

## A Well-Regulated Militia: Grandfathers-in-Arms

### DENNY

#### Lieut. Col. Samuel Denny

Born: May 20, 1731

Died: September 29, 1817

Son of Daniel and Rebeckah

*GILBERT Lineage*

*Fact: Information found on pp. 83-84 of Genealogy of Denny Family (CC Denny, Leicester, MA, 1886)*

*From Washburn's History of Leicester:<sup>a</sup>*

*"Samuel Denny held a prominent and leading place among the men of his day. He was lieutenant-colonel of the regiment of minute-men which marched upon the **Lexington alarm**. In Feb., 1776, he was elected colonel of the first regiment in the county of Worcester, and in Nov. was stationed with the army at **Tarrytown**. He represented the town in the General Court in 1778, and was a member of the Convention which was called to act upon the ratification of the Constitution of the U. S. in Jan., 1788. He lived upon Moose Hill in the north-west part of the town."*

Captain Baxter Hall was a [Lexington](#) and [Bunker Hill](#) Drummer who responded to the alarm at Lexington of April 19 of 1775 with the Uxbridge Militia Company, under Captain Joseph Chapin.

He was an officer in the [American Revolutionary War](#) and also served as a drummer in Captain Samuel(or Seth) Read's company. He then served in Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Tyler's regiment (from Uxbridge) from January 21, 1777, to December 8, 1777, at Rhode Island. Later commands he served under included: Captain Job Knapp's company, and Colonel Job Cushing's regiment in the northern army, Captain Edward Seagrave, Colonel Wood, Captain Caleb

Whiting, Colonel Benjamin Hawes, Captain Thomas Marshal Baker's company, and **Colonel Samuel Denny's regiment**.

Source: *Google Books url= [Genealogical and Personal Memoirs, relating to the families of the state of Massachusetts, by William Richard Cutter, and Wm Frederick Adams, Vol 4, 1910, George T Hoar, Harvard College Library](#)*.

Lt. Col. Samuel Denny of Col. William Henshaw's regt.; marched from Leicester on the alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 101 days  
Colonel, 1<sup>st</sup> Worcester Co. in Brig. Gen. Jonathan Warner's brigade;  
Discharged November 26, 1779

Source: *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War: A ...*, Volume 4. By Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State

## **Doane**

Capt. Joseph Doane (1767-1829)

## **GILBERT**

### **Humphrey Gilbert**

Humphrey Gilbert was in the early militia and involved in defense against Indian attacks in Ipswich (from book "Ipswich in the Massachusetts Bay Colony")

Source: **History of the Town of Gloucester**

### **Benjamin Gilbert**

He was commissioned Ensign February 7, 1744. Served in the expedition against Cape Breton.

"To Benjimen Gilbert, Gentleman, appointing the said Benjimen Gilbert to be ensign of the Co. under the command of capt. John Dodge in the reg. wherof Robert Hall, Esq, is Col. ; being part of the force raised within this provence for an expedition against Cape Breton of which forces Sir William Pepperill, Esq. is appointed commander-in-chief. "

Signed, Gov. Shirley.

Feb. 7, 1744

### **Daniel Gilbert**

B.15 Feb 1728/1729 (Ipswich)

D. 2 Apr 1824 (North Brookfield, MA)

Capt. Daniel Gilbert, son of Benjamin and Esther (Perkins) Gilbert, was born in Ipswich MA, Feb. 15, 1729. He moved to Brookfield MA and married on June 6, 1754 Lucy, daughter of Samuel and Mercy (Gilbert) Barnes.

In July, 1756, Daniel Gilbert enlisted in Col. Thatcher's regiment in an expedition to [Crown Point](#). In August, 1757, when Gen. Montcalm, with an army of 11,000 French and Indians concentrated at Ticonderoga, the alarm was given in Brookfield. A company marched from that town Aug. 9, under Capt. Nathaniel Wolcot; Daniel Gilbert was corporal in that company. In 1774, a company of Minute or " Picquit " men was formed in Brookfield. It was voted by this company that the men should choose their own captain. Their choice was Daniel Gilbert. In 1774 he was one of the selectmen of the town, and again in 1779. In 1776 he was one of the town committee of inspection. In 1777 he commanded a company of Brookfield men at [Bennington and Half Moon](#).

Brookfield, Aug. 14, 1777.

From Col. James Converse to the Council notifying them of the choice of Officers in 9 Company 4 Worcester County Regiment of Massachusetts Militia.

To take the place of Officers previously appointed but who had proved disagreeable to the members of the Company, and had resigned, and requested that the Officers newly chosen be Commissioned; said Gilbert chosen Captain and reported as having marched to join Northern Army. Ordered in Council Aug. 16, 1777 that said Officer be Commissioned. Reported Commissioned Aug. 16, 1777." His term of service expired April 20, 1778, but Capt. Gilbert with his entire company continued in the service.

**SHAW**

**Capt. Ebenezer Shaw** (“Old Swamp Shaw”)

B. April 23, 1718

D. November 21, 1796

*NOTE: Capt. Shaw was 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. for Captain Edward Cobb’s company of militia, Col. Edward Mitchells’ regiment, which marched April 30, 1775 in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775 from Abington and Bridgewater to Marshfield; Service = 3 days.*

**Lieut. Brackley Shaw**

Born: March 16, 1761 (Abington MA)

Died: April 19, 1839 (Abington MA)

Married Anne (Anna) Noyes

**HALL**

**Capt. William Hall**

B. June 8, 1651 (Barnstable MA)

D. June 11, 1727 (Mansfield Center Cemetery CT)

**Capt. James Hall**

B. October 19, 1746 (Mansfield CT)

D. April 21, 1808?

**SNOW**

**Lieut. Samuel Snow**

B. February 8, 1669/1670 (Woburn MA)

D. December 19, 1743 (Ashford)

**BRADBURY**

Capt. Wymond Bradbury, b. 1 Apr 1637, Salisbury, Essex,  
Massachusetts

Mother Sarah Pike, b. 24 Dec 1641, d. Yes, date unknown

Married 7 May 1661

Wymond BRADBURY (Wymond 2, THOMAS1, WYMONDa, WILLIAMb)  
was born May 13, 1669 in Salisbury, MA, and died Apr 17, 1734 in  
York ME. He married Maria Cotton, daughter of John Cotton and  
Joanna Rosseter.