

Amesbury, Mass.

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I was born in Haverhill  
Massachusetts on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
of Dec. 1807. I believe  
since encyclopedias have  
fixed the date at 1808.  
I have no personal  
knowledge of the event,  
but trust the record  
and tradition.

Very friend  
John W. Whittier