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The Historical Pageant of Bennington

I. Queen Street, Portsmouth, N. H., as described in Longfellow’s poem, Lady Wentworth.

II. Dinner Party and Wedding of Governor Wentworth.

1. Portsmouth was a century old town when our scene opens, the only seaport of New Hampshire. It had been the residence of the Wentworth family for years. From this family came Benning Wentworth, a successful merchant. By royal orders, in 1741 he was made Governor of the Province, with command to open up the country to new settlers. To his court in 1748, came Lieut.-Col. Williams of Pittsfield, Mass., with others, asking for a grant of a township in the south-western corner of the territory, now called Vermont, supposed to be part of his government. This was ordered on January 3, 1749, the first township grant in the present state, and named Bennington, in honor of his Christian name.

It was but a few years after this, when the new governor, now a widower and childless, crowned the surprises of a well-laid dinner at his mansion at Little Harbor, by taking to himself, in the presence of the blueblood of the Old Town, “the Pepperels, the Langdons, the Learss, the Sparhawks and the Penhallows,” his young waiting maid, Martha Hilton, as bride, a still more exciting surprise. But why tell this story which has been rendered immortal by Longfellow in his tales of a Wayside Inn? From which we quote as follows:

Lady Wentworth

One hundred years ago and something more,
In Queen Street, Portsmouth, at her tavern door,
Neat as a pin and blooming as a rose,
Stood Mistress Stavers in her furbelows.
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Surveys at leisure all her varied charms,
Her cap, her bodice, her white, folded arms,
And half-resolved, though he was past his prime,
And rather damaged by the lapse of time,
To fall down at her feet and to declare
The passion that had driven him to despair:
For, from his lofty station, he had seen,
Stavers, her husband, dressed in bottle green,
Drive his new, flying stage coach four-in-hand
Down the long lane and out into the land.
Just then the meditations of the earl
Was interrupted by a little girl,
Bare footed, ragged, with neglected hair,
Eyes full of laughter, neck and shoulders bare;
A thin slip of a girl, like a new moon—
Sure to be rounded into beauty soon;
A creature men would worship and adore,
Though now, in mean habiliment, she bore
A pail of water, dripping, through the street,
And bathing, as she went, her naked feet.

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And with uncommon feelings of delight
The Earl of Halifax beheld the sight.
Not so, dame Stavers, for he heard her say
Or thought he did,
These words as plain as day
Oh! Martha Hilton, fie! how dare you go
About the town half-dressed and looking so.
At which the gypsy laughed and straight replied:
No matter how I look, I yet shall ride
In my own chariot, ma'am, and on the child
The Earl of Halifax benignly smiled.
As with her heavy burden she passed on,
Looked back, and turned the corner, and was gone.

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What next upon that memorable day,  
Arrested his attention, was a gay  
And brilliant equipage that flashed and spun  
The silver harness glittering in the sun,  
Outriders with red jackets, lithe and lank,  
Pounding the saddles as they rose and sank,  
While all alone within the chariot sat  
A portly person with three-cornered hat,  
A crimson velvet coat, head high in air,  
Gold-headed cane and nicely powdered hair,  
And diamond buckles, sparkling at his knees,  
Dignified, stately, florid, much at ease,  
Onward the pageant swept and as it passed  
Fair Mistress Stavers courtesied low and fast,  
For this was Governor Wentworth driving down  
To Little Harbor, just beyond the town.  
And now the ceaseless turning of the mill!  
Of time that never for an hour stands still,  
Ground out the Governor’s sixtieth birthday,  
And powdered his brown hair with silver grey.  
He gave a splendid banquet, served on plate  
Such as became the Governor of the State,  
Who represented England and the King,  
And was magnificent in everything.

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When they had drunk the King with many a cheer,  
The Governor whispered in a servant’s ear,  
Who disappeared and presently there stood  
Within the room in perfect womanhood,  
A maiden modest and yet self-possessed,  
Youthful and beautiful and simply dressed.  
Can this be Martha Hilton? It must be she.

* * * * * * * * *

Yet scarce a guest perceived that she was there,  
Until the Governor, rising from his chair,  
Played slightly with his ruffles, then looked down,  
And said unto the Reverend Arthur Brown,  
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The listening guests were greatly mystified,
None more so than the rector, who replied:
"Yes, that were a pleasant task,
"Your Excellency, but to whom, I ask?"
The Governor answered, "To this lady here,"
And beckoned Martha Hilton to draw near.

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The rector read the service loud and clear,
Dearly beloved we are gathered here,
And so unto the end, at his command,
On the fourth finger of her fair left hand,
The Governor placed the ring and that was all,
Martha was Lady Wentworth of the Hall.

Street Scene In Portsmouth, N. H.

CAST
Gov. Benning Wentworth....................Collins Graves
Dame Stavers..............................Jeanette Perkins
Earl of Fairfax (in the sign)...............Samuel Eager
Martha Hilton (aged 13)...................Mrs. Harry Sharp
British Officer...........................Charles Bennett
Market Women, Townsfolk, British Soldiers, Etc.

Gen. Wentworth's Dinner Party and Wedding

CAST
Governor Wentworth........................Collins Graves
Martha Hilton (aged 20)...................Mrs. H. P. McCullough
Theodore Atkinson (Sec. of State).........A. J. Holden
Judge Anchrunitty........................Dr. L. H. Ross
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Col. Michael Wentworth .................................... Robert Healy
Mr. Robert Anchrunnty ................................... Dr. Lane
Judge Hutchinson ........................................... Dr. Braley
Madame Atkinson ........................................... Mrs. L. H. Ross
Lady Pepperell ............................................. Hazel McLeod
Mrs. Lear ..................................................... Mrs. G. E. Donnelly
Lady Lear ................................................... Caroline S. White
Lady Sparhawk ............................................. Mrs. Collins Graves
Lady Penhallow ............................................. Anne Shields
Mrs. Philips .................................................. Mrs. A. H. Holden
Miss Langdon ................................................ Maud Belding
Miss Langdon ................................................ Mrs. T. F. Turner
Madame Loring ............................................. Mrs. E. C. Bennett
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Episode II

I—The Wilderness.
II—Coming of the First Settlers—Pratt’s, Harwood’s and Robinson’s (The Race Across the Border).
III—Arrival of Other Early Settlers.

The Wilderness

The territory now known as Vermont was in the early days, before its settlement, often spoken of as the wilderness.

The mountainous region lying between the Connecticut River and Lake Champlain seems to have been for many years a debatable land, where the two great races of Indians, the Iroquois and the Algonquins, struggled for the mastery. The Iroquois finally driving their enemies far to the eastward, occupied both shores of Lake Champlain. It is believed, however, that the south-western part of this territory was not inhabited by Indians, though they may have roamed it on hunting and fishing expeditions. English Scouts and Rangers in all probability patrolled this part of the wilderness as well as the northern part, though not in large numbers.

Samuel Robinson, of Hardwick, Mass., a Captain in the French-Indian War of 1754-60, was one of the grantees of the Charter of Bennington, and seems to have been the only one of them who realized the possibilities of the grant which they had secured, for on his return from the seat of war he made a detour with several other Colonial officers, which brought him to a site near this spot.

Later securing other rights from grantees he visited the scene again with two of his sons, who made a clearing and erected a log hut, which is believed to have been the gathering place of the first settlers on their arrival.

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The Coming of the First Settlers

The party who first came to Bennington to abide permanently consisted of three families, the Robinsons and Harwoods, from Hardwick, and the Pratts, from Amherst, who arrived here June 18, 1761. In this party were twenty-two persons, one third of whom were children under ten years of age.

It is related that as they neared the boundary line indicated by blazed trees, several of the women whose horses were not as heavily loaded with household goods as were those of the men raced them to see who should cross the line first. The honor is traditionally accorded to Bridget Harwood.

During the fall of 1761 other families, to the number of thirty or forty, came to town, among whom were those of Samuel Robinson, James Breckenridge, John Fassett, Eleazer Wood, Elisha Field, John Smith, Joseph Wirkwire, Samuel Montague, and Samuel Atwood. And a little later the families of Clark, Fay, Hubble, Henderson, Walbridge, Warner, and Harmon, and Priest Jedediah Dewey, their chosen minister. The most prominent motive which had led to this immigration was the seeking of a home where they could be free to worship God as they saw fit, and their first proprietor’s act was to appoint a committee to stick a stake where the meeting house was to stand.

First Settlers

Mrs. Bridget Harwood—Esperance Colgate.
Eleazer Harwood—Everett Harwood (descendant).
Peter Harwood—Fred Austin.
Lachariah Harwood—E. F. Burgess.
Samuel Pratt—Dr. F. S. Pratt (descendant).
Timothy Pratt—Charles Austin.
Samuel Robinson, the younger—Rudd White.
Leonard Robinson—Samuel Patterson.

Other members of the families of Harwoods, Pratts and Robinsons: Mrs. Harry Moses, Fannie Carrier (descendant), Florence March, Ruth Carrier (descendant), Mrs. Everett Harwood (descendant), Martha Pratt (descendant), Ernest White, Walter Harwood (descendant), Raymond Percy, Cebra Graves, Lane McLeod, Ms. A. J. Morton, Luther Graves, Doris Vail.
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Other Early Settlers

Samuel Robinson, Sr—Samuel Robinson (descendant).
Stephen Fay—Lester Vail (descendant).
James Brekenridge—E. D. Bennett.
Joseph Safford—J. W. Martin.
Aaron Hubble—W. T. White.
Eleanor Wood—W. Cutting.
Joseph Rudd—Maurice Rudd (descendant).
Priest Jedediah Dewey—Dr. Rollin Jenney (descendant).
Elisha Dewey—William Lundergan.

Families of the Settlers

Florence Moore, Mrs. Calbraith Rogers, Margaret Battles, Helen Tompkins, Hope Tompkins, Wilhelmina Hicks, Ruth Hicks. Helen Cutting, Elizabeth Keeler, Mrs. Annette McCandliss, Olive Pope, Mrs. Ralph White, Louise Vail (descendant), Mrs. Henry Sharp. Eunice Lyons, Dorothy Carver, Mrs. Maurice Rudd, Mrs. Harry Moses, Hilda Pratt (descendant), Harry Moses, William Graves, Esther Merrill, Ida Hitchcock, Eugenie McCandliss, Mrs. Lewis Hopkins, Mary Hitchcock, Bessie Knox, Juliet Shields, Mrs. Lester Nichols, Rhoda Southall, Ada Norton.

Episode III

Impromptu Wedding of Joseph Rudd and Sarah Story

The primitive log huts soon gave way to more pretentious frame houses, and the joyful gatherings of neighbors to help in raising the timbers and the subsequent dancing on the ground or improvised floor led on one occasion to a most interesting incident. It was at the raising of the frame of the house so long the residence of Aaron Hubble in the west part of the town, that Priest Dewey remarked to Joseph Rudd, a fine specimen of manhood, who had for a long time been courting Sarah Story, "Joseph, if you will go and bring Sarah Story over here, I will marry you for nothing."

"It is a bargain," replied the blushing Joseph, and crossing to where Sarah stood he shyly took her by the hand and told her of Priest Dewey's proposition. The young woman's consent being won, Joseph Rudd and Sarah Story then and there became man and wife.
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Sarah Story. . . . . . . . . . . . . Mrs. Maurice Rudd
Priest Dewey. . . . . . . . . . . . . Rollin Jenney (descendant)

Cast same as First Settlers.

Boundary Disputes

The progress of civilization is ever marked by the exchange of border warfare for boundary dispute. Such was the case here. The King having moved the west bank of the Connecticut River from New Hampshire over into the New York Province, and the land speculators about the seat of government of the colony of New York having persuaded the successive representatives of the King there, that there was money for them in harrying these "back-woodsmen", who had made some improvements in this territory, they, together, set about getting possession of their coveted lands by show of right, though without the reality of justice. This called into being, at first, remonstrances, then resistance, and then reprisal until finally out of this wilderness was carved the Independent State of Vermont, now a colony, and never
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Episode IV

Samuel Robinson in England in 1767

Scene—An Inn on the outskirts of London in 1767, the time of Samuel Robinson’s visit to England, showing the life of the people of that period.

Samuel Robinson and his friends discuss the situation just before his intended departure for the colonies.

At a convention of representatives from the several towns on the west side of the mountains, Samuel Robinson, of Bennington, was appointed to represent to the Court of Great Britain the grievances of the settlers. Mr. Robinson at once accepted the commission and after spending some time in London and having overcome many difficulties, he finally succeeded in bringing his case before the King and on the 24th of July, 1767, a decree was issued by his majesty prohibiting the Governor of New York from making any further grants whatsoever of the lands in question until his Majesty’s further pleasure should be known concerning the same.

Feeling that he had accomplished much Samuel Robinson was about to return to Bennington, leaving his case in the hands of friends in England, when he sickened and died. This was, of course, a blow to the people of the New Hampshire grants, and in spite of the fact that an order had been sent from the King, the government of New York continued to make grants and to proceed to carry out their design to divide the territory into colonies.

English Scene

CAST

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May Queen.................................. Jeanette Perkins
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Samuel Robinson

Episode V

Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys—Called the Bennington Mob

I—Meeting of the Council of Safety.
II—Forming of the company to protect the grants.
III—The ride to rescue Remember Baker.
IV—Punishment of the Dutchman from Arlington.
V—Off for Ticonderoga.

Among those who came to Bennington about this time, was Ethan Allen, a young iron monger, of Connecticut, who came to the Grants prospecting, but soon made the cause of the unjustly treated settlers his own. Appearing before the Court in Albany in some of the ejectment suits growing out of the New York claims with skilled attorneys and with all the necessary documents, he soon found that there was no redress on the basis of common justice, and having told them the "Gods of the valley were not the Gods of the hills", returned to Bennington and reported his lack of success to the anxious settlers. The matter was taken up by these settlers in their own original way. They passed resolutions of independency and self-protection and put their case in the hands of a Committee of Safety, with power, backed by a military organization with equal power, over which they placed Ethan Allen as commander. He allied with himself bold spirits, who sought by terrorizing the representatives of land speculators, to retain the independency the convention had voted. Those were days that have been likened to the days of Robin Hood and his merrie band, for most of the leading actors were out-lawed and a price set upon their heads by so-called outraged justice at
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Albany. The band was called the Bennington mob and their methods, it must be confessed, were consonant with that rough term. One of the exciting episodes growing out of this boundary warfare was the rescue of Remember Baker, on whose head a price had been set by the Colonial government of New York, some representation of that authority having brutally taken him from his home, word was at once passed to these defenders of the Grants, who, mounting their horses, reached the ferry over the Hudson before his captors and brought him back in triumph. "Ducking", "The Beach Seal", and "Viewing", which seems to have consisted in exposing to ridicule, as in the case of one Dutchman who was hung aloft in a chair at the site of the Catamount Tavern, an object of derision for all passers-by, were some of the original methods used to deter would-be New York claimants from pursuing their claims any further, or others from speaking disrespectfully of the conventions.

This band of men were ready when the capture of Ticonderoga was suggested to Ethan Allen and with Seth Warner accompanied him on that daring expedition.

_**Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys—Called the Bennington Mob**_

Ethan Allen......................... Judge E. H. Holden  
Seth Warner............................ Harry Sharp  
James Breckenridge.................... E. D. Bennett  
Robert Cochrane........................ George Welling  
Peleg Sunderland....................... Geo. Worthington  
Sylvanus Brown........................ William Myers  
James Smith............................ William Hollister  
Elijah Dewey............................ William Lundergan  
Gideon Warner........................ Frank Vail  
Stephen Fay............................ Lester Vail  
Aaron Hubble.......................... Will White  
Samuel Atwood........................ Luther Graves  

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Episode VI

The Battle of Bennington

Scene I. The Village of Bennington, Catamount Tavern.
Stark's Troops enter the Village and encamp on the outskirts—Express Messenger arrives with word of the approach of General Baum's Regiment—Departure of Stark's Brigade to meet the Enemy.

Scene II—The Battle Ground.

SCENE III. Same as Scene one.
Messenger announces the Victory—Prisoners led past the Catamount Tavern.

All minor contests and sectional difficulties were now swallowed up by the great and momentous concerns of the Revolution.

That the settlers of the New Hampshire Grants were generally true to the American cause we are assured by the testimony of Burgoyne, himself. In his private letter to Lord Germane, dated Saratoga, August 20, 1777, he writes: "The Hampshire Grants in particular, abounds in the most active and most rebellious race on the continent and hang like a gathering storm on my left."

The Committee of Safety of Vermont had asked New Hampshire to send a body of troops to their assistance and New Hampshire had responded by sending a brigade under General John Stark to stop the progress of the enemy upon the north-western frontier. General Stark had moved forward to Bennington on the 9th of August with his whole force, with the exception of a part of Seth Warner's regiment, which was left behind at Manchester, under Lieut.-Col. Safford.

On the 13th of August Stark was advised by express that a large body of the British troops in the rear of a party of Indians was advancing toward Bennington. On the 14th Stark moved forward with his whole brigade until he came within a mile of the enemy, when he halted.

Baum also halted and commenced retrenching himself upon a commanding piece of ground.
Stark, with the advice of Warner and other officers, having first reconnoitered the enemy's post, prepared to make an attack. He sent Colonel Nichols and Colonel Herrick to the rear of the right and left wings of the enemy—these were to join and then make the attack.

Hubbard and Stickney were also ordered to advance, one on the right and the other in front. General Stark, himself, with the balance of his brigade advanced slowly in front till the firing announced that the attack had begun on the rear. He then ran forward and in a few moments the
fight became general. The Indians, fearful of being surrounded by "the Yankees", had made a dash down the hill between the divisions almost as soon as the firing began.

Stark says, in his official account of the battle, "It was the hottest I ever saw, it was like one continuous clap of thunder." The German Dragoons made a brave resistance and after their ammunition was gone were led by Baum and attacked the Americans sword in hand. But their bravery was unavailing. They were finally overpowered, their works carried on all points, and their two cannon taken. Colonel Baum was mortally wounded. All of his men, with the exception of those who had escaped to the woods, were killed or taken prisoners.

Stark suffered his men to scatter in pursuit of refreshment and plunder. In this state of things word was received that a re-inforcement of the enemy was rapidly approaching under command of Colonel Bragman.
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Stark, encouraged by Seth Warner, attempted to rally his scattered forces, but before they could be made ready for an effectual resistance, the enemy advanced upon them and commenced the attack. The Americans, overpowered by their numbers, began slowly to retreat, disputing the ground inch by inch. At this juncture the remnant of Warner's regiment, which had remained at Manchester, arrived, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Safford, and charged up the hill to the assistance of the Americans. They attacked the enemy with great spirit and resolution. More of the scattered militia were now brought forward by Stark and Herrick and the fight became general. The British now began to retreat and were pursued until dark by the Americans.

The prisoners were collected together and sent off under a strong guard to the Meeting House of Bennington.

Nothing could have been more encouraging to the Americans or disheartening to the British than this splendid victory of Stark, achieved principally by undisciplined militia over veteran regular troops.

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**Incidents of the Battle**

Incidents of the battle to be given at the Pageant:

During the battle the women and children of Bennington gathered on Harwood Hill to pray.

Susanne, more familiarly known as Anne Haviland, who was the daughter of a Tory, but was herself a Patriot and the wife of Captain Sage, Commissary for the Patriot troops, herself ground the meal which was made into Johnny cake and distributed among Stark's men and the prisoners after the earlier fight.

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**Feeding Warner's Troops**

When Warner's men were on their way from Manchester to the scene of battle and word came to Bennington that they were in a starving condition, it was Susanne Haviland who suggested to her husband that as there was no more Johnny cake, all the pots and kettles in the village should be gathered and that hasty pudding should be made by the women while the boys were milking the cows. This met with approval and soon the pots of pudding and pails of milk were being passed around among the hungry men.

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**Battle of Bennington**

**CAST**

General Stark........... ........... ........... .... .......H. T. Cushman
STAFF

Seth Warner .................................................. Harry Sharp
Colonel Stickney ................................................. William Lundergan
Colonel Hubbard ................................................. William Hollister
Colonel Nichols .................................................. George Worthington
Colonel Herdick ................................................. William Myers
Lieutenant-Colonel Safford ................................... Samuel Black

BRITISH OFFICERS

General Baum .................................................. Dr. Lane
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Fred Austin, 
Nelson Hitchcock, 
Charles Hitchcock, 
Sidney Edson, 
Samuel Patterson, 
Edward Jenney, 
Wm. Hurley, 
Ball Lyons, 
Wm. Gregg, 
R. J. Neil, 
A. Brevis, 
L. Levine, 
C. H. Plumb, 
F. Jenny, 
Chief—E. Buss, 
Warriors— 
Harvey Hutton, 
Lewis Hurley, 
H. Walbridge, 
F. Baudistel, 
E. Emmons, 
R. Burt, 
E. Burt, 
H. Walker, 
W. Puffer, 
A. Jollivet, 
B. Irish, 
J. Lockland, 
G. Hutton, 
B. Madigan, 
W. Mallen, 
P. McGuire, 
C. Davis.

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E. Dean, 
D. Crimmins, 
B. Satoria, 
R. F. Schrimins, 
C. W. Schindler, 
W. Fitzgerald, 
W. Delany, 
M. Peterson, 
John Cook, 
Wm. Hollister, 
C. Hodge, 
Fred Allen, 
Clarence Potter, 
George Robinson, 
Frank Norcross, 
James Hornidge, 
Henry Fruutch, 
Eugene Graham, 
William Houran, 
Henry Pratt, 
John Sloat, 
Elmer Barrett, 
Joseph Evans, 
George Cornar, 
Clarence Shippey, 
Fred Peake, 
Thomas Powers, 
William Thorpe, 
Dennis Dragon, 
Edward Shanahan, 
F. H. Ferguson, 
M. L. Kelly, 
Guy Norton, 
Henry Seymure, 
Freeman Harrington, 
Fred. Morse, 
Fred. Surdam, 
Earle Sigworth, 
Joe Lumb, 
Maurice Viall, 
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E. Shultz.
There is much Colonial furniture in this house and the Old George Washington Memorial wall paper is still on the walls.

Isaac Tichenor came to Bennington from New Jersey in 1777, in the Commissary Department of the Revolutionary Army. He made Bennington his home from that time and built the house which is still standing, in 1788. Was Governor of Vermont eleven years, and in the United States Senate six years.
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Beginning of Industrial Bennington

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The June Training

After the Revolutionary War it became the custom for the men of the different villages to meet on a certain day in June to be reviewed by military officers and to be taught military tactics. Young men came to the towns from the farms, hucksters displayed their wares, young women wore their prettiest gowns and the older women provided refreshments and gossiped to their hearts' content.

The village fife and drum corps played an important part in the ceremonies of that day and in the early evening a dance was given on the green or in some public hall. Everyone had a good time and Training Day was looked forward to from one June to the next with great anticipation.

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