

Skinner, however, extricated himself and swam ashore. The residue of the party threw down their arms, and cried out "for God's sake spare our lives." The firing ceased: Captain Aiken brought in several prisoners; and major Skinner, whom he rescued from their hands.

Major S. was previously robbed of his equipage, and about one hundred dollars in money, which he did not recover."

"During the siege, Abel Chamberlin and Eli Lewis crossed the Saranac, and made an officer prisoner. He was in a house about twenty rods from a British picket—they took him out of the back door, put one of their coats upon him, and piloted him through the woods to the upper bridge, and from thence to Salmon river a distance of about twelve or fourteen miles."

"On the morning of the 9th September, two citizens of the town found a soldier of the British army asleep in his tent, and made him prisoner. In coming into town they were joined by another citizen—none of them had arms: About a quarter of a mile west of the village they met three British soldiers, armed, going on to join the army. When within a few paces of each other, the citizens sprang upon the soldiers, disarmed and brought them in prisoners.

In the affray, Mr. Samuel Norcross, a respectable, industrious citizen, was shot through the thigh, and expired in about two hours. Sheldon Durkee and Ephraim Rand were the two other citizens."

The following narrative of the death of Norcross is copied from an address delivered at Plattsburgh, September 11th 1843, by A. C. Moore Esq.

"It was on the morning of the 12th, that Sheldon Durkee Ephraim Rand, and Samuel Norcross, entirely unarmed, met three British Soldiers on the retreat, and simultaneously sprang upon them and seized their guns. A most desper-