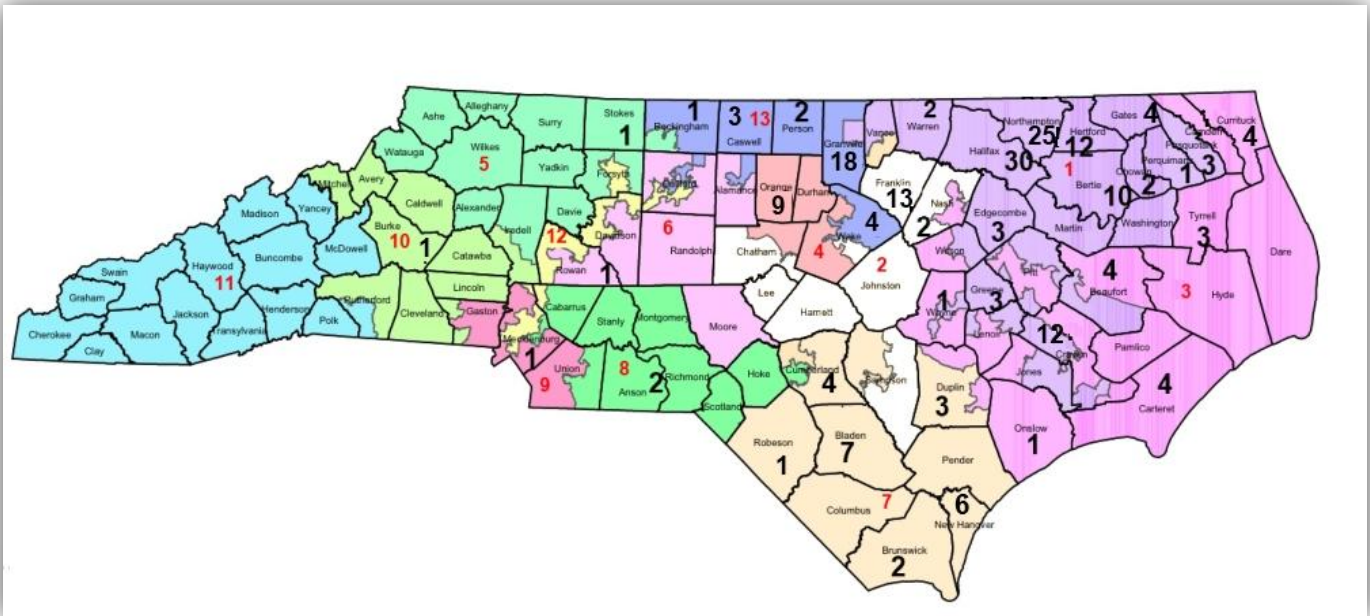


Community Ties of North Carolina's African American Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots of the Revolutionary War

2nd to 13th Congressional Districts



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COUNTY	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	COUNTIES PER DISTRICT HAVING PATRIOTS	PATRIOTS PER COUNTY	PATRIOTS PER DISTRICT
1. Halifax	1	14	30	109
2. Northampton	1	14	25	109
3. Granville	13 & 1	5 (13 th)	18	28
4. Franklin	2	2	13	15
5. Craven	1 & 3	14(1 st)	12	109
6. Hertford	1	14	12	109
7. Bertie	1	14	10	109
8. Orange	4	1	9	9
9. Bladen	7	7	7	24
10. New Hanover	7	7	6	24
11. Wake	13, 4 & 2	5 (13 th)	4	28
12. Cumberland	7	7	4	24
13. Beaufort	3 & 1	7 (3 rd)	4	18
14. Carteret	3	7	4	18
15. Currituck	3	7	4	18
16. Gates	1	14	4	109
17. Caswell	13	5	3	28
18. Duplin	7 & 3	7 (7 th)	3	24
19. Anson	8	1	3	3
20. Tyrrell	3	7	3	18
21. Edgecombe	1	14	3	109
22. Greene	1	14	3	109
23. Pasquotank	1	14	3	109
24. Person	13	5	2	28
25. Brunswick	7	7	2	24
26. Nash	2 & 3	2 (2 nd)	2	15
27. Chowan	1	14	2	109
28. Warren	1	14	2	109
29. Mecklenburg	9 & 12	1 (9 th)	1	1
30. Rowan	6 & 12	1 (6 th)	1	1
31. Stokes	5 & 13	1	1	1
32. Rockingham	13	5	1	28
33. Buncombe	11	1	1	1
34. Burke	10	1	1	1
35. Robeson	7	7	1	24
36. Wayne	3 & 1	7 (3 rd)	1	18
37. Jones	3	7	1	18
38. Onslow	3	7	1	18
39. Johnston	1	14	1	109
40. Perquimans	1	14	1	109
41. Washington	1	14	1	109

*Shared patriots are added to the totals of the district listed first in column #2.

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Fact Sheet about North Carolina

- 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 in the Revolutionary War](#) (See NC chapter, page 551) was published by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and put names to numbers.

- At least 252 patriots served in the Revolutionary War from North Carolina. Initially, NC sought to disarm blacks, impose curfews and bar them from service. **On May 9, 1777, the General Assembly made military service mandatory for men 16 to 50, regardless of race.**

- At least 210 patriots are connected by birth, enlistment, residence, marriage or death to 41 counties in NC.
- Just over 5 percent of the 5,000 known soldiers resided at one time in NC. However, every black citizen of NC at the outset of the Revolution was required to subscribe to an Oath of Allegiance. **Every one of the estimated 200,000 blacks in NC in 1775 is by definition a patriot, making every descendant in theory eligible to join a heritage society like the DAR or Sons of the American Revolution.**
- [The U.S. Senate Energy Committee recommended for approval](#) (January 2012) a bill to create a citizen-funded National Liberty Memorial. The future Washington landmark would honor the struggles of thousands, including soldiers, runaway slaves, spies, laborers and freedom petitioners. Men, women and children alike.
- The viability of S. 883 (Sens. Joseph Lieberman and Charles Grassley) and a House companion, H.R. 2181 (late Rep. Donald Payne and Rep. Frank Wolf), depend in part on the response of NC's delegation. **NC is the supreme example of how African American patriots are tied to officials and citizens of every background and political persuasion.**
- Communities are the patriots' closest and most verifiable connection. The actions sought to be given voice are about the nation's founding principles and our capacity to embrace them while acknowledging one another as one people. [Resolutions so far of over 50 communities and state officials are a growing acknowledgement.](#) ([See list](#))
- NC Sen. Richard Burr played a major role in the reporting of S. 883 to the Senate. Former Sen. Elizabeth Cole cosponsored an early bill. NC Rep. Howard Coble participated in hearings in a previous congress.
- At least 41 of the 100 counties of NC are connected to one or more patriots. 12 of NC's 13 congressional districts are associated with one or more patriots – either wholly or shared.
- Nearly 83 percent, or 210, of the 252 known NC patriots are associated with a community. Some of the 42 not so identified may be connected by future research.
- Every town, city and community may claim and honor all of NC's patriots whether or not a direct connection is found.
- Descriptive lists reveal them as Negro, black, mulatto, mustee, yellow, colored, free, born Africa, part Indian, man of color, mixed descent, slave, and enslaved.
- Because some patriots were light skinned, they may be misidentified in census records and pension applications as "white." Scores may never be identified by the color that defined them as slave or scarcely a "free" person.
- Most black NC patriots had typical European names; however, 9 are only identified as "enslaved man of..."
- The patriots had wives, children, heirs and descendants. The descendants of at least 6 NC patriots at one time became members of the DAR. One is a member of the SAR.
- 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 put in harm's way by their own decisions.)
- At least 52 of NC's black soldiers applied for pensions. Some list families and the details of service. Their pensions may be accessed at the [Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution](#).
- 109 of NC's 210 soldiers with known residences are tied to 17 (4 shared patriots) counties in the 1st Congressional District and 101 are tied to 27 counties in the 2nd to 10th and 12th and 13th Congressional Districts. Halifax (30) and Northampton (25) in the 1st and Granville (18) and Franklin (13) in the 13th and 2nd have the highest totals.
- The 12 districts with connections are represented by Reps. Butterfield (109-1st), Miller (28-13th), McIntyre (24-7th), Jones (18-3rd), Ellmers (15-2nd), Price (9-4th), Kissell (3-8th), Foxx (1-5th) and Shuler (1-11th). Rep. Watt (2-12th) shares one patriot with Rep. Myrick (1-9th) and one with Rep. Coble (1-6th). Representation is even: 6 Republicans and 6 Democrats.
- About 75 percent or 3,770 of the 5,000 known black patriots resided in MA (1,570), CT (821), RI (783), and VA (596). Unlike NC, there are few African American officials in those states presumed to speak for them. But every leader will find reason to stand up for what they did to secure the "blessings of liberty," while largely enslaved. Some will discover patriots who once resided in their communities. Others may grasp that they may have posterity in the form of up to 8 million descendants receptive to being inspired by the history.
- **Rep. Butterfield represents more patriots than any other Congressional Black Caucus member.** VA Rep. Scott is next at around 50. Those with over 100 include – Reps. Courtney (267-CT), Langevin (228-RI), Olver (179-MA), Tierney (158-MA), Keating (149-MA), Whitman (142-VA), DeLauro (121-CT), Frank (119-MA), Lynch (119-MA), Cicilline (118-RI), and Tsongas (113-MA).
- **Rep. Edward Markey (MA), ranking member on the key House Resources Committee, represents 100. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (VA) represents 57.**
- MA Sens. John Kerry and Scott Brown represent the highest number at no less than 1,570.

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Last Name	First Name	County	Congressional District
ABSHIER	JOSIAH	Anson	8
DEMERY	ALLEN	Anson	8
<i>HAMMOND</i>	<i>JOHN</i>	<i>Anson / Robeson</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>MARTIN</i>	<i>ABSALOM</i>	<i>Beaufort</i>	<i>3</i>
BLANGO	BENJAMIN	Beaufort	3
BLANGO	MOSES	Beaufort	3
BLANGO	THOMAS	Beaufort	3
CUMBO	GIBSON	Bladen	7
<i>KERSEY</i>	<i>JAMES</i>	<i>Bladen</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>MANUEL</i>	<i>JESSE</i>	<i>Bladen</i>	<i>7</i>
NEWSOM/NUSUM	ETHELRED	Bladen	7
ORDER	PETER	Bladen	7
OVERTON	TITUS	Bladen	7
WEBB	SAMUEL	Bladen	7
DAVIS	RICHARD	Brunswick	7
GREGORY	JOHN	Brunswick / Craven	7
REDMAN	WILLIAM	Buncombe	7
<i>BIBBY</i>	<i>THOMAS</i>	<i>Burke</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>BLACK</i>	<i>MARTIN</i>	<i>Carteret</i>	<i>3</i>
BRAVEBOY	JOHN	Carteret	3
NORWOOD	OBED	Carteret	3
NORWOOD	THEOPHILIUS	Carteret	3
<i>MASON</i>	<i>THOMAS</i>	<i>Caswell</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>PETTIFORD</i>	<i>GEORGE</i>	<i>Caswell</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>TONEY</i>	<i>ARTHUR</i>	<i>Caswell / Halifax</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>ARTIS</i>	<i>JOHN</i>	<i>Cumberland</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>CARTER</i>	<i>MOSES</i>	<i>Cumberland</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>HAMMOND</i>	<i>ISAAC</i>	<i>Cumberland</i>	<i>7</i>
OVERTON	JOHN	Cumberland	7
CASE	JONATHAN	Currituck	3
<i>CASE</i>	<i>JOSEPH</i>	<i>Currituck</i>	<i>3</i>
DRING	THOMAS	Currituck	3
JACK		Currituck	3
<i>HUNT</i>	<i>ELISHA</i>	<i>Dobbs</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>CARTER</i>	<i>JOHN EDWARD</i>	<i>Duplin</i>	<i>7</i>
MANUEL	CHRISTOPHER	Duplin	7
<i>MANUEL</i>	<i>NICHOLAS</i>	<i>Duplin</i>	<i>7</i>
AFRICAN AMERICAN MAN		Franklin	2
BALTRIP	JAMES	Franklin	2
BIBBY	ABSOLEM	Franklin	2
BIBBY	EDMUND	Franklin	2
<i>BIBBY</i>	<i>SOLOMON</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>2</i>
DUNSTAN	WILLIAM	Franklin	2
GOING	EDWARD	Franklin	2
HICKS	MICAJAH	Franklin	2
JEFFRIES	JOHN	Franklin	2
<i>ROE</i>	<i>CHARLES</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>2</i>
ROE	JAMES	Franklin	2
TYNER	ASA	Franklin	2
<i>WALDEN</i>	<i>DRURY</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>HARRIS</i>	<i>SHERROD/SHERWOOD</i>	<i>Granville</i>	<i>13</i>
ALLAN	JOSEPH	Granville	13
DAY	JOHN	Granville	13
GARNS/GARNES	JEFFERY	Granville	13

*Source: [Forgotten Patriots. African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War](#)

Last Name	First Name	County	Congressional District
GOWEN/GOINS	JENKINS	Granville	13
HARRIS	EDWARD	Granville	13
HARRIS	GIBSON	Granville	13
HATCHER	DAVID	Granville	13
HAWLEY	BENJAMIN	Granville	13
HAWLEY	JOSEPH	Granville	13
HUNT	DAVID	Granville	13
JONES	ABRAHAM	Granville	13
JONES	JONATHAN	Granville	13
<i>LOCUS</i>	<i>VALENTINE</i>	<i>Granville</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>PETTIFORD</i>	<i>PHILIP</i>	<i>Granville</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>PETTIFORD</i>	<i>WILLIAM</i>	<i>Granville</i>	<i>13</i>
SIMS	LEWIS	Granville	13
TYLER	BARTLET	Granville	13
PETTIFORD	GEORGE	Granville / Caswell	13
AFRICAN AMERICAN MAN		Jones	3
REED	DEMPSEY	Mecklenburg	9
<i>TABORN</i>	<i>BURRELL</i>	<i>Nash</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>TABORN/TABURN</i>	<i>JOEL</i>	<i>Nash</i>	<i>2</i>
AFRICAN AMERICAN MAN		New Hanover	7
JACOBS	EZEKIAH	New Hanover	7
CUBIT/CUBBIT/CUBERT		New Hanover	7
MARTIN	JOHN	New Hanover	7
PEAVEY	THOMAS	New Hanover	7
JACOBS	ZACHARIAH	New Hanover	7
JACK	FRANCIS	Onslow	3
NORTON	JACOB	Orange	4
<i>BIRD</i>	<i>REUBEN</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>4</i>
BURNETT	DAVID	Orange	4
<i>HARRIS</i>	<i>JESSE</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>HOOD</i>	<i>CHARLES</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>4</i>
IVEY	DAVID	Orange	4
JEFFERIES	JACOB	Orange	4
JEFFREY	DREWRY	Orange	4
JEFFRIES/JEFFREYS	JOHN	Orange	4
MASON	PATRICK	Person	13
PENDERGRASS	RICHARD	Person	13
<i>LOMACK</i>	<i>WILLIAM</i>	<i>Robeson</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>HOOD</i>	<i>WILLIAM</i>	<i>Rockingham</i>	<i>13</i>
TITUS	ISHMAEL	Rowan	6
PETTIFORD	DRURY	Stokes	5
<i>PEARCE/PIERCE</i>	<i>ISRAEL</i>	<i>Tyrell</i>	<i>3</i>
PIERCE	WILLIAM	Tyrell	3
FOSTER	WILLIAM	Tyrell	3
ELLIS	HENRY	Wake	13
<i>ELLIS</i>	<i>JOHN</i>	<i>Wake</i>	<i>13</i>
HEDGEPEETH	PETER	Wake	13
<i>TANN</i>	<i>DRURY</i>	<i>Wake</i>	<i>13</i>
GIBSON	CHARLES	Wayne	3

***Italics indicate a patriot who filed a pension application which is available at the Southern Campaigns.**