

HISTORY



April 19th, 1775 2:30 PM The Battle of Lexington & Concord

Major Loammi Baldwin, commander of three companies of Minutemen from the city of Woburn, executed the first and most costly ambush of the British "Redcoats" as the British began their 15-mile retreat all the way back to Boston. The location of this skirmish on the Lincoln-Concord line has ever after been known as "the Bloody Angle" since it was there that the largest ratio of British to American casualties occurred that day. In addition, eight out of ten commanding officers of the British forward units were killed or wounded there by Baldwin and his men. In 1780, even before the Revolutionary War was over, Major Loammi Baldwin became the first democratically elected Middlesex Sheriff.

MIDDLESEX SHERIFFS

(Order of Incumbency)

1. Capt. Timothy Phillips 1692-1702
2. Capt. Samuel Gookin 1702-1714
3. Col. Edmund Goffe 1714-1717
4. Samuel Gookin (same) 1717-1729
5. Samuel Dummer 1729-1731
6. Richard Foster, Jr. 1731-1764
7. Col. David Phips 1764-1775
8. Col. James Prescott 1775-1781
9. Col. Loammi Baldwin 1781-1794
10. Maj. Joseph Hosmer 1794-1808
11. Gen. William Hildreth, Jr. 1808-1813
12. Gen. Nathaniel Austin, Jr. 1813-1831
13. Benjamin Franklin Varnum 1831-1841
14. Col. Samuel Chandler 1841-1851
15. Fisher Ames Hildreth 1851-1853
16. John Sheppard Keyes 1853-1859
17. Charles Kimball 1859-1879
18. Eben Winslow Fiske 1879-1883
19. Henry G. Cushing 1883-1899
20. John Robert Fairbain 1899-1934
21. Joseph M. McElroy 1934-1947
22. Loring R. Kew 1947-1947
23. Louis E. Boutwell 1948-1949
24. Howard W. Fitzpatrick 1949-1970
25. John J. Buckley 1970-1980
26. Edward F. Hennebury, Jr. 1980-1984
27. John J. McGonigle 1985-1994
28. R. Bradford Bailey 1994-1996
29. James V. DiPaola 1996-2010
30. Peter J. Koutoujian 2011-Present

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