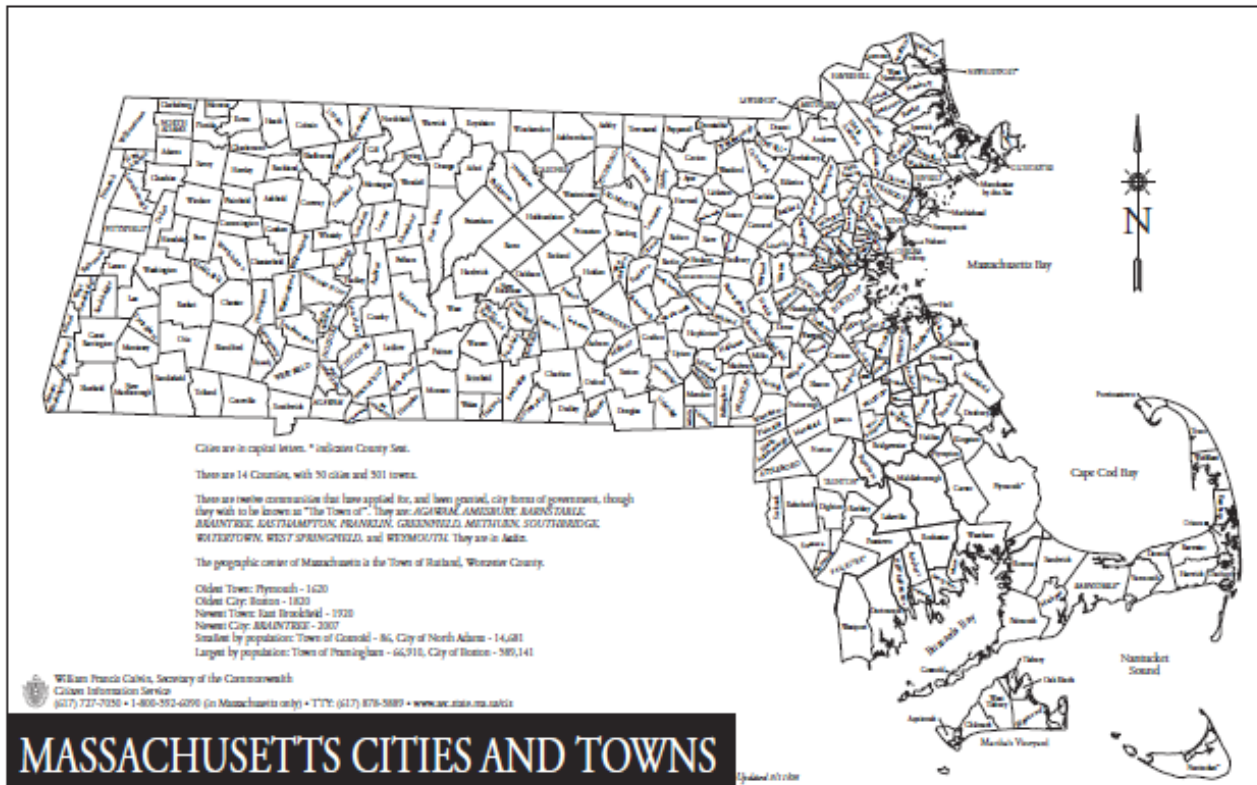


# The Hometowns of Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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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."
- 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 (25), Andover (23), Lancaster (23) and Worcester (21).

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	COUNTY	CITY
BACHELOR	PRINCE	ESSEX	Amesbury
BATCHELOR	PRINCE	ESSEX	Amesbury
CURRIER	ROBIN/ROBERT	ESSEX	Amesbury
DEMUS/DEMAS	JOSEPH	ESSEX	Amesbury
GRAY	CYPRUS	ESSEX	Amesbury
GRAY	SCIPIO	ESSEX	Amesbury
MERRILL	CAESAR	ESSEX	Amesbury
PRINCE	No Surname	ESSEX	Amesbury
AMES	PRINCE aka PRIMUS AMES & PRINCE ALEXANDER AMES	ESSEX	Andover
CATO	No Surname	ESSEX	Andover
CITIZEN	LONDON	ESSEX	Andover
COBURN/COLBURN	TITUS	ESSEX	Andover
COGSWELL	CAESAR	ESSEX	Andover
FOSTER	CAB	ESSEX	Andover
FREEMAN/LIBERTY	CAB	ESSEX	Andover
FRYE	CAESAR	ESSEX	Andover
FRYE	PRINCE	ESSEX	Andover
LOVEJOY	DICK	ESSEX	Andover
LOVEJOY	PETER	ESSEX	Andover
LOVEJOY	POMP	ESSEX	Andover
MARK	No Surname	ESSEX	Andover
PETER	No Surname	ESSEX	Andover
POOR/PORE	SALEM	ESSEX	Andover
PORTER	CAESAR	ESSEX	Andover
RICHERSON	ALLEN	ESSEX	Andover
ROBINSON	JACK	ESSEX	Andover
RUSSEL/RUSSELL	CAESAR	ESSEX	Andover
TILE/TITE	No Surname	ESSEX	Andover
TOBEY	No Surname	ESSEX	Andover
WALKER	PRINCE/PRIMUS/PRENTICE	ESSEX	Andover
WEARE	SCIPIO	ESSEX	Andover
BARTLET/BARTLETT	SCIPIO/SIP	ESSEX	Beverly
ELLIS	JACK	ESSEX	Beverly
FREEMAN	SCIPIO/SIP	ESSEX	Beverly
GREEN	PRIMUS/PRIMAS	ESSEX	Beverly
HERRICK	SCIPIO/SIP	ESSEX	Beverly
PAIN	EDWARD	ESSEX	Beverly
RAYMOND	CAESAR	ESSEX	Beverly
THISTLE	CESAR	ESSEX	Beverly
THISTLE	JETHRO	ESSEX	Beverly
WOODBURY/WOODBERY/WOOD BRY/WOODBRRY	PRINCE	ESSEX	Beverly

BEKY/BOKY	MAGNUS	ESSEX	Beverly
HARSCOL/HASKELL/HASKEL	CICERO	ESSEX	Boxford
NEPTUNE	No Surname	ESSEX	Boxford
PORTER	NEPTUNE/NIP/NEPTUEN	ESSEX	Boxford
COBURN	SAMPSON	ESSEX	Cape Ann
BRAY	ZACHARIAH	ESSEX	Danvers
BUXTON	PETER	ESSEX	Danvers
BUXTON	PRINCE	ESSEX	Danvers
FELTON	FORTUNE	ESSEX	Danvers
FULLER	PETER	ESSEX	Danvers
JACOBS	PRIMUS	ESSEX	Danvers
MURPHY	MILAN	ESSEX	Danvers
POMP	No Surname	ESSEX	Danvers
SHAW	SCIPIO	ESSEX	Danvers
SIMMONS	SIP	ESSEX	Danvers
SYMONDS	SYP	ESSEX	Danvers
SYMONDS/SIMONS	POMP	ESSEX	Danvers
UPTON	JUBA/JUBE	ESSEX	Danvers
UPTON	CESAR	ESSEX	Essex
BURZIE	BELA	ESSEX	Georgetown
BLACK	CUFF	ESSEX	Gloucester
SMALL	NATHANIEL	ESSEX	Gloucester
STONE	WILLIAM	ESSEX	Gloucester
BURNIX/BURNOX/BUNROCK	FORTUNE	ESSEX	Haverhill
LOT	No Surname	ESSEX	Haverhill
BELL	Boston	ESSEX	Ipswich
CUFF	JAMES	ESSEX	Ipswich
ELLERY	FORTUNE	ESSEX	Ipswich
FREEMAN	JOHN	ESSEX	Ipswich
FREEMAN	REUBEN	ESSEX	Ipswich
JACK	JOHN	ESSEX	Ipswich
OSBORN	Boston	ESSEX	Ipswich
WOOD	CATO	ESSEX	Ipswich
Boston	EDWARD	ESSEX	Ipswich
COBB	CAESAR/CUFF	ESSEX	Lynn
CUSHMAN	PRIMUS	ESSEX	Lynn
FORTUNE	No Surname	ESSEX	Lynn
WATTS	CHARLES	ESSEX	Lynn
JOHNSON	PHAROAH	ESSEX	Lynn
LEE	CAESAR	ESSEX	Manchester
THOMAS	PETER	ESSEX	Manchester
BLACK	Boston	ESSEX	Marblehead
BLEW	CUFF	ESSEX	Marblehead

CATO	No Surname	ESSEX	Marblehead
ENTHARO/FRETHARO/INTHARO	MANWIL/MANWELL/MANUEL	ESSEX	Marblehead
FRANCIS	CHARLES	ESSEX	Marblehead
PARSONS	SAMUEL	ESSEX	Marblehead
PRUTHER	FORTIN	ESSEX	Marblehead
ROMEO	No Surname	ESSEX	Marblehead
SARRAGOSHAH	No Surname	ESSEX	Marblehead
SOTO	MANUEL	ESSEX	Marblehead
SWEAT/SWEATT/SWEET/ SWET/SWETT	CICERO/CISCERO	ESSEX	Marblehead
CURTIS	ROBIN	ESSEX	Marblehead
HALE	AESOP	ESSEX	Marblehead
ISAAC	No Surname	ESSEX	Methuen
EMANUEL	PRIMUS/PRINCE	ESSEX	Middleton
EVERALL	BISTER	ESSEX	Middleton
OSGOOD	PRIMUS	ESSEX	Middleton
PRIMUS	No Surname	ESSEX	Middleton
SCIPIO	No Surname	ESSEX	Middleton
ANTHONY	MARK	ESSEX	Newbury
AUGUSTUS	CAESAR	ESSEX	Newbury
BICK	LANCASTER	ESSEX	Newbury
BROWN	PRINCE	ESSEX	Newbury
CHURCH	JOB	ESSEX	Newbury
DOWREY	CUFF	ESSEX	Newbury
FREEMAN	FORTUNE	ESSEX	Newbury
HALL	PERO/PEER/PETER	ESSEX	Newbury
HASKEL/HASKELL	CICERO	ESSEX	Newbury
HODGDON/HODGEDON	CAESAR	ESSEX	Newbury
JACKSON	POMP/POMPEY	ESSEX	Newbury
JARVIS	CHARLES	ESSEX	Newbury
MERRIL/MERRILL	JUBA	ESSEX	Newbury
ROGER/ROGERS	LONDON	ESSEX	Newbury
SO WARD	CATO	ESSEX	Newbury
TOMPSON	GEOR	ESSEX	Newbury
VARNON	JAMES	ESSEX	Newbury
WALLACE	CAESAR	ESSEX	Newbury
Boston	ANTHONY	ESSEX	Newburyport
HEMPHILL	CUST	ESSEX	Newburyport
HENDRICK	CAESAR	ESSEX	Newburyport
KIMBLE	JOHN	ESSEX	Newburyport
SHADOC/SHADOCK/SHADOOK	CATO	ESSEX	Newburyport
THOMAS	JAMES	ESSEX	Newburyport
TIGH	OXFORD	ESSEX	Newburyport
TRASZY	PRINCE	ESSEX	Newburyport

WORNTON	TOBIAS/BACCHUS/BACKUS	ESSEX	Newburyport
DOLE	CUFF	ESSEX	Rowley
FREEMAN	CATO	ESSEX	Rowley
HART	THOMAS	ESSEX	Rowley
AUGUSTUS	JOHN	ESSEX	Salem
BOWLES	CHARLES	ESSEX	Salem
BROOKS	Boston	ESSEX	Salem
BROWN	JOHN	ESSEX	Salem
CATO	No Surname	ESSEX	Salem
CHEESLONG	JOSEPH	ESSEX	Salem
DENNA/DENNIE	BARNA/BARNE	ESSEX	Salem
DUCKENFIELD	THOMAS	ESSEX	Salem
HABENS	WM.	ESSEX	Salem
HABINS	THOMAS	ESSEX	Salem
HON/HORN/ORNE	CAESAR	ESSEX	Salem
HUNT	FORTUNE/FOSTER	ESSEX	Salem
JEPHTHAH	No Surname	ESSEX	Salem
JONSTON	GEORGE	ESSEX	Salem
KINGS	BANGS	ESSEX	Salem
OLIVER	BENJAMIN	ESSEX	Salem
RAINEY	THOMAS	ESSEX	Salem
SHARP	No Surname	ESSEX	Salem
TOMSON/TOMPSON	JOHN	ESSEX	Salem
WARD	JEPHTHAH	ESSEX	Salem
WEBB	PRIMUS	ESSEX	Salem
DINNIS	CATO	ESSEX	Salem
FREEMAN	SAMPSON/SAMSON	ESSEX	Salem
MANNOLA	ANTONA	ESSEX	Salem
DRIVER	JOHN/JACK	ESSEX	Salem
GRIFFIN	THOMAS	ESSEX	Salisbury
HALL	CAESAR	ESSEX	Salisbury
KNOX	JAMES	ESSEX	Salisbury
FREEMAN	FORTUNE	ESSEX	Topsfield
STOREY/STORY	PRIMUS	ESSEX	Topsfield
BROWN	SAMPSON	ESSEX	Wenham
DODGE/LEE	SCIPIO	ESSEX	Wenham
PORTER	SCIPIO/SIPEO	ESSEX	Wenham
REDINGTON	DANIEL	ESSEX	Wenham