

"THOMAS SAWYER appears as Sergeant, on Lexington alarm, Roll of Capt. Abel Wilder's Company, Col. Ephraim Doolittle's Regiment, which marched on the alarm of April 19th, 1775, from Winchendon to Cambridge. Marched April 20th. Served 16 days."

His name also appears, with rank of Private, on Muster and Pay Roll, of Captain Abraham Foster's Company, Col. Samuel Bullard's Regiment, which marched August 18, 1777, to re-enforce the Northern Army.

Time of discharge, November 30, 1777.

Time of service three months, and twenty-four days."

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I certify the foregoing to be true Abstracts, from the Record Index to the Revolutionary War Archives, deposited in this office.

WM. M. OLIN, Secretary."

The Northern Army, above referred to, was a body of troops from Massachusetts, and Connecticut, gathered about Lake Champlain, and southward, for the defense of the frontier, under command of General Schuyler.

At the beginning of the Revolution, the people of the New Hampshire Grants, were without any regular form of government. Such government as they had, was vested in Committees of Safety.

A Constitution was however adopted, in July, 1777, and the State of Vermont began its political existence. At that time Burgoyne, with 8000 troops, was pressing his way from Canada, up Lake Champlain, towards Ticonderoga. On the 8th of July, that stronghold had fallen,