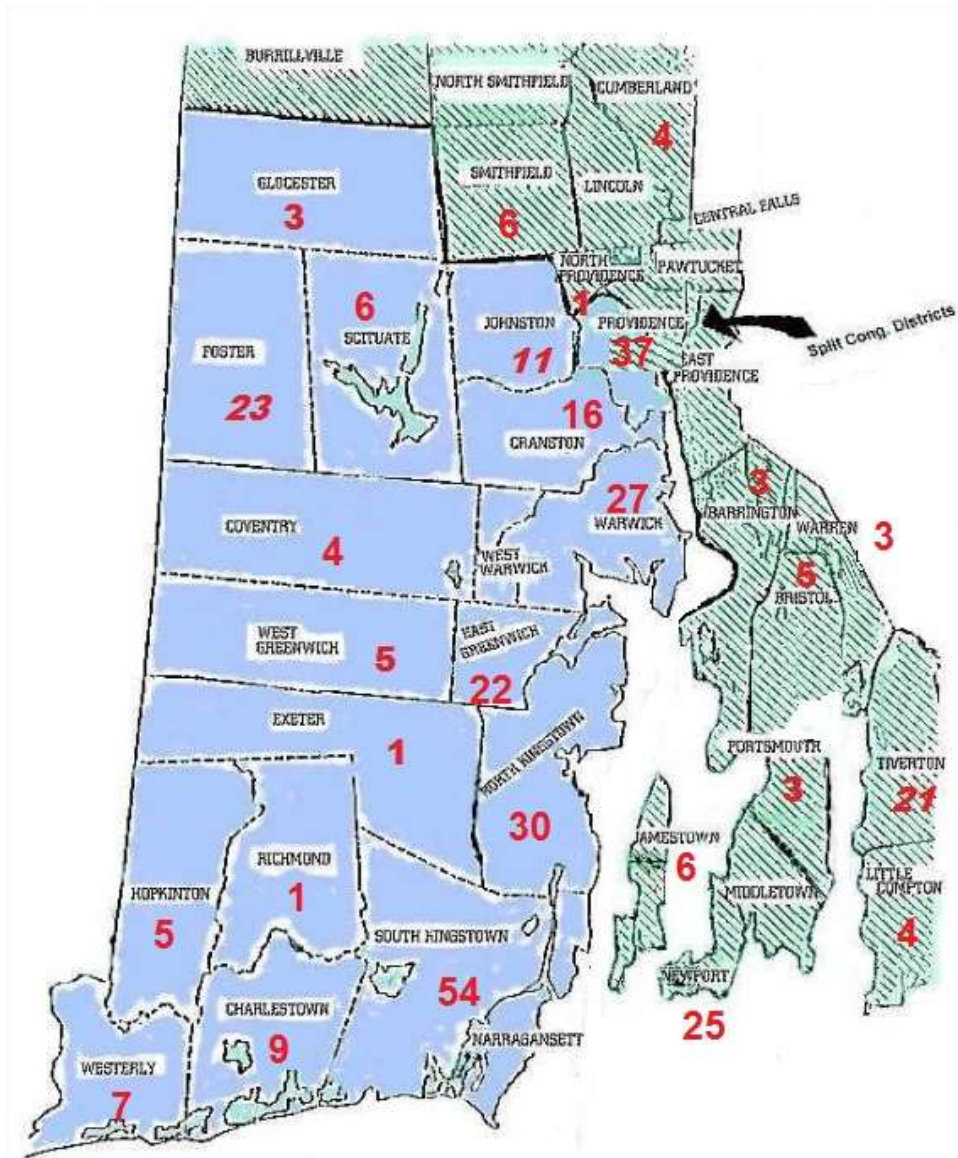


Community Connections of Rhode Island's African American
Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots of the Revolutionary War
2nd Congressional District



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Number of Rhode Island's African American Patriots by Municipality and Congressional District

Community	# Patriot Connections	County	District
1. South Kingstown	54	<i>Washington</i>	2nd
2. Providence	37	<i>Providence</i>	1st (all included)
3. North Kingstown	30	<i>Washington</i>	2nd
4. Warwick	27	<i>Kent</i>	2nd
5. Newport	25	<i>Newport</i>	1st
6. Foster	23	<i>Providence</i>	2nd
7. East Greenwich	22	<i>Kent</i>	2nd
8. Tiverton	21	<i>Newport</i>	1st
9. Cranston	16	<i>Providence</i>	2nd
10. Johnston	11	<i>Providence</i>	2nd
11. Charlestown	9	<i>Washington</i>	2nd
12. Westerly	7	<i>Washington</i>	2nd
13. Smithfield	6	<i>Providence</i>	1st
14. Jamestown	6	<i>Newport</i>	1st
15. Scituate	6	<i>Providence</i>	2nd
16. Bristol	5	<i>Bristol</i>	1st
17. Hopkinton	5	<i>Washington</i>	2nd
18. West Greenwich	5	<i>Kent</i>	2nd
19. Cumberland	4	<i>Providence</i>	1st
20. Little Compton	4	<i>Newport</i>	1st
21. New Shoreham	4	<i>Washington</i>	2nd
22. Coventry	4	<i>Kent</i>	2nd
23. Portsmouth	3	<i>Newport</i>	1st
24. Barrington	3	<i>Bristol</i>	1st
25. Warren	3	<i>Bristol</i>	1st
26. Glocester	3	<i>Providence</i>	2nd
27. North Providence	1	<i>Providence</i>	1st
28. Richmond	1	<i>Washington</i>	2nd
29. Exeter	1	<i>Washington</i>	2nd

County	# Connections	District
Washington	111	2nd
Providence	107	1st (all incl.)
Newport	59	1st
Kent	58	2nd
Bristol	11	1st

District	# Connections
1st	118
2nd	228

Facts about Rhode Island's African American Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



African Americans served in all of the major battles of the Revolutionary War (1775-1783), from Lexington and Concord to Yorktown.

Revised estimates suggest that between 10,000 or more could have served as soldiers, marines and civilian workers (referred to interchangeably as soldiers and patriots).

- For generations, historians had estimated that at least 5,000 served; however, less than half were known until 2008 when *Forgotten Patriots, African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War* was published by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and put names to numbers.
- At least 783 patriots served in the Revolutionary War from Rhode Island.
- At least 272 patriots are connected by birth, enlistment, residence, marriage and death to multiple Rhode Island communities. 346 are traceable so far to 29 towns. (The map shows the number of patriot connections.)
- Almost 16 percent of the 5,000 known patriots resided in Rhode Island.
- About 64 percent or 3,174 of the 5,000 known soldiers and patriots resided in Rhode Island (783), **Massachusetts (1,570) and Connecticut (821)**.
- The U.S. Senate Energy Committee approved a bill in January 2012 for a citizen-funded National Liberty Memorial in Washington to honor them and the struggle for freedom of tens of thousands of others who sought liberty, including runaway slaves, civilian war laborers and freedom petitioners.
- The viability of S. 883 and a House companion, H.R. 2181, depends on the response of the Rhode Island delegation, since the state was central to the history.
- Members of Congress will look to Senators Reed and Whitehouse and Reps. Langevin and Cicilline among those who represent the 17 districts in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut where 3,174 patriots once resided and whose descendants may still be found.
- 118 patriots are connected by birth, residence, enlistment, marriage and death to the 1st Congressional District (Rep. Langevin) and 228 to the 2nd (Rep. Cicilline). The two Senators speak for all 783.
- At least 17 Rhode Island patriots were born in Africa and carried on slave ships to the Americas. 9 of them were from Guinea.
- Communities are the patriots' closest and, likely, their most verifiable connections. They are their obvious voices. The actions sought to be honored are not about a race. They are about the nation's founding principles and our capacity to embrace them while acknowledging one another as one people.
- The descendants of at least two Rhode Island patriots at one time became members of the DAR.
- 29 of the 39 existing municipalities of Rhode Island are connected to one or more patriots. But all communities can claim every Rhode Island patriot as their own.
- Nearly 35 percent, or 272, of the 783 Rhode Island patriots, are associated with a community. At least 511 are yet to be discovered by a city or town. In Massachusetts and Connecticut, the known community connections are far higher at about 75 percent (1,174) and 70 percent (562), respectively.
- Descriptive lists record them as Negro, black, mulatto, mustee, yellow, colored, free, born Africa, part Indian, man of color, mixed descent, slave, and enslaved. Because of their light skin, some patriots may have been later identified in census records and on pension applications as "white."
- Most black patriots had typical European surnames; however, 10 used the surnames "Free" or "Freeman" to express their aspirations.
- The patriots had wives, children, heirs, marriages and funerals. These are the names of a few wives -- Abigail Larkin, Betsy Bent, Lucretia Thomas, Rhoda Irons, Delany Roberts, Phebe, and Marcy.
- Black patriots throughout the states served in many roles: soldier, sailor, marine, patriotic service, laborer, cobbler, cook's mate, waiter, barber, landsman, drummer, fifer, carpenter, servant, and gentleman soldier. (The majority listed in *Forgotten Patriots* were fighting men. All were placed in harm's way by their own decisions.)
- Sailors served on board the privateer *Rattlesnake*, *Lady* and *Joseph*; sloops *Providence*, *Independence*, *Fly* and *Success*; and brigantine *Resistance*, among others.
- Boys served on the brigantine *Famey* and on ships *Alfred* and *Trumbull*. At least three boys served aboard the *Columbus*. One served on a privateer.
- At least 17 of Rhode Island's black soldiers received pensions. Some list wives and children and other heirs.
- At least 91 Rhode Island soldiers and sailors died in service between 1776 and 1782.
- 12 communities in the 2nd Congressional District are connected** to 228 soldiers. South Kingstown (54) had the most. 118 are connected to 17 communities in the 1st with Providence (37), Newport (25) and Tiverton (21) having the highest numbers. (The Providence total is not split between the 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts.)
- Providence, at 37, ranks second behind South Kingstown (54). The totals of North Kingstown (30), Warwick (27), Newport (25), Foster (23), East Greenwich (22) and Tiverton (21) follow.

** Multiple patriots are connected to multiple towns. Listed above are 346 known connections of 272 patriots whose communities are known. For example, **Philo Phillips** was born and resided in North Kingstown. He enlisted in East Greenwich and also resided in Providence. He is included in the lists/totals of each community.

Last Name	First Name	Community	Town's # Patriot Connections	Connection Type	Congressional District
ADAMS	THOMAS	Charlestown	9	R/D	2nd
ALLEN	RICHARD	Charlestown	9	R	2nd
CHAMPLIN	ASA	Charlestown	9	R	2nd
COWELL		Charlestown	9	R	2nd
HASZARD	DICK	Charlestown	9	R	2nd
NILES	HENRY	Charlestown	9	R	2nd
SARLE	PRIMUS	Charlestown	9	R	2nd
PERRY	DANIEL	Charlestown	9	B/R	2nd
GREENE	PRINCE	Coventry	4	R	2nd
GREENE	ROBERT	Coventry	4	R	2nd
JACKLIN	EDWARD	Coventry	4	R	2nd
ROBERTS	CUFF	Coventry	4	B	2nd
ABORN	ANTHONY	Cranston	16	R	2nd
ANGELL	PRINCE	Cranston	16	R	2nd
CAESAR	LEVI	Cranston	16	E	2nd
DICK		Cranston	16	R	2nd
GREENE	CATO	Cranston	16	R	2nd
HARRIS	CAESAR	Cranston	16	R	2nd
MORRIS	PHILLIP	Cranston	16	R	2nd
PERO		Cranston	16	R	2nd
POTTER	DAVID	Cranston	16	B/R	2nd
RANDAL	PRINCE	Cranston	16	R	2nd
RANDALL	JACK	Cranston	16	R	2nd
RHODES	PRIMUS	Cranston	16	B/R	2nd
RHODES	SAMUEL	Cranston	16	R	2nd
RHODES	BRISTOL	Cranston	16	R	2nd
RHODES	PRIMUS	Cranston	16	R	2nd
SARLE	PRIMUS	Cranston	16	R	2nd
ALLEN	WALLEY	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
ARNOLD	JOSIAH	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
BROWN	SCIPIO	East Greenwich	22	E	2nd
FINCH	PERO	East Greenwich	22	E	2nd
FRY	WINZOR	East Greenwich	22	B/R	2nd
GREEN	CUFF	East Greenwich	22	E	2nd
GREENE	JACK	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
GREENE	PERO	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
GREENE	CATO	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
HALL	JOSEPH	East Greenwich	22	E	2nd
HASZARD	JACOB	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
HASZARD	DICK	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
HAZARD	HENRY	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
MOUNNEY	CYRUS	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
NORTHRUP	ICABOD	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
PHILLIPS	PHILO	East Greenwich	22	E	2nd
PIERCE	TITUS	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
RODMAN	ISAAC	East Greenwich	22	E	2nd
TALBURY	SIMON	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
UPDIKE	CAESAR	East Greenwich	22	E	2nd
VARNUM	CATO	East Greenwich	22	R	2nd
POTTER	DAVID	East Greenwich (poss. West)	22	E	2nd
GARDNER	RUTTER	Exeter	1	R	2nd
ARNOLD	BRISTOL	Foster	23	R	2nd
BANNISTER	CATO	Foster	23	R	2nd
BOWEN	FRANK	Foster	23	R	2nd
BURTON	JOB	Foster	23	R	2nd
CHAMPLIN	CUDGO	Foster	23	R	2nd
CODDINGTON	JACK	Foster	23	R	2nd
COWELL		Foster	23	R	2nd

R= Resided B= Born E= Enlisted M= Married D= Died

Source: *Forgotten Patriots, African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War*

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GARDNER	MINTUS	Foster	23	R	2nd
GREENE	CATOW.	Foster	23	R	2nd
GREENE	JEREMIAH	Foster	23	R	2nd
GREENE	CATO	Foster	23	R	2nd
GREENE	WILLIAM	Foster	23	R	2nd
INGRAHAM	PRINCE	Foster	23	R	2nd
PERO		Foster	23	R	2nd
PHILLIPS	TONEY	Foster	23	R	2nd
RHODES	PRIMUS	Foster	23	R	2nd
ROBERTS	REUBEN	Foster	23	R	2nd
ROBINSON	MINGO	Foster	23	R	2nd
RODMAN	PRINCE	Foster	23	R	2nd
SARLE	PRIMUS	Foster	23	R	2nd
SMITH	JUBE	Foster	23	R	2nd
WILBOUR	BOSTON	Foster	23	R	2nd
SLADE	CUFF	Foster	23	R	2nd
ALLEN	PRINCE	Glocester	3	R	2nd
BROWN	ESEK	Glocester	3	R	2nd
GARDNER	TOM	Glocester	3	R	2nd
BABCOCK	PRIMUS	Hopkinton	5	R/E	2nd
COON	WILLIAM	Hopkinton	5	R	2nd
TANER	QUAM	Hopkinton	5	R	2nd
THURSTON	LEVI	Hopkinton	5	R	2nd
WELLS	CAESAR	Hopkinton	5	R	2nd
ANGELL	PRINCE	Johnston	11	R	2nd
ANTONIO	JOHN	Johnston	11	R	2nd
ATKINS	PRIMUS	Johnston	11	R	2nd
BROWN	CUDGE	Johnston	11	R	2nd
BROWN	PRIMUS	Johnston	11	R	2nd
CAESAR	LEVI	Johnston	11	B/R	2nd
FRANK	ANDREW	Johnston	11	R	2nd
FRANK	WILLIAM	Johnston	11	R	2nd
HARRIS	CAESAR	Johnston	11	R	2nd
JONES	NATHANIEL	Johnston	11	R	2nd
WINTER	LEVI	Johnston	11	R	2nd
CONGDON	BRISTER	New Shoreham	4	R	2nd
POMP	RICHARD	New Shoreham	4	R	2nd
SISSON	TACK	New Shoreham	4	R	2nd
THOMAS	THOMAS	New Shoreham	4	R	2nd
DAVENPORT	POMP	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
FONES	JACK	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
HALL	JOSEPH	North Kingstown	30	B/R	2nd
HALL	PRIMUS	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
HASZARD	SAMPSON	North Kingstown	30	B/R	2nd
PHILLIPS	PHILO	North Kingstown	30	B/R	2nd
RODMAN	PHILIP	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
BOYER	JOSEPH	North Kingstown	30	B/R/E	2nd
BROWN	SCIPIO	North Kingstown	30	B/R	2nd
BROWN	THOMAS	North Kingstown	30	B/R/E	2nd
BROWN	JOSEPH	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
BROWN	JOSIAH	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
CAESAR	EBENEZER	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
GARDNER	HERCULES	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
HAMMOND	PRINCE	North Kingstown	30	B/R/E	2nd
HASZARD	PETER	North Kingstown	30	E	2nd
HASZARD	PHAROAH	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
HAZARD	JACOB	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
HORSLEY	JOHN	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
HUNT	BENONI	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd

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RODMAN	PRINCE	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
ROGER	BENJAMIN	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
SCHUYLER	CHARLES	North Kingstown	30	E	2nd
SINGLETON	JAMES	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
UPDIKE	CAESAR	North Kingstown	30	B/R	2nd
UPDIKE	JAMES	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
UPDIKE	MOSES	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
VAUGHN	PRINCE	North Kingstown	30	B/R/E	2nd
WATSON	FORTUNE	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
YORK	JOHN	North Kingstown	30	R	2nd
BOOSE	CATO	Richmond	1	R	2nd
BATTEY	WILLIAM	Scituate	6	R	2nd
BROWN	SHARP	Scituate	6	R	2nd
BROWN	SCIPIO	Scituate	6	R	2nd
GORTON	PROSPER	Scituate	6	B	2nd
PERO	NATHAN	Scituate	6	R	2nd
PERO	WILLIAM	Scituate	6	R	2nd
ANTHONY	ELISHA	South Kingstown	54	B	2nd
ANTHONY	EDWARD	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
BABCOCK	CEASAR	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
BROWN	JAMES	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
BROWN	JOSHUA	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
BROWN	PRINCE	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
BROWN	SAMBO	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CARPENTER	CUDJO	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CARPENTER	JEMMY	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CARR	QUAM	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CASE	PRINCE	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CHAMPLIN	DICK	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CHAMPLIN	JACK	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CHAMPLIN	JULY	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CHAMPLIN	YORK	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CLARK	JAMES	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CLARK	JAMES	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
CONGDON	BRISTER	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
COWELL		South Kingstown	54	B/R	2nd
GARDINER	CUFF	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
GARDINER	SHARPER	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
GARDNER	CUFF	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
GARDNER	PRIMUS	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
GARDNER	SAMSON	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
GARDNER	PRINCE	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
GARDNER	MINTUS	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
GREENE	WILLIAM	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
HASZARD	PHAROAH	South Kingstown	54	B	2nd
HASZARD	PETER	South Kingstown	54	B/R	2nd
HAZARD	LONDON	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
HAZARD	QUACO	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
HAZARD	JACK	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
NILES	HENRY	South Kingstown	54	B/R/E	2nd
PECKHAM	CUFF	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
PERRY	GARRET	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
PETERS	AARON	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
POTTER	MINGO	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
REYNOLDS	MINGO	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
REYNOLDS	TOM	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
REYNOLDS	SAMPSON	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
ROBINSON	AMOS	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
ROBINSON	MINGO	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd

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RODMAN	ISAAC	South Kingstown	54	B/R	2nd
ROSE	NED	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
ROSE	TONEY	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
ROSE	CAESAR	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
SHELDON	CAESAR	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
SMITH	AMOS	South Kingstown	54	B	2nd
WATSON	JACK	South Kingstown	54	B/R	2nd
WATSON	PRIMAS	South Kingstown	54	B/R/E	2nd
WATSON	GUY	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
WATSON	PRINCE	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
WATSON	THOMAS	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
WILKERSON	CUDJO	South Kingstown	54	R	2nd
ARNOLD	CUFF	Warwick	27	B/R	2nd
ARNOLD	BRISTOL	Warwick	27	R	2nd
BATES	BENONI	Warwick	27	R	2nd
BENNETT	SAMUEL	Warwick	27	R	2nd
CLARK	CAESAR	Warwick	27	R	2nd
DICK		Warwick	27	E	2nd
FINCH	PERO	Warwick	27	B/R	2nd
GORTON	PROSPER	Warwick	27	R/E	2nd
GREEN	CUFF	Warwick	27	B/R	2nd
GREEN	JAMES	Warwick	27	R	2nd
GREENE	PRINCE	Warwick	27	B/R	2nd
GREENE	PERRY	Warwick	27	R	2nd
GREENE	JACK	Warwick	27	R	2nd
GREENE	CATOW.	Warwick	27	R	2nd
GREENE	CATO	Warwick	27	R	2nd
GREENE	JEREMIAH	Warwick	27	R	2nd
HOWLAND	ROBIN	Warwick	27	R	2nd
LIPPITT	JUBA	Warwick	27	R	2nd
LIPPITT	PRINCE	Warwick	27	R	2nd
PROPHET	JAMES	Warwick	27	R	2nd
RHODES	BRISTOL	Warwick	27	R	2nd
RHODES	PRIMUS	Warwick	27	R/E	2nd
SARLE	PRIMUS	Warwick	27	R	2nd
SEAMANS	PERO	Warwick	27	R	2nd
SHARP	SAMUEL	Warwick	27	R	2nd
SLOCUM	PERO	Warwick	27	R	2nd
TALBURY	SIMON	Warwick	27	R	2nd
CORY	PARIS	West Greenwich	5	R	2nd
HASSARD	BACCHUS	West Greenwich	5	R	2nd
REMYNGTON	JABEZ	West Greenwich	5	R/E	2nd
ROBERTS	CUFF	West Greenwich	5	R/E	2nd
TILLINGHAST	CUFF	West Greenwich	5	R	2nd
BABCOCK	PRIMUS	Westerly	7	B	2nd
BENT	PRINCE	Westerly	7	B/R	2nd
QUAKO	JAMES	Westerly	7	R	2nd
SALTENSHALL	BRITTON	Westerly	7	R/E	2nd
SAUNDERS	SAMPSON	Westerly	7	R	2nd
THOMPSON	JOSHUA	Westerly	7	R	2nd
THOMAS	THOMAS	Westerly	7	R	2nd