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Population: 250-350



The humble petition of the inhabitants of Sudbury, sheweth that by reason of the approach of the enemy near our towne made apparant by a late fireing nearr by, and constant smoakes every day about us, feareing least the enemy might suddenly surprize us as it hath bin theire custome in other places, humbly crave for the prevention thereof, that it would please this honorable Councill (with what convenient speede may be) to affoard unto us twenty able and sufficient men upon the country's account to be under the conduct and command of Lieutenant Ephraim Curtise to be as a scout to range the woods about our towne ... Petition to the General Court, April 8th, 1676

For the first thirty-five years, the residents of Sudbury and the Native Americans in the surrounding region cooperated with each other. But by 1675 relations between the two groups had become combative. In early

1675, the Native Americans under the leadership of Metacomet (known as King Philip to the English) were attacking settlements in SoutheasternMassachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. On Sunday, March 261676 Marlborough was partly destroyed. Early in the morning of April 21st,Philip and his warriors attacked Sudbury. Sudbury was defended by about a hundred Sudbury men and boys and forty men from other towns.

The Native Americans broke into groups burning houses throughout the town on the west side of the river. They then turned their attacks on the Garrison Houses located throughout the town where the residents were taking refuge. None of the Garrison Houses were captured, but the Haynes Garrison house was severely attacked and the Native Americans tried unsuccessfully to set it afire. Twelve men from Concord were ambushed near the Haynes Garrison House. Ten were killed, two made it to safety in the house. Additional forces of men arrived under the command of Captain Samuel Wadsworth who drove the Native Americans east of the Sudbury river back to the western bank.



"Philip, King of Mount Hope" line engraving by Paul Revere circa 1772

Haynes Garrison House as reconstructed by Alfred Sereno Hudson

The bulk of colonists' force was under the command of Captain Samuel Wadsworth of Milton and the Marlborough garrison commander, Captain Brocklebank. They marched through South Sudbury where they were attacked near the west side of Green Hill (just to the east of the intersection of Concord Road and the Boston Post Road). Surrounded, they fled to the top of Green Hill taking position among the rock outcrops. After several hours of fighting, Philip's men set fire to the woods around the hill. Wadsworth and his men took flight heading towards Noyes Mill. Wadsworth, Brocklebank and the majority of their force were killed at the base of the hill. Fewer than twenty survived. But the Native Americans were exhausted and malnourished. Despite their victory, they returned to the south and the west and their advance towards the coast ended.



Attack on the Haynes Garrison House



Wadsworth and his men were buried in a common grave marked by a stone cairn near were they fell on the west side of Green Hill. In 1852 they were reburied to a few hundred feet away in Wadsworth Cemetery and a stone monolith erected above their grave. King Philip's War continued until August 1676 when Philip was killed. In the fall of 1676 the Native Americans, including those living in Sudbury, were rounded up and forcefully moved to Deer Island with no food, clothing or shelter—the first genocide in New England.

