



The reenactment Saturday afternoon, August 20, 2022

The Encampment and Re-enactments August 19-21, 2022

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The long-awaited and much-anticipated [Encampment and Re-enactments](#) on August 19-21, 2022 were a huge success. It capped off 300th Anniversary Celebration which featured four major events: the Parade on Saturday, the 13th with fireworks that night, the Nottingham Historical Society's Blueberry Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, the 14th, Nottingham's Talents Salutes the 300th, on Tuesday, the 16th.

The actual encampment began Thursday night, August 18, when members of [the 1st NH Regiment](#) set up camp on the southside of Ledge Farm Road.



The welcoming camp on Friday morning, August 19, 2022

During the afternoon and night units of the Continental Army (CA) and the British Forces (BF) camped on their respected sides of Nottingham Square -CA southside and BF northside along with Sulters of Ledge Farm Road. This is how the camps appear on Saturday morning, August 20.



CA camp



BF camp



The Sulters camp

At 7 AM Saturday, August 20 a gun was fired to start the day. The public entered the camps at 10 AM. Each side had formations and drills.



British Forces in a marching drill



The Continental Army during a drill.

Later in the morning the Crane's Continental Artillery Regiment from Rhode Island an artillery group conducted an artillery demonstration.



This is the demonstration crew

They showed on command how clean the cannon. Then they added gun pounder. Next followed the insertion of a wick. Finally, on command, the wick was ignited and the cannon fired.



Cleaning the barrel



Putting in a wick.



Igniting and firing the cannon.

At 12 noon, the reenactors returned to their camps. There they did ‘nooning’. That is where they ate and relaxed.



The Continental Army ‘nooning’. Standing in the left tent is Bob Davidson, a Lieutenant in the 1st NH Regiment and the organizer of the encampment and re-enactments.

Many folks gathered to wander through the camps, ask questions of the re-enactors and their partners, and watch the drills, demonstrations, and battle.



Some of the younger recruits reporting for duty.

On Saturday afternoon, August 20, 2022, the battle was re-enacted. The troops from each camp were on the march at 1:15 PM. They were in position on the battlefield at 2 PM. From the spectators' view, the fight was on the left side of the field. A small British Force fired at a small CA.



The first shots

The major part of the CA fought with a BF that emerged from the woods on the right side of the field.



The Battle developing on the right side of the battlefield

As the fight continued, the CA moved the BF to the left. Later in the battle, the British Forces were beaten and surrendered. The crowd loved it and applauded the re-enactors.



CA driving the BF to the left.



The CA defeated the BF.

Sunday, August 21, 2022, was another hot, with a comforting breeze, day. Again, the 7 AM shot from a gun was the wake-up call for both camps. Continental Army drilled. A contingent of the New Hampshire National Guard visited the camp. They were training in the Boulder Fields of Pawtuckaway State Park that week. The 1st NH Regiment conducted a cannon firing demonstration.



NH National Guard and the CA drill



The 1st NH Regiment a cannon demonstration.

At 12 PM noon, the respected camps did ‘nooning’. BF ranks were diminished as His Majesty’s 10th Regiment was only there for the Saturday events. During the lunch break, Steve Welch, chair of the 300th Committee, and his grandson Wyatt visited the CA camp.



Nooning CA



Nooning BF



Steve Welch and Wyatt

On to second battle



The CA marching to battle

The battle on the second day afternoon featured a Troy unit, colony residents who sided with the British. The battle began when a Troy unit on the left side of the field backed by a cannon surprise attacked a small CA group in the center of the battlefield.



The Troy attacked

The CA recovered

and fought back

The CA then fell back in retreat in the face of a cannon attack and a larger Troy force.



Troy press forward



The CA retreats

Dramatically, the besieged CA got reinforcements and a cannon. The CA counter-attacks.



The reinforced CA.



The CA now attacks.

Meanwhile, as the Troy forces retreat, the wives take shoes, clothing and muskets from the dead combatants.



Wives checking and looting the dead. One of wives with musket from a dead soldier.

The CA presses the attack. It drives the Troy forces back, captures their canon and emerges victorious. The audience applauded it and loved it.



The CA moves up the hill.



CA captures the cannon and marches on.

It was a glorious encampment and re-enactments. It was enjoyed by reenactors and spectators. What a way to end the week of the 300th celebration.

