 479)" When he was not quite eighteen years of age, he was a soldier under Gen. Putnam, on Long Island. HE married ---REynolds and their children were: Timothy, b. 1782 ---etc." He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-35. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father(See below) paid an extra poll for him. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 Aril 1776; service, 9 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Prescott's(Dth)Regt.; order for advance pay signed by said Underwood and others, dated Cambridge 9 June 1775; also, Private, same co. & regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 28 April 1775; service 95 days; also, company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775.' [MSSRW XVI-257]

THOMAS UNDERWOOD

Born at Westford 11 August 1754, son of John & Hannah(Wright)Underwood. We find no other Westford entries concerning him. HE did not sign the 1774 Covenant. His father died in 1756 and his mother married(2) at Westford in 1757 Samuel Read. In the 1774 Tax List Samuel Read paid an extra poll, but we do not know if it was for Thomas or for his younger brother, John(See above). We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW and Hodgman does not include him in the list(page 139) of Westford men who served.

CAPT. TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD

Born, probably at Reading about 1724, son of Joseph & SUSanna (Parker)Underwood. He married before 1747 Rachel Russel, whom we have not identified. The births of twelve children between 1747 and 1771 are recorded in Vital Records of Westford, Mass. Hodgman(page 168) indicates he was born in 1724. He was 44 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-15. (A-106) He was a private in the company of Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 Aril 1776; service, 9 days; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Prescott's(Dth)Regt.; order for advance pay signed by said Underwood and others, dated Cambridge 9 June 1775; also, Private, same co. & regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 28 April 1775; service 95 days; also, company return endorsed 'September the 17th 1775.' [MSSRW XVI-257]

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he emigrated to Putney, VT. He was 50 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-15. He was taxed 2 polls, 13s, in the North 1774 Tax List, the extra for his son, JOseph(See above). His taxes of 13s=5d for real and personal property provided the rank of 76. "Captain, Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 42 days; also, Captain, Col. Prescott's Regt.; return of officers, dated 25 May 1775; ordered in Provincial Congress 26 May 1775, that said officers be commissioned; reported recruiting. [MSSRW XVI-257]

BENJAMIN WARREN

This resident of Littleton was taxed 7d-1f in the South 1774 Tax List for real property he owned in Westford. He was born at Littleton 10 January 1730/31, and according to Littleton Town Records died in the War in 1776. He was the son of Jacob & Ruth(----)Warren. He married (1) at Westford 4 December 1755 Eunice Prescott, born there 17 August 1734, died at Littleton 14 December 1762, aged 27 years, daughter of Ebenezer<sup>4</sup>(Jonas<sup>3-2</sup> John) Prescott and his first wife Hannah(Farnsworth)Prescott. He married(2) at Littleton in 1764 Elizabeth Hayward who died there 9 February 1807. "Lieut. Aquilla Jewett's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 2 days; roll dated Littleton." [MSSRW XVI-609]

JACOB WENDELL

The background of this man is unknown. He was probably born before 1742. The first Westford entry is his marriage as "resident in Westford 10 March 1762 to a Lora Winslow, whom we cannot identify. They had a son, Jacob, jr, born about 1764, drowned at Tyngsboro 23 June 1809, aged 45 years. Hodgman(page 480) states the elder Jacob brought a letter of dismission from the church at Ashburnham when he joined the Westford church 1773. The Westford VR volume includes the baptisms at Westford of Elizaeth 12 June 1774; Eleanor, 8 July 1781; Sally, 17 June 1784; Rachel 14 October 1787. WE have no dates of deaths for JACOB, Sr and Lora, his wife. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-55. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d and his taxes for real and personal property totaled 5s-2d, thus he had the rank of 135. We assume that all of the following entries pertain to the elder Jacob Wendell, not the son born about 1764. "Private, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 28 May 1777 to 31 December 1779; residence, Westford; credited to the town of Westford; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. Barrett, Muster-master for Middlesex County and by a Continental Muster-master; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt. formerly commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden; muster roll for March and April 1779, dated Cherry Valley; also, 1st Co., Col. John Brooks's(7th)Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1779; enlisted 29 May 1777; enlistment 3 years; also, Capt. White's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 1 January 1780 to 31 July 1780.[MSSRW XVI-864]

SOLOMON WHEAT

We cannot identify this man who signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-56. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d and a total of 9d-1f for real and personal property, thus held the rank of 175. We find no entry in MSSRW and no Solomon Wheat is in Hodgman's list (page 139) of Westford men who served in the Revolution.

SOLOMON WHEAT, JR.

We know little about this man. HE signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-52. We assume he is the same Solomon Wheat, Jr. who married at Westford 31 October 1769 Hannah Richardson, probably baptized at Westford 6 May 1750, daughter of Thomas & REbecca(Read)Richardson. We have no reason why he is not named in a 1774 Tax List. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.

SAMUEL WHITE

Born at Acton 5 February 1743/44, probably died in Cavendish, VT, son of Mark & ANna(Chamberlin)White of Acton. He married (1) at Acton 4 June 1772 Doothy Billings, born at Acton 15 April 1746, died at Westford 20 June 1773 in her 28th year, daughter of Jonathan & DOrothy(----)Billings of Acton. He married(2) at CONcord, MA 23 May 1775 Hepsibah Barrett, born there 30 October 1750, died at Cavendish,VT before 1804, daughter of John & Lois(Brooks)Barrett. HE, then of Cavendish,VT married(3) at Westford 9 September 1804, Rachel Adams. HE signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-12. In the North 1774 Tax List he was assessed 2 polls, 13s. He had no sons of the appropriate age so there must have been some other young man in residence. His assessment of 16s-5d-3f for real and personal property gave him a rank of 53.5 "Sergeant, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of Militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched in reponse to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 3 days." [MSSRW XVII-205]

DANIEL WHITNEY

We have not found the Birth-date or parents of this man. HE married at Chelmsford 6 February 1745 Hannah Hildreth, probably born at Chelmsford 17 October 1727, daughter of Jonathan & Hannah(Spaulding) Hildreth. A son, Daniel, was baptized at Westford in 1757. Since there are no death entries we conclude they emigrated elsewhere, but are not mentioned in Hodgman's discussion of Westford emigres. HE was probably about 50 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-10. In the South 1774 Tax List he was taxed 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son, Daniel, Jr (See below). His taxes of 4s-11d for real and personal property gave him the rank of 136. AN entry in MSSRW we have assigned to his son, Daniel, Jr.

DANIEL WHITNEY, JR

We know even less about this man than about his father, and have two disparate entries concerning his birth. According to VR Chelmsford he was born there 22 December 1758. VR Westford indicates he was baptized at Westford 20 February 1757. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-3. He was too young to be named in a 1774 TAX List, but his father was assessed

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an extra poll for him. We assign the following entry from MSSRW to him, rather than his fifty year old father. "Private, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 5 days; also, Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt.; muster roll dated 1 August 1775; enlisted 24 April 1775; service 99 days; also company return dated Cambridge 31 October 1775; also, Private, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brook's Regt.; company return dated Camp at White Plains 32 October 1776; said Whitney reported as in camp at White Plains and fit for duty; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 5 July 1777; service to 1 January 1778 at Rhode Island." [MSSRW XVII-210-211]

ABNER WILKINS

We know nothing about this man beyond the information in the documents herein considered. He may have been related to John and Chamberlin Wilkins who resided in Westford in the early decades of the nineteenth century. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-40. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List, and his taxes of 16s-9d-1f for real and personal property gave him the rank of 131. We find no entry in MSSRW and he is not included in Hodgman's list (page 139) of Westford men who served.

EBENEZER WILLIS

We have not identified this man. Vital Records of Westford, Mass indicates that he had five children baptized there 29 August 1762, and another baptized 29 July 1764. A Zechariah Willis, not baptized or born at Westford, and thus possibly an elder son, married at Westford 3 January 1761 Abigail Russell, of Acton. Ebenezer signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-44, but is not named in any 1774 Tax List. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW, nor is he included in Hodgman's list (page 139) of Westford men who served.

AMOS WRIGHT

Born at Westford 6 January 1743/44, died there 19 March 1825, aged 81 years, son of Ebenezer & Delivrance (Stevens) Wright. He married at Westford 26 November 1767 Dorcas Wright, born at Westford 31 October 1743, died there 7 April 1818, daughter of Simeon & Dorcas (Hildreth) Wright. He was about 30 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-17. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List. His taxes of 14s-3d-2f for real and personal property gave him the rank of 69. "Corporal, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 3 days." [MSSRW XVII-915]

EBENEZER WRIGHT

Born at Westford 20 June 1746, son of Thomas & Elizabeth (Parker) Wright. He married at Westford 24 April 1776 Susanna Ayres. He may be the Ebenezer Wright that Hodgman (page 172) indicated moved to Lowell, Mass., since we find no death records in Westford. He was 28 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column VI-16. We have no reason why he was assessed only 4s-6d for his poll tax in the North 1774 Tax List.

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His assessment of 2s-4d-3f for peronal property have him the rank of 153. He was not taxed for any real property. "Private, Capt. Timothy UNDERwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in reponse to the alarm of 19 April 1775; swevice, 9 days." [MSSRW XVII-923]

EPHRAIM WRIGHT

Born at Westford 7 February 1725/26, died there 14 September 1775 in his 50th year, son of JACob & ABigail(----)Wright. He married at Westford 2 May 1751 ABigail Whittemore of Dunstable, born about 1730, died at Westford 24 March 1814, aged 84 years. He was 48 years of ahe when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column IV-2. HE was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List. HIs Total assessment of 12s-7d-1f for real and personal property have him a rank of 85.5. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 3 days." MSSRW XVII-927]

HENRY WRIGHT

Boen at Westford 10 June 1732, son of Henry & Esther(Adams)Wright. He married at Westford 3 January 1753 Sarah Spaulding, born at Westford 22 November 1732, daughter of Oliver & Sarah(Read)Spaulding. The absence of deah records in Westford suggests they emigrated elsewhere after having eleven children in Westford through 1771, but Hodgman only says(page 162) that a Henry Wright was a "Non-resident taxpayer in New Ipswich, NH." He was 42 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-34. In the NORTH 1774 Tax List he paid for 2 polls, 13s, the extra for his son Stephen(See below). HIs taxes of £1-2s-2d for real and personal property have him the rank of 23. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co, Col. Baldwin's Regt.; pay abstract for mileage from home to headquarters and return, dated Cambridge 12 January 1776; mileage for 52 miles allowed said Wright." [MSSRW XVII-92

ISAAC WRIGHT

Born at Westford 14 September 1754, died at Dunstable 11 February 1837, aged 82 years, son of John & Mary(Kendall)WRight. He married at Chelmsford 3 October 1776 Sybil Taylot, born at Dunstable 9 April 1755, died there 12 November 1834, aged 79 years, daughter of David & Hannah(\_\_\_\_)Taylor. Isaac did not sign the 1774 Covenant. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but since his father(See below) was not taxed an extra poll for him, we conclude he was not then resident in his father's household. WE find no appropriate entry in MSSRW, and he is not included in Hodgman's list (page 139) of Westford men who served.

JACOB WRIGHT

Born at Westford 9 December 1758, son of Jacob & Lucy(Butterfield) Wright. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, nor was his father so named. Hodgman(page 163) states a Jacob Wright emigrated to Washinton, NH, so we conclude this was the father, and his son, this Jacob accompanied him, and it took place vefore 1774.

### JAMES WRIGHT

Born at Westford 5 January 1754, son of Simeon & Dorcas(Hildreth) Wright. He married at Westford 19 April 1781 Mary Minot, born there 8 July 1757, daughter of Jonathan & Esther(Procter)Minot. The absence of local death records suggests they emigrated. Hodgman( page 481) states they emigrated to Maine, but does not list where, in his discussion of emigration to Maine(pages 169-170). He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, nor did his father pay an extra poll for him in the North 1774 Tax list, so we conclude he was not part of that household at that time. "Private, Capt. Jonathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 15 days" "Order on Deacon Jeffries, payable to Capt. Abishai Brown, dated Camp at Hull, 29 August 1776, signed by said Wright and others belonging to Capt. Brown's Co., Col. Whitney's Regt., for advance pay, travel allowances, etc." [MSSRW XVII-931] ANother entry on this same page cannot refer to him because the subject was 19 years of age in 1778.

### JOHN WRIGHT

Born at Westford 7 September 1723, son of Jacob & Abigail( )Wright. He married at Westford 19 March 1747 Mary Kendall of Dunstable, born about 1720, died at Dunstable 16 October 1778, aged 58 years. Hodgman(page 171) indicates he emigrated to Dunstable. He was 51 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-3. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List where his assessment of 9s-11d-2f for real and personal property have him the rank of 113. Hodgman in his list(page 139) of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution does not include a John Wright, but on pafe 17 includes him as a Sergeant in Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co. On this basis we conclude the following entry is his: "Sergeant, Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. of Minute-men which marched in response to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 13 days." [MSSRW XVII-93

### JOSEPH WRIGHT

Born at Westford 25 September 1736, died there 16 April 1813, aged 77 years, son of Jacob & Abigail(----)Wright. He married at Westford 23 May 1757 Dorothy Heald, born at Groton 25 February 1732/33, died at Westford 23 May 1773, aged 41 years. daughter of Thomas & Sarah(Butterfield)Heald. He married(2) at Westford 8 November 1773 Hannah Kemp of Groton, born there 26 July 1744, died at Westford 20 June 1832. aged 88 years. He was 38 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant in Column I-37. He was assessed 2 polls, 13s, in the North 1774 Tax List, the extra for his son, Joseph(See below).His total assessment of 14s-10d-3f for real and personal property gave him the rank of 64. WE find no appropriate entry in MSSRW, and HODgman includes only one JOseph Wright in his list(page 139) of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution.

### JOSEPH WRIGHT, JR.

Born at Westford 3[?4?] March 1758, died at White Plains, NY 11 February 1777, in the service of his country, aged 19 years, son of Joseph & Dorothy(Heald)Wright. He was 16 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-6. HE was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll for him. THE following entry pertains to a JOseph Wright of Westford, but does not include a death at White Plains, NY. We could find no such entry in MSSRW. " Private, Capt. Oliver Bates Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched in reponse to the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 15 days." [MSSRW XVII-943]

#### NEHEMIAH WRIGHT

Born at Westford 12 November 1756, son of John & Mary(Kendall)Wright. He married at Dunstable( he then of Sunstable) 8 February 1784 Mary Lund, born at Dunstable 30 November 1760, daughter of Thomas & Sarah(----)Lund. HODgman, page 163) suggests he emigrated to Nelson, NH. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant, was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, nor was his father assessed an extra poll for him. This suggests he was not then, at age 18, not resident in his father's household in Westford. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW. Hodgman does not include him in his list (page 139) of Westford men who served.

#### OLIVER WRIGHT

Born at Westford 4 September 1758, son of John & Mary(Kendall)Wright. Hodgman(page 163) indicates he emigrated to Nelson, NH in 1783. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant. At 16 years of age, he was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, and his father was not assessed an extr poll for him. This may hav been either because he was not 16 years of age when the "invoices" for 1774 Taxes were collected, or because he was not then resident in his father's household. IN spite of the fact that HODgman(page 139) includes an Oliver Wright in his list of Westford men who served in the War of Revolution, we find no appropriate entry in MSSRW. We note that another Oliver Wright was born at Westford 7 October 1759, son of John & Sarah(----)Wright.

#### PELETIAH WRIGHT

Born at Westford 8 September 1734, died there 1 March 1800, aged 65 years, son of Jacob & Abigail(----)Wright. He married at Westford 11 June 1761 ALice Powers. We caannot identify her or find a death date. He was 40 yerars of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-31. In the North 1774 Tax List, he was taxed: 1 poll, 6s-6d, and the total of his real and personal propety taxes amounted to 16s-7d-1f. He, thus, held the rank of 50. "Private, Capt. Oliver Bates's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service, 3 days. [MSSRW XVII-951]

#### PETER WRIGHT

Born at Westford 30 May 1752, son of Thomas & Elizabeth(Parker) Wright. He probably married at Westford 3 September 1781 Abigail Read, born at Westford 5 January 1757, daughter of Thomas,3rd & Susanna(Dutton)READ. No births are recorded at Westford to this couple, and there are no entries for their deaths, so we assume they emigrated elsewhere. Hodgman(page 170) states they emigrated to Littleton. However the volume Littleton Town Records deals with what seems to be a different Peter and his wife Esther. He did not sign the 1774 Covenant He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List with no taxes for real or personal property,thus had a rank of 200.0. "List of men raised to serve in the Continental Army from Capt. Peletiah Fletcher;s Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's(6th Middlesex County) Regt., as returned to Brig. Gen. Prescott; residence, Westford; enlisted for town of Westford; joined Capt. Ballard's Co., Col.Alden's Regt.; enlistment 3 years to expire in 1780; also, Sergeant, Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from 18 March 1777 to 31 December 1779; also, Capt. Ballard's Co., Col. ALden's Regt.; return dated Albany 12 January 1778; mustered by Col. J. Barrett, Muster-master for MiddlesexCounty and by a Continental MUster-master;; also,



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Capt. Ballard's Co., 6th Mass. Regt. formerly commanded by Col. Alden; muster roll for March-April 1779 dated Cherry Valley; engaged 12 March 1777; also 1st Co., Lt. Col. John Brooks's (7th) Regt.; return made up to 31 December 1779; engaged 18 March 1777; also, Capt. White's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts from 1 January 1780 to 12 March 1780." [MSSRW XVII-952]

SAMUEL WRIGHT

Born at Westford 23 September 1745, died there 28 December 1827, son of Simeon & Dorcas (Hildreth) Wright. HE married at Westford 15 January 1771 Esther Minot, born there 23 May 1747, died there 28 December 1821, aged 74 years, daughter of Jonathan & Esther (Procter) Minot. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-16. HE was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List wherein he was also assessed 10s-11d-2f for his real and personal property. to gain the rank of 101. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW and Hodgman does not include him in his list (page 139) of Westford men who served.

SIMEON WRIGHT

Born probably at Chelmsford about 1719, died at Westford 7 July 1789, aged 71 years, 2 months, 29 days, son of John, Jr. & Hannah (Fletcher) Wright. He married at Westford 31 October 1738 Dorcas Hildreth, born at Chelmsford 1 April 1719, died at Westford 22 July 1793 in her 74th year, daughter of Richard & Dorcas (----) Hildreth. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column III-5. He was taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the South 1774 Tax List, wherein he was taxed 11s-7d for his real and personal property, thus having the rank of 97. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW and Hodgman does not include him in his list (page 139) of Westford men who served.

STEPHEN WRIGHT

Born at Westford 18 May 1758, son of Henry, Jr. & Sarah (Spaulding) Wright. He married at Westford 5 April 1787 Sarah Prescott, born there 31 March 1765, died there 21 October 1817, aged 52 years, daughter of Timothy (Jonas<sup>4-2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) & Lydia (Fletcher) Prescott. He probably filed at Westford 12 January 1820 intentions of marriage (2) with Mrs. Matilda Read. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-2 at age 16. He was too young to be named in a 1774 Tax List, but his father paid an extra poll. "Drummer, Capt. Zaccheus Wright's Co., Col. Brooks's Regt.; return, dated Camp at White Plains 31 October 1776; reported as in camp and fit for duty; also, Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt.; enlisted 15 September 1777; service to 1 January 1778 at Rhode Island; also, Private, Capt. John Porter's Co., Col. Cyprian How's Regt.; Col. Commandant John Jacob's Brigade; entered service 15 July 1780; discharged 30 October 1780; service 3 mos. 10 days at Rhode Island, including travel (80 miles) home; Regiment raised for 3 mos." [MSSRW XVII-959]

THOMAS WRIGHT

Born at Westford 1 January 1734, son of Thomas & Elizabeth(Parker)Wright. He married at Westford 30 JUNE 1767 Mary Parker, Jr, probably born at Westford 14 February 1748, daughter of Samuel & Mary(Robbins)Parker. Hodgman(page 161) indicates they emigrated to New Ispwich, NH which accounts for the absence of their death entries in the Westford vital record volume. He was 40 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-30. He was assessed 1 poll, 6s-6d, in the North 1774 Tax List, wherein he was also taxed 15s-8d-3f for his real and personal property to give him a rank of 61.5. "Private, Capt. John Minot's Co., Col. Nicholas Dike's Regt.; muster roll for December 1776 to February 1777; credited to TOWN of Westford; enlisted 20 December 1776; regiment raised to serve until 1 March 1777." [MSSRW XVII-961]

LIEUT. ZACCHEUS WRIGHT

Born at Westford 27 October 1738, died there 20 March 1811, son of EBenezer & Delivrance(Stevens)Wright. He married at Chelmsford 5 January 1764 Rachel Parker, born at Chelmsford 3 September 1737, died at Westford 27 JUNE 1823, aged 86 years, daughter of JONathan & Rachel(Butterfield) Parker. He was 36 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column V-I, to head the "town officials." HE was then a member of the Committee of Correspondence for Westford. In the North 1774 Tax List he was taxed 2 polls, 13s, in spite of the fact he and his wife were childless. He may have had some(un-named) young man residing there to assist him in his tannery business. His taxes of 16s-8d-3f for real and personal property gave him the rank of 48. He was one of the founding Trustees of Westford Academy and served as President of that board from 1794 for several years. "First Lieut., Capt. JONathan Minot's Co. of militia, Col. James Prescott's Regt. which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 15 days; also, Capt. 8th(2nd Westford) Co., 6th Middlesex County Regt. of Mass. Militia; list of officers chosen by several companies in said regiment, as returned by JONathan Reed and others, field officers; ordered in Council 24 April 1776 that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned 24 April 1776; also, Capt. 8th Co., Col. Eleazer Brooks's Regt.; list of officers of a regiment drafted from Middlesex militia and ordered to march to Horse Neck by Brig. Gen. Oliver Prescott, 26 September 1776; also, Captain, Col. Brooks's Regt.; return dated CAMP at White Plains 31 October 1776; said Wright reported as in camp at White Plains and fit for duty; also, reported as having lost a coat in battle; also, same regt.; engaged 27 September 1776; discharged 10 November 1776; service 62 days, including 11 days (212 miles) travel home; order for payment of amount of roll dated at North Castle and signed by Col. Eleazer Brooks; also, Captain, Col. Cyprian How's REGt.; appointed 30 JUNE 1780; discharged 30 October 1780; service 4 months, 5 days, including 4 days (80 miles) travel home; also, account dated Westford 19 JUNE 1781, rendered by the Selectman of bounties paid men raised to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years agreeable to resolve of 2 December 1780; said Wright, Captain, reported as a member of a class which engaged JOSiah Brooks; also, receipt dated Boston 31 May 1782 for bounty paid ABel Read by said Wright, Colonel, and CHairman of Class No. 1 of the town of Westford to serve in the CONTinental Army for the term of 3 years." [MSSRW XVII-964]

ASAHEL WYMAN

We do not know this man's parentage or birth dates, only that he had a wife, Rebecca, and that the births of 6 children are recorded between 1763 and 1774 at Westford. He signed the 1774 Covenant at Column I-38.

In the North 1774 Tax List he paid 2 polls, even though his eldestson recorded at Westford was born in 1763. There may have been a older son, born elsewhere, or he may have had an un-named young man in residence. His real and personal property was taxed at 13s to give him the rank of 81. There is only one entry in MSSRW for this name. It does not identify the town. Since his son, AShahel, was born at Westford in 1764, we believe we can reliably assign this entry to the above father, but must note that both the company and regimental commanders are from Groton. "Capt. John Sawtell's Co., Col. James Prescott's Regt., which marched on the alarm of 19 April 1775; service 4½ days." [MSSRW XVII-977]

[The following entry belongs on page A-23]

THOMAS COMING

Born at Chelmsford 4 August 1714, died at Westford 13 November 1787, son of John & Elizabeth(Adams)Coming. He married at Westford 26 September 1733 Sarah Fassett. He was about 60 years of age when he signed the 1774 Covenant at Column II-31. In the North 1774 Tax List he is referred to as "Mr.", and taxed 1 poll, 6s-6d, and a total of 19s-9d-3f for his real and personal property, for a rank of 29.5. We find no appropriate entry in MSSRW.