

The Children of the American Revolution

Sources: Paul Revere's Ride and RWVA card deck

Note:

This is meant to be a short story, used easily alongside a DOM story to engage young shooters at your event. These are all examples of youth who directly participated in the events of April 19, 1775.

Alice Stearns Abbot of Watertown

- Age 11, awakened early to the alarms and she, with her sisters Rachel & Susanna, "were up and ready to help fit out father and brother, who made an early start for Concord."
- Helped roll powder cartridges at home
- Later wrote that when she received word that her brother had died, "I suppose it was a dreadful day in our house, and sad indeed, for our brother, so dearly loved, never came home."

Melissent Barrett of Concord

- Age 15, granddaughter of Colonel James and Rebecca Barrett
- Supervised a group of girlfriends as they prepared cartridges for the militia. These same cartridges may have been used at the North Bridge.

Elizabeth Hobart of Pepperell

- Age 17, joined the women's militia headed up by Prudence Cummings Wright (insert quick description of the women's militia capturing and holding a British soldier if not covered in the three strikes on Saturday).

Others:

Jonathan Harrington

- Age 16, fifer with the Lexington militia

William Diamond

- Teen drummer with the Lexington militia

John Buttrick, Jr.

- Fifer from Concord