

## American Revolution Biography about Joseph Underwood

Name: Joseph Underwood  
Born: Apr 30<sup>th</sup> 1749  
Died: Feb.27<sup>th</sup> 1829  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775 was a  
member of Capt. Parkers Co.  
Age on 4/19/1775: 64 Years

He married Mary Monroe  
Dau. of Marrett and Deliverance  
(Parker) Monroe. They were ad. To  
the church on March 22, 1772  
She died July 10, 1802.

**They had nine children**

- Joseph, bap. July 5, 1772
- Mary, bap Feb. 27, 1774
- Anna, bap. April 7, 1776; d. young
- Polly, bap. Dec. 7, 1777
- John, bap. March 26, 1780
- Nathan, bap. April 14, 1782
- Anna, bap. July 25, 1784
- Betsy, bap. Sept. 30, 1787
- Dorcas, bap. April 15, 1790

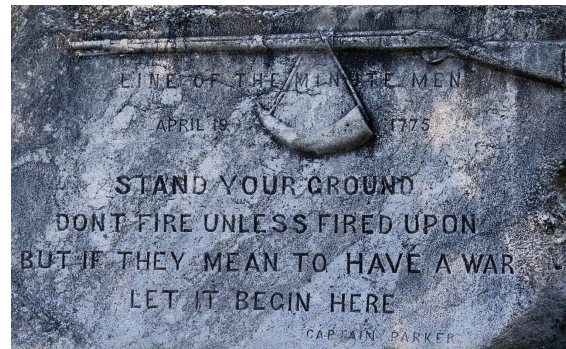


Joseph was in service and marched  
with a detachment of Capt. Parker's  
Co. to Cambridge, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and June  
17<sup>th</sup>, 1775

Parents: Joseph and Anna (Baker) of  
Waltham. She d. May 30<sup>th</sup> 1749 a  
month after Joseph was born. (Maybe  
complications with birth?) He  
remarried Eunice (Smith) June 4,  
1750. He died April 25, 1760  
Joseph had six siblings

Grandparents: Joseph Underwood m.  
Ruth. No record of marriage, He was  
in Lexington 1719, when he was  
chosen to a subordinate town office.  
(He was taxed in Lex. 1749, 1748, and 1749  
as a non resident)

They owned the covenant in 1723



*On the morning of April 19<sup>th</sup> as the  
militia gathered on the green,  
Captain Parker said "Every man of  
you who is equipped, follow me; and  
those of you who are not equipped,  
go into the meeting-house and furnish  
yourselves from the magazine, and  
immediately join the company." (Based  
on the deposition of Sylvanus Wood)*

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*Ye Old Burying Ground, Lexington Ma.*  
Joseph Underwood gravestone



*Ye Old Burying Ground, Lexington Ma.*  
Mary Underwood gravestone

Joseph's brother in law, Nathan Monroe was also on the common on April 19<sup>th</sup>. At this point I have not found any other Underwood's on the common!

The Underwood's first showed up in Lexington in the early 1720's

Joseph Underwood's homestead was near the Waltham line, not too far from Capt. John Parker in 1775.

Joseph's wife Deliverance was the sister of Capt. Parker

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Deposition of Joseph Underwood. Joseph Underwood, one of Parker's Company, swore, on March 7, 1825, that some of the men, on seeing the British approach, proposed to quit the field, but Captain Parker gave orders for every man to stand his ground, and said he would order the first man shot who offered to leave his post. Underwood swore that he was confident that Parker did not order his men to disperse till the British troops had fired the second time. His testimony was not taken in 1775.

[http://www.outpost-of-freedom.com/library/Fiction And Truth About The Battle On Lexington Common.pdf](http://www.outpost-of-freedom.com/library/Fiction%20And%20Truth%20About%20The%20Battle%20On%20Lexington%20Common.pdf)

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I recall here Joseph Underwood. March 7, 1825. Mr. Underwood testified on oath before my father, who was a Justice of the Peace, that ***“on the evening of April 18, 1775, about forty of the militia company assembled at Buckman’s Tavern, near the meeting house, for the purpose of consulting what measures should be adopted.”*** ***“The first certain information we had of the approach of the British troops was given by Thaddeus Bowman, between four and five o’clock on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>, when Capt. Parker’s company were summoned by the beat of the drum, and the line formed. When the regulars had arrived within about one hundred rods of our line they charged their pieces, and then moved toward us at a quick step. Some of our men, on seeing them, proposed to quit the field.”*** And no marvel, -fifty or sixty undisciplined men in presence of six hundred regular troops! ***“Capt. Parker gave orders for every man to stand his ground, and said he would order the first man shot that offered to leave his post. I stood very near Capt. Parker when the regulars came up, and confident he did not order his men to disperse till the British troops had fired upon us the second time.”***

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