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Blake, Jeremiah

Revolutionary War, Section: 9

Born: February 18, 1742, Suffolk County, MA

Died: January 28, 1837, Holden, MA

Age: 94

While a resident of Walpole, AM, Jeremiah Blake served as a private in Captain John Smith's company of Minutemen who marched on April 19, 1775 in support of the fighting taking place at Concord and Lexington. He served for 5 days. He subsequently serviced as a 3rd gunner in Colonel Thomas Craft's artillery regiment from November 1776 to May 1777 which was stationed in Boston. Blake may have served with Paul Revere who was also a member of Craft's artillery regiment during this period.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Volume 2, p. 130.

Boyden, Winslow

Civil War, Section: 12

Born: April 28, 1828, Pomfret, CT

Died: 1864, Holden, MA

Age 36 (approx.)

While a resident of Woonsocket, RI, Winslow Boyden was mustered into service with the 3rd Regiment of the Rhode Island Heavy Artillery on October 5, 1861. He was discharged a short time later on December 1, 1861 based on a surgeon's certificate. The 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery was initially organized in Providence RI in August 1861. By December 19th, 1861, it had been transferred to Hilton Head, SC. It's possible that Winslow Boyden was injured during the initial training phase of the Regiment in Rhode Island.

Ancestry.com. U.S., Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA:

Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

National Archives and Records Administration. U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2000.

Ancestry.com. U. S., Adjutant General Military Records, 1631-1976 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.

Brown, Andrew

Revolutionary War, Section: 6

Born: abt. 1755

Died: August 12, 1842, Holden, MA

Age: 87 (approx.)

Andrew Brown is listed in the U.S. Pension Rolls as having served as a private in the Massachusetts militia during the Revolutionary War. The official Massachusetts Revolutionary War Service Records contain thirteen entries for a person named Andrew Brown. Unfortunately, no records were found during the course of this survey that could link the Andrew Brown buried in Holden to one of these service entries.

Ancestry.com. U.S., The Pension Roll of 1835 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.



Burnham, Lyman

Section: 7

Born: abt. 1819, CT

Died: unknown

Age: unknown

At the time of this survey the grave site of Lyman Burnham contained a Civil War military marker with an American flag. While he was born in Connecticut, Lyman Burnham married Eliza Turner on June 29, 1842 in Holden. MA. He registered for the draft in June 1863, in Worcester County. The official Massachusetts Civil War Service Records do not contain an entry for Lyman Burnham. Unfortunately no other service records were uncovered for Lyman Burnham during the course of this survey.

Ancestry.com. U.S, Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:

Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010

Callum, William J.

Civil War, Section: 3

Born: April 1, 1841, Holden, MA

Died: February 8, 1869, Holden, MA

Age: 27

William Callum enlisted as a private in the 51st Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on September 12, 1862. His occupation is listed as farmer. The 51st Regiment was organized in Worcester in the fall of 1862. The Regiment was then transferred to Newbern, NC in November, and shortly thereafter participated in several battles including the Battle of Kinston on December 14, 1862, the Battle of Whitehall on December 16, 1862, and the Battle of Goldsboro on December 17, 1862. Thereafter the Regiment was occupied with patrol and guard duty in the vicinity of Newbern, NC. Callum was mustered out of service on July 27, 1863. According to Massachusetts vital records, Callum (alternatively referred to as William I. Collum), died from consumption (tuberculosis) in 1869.

Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Volume IV, p. 549.

Ancestry.com. Massachusetts Death Records, 1841-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:

Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013.



Chaffin, Tilla (Tilly)

Revolutionary War, Section: 7

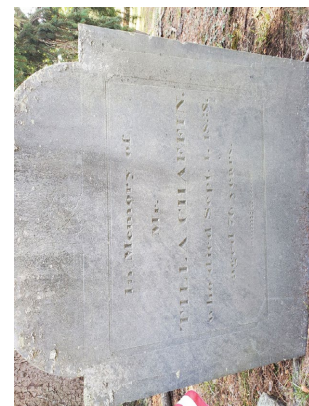
Born: May 14, 1762, Holden MA

Died: September 1, 1838 Holden, MA

Age: 76

Tilla Chaffin enlisted as a private on December 27, 1777, in Captain John Morgan's company of militia from Hampden and Worcester counties. The company was tasked with guarding stores and magazines in Brookfield and Springfield. Chaffin was discharged from duty in July 1778. He subsequently enlisted in May 1779, in Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Pierce's regiment and served for approximately one month in Tiverton, RI.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Volume 3, p. 248.



Clarke, Private Edward

Civil War, Section: 9

Born: abt. 1816

Died: September 18, 1863, Washington, NC

Age: 47 (approx.)

Edward Clarke enlisted as a private in the 25th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on September 21, 1861. His occupation is listed as a “mule spinner,” a person who operated a large spinning machine used to turn yarn into cloth. The 25th Massachusetts was organized at Camp Lincoln in Worcester, MA in September 1861. (Camp Lincoln was located along Highland Street near Worcester Polytechnic Institute.) The Regiment was attached to General Burnside’s Expeditionary Corps, which operated along the North Carolina coastline and participated in numerous battles and skirmishes including the Battle of Roanoke Island on February 8, 1862, and the Battle of New Bern on March 14, 1862. Edward Clarke died of consumption (tuberculosis) at the Post Hospital in Washington, NC on September 18, 1863. His actual burial location is unknown. Clark’s son, Edward B. Clark, enlisted in the 25th Massachusetts one day after his father. Edward B. was wounded at Petersburg, VA on June 15, 1864. He survived the war and was mustered out of service in July 1865.

Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Volume III, p. 54.

Ancestry.com. U. S., Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.

Crosby, Sparrow

Revolutionary War, Section: 7

Born: abt. 1755, Harwich, MA

Died: November 24, 1836, Holden, MA

Age: 81 (approx.)

While a resident of Harwich, MA, Sparrow Crosby served as a private in Colonel Josiah Whiteny’s regiment from July 1776 to December 1776. The Regiment was tasked with the defense of Boston Harbor and was stationed in Hull, MA. In October 1777, he served in Colonel Nathaniel Freeman’s regiment for a period of 31 days on a “secret mission” to Rhode Island.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Volume 4, p. 156.



Davis, Edmond (Edmund)

Revolutionary War, Section: 4

Born: July 8, 1759, Concord, MA

Died: June 22, 1832, Holden, MA

Age: 72

Edmund Davis enlisted as a private in Colonel Ephraim Doolittle’s regiment in July 1775. He

initially served for 17 days. In October 1775 he was stationed at Camp Winter Hill during the Continental Army siege of Boston. In July 1777, he marched with Colonel Job Cushing's regiment to Vermont and was most likely present for the Battle of Bennington which was fought on August 16, 1777. He was discharged shortly thereafter.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Volume 4, p. 483.

Davis, Captain Silas

Section: 3

Born: abt. 1776

Death: July 10, 1831, Holden MA

Age: 55 (approx.)

No records of Captain Silas Davis' service were uncovered during this survey. Presumably he either served in the war of 1812, or in a local militia capacity.

Davis, Thomas

Revolutionary War, Section: 2

Born: January 1, 1754, Rutland, MA

Died: May 14, 1840, Holden, MA

Age: 86

Thomas Davis served as a private in Captain James Davis's company of Minutemen who marched on April 19, 1775 in support of the fighting taking place at Concord and Lexington. His initial term of service lasted for 8 days. He subsequently enlisted on April 27, 1775 and served in Colonel Ephraim Doolittle's regiment during the Siege of Boston until December 1775. As a member of Doolittle's regiment, it's possible that Davis was present at the Battle of Bunker Hill fought on June 17, 1775. In August 1777, he marched to Hadley with Captain James Davis's company presumable to serve as reinforcements for the Continental Army during the Saratoga Campaign. The unit was apparently disbanded before reaching New York. Thomas Davis then enlisted in Colonel Samuel Denny's regiment on September 26, 1777. As part of Denny's regiment, Davis would have marched from Worcester to New York, arriving in time to take part in the Second Battle of Saratoga which was fought on October 7, 1777. He was discharged shortly thereafter. Davis reenlisted in Denny's regiment again in May 1778. He was ordered to proceed to Fishkill NY, where he arrived on Jun 7, 1778. The muster roll indicates that Davis was 6 ft. tall, reported slim, with black hair and a dark complexion. It appears that Davis served in Denny's regiment, which remained stationed in the Albany NY region, until December 1779.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Volume 4, p. 544.

Denny, Austin

Civil War, Section: 10

Born: abt. 1810, Rutland, MA

Died: October 2, 1877, Holden, MA

Age: 67 (approx.)

Austin Denny enlisted as a private in the 28th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on October 17, 1861. His occupation is listed as a carpenter. The 28th Massachusetts was the second primarily Irish American infantry regiment recruited in Massachusetts for service in the Civil War. The regiment was raised in Boston and its training camps were at Cambridge and Somerville. In



February 1862, the regiment was deployed to Hilton Head, SC as part of General William Sherman's Expeditionary Corps. The Regiment participated in the siege of Fort Pulaski which protected the entrance to Savannah, GA. The unit also fought at the Battle of Secessionville on June 16, 1862. In July, the 28th Massachusetts left South Carolina and preceded by water transport back to Virginia where the unit was assigned to the Union 9th Corps led by General Ambrose Burnside. The 9th Corps supported General John Pope's retreat from Virginia in August 1862, and was in the line of battler along the Union right flank for the Second Battle of Bull Run fought on August 28-30, 1862. After the battle, the Massachusetts 28th was absorbed into the Union Army of the Potomac. Shortly thereafter Austin Denny was discharged for a disability on October 7, 1862 at Washington, D. C.

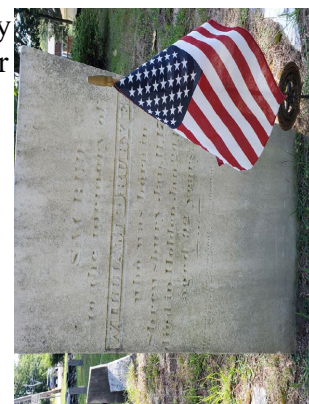


Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Volume III, p. 246.

Drury, William

Revolutionary War, Section: 3
Born: January 11, 1758, Shrewsbury, MA
Died: January 20, 1850, Holden, MA
Age: 92

William Drury served as a private in Colonel Job Cushing's regiment in the fall of 1777. He may have participated in one or more of the battles fought at Saratoga. He was discharged on October 14, 1777 after 24 days of service. Drury may also have served in Major Reed's detachment of guards at the Rutland prison camp for a three month period in 1778. The record is unclear.



Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Volume 4, p. 989.

Dryden, Artemas Sr.

Revolutionary War, Section: 7
Born: February 4, 1757, Holden, MA
Died: August 17, 1840, Holden, MA
Age: 83

Artemas Dryden served as a fifer in Captain James Davis's company of Minutemen who marched on April 19, 1775 in support of the fighting taking place at Concord and Lexington. He subsequently serviced as a private in Colonel Josiah Whitney's regiment in August-September 1778. He may have been present for the Battle of Rhode Island which was fought on August 29, 1778. In 1779, he served for nine months in Colonel Samuel Denny's regiment. The regiment marched to Springfield, MA in July 1778, and later was stationed in the Hudson Valley region below Albany, NY. David Foster Estes, The History of Holden, Mass., 1684-1894 (Worcester, MA: The Press of C. F. Lawrence & Co., 1894), p. 163.

Dunker, George (Donker)

Civil War, Section: 10
Born: abt. 1820, Germany
Died: February 18, 1868, Holden, MA
Age 48 (approx.)

George Dunker originally enlisted in the army in 1848 and served until 1853. He is listed as being 5'6" tall with dark hair and complexion. During the Civil War he reenlisted as a private in the 30th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on December 1, 1861. His occupation is listed as shoemaker. The 30th Massachusetts was organized at Camp Chase in Lowell in December 1861. The regiment was assigned to the Department of the Gulf in October 1862, and was responsible for the defense of New Orleans. Dunker was wounded on May 28, 1863 during the Siege of Port Hudson. He served with the Union Army until July 1866.



Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M233, 81 rolls); Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780s-1917, Record Group 94, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

Card Records of Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca. 189=79-ca. 1903; (National Archives Microfilm publication M1845, 22 rolls); Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Record group 92, National Archives, Washington, D. C.
Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Volume III, p. 370.

Fairbank, Deacon Joshua

Section: 8

Born: November 28, 1780, Holden, MA

Death: December 5, 1838, Holden, MA

Age: 58

At the time of this survey, the grave site of Joshua Fairbank contained a Civil War military marker with an American Flag. Since Fairbank died before the Civil War this marker seems misplaced. Fairbank may have served in the War of 1812 or in a local militia capacity. Unfortunately no service records were uncovered for Joshua Fairbank during the course of this survey.



Flagg, Jonathan

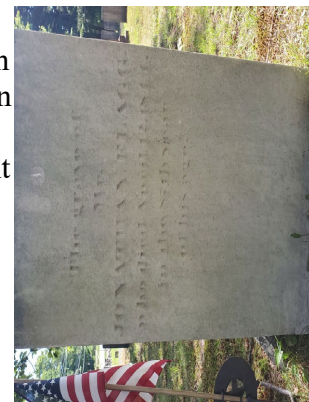
Revolutionary War, Section 2

Born: April 19, 1757, Holden, MA

Died: April 12, 1844, Holden MA

Age: 86

Jonathan Flagg enlisted as a private for a three year term in the Continental Army on April 27, 1775. He initially served in Colonel Ephraim Doolittle's regiment and most likely participated in the Siege of Boston and the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. He subsequently served as a private in Colonel John Groaton's regiment which fought in the Battles of Trois-Rivieres and Valcour Island in 1776, and the Saratoga Campaign in 1777. He continued to serve in Groaton's regiment until April 1780, mostly stationed in the Hudson Valley region.



Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Volume 5, p. 754.

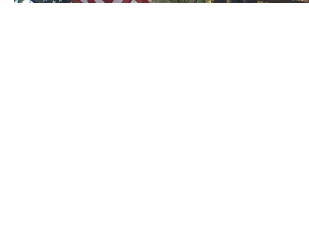
Goodnow, James W.

Civil War, Section 12

Born: abt. 1835

Died: September 18, 1864, Andersonville, GA

Age: 29 (approx.)



While a resident of Upton, James Goodnow enlisted as a private in the 25th Massachusetts infantry Regiment on February 22, 1864. His occupation is listed as Bootmaker. He was taken prisoner on June 3, 1864 at the Battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia. Cold Harbor constituted one of a series of major battles that took place during General Ulysses S. Grant's 1864 overland campaign, an effort to turn the right flank of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's army before the gates of Richmond. James Goodnow died of disease on September 18, 1864, at the infamous Confederate prison camp located at Andersonville, GA.

Massachusetts Soldiers, sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Volume 3, p. 56.

Holbrook, David

Revolutionary War, Section 2

Born: May 17, 1758, Sherborne, MA

Died: July 21, 1828, Holden, MA

Age: 70

While a resident of Sherborne, David Holbrook served as a private in Colonel Nicholas Dike's regiment in 1776. He was stationed along Dorchester Heights during the Siege of Boston. He also enlisted in Colonel Benjamin Hawes's regiment on July 28, 1778, and served until September 12, 1778. He was stationed in Rhode Island and was likely present for the Battle of Rhode Island which was fought on August 29, 1778.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, Volume 8, p.73.

Houghton, John R.

Civil War, Section:5

Born: December 12, 1823, Holden, MA

Died: December 11, 1862, Alexandria, VA

Age: 38

John R. Houghton enlisted as a laborer in the 34th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on July 21, 1862. The 34th Massachusetts was organized in Worcester in July 1862. In August, it moved to Washington D.C. and was assigned to the Military District of Washington and Alexandria. In September 1862, the Regiment was stationed at Fort Lyon, a timber and earthwork fortification constructed south of Alexandria, VA. While there the Regiment was responsible for provost and guard duty in the district. John Houghton died of disease on December 11, 1862, while serving at Fort Lyon.

Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Volume 3, p.625.

Kilburn, William Wood

Civil War

Born: April 1, 1831, Holden, MA

Died: May 5, 1862, Williamsburg, VA

Age: 31

Apparently while a resident of Paw Paw, Michigan, William W. Kilburn enlisted in New York in May 1861, as a 1st Sergeant for the 70th New York Infantry Regiment. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on November 12, 1861. The 70th New York was organized at Camp Scott on Staten Island 1861. It was attached to the Union Army of the Potomac during the Peninsula Campaign of 1862. It was during this campaign that William Kilburn was killed at the battle of Williamsburg on May 5, 1862.





National Archives and Records Administration. U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.

Moore, Jonathan

Revolutionary War

Born: December 12, 1757, Worcester, MA

Died: November 10, 1843, Holden, MA

Age: 85

Jonathan Moore served as a private under Major Ebenezer Sprout in 1776. At the time Sprout was an officer in 3rd Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Ebenezer Learned. Learned's regiment participated in the New York Campaign in 1776. As part of the Regiment Moore would likely have seen significant action during the numerous battles and marches conducted during this campaign. In 1777, Moore served in Colonel Danforth Keyes' regiment which was stationed in Rhode Island.



Ancestry.com. U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. 2010.

Nichols, Jonathan

Revolutionary War, Section: Unknown

Born: April 30, 1750, Holden, MA

Died: October 22, 1837, Holden, MA

Age: 87

According to Davis Foster Estes' History of Holden, Jonathan Nichols served in the militia during the Revolutionary War. The official Massachusetts Revolutionary War Service Records contains six entries for persons named Jonathan Nichols. Unfortunately, during the course of this survey no records were found that could provide a definitive link to one or more of these entries. Most likely one of the two following service records would pertain to the Jonathan Nichols buried in the Park Avenue Cemetery.

First Probable Service Record: Jonathan Nichols entered service as a private in Lieutenant William Muzzey's company on July 5, 1778. He served for 11 days at the Rutland prisoner barracks. Apparently, the company had been raised for twenty days to help out at the Rutland Barracks.

Second Probable Service Record: Jonathan Nichols enlisted as a private in Colonel Samuel Denny's regiment (Worcester) on October 22, 1779. Nichols served for one month and thirteen days and for a portion of this time was stationed at Claverack, NY, in the Hudson Valley Region.

It's possible that both these service records pertain to the Jonathan Nichols buried in the Park Avenue Cemetery. (Note: After several attempts the survey team failed to find the actual location of Jonathan Nichols grave within the Park Avenue Cemetery. It's not clear if he is actually buried within the cemetery.)

David Foster Estes, The History of Holden, Mass., 1684-1894 (Worcester, MA: The Press of C.F. Lawrence & Co., 1894), p. 166.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Volume 11, p. 427.

Padelford, John M. W.

Civil War, Section: 11

Born: abt. 1820, Taunton, MA

Died: November 4, 1868, Worcester, MA

Age: 48 (approx.)

John Padelford enlisted as a private in the 25th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on September 16, 1861. His occupation is listed as a soap boiler. The 25th Massachusetts was organized at Camp Lincoln in Worcester, MA in September 1861. (Camp Lincoln was located along Highland Street near Worcester Polytechnic Institute). The Regiment was attached to General Burnside's Expeditionary Corps, which operated along the North Carolina coastline and participated in numerous battles and skirmishes including the Battle of Roanoke Island on February 8, 1862, and the Battle of New Bern on March 14, 1862. The regiment was relocated to Newport News, VA in October 1863 and was on duty there until January 1864, when it was reassigned to General Butler's forces which were responsible for the occupation of City Point and Bermuda Hundred along the James River during the Overland Campaign. The Regiment took part in several actions at this time including the Battle of Cold Harbor and the sieges of Richmond and Petersburg. John Padelford was mustered out of service on October 20, 1864 after having seen extensive service with the 25th Massachusetts.

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Parmenter, Cyrus T.

Civil War, Section: 5

Born: November 13, 1843, Holden, MA

Died: March 7, 1865, Brookline, MA

Age: 21

Cyrus Parmenter enlisted as a private in the 25th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on September 16, 1861. His occupation is listed as a farmer. The 25th Massachusetts was organized at Camp Lincoln in Worcester, MA in September 1861. (Camp Lincoln was located along Highland Street near Worcester Polytechnic Institute). The Regiment was attached to General Burnside's Expeditionary Corps, which operated along the North Carolina coastline and participated in numerous battles and skirmishes including the Battle of Roanoke Island on February 8, 1862, and the Battle of New Bern on March 14, 1862. The regiment was relocated to Newport News, VA in October 1863 and was on duty there until January 1864, when it was reassigned to General Butler's forces which were responsible for the occupation of City Point and Bermuda Hundred along the James River during the Overland Campaign. The Regiment took part in several actions at this time including the Battle of Cold Harbor and the sieges of Richmond and Petersburg. The Regiment was transferred back to North Carolina in September 1864, and participated in several skirmishes and actions until the end of the war in 1865. After having seen extensive service with the 25th Massachusetts, Cyrus Parmenter died of disease on March 7, 1865 in Brookline, MA.



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Historical Data Systems, comp. U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. 2009.

Parmenter, Solomon

Revolutionary War, Section: 6

Born: August 26, 1757, Sudbury, MA
Died: April 14, 1839, Holden, MA
Age: 81

While a resident of Sudbury, Solomon Parmenter enlisted as a private in Colonel Jonathan Brewer's regiment on May 26, 1775. He served during the Siege of Boston and for a time was stationed on Prospect Hill in Somerville. While Brewer's regiment participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill, according to his written testimony which is contained in his pension records, Parmenter was away on furlough but returned to his regiment on the day of the battle. Also according to his testimony he served at Fort Ticonderoga in 1776, under the command of Colonel James Reed, and he served under Colonel John Jacobs in 1778, participating in the Battle of Rhode Island which was fought on August 29, 1778. In his pension application, Parmenter provides a few sentences which describe his unit's movements during the Battle of Rhode Island, including place names. His brief high level narrative correlates reasonably well with the actual events of the battle.



Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Volume 11, p. 940.

Ancestry.com. U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. 2010.

Paul, Charles

Civil War, Section: 11
Born: abt. 1794, Canada
Died: January 10, 1879, Holden, MA
Age: 85 (approx.)

Charles Paul is listed in the census records as a Native American who was born in Canada. He enlisted as a private in the 57th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on December 12, 1863. His occupation was listed as a farmer. The 57th Massachusetts was organized in Worcester at Camp Wool in 1863, in order to reinforce the army of General Ulysses S. Grant for the upcoming Overland Campaign in 1864. The Regiment was assigned to the 9th Corps of General Ambrose Burnside and participate in all of the major battles of the Overland Campaign in Virginia. Charles Paul was transferred to the Veteran's Reserve Corps in July 1864, perhaps after suffering an injury or illness after having endured harsh conditions and almost continuous marching and fighting between May-June 1864. Based on his estimated birthdate, Paul also would have been fairly old to be serving as a soldier. He would have been approximately 69 years old when he enlisted. He was mustered out of the Reserve Corps on September 16, 1865.



Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Volume IV, p. 822.

Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Rogers, Aaron

Revolutionary War, Section: 4
Born: abt. 1756, Harwich, MA
Died: April 3, 1840, Holden, MA
Age: 84 (approx.)

Aaron Rogers enlisted as a private in Captain Seth Clark's company on July 1, 1775. He may also have served in the company of Captain Peter Harwood of Colonel Ebenezer Learned's

regiment. Rogers was stationed along Dorchester Heights during the Siege of Boston in 1775. He was discharged on December 31, 1775.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Volume 13, p. 496.
Ancestry.com. U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900 [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. 2010.

Smith, Joab

Revolutionary War
Born: 1759
Died: January 7, 1829, Holden, MA
Age: 70 (approx.)

Joab Smith enlisted as a Private in Colonel Samuel Denny's regiment on September 26 1777. As part of Denny's regiment Smith would have marched from Worcester to New York, arriving in time to take part in the second battle of Saratoga which was fought on October 7, 1777. He was discharged shortly thereafter and returned home.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Volume 14, p. 437

Stearns, Increase Jr.

Revolutionary War, Section: 1
Born: July 1, 1763, Holden, MA
Died: November 30, 1830, Holden, MA
Age: 67

Increase Stearns initially served in Colonel Timothy Bigelow's regiment. He was mustered into service on April 26, 1777. As part of Bigelow's regiment, Stearns most likely was present for the Saratoga Campaign in 1777, the Battle of Monmouth fought in June 1778, and the Battle of Rhode Island which was fought on August 29, 1778. Bigelow's regiment was also at Washington's encampment at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777/78. It is not clear if Stearns was with the regiment for the entire period. Stearns does appear on the muster rolls for Lieutenant Colonel Millen in December 1782, and for January/ February 1783. It's possible that Stearns provided extensive service to the Continental Army from 1777 to 1783.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Volume 14, p. 933.

Stratton, Deacon Samuel

Revolutionary War, Section: 3
Born: December 4, 1763, Rutland, MA
Died: January 12, 1838, Holden, MA
Age: 67

While a resident of Princeton, Samuel Stratton enlisted in the Continental Army on July 15, 1780, as part of the 3rd Massachusetts Regiment. He served for five months and twenty one days and was discharged in December 1780 at West Point, NY. During this time the 3rd Massachusetts Regiment was situated in the Hudson Valley region.



Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Volume 15, p. 176.

Turner, Bezaleel

Revolutionary War, Section: 7

Born: December 12, 1749, Medfield, MA

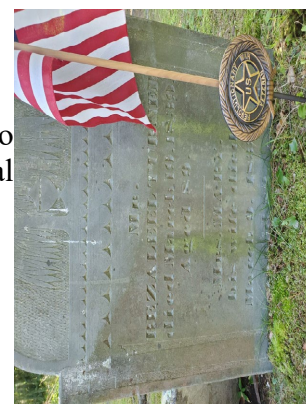
Died: March 19, 1838, Holden, MA

Age: 88

While a resident of Walpole, Bezaleel Turner served as a private in Captain Seth Bullard's company of Minutemen who marched on April 19, 1775 in support of the fighting taking place at Concord and Lexington. He served for 4 days. In 1776, he served for 24 days in Warwick, RI in Colonel Ephraim Wheelock's regiment. According to his pension application Turner moved to Holden in 1777. After moving, he reenlisted on March 31, 1778 as a private in Captain Nathaniel Harrington's company of guards. He served for a period of 3 months and 2 days at the prisoner of war camp in Rutland.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Volume 16, p. 156.

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Walker, Hezekiah

Revolutionary War, Section: 6

Born: February 14, 1750, Lancaster, MA

Died: December 13, 1837, Holden, MA

Age: 87

Hezekiah Walker enlisted as a private in Colonel Samuel Denny's regiment on September 26, 1777. As part of Denny's regiment, Walker would have marched from Worcester to New York, arriving in time to take part in the Second Battle of Saratoga which was fought on October 7, 1777. He was discharged shortly thereafter and returned home.

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War Volume 16, p. 447.

Wilmarth, David G.

Civil War, Section: 6

Born: February 18, 1835, Newport, NH

Died: November 9, 1917

Age: 82

David Wilmarth enlisted as an ordinary seaman in the U. S. Navy on June 6, 1861. He was mustered out of service on May 30, 1862. He served on the USS Dale, a sloop-of-war that had been commissioned in 1839. During the Civil War the USS Dale was recommissioned at the Portsmouth Naval Yard in June 1861. She then sailed south to join the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, capturing two enemy schooners along the way.



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Wheeler, Edmund, The History of Newport, New Hampshire: From 1766 to 1878 (Concord, NH: The Republican Press Association, 1879), p. 36.



Wilmarth, Frank N.

Spanish American War, Section: 6

Born: August 22, 1880, Vernon Center, MN

Died: September 17, 1903, Wilmington, DE

Age: 23

Frank Wilmarth fought in the Spanish American War in 1898. He was a member of the 12th US Infantry Regiment, which was assigned to Brigadier General Henry Lawton's Second Division. The 12th Infantry Regiment played a critical role in the Santiago Campaign (Cuba), including the Battle of El Caney which was fought on July 1-2, 1898. On the second day of fighting Wilmarth's regiment is credited with conducting a successful frontal assault on an enemy strongpoint located in the middle of the battlefield. While Wilmarth's regiment conducted the assault on El Caney, approximately three miles away future US President Theodore Roosevelt was charging up San Juan Hill with the Rough Riders. When Wilmarth returned home after the war in 1899, he was in ill health and never fully recovered his strength. He may have been suffering from malaria or another tropical disease which was a common malady for Spanish American War veterans. In September 1903, he was traveling by train from his home in Philadelphia to Baltimore when he was accidentally killed in Wilmington, Delaware. His train stopped at Wilmington and shortly thereafter his mangled body was found beside the tracks. Although there were no witnesses, clear evidence indicates that he had been run over by a train. He left his wife Minnie of Philadelphia, and his father in Rochester, NY. His obituary indicates that he was buried in Holden, MA, where the "remains of his ancestors are interred."



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Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, NY, Tuesday October 6, 1903, p. 9

Winn, Cyrus D.

Civil War, Section: 10

Born: November 29, 1819, Holden, MA

Died: October 7, 1870, Boylston, MA

Age: 50

Cyrus Winn enlisted as a private in the 51st Massachusetts Infantry Regiment on September 15, 1862. The 51st Regiment was organized in Worcester in the fall of 1862. The Regiment was transferred to Newbern, NC in November, and shortly thereafter participated in several battles including the Battle of Kinston, the Battle of Whitehall, and the Battle of Goldsboro. Thereafter the Regiment was occupied with patrol and guard duty in the vicinity of Newbern. Cyrus Winn was mustered out of service on July 23, 1863.

Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, Volume IV, p. 555.

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In 2016, Zachary Vandale of Boy Scout Troop 182 conducted an extensive survey of the Park Avenue Cemetery of Holden, MA as his Eagle Scout project. This information was reported in paper format and available through town archives, but not available digitally.

In 2023, Kevin Carroll of Boy Scout Troop 180, as part of his Eagle project, digitized Vandale's work (with Vandale's permission) and added pictures of graves from Park Avenue Cemetery to form a database that could be accessed through the Town of Holden website. A new sign installed at the Park Avenue Cemetery has a QR code that can be scanned so visitors can access information as they are walking through the cemetery. The town's third graders often do a field trip to this cemetery so this will enable the children to learn about the soldiers right away when they see the graves, thus bringing the soldier's history to life and preserving their memories and accomplishments.

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