

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF LINCOLNVILLE.

By Joseph Miller.
(Concluded.)

In the year 1812, after the declaration of war, at a town meeting held at the school-house in district No. 7, on the 18th day of July, it was voted that the selectmen be directed to obtain, by purchase or otherwise, fifty guns for the use of the town. Voted, also, to choose a committee of public safety for the town, and the following named persons were chosen committee: Philip Ulmer, Abner Heal, Ephraim Fletcher, Wetbrook Knight, Joseph Prescott, Samuel Miller, Josiah Stetson, John Studley, John Mahoney, Nathan Knight, Jr., John Heal, Jr., Peleg Decrow, Daniel Decrow, Levi Gray, Joseph Thomas, James Mahoney and Joseph Gould. Party lines, at this time, had been rigidly drawn between the Republicans and Federalists as the parties were then called. The Republicans sustained the national administration in prosecuting the war, and the Federalists opposed. The Republicans were quite largely in the ascendancy in this town at that time. Living in the neighborhood, I was present at this, the first town meeting held after war was declared. I have not seen any public meeting, from that day to this, characterized by so much bitterness and violence. The whole town, for a time, was in an uproar. At this meeting there was a good deal of heated discussion with sharp talk on both sides. The most prominent leaders among the Republicans were Nathaniel Milliken, Ephraim Fletcher and Samuel Miller. On the Federal side, Samuel A. Whitney, Hezekeah French and Jonathan Fletcher. But others of less note and ability were the most excited and boisterous. They gave some hard blows and black eyes were the result. In two or three months the excitement abated, and comparative quiet-