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He was "established" by the Connecticut Assembly in May, 1775, to be ensign of the Eleventh Company, or train band, in the Twenty-third Regiment in this Colony. In May, 1783, he was, by the same authority, established to be captain of the same company in the same regiment. This regiment was repeatedly in service. It was at Boston in 1775; reinforced Washington on the Hudson in March, 1777, was "out" during the Danbury Raid, and, in whole or in part, at Saratoga during the Burgoyne campaign. Capt. Bidwell is described, in the History of Durham, N. Y., as "a large, noble looking man who generally rode a white horse and wore a white hat." His father, Major Daniel Bidwell (1717-1791) was a Drum Major in service during the French war about 1756. Two of his three brothers were in the Revolutionary service. John was a captain, and Josiah a drum major, from Connecticut.

*ABNER PAINE* was born at Truro, Mass., January 11, 1721. He first served in the French war as a private in Capt. Samuel Knowles' Company, of Col. Thomas Doty's Regiment, raised by the Province of Massachusetts Bay for the reduction of Canada. Service in Nova Scotia, April 2 to July 19, 1758. He served during the Revolution as a private in Capt. Samuel Brigg's Company, of Col. Sprout's Massachusetts Regiment for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776. Service between December 8 and 23, 1776. His grandson, Dr. Jonathan Bird Cowles, who died a few years ago, aged about ninety years, said that he served in the French War and was an officer during the Revolution. No such record is yet found.