

The Minute Man Oath - 1773



Editors Note: This oath was been taken by every member of the Minute Men at Lexington . Would you sign the oath in defense of our country?

“We trust in God that, should the state of our affairs require it, we shall be ready to sacrifice our estates and everything dear in life, yea, and life itself, in support of the common cause.”¹

Your name here?

“Sacred to Liberty of the Rights of Mankind!!! The freedom and independence of America, sealed and defended with the blood of her sons.”

Lexington Memorial

This monument is erected by the inhabitants of Lexington, under the patronage and at the expense of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To the memory of their fellow citizens, Ensign Robert Munroe, Jonas Parker, Samuel Hadley, Jonathan Harrington Jr., Isaac Mazzy, Caleb Harrington and John Brown of Lexington and Asah Porter of Woburn who fell on this

field, the first victims to the sword of British tyranny and oppression. On the morning of the ever memorable 19th of April, 1775, the die was cast!!! The blood of the martyrs, in the cause of God and their country, was the cement of the Union of these States, the Colonies and gave the spring to the spirit, firmness and resolution of their fellow citizens. They rose as one man, to revenge their brethren's blood and at the point of the sword, to assert and defend their native rights. They nobly dared to be free!! The contest was long, bloody and affecting. Righteous heaven approved the solemn appeal: victory crowned their arms and the peace, liberty and independence of the United Sates of America was their glorious reward.

Built in the year 1799.

Endnotes:

1. Abbat, William, The Magazine of History with Notes and Queries, Page 242; W. Abbatt, Poughkeepsie, NY, 1917

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