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Dedication *of the Har-*
wood Monument by the
descendants of Ebenezer
Harwood, *to the*
Memory of

EBENEZER HARWOOD

Major PETER HARWOOD, his Son

Captain PETER HARWOOD, JR.,
his Grandson



OCTOBER 12, 1911
North Brookfield, Massachusetts

THE Descendants of Ebenezer Harwood are cordially invited to meet at *Grange Hall, North Brookfield, Mass.*, October 12, 1911, to dedicate the Harwood Monument lately erected in *Maplewood Cemetery*, corner of Main and Maple Streets, at the terminus of the electric car line.

There will be opportunity at 10 A.M. to visit the original homestead.

Dinner will be served at the Hotel at 1 P.M.

The exercises will take place in Grange Hall at 2 P.M.

Harwood Monument



Inscription

TO THE MEMORY OF MEN, WHO
EACH IN HIS GENERATION
SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN PEACE AND WAR
THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED
BY THEIR DESCENDANTS
1911

"LEST WE FORGET"

Soldiers' Monument at Louisburg, Cape Breton.

Unveiled June 17, 1894, by the Society of Colonial Wars,
in memory of Soldiers killed in the first taking
of Louisburg, June 17, 1745.



Inscription

TO OUR HEROIC DEAD.

TO COMMEMORATE THE CAPTURE OF LOUISBURG, A.D. 1745

PROVINCIAL FORCE 4000

MASSACHUSETTS BAY, CONNECTICUT, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
UNDER LIEUTENANT GENERAL PEPPERELL.

BRITISH FLEET, 10 SAIL, 500 GUNS,
UNDER COMMODORE WARREN.

PROVINCIAL FLEET, 16 ARMED VESSELS, 90 TRANSPORTS,
240 GUNS, UNDER CAPTAIN LYNCH.

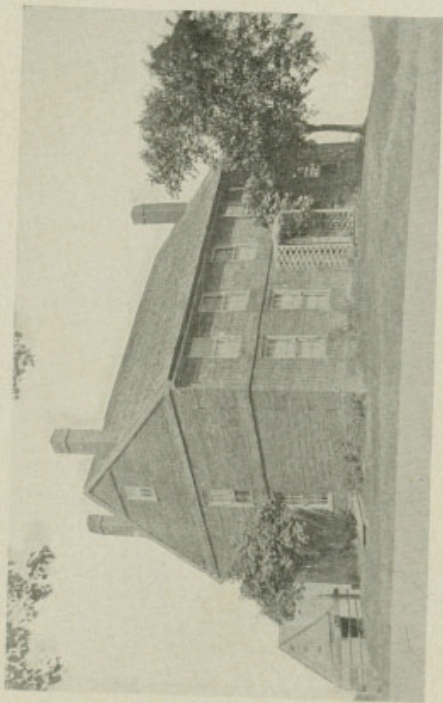
FRENCH FORCES, 2500 REGULAR MILITIA AND SEAMEN,
UNDER GOVERNOR DUCHAMBER.

This monument is 30 feet high and has a ball on top
made of New Brunswick granite.

Ebenezer Harwood

Son of Peter, Grandson of Nathaniel and Great Grandson of John of England, was born in Concord, Mass., Feb. 22, 1714. Married Dorothy Hubbard. He moved to Littleton, Mass., in 1737, and from there to the second precinct of Brookfield, now North Brookfield, in 1743, and settled in the northeastern part of the town on land now owned by E. A. Harwood, his great, great grandson. The cellar of the original house may yet be seen. In 1745 he enlisted in the war between the French and English in Captain Olmstead's Company, under Sir William Pepperell, and was killed at the first capture of the fortress at Louisburg, Island of Cape Breton, June 17, 1745. His widow is said to have walked from Brookfield to Boston to draw his bounty or prize money in Feb. 1748, he having been in service over two months.





BRICK HOUSE
Erected by Major Peter Harwood, in 1784.

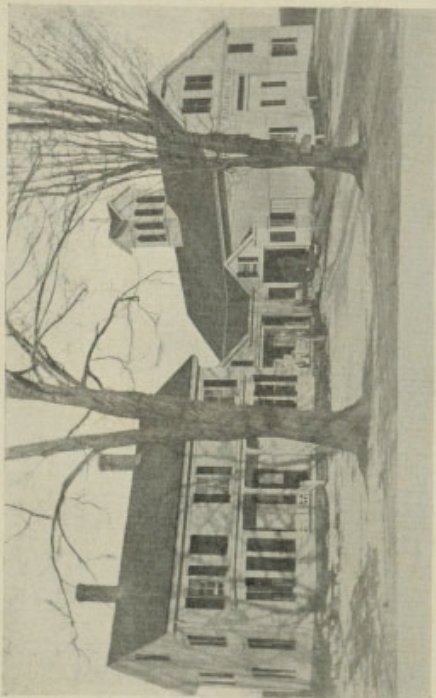
Major Peter Harwood

Son of Ebenezer, born at Littleton, Mass., May 10, 1740, and married May 26, 1763, Phebe Prouty of Spencer. He was a farmer, millwright, civil engineer, and contractor. He served seven years in the Revolutionary army and was a brave, daring officer. He was court-martialed for disobedience of orders to abandon and destroy a bridge at the battle of White Plains, then being held by the American army, but on trial his action was so far justified that he was retained and promoted. He was officer of the day at the execution of Major André.

On his return from the war he built, on a part of the original homestead, the first brick house in the Brookfields, and the most expensive house in town, the walls of which are eighteen inches thick. It required for its construction one hundred thousand brick, and it had originally a hip roof. The bricks were made at brick yard pond, one fourth of a mile southeast of the house.

He removed later to Delaware where he died June 14, 1805.





MAPLEWOOD FARM

Residence of Ethan Allen Harwood, great, great grandson of Ebenezer Harwood, situated on a part of the original homestead, North Brookfield, Mass.

Captain Peter Harwood, Jr.

Son of Major Peter, born in North Brookfield, September 16, 1765; married Elizabeth Armit of London, England, at Dover, New Hampshire, in 1788. He served three years in the Revolutionary war, was Captain of the militia and held the office of Selectman and Assessor in North Brookfield. He was also at times hotel-keeper and merchant. He died in Spencer April 17, 1836, and was brought to North Brookfield for burial.

We have erected this monument that the last resting place of these honored ancestors may be known to all. But these are not the only Harwoods who have responded to their country's call. In every war (with the possible exception of the Mexican) we have been represented, and in times of peace men of our blood have held positions of honor and trust. The noble deeds of our forefathers should inspire us to emulate their example. May we so live as never to disgrace the name we have inherited.

