

# Researching Women in the American Revolution

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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (50 mins.)**
  - Patriotic Service
  - Battlefield Service
  - Finding the Records
- **Q&A (10-15 mins.)**



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# **Patriotic Service**

# 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)

# Home-Spun Cloth



# Wool Act of 1699

- Forbade colonists from selling wool, wool yarn, or wool cloth outside of the colony it was produced
- Increased taxes (wool was taxed upon export and import)

# 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

**Boycotts**

# 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



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.  
P. JOHNSTON.  
MARGARET CATHCART,  
ANNE JOHNSTON.  
MARGARET PEARSON.  
PENELOPE DAWSON.  
JEAN BLAIR.  
GRACE CLAYTON.  
FRANCES HALL.  
MARY JONES.  
ANNE HALL.  
REBECCA BONDFIELD.  
SARAH LITTLEJOHN.  
PENELOPE BARKER.  
ELIZABETH P. ORMOND.  
M. PAYNE.  
ELIZABETH JOHNSTON.

MARY BLOUNT.  
ELIZABETH CREACY.  
ELIZABETH PATTERSON.  
JANE WELLWOOD.  
MARY WOOLARD.  
SARAH BEASLEY.  
SUSANNAH VAIL.  
ELIZABETH VAIL.  
ELIZABETH VAIL.  
MARY CREACY.  
MARY CREACY.  
RUTH BENSURV.  
SARAH HOWCOTT.  
SARAH HOSKINS.  
MARY LITTLEDE.  
SARAH VALLENTINE.  
ELIZABETH CRICKETT.

*The Virginia Gazette* 3 November 1774  
(Early American Newspapers)

# Paying Taxes

# 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

## CHAPTER 205.

RESOLVES REQUIRING THE INHABITANTS OF THE SEVERAL TOWNS AND PLANTATIONS TO FURNISH CATTLE OR MONEY TO SUPPLY BEEF, HIDES AND TALLOW FOR THE ARMY; SOLICITING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF ONE QUARTER MORE FOR DEFICIENCY AND PAYMENT FOR THE OVERPLUS.

WHEREAS the necessary supplies for the subsistence of our army for the present campaign, are obtained only in the specific articles from the respective States, agreeably to the requisitions and apportionment of Congress; for the purchase of which the several taxes already laid on this State are found to be inadequate; the General Assembly is constrained again to call on the public spirit and zeal of their constituents: Sensible that at all times they are intitled to a knowledge of those facts which render great and unusual burdens necessary, they are called upon by Gen. Washington, immediately to fill our magazines, to enable him effectually to co-operate with our Allies.

The good people of this State need not be informed that those who now call on them are subject and willing to bear an equal share of every burthen on this community; burthens which have been felt by every nation who have been obliged to contend for their liberties, and resist the lawless hand of tyranny; and must appear very small when compared with the dreadful alternative, an alternative fraught with the compleatest misery, a subjugation to a cruel and unfeeling enemy, whose pride would lead them to insult us for want of public virtue, should any necessary supply be withheld from our army; and whose avarice would strip us of the property which an ill-timed parsimony may endeavour to preserve:

This Court preferring the salvation of the country to every other consideration, and as the best means which, after mature deliberation, can be devised for an immediate supply of the army, do

*Resolve*, That the inhabitants of the several towns and plantations in this State be, and they are hereby required to furnish a number of cattle, or money sufficient to supply the quantity of beef, including hides and tallow, set to such towns and plantations respectively, in the schedule hereto annexed, in the manner following; that is to say, the said beef shall be delivered to such Agents or Deputies as may be appointed by the Committee appointed to superintend purchases for this State: And the said Committee shall be, and hereby are authorized, empowered and directed, to appoint so many persons to be their Agents or Deputies, within the several counties in this State, for receiving and forwarding said cattle, as the Committee shall judge necessary, and give them all proper directions relative to the supplies required by these Resolves:

Legislative  
Records of the  
Council,  
xi., 577.  
Mass.  
Archives,  
ccxix., 196-  
213a.  
Mass.  
Resolves,  
Sept. Session,  
chap. 61.

(171) A Tax or Assessment laid on the Male Poll Estates  
 Incomes Facualtys and and Money at Interest of the  
 Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford to Defr — the  
 Charges of the Beef that the Town was to fund  
 for the Support of the Army for the Year 1780  
 According to an Act of the General Court

	P	d		P	d	
James Vose	105	12	0	Robert Burns	51	12
Lieut Sam <sup>l</sup> Vose	288	11	4	John Moor jun	49	10
Samuel Moor	194	14	0	David Houston	22	0
David Moor	82	10	0	Robert Morriel	28	12
William Moor	176	0	0	James Underwood	38	0
Wid <sup>o</sup> Margaret Moor	14	6	0	Matthew Patten Esq <sup>r</sup>	177	9
James Hillmoor	169	0	0	James Houston	74	16
John m <sup>r</sup> Intosh	139	14	0	Robert Patten	22	0
Capt Thomas MacLaughlin	132	16	0	John MacLaughlin	188	2
James	31	18	0	Ezekiel Gardner	24	4
Maj <sup>r</sup> John Goffe	254	4	0	Joseph Bell	51	8
Samuel Goffe	35	4	0	James Wallace	81	8
William Newman	42	6	0	John Lincoln	26	8
Nathaniel Baker	38	10	0	Ensign Shubuck <sup>r</sup>	83	13
Stephen French	92	16	0	Abel Turrel	22	0
James Martin	159	6	0	wid <sup>o</sup> James Burnetts Estate	110	0
Zechariah Chandler	157	6	0	John Gorden	116	12
Capt James Walker	169	8	0	S <sup>r</sup> James Little	39	13
James Thompson	79	4	0	Amos Gardner	47	17
Thomas Lancy	77	11	0	Sam <sup>l</sup> Turrel Sen <sup>r</sup>	127	2
Nathaniel Martin	26	8	0	Ezekiel Linsden	161	14
Adam Dicky	176	0	0	Elisha Lincoln	28	12
James Matthews	158	8	0	John Wallace Esq <sup>r</sup>	245	17
Hugh Matthews	22	0	0	wid <sup>o</sup> Margret Poice	24	4

# Fundraising



# 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.	Gulacs.	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. Scarle, 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 . . . .							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 Henglington . .	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. Kincaid . . . . .	4					
Mrs. Juland Ridge . . .	2						Mrs. Dolby . . . . .	10					
Mrs. Eliza Hunning . .	6						Christiana Kreible . .	8					
	647	5		1	4			1026½	5		1	5	

# **Battlefield Service**

# Camp Followers

- By the winter of 1777, about 2000 women marched with American troops
- Many were widows, runaway servants, or those that faced poverty
- Some of the officers' wives also accompanied their husbands (ex. Martha Washington)
- They did the following tasks:
  - Cooking
  - Cleaning
  - Sewing and mending uniforms
  - Served as nurses to the sick and injured
  - Herded farm animals, milked cows, and foraged for food

# Sarah Osborn

- Accompanied her husband, Aaron Osborn to West Point and then travelled with the Continental Army
- She worked as a washerwoman and a cook



Photo courtesy of Wayne  
County Historical Society,  
Honesdale, PA

SERVICE

NUMBER

New York

Osborn, Aaron  
Osborn, or  
Benjamin, Sarah

W. 455-8  
B.L. Wt 30.622-160-55

Former widow

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This woman's last husband, John Benjamin, also served in the Revolutionary War.

Sarah Osborn Benjamin's Widow's Pension File

# Pension Application Affidavit

"They, however, marched immediately for a place called Williamsburg, as she thinks, deponent alternately on horseback and on foot. There arrived, they remained two days till the army all came in by land and then marched for Yorktown, or Little York as it was then called. The York troops were posted at the right, the Connecticut troops next, and the French to the left. In about one day or less than a day, they reached the place of encampment about one mile from Yorktown. Deponent was on foot and the other females above named and her said husband still on the commissary's guard. . . . **Deponent took her stand just back of the American tents, say about a mile from the town, and busied herself washing, mending, and cooking for the soldiers, in which she was assisted by the other females; some men washed their own clothing.** She heard the roar of the artillery for a number of days, and the last night the Americans threw up entrenchments, it was a misty, foggy night, rather wet but not rainy. Every soldier threw up for himself, as she understood, and she afterwards saw and went into the entrenchments. Deponent's said husband was there throwing up entrenchments, and **deponent cooked and carried in beef, and bread, and coffee {in a gallon pot) to the soldiers in the entrenchment.**"



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Monmouth, Ill.,

March 1,

1897

To the Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D.C.,

B O R

Do the records of your office show that Mrs. Sarah Benjamin of Mount Pleasant, Wayne Co., Pennsylvania, ever received a pension? Her maiden name was Sarah Matthews. Her first husband, William Reed, a Revolutionary Soldier. Her second husband, Aaron Osborne, was also a soldier of the Revolution. Both of these men were from Gosken, Orange Co., New York, which was also her native place. She was married a third time to John Benjamin. We understand here, that



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JAMES C. BURNS, *Supt.*

Monmouth, Ill.,

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she was pensioned, and that this pension was because of her own personal service during the war. We have much evidence that such was the case, but desire that if it is possible, the records of the pension department confirm the testimony. She died in 1861, aged 46 years.

Very truly

Yours,  
Mrs. James C. Burns,  
1064 East Boston Ave.,  
Monmouth,  
Illinois.

# Nurses

- Women were needed to heal the sick and treat the injured, relieving any men who could serve in battle




# Changes in Pay for Nurses

- 1775 - One female nurse was employed for every 10 patients and one nurse patron for every 100 patients
- Pay started at \$2/month for nurses; matrons \$4/month
- In 1776, pay was raised to \$4/month for nurses
- In 1777, pay way doubled to \$8/month for nurses; \$15/month for matrons

# Mary Pricely

- Served as a nurse on the warship, *The Defense*, in 1777
- Was paid thirty shillings for her service by the Maryland Council of Safety



*of the Council of Maryland, 1777-1778.* 421

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Mitchell Eight c. B  
Pounds per Acc' passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Pricely Thirty shillings  
Balance of Account passed by the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Furnival two hundred  
Pounds to be delivered over to John Gerock on Account to be  
expended for the use of the Hospital in Baltimore Town.

Journals and Correspondence of the Council of  
Safety, Vol. 16 via Archive.org

# "Molly Pitcher"



Photo Credit: Library of Congress

# Joseph Plumb Martin's Account of a Female Artillerist

“One little incident happened during the heat of the cannonade, which I was eyewitness to, and which I think would be unpardonable to mention. **A woman whose husband belonged to the artillery and who was then attached to a piece in the engagement, attended with her husband at the piece the whole time.** When in the act of reaching a cartridge and having one of her feet as far before the other as she could step, a cannon shot from the enemy passed directly between her legs without doing any other damage than carrying away all the lower part of her petticoat. Looking at it with apparent unconcern, she observed that it was lucky it did not pass a little higher, for in that case it might have carried away something else, and continued her occupation.”

(**Source:** <https://discovernjhistory.org/interpreting-the-life-of-molly-pitcher-2>)

SERVICE

NUMBER

Pitcher Molly

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This is not a pension claim and is not to be considered as such, but as it has been often inquired about and there is correspondence in regard to her, I have filed it for convenience in reference to searching.

Molly Pitcher Pension File (Fold3.com)

October 27, 1932.

Alby H. Silsby  
929 East 34 Street  
Brooklyn, New York.

BA-J/MMHF/ILL  
Molly Pitcher

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request further information in regard to compensation awarded Molly Pitcher for service in the Revolutionary War.

As stated in office letter of September 18, no claim for pension is on file in this office based upon service of Molly Pitcher in the Revolutionary War. By recommendation of General Washington, her name was placed upon the list of half pay officers for life (See Lossing's Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution). This office has no record of the payments, and is unable to name a definite source of information relative thereto, even if such record exists. It is suggested that information might be obtained from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, this city.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER,  
Assistant to Administrator.

Correspondence from "Molly Pitcher"  
Pension File (Fold3.com)

# Mary Hays McCauley


- In 1822, she petitioned the Pennsylvania legislature for a widow's pension
- Was awarded an annuity for her own service during the war
- "That the state treasurer is hereby directed to pay to Molly M'Kolly, of Cumberland county, forty dollars immediately, and an annuity of forty dollars to commence on 1 Jan 1822, payable half yearly during life. 21 Feb 1822." (Source: The Statues at Large of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg PA, 1911, Laws Passed Session 1821/22)

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Thursday, February 21st, 1822.

The Governor this day approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the Houses in which they respectively originated, that is to say;

An Act authorising the election of an additional constable in the Township of Mountpleasant in Westmoreland County.

 An Act for the relief of Molly McKolly for her services during the revolutionary war. <sup>13</sup>

An Act to render valid certain Judgments irregularly rendered in the County of York.

An Act for the relief of William Harbeson and Peter Kidd, old soldiers of the revolutionary war.

# Margaret (Cochran) Corbin

- Her husband John Corbin was killed at the siege of Fort Washington in 1776
- Took over working a cannon until she was badly injured. Her wounds were significant, and she was sent to Philadelphia for medical treatment.
- The Executive Council of Pennsylvania, on June 29, 1779, granted Margaret Corbin \$30 and recommended to the congressional Board of War that she receive a disability pension.
- In 1779, Congress granted her a lifetime annuity of one-half monthly pay "drawn by a soldier in the service of these states."
- She was the first woman pensioner of the United States to receive a pension as a disabled soldier



Photo Courtesy of the West Point Museum Collection,  
United States Military Academy

The two following Orders were drawn on the Treasurer, vizt: In favour of John Woods, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, three shillings, and four pence, for Materials furnished to the Armed Boats and Gallies belonging to the State. And in favour of Margaret Corbin, for Thirty Dollars, to relieve her present necessities, she having been wounded and utterly disabled by three Grape shott, while she filled with distinguished Bravery the post of her Husband, who was Killed by her side, serving a piece of Artillery at Fort Washington.

# Deborah Sampson



- Born Deborah Sampson circa 1760 in Massachusetts
- Disguised herself in men's clothing and enlisted in the military under the name "Robert Shurtleff"
- Served in 4th Massachusetts Regiment and escaped detection for a year and a half
- Honorably discharged and was later awarded a pension

(4-1776)

SERVICE

NUMBER

Mass.

Gannett, Deborah  
<sup>alias</sup>  
Shurtleff, Robert

D 32722.

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Deborah Gannett's Pension File  
Jacket (Fold3.com)

United States -

Massachusetts District -

Deborah Gannett, of Sharon, in the county of Norfolk, and District of Massachusetts, a resident and native of the United States, and applicant for a pension from the United States, under an act of Congress entitled an act, to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war, make the oath, that she served as a private soldier, under the name of Robert Shurtliff - in the war of the revolution, upwards of two years in manner following, viz - Enlisted in April 1701, in the company commanded by Captain George Webb, in the Massachusetts Regiment, afterwards by Colonel Shepley, and afterwards by Colonel Henry Jackson - and served in said corps, in Massachusetts, and New York - until November 1703 - when she was honorably discharged in writing, which discharge is lost - During the time of her service, she was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis, was wounded at Tarboro - and now receives a pension from the United States, which pension, she humbly relinquishes - She is in such reduced circumstances, as to require the aid of her country - for her support -

Deborah Gannett

Mass. Dis. of S. A. N. S. D.

I mean to leave me

Mr Devere

Dis. of S. A.

Mass. Dis.

Petition from Deborah Gannett (1818),  
Deborah Gannett's pension file via Fold3.com

# Abner Weston Diary

*“Their hapend a uncommon affair at this time, for Deborah Samson of this town dress her self in men’s cloths and hired her self to Israel Wood to go into the three years Servis. But being found out returnd the hire and paid the Damages.”* (January 23, 1782 Entry in the Abner Weston Diary, in possession of the Museum of American Revolution, Philadelphia, PA)

**Where can I find the  
records?**

# Newspapers

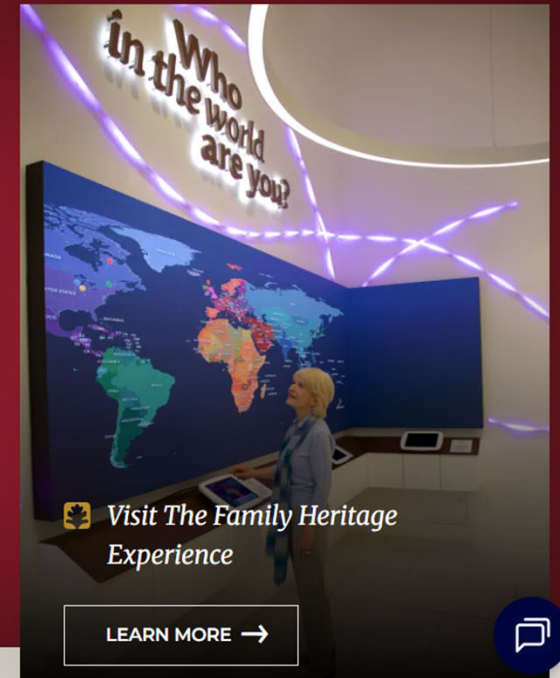
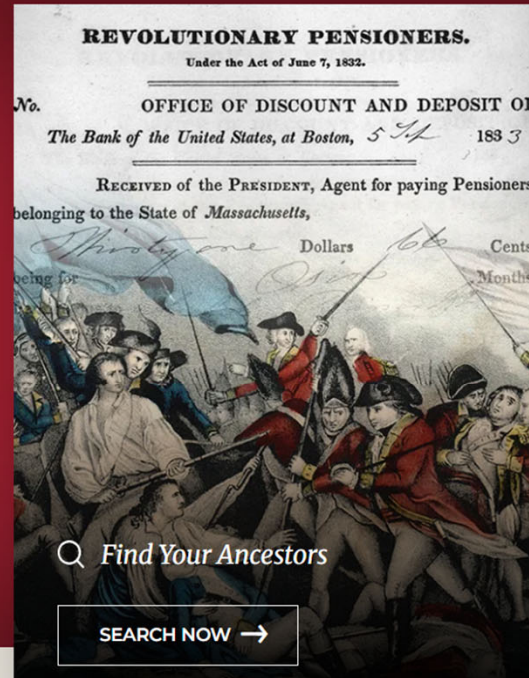
- Early American Newspapers, Series I (1690-1876)
  - Can be accessed from American Ancestors' "Library Databases From Home" web page



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<b>Publication Date</b>	1950
<b>Publisher</b>	Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah
<b>Place of Publication</b>	Salt Lake City, Utah
<b>Physical</b>	2 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.
<b>References</b>	(Digital Collection) <a href="#">New Hampshire, Town Clerk, vital and town records, 1636-1947</a>

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Volume 1 contains volume 5. Volume 2 contains volume 2 parts 1 and 2. Volume 3 contains Provincial and town records. Volume 4 contains book no. 4 town records.

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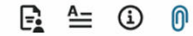
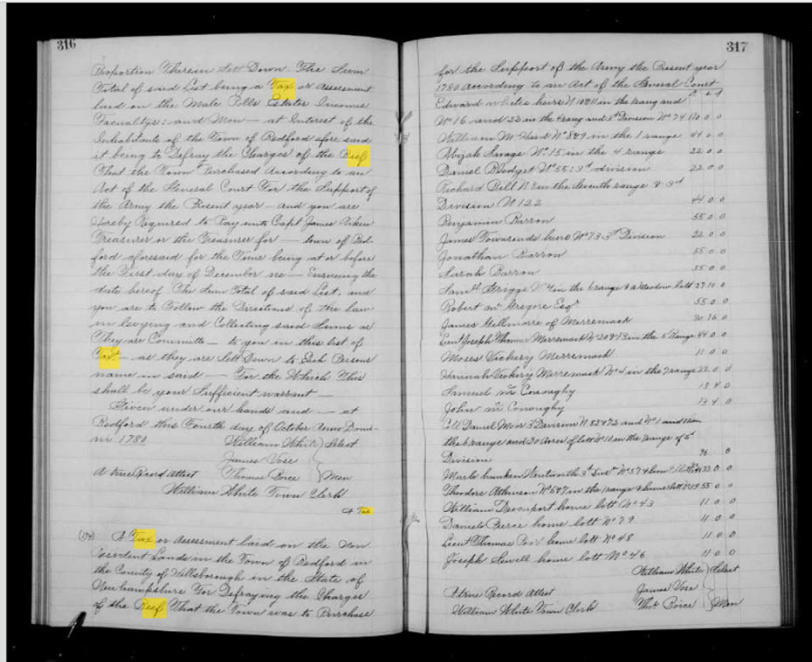


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Ancestor #: A082263



Service: SOUTH CAROLINA Rank(s): PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Birth: 6-15-1737 CHARLESTON BERKELEY CO SOUTH CAROLINA

Death: 1-10-1815 CHARLESTON CHARLESTON DIST SOUTH CAROLINA

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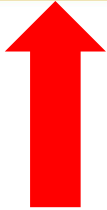


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Death Year

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SAR Patriot #: P-283986

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Grave Detail

Contribute Biography

State of Service: Qualifying Service:  
Birth: 17 Dec 1760 Plympton  
Death: 1829 Brockton / MA

**Sources:**

SAR Patriot Index Edition III (CD: PP2210, Progeny Publ., 2002) plus data to 2004

**Spouse:** (1) Benjamin Gannett

**Children:**

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None\*

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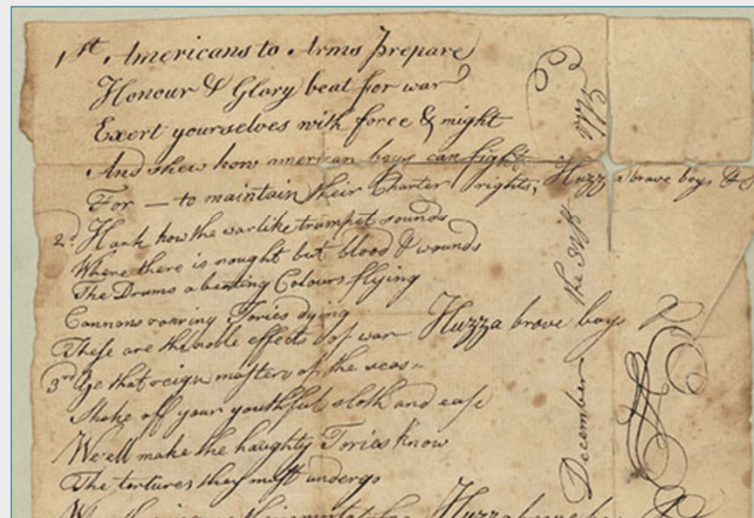
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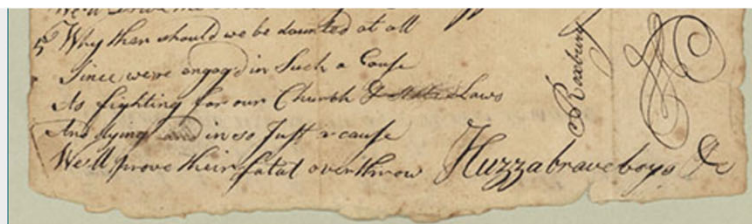
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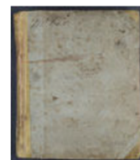
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Journal of Joseph Ware documenting the attempted invasion of Quebec, also listing Continental Army members killed, wounded, or taken prisoner. Canadian Invasion, 1775-1776; Soldiers -- Massachusetts



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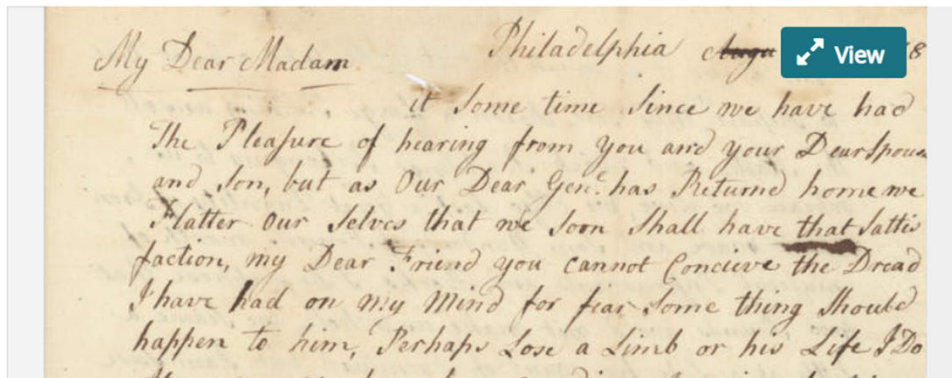
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### Picture book of Revolutionary War heroes : production material

Fisher, Leonard Everett

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

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## Margaret Hill Morris diary

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Margaret Hill Morris was a colonial Quaker woman who lived outside of Philadelphia during the American Revolutionary War. The entries detail Morris's experiences during the early years of the American Revolutionary War, including her fears for her family, the movement through her town of various military groups, and her treatment of the sick and injured at surrounding military camps.

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# Margaret Hill Morris diary

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## Scope and Contents

This collection is composed of the original, handwritten Revolutionary War diary of Margret Hill Morris, as well as a photocopy of the diary. The entries detail Morris's experiences during the early years of the American Revolutionary War, including her fears for her family and the movement through her town of various military groups, including "Tory Hunters," "Gondola Men," and Hessian soldiers. Morris also describes her treatment of...[See more >](#)

## Dates

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## Creator

- Morris, Margaret Hill (Person)

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## Biographical Note

Margaret Hill Morris (1737-1816) was born in 1737, at South River, near Annapolis, Maryland. Her parents, Richard and Deborah (Moore) Hill moved to the island of Madeira when she was young, and Morris was raised by her aunt and uncle in Philadelphia. Margaret Hill Morris married William Morris, a Quaker merchant and early contributor to the Pennsylvania Hospital, in 1758. The couple had four children; three were born before William's death in 1766, and one was born after. In 1770, the family moved to the vicinity of Burlington, New Jersey, and established a home called "Green Bank." Morris was recognized as a skillful doctor and she regularly treated the ill and injured during the American Revolutionary War. Morris died on October 10, 1816, of a stroke at the age of 79. [See less](#)

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