

Wellesley Village Church
(Formerly West Needham “2nd Church” or “West Church”)

Church Cemetery Revolution War 1775 – 1782 Patriots
Biographical Notes:

Ephraim Bullard Sr.

Tavern owner. The Bullard tavern, commemorated with a historical monument, the muster site of the Needham Militia. Location is on Wellesley College campus facing State Highway 16. On April 19, 1775, Ephraim received the Lexington Alarm and spread the news of the British Soldiers going to Lexington to confiscate stored arms and munitions. Yr. 1772, a member of Committee of 5 to build the new meeting house in West Needham (predecessor to Wellesley Village Church). (B: 1721; D: 1779) 58 yrs.

Ephraim Bullard Jr.

Drummer boy in the Needham militia. Later, during the Revolution War, was promoted to the rank of Captain. (B: 1747; D: 1826) 79 yrs.

Joseph Daniell(s)

Militia company rank of Sargent. Later 1799, Deacon of West Church in Needham (Wellesley). (B: 1736; D: 1810) 74 yrs.

Timothy Hunting

Militia company rank of Corporal. Later, town officer as the “Fence Viewer”, to inspect property fences for their maintenance and to settle fence and boundary disputes. (B: 1753; D:1793) 40 yrs.

Aaron Smith Sr.

Captain of the West Needham militia. Led the company into battle against British soldiers on their return march to Boston following the battle of Lexington and Concord. Later led the militia company at the Battle of Bunker Hill. (B: 1730; D: 1795) 65 yrs.

Aaron Smith Jr.

Informally addressed as “Hawk”. Militia company rank of Private. Later, was a member of the Committee of Correspondents and Public Safety. (B: 1756; D: 1833) 77 yrs.

Ephraim Stevens

Sargeant in the West Needham Minuteman Company.
(B: 1730; D: 1806) 76 yrs.

Josiah Ware

Member of West Needham Minuteman company. Born in Wrentham, MA. Later was a member of the Committee to provide for the families of enlisted men in the Continental Army of 3-years or during the war. (B: 1709; D: 1798) 89 yrs.