

record is believed to be: 1st—A private (as David Cole—the names Cole, Coles, Cowles, etc., being the same) in the “Lexington Alarm” Company from Glastonbury, Conn., serving four days under Capt. Elizur Hubbard. 2d—A private in Capt. Jonathan Hale’s (Glastonbury) Company of Col. Erastus Wolcott’s Connecticut State Regiment at Boston January–March, 1776. It served for about six weeks before Boston and formed a part of the detachment which occupied that city when the British evacuated it. 3d—He is said to have served as a Minute Man in repulsing the British raid on Danbury in April, 1777.

*CAPT. JOHN COWLES* (Cole) was born at Kensington, Conn., March 1, 1731; died at Durham, N. Y., \_\_\_\_\_ 1802. First Lieutenant in Capt. Selah Heart’s (Hart) Company in Col. Erastus Wollcott’s Connecticut State Regiment, as above stated. Capt. Hart was his brother-in-law. 2d—Commissioned Second Lieutenant January 1, 1777, in Col. Philip Burr Bradley’s Fifth Regiment of Connecticut Continental Line—formation of 1777–1781. He resigned May 9, 1778. The Regiment, during his service, was engaged and suffered loss in the battle of Germantown, Oct. 4, 1777 and wintered at Valley Forge.

*LIEUT. MILES MERWIN* was born at Milford, Ct., March 29, 1720–1; died at Durham, Ct., December 12, 1786. He was “established” by the Colonial Assembly of Connecticut in October, 1757, Cornet of the Troop of Horse of the Tenth Regiment of Militia—afterwards Connecticut State Troops. In May–June, 1764 he was likewise “established” a lieutenant of the same troop. This Regiment continued its organization during the Revolution and was frequently in service. It was at the Danbury fight—reinforced Washington on the Hudson, etc. One of Lieut. Merwin’s descendants, H. G. Newton, Esq., of New Haven, Ct., now has the sword which is well established to have been carried by him during the Revolution.

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