

Shays Rebellion

Do you know who Daniel Shays is? Daniel Shays was born in 1747 and died in 1825. He was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Daniel Shays was a former Revolutionary War captain. He led people in the Shays' Rebellion. Many angry townspeople gathered outside courthouses and hassled lawyers and judges. Farmers and former Revolutionary war soldiers were in Shays Rebellion. The government in Boston sent a militia to stop them. George Washington was not happy because he saw people fighting and he did not like it. They needed to lower taxes, and that's what the government did.

Did you ever wonder where Shays' Rebellion began? Well it started in Springfield, Massachusetts in January of 1787. The farmers started getting disappointed because they would lose their farms because of taxes. In 1786-1787 western Massachusetts farmers were angry because the state government was making farmers pay high taxes. So then a group of militia and Shays' group started to have a fight. The militia got to Springfield before Shays' group. The militia shot four people and the rest of Shays' group started running. The result of the rebels helped us, because it made the taxes go down but still the militia won.

Did you ever wonder why Shays' Rebellion started? Shays' Rebellion started because the government in Boston was putting high taxes on Springfield and the farmers and they could not pay these high taxes. If they could not pay these taxes, they would be thrown in jail and they could lose their farms. They asked the government to stop. Nothing was done. Daniel Shays was a farmer. He and other farmers closed the courts in four counties so nobody would get sent to jail. The Boston government sent a militia, a local army, to stop them.

Did you know that the farmers wanted to go to Springfield, Massachusetts to get the muskets and lots of old guns? The leader was Daniel Shays. The governor heard about the guns so he sent a militia, a local army, to stop them. The militia and the farmers were on their way to Springfield but the militia got there first. When the rebels came to the Springfield Armory the militia was already there with a cannon. The rebels thought they were not going to move until they got the guns. Then the militia fired the cannon and 4 rebels lay dead. Daniel Shays and the farmers were running for about a year and while they were running, the government lowered the taxes.