

Thaddeus Blood

About 9 o'clock we saw a smoke rise at the court house. It was proposed that we march into town... Col. James Barrett... rode along the line & having consulted with the officers... shouted not to fire first, they began their march.... The company of British formed first on the causeway... they then retreated over the bridge and in retreating took up 3 plank[s], and formed part in the road and part on each side, our men the same time marching in very good order, along the road in double file... At that time an officer rode up and a gun was fired. I saw where the Ball threw up the water about the middle of the river, then a second and third shot, and the cry "FIRE" was made from front to rear. The fire was almost simultaneous with the cry, & I think it was not more than 2 minutes if so much till the British run & the fire ceased.