

# Revolutionary War Research: Tracing Patriot and Loyalist Ancestors

*Class 1: Getting to Know Your  
Revolutionary War Ancestor*

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# Meet today's presenter



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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - Events leading to the American Revolution
  - Patriot or Loyalist?
  - Did my ancestor serve?
  - Migrations
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

# Your Revolutionary War Ancestor

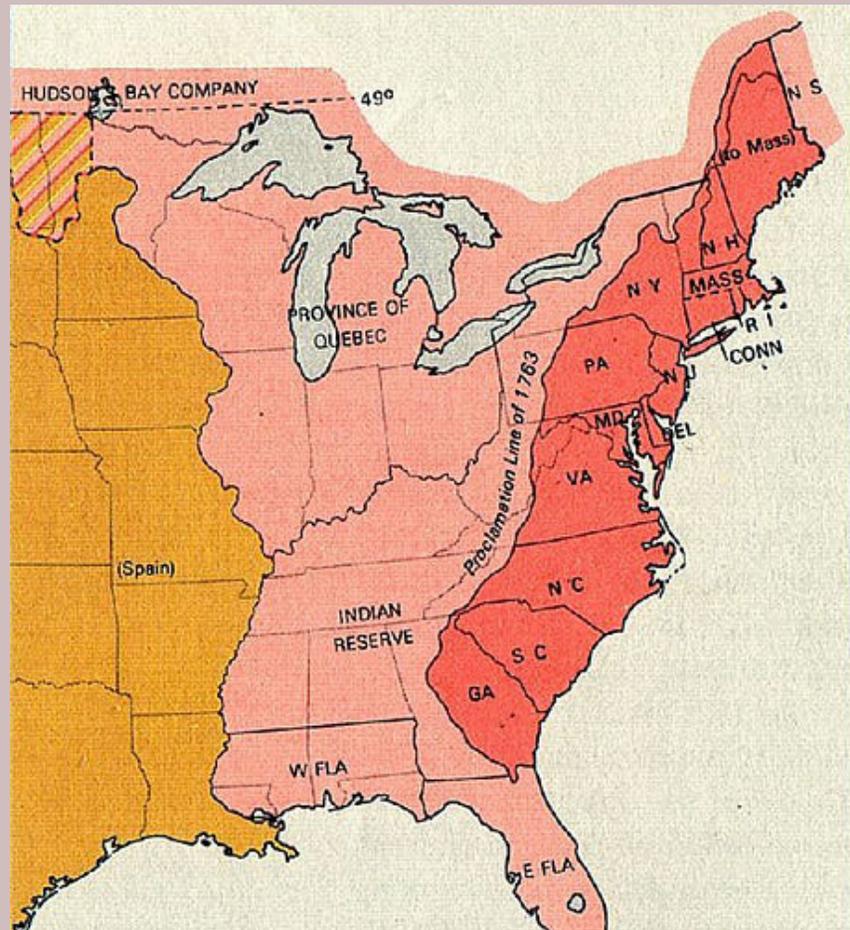
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# Colonies in 1775

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- Population of 2.5 million in 1775
  - 500,000 enslaved people
- Diverse
- Population centers: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Newport, Charleston



# Economy

- Regional economies
  - New England
  - Middle Colonies
  - Upper South
  - Lower South
- Trade
- Self sufficiency

# Mercantilism

- British Crown views the colonies as resource for raw materials
  - Controlled trade
  - Grew Crown's wealth
- Limits growth of wealth in colonies
- Tension

# Events leading to Revolution

# Taxation

- British Crown in debt after Seven Years' War and French and Indian War
  - Wars ended in 1763
- Needed to raise revenue from thirteen colonies
  - Revenue or Sugar Act of 1764
  - Stamp Act of 1765
  - Townshend Acts of 1767

# Escalation

- Boston Massacre - 1770
- British Crown sought to subdue Colonies
  - Tea Act of 1773
  - Coercive Acts of 1774
- Bolstered Patriot cause



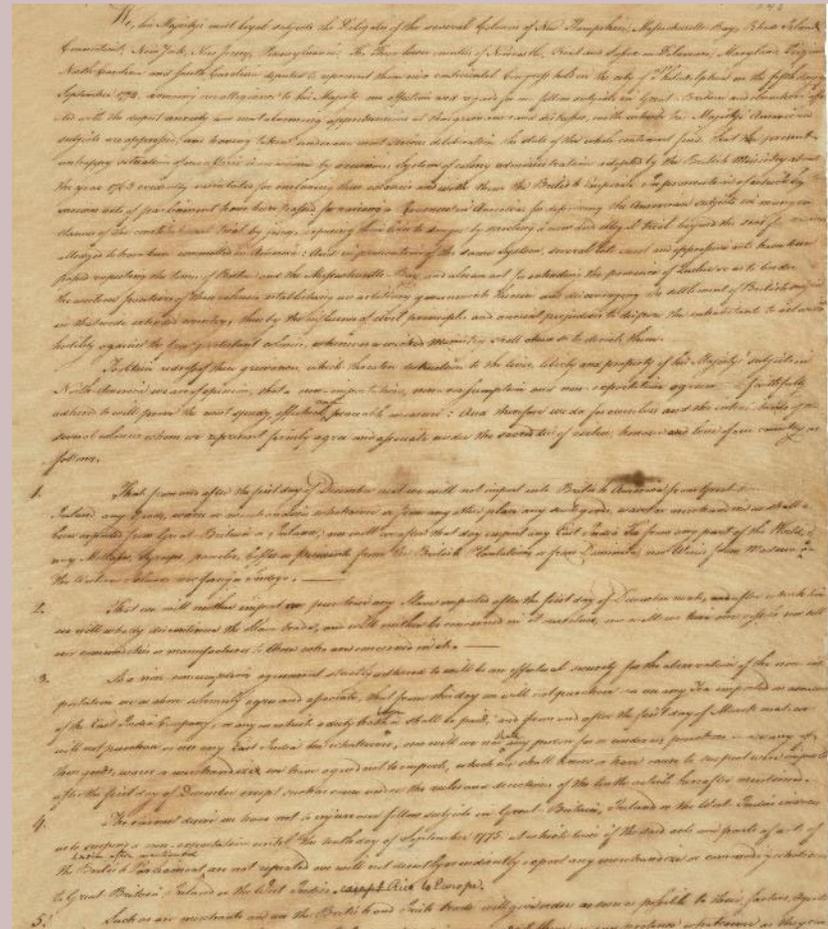
*Americans throwing the Cargoes of the Tea Ships into the River,  
at Boston*

# First Continental Congress

- Delegates from twelve colonies meet on September 5, 1774 in Philadelphia
- Adopt Articles of Association
  - No importation of British goods
  - No consumption of British goods
- Local committees established to enforce the Association

# Articles of Association

- Those found guilty of subverting the Association were publicly renounced
- Names published in newspapers
- Publicly slandered



# Emergence of Loyalists

- The Articles of Association were seen as catalyst
- Forced colonists to take a side
- Two groups emerged
  - **Whigs:** Supporters of Patriot cause
  - **Tories:** Supporters of British Crown

# Battles of Lexington and Concord

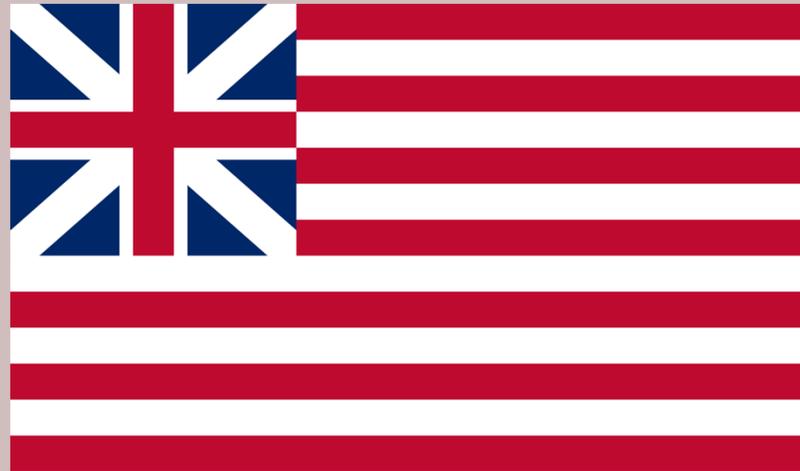
- April 19, 1775
- Outbreak of war



# Patriots and Loyalists

# Patriots

- Individuals who wanted independence from British Crown
- Also known as Rebels, Continentals, and Yankees
- Hailed from all social and economic groups

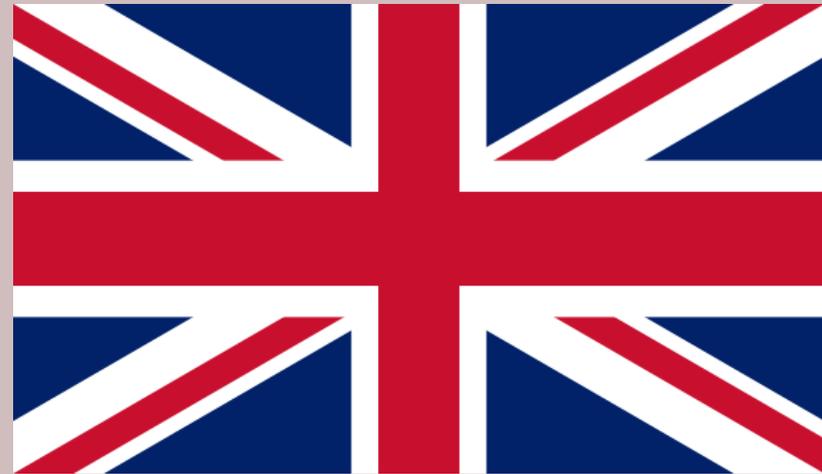


# Reasons for Rebellion

- Republicanism
  - Liberty
  - Equality
  - Civil rights
- Self-determination
  - Self-governance
  - Autonomy
- Economic independence

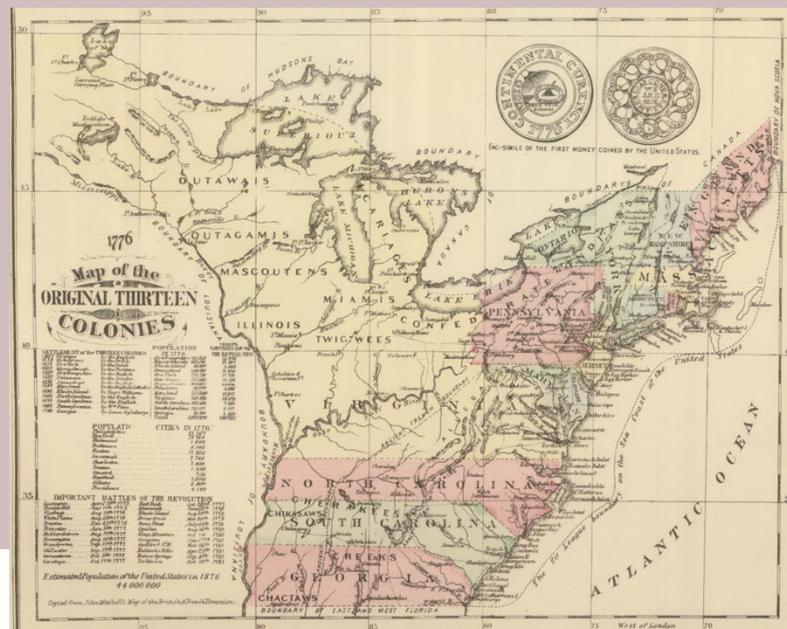
# Loyalists

- Individuals who remained loyal to the British Crown during and after the American Revolution
- Also known as Tories and Royalists
- Later referred to as Refugees



# Loyalists

- Lived in all thirteen colonies
- Hailed from all social and economic groups
- Roughly 15-20% population identified as Loyalists



# Loyalists

- Native Peoples
  - Iroquois
- People of color
  - Black Loyalists
- New Immigrants
  - Great Britain
- Scotch Irish
- Descendants of Dutch settlers



*Joseph Brant*

# Reasons for Loyalty

- Identified as British subjects
  - Morally wrong to oppose the British Crown
- Politically conservative
- Family ties to the British Crown
- Business relationship with the British Crown
- Personal advantage to remaining loyal
  - Property owners

# Reasons for Loyalty

- Employed by the British Crown
  - Clerks, officials, etc.
- Saw Patriot cause as radical
- Former soldiers who served in British Army
- Newly arrived immigrants from Britain
- Personal reasons

# Was my ancestor a Patriot or a Loyalist?

# Establish Profile

- Confirm parentage
- Identify family group (siblings, spouse, etc.)
- Determine residences
  - *When* did they live there?
- Research associates
  - Neighbors, business associates, etc.
- Learn about community

# Important Questions

- What were the affiliations of your ancestor's family and neighbors?
  - Parents, siblings?
- What was their occupation?
- Where did your ancestor live **before, during, and after** the American Revolution?

# Peter Earle

- **Born:** in the 1740s to Enoch Earle and Grietje Van der Hoef
- **Siblings:** Lawrence Earle, Cornelis Earle, Dorothy Earle
- **Residence:** Bergen County, New Jersey
- **Married:** Rachel Ackerman on 7 April 1767
- **Occupation:** Blacksmith

# Study Family and Associates

- Henry Ackerman, Abraham Ackerman, Jacob Roome
  - Peter Earle purchased land from these men
- Ackermans are likely relatives of Rachel (Ackerman) Earle
- An Abraham Ackerman and Jacob Roome settled in Maritime Canada after Revolutionary War
  - Same men?



# Peter Earle

- Where was he **before, during, and after** the American Revolution?
- **Before: 1771** - New Barbadoes Township (Hackensack)
- **During: ?**
- **After: 1786** – Shelburne County, Nova Scotia

- Property of Peter Earle confiscated in March 1779
- New Barbadoes Township,
- Bergen County
- Listed alongside other Loyalists

State of New-Jersey, **W**HEREAS inquisition has been found and final judgments entered thereon in favour of the State of New-Jersey, against the following persons, viz. David Peck; David Blauvelt, Theunis Blauvelt, John Ryckman and Samuel Peak, of Herrington township, Abraham Van Buskirk, Albert Zabriskie, Joost Earle, Edward Earle, William Van Allen, John Pearfall, Cornelius Van Horn, John Spear, John Pell, Peter Goelet and Henry Marsh, of Hackinsack township, Daniel Isaac Brown, Henry Roome, Peter Earle, Stephen Rider, Thomas Gardner, William Sorrell, Daniel Jiffop, James McCollaugh, Hendrick Lutkins, John Lutkins, John Myers, William Kingland, jun. Charles Kingland, Abraham Van Emburgh and James Van Emburgh, of New-Barbadoes precinct.— NOTICE is hereby given, that the houses and lands, and all the real estates belonging to the afore-mentioned persons, will be exposed to sale at public vendue, and that the sales will begin at the place of David Blauvelt, in Herrington township, Tuesday the 20th of April next, and to continue from day to day, and from place to place, until they are all sold. Attendance will be given in or near the premises of each person, and a more particular description of the places given; also deeds to the purchasers, agreeable to act of Assembly, by

*James Board,*  
*Hendericus Kuyper,*  
*Garrst Lydecker,* } Commissioners.

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*The New Jersey Gazette – 10 March 1779*

**Earle, Edward** of Hackensack, Bergen Co. **Memorial** NB, 1786. He was obliged to quit his estate and take refuge within British lines where he served as a Capt. until the peace. He came with his Regt. to St. John in company with his brother Justus Earle. **Claim** for 140 acres at Hackensack owned jointly with his brother Justus. *Evidences*: Deposition 7 August 1786 Bergen Co. by Peter Zabriskie and Joost Zabriskie, freeholders, that they know a lot of 140 acres there owned jointly by the claimant and Joost Earle: they have assessed its value. Bill of indictment and inquisition. (12/16/177, 63/81, 109/136; 13/18/4-6, 14).

**Earle, Justus** of Hackensack, Bergen Co. **Memorial** Fredericton, NB, 1786. He fled within British lines with his brother Edward Earle in November 1776 and served in his brother's Regt., coming with them to St. John. **Claim** for a farm of 140 acres in Hackensack owned jointly with his brother Edward; 24 acres and a house in the same, *Evidences*: Deposition 8 August 1786 Bergen Co. by Weart D. Banta and Jacob Lazin that they have appraised the goods left by the claimant on his farm. (12/16/181, 63/81, 109/136; 13/18/1-3, 7, 9, 15-19),

 **Earle, Peter** of Hackensack, Bergen Co. **Memorial** Shelburne, NS, 1786. In 1776 he left home to join Cornwallis's Army and resided in different places within British lines. He was at NY until the evacuation and now lives with his family at Tusket River, Shelburne Co., NS. **Claim** for a farm near Hackensack, formerly in the estate of Jacob Roome, which was divided into small lots and disposed of by lottery, granted to the claimant on 4 May 1773 by William Eagles and his wife Anne; a lot granted 13 September 1773 by Henry Ackerman; a lot granted on 22 February 1774 by Jacob Roome; a house and town lot in Hackensack granted on 4 May 1771 by Abraham Ackerman and his wife Mary; blacksmith's tools, etc. *Evidences*: Deposition 27 February 1786 Shelburne by William Sorrel and Richard [Ackerman] that they were neighbours to the claimant in Hackensack for a considerable time before the war and have appraised his estate. (13/25/145-151).

## American Migrations

Tip

Not all Loyalists!

# Not all Loyalists

- Acadians
- Scottish
- Irish
- Germans
- New England Planters



# QUESTIONS?

**Did my ancestor  
serve?**

# Establish Profile

- Confirm parentage
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- Determine residences
  - *When* did they live there?
- Research associates
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# Age

- Was your ancestor the right age to serve?
- Average age of soldier was late teens to mid-thirties
- Birth years *can* range from early 1700s to 1760s



Tip

Make a timeline!

# Make a Timeline

- Birth, marriage, death
- Include residences
  - Census
  - Land transactions
  - Tax
- Include *who* they interacted with
- View data in a new way

# Patriot Resources

- Service records
- Pensions
- Bounty land records
- Censuses and Pension Rolls
- Manuscripts
- Town records
- Published state sources
- Lineage society records
- Published military sources

# Service records

- Muster rolls
- Payrolls
- Inspections
- Provisions
- Miscellaneous records

# Where can I find these records?

- United States, Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, 1775-1783
  - Abstracts
  - NARA M881
- Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783
  - Originals
  - Continental Troops and State Troops
  - NARA M246
- FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, Fold3.com



# US, Revolutionary War Service Records, 1775-1783

Records: 431,818 · Complete: 100%

People, Records, Places, Dates, or Service Number...



## OVERVIEW

## BROWSE

## DESCRIPTION

## Summary

These are compiled service records for the regular soldiers of the Continental Army, and for the militia, volunteers, and others who served with them. The records are arranged under the designation "Continental Troops" or a state name, then by organization, and then alphabetically by a soldier's surname. Records consist of card abstracts of entries relating to each soldier from original records. Also included are regimental lists including muster rolls, pay lists, and caption cards.

## Description

by Craig R. Scott, CG

This series of images consists of more than compiled military service records of soldiers who served in the American Revolutionary War. They include service records for the Continental Army, State Troops, and some state and local militias. They include the service records of infantry, artillery, cavalry, and other units. Also included are records that relate to the unit, rather than to the individual soldier.

A typical infantry regiment in the Continental Army, generally referred to in this series as a regiment or battalion without the designation "infantry," might contain field officers, such as a colonel, lieutenant colonel, and major; a regimental staff, including an adjutant, quartermaster, surgeon, surgeon's mate, paymaster, and chaplain; and eight to ten companies. Cavalry companies were frequently called troops. Artillery companies included specialized soldiers, such as bombardiers, gunners, and matrosses. Artificers were civilian or military mechanics and artisans employed by the Army to provide necessary services. Artificer companies included carpenters, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, harness makers, coopers, nailers, and farriers.

## Related Publications

[US, Revolutionary War Service Records - Navy, 1775-1785](#) >

[US, Revolutionary War Service and Imprisonment Cards, 1775-1778](#) >

[US, Service Records of Volunteers, 1784-1811](#) >

[US, Pennsylvania Revolutionary War Battalions and Militia Index, 1775-1783](#) >

[US, Massachusetts, Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1801](#) >

[US, Revolutionary War Manuscript File, 1775-1790's](#) >

[US, Revolutionary War Prize Cases - Captured Vessels, 1776-1787](#) >

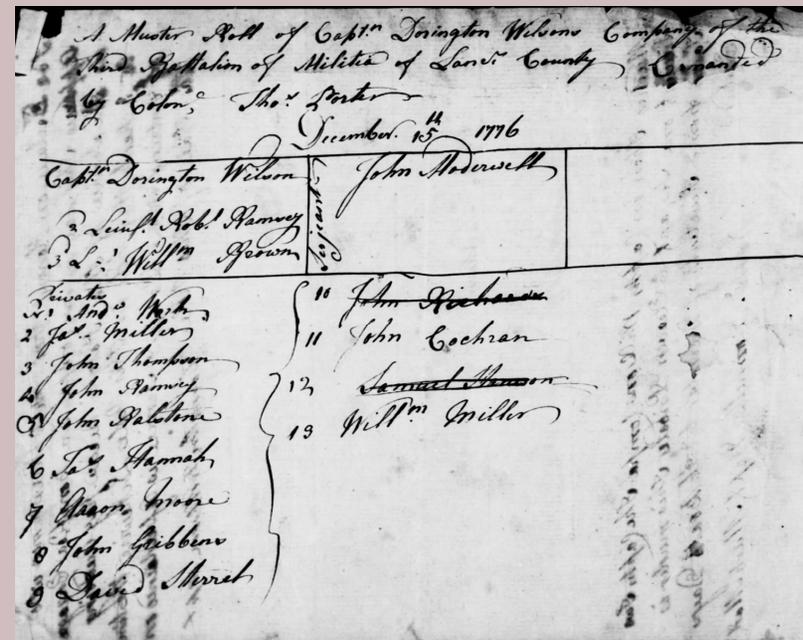
[US, Numbered Record Books, 1775-1790](#) >

[US, Pennsylvania Veterans Card](#) >

<https://www.fold3.com/publication/470/us-revolutionary-war-service-records-1775-1783/description>

# Muster Rolls

- A list of members of a unit
- Prepared monthly, quarterly, etc.
- Records ranks of members







*Subsistence Money due to the Men from the Commencement of their Service till the 1 day of Aug.*

Names	Commencing Service	When drawn Provision	N Weeks	Pay per Week	Amount
John Burnden	April 28	May 8	2 Weeks 3	at 10 <sup>cts</sup> 1/2	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
John Galt	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
John Duffield	ditto 22	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 2	ditto	1 4 10 <sup>cts</sup>
James Harrison	ditto 25	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 1	ditto	1 2 10 <sup>cts</sup>
Robert Adams Long	ditto 28	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
William Little	ditto 28	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
John Galt	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
John Wilson	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
Hugh Knapdalls	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
David Webb	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
James Mills	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
James Thomson Jun <sup>r</sup>	ditto 10	ditto	3 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 13 10 <sup>cts</sup>
James Thomson Jun <sup>r</sup>	ditto	ditto	3 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 13 10 <sup>cts</sup>
Robert Boyd	ditto 21	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
John Thomas	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
John Starr	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
Alexander Gray	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
Alexander M <sup>r</sup> Nitt	ditto	ditto	2 d <sup>o</sup> 3	ditto	1 5 10 <sup>cts</sup>
Andrew Simpson	ditto 13	ditto	3 d <sup>o</sup> 4	ditto	1 18 10 <sup>cts</sup>
Alexander Gambell	ditto 24	ditto	1 d <sup>o</sup> 6	ditto	18 3
David Webb	ditto 30	ditto	1 d <sup>o</sup> 6	ditto	12 3
John M <sup>r</sup> Donnell	May 1	ditto	1 d <sup>o</sup> 6	ditto	10 8
Samuel Doucy	April 25	ditto	1 d <sup>o</sup> 6	ditto	19 9 3/4

The data on this part of the roll will be added to cards of same men borne above  
By direction of the Board  
E.H.L.

20	15	9 1/4
428	12	8
3	9	4
432	2	0
	5	4
New York Currency		
Error in July <sup>th</sup> pay from the 1 <sup>st</sup> June to the 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug <sup>st</sup>		
discount for Over Charge in 1 <sup>st</sup> Pay from the 1 <sup>st</sup> June		
New York Currency		
Total the Subsistence of the Men which must be settled with the Auditors		
28	15	9
403	0	11

Dollars 100<sup>th</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> 57<sup>th</sup>

I have examined the above and find it right and that there is due to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Barnes for his Company One thousand Seven Dollars <sup>57</sup>/<sub>100</sub> exclusive of Subsistence which is to be settled with the Auditors

Mr. Patrick Kelly  
Auditors Office August 13 1778 There appears to be due on the above pay Roll the Sum of One thousand and Seven Dollars and fifty seven hundredths parts of a Dollar

Tip

Check state records!

# State Sources

- Perform exhaustive search
- Check state muster rolls
- State Archives
- United States Revolutionary War Rolls –  
Inventory
  - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United States Revolutionary War Rolls - Inventory](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/United_States_Revolutionary_War_Rolls_-_Inventory)

# Censuses and Pension Rolls

- 1813 Pension Roll
- 1818 Pension Roll
- 1820 Pension Roll
- 1835 Pension Roll
- 1840 Census of Pensioners

# 1840 Pensioner Census

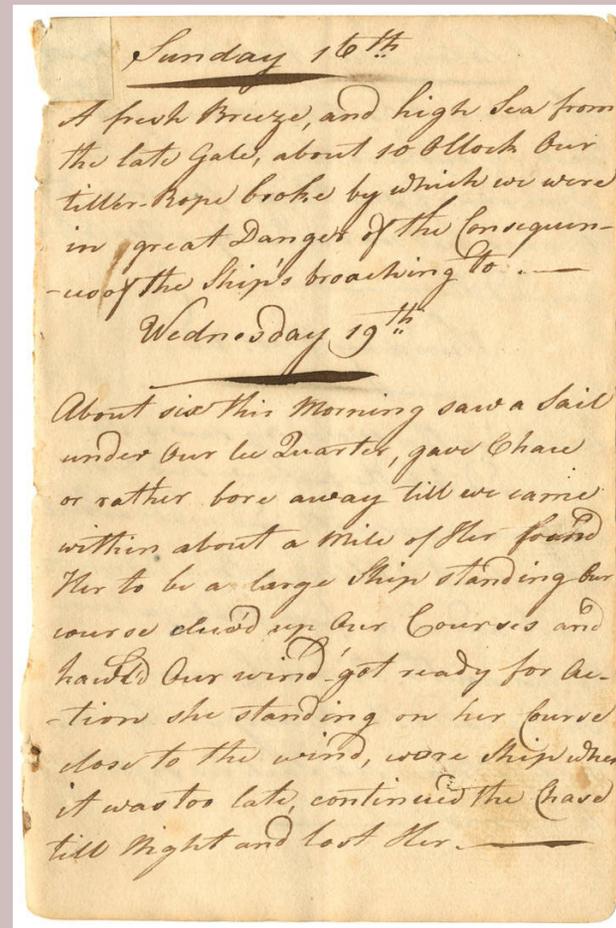
- 1840 US Federal Census
- Name
- Residence
- Age
- Widows

112 CENSUS OF PENSIONERS.  
PENNSYLVANIA—EASTERN DISTRICT.

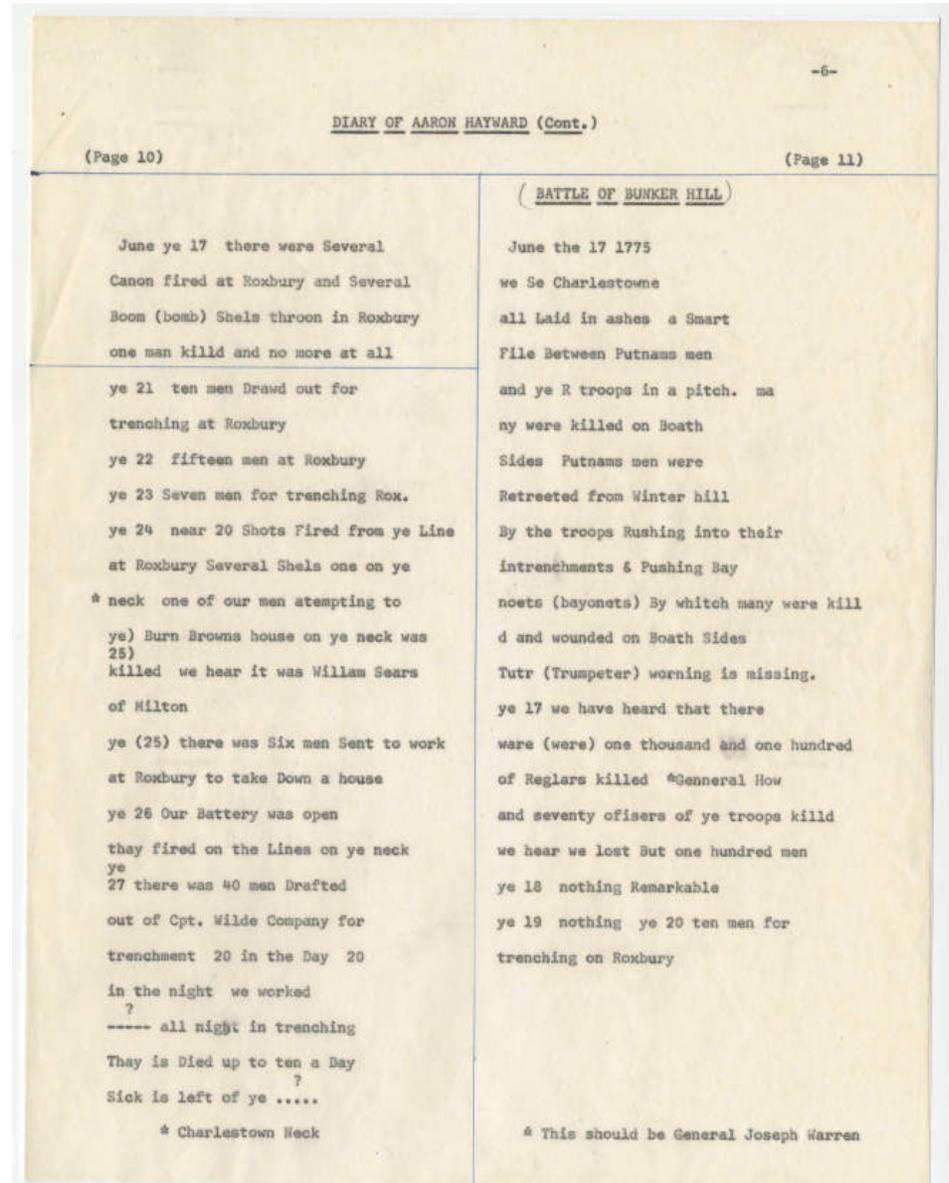
Names of pensioners for revolutionary or military service.	Age.	Names of heads of families with whom pensioners resided June 1, 1840.	Names of pensioners for revolutionary or military service.	Age.	Names of heads of families with whom pensioners resided June 1, 1840.
<b>ADAMS COUNTY.</b>					
HAMILTON BAZ.					
Captain David Wilson	89	Captain David Wilson.	John Ervhart	81	
Joshua Hildner, sen.	77		Simon Link	82	
MOUNT PLEASANT.					
Michael Chupadale	91		Jacob Walter	84	
FRANKLIN.					
Joseph Chamberlin			Conrad Fry	83	
READING.					
William Johnson	80		John Yeager.		
<b>BUCKS COUNTY.</b>					
SOUTHAMPTON.					
John Scott	60		Frederick Glass	87	
SERRAVALLE.					
Andrew Ott	103		<b>CHESTER COUNTY.</b>		
BOYLESTON.					
Blasius Lacy	75		WEST GALE.		
Nathan James	75		James Brown	79	John Calwell.
Andrew Demison	84		William Monte, sen.	84	William Monte, sen.
Joseph Conrad	78		John Byres	86	John Wilson.
SERRAVALLE.					
Marin Hettlinger	78		Thomas Rankin	66	Thomas Rankin.
NEWTON.					
William Willett	75		Bortick Hargis	88	Jacob Strrett.
Nathaniel Barrows	55		Alexander Neisbit	85	Mary Robinson.
NOCKLICKEN.					
Thomas Casard	84	Thomas Casard.	Charles Wallace	79	Edmund Taylor.
Benjamin Hawkins	89	Benjamin Hawkins.	WEST FALLOWFIELD.		
Andrew Shall	85	Andrew Shall.	William Walker	48	William Walker.
SUNNYSIDE.					
Robert Besy	78		WEST HARTFORD.		
SUNNYSIDE.					
Michael Fuchsmaul	84	Michael Fuchsmaul.	Anthony W. Hayman	55	John Miller.
SUNNYSIDE.					
Christian Huber	84	Christian Huber.	WEST VINCENT.		
WEST ROCKHILL.					
Adam Ribbert	86	Adam Ribbert.	Lewis Hargis	82	Lewis Hargis.
SUNNYSIDE.					
Henry Heff	82	Henry Heff.	James Thomas	83	James Thomas.
<b>BERKS COUNTY.</b>					
Michael Spies	73		Evan Evans	82	Evan Evans.
Subasian Aligar	83		COVENTRY.		
Peter Shiloh	78		Jacob Zombor	80	John Fyer.
Aaron Wright	78		Colonel Caleb North	87	Colonel Caleb North.
Henry Swin	78		Philip Nimco	80	Jacob Nimco.
Christian Miller	85		SCOTTSVILLE.		
William James	79		William Jones	49	William Jones.
Joseph Shable	84		CHARLESTOWN.		
John P. Nagle	83		Thomas Solby	81	Matilda Carter.
MAXTAWNT.					
Henry Giles	75		Jacob Wisner	78	Jacob Wisner.
Frederick Rower	83		VERDYSBURG.		
Jacob Wink	82		Elizabeth Howell	82	Elizabeth Howell.
Philip Noyes	84		Sarah Woodman	81	William S. Woodman.
Christian Smick	75		LONDONSBURY.		
GREENWICH.					
Andrew Camp	84		Carwell Gardner	84	George Thomas.
George Hagley	82		EAST NOTTINGHAM.		
Peter Buge	80		James All.	82	Levi K. Brown.
WINDSOR.					
Nicholas Grate	81		James A. Dremers	88	William Collingworth.
RICHMOND.					
Henry Stibe	71		James Ewing	88	John Allen.
John Haisa	—		George Radolph	60	William W. Lyle.
SUNNYSIDE.					
Andrew Camp	84		EAST OXFORD.		
George Hagley	82		Peter Fry	85	James Rose.
Peter Buge	80		<b>CUMBERLAND COUNTY.</b>		
WINDSOR.					
Nicholas Grate	81		WEST HARTFORD.		
RICHMOND.					
Henry Stibe	71		Jacob Hefebower	85	Michael Fishburn.
John Haisa	—		Philip Lehnhart	79	Benjamin Thompson.
SUNNYSIDE.					
Andrew Camp	84		EAST PENNSYLVANIA.		
George Hagley	82		Peter Besy	78	Peter Besy.
Peter Buge	80		CARLETON.		
SUNNYSIDE.					
Andrew Camp	84		James Henson	83	
George Hagley	82		Archibald London	86	
Peter Buge	80		Michael Tanco	65	

# Manuscripts

- Diaries
- Correspondence
- Account books
- Orderly books
- Family papers



- May – June 1775
- Battle of Bunker Hill
- Eyewitness description
- Adds context to your ancestor's service



## Diary of Aaron Hayward

# Orderly Books

- Official record of a company
  - Orders
  - Discipline
  - Movements
- Administration
- Prisoners
- Camp life

Lt. Col. Barber.<sup>60</sup> Do. for Baggage Guard, Lt. Col. Pray. For Brigadier Major, Weatherspoon.

The Surgeon General is to give papers to all persons in his Department.

Two Officers from those Regiments who have Sick in the Hospital nigh Camp to attend the Same for the purpose pointed out in the Order of Yesterday. A Orderly Serg't to be appointed to Each Company to take a List every Morning of the Sick belonging to it & report them to the regimental Officer of the day, who is to make a General Report to the Surgeon of the Regiment. The Orderly Serg'ts to attend the Surgeon, distribute the medicines & do every thing necessary according to his Orders. A proportionate Number of Women to the Sick of Each regim't to be Sent to the Hospital at Mendham & Black River, to attend the Sick as Nurses.

When Ever prisoners are sent to the Provost the Evidence against them to be inserted in the Charge which will save much unnecessary trouble & delay.

The General Court Martial whereof Col. Marshall was President is dissolved & another General Court Martial to sit to-morrow morning 9 O'clock at the usual place (Gen'l Waynes' Brigade) to try such prisoners as shall be brought before them—all evidences to attend. Colonel Stephens is appointed President of the Court.

—  
HEAD QUARTERS, June 18th, 1777.

G. O.

Timothy Pickering, Esq're is appointed Adjutant General to the Continental Army. He is to be obeyed & respected as

<sup>60</sup> Francis Barber appointed major third New Jersey battalion February 9, 1776; promoted lieutenant colonel of the second establishment, November 28, 1776; lieutenant-colonel Third New Jersey regiment from June 1, 1777; and commandant to January 6, 1783; killed by the falling of a tree in camp at New Windsor, New York February 11, 1783; served as sub-inspector on the staff of General Steuben April 1, 1778; adjutant-general to Lord Stirling; aid to General Sullivan; deputy adjutant-general to General Green; severally wounded at the battles of Monmouth, and wounded at the battles of Newtown and at the siege of Yorktown.

such. The General begs Col. Connor to accept this Thanks for his Obliging & punctual discharge of the Office for the Time he acted in it.

—  
HEAD QUAR'S M. BROOK, June 19th, 1777.

G. O.

Major Gen'l for to-morrow, Stephens. Brigadier General for to-morrow, Woodford. Field Officers, Col. Malmarlie and Major Heth. Brigade Maj'r, Tarling.

The Quarter Master of each Reg't is to draw provision for such sick as remain with the regim't for which purpose they are to be included and their Numbers ascertained in each Provision Return the Commissary will supply them with fresh meat when on hand.

The General Court Martial now Sitting will proceed forthwith to the Trial of Major Peers, Brigade Major to General Weedon, arrested by order of Colonel Spotswood for refusing a true & just return of his Regiment, and sending him an insulting message by his Adjutant, all Witnesses to attend.

—  
CAMP MIDDLE BROOK, June 20th, 1777.

GEN'L ORDERS.

Major General for to-morrow, Green. Brigadier-General for to-morrow, Conway. Field Officers, Col. Dayton<sup>61</sup> and Major Davis. Brigade Major, Witherspoon.

General Wayne's Brigade is to practise with actual firing this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Each Captain or Commanding Officer of a Company is to make out an immediate Sign'd Roll of his Company according to which his Men are ever to be drawn up & when formed in two Ranks, the shortest Men are ever to be plac'd in the front, by which means the firing will be rendered rapid & the effect more certain. The Commander-in-Chief approves the following Sentences of a General Court Martial, held the 18th & 19th Inst's, when Col. Stevens<sup>62</sup> was President, &

<sup>61</sup> Colonel Elias Dayton, of New Jersey; promoted brigadier-general.

<sup>62</sup> Colonel Ebenzer Stevens of the New York artillery regiment.



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	Paid Sd Smith for Going to Enlist David Hunt & to Pass Muster -	6	0		
	Paid Sd Smith for 4 Sheets of Paper	1	6		
	Paid Sd Smith for 8 Pounds of Beef for the Widow Urin -	4	0		
		373	01	1	2
(101)	Paid Lieut Jonathan Brown for Boarding Mattha Urin 3 weeks -	8	0	0	
	Paid Sd Brown for 2 bushels & 1/2 of Corn for the Widow Urin -	10	0	0	
	Paid Said Brown for 5 Pounds of Pork for the widow Urin -	5	0	0	
	Paid Said Brown for 10 Days tending the Emptary of Stock & Land -	2	5	0	0
	Paid Said Brown for Carrying a School Dame to Almsbury -	6	0	0	
	Paid Benjamin Brown in Part of the Sum Voted by this Parish for two months & 1/2 Service in the war 1777 -	4	10	0	0
	Paid Gacchew Clough in Part of the Sum Voted by this Parish for two months & 1/2 Service in the war 1777 -	4	10	0	0
	Paid Dudley Merrill in Part of the Sum Voted by this Parish for two months & 1/2 Service Done in the war 1777 -	4	10	0	0
	Paid Manoah Scribner in Part of the Sum Voted by this Parish for two months & 1/2 Service Done in the war 1777 -	4	10	0	0
	Paid John Hoyt in Part of the Sum Voted by this Parish for two months & 1/2 Service Done in the war 1777 -	4	10	0	0

151					
	Paid Joshua Abbott in Part of the Sum Voted by this Parish for two months & 1/2 Service Done in the war 1777 -	4	10		
	Paid Elisha Smith for Enlisting into the three year Service for this Parish -	30	0	0	0
	Paid Gacchew Clough for Enlisting into the three year Service for this Parish -	32	5	6	0
		092	19	6	0
	Paid Ezekiel Godfrey for the Contract of 30 Dollars 6 months -		5	3	0
	Paid Est Emosh Brown for abatement of Rates -		1	0	0
	Paid Capt Nathan Brown for Expenses on Parish meeting Day -		1	4	0
	1778 then Examined the Selectmens acct. March and find Due to the Parish -		19	11	3
	the 9 which the new Selectmen have Received -				
	Received of Dec <sup>r</sup> Stephen Sleeper twenty Shillings for Refusing to Serve Constable for the year 1778 -		1	0	0
(102)	March Due to Elisha Cook for which Sd 9 <sup>th</sup> 1778 16 or 19 has a note from the Parish -		52	10	0
	Due to Joshua Nimball for which he has the Parishes Security -		4	10	0
	Due to Ezekiel Godfrey for which he has the Parishes Security -		11	16	0
	also the Contract of these notes about six months -				

# Fremont, New Hampshire

# Published state sources

- Transcribed military records
- Profiles of soldiers
- Many compiled late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

REVOLUTIONARY WAR ROLLS 141

[151] [Capt. John Stark's Company, under Capt. P. Allen]

A Pay Roll of Capt. John Stark's Company, commanded at this time by Capt. Parmelee Allen in Col. Gideon Warren's Regiment of Militia, for service done in defence of the United States to the northward frontiers, allowing at the rate of fifty shillings per month for each man's pay for the State of Vermont.

NAMES	Entered	Return- ed home	Days	Total
Parmelee Allen	Nov. 6	Nov. 16	11	0 18.9
Saml. Willard	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Joel Harmon	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
David Comstock	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Nathl. Harmon	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Ezekiel Harmon	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Philip Read	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Timothy Allen	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Simeon Barton	" "	" 12	7	0 11.6
Lemuel Clark	" "	" 16	11	0 18.9
Gideon Adams	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Abel Castle	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Caleb Allen	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Joseph Willard	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
David Cassel	" "	" 12	7	0 11.6
Benajah Stark	" "	" 16	11	0 18.9
John Stewart	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Chauncey Abbot	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Nathan Chassel	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
John Bark Hartwick	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Justus Allen	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
James Haskins	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Elisha Gilburd	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Jedediah Read	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Joseph Lawrence	" "	" "	11	0 18.9
Eldad Curtis	" "	" 12	7	0 11.8
Obadiah Winters	" "	" "	7	0 11.8
John Blanchard	" "	" 16	11	0 18.9
David Gilmore	" 16	" 12	7	0 11.8
				£ 24 18.4

1775; Captain, Second Battalion, First Establishment, May 10th, 1776; Captain, Second Battalion, Second Establishment, November 29th, 1776; retired September 26th, 1780.

EDGAR, DAVID. First Lieutenant, Fourth Battalion, Second Establishment, November 28th, 1776; First Lieutenant, Captain Lyon's company, ditto, February 17th, 1777; Captain, ditto; resigned; Lieutenant, "Sheldon's Regiment, Light Dragoons," Continental Army; Captain, ditto, November 27th, 1778; discharged at the close of the war; also First Lieutenant, militia.

FAULKNER, WILLIAM. Captain, Second Battalion, First Establishment, November 13th, 1775; died April 25th, 1776.

FLAHAVEN, JOHN. Second Lieutenant, Captain Daniel Piatt's company, First Battalion, First Establishment, December 16th, 1775; Second Lieutenant, Captain Conway's company, First Battalion, Second Establishment, November 29th, 1776; prisoner of war, April 22d, 1777; Captain, First Regiment, September 26th, 1780; resigned.

FLANNINGHAM, (or FLANAGAN), SAMUEL. First Lieutenant, Captain Shrip's company; Third Battalion, First Establishment, February 9th, 1776; First Lieutenant, Captain Dickerson's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment, November 29th, 1776; Captain, ditto; retired; also Major, militia.

FOREMAN, THOMAS M. Captain, Continental Army.

GASTON, ROBERT. Captain, Fourth Battalion, Second Establishment, November 28th, 1776; declined; also Captain, militia.

GIFFORD, WILLIAM. Second Lieutenant, Captain Bloomfield's company, Third Battalion, First Establishment, February 7th, 1776; First Lieutenant, ditto; Captain, Third Battalion, Second Establishment, November 29th, 1776; Captain, Third Regiment; prisoner of war, January 30th, 1780; resigned.

GORDON, WILLIAM. Second Lieutenant, Captain Ross' company, Third Battalion, First Establishment; First Lieuten-

ant, ditto; Captain, Third Battalion, Second Establishment, November 29th, 1776; resigned.

HEARD, JAMES. Cornet, "Lee's Legion," Continental Army, April 1st, 1779; Lieutenant and Paymaster, ditto, February 1st, 1780; Captain, ditto; discharged at the close of the war.

HEARD, JOHN. Lieutenant, "Moylan's Regiment," Continental Army, January 20th, 1777; Captain, ditto, February 8th, 1778; also Second Lieutenant, militia.

HELMS, WILLIAM. Ensign, Second Battalion, First Establishment, November 7th, 1775; Lieutenant, Captain Shaw's company, ditto, December 25th, 1775; Second Lieutenant, Captain Brearley's company, Second Battalion, Second Establishment, November 29th, 1776; First Lieutenant, Captain Luce's company, ditto, February 5th, 1777; Captain, ditto, December 1st, 1777; Captain, Second Regiment, September 26th, 1780; Major by brevet; discharged at the close of the war; also Captain, militia.

HENDRY, SAMUEL. Ensign, Captain Lawrie's company, Second Battalion, First Establishment, November 27th, 1775; Second Lieutenant, ditto, September 5th, 1776; Second Lieutenant, Captain Stout's company, Second Battalion, Second Establishment, November 29th, 1776; First Lieutenant, Captain Anderson's company, ditto, February 5th, 1777; Captain-Lieutenant, Second Regiment; Captain, ditto, to date July 5th, 1779; discharged at the close of the war.

HENNION, CORNELIUS. Ensign, Captain Potter's company, Third Battalion, First Establishment, February 7th, 1776; Second Lieutenant, ditto, July 19th, 1776; First Lieutenant, Captain Gifford's company, Third Battalion, Second Establishment, November 29th, 1776; Captain, ditto; severely wounded at Short Hills, New Jersey, June 26th, 1777, and discharged on account of wounds, April 1st, 1778.

HERRON, JAMES. Captain, "Congress' Own Regiment," Continental Army.

# Lineage Society Records

- Daughters of the American Revolution
  - Ancestor Search
  - Applications
- Sons of the American Revolution
  - Patriot Research System
  - Applications

# Loyalist Sources

- Service records
- Manuscripts
- Property confiscations
- Property claims
- Newspapers
- Land grants
- Pensions
- Published military sources
- Lineage society records

# Service Records

- **Provincial Corps:**  
Loyalist *colonial* forces
- **British Army:** English, Welsh, Scottish, Irish soldiers, etc.



# Service Records

- Not in one centralized location
  - Gregory Palmer, *A Bibliography of Loyalist Source Material in The United States, Canada, and Great Britain*
  - The National Archives at Kew
  - Library and Archives Canada
  - <https://www.royalprovincial.com/index.htm>

# Manuscripts

- Ward Chipman Fonds (1754-1844)
  - Library and Archives Canada
- New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island
- Land grants, muster rolls, provisions, settler returns

<b>Loyalists in the Maritimes — Ward Chipman Muster Master's Office, 1777–1785</b>
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<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/loyalists/loyalists-ward-chipman/Pages/loyalist-maritimes-ward-chipman.aspx>

# Property Confiscations

- Confiscation laws
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  - Redistribution of wealth
- Newspapers
- Land records
- Court records



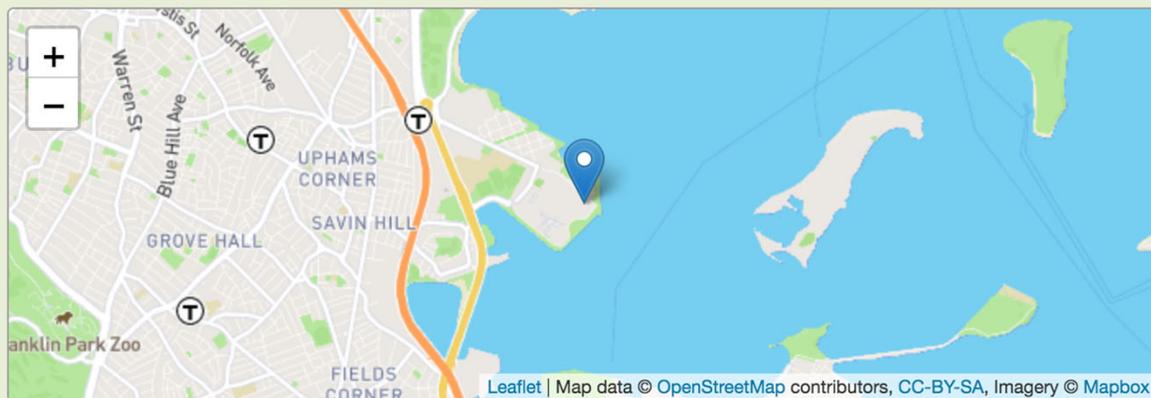
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# Record of the Committee for the Sale of Estates of Absentees in Suffolk County, 1781-1785

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Proceedings, 1774-1775  
Massachusetts Provincial Congress  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Archives

Indian conference files, 1692-1780  
Massachusetts Office of the Secretary of State

# Property Claims

- Peter Wilson Coldham, *American Loyalist Claims*
  - Archive.org
  - Ancestry.com
- American Loyalist Claims Commission
  - The National Archives at Kew

- Prior residence
- Activities during war
- Current residence
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To the Honorable Colonel Dundas and J. Pemberton Esquire, Commissioners, appointed by Act of Parliament, to enquire into the Losses and Services of the American Loyalists &c &c &c

The Memorial of Peter Earle a Loyalist from the Province of New Jersey, most humbly

Sheweth

That your Memorialist resided in the Town of Hackensack, County of Bergen and Province of East New Jersey, at the Commencement of the late Rebellion - His Attachment to the British Constitution induced him to embrace the earliest Opportunity to get within the British Lines, accordingly in the Year 1776 When His Majesty's Troops under the Command of the Earl of Cornwallis first entered New Jersey, he joins them and took an active part against the Rebels, being obliged to leave his property to their Mercy, and sustained a Loss in the same, agreeable to the annexed Articles, since which he has resided in different places within the British Lines but chiefly at New York until the Emigration of the Loyalists into Nova Scotia, He among others came to Port Roseway and is now, with his family, living at the Tusket River, Shelburne County, -

Your Memorialist doth not at this time appear, being unprovided with Vouchers from the States, which, he is informed it is necessary for him to produce at the time of his Examination, -

Your Memorialist therefore prays, that his Claim may be lodged and his Case taken in Consideration as early as possible and that under your Report he may be enabled to receive such Aid and Relief as his Losses may be found to deserve -

And as in duty bound, he shall ever pray -

Shelburne 22<sup>nd</sup> Feby 1786

Peter Earle

## Peter Earle Claim

*Schedule of the Real Estate of Peter Earle formerly of Bergen County in the Province of New Jersey, a suffering Loyalist, whose whole Property Real and Personal, hath been confiscated by the Laws of the State of New Jersey, and sold or otherwise disposed of under those Laws for the use of said State; which said Peter Earle is now an Inhabitant of and Settler upon Lands on the River Tusket, in the County of Shelburne in his Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia -*

No.	Title	Date	King's Sign	Grantors	Grantees	Consideration	Situation	No. of Acres	Valuation at an improved Rate & Price	Amount in New York Currency
1.	Bargain and Sale	4 May 73	Geo: 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wm Eaglefs and Anne his Wife -	Peter Earle	£57-	Near the Town of Hackensack, formerly part of the Estate of Jacob Roome, which said Estate was divided in small Lots and disposed of by way of Lottery to the Grantors here mentioned; this present Lot is distinguished by No. 3	5	£13	£65 " 0 " 0
2.	Do	13 Sept 73	Geo: 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Henry Aukerman	Do	£60	Do and distinguished by No. 1	5	do	65 " 0 " 0
3.	Do	22 July 74	Geo: 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jacob Roome	Do	£46 " 5	Do and distinguished by No. 2	5	do	65 " 0 " 0
4.	Do	4 May 71	Geo: 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Adr. Aukerman and Mary his Wife	Do	£170	In the Town of Hackensack; A Town Lot Dimensions reference to the Deed; a dwelling House on it, when purchased by the Claimant; His Improvements afterwards a Barn and Repairs			205 " 0 " 0
									Total value No. 4.	£395 " 0 " 0
									Equal to, a Dollar $4\frac{1}{6}$	£222 " 3 " 9 Sterling

*That Two hundred and Twenty two Pounds, Three Shillings and Nine Pence Sterling, valuing a Dollar at  $4\frac{1}{6}$*

## Peter Earle Claim

# Newspapers

- Loyalist newspapers
  - Declarations of support for Crown
- Property confiscations
- Movements

- List of Loyalist Charleston residents
- Offering Lord Cornwallis congratulations for victory after Siege of Charleston in spring of 1780

The South-Carolina and American General Gazette

T H E  
SOUTH-CAROLINA AND AMERICAN  
GENERAL GAZETTE.  
Vol. XXIII. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1780. NUMB. 1105.  
CHARLESTOWN: Printed by JOHN WELLS, jun. at his PRINTING-OFFICE, No. 71, TRADD-STREET.

To the RIGHT HONOURABLE  
CHARLES EARL CORNWALLIS,  
Lieutenant General of His Majesty's Forces,  
Gc. &c. &c.

The humble ADDRESS of divers Loyal  
Inhabitants of CHARLESTOWN.

WE the Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of Charlestown, having ourselves disappointed in the expectation we entertained of your Lordship's returning thither to this capital, whereby we are precluded of personal access to your Lordship, take this opportunity, through the intervention of the Commandant, of tendering to your Lordship, our joyful congratulations on the total defeat and dissolution of the Rebel Army, by his Majesty's forces under your command.

When we reflect on the deflation and ruin with which this Province was threatened, by the cruel razing of a formidable and menacing enemy, we think ourselves fortunate that we had no idea of our danger, until we were effectually relieved from it by the glorious victory obtained by your Lordship: wherein the interposition of a prevailing Providence is evident; which inspires us with gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe; and at the same time, excites in our minds, a due sense of the manifold obligations we have to your Lordship, for your distinguished conduct and courage, so eminently conspicuous in the accomplishment of that great event; which has rescued this Province from impending destruction, and in its life advantageous to our most precious Sovereignty and the British Empire, thus honorable to your Lordship; and when Fame will transmit to the latest posterity, with that tribute of praise and admiration your Lordship has so justly merited on this important occasion.

Although a prevailing Faction inherited our excellent condition, and established a democratic kind of government in its stead; yet, as that arbitrary system of rule was annihilated by the fureur of this capital, and subversion of the country, every member of the community had an indubitable right to confide his own happiness; and as the People in general, induced by their predilection and veneration for the old Constitution, have made an explicit declaration of their allegiance, and availed themselves of the protection of that Government under which they formerly enjoyed the highest degree of civil and political liberty, as well as facility in their properties, we cannot but consider the late attempt of Congress to judge the wisdom of this Province to their tyrannical domination, an additional proof of their rebellious ambition, and of the wicked necessities of the contemptible remains of that execrable Faction, who have so recently exercised a despotick and lawless sway over us; and we trust, that every other hostile experiment, by the goodness of God, and your Lordship's vigilance and animated endeavours, will be rendered equally futile.

That Heaven, propitious to your Lordship's active zeal in the service of your King and country, may crown your future exertions with success, and incline our detestable Ruler Colonies to partake of those blessings, of which we have so fair a prospect, are the sincere and ardent wishes, not only of us, but we are persuaded, of every other loyal Inhabitant of Charlestown.

September 14th, 1780.

James Simpkins Robert Williams Powell Alexander Wright William Poper Edward Legges, jun. William Greenwood Richard Cole Charles Johnson William Grezie John Wells, jun. Thomas Coram John Walters Gibbs Robert Philip James Hartley Alexander Rufe Alexander Inglis John Wragg Edward Kerwick James Stuart Francis Saunders George Cooke John Rufe Hugh Rufe, jun. Edward Oats	Thomas Hutchison Robert Wilson Samuel Wilson William Giles Robert Williams, jun. John Davies Thomas Winslaney Thomas Hieppe Robert Lindley William Lindsay John Thompson Alexander Rantowle John Moodie Robert Johnson Charles Ashkin John Wagner Lewis Leitarjette Christopher William Samuel Clarke Abraham Pearce John Mier Daniel Grattan James Courtenay, Snr.
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GENTLEMEN,

It gives me great pleasure to be assured by you, that my conduct has merited the approbation of the loyal inhabitants of Charlestown. I shall always endeavour, to the utmost of my abilities, to contribute to the honour and prosperity of your King and Country, and to the relief of His Majesty's loyal Subjects in America, from the cruel and oppressive tyranny under which they have so long and so feverently suffered.

I have the honour to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your most obliged,  
And most obedient, humble servant,  
CORNWALLIS.

Charlestown, N. Carolina,  
October 3d, 1780.

Stopped from a Negro,  
A SLVER WATCH.

Any person proving it to be their property, may have it again, paying for this advertisement, and applying to  
WILLIAM HARDY,  
No. 25, King Street.

European Intelligence.

LONDON, JULY 8.

It will not immediately occur to the mind of every reader that he, who would thoroughly comprehend the danger of the late rebellious insurrection in this City, must travel back near a century and a half—seek for a moment turn to former troubles, which, though far more furious in their consequences, were, at the instant, much less alarming, perhaps, than those whereof we have been unhappy spectators, whereby so many have been wretched sufferers. To learn the cause of this insurrection, which popular tyranny is lately imported over the country by the English, remaining here in Dominions, we must know the real power of that popular cry—“No Papists No Pay!”

*See Memoirs, &c. contain the History of the English Revolution.*

The period to which we must go back, is the reign of our first Charles; and, in that reign, to the beginning of the commotions. It may be worth observing, that all historians who lived near that age, or, what perhaps is more decisive, that all authors, who have casually made mention of those publick transactions, all represent the civil disorders and convulsions as proceeding from religious controversy; and consider the political disputes about power and liberty as entirely subordinate to the whole. The absurd and extravagant imaginations of men were agitated with a continual cloud of Popery. The fantastical spirit, let loose, conducted all transactions, fillety, interest, and every other passion, and every civil obligation. Never was there a people less enured by vice, or more assisted by principle, than the English, during that period; never were there individuals who possessed more capacity, more courage, more publick spirit, more disinterested zeal. The insurrection of the people, too large a population, and corrupted all these noble principles, and converted them into the most wretched passions. And are we on the present day, proof against the same diabolical ingredient? Is humanity already placed the fantastical days of Cromwell? Shall not we guard against the same policy, by means whereof have already discovered themselves still more violent? We must consider about the danger from which we have escaped; to be about the necessity of our watching, night and day, over the embers, till every the most insidious spark shall be extinguished.

July 11. The civil combustion of the Puritan Ambassador's returning home has been to variously relate, as to have induced our correspondent to make an enquiry into the truth, which seems to be, that he is to go to Berlin, on his own private Affairs, and will certainly return to London again by the middle of November at the latest.

The Lord Chancellor's health is to be established, as to have made him give over all thoughts of a Journey to Down this Summer; his Lordship yesterday held the Third General Seal in Lincoln's Inn Hall, and seemed perfectly recovered from his late indisposition.

The Earl of Danmore has had orders to hold himself in readiness to embark for Virginia, government hoping that Province will soon return to its allegiance to this country.

Extract of a Letter from Capt. William Garret, to Mr. James Bland, and Co. owners of the Virginia privateer, dated P. R. O. Lond. June 19, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

I take this opportunity to inform you, that on the 18th instant I fell in with two large ships, which we took to be loaded, and came them under Belliside, and as one of them got under the battery, we bore down on the other, which we soon began to attack, in doing which we began to suspect we had got into a very disagreeable situation, but were too far advanced to retreat; therefore kept down upon her, and received three broadsides without any great damage, retiring our fire until we found it absolutely necessary to engage, as we were to prevent the other ship, if possible, from taking on, she having bore away for that purpose. Thus after two hours continuation with the Mexican of 36 guns and 100 men, and the Revenge, of 40 guns, and 150 men, (with King's fire ships) we obliged to surrender on a full alarm of our magazine being on fire; our ship having from four to five feet water in the hold, her foretop and yard hanging in two pieces, her mainmast wounded, and in short her hull, rigging, and sails much battered; and was very much damaged, from the destruction we were in when we struck, that we had but one main-mast, and seven women's, all but two or three of which were disabled. It is impossible for me to do justice to our people's behaviour, some of whom, when we had struck, lay down by their guns, and shed tears from downy cheeks;—We have lost all but what we bring on us, otherwise we were tolerable well treated while on board, with it was till this morning, when they landed us in this place, from whence we are to set out on the 25th to travel to St. Mary, in order to be exchanged, and have for company the Duke's crew, and the crew of a Jersey privateer, all like this week.

We had but two persons who's behaviour during the action I am sorry to say, was exceptionable.

Extract of another letter from Capt. Warren, dated Barbadoes, 25th 27th, 1780, to the owners.

GENTLEMEN,

I wrote you the 19th ult. advising you in a particular manner of our being taken on the 18th inst. after an action of two hours with a frigate of 36 guns, and 100 men, and one or two 24 guns and 150 men, in which we had one man killed, and fourteen wounded, and our vessel battered

# Lineage Society Records

- United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC)
  - Loyalist Directory
  - Different branches
  - Publications

# QUESTIONS?

# Migrations during and after the War

## Loyalist migration within Colonies

- Moved to a different region within home colony
  - Some banished
- Migrated to another colony
  - Protection amongst more Loyalists
  - Opportunity to participate in war effort
  - Banded together to protect interests
  - Loyalist culture – plays, concerts, balls, etc.

# Protection

- British Government assumed duty of protecting some Loyalists
- Some Loyalists settle near British executive headquarters
  - New York City



# British Army

- Many Loyalists joined the British Army
- Loyalist regiments formed
  - Most known as Provincials
- Various regiments raised by individuals
  - Butler's Rangers



# Firsthand accounts

- Robert S. Allen, *An Annotated Bibliographic Guide to the Writings on the Loyalists of the American Revolution*, (Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1982)
- William Matthews, *American Diaries in Manuscript, 1580-1954*, (Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Press, 1974)
- William Matthews, *American Diaries: An Annotated Bibliography of American Diaries Prior to the Year 1861*, (Boston: J.S. Canner, 1959)

# Treaty of Paris of 1783

- Acknowledgement of the United States
  - Britain relinquishes all territorial claims/property
- Established boundaries of United States
- Prisoners of war released by both sides
- Prevent future confiscations of Loyalist property



# Migrations

- Altered economy
  - New economic opportunities
- Migrations north, south, and west
  - Long-settled areas crowded
  - Less land
- New territories
- Land speculation



# Land Ordinance of 1785

- Legislation passed to establish rules for Public Domain lands
  - Survey
  - Sale
  - Settlement
- Townships divided into 36 one-mile square sections
- Sections of each township reserved
  - 16 for support of public school
  - 8, 11, 26, 29 reserved for future sales

# Loyalists

- Offered refuge by British Crown
  - Land grants
- Migrated to Canada, Great Britain, Caribbean during and at the close of the war
- Established new communities

# Loyalist Migrations

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## Loyalist Migrations Dashboard

The Loyalist Migrations Dashboard visualizes the migrations of thousands of Loyalist families. Research provided by the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

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## Loyalist Migrations Base Data

Explore the loyalist migration paths and events used to populate the dashboard.



### [Loyalist Migrations](#)

The Loyalist Migration paths summarize the journey of each...

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### [Loyalist Migration Events](#)

The Loyalist Migration Events mark the location and details of...

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The Loyalist Map summarizes the events and overall migration...

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### [Loyalist Basemap](#)

Basemap for Loyalist Migrations project maps and associated...

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<https://loyalistmigrations-westernu.opendata.arcgis.com/>

# Conclusion

- Establish profile
  - Where did they reside?
  - Who did they affiliate with?
  - Where did they reside *after* the American Revolution?
- Examine primary and published sources
  - Don't forget manuscripts!
- Stay organized!

# QUESTIONS?

**Schedule a consultation**

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# Revolutionary War Research: Tracing Patriot and Loyalist Ancestors 2025

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## CLASS TOPICS

**April 2 – Class 1: Getting to Know Your Revolutionary War Ancestor**, Sheilagh Doerfler

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