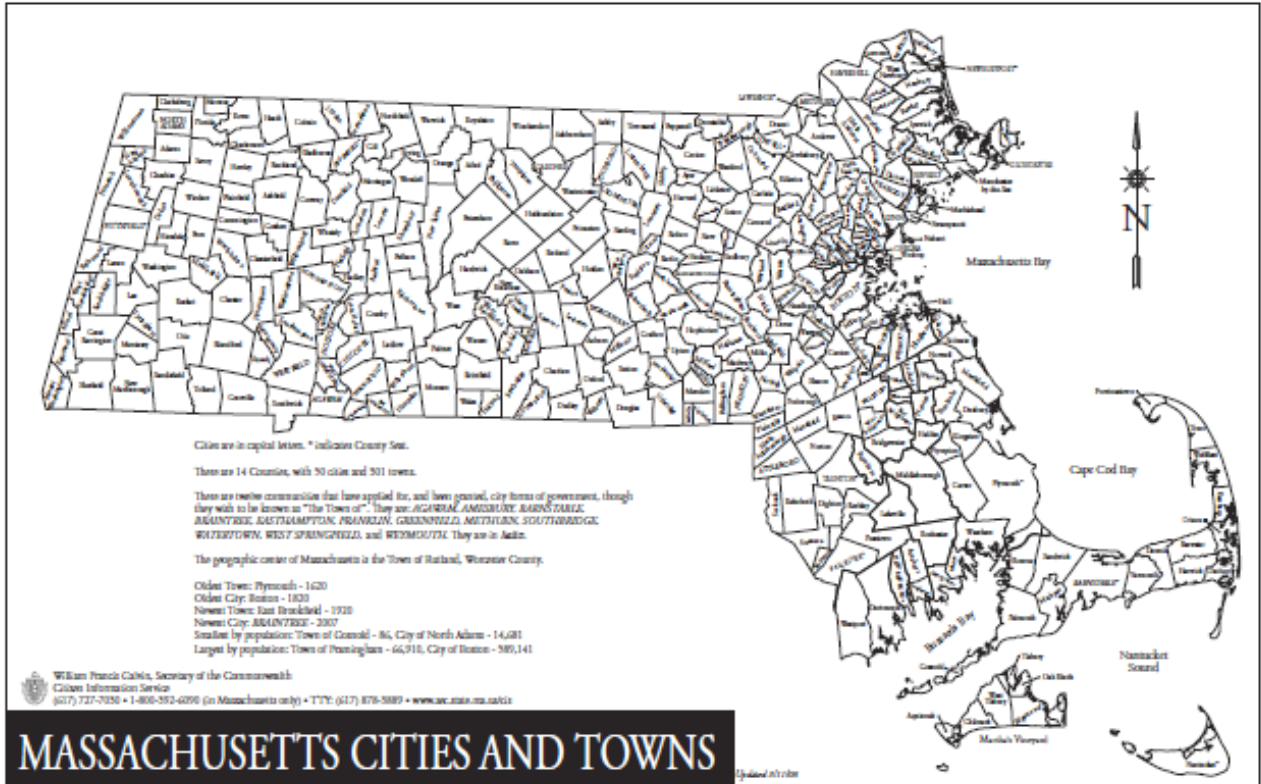


# The Hometowns of Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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## Number of African American Patriots by Municipality

Municipality	#	Municipality	#	Municipality	#	Municipality	#
Abington	5	Dorchester (Boston)	7	Marblehead	15	Sheffield	5
Acton	3	Douglas	1	Marlborough	5	Shelburne	7
Adams	3	Dracut	6	Marshfield	4	Shrewsbury	2
Amesbury	8	Dunstable	5	Martha's Vineyard	5	South Hadley	3
Amherst	3	East Bridgewater	1	Mashpee	2	Southampton	5
Andover	23	Eastham	4	Medfield	6	Spencer	2
Arlington	1	Easton	3	Medford	15	Springfield	10
Ashby	1	Edgartown	2	Medway	5	Stockbridge	9
Ashfield	2	Essex	1	Mendon	2	Stoneham	11
Attleborough	3	Falmouth	12	Methuen	1	Stoughton	5
Auburn	1	Fitchburg	1	Middleborough	10	Stow	2
Barnstable	9	Framingham	14	Middleton	5	Sturbridge	2
Barre	4	Franklin	3	Monson	1	Sudbury	4
Becket	1	Freetown	17	Montague	1	Sunderland	1
Bedford	6	Georgetown	1	Nantucket	5	Sutton	3
Belchertown	3	Gloucester	3	Natick	11	Swansea	10
Bellingham	5	Grafton	9	Needham	3	Taunton	17
Berkley	4	Granville	5	New Braintree	1	Templeton	1
Berkshire	8	Great Barrington	6	Newbury	18	Tewksbury	4
Beverly	11	Groton	4	Newburyport	9	Topsfield	2
Billerica	4	Hadley	4	Newton	2	Tyringham	2
Bolton	3	Halifax	1	Northampton	10	Upton	3
Boston	93	Hampshire	6	Northborough	1	Uxbridge	1
Boxford	3	Hanover	8	Northfield	1	Waltham	5
Braintree	9	Hardwick	4	Norton	4	Ware	2
Bridgewater	40	Harvard	3	Oakham	1	Wareham	3
Brookfield	4	Harwich	6	Oxford	2	Warren	3
Brookline	4	Hatfield	4	Palmer	3	Warwick	1
Cambridge	13	Haverhill	2	Paxton	3	Watertown	6
Cape Ann	1	Hingham	7	Pelham	5	Wellfleet	1
Carlisle	1	Holden	2	Pembroke	5	Wenham	4
Charlestown (Boston)	10	Holliston	6	Pepperell	2	West Springfield	7
Charlton	5	Ipswich	9	Petersham	2	West Stockbridge	2
Chatham	3	Kingston	4	Pittsfield	12	Westborough	1
Chelmsford	3	Lancaster	23	Plymouth	26	Westfield	6
Chelsea	2	Lanesborough	4	Plympton	5	Westford	2
Cheshire	3	Lee	1	Raynham	2	Weston	1
Chester	1	Leicester	13	Reading	10	Westport	1
Chesterfield	5	Lenox	1	Rehoboth	15	Weymouth	1
Cohasset	2	Leominster	1	Richmond	4	Whately	1
Colrain	4	Lexington	9	Rochester	6	Wilbraham	3
Concord	15	Lincoln	5	Rowley	3	Williamstown	1
Conway	3	Littleton	5	Roxbury (Boston)	5	Wilmington	1
Cummington	1	Ludlow	1	Salem	25	Woburn	16
Danvers	13	Lunenburg	4	Salisbury	3	Worcester	21
Dartmouth	25	Lynn	5	Sandisfield	3	Wrentham	5
Dedham	5	Malden	7	Sandwich	17	Yarmouth	2
Deerfield	4	Manchester	2	Scituate	10		
Dighton	16	Mansfield	4	Sharon	3		

## Facts about Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines 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 5,000 and 10,000 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 *Forgotten Patriots, African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War* was published by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 2008.
- At least 1,570 patriots served in the Continental Army and state militia of Massachusetts.
- At least 1,174 patriots are connected by birth, enlistment or residence to a Massachusetts community ("resident soldiers.")
- 31 percent of the 5,000 known patriots resided in Massachusetts
- 48 percent of the 5,000 known patriots resided in Massachusetts and Connecticut.
- 194 of the 351 municipalities of Massachusetts are connected to one or more patriots. (234 municipalities existed during the Revolutionary War.)
- 336 patriots are not associated with a community.
- 51 patriots were residents of neighboring states and served in Massachusetts units.
- 9 patriots are associated with a county but not a town.
- Descriptive lists record them as Negro, black, mulatto, yellow, wool hair, colored, brown, dark, copper, Azorean, Iberian, African, part Indian, man of color and "former enslaved man."
- Most black patriots had typical European surnames; however, 20 used the town of "Boston" as a surname and 46 took the surname "Freeman" to express their aspirations. At least one "Freeman" also used the surname "Liberty."
- These are the names of a few wives -- Hannah Woods; Cate Green, Rhoda, Phoebe Rosier (described as Indian)
- The patriots served in many roles: soldier, sailor, marine, patriotic service, cook's mate, waiter, barber, landsman, drummer, fifer, carpenter, servant, and gentleman soldier. (The vast majority were fighting men. All were put in harm's way.)
- Sailors served on board the Frigate Boston, Schooner Resolution, Ship Essex, Privateer Thomas, Ship Pilgrim and Ship Deane, among others.
- Boys served on the Brigantines Hazard and Independence.
- At least 59 soldiers applied for a pension.
- At least seven soldiers died in service.
- 33 towns in Middlesex County were home to 193 soldiers, the highest of any county. Woburn (16) had the most. Counties ranking second and third are Essex (167) and Plymouth (136).
- The total for Middlesex County represents 16 percent of the state's total and 5 percent of the nation's total of resident soldiers.
- Boston (93) had the highest number of resident soldiers of any municipality by 1783, representing 79 percent of Suffolk County's total and 8 percent of the state's total.
- Current borders that include Charlestown (10), Dorchester (7), and Roxbury (5) bring Boston's count to 115. This number represents 10 percent of the state's 1,174 resident soldiers and 3 percent of the nation's.
- These towns sent between 21 and 40 patriots into battle: Bridgewater (40), Plymouth (26), Dartmouth (25), Salem (25), Andover (23), Lancaster (23) and Worcester (21).

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	COUNTY	CITY
ANTHONY/ANTONY/ANTURNY	JOHN	SUFFOLK	Boston
ASKING	SAM	SUFFOLK	Boston
BALLARD	Boston	SUFFOLK	Boston
BALLARD	BRISTOL	SUFFOLK	Boston
BAPTISE	JOHN	SUFFOLK	Boston
BARNES	CROMWELL	SUFFOLK	Boston
BARNES	CROMWELL	SUFFOLK	Boston
BARRETT	JOSHUA	SUFFOLK	Boston
BLACKNEY	CATO	SUFFOLK	Boston
Boston	Boston	SUFFOLK	Boston
CO WEN/CO WIN	TABOR	SUFFOLK	Boston
COOKE	HENRY	SUFFOLK	Boston
COURT	TOM	SUFFOLK	Boston
COZZENS	COFFE	SUFFOLK	Boston
CUFF	FELIX/PHELIX/PHILICKS	SUFFOLK	Boston
CUFF	WILL	SUFFOLK	Boston
CUFF/CUFFS	JAMES	SUFFOLK	Boston
CUFFE	WILL	SUFFOLK	Boston
CUFFS	WILLIAM	SUFFOLK	Boston
DANIEL	ANTHONY	SUFFOLK	Boston
DAVIS	NEWPORT	SUFFOLK	Boston
DAY	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston
DECOST/DECOSTER	TEMPLE	SUFFOLK	Boston
DECOSTER	JOSEPH	SUFFOLK	Boston
DELEMOS	CHOVIER CARDOZO	SUFFOLK	Boston
DINNIS	JOHN	SUFFOLK	Boston
DONE	CATO	SUFFOLK	Boston
DURFEE/DURPHY	Boston	SUFFOLK	Boston
DYER	JACK	SUFFOLK	Boston
EADS/EDES	POMP	SUFFOLK	Boston
FOSTER	Boston	SUFFOLK	Boston
FOY/FOYE	Boston	SUFFOLK	Boston
FREEMAN	CUFF	SUFFOLK	Boston
FREEMAN	FORTUNE	SUFFOLK	Boston
FREEMAN	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Boston
FREEMAN	TITUS	SUFFOLK	Boston
GARDNER	MOSES	SUFFOLK	Boston
GARDNER	SHARP	SUFFOLK	Boston
GARDNER	THOMAS	SUFFOLK	Boston
GARY /CAREY	WINDHAM/WENHAM	SUFFOLK	Boston
GEORGE	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Boston
GILES	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston
GILL	QUINTUS	SUFFOLK	Boston
GLOVER	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston
GODFREY	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston
GREENE	JOHN	SUFFOLK	Boston
HALL	PRIMUS aka PRIMUS TRASK	SUFFOLK	Boston
HASKALL/HASKELL	BAR'S	SUFFOLK	Boston
INCHES	CATO	SUFFOLK	Boston
JACK	JOHN	SUFFOLK	Boston
JAMES	JAMAICA	SUFFOLK	Boston
JEAN	JULIAN	SUFFOLK	Boston
JOHONNOT/JOHNNOT/JONHONOT/ JONNOT	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Boston
JOLI	JOHN	SUFFOLK	Boston
JOY	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston

KENT	CYRUS	SUFFOLK	Boston
KITTRIDGE	THOMAS	SUFFOLK	Boston
LEE	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston
LYNDE	CHARLESTOWN	SUFFOLK	Boston
MARK	THATCHER	SUFFOLK	Boston
MITCHELL	ISAAC	SUFFOLK	Boston
NOOK	ESQUIRE	SUFFOLK	Boston
NORTHGATE	ABRAHAM	SUFFOLK	Boston
PEREGRINO	MANUEL	SUFFOLK	Boston
PITTS	Boston	SUFFOLK	Boston
POLLEY/POLLOY	QUASH/SQUASH	SUFFOLK	Boston
PONNEE	SCIPIO	SUFFOLK	Boston
PRINCE	No Surname	SUFFOLK	Boston
PRINCE	No Surname	SUFFOLK	Boston
PROVIANDO	FERDINANDO	SUFFOLK	Boston
PUTMAN/PUTNAM	SCIPIO	SUFFOLK	Boston
QUAGO	GEORGE	SUFFOLK	Boston
SABY	JONATHAN	SUFFOLK	Boston
SCIPIO	JOHN	SUFFOLK	Boston
SCOTT	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Boston
SPRAGUE	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston
SURCOMB/CIRCUM	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston
TITUS	TIMOTHY	SUFFOLK	Boston
TOWNSEND	CUFFEY/CAFFEY	SUFFOLK	Boston
TUDOR	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Boston
UNCILLS/UNCLES	WILLIAM	SUFFOLK	Boston
WAIT	SAMBO	SUFFOLK	Boston
WALLEE	POMP	SUFFOLK	Boston
WANT	POMP	SUFFOLK	Boston
WATERS	SCIPIO	SUFFOLK	Boston
WHEATLEY/WHEATLY/WHELLEY	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Boston
WHITING	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Boston
WILLS	LONDON	SUFFOLK	Boston
WINGFIELD	NEPHENE	SUFFOLK	Boston
WOLLIS	POMPEY	SUFFOLK	Boston
POTOMIA/POTAMIA/POTANA	JOB	SUFFOLK	Boston
TWILIGHT	ICHABOD	SUFFOLK	Boston
WILLIAMS	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Boston
RUSSELL	POMP	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
CARTRITE/CARTRIGHT	TONEYD.	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
FISK	POMPEY/POMP	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
HAISE	CUFF	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
HAY/HAYS	CUFF/CUST	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
NEWELL	CATO	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
SHAS WELL	ANTHONY	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
TAYLOR/TAYLER	THOMAS	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
WOOD	CATO	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
WOOD	CUFF	SUFFOLK	Charlestown
LOUDER	CHANDLER	SUFFOLK	Dorchester
AUGUSTUS	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Dorchester
DARBY	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Dorchester
DERBY	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Dorchester
FREEMAN	CAESAR AUGUSTUS	SUFFOLK	Dorchester
THATCHER/THACHER	CAESAR	SUFFOLK	Dorchester
BILSTON	PRINCE	SUFFOLK	Dorchester

ADAMS	BostonJACK/ADAM	SUFFOLK	Roxbury
BOSTWAIN	WINTER	SUFFOLK	Roxbury
CANADY	JACK	SUFFOLK	Roxbury
FREEMAN	ARTILLO	SUFFOLK	Roxbury
WIER	SCIPIO	SUFFOLK	Roxbury