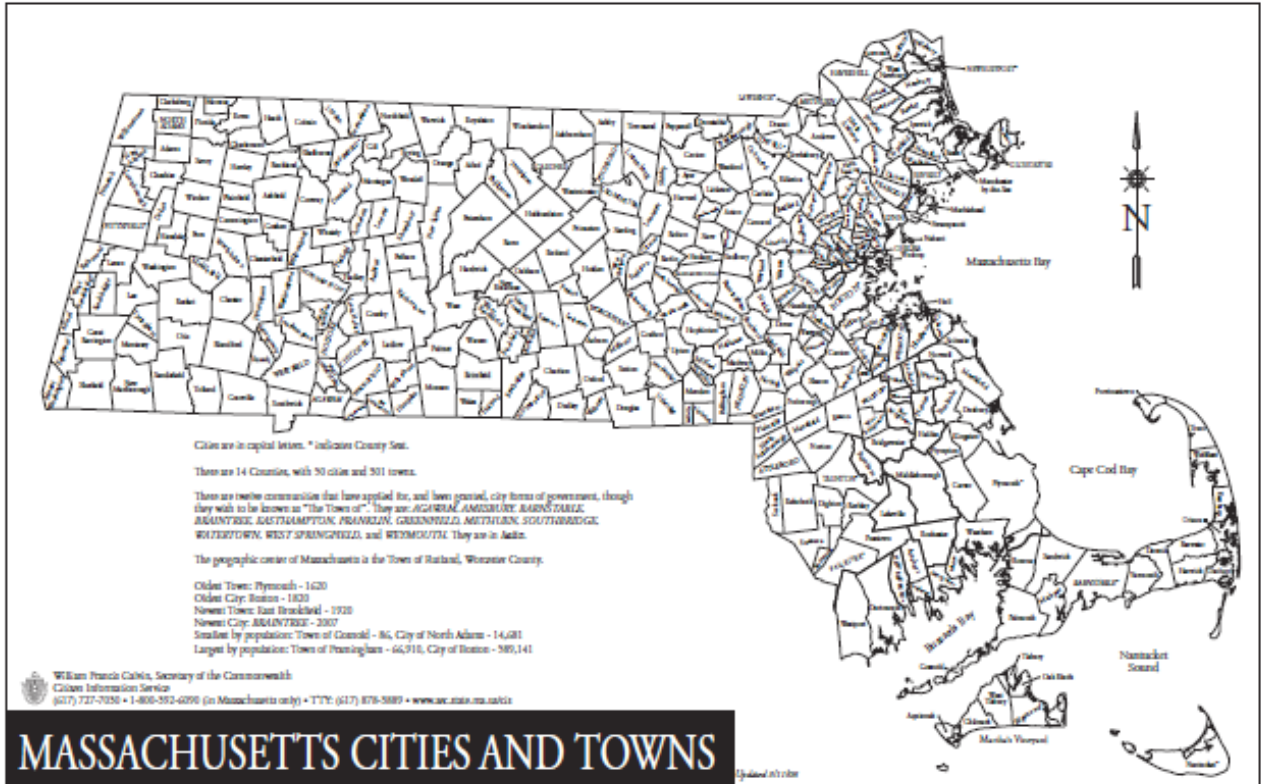


# The Hometowns of Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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## Number of African American Patriots by Municipality

Municipality	#	Municipality	#	Municipality	#	Municipality	#
Abington	5	Dorchester	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	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	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."
- (25), Andover (23), Lancaster (23) and Worcester (21).
- 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, representing 79 percent of Suffolk County's total and 8 percent of the state's total.
- The 117 resident soldiers of Suffolk County, including Boston, represent 10 percent of the state's 1,177 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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	COUNTY	CITY
BLACK	JOEL	BRISTOL	Attleborough
BUCKLAND/BUCKLEN	LONDON	BRISTOL	Attleborough
FREE	JUPITER	BRISTOL	Attleborough
DEAN	THOMAS	BRISTOL	Berkley
FULLER	TITUS	BRISTOL	Berkley
HAZARD	JAMES	BRISTOL	Berkley
SANFORD	PHOENIX	BRISTOL	Berkley
ABEL/ABLE/ABELL	CAIN	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
ALMEY/ALMY	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
AMES	PRIME	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
BARD	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
BEARD	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
BLACKMORE	JOHN	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
BRIFFIN	ANTHONY	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
BROWNELL	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
BURDEN	CUDJO	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
DICK	No Surname	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
DICK	SOLOMON	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
HALL	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
HAMMOND	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
HICH/HITCH	PLEASANT	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
HITCH	PLEASANT	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
MINGO	WILLIAM	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
PECKHAM/PECKHUM/PECKUM	POMPEY	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
PICKHORN	POMP	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
POTTER	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
RUSSELL	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
WAMLEE	JAMES	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
WEBBSTER	PRIME	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
WHITMORE/WHITTEMORE / WHITTERMORE / WHITMORE CUFF	CARTWRIGHT / DE CARTERET aka	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
WHITIMON/WHITMAN	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dartmouth
ANDREWS	ENEAS/NEOS/NEOT	BRISTOL	Dighton
BAILEY/BALEYS/BALIS	LONDON	BRISTOL	Dighton
CHURCH	CAESAR	BRISTOL	Dighton
CUMMINGS/CUMMINS/CUMMIS	NOBLE	BRISTOL	Dighton
DEAN	THOMAS	BRISTOL	Dighton
FISHER	THOMAS	BRISTOL	Dighton
FRISHER	THOMAS	BRISTOL	Dighton
GOODING/GOODWIN/GOOING	CUFF	BRISTOL	Dighton
PEARCE/PEIRCE	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dighton
PIERCE	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Dighton
RICHMOND	LONDON	BRISTOL	Dighton
TEW	URIAH	BRISTOL	Dighton
THOMAS	No Surname	BRISTOL	Dighton
WHITE	REUBEN	BRISTOL	Dighton
WILLIAMS	BENONI	BRISTOL	Dighton
WINSLOW	PETER	BRISTOL	Dighton
CLAP	THOMAS	BRISTOL	Easton
GREEN	JOSEPH	BRISTOL	Easton
KETH	FREEMAN	BRISTOL	Easton
AMOS	JACK/JACOB	BRISTOL	Freetown
AMOS	THOMAS	BRISTOL	Freetown
BARNABA	JACK	BRISTOL	Freetown
BOOMER/BOMER	SHARP	BRISTOL	Freetown
BROWN	JOHN	BRISTOL	Freetown
CRANK/CRANKS	PELEG	BRISTOL	Freetown
DEBLOIS	NEWPORT	BRISTOL	Freetown
ELSBERRY	CAESAR	BRISTOL	Freetown
GEORGE	SAMUEL	BRISTOL	Freetown
HILMAN	SASH	BRISTOL	Freetown
LEWIS	DAVID	BRISTOL	Freetown

READ	WILLIAM	BRISTOL	Freetown
REED	SIMEON	BRISTOL	Freetown
WATERMAN	BENJAMIN	BRISTOL	Freetown
WATERMAN	ISRAEL	BRISTOL	Freetown
WINSLOW	JAMAICA	BRISTOL	Freetown
WINSOR	ANTHONY	BRISTOL	Freetown
CLAP	THOMAS	BRISTOL	Mansfield
CUDGE	JUBE	BRISTOL	Mansfield
FRIZELL	CATO	BRISTOL	Mansfield
HECTOR	MONDAY	BRISTOL	Mansfield
BURR	SEYMOUR	BRISTOL	Norton
FREEMAN	CUFF	BRISTOL	Norton
MOREY	ANTHONY	BRISTOL	Norton
MOREY	LONDON	BRISTOL	Norton
GILLMORE/GILMORE	TOBEY	BRISTOL	Raynham
LEONARD/LEANORD/LENARD	CUFF	BRISTOL	Raynham
BANNISTER	PETER	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
BARNEY	PAUL	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
BEAVER	POMP	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
BLANDING	ORESTO	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
DAVID	No Surname	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
HICKS	CHAICE	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
HUNT	CATO	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
IDE	SQUIRE	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
JENK	PRIMUS	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
PEARCE	SQUIRE	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
PEBODY/PEEBODY	ICK	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
PERRY	CAESAR	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
REAVES	POMP	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
REVES	POMP	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
WINSOR/WINSOUR	DUTY	BRISTOL	Rehoboth
ANTHONY	No Surname	BRISTOL	Swansea
BARNEY	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Swansea
BARNEY	WHEATON	BRISTOL	Swansea
BOWRS	PRIMUS	BRISTOL	Swansea
BROWN	DAN	BRISTOL	Swansea
FLAGG	ANTHONY	BRISTOL	Swansea
HALL	JAMES	BRISTOL	Swansea
HILL	JAMES	BRISTOL	Swansea
TALBOT	CAESAR	BRISTOL	Swansea
THOMAS	SCIPIO	BRISTOL	Swansea
ADAM/ADOMS	PETER	BRISTOL	Taunton
ARMSBY	TITUS	BRISTOL	Taunton
BALIS/BALLIS/BAYLES/BAYLIES / BAYLIS/BAYLOS	LONDON	BRISTOL	Taunton
CAS WELL	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Taunton
DURFEE	JACK	BRISTOL	Taunton
EDDY	ROBIN	BRISTOL	Taunton
FALES	LONDON	BRISTOL	Taunton
HAGGON	LONDON	BRISTOL	Taunton
HARDEN	ADONIS	BRISTOL	Taunton
HARDEN	AESOP	BRISTOL	Taunton
LINKHORN/LINKON	COFFEE	BRISTOL	Taunton
LINKON	FREEMAN	BRISTOL	Taunton
NEWPORT	WILLIAM	BRISTOL	Taunton
NICHOLS/NICOLS	PETER	BRISTOL	Taunton
ORMSBY	TITUS	BRISTOL	Taunton
SISCO	FRANCIS	BRISTOL	Taunton
WITHEREL/WITHERELL/WITHERLY / WITHREL / WITHRELL	PRINCE	BRISTOL	Taunton
DICK	EXETER	BRISTOL	Westport