

HANNAH DAVIS DEPOSITION

Narrator: Many years later, Hannah Davis recalled the day her husband Isaac left for the Concord fight:

Hannah Davis: “He was then thirty years of age. We had four children, the youngest about fifteen months old. They were all unwell when he left me in the morning, some of them with the canker rash.

The alarm was given early in the morning and my husband lost no time making ready to go to Concord with his company. A considerable number of them came to the house and made their cartridges there. The sun was from one to two hours high when they marched for Concord.

My husband said little that morning. He seemed serious and thoughtful but never hesitated as to the course of his duty. As he led the company from the house he turned round and seemed to have something to communicate. He only said take good care of the children and was soon out of sight.

In the afternoon he was brought home a corpse. He was placed in my bedroom till the funeral. His countenance was pleasant and seemed little altered. The bodies of Abner Hosmer one of the company and of James Hayward one of the militia company who was killed in Lexington in the afternoon were brought by their friends to the house where the funeral of the three were attended together.”

Narrator: Hannah Davis was married and widowed twice more, bearing three children to her second husband. She relocated to New Orleans and moved back to Acton after his death in 1802. She died in 1841.