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Adams, Samuel	MA	9/27/1722	Boston, MA	53	Merchant	2	2	10/2/1803	81
Bartlett, Josiah	NH	11/21/1729	Amesbury, MA	46	Physician	1	12	5/19/1795	65
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Matthew Thornton

1714-1803

Representing New Hampshire at the Continental Congress



by Ole Enckson, Engraver c.1776. Library of Congress

- Born:** 1714
- Birthplace:** Ireland
- Education:** Physician
- Work:** Appointed surgeon to the New Hampshire Troops, 1745; Member of the Provincial Assembly, 1758-62, ??-1775; Colonel of the Londonderry Militia, Londonderry Town Selectman, 1763-75; Londonderry Committee of Safety, 1775, 76; Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Associate Justice of the Superior Court, Delegate to the Continental Congress, 1776.
- Died:** June 24, 1803

Matthew Thornton was born in Ireland in 1714. His parents emigrated to America when he was three. They first settled at Wiscasset, in Maine, but soon went to Worcester, Massachusetts, where Mathew received an academic education. He became a physician, and in 1745 was appointed surgeon to the New Hampshire troops in the expedition against Louisburg. He later held royal commissions as justice of the peace and colonel of militia. His medical practice was very successful and he acquired much land, becoming a leading member of the community in Londonderry. There he held many local offices while also representing Londonderry at the

Provincial Assembly. Thornton eventually became President of that assembly. As a member of a local



Civil Service

Types of Civil Service

- State Officials – Provisional or new state governments
- County and Town Officials
 - Examples: Selectman, Judge, Sheriff, Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk

Town Record Minutes

- Record the business of the town, including elected officials
- Town records date back to when the town was first incorporated

64 Continued by a Adjournment wednesday next at four o'clock after noon then
 then met voted that the Assessors make a rate by the last left to pay the public
 obligations in hard money given them by the Selectmen to be paid at the
 End of the six months Service Davias Smith Moderator

Sept 9th 1780 A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hadley on Monday
 the fourth Day of September 1780 at one o'clock after noon at the
 Meeting House in S South Hadley for the Purpos of Choosing Governor
 Lt Governor Senators and voted as follows viz

Hon ^{ble} John Hancock 112	} Governor
Hon ^{ble} James Bowdoin 1	
Hon ^{ble} Tho ^s Cushing 22	} Lt Governor
Hon ^{ble} James Bowdoin 17	
John Bliss of Wilburham 25	} Senators
Sam ^l Mather of Westfield 28	
Caleb Strong Northampton 29	
Josh Goodman South Hadley 27	
Joseph Hawley Northampton 5	
Jonath ^h White of Springfield 2	
Timothy Tapscott Brimfield 7	
Ruggles & Woodbury South Hadley 1	
Isaac Rogers Deerfield 2	
Davis Nash South Hadley 1	
John Worthington Springfield 1	
Timothy Robinson Granvil 1	

Town Records, South Hadley, Massachusetts, 9 Sep. 1780

Locating Town Records

- Many are digitized on FamilySearch.org. They can be found under the town in the catalogue.
- Ancestry.com has some town records under their Town and Vital Records databases
- For town records not online, contact the Town Clerk to ask for access to their early collections.
- Many are kept in the town's vault for safe keeping and may be restricted.

Town records, 1648-1851

Authors	Marblehead (Massachusetts). Town Clerk (Author) Marblehead (Massachusetts). Town Clerk (Added Author)
Format	Microfilm 35mm
Language	English
Publication Date	1971
Publisher	Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah
Place of Publication	Salt Lake City, Utah
Physical	3 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.
References	(Digital Collection) Massachusetts, Town Clerk, vital and town records, 1626-2001

Notes

Includes proceedings of town meetings, tax rolls, lists of those available for jury duty, misc. records, publishments, 1742-1746.

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Patriotic Service

Acts of Patriotic Service

- These acts cannot be self-serving
- Service could only be rendered to the Patriots
- This can be one act or a series of actions demonstrating loyalty to the American cause

Examples of Patriotic Service

- Signing oaths of allegiance to the new government
- Rendering aid to wounded (nurses and doctors)
- Furnishing supplies
- Lending money or munitions
- Ministers giving patriotic sermons
- Paying supply taxes
- Defenders of forts and stations
- Members of Continental Congress, State Conventions and Assemblies
- Membership in committees during the war (ex. Committees of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety)
- Boston Tea Party participants

Patriotic Sermons

- Religion provided a moral sanction for opposing British rule
- Ministers of the Church of England are not eligible – they swore an oath to support the King

Sermon from Rev. Samuel Langdon

Rev. Samuel Langdon – president of Harvard College preached in Watertown, CT, May 31, 1775 (one month after the Battles of Lexington and Concord):

"We have lived to see the time when British liberty is just ready to expire—when the constitution of government which has so long been the glory and strength of the English nation is deeply undermined and ready to tumble into ruins—when America is threatened with cruel oppression and the arm of power is stretched out against New England, especially this colony, to compel us to submit to the arbitrary acts of legislators who are not our representatives, and who will not bear the least part of the burdens which, without mercy, they are laying upon us" (Thornton, John Wingate. *The Pulpit of the American Revolution: or the Political Sermons of the Period of 1776* Boston: Gould and Lincoln, 1860, pg. 235).

Oaths of Allegiance

- 18th century oaths were seen as "sworn promises"
- Most colonies required an oath of allegiance by free males over the minimum age (varied from over 16 to 21 years)
- Prisoners of war and enslaved persons were exempt from taking an oath of allegiance
- Women were not required to take an oath of allegiance unless required in other circumstances (ex. in New York to file a lawsuit)
- Some colonies allowed Quakers to affirm allegiance (Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Oath of Allegiance Example

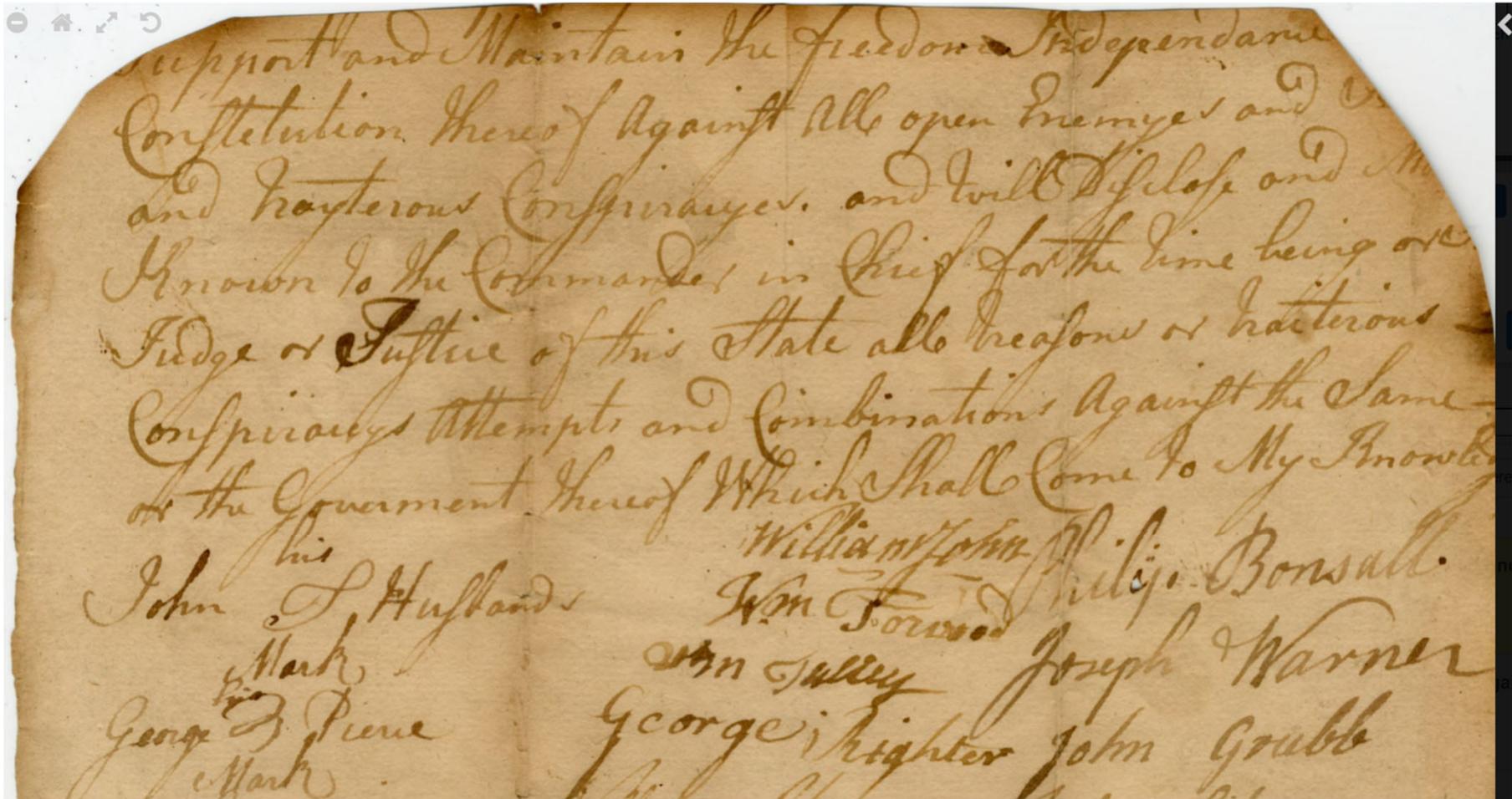
- *“I, -----, do swear (or affirm) that I renounce and refuse all allegiance to George the Third, King of Great Britain, his heirs and successors, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a free and independent state, and that I will not at any time do or cause to be done any matter or thing that will be prejudicial or injurious to the freedom and independence thereof, as declared by Congress; and also that I will discover and make known to some one justice of the peace of the said state all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which I now know or hereafter shall know to be formed against this or any of the United States of America.”*
 - Oaths of Allegiance During the American Revolution 8 May 2021, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

Three Elements of an Oath of Allegiance

- Renouncing allegiance to the King of England
- Promise of allegiance to the state as an independent state
- Commitment to reveal treasons and conspiracies against any of the states

Oaths of Allegiance – Minimum Age Requirements

- Connecticut – Office holders and freemen (over 21)
- Delaware – White males over 21
- Georgia – All men over 16
- Maryland – Free males over 18
- North Carolina – Free males over 16
- Pennsylvania – White males over 18
- Rhode Island – Men above 21
- South Carolina – Free males over 16
- Vermont – Freemen (over 21)
- Virginia – Free born males over 16 (except indentured servants)



Oath of Allegiance, Delaware, 1778,
Delaware Public Archives

Oaths of Allegiance – Massachusetts and Rhode Island

- Massachusetts and Rhode Island oaths did not include an allegiance to a state.
- They required a man to pledge supporting the war against Great Britain.

Oaths of Allegiance - Georgia

- Men were allowed to affirm allegiance
- Officers in high state positions were required to swear an oath of allegiance

Oaths of Allegiance - Maryland

- Also allowed affirmation by Dunkers and Mennonites
- Separate lists were kept of those who swore and those who affirmed allegiance
- 1781 – Permitted Quakers, Dunkers and Mennonites to preach without affirming allegiance assuming they had not manifested a disposition against the state of Maryland
- 1783 – Allowed Methodists to preach without affirming allegiance

Oaths of Allegiance – North Carolina

- Also allowed affirmation by Dunkers, Mennonites, and Moravians
- Men who took an oath of allegiance were allowed to purchase land at 50 shillings/acre
 - 640 acres per single man
 - 640 acres per married man plus 100 acres each for his wife and each child

Supply Taxes

- Congress has no authority to levy taxes. Money and supplies were requested from the states.
- Taxes went towards raising supplies, paying troops, building ships, providing clothing, raising bounty money, providing relief for families of soldiers in service.
- The laws that were passed to levy taxes **must state in the statute** that they were addressing a request of the **Continental Congress and/or to support the war or achieve independence.**
- Each state has different tax assessments that were levied. Consult the DAR and SAR guides on which taxes count for patriotic service.

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KELLY, DARBY

Ancestor #: A064161



Service: NEW HAMPSHIRE Rank(s): PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Birth: CIRCA 1705 IRELAND

Death: 1788 BRENTWOOD ROCKINGHAM CO NEW HAMPSHIRE

Service Source: BATCHELLOR, MISC REV DOCS OF NH, STATE PAPERS, VOL 30, P 19

Service Description: 1) SIGNED ASSOCIATION TEST, BRENTWOOD 1776



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Given Name

Spouse Name

State of Service

Birth Year

Death Year

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 **Darby KELLY/KELLEY** SAR Patriot #: P-342902

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State of Service: NH Qualifying Service: Patriotic Service DAR #: A064161

Birth: abt 1705 // Ireland
Death: 1788 Brentwood / Rockingham / NH

Qualifying Service Description:
Signed the Association Test at Brentwood, NH, 1776 

Additional References:
New Hampshire State Papers, Vol 30, pg 19

Spouse: Sarah Huntoon
Children: Samuel;

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1 William Burrows for bacon do. do.	1 4 "
1 Robert Buckner for wood. Com. do. do.	10 " "
1 Francis Buckner. beef. Op. Law do.	3 2 6
1 Charles Burrows for beef. do. do.	4 11 1/2
1 Ditto for Com. Com. do. do.	18 11
4 Robert Beverly for wheat beef & furnished Com. for Law do. do.	38 11 6
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	Northampton	1782-10-29	1779	700	Beg. at a corner Gum in the Little Swamp		PtBk Unxd
, Durham Leigh	Jones	1782-10-22	1780	200	West side of Joshuas Creek	111	PtBk Unxd
, Elisha Uzzell	Wayne	1786-10-27	1779	280	On the East side of Walnut Creek.	182	PtBk Unxd
-1-, Robert Chaimbers [Chambers]	Rowan	1784-11-04	1780	490	On McConnells Branch of Rockey Creek	1657	PtBk Unxd
-A, Andrew Speer	Surry	1779-09-20	1778	640	On Looneys Branch a draft of Josephs Creek	2	PtBk Unxd
[Frederick] William Marshal [assignee of Michael Houser]	Surry	1783-10-13	1783	672	On the branches of the North fork of Muddy Creek	518	PtBk Unxd
[Isaac Brooks assignee of] Ephriam Brooks	Pitt		1780	200	S. side of Tar River	092	Unxd
[Joab] Jacob Kenion	Perquimans	1783-08-18	1779	181	North West side of Perquimans River	382	PtBk Unxd
[John Steed, assignee of Charles Munhollon]	Randolph	1786-07-24	1779	100	On Little river	290	PtBk Unxd
[Robert Barker, assignee of Samuel Barker]	Randolph	1786-07-24	1778	200	On Millstone Creek deep river waters	293	PtBk Unxd
____ Alexander	Mecklenburg	1775-03-04		94	On the waters of Sugar Creek	2617	PtBk Shuck
4 Slips of paper	Montgomery		1779			0224	Unxd
A. B. Callahan	Rutherford	1778-12-31	1877	94	Waters of Second Broad River	4444	PtBk Unxd
Aaron Arnold	Guilford	1784-11-08	1780	200	On the waters of the Lick fork of Hogans creek	1077	PtBk Unxd
Aaron Arnold	Orange	1780-03-13	1779	100	On the waters of Newhope of Haw River	1211	PtBk Unxd
Aaron Askew	Bertie	1785-09-23	1779	20	Beg. at a gum near run of Canaan Swamp	863	PtBk Unxd
Aaron Askew	Bertie	1785-09-23	1778	400	Beg. at a pine in said Askews corner	889	PtBk Unxd

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STATE GRANT
 Issued by State of North Carolina
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Orange Co. File No. 1211, Aaron Arnold
 Issued 13 Mar 1780 for 100 acres "On the waters of Newhope of Haw River"
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NARRATIVE: Aaron Arnold was issued 100 acres of land on 13 Mar 1780 in Orange County, located "On the waters of Newhope of Haw River". This was recorded in Land Patent Book 42 page 32 as Orange County Grant # 393. The original request for this land was entered on 14 Aug 1779 and assigned Orange County Entry # 866. It took 7 months to issue the grant.

From *PATENT BOOK*
 Issued: **13 Mar 1780**
 County: [Orange](#)
 Grant no.: 393
[Book: 42 pg: 32](#)

From *WARRANT / PLAT*
 Entered: 14 Aug 1779
 Entry no.: 866

Other Identifiers:
 File no.: 1211
 MARS: 12.14.95.1199

Subjects (in archivist order):
 Arnold, Aaron
 New Hope Creek
 Haw River

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 MARS database*

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Book 42 Pages 32-33



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No 393. State of North Carolina
Know (ye) that We have granted to Aaron Arnold One
Hundred Acres of Land in Orange County on the Waters of Middle of Hawk
River adjoining the Land of John Rowle Beginning at a Black Oak
Running thence East sixteen Chains to a Spanish Oak, thence North Twenty five
Chains to a post Oak, thence West Thirty Two and a half Chains to a post Oak
thence South thirty six Chains to a post Oak, thence East sixteen and
and a half Chains to a Stake, thence North Ten Chains to the first Station
To hold unto the said Aaron Arnold his Heirs and Assigns forever.
Dated the 13th day of March 1780.
By his Excellency's Command. J. G. Mason Sec.
J. G. Mason

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Land Grant to Aaron Arnold, 1780, Orange
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GEORGE PILLSBURY/PILSBURY

QUALIFICATION DESIGNATION: Boston Tea Party Participant¹

OCCUPATION: Schoolteacher, mariner²

BIRTH: Likely Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts about 1753.³

MARRIAGE: In Scituate, Plymouth County, Massachusetts on 6 January 1783 to **MARY (POLLY) OTIS**.⁴ She was born around 1761 and died in Boston on 2 December 1842.⁵

DEATH: In Boston on 15 February 1832. Buried in Central Burying Ground.⁶

CHILDREN: All born at Boston.

- i. MARY OTIS PILLSBURY, b. around 1784; d. Boston on 11 Dec. 1860;⁷ m. Cyrus Alger in Boston on 15 Aug. 1833.⁸
- ii. ELIZABETH PILLSBURY, b. around 1788; d. Boston on 14 Dec. 1822;⁹ m. Benjamin C. Phillips in Boston on 3 Sept. 1816.¹⁰
- iii. WILLIAM PILLSBURY, b. around 1793; d. Boston on 10 Aug. 1815; unmarried.¹¹

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Oaths of Allegiance

- In November 1775, an updated oath of allegiance to King George III was created.
- Over 3,000 individuals took an oath of allegiance to denounce the patriot cause and pledged support to King George III

Loyalist Oath of Allegiance

- "I, AB do therefore abjure all their Authority and solemnly promise in the presence of Almighty God to bear faith and true Allegiance to his sacred Majesty George the 3rd and will to the utmost of my power and Ability support maintain and defend his Crown and dignity against all traiterous Attempts and Conspiracies whatsoever".

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CITY DOCUMENT No. 150.

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen, Sep^r. 17, 1777.
Present, Mess^{rs}. Scollay, ——— Greenough, Dorr, Williams.

Gave Mr. John Peck two Certificates for the Judge of Probate of this County, that Richard Smith Merch^t. & Daniel Chismore Commissary General of Stores, have absented themselves from this Town & State & voluntarily joined themselves to our Enemies.

Mr. Dorr appointed to make a change of the Stove in y^e School in Queen Street, the present being insufficient.

[157.] Mr. Preston & Fellows a Comm^{ce}. to view the Hay Engine & Report what alteration in the same & of its situation may be necessary.

Boston Selectmen's Minutes from 1776 through 1786

[163.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for the calling a Town Meeting on Fryday next, 3 OClock P.M.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Dec^r. 26, 1777. Present, Mess^{rs}. Scollay, Wendell, Williams, Austin, Dorr, Preston. Certificates were given that Jonathan Loring Esq., Joshua Loring Jun^r. & Joseph Goldthwait Esq. late Residents of Boston are now absconding & have in the opinion of the Selectmen Join'd our Enemies &c.

Boston Selectmen's Minutes from 1776 through 1786

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Date: July 1, 1771

Source: Boston Evening-Post (published as The BOSTON Evening-Post.)

Place(s) of Publication: Boston, Massachusetts

th-Carolina, and brought Advice that the Regulators who were taken Prisoners with the Loyalists on the 16th died and condemned, and that four had already been executed ; one of whom had

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2. **To Antiministerial Loyalist** page [3], iss. 3495

Date: August 27, 1772

Source: Boston News-Letter (published as THE Massachusetts Gazette: AND THE Boston Weekly News-Letter.)

Place(s) of Publication: Boston, Massachusetts

To Antiministerial Loyalist.

WHEN the Printer of the Boston Gazette shall undertake to advertise any Paragraphs inserted in this Paper, due Notice will be taken by the Printer.

The Sovereign is sacred in his political Character, and every one ought to revere and honor him: It would be the greatest Degree of Hypocrisy in any one to stile himself a loyal Subject, and at the same time call his King and political Father, a Knave, a Fool and an Idiot. This has been the Language of some in England who have the confederate Impudence to profane themselves Friends to the Constitution, and this has been the Language of some fork Professors here, only with this Difference, that the latter cloak their Insolence under the Name of Friends.

Any Person that has a Horse from One to Two Hundred Weights, and will sell off, may hear of a Purchaser by enquiry at the Printers.

WANTED directly A Convenient House, two or three Rooms on a Floor, in an agreeable Part of the Enquire of Mr. FARRINGTON, Bookbinder opposite the South Door of the Town Hall.

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On Friday the 1st instant departed this life, much lamented, after a long and tedious illness, which he bore with great patience, in the 60th year of his age, Mr. SAMUEL JARVIS, a LOYALIST from Stanford, in Connecticut,—and on Sunday evening his remains were interred, attended by a numerous body of the inhabitants of this city, and loyalists from different parts.—He was ever much respected by the circle of his acquaintance, as an honest man, an affectionate husband, tender parent, and sincere friend. He discharged the duties of Recorder in the town of Stanford for many years, in which he gave universal satisfaction, until the commencement of this cruel rebellion, which he early opposed with a patriotic zeal, and ever appeared a firm, unalterable advocate in behalf of his Sovereign and the glorious constitution. His sons, by the persecution of the rebels, were early forced from their possessions, and came within the British lines. Notwithstanding the many and frequent abuses he met with, in person and property, from the banditti, he remained in possession of his farm &c. &c. &c. until about twelve months ago, when his house was surrounded by a mob of rebels in the dead of night, himself, wife, three daughters, and one little son, turn'd out of their beds, stripp'd of every necessary, put on board a rebel

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B O S T O N, July 29, 1776.

Yesterday was carried into Marblehead, taken by the Privateers Hancock, Capt Tucker, and the Franklin, Capt. Skimmer, the ship Peggy, commanded by James Kennedy, mounts six 3 and two 2-pounders, bound from Halifax for New-York—she is one of the fleet of twenty-four sail who came out with transports, under convoy of two men of war, the Renown of 50 and the Flora of 20 guns, having on board a number of troops.—The cargo consists of 75 doz. hosi, 180 yards Irish sheeting, 2 boxes cord, 74 doz. porter, 83 doz. strong beer, 31 tierces salted beef, 6 barrels herring, 24 camp kettles, 5 doz. canteens, 2 doz. kettles with covers, candlesticks and spoons, 2648 mutton hams, 40 doz. Rappee souff, 100 gallons rum, 3884 yards oznabrigs, 12½ doz. claret, 4 barrels flour, 2 kegs barley, 230 doz. red port wine, 50 doz. Sherry, 33 doz. white port wine, 16 doz. strong beer, amounting to £1509-1-9 sterling, and some cash. Also the following Tory gentlemen and ladies, viz. Patrick Reed, Thomas Frazier, Robert Semple, and wife, Elizabeth Burns, John Burns, Abigail Pecit, Thomas Semple, and the pious Benjamin Davis and son, Benjamin Davis, Thomas Pamp, and John Whitehead. The Privateer Warren, Capt. Burk, engaged with another of the fleet, and near taking her, when by some accident she had 3 of her men blown up and 7 wounded, which obliged them to put into port.

Tuesday 2d July put into Halifax a transport ship, having on board a number of the Hessian troops.

The above Tories were brought to Town in a Marblehead Schooner early this morning, and escorted up to Goal; they say they left Halifax near a month ago; that 3 Transports with Hessian troops sailed in Company with them bound to New-York; and that the Day they left Halifax, they saw a Fleet of 40 Sail, which they supposed to be Transports with Hessian troops.

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John Kenney, Esq., was appointed by the town to obtain evidence against the Tories. In regard to five, no action appears to have been taken, but Edward Taylor was so obnoxious that Kenney determined to have him arrested. Taylor, ascertaining the situation of affairs, declared that he would not be taken alive. He made a great display of fire-arms, and it was asserted that he had no less than seven guns in his house at one time; and when he went into the village he was a walking arsenal. Accordingly, Mr. Kenney procured the assistance of Squire Tudor, who had been judge advocate in the Continental army, came to Stoughton, put up at the old May tavern, and in three days, having obtained sufficient evidence, ordered, as the town's attorney, the arrest of Taylor. He was arrested at midnight, and after a vigorous resistance, conveyed into Boston and confined in the guard-house.

Daniel T. V. Huntoon, *History of Canton* (1893)

In 1777 an Act of the General Court obliged the selectmen “to present the names of all those who were unfriendly to the common cause, and had endeavored since the nineteenth of April, 1775, to counteract the united struggles of this, and the United States for the preservation of their liberties and privileges.” Six only were found; namely, William Curtis, Noah Kingsbury, Samuel Capen, Henry Crane, Edward Shale, and Edward Taylor. William Curtis was an East

Stoughton man. Noah Kingsbury was an Episcopalian, and paid his ministerial rates to St. Paul's, Dedham. Samuel Capen was not the Canton man of that name, but was the son of Jonathan and Jerusha (Talbot) Capen; he was born in Dorchester, and died in Stoughton, April 15, 1801. Henry Crane was the son of William and Abigail (Puffer) Crane; he was born May 6, 1719, and married Abigail Lyon, Nov. 29, 1744. He was a warden of the English Church, and its constant friend and supporter. He died Jan. 4, 1804. Edward Shale lived in the Bet Everton house at the time of the Revolution; he was married to Elizabeth Kilpatrick, of Milton, in 1753; he died April 30, 1784. He had a son Edward, who was born Oct. 20, 1754, married in November, 1776, and was in the patriot army. Old Betty Shale lived in the old house until April 23, 1833, when she died in the seventy-sixth year of her age, and so utterly alone that she had no one to follow her to her grave.

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STRONG, Simeon: b. 3/6/1735[6] at Northampton, d. 12/14/1805 at Amherst; Amherst; Yale 1756, lawyer, JP
RM
A 1777

STUART, William: St. George; yeoman
L; St. Andrews, NB
GB

STUDSON, John: Scituate; housewright
RM
guilty inimical trial 1777; J 1777

STURTEVANT,
Josiah: d. 8/1775; Halifax, NS
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Divided Hearts Mass. Loyalists 1765-1790

EDWARD DOUGHERTY

of Boston, where he gained a comfortable livelihood. In September, 1775, he joined the Loyal Irish Volunteers at Boston, under the command of James Forrest (*q.v.*), and served until the evacuation of that town by the British troops, when he went to Halifax and thence to New York. Here he joined a volunteer company and endeavoured to carry on a little business. With his memorial is a schedule of his losses. (A.O. 13/44.)

A certificate of allegiance is signed by Governor William Tryon, of New York, January 24, 1777. Two certificates, signed by Captain Oliver Templeton, of the Loyal New York Volunteers, state that Dougherty joined his company, November 10, 1777, and served until May 11, 1782, while another certificate, signed by James Forrest, states that he joined the Loyal Irish Volunteers in September, 1775. (F.O. 4/1.) In his affidavit of April 12, 1790, Dougherty says that he joined the Associated Loyalists of Boston before joining the Loyal Irish Volunteers. (A.O. 13/98.)

He was granted £20 in 1787, apparently to return to Nova Scotia. (A.O. 12/102, f. 103.) He claimed £432 and was allowed £80. (A.O. 12/109.)

E. Alfred Jones, *The Loyalists of Massachusetts* (1930)

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Connecticut Loyalists

The screenshot shows the CT State Library website. At the top left is the logo with the text "CT State Library Preserving the Past. Informing the Future." To the right is a navigation menu with links: ABOUT, DEPARTMENTS, COLLECTIONS, RESEARCH, NEWS, CONTACT, and SEARCH THIS SITE. Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: Connecticut State Library / LibGuides Home / History & Genealogy / History & Genealogy Indexes / Loyalist Connecticut court records index, 1776-84. There are two search boxes: "Search this Guide" and "Search Guides". The main heading is "History & Genealogy Indexes". On the left is a vertical list of blue buttons for various indexes: "History & Genealogy Indexes", "Articles of Incorporation Index, Secretary of the State, 1837-1945", "Persons of Color Troop Enlistments from Connecticut in the Civil War 1863-65", "Connecticut Courant Index 1764-1799", "Conservators & Guardians, 1699-1900", "Death Records Index, 1897-2001", "Divorces in Connecticut (CT Divorce Index), 1655-1944", "Divorces in Superior Court Record Books 1714-1798", "Fitch's Home for Soldiers, 1882-1936", "Inquests into Deaths, 1711-1892", and "Litchfield County Court African-Americans and Native-Americans Collection, 1753 - 1852". The main content area is titled "Index to Loyalist Connecticut court records, 1776-84". It includes a link "Click here to view this dataset on Connecticut Open Data". The text describes the index covering 1776-84, mentioning 867 individuals and original documents from various courts. It includes a warning: "Please keep in mind that this index is not comprehensive and additional information may be found within the un-separated files and records of each court." It also provides details about the index's content, such as surnames, residences, and court information. A link to "Loyalist Research Guide" is provided. At the bottom, it mentions that people can request copies of files by contacting the staff of the History & Genealogy Unit, and provides a link to "Connecticut State Archives Record Group 003, Judicial Records."

Index to Loyalist Connecticut Court Records, 1776-84

Surname	Given Name	Residence	Year of hearing	Notes	Court	Box number
Shaw	John		1777		New Haven County, Superior Court	Box 305
Roger	Anthony	Norwalk	1777	Transient person	New Haven County, Superior Court	Box 305
Phillips	Thomas	Bolton	1778	Deacon	Windham County, County Court	Box 519
Lyon	Peter	Redding	1776		Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Mead	John	Greenwich	1777	petitions for release of sons	Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Bayley/Bailey	Oliver	New Haven	1777		Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Bell	Isaac	Stamford	1777	see Oliver Bayley/Bailey	Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Leake	John	Stamford	1777	see Oliver Bayley/Bailey	Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Bates	Abram	Stamford	1777	see also Oliver Bayley/Bailey	Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3

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QUESTIONS?

Women's Roles During the Revolutionary War

How did women show patriotic service?

- Making home spun clothes
- Boycotting British goods
- Paying taxes
- Fundraising money for supplies for soldiers
- Battlefield service (camp followers, nurses, military service)

Daughters of Liberty

- Established in 1765
- Organization composed solely of women
- Boycotted British goods and made their own, including homespun cloth

PROVIDENCE, March 12.
On the 4th Instant, Eighteen *Daughters of Liberty*, young Ladies of good Reputation, assembled at the House of Doctor *Ephraim Bowen*, in this Town, in Consequence of an Invitation of that Gentleman, who hath discovered a laudable Zeal for introducing Home Manufactures. There they exhibited a fine Example of Industry, by spinning from Sunrise until Dark, and displayed a Spirit for saving their sinking Country rarely to be found among Persons of more Age and Experience. The Doctor provided an elegantly plain Dinner, and other Refreshments, for the fair Company; but they expended but very little Time in dining, and cheerfully agreed to omit Tea, to render their Conduct consistent.———Besides this Instance of their Patriotism, before they separated, they unanimously resolved that the Stamp Act was unconstitutional,--that they would purchase no more *British Manufactures* unless

Providence Gazette 12 Mar 1766
via Early American Newspapers

Spinning Bees



- Gatherings of women spinning yarn
- The amount of thread and yarn produced at the spinning bees was published in the newspapers

THE following is an Account of the Performances of a Number of Misses at Warren, in this Colony, who, at a late Spinning-Match in that Town, spun in one Day, of good Linen Thread, the Quantities ascribed to their respective Names, viz.

<i>Misses</i>	<i>Sk.</i>	<i>Kn.</i>	<i>Tb.</i>	<i>Misses</i>	<i>Sk.</i>	<i>Kn.</i>	<i>Tb.</i>
Lydia Cockrum,	4	11	0	Patience Miller,	3	11	25
Reb. Easterbrooks,	4	11	20	Roby Thurber,	5	5	0
Anna Easterbrooks	6	4	0	Elizabeth Eddy,	5	8	15
Lydia Turner,	4	2	14	Betty Bowen,	5	4	0
Roby Luther,	4	9	20	Lois Cole,	5	1	36
Lilles Barton,	4	3	2	Rebecca Miller,	3	12	29
Polly Miller,	4	5	0	Nabby Bradford,	4	8	20
Lilles Hale,	4	4	0	Harty Cole,	5	2	34
Patience Hill,	5	4	0	Mary Cary,	4	13	13
Deborah Cole,	5	11	0				
Rebecca Nuning,	4	3	30				
				Total,	96	2	18

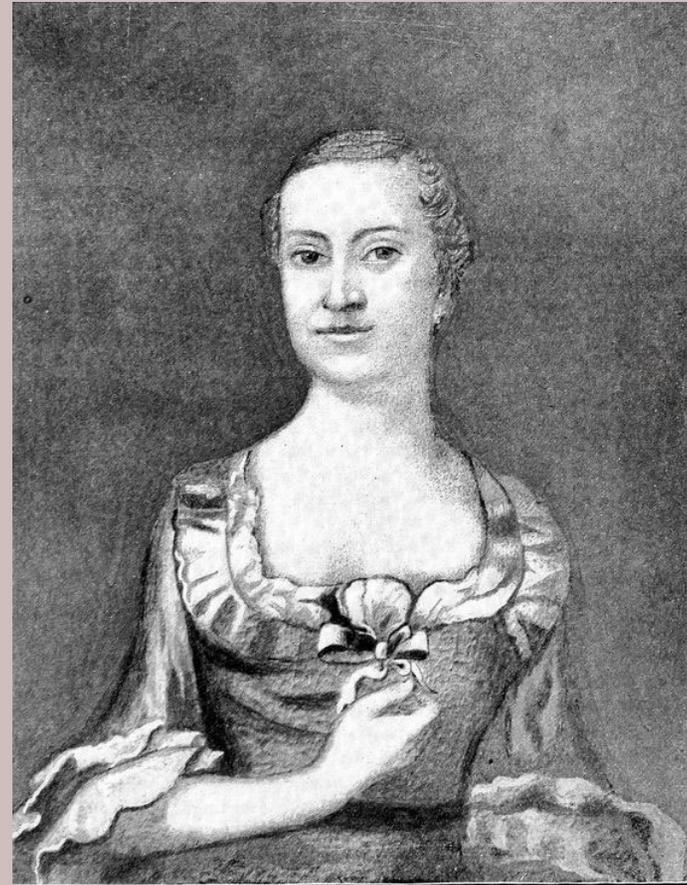
The Newport Mercury 26 May 1766
(Early American Newspapers)

Tea Boycotts

- Foreign tea was not allowed in social gatherings
- "Liberty teas" were made instead from herbs and fruits
 - Labradore tea (also known as Hyperion Tea)
 - Yeepann tea (popular in North Carolina)
 - Raspberry Leaf Tea
 - Indian Lemonade Tea

Edenton Tea Party

- 51 women in Edenton, North Carolina, led by Penelope Barker, met on October 25, 1774
- The women signed a statement of protest to give up tea and boycott other British products



MRS. PENELOPE BARKER.
PRESIDENT OF THE EDENTON TEA-PARTY OF 1774.
[From a portrait in possession of her descendants.]

EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA, October 25, 1774.

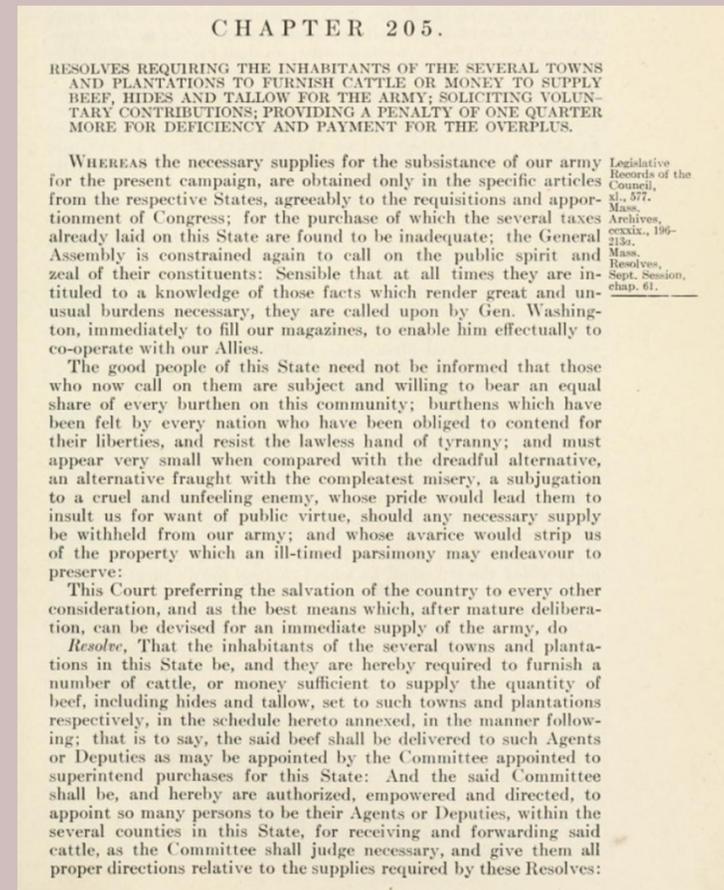
AS we cannot be indifferent on any Occasion that appears nearly to affect the Peace and Happiness of our Country, and as it has been thought necessary, for the publick Good, to enter into several particular Resolves, by a Meeting of Members deputed from the whole Province, it is a Duty which we owe, not only to our near and dear Connections, who have concurred in them, but to ourselves, who are essentially interested in their Welfare, to do every Thing as far as lies in our Power to testify our sincere Adherence to the same; and we do therefore accordingly subscribe this Paper, as a Witness of our fixed Intention and solemn Determination to do so.

ABIGAIL CHARLTON.	MARY BLOUNT.
F. JOHNSTON.	ELIZABETH CREACY.
MARGARET CATHCART,	ELIZABETH PATTERSON.
ANNE JOHNSTON.	JANE WELLWOOD.
MARGARET PEARSON.	MARY WOOLARD.
PENELOPE DAWSON.	SARAH BEASLEY.
JEAN BLAIR.	SUSANNAH VAIL.
GRACE CLAYTON.	ELIZABETH VAIL.
FRANCES HALL.	ELIZABETH VAIL.
MARY JONES.	MARY CREACY.
ANNE HALL.	MARY CREACY.
REBECCA BONDFIELD.	RUTH BENSURY.
SARAH LITTLEJOHN.	SARAH HOWCOTT.
PENELOPE BARKER.	SARAH HOSKINS.
ELIZABETH P. ORMOND.	MARY LITTLEDE.
M. PAYNE.	SARAH VALLENTINE.
ELIZABETH JOHNSTON.	ELIZABETH CRICKETT.
MARY BONNER.	ELIZABETH GREEN.
LYDIA BONNER.	MARY RAMSAY.
SARAH HOWE.	ANNE HORNISLOW.
LYDIA BENNEY.	MARY HUNTER.
MARION WELLS.	TERESIA CUNNINGHAM.
ANNE ANDERSON.	ELIZABETH ROBERTS.
SARAH MATTHEWS.	ELIZABETH ROBERTS.
ANNE HAUGHTON.	ELIZABETH ROBERTS.
ELIZABETH BEASLEY.	

The Virginia Gazette 3 November 1774 (Early American Newspapers)

Beef Tax

- Chapter 205 – Acts and Resolves of the Province of Massachusetts Bay
- Inhabitants of several towns were required to supply cattle or money to purchase beef for the Continental Army



This following Assessment Assessment was made
 By the Assessors of the Town of Chelmsford this
 fourth Day of December 1780
 To Defray the Charges of Raising the Quantity of
 Beef which the Town was Required to procure for the
 Benefit of the Army agreeable to a Resolution of the General
 Court of S. State Passed September 15th 1780

Oleper	Brown	13:10	77:4:6	11:5:11	102:0:6
William	Brown	27:0	9:12:10	2:6:10	38:19:8
Benj ⁿ	Butterfield	13:10	77:4:6	12:6:0	103:0:6
Samuel	Butterfield	13:10	4:0:2	2:16:8	20:6:10
W ^d Leziah	Butterfield	0 0	7:14:4	0:11:9	8:6:1
Simon	Blodget	27:0	77:4:6	9:7:0	113:11:6
W ^d Robert	Bates	13:10	30:16:8	4:2:4	48:9:4
Francis	Bowers	13:10	20:9:1	2:18:11	36:18:0
W ^d Timothy	Clark	0 0	86:16:10	7:16:3	94:13:1
David	Chambers	13 10	0 0 0	1:18:2	15:8:2
Joseph	Chambers	13 10	0 0 0	0 0 0	13:10 0
William	Chambers	13:10	0 0 0	2:1:2	15:11:2
W ^d Rubenah	Dutton	13:10	9:12:10	1:9:0	24:11:10



Chelmsford, Massachusetts 1780 Beef Tax
 (Ancestry.com)

Philadelphia Ladies Association



- Esther Reed, the wife of the President of Pennsylvania, formed the organization in 1780
- The purpose of the women's group in Philadelphia, as stated in their *Sentiments of an American Woman*, was "to contribute as much as could depend on them, to the deliverance of their country."
- Members were the elite, married ladies of Philadelphia

Canvassing

- The city was divided into ten districts as well as one near Germantown
- A team of women was assigned to canvass the district seeking donations from every woman "according to her ability, and her disposition"
- The organization amassed over 300,000 dollars from 1400+ residents

NO. I.—ACCOUNT OF DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE LADIES IN THEIR SEVERAL DISTRICTS FOR THE SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY.

Districts.	By whom collected.	Half Joes.	Moidores.	Galleas.	Louisdors.	Pistoles.	Foreign Coins.	Silver Dollars.	English Shillings.	Pistaroons.	Coppers.	Continental Currency in Dollars.
1. Northern Liberties.	Mrs. G. B. Eyre, Coates, and Mrs. J. B. Smith.			4				16 $\frac{7}{8}$	9	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	6,645,69
2. From Vine to Race Streets.	Mrs. F. Wade.	4		9				15 $\frac{1}{8}$		4 $\frac{1}{2}$		6,600
3. Race to Arch Streets.	Mrs. Hutchinson, Hasenclever, Mrs. Hillegas, Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson.	9		13 $\frac{1}{2}$				46 $\frac{1}{2}$	2			113,095 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Arch to Market Streets.	Mrs. Thompson, Richards, Mrs. J. Blair, and Mrs. T. Smith.	7		11		1		34	1	1	17	19,959 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Market to Chestnut Streets.	Mrs. R. Bache, T. Francis, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. J. Caldwell, and Mrs. B. M'Clenachan.	13		13	2	2		36 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		630,629 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Chestnut to Walnut Streets.	Mrs. S. Caldwell, B. Rush.	11	2	14 $\frac{1}{2}$				6	1	2		816,925
7. Walnut to Spruce Streets.	Mrs. J. Mease, and Mrs. James Wilson.											63,561 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Spruce to Pine Streets.	Mrs. T. M'Kean, J. Searle, J. Mease, Mrs. Dr. Shippen, and Mrs. R. Morris.	10		7 $\frac{1}{2}$		4		20 $\frac{1}{2}$	1			614,300
9. Pine to South Streets.	Mrs. W. Turnbull, and J. Benezet.	8		4		1		6 $\frac{1}{2}$				29,220
10. Southwark.	Mrs. Marsh, Ord, Blewer, Knox, and Penrose.	2						8 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	3		10,145
Germantown and Bettlehausen.	Mrs. H. Hill, Mrs. Hillegas, M. Clarkson, T. Hasenclever, and Mrs.											

Donations Received by the Philadelphia Ladies Association by District, *Life and correspondence of Joseph Reed* on archive.org

NO. III.—A SUBSCRIPTION ENTERED INTO BY THE LADIES OF PHILADELPHIA AS
A DONATION TO THE SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY.

From whom received.	Cont. Dollars.	Hard Dollars.	Guineas.	Half Guineas.	Half Johannes.	Silver Shillings.	From whom received.	Cont. Dollars.	Hard Dollars.	Guineas.	Half Guineas.	Half Johannes.	Silver Shillings.
Mrs. Wade							1 Amount bro't forward	647	5				4
Miss Fanny Wade . .	100						Mrs. Mary Tull	4					
Mrs. Hoffner		1					Mrs. Walker	5					
Mrs. Minick	2						William Hall, for a lady	20					
Mrs. Delap	6						Eliza Larkey	2					
Widow Kaur	80						Cash	3					
Mrs. Valentine	30						Mrs. Wilkison	3					
Mrs. Frances Mitchell	10						Sarah Taney	20					
Mrs. Reid	60						Mary Phillips	10					
Mrs. Catherine Sirge . .	2						Mary Johnes	10					
Miss Jane Rauley . . .	9						Mary Seville	10					
Mrs. Sarah Millar . . .	3						Mary Lape	10					
Mrs. Eliza Boign . . .	10						Sarah White	4					
Mrs. Mary Patterson . .	3						Miss Betty Bryan . . .					1	
Mrs. Mary Gentry . . .	5						Mrs. Sarah Fling . . .	23					
Mrs. Ann Fordam . . .	7						Widow Dior	9					
Mrs. Sarah Jones . . .	10						Mary Lawrence	20					
Mrs. Edith Ross	60						Catherine Braddin . .	16					
Mrs. Mary Bright . . .	60						Mrs. Parker	3					
Mrs. Bright	20						Mary Willing	10					
Mrs. Eliza Faring . . .	7						Mary Dickinson	6					
Miss Hester Duncan . .	2						Mary Fenton	2½					
Miss Ann Bright . . .	10						Kitty Henglinton . . .	5½					
Miss Ann Duncan . . .	10						Rebecca Hardy	2½					
Mrs. Duncan	30						Hetty Haughtman . . .	3					
Mrs. Rogers	30						Catherine Stroops . . .	30					
Mrs. Eliza Rush	30						Mrs. Ann Waters	30					
Mrs. Glenworth		4					Mrs. Fox	20					
Mrs. Hannah Williams	30						Mrs. Stroops	21					
Mrs. Hannah Love . . .	2						Ann Florentine	40					
Mrs. Elinor Schnes . . .						3	Mrs. Jane Robison . . .	7					
Mrs. Taport	3						Widow Fox	8					
Mrs. Enich	8						Mrs. Kincaise	4					
Mrs. Juland Ridge . . .	2						Mrs. Dolby	10					
Mrs. Eliza Hunning . .	6						Christiana Kreible . . .	8					
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Loyalist Women

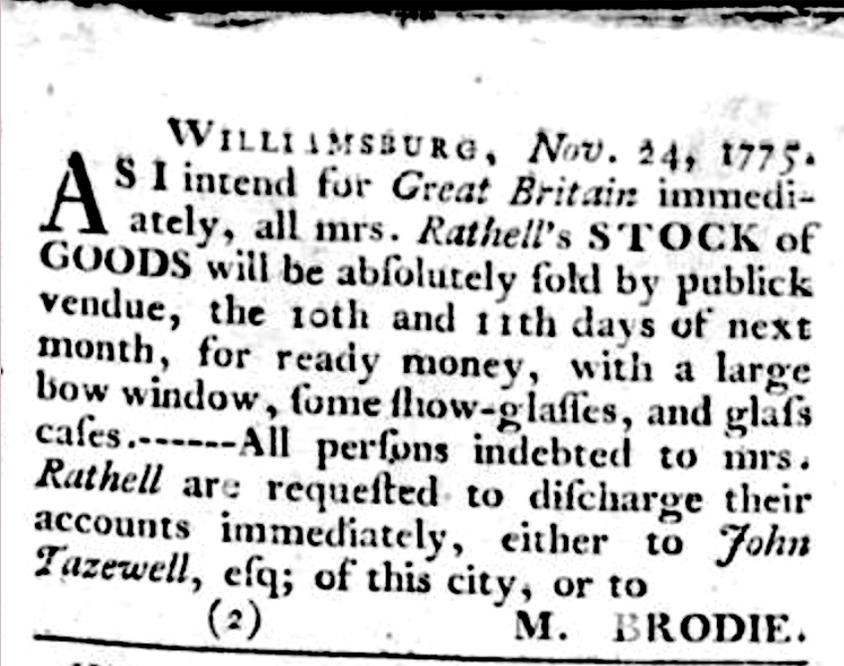
What actions made a woman a Loyalist?

- Married a Loyalist man
- Importing and selling British goods
- Delivered intelligence to the British
- Housing or supplying British soldiers
- Resisted edicts from Committees of Safety or other local militias
- Declared pacificism
- Fled their homes to live with other Loyalist exiles

Credit: What is a Female Loyalist?
By Kacy Tillman,
Common Place,
issue 13.4
(Summer, 2013)

Women Merchants

- Loyalist women refused to sign nonimportation agreements, banning the importation of goods from Great Britain or other parts of Europe
- When the First Continental Congress accepted Virginia's nonimportation resolution laws in 1774, every single female milliner and dressmaker who arrived in Williamsburg, Virginia between 1766 and 1771 announced they would leave the colony of Virginia



WILLIAMSBURG, Nov. 24, 1775.
AS I intend for *Great Britain* immediately, all mrs. *Rathell's* STOCK of GOODS will be absolutely sold by publick vendue, the 10th and 11th days of next month, for ready money, with a large bow window, some show-glasses, and glass cafes.-----All persons indebted to mrs. *Rathell* are requested to discharge their accounts immediately, either to *John Tazewell*, esq; of this city, or to
(2) M. BRODIE.

November 24, 1775 edition of
Purdie's *Virginia Gazette*, Colonial
Williamsburg Foundation

Legislative Petitions

- Between 1776 and 1780, the legislatures of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia received over 780 petitions from women.
- In 1782, twenty-one Whig women of Wilmington, North Carolina signed a petition against the 48-hour eviction of Loyalist families, arguing that it was "beneath the character of the independent State of North Carolina to war with women and children."

Credit: Southern Women in Revolution, 1776-1800: Personal and Political Narratives by Cynthia A. Kierner.

Review

1. Town Records are an important record set for finding your patriotic ancestors paying taxes and serving in civil positions, as well as identifying Loyalists who were brought before the Committee of Safety and/or left town due to their Loyalist sympathies
2. Consult your State Archives for records that will prove your ancestor's patriotic or Loyalist service
3. Consult multiple repositories and record sets to prove your ancestor's allegiances and participation during the Revolutionary War. There are many ways that individuals contributed!
4. Don't forget to research the ladies! They contributed in many ways including boycotts, petitioning, fundraising, paying taxes, and more.

QUESTIONS?

Schedule a consultation

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Consultations

Book a one-on-one
consultation with
a genealogist and
receive help with your
family history research!

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