

Hannah Davis Leighton  
Widow of Captain Isaac Davis of Acton  
Deposition, 1835

“I, Hannah Leighton of Acton, testify that I am eighty nine years of age, Isaac Davis, who was killed in the Concord Fight, in 1775, was my husband. He was then 30 years of age. We had four children...The alarm was given early in the morning, and my husband lost no time in 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 but little that morning. He seemed serious and thoughtful, but never seemed to hesitate as to the course of his duty. As he led the company from the house, he turned himself 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 until the funeral. His countenance was pleasant, and seemed but 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 was attended together.