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Early Militia in Rutland

“In 1779 the General Assembly of Vermont passed an act authorized the formation of the Vermont Militia.”

That is the introduction to this issue, devoted in its entirety to the Militia, written by Dawn. D. Hance.

The required uniforms and equipment are described, as well as lengthy descriptions of actions and duties during the War of 1812. Later, in the 1830’s as a standing army was contemplated, the Militia ended its career, having fulfilled its duties honorably.

The article is of great interest and enlivened by photographs of contemporary reenactments of training days.

In conclusion there are descriptions of Fourth of July Celebrations over the years, including the most exciting one in 1826, the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This article was an additional contribution by Dawn. D. Hance.