

#1 'Let it Begin Here'



Minutemen retreat from British troops on Lexington Green where shots fired moments before begin the Revolutionary War

The Battles of Lexington and Concord were the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War. The battles were fought on April 19, 1775, in the towns of Lexington,

Concord, Lincoln, Menotomy, and Cambridge.

April 21, 1775, dispatch rider Ebenezer Hurd of Stratford (or his son) rode into town with the news of Lexington and Concord. He was part of a chain of riders who would carry the news to Philadelphia.



Stratford had actively prepared for the rebellion with merchants having purchased supplies of gunpowder and a town tax levied to pay for military supplies.

On June 25, 1775, the 2nd Comp., 5th Reg, Connecticut Militia was called up and sent to Fort Ticonderoga. Three lieutenants, an ensign and 100 Stratford men were among the 1,400 militia enlisted for a 5-month period to defend the fort against an invasion from Canada.

