

COMMITTEE of STUDY

Characters Biography of all who were on the GreenApril 19th 1775

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Name: James BrownBorn: October 13, 1758 age on 4/19/1775 16 yrs oldDied: November 3, 1821(63 yrs old) Gravestone Location: Old Burying Ground, Lex.Married: Betty Reed, May 30th 1780Children: James b-1781, d-1783, Betsey b-1783- ? (m. Sullivan Burbank 1803), James 1786-1886, Leonard 1788-1875, Eliab 1790 -1877, Nabby 1793-1794, Nabby b. June 27th 1795-? , Hiram 1798-1824, Madison 1802-1832.

Siblings: Benjamin 1744-? , Thaddeus 1745-? , Sarah 1747-1819, Eunice 1751-? , Oliver 1753-? , Solomon 1757 -1817? , Ruhamah 1761- 183 , Susanna 1764- ? , Nathan 1766- ? , Lucy 1770- ?

Parents: Benjamin Brown 1720-1802 , Sarah Reed 1725-1774. (m. Dec. 22, 1742.)

Grandparents: Joseph Brown 1677-1764 , & Ruhamah Wellington 1680-1772, M. Nov. 15th 1699 Watertown
William Reed 1693-1778 , Sarah Poulter 1699-1769 , M. about 1798Great-grandparents: John Brown (1631-1697) B. Hawkedon, England & Hester Makepeace (?) of Boston M. Apr. 24, 1655
Benjamin Wellington (?-1710) & Elizabeth Sweetman (?) of Cambridge M. Dec. 7, 1671
William Reed (1662-1718) & Abigail Kendall (?-1734) of Woburn M. May 24, 1686 Hannah Hammond (?) of
Watertown Married (?)Gr., Gr.,-Grandparents: John Brown (1601-1636) Born Hawkedon, England & Dorothy --- (?) Born in England M.(?)
Roger Wellington (1609 or 1610-1698) of Watertown & Mary Richard (?) of Charlstown M. (?) George Reed (1629-1709) &
Elizabeth Jennison (1637-1665) of Wat. M. Oct. 4, 1652 John Poulter (?) of Billerica & Rachel Eliot (?) of Braintree M. (?)Property Holdings / Location: On April 19, 1775 would've been living in his family's home. House was located on Mass Ave. almost directly across the street from the intersection of Oak St. House demolished in the mid-19th century when Mass Ave. was widened. As an adult he owned a private lane that extended from Mass Ave (began at today's intersection Marrett Rd. and Mass Ave. across from the Museum of Our National Heritage) and ran back to near Woburn St. At the end of this lane sat two houses, both his. James and his family occupied one and his eldest son occupied the other. It appears that his cousin, Francis Brown, was the previous owner of these homes and the farm. At James' death in 1821, this land was valued at \$6000. (More on the farm to come). A lot in Burlington valued at \$750. One and a half acre of salt marsh in Cambridge valued at \$100. Half a pew in the Lexington Meeting House valued at \$60.Occupation: Farmer, also held various offices in town, including justice of the peace, assessor, and selectman & Deacon (4th Brown to be Deacon of the Church in Lexington) Gr. Father Dea. 1727-1764, Uncle James Dea. 1756-1768, Father Dea. 1768 til ?(d.1802), James became Dea. ?)Military Service: Captain Parker's Company April 19, 1775, Private, detachment of Capt. John Parker's co. service from May 6 to May 10, 1775, 5 days, at Cambridge, by order of Committee of Safety. Service was for the *First Campaign of Eight Months*, from May to December of 1775. For his service, his father collected £5 for James from the town. *For Second Campaign of Twelve Months* of service in the New York campaign, Benjamin Brown collected for his son James £19 from the town. It is my guess that during this time (1776) James continued to serve in John Wood's Company under Baldwin in the newly designated 26th Continentals. However, I have yet to find anything in the muster rolls to confirm this. (More on this to come). Drummer in Capt. John Wood's 5th Company of Loammi Baldwin's 38th Regiment (formerly Gerrish's Regiment).

Last Will & Testament: On file in the Middlesex County Probate Court in Cambridge, MA.

Characters history summary: James Brown noted to Rev. Mr. Gordon a few days after the affair that he had fired and several others did the same!

Sources;Mass.State Archives,Mass. Soldiers and Sailors, Hudson's History of Lexington, Middlesex County Probate Court in Cambridge, MA.

Lexington Minutemen Company