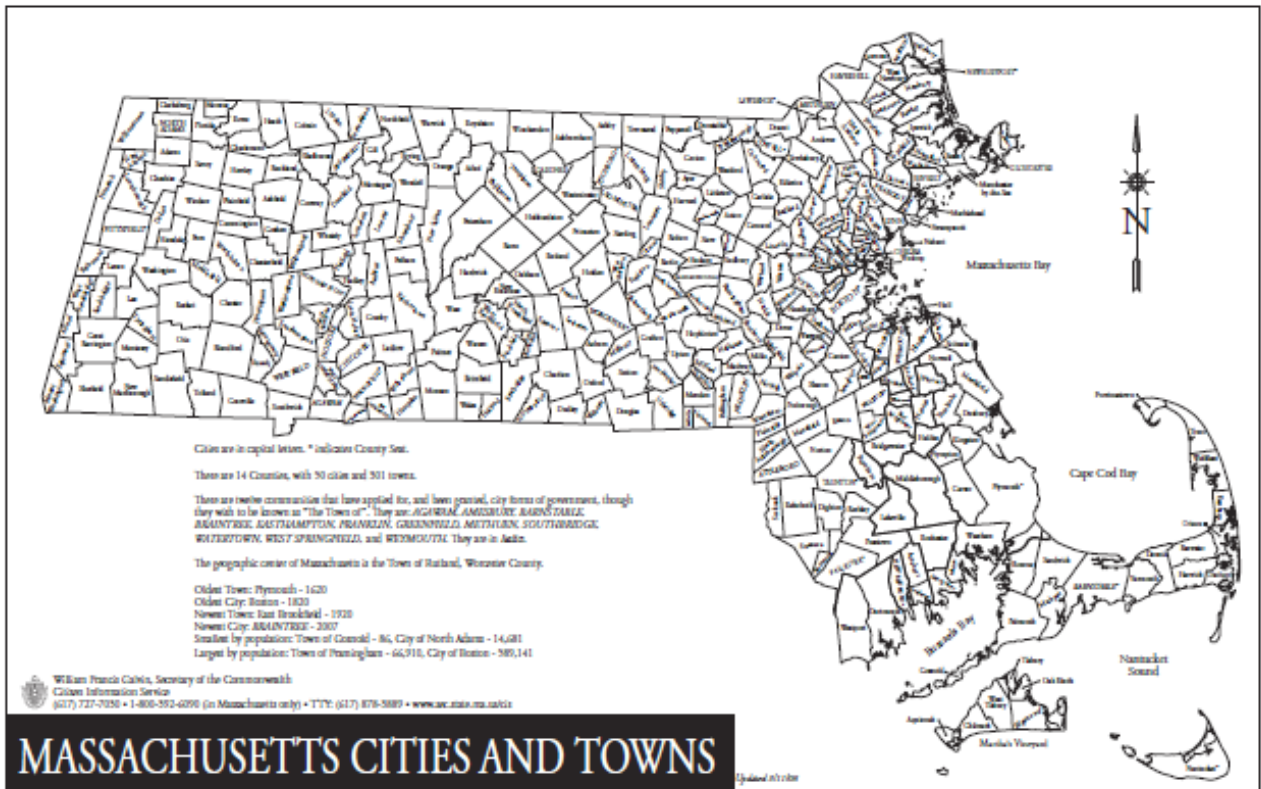


The Hometowns of Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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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
Cumington	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/TOWN
HAYWARD	TITUS	MIDDLESEX	Acton
HENDRICK	BENJAMIN	MIDDLESEX	Acton
ROBBINS/ROBINS	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Acton
LAMSON	DAVID	MIDDLESEX	Arlington
HERRICK	CHARLES	MIDDLESEX	Ashby
BELL	Boston	MIDDLESEX	Bedford
HARTWELL	JEFFREY/JESSE FREEMAN	MIDDLESEX	Bedford
JONES	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Bedford
MOOR/MOORE	CAMBRIDGE	MIDDLESEX	Bedford
MORSE/MORES	CAMBRIDGE	MIDDLESEX	Bedford
PRESCOTT/PRESCUT	CAESAR/CEASAR	MIDDLESEX	Bedford
HOLLAND	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Billerica
ANDREWS	TONY	MIDDLESEX	Billerica
CALDWELL	MEDFORD	MIDDLESEX	Billerica
SUMERSETS/SUMERSETT/SUMMERSET	CUFF	MIDDLESEX	Billerica
BORDMAN/BOARDMAN	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
BOWERS	JAMES	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
CUTLAR/CUTLER	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
CUTLER	ISHMAEL	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
DEGO	PETER	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
FREEMAN	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
FROST	NEPTUNE	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
RUGGLES/RUGLES	YORK	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
STEDMAN	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
WELLINGTON	POMP	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
LOMBERT/LOMBOARD PLATO	No Surname	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
NICKERSON	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
PEARPOINT	JACK/JOCK	MIDDLESEX	Cambridge
Boston	PHILIP	MIDDLESEX	Carlisle
ABBOT	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Chelmsford
ABBOT	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Chelmsford
LEW	BARZILLAI	MIDDLESEX	Chelmsford
ADAMS	CHARLES	MIDDLESEX	Concord
BALL	Boston	MIDDLESEX	Concord
BARRETT	PHILIP	MIDDLESEX	Concord
BILL	Boston	MIDDLESEX	Concord
BLACKMAN	POMP	MIDDLESEX	Concord
CUMING/CUMMINGS/CUMENS/COMMINGS	BRISTOL/BRISTER(aka Brister Freeman)	MIDDLESEX	Concord
FEEN	CASE	MIDDLESEX	Concord
FREEMAN	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Concord
HOBBY	RICHARD	MIDDLESEX	Concord
KETTLE	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Concord
KITTLE	CAESAR/CEZAR	MIDDLESEX	Concord
MINOT	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Concord
QUACO/QUOKA	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Concord
QUAWCO	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Concord
ROBBY	RICHARD	MIDDLESEX	Concord
CLARK	ANTHONY	MIDDLESEX	Dracut
CLARK	TONY/ANTHONY	MIDDLESEX	Dracut
COBURN	SMITH	MIDDLESEX	Dracut
JOHNSON/JOHNSTON	PRIMUS	MIDDLESEX	Dracut
PARKER	CHESTER	MIDDLESEX	Dracut
ROYAL	SILAS/RYAL VARNUM	MIDDLESEX	Dracut
TING	CORNWELL	MIDDLESEX	Dunstable
TING	ROBERT	MIDDLESEX	Dunstable
TING/TYNG	Boston	MIDDLESEX	Dunstable
TYNG	Boston	MIDDLESEX	Dunstable
TYNG	CORNWELL	MIDDLESEX	Dunstable
BENSON	ABEL	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
Boston	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
BRITON	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
DREWERY	MICHAH	MIDDLESEX	Framingham

GRUSHA/GERUSHA	BLANEY/BRINNEY	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
HART/HARTS/HEART/HEARTS	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
HEART/HEARTS	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
HEMINGWAY/HEMENWAY	JEFFREY	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
JONAS	JACOB	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
McNEAL	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
SALEM	PETER	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
WENCH	CHARLES	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
WERCK	CHARLES	MIDDLESEX	Framingham
BABCOCK/BADCOCK	ABRAHAM	MIDDLESEX	Granville
FLETUS	No Surname	MIDDLESEX	Granville
HAYNES/HAINS/HANES	LEMUEL/LAMUEL	MIDDLESEX	Granville
HUBBARD	ISAAC	MIDDLESEX	Granville
HULL	FLEET/FLETUS	MIDDLESEX	Granville
DEO	CHARLESTOWN	MIDDLESEX	Groton
EDES	CHARLESTON	MIDDLESEX	Groton
FRY/FRYE	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Groton
ROBINS	CESAR	MIDDLESEX	Groton
CUZENS/CUZZEN	CUFF/CLOUGH	MIDDLESEX	Holliston
DANFORTH	JACOB	MIDDLESEX	Holliston
FREEMAN	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Holliston
HAMMON/HAMMOND	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Holliston
JACKSON	JOHN	MIDDLESEX	Holliston
TINDY	CUFF aka CUFF COUSINS/COUSAND	MIDDLESEX	Holliston
BARBADOES	ISSAC	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
BURDOO	ELI	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
CRAFT	SAMUEL	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
EASTERBROOKE/ESTABROOKE	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
FISKE	POMP	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
PRINCE	No Surname	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
TINGLE	JOHN	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
TREE	JUPITER	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
TUDOR/TUDA	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Lexington
ATKINS	PRIMUS	MIDDLESEX	Lincoln
HOARE	BRISTOL	MIDDLESEX	Lincoln
SAVAGE	JUBE	MIDDLESEX	Lincoln
SHARON	PETER	MIDDLESEX	Lincoln
WILSON	DICK	MIDDLESEX	Lincoln
CEASOR	SCIPIO	MIDDLESEX	Littleton
CHASE	SIPIO	MIDDLESEX	Littleton
OLIVER	PETER	MIDDLESEX	Littleton
ROWE	TONY	MIDDLESEX	Littleton
SCIPPEO	No Surname	MIDDLESEX	Littleton
HILL	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Malden
LINES/LYNDES	CHARLES/CHARLESTOWN	MIDDLESEX	Malden
MAGOS/MAGUS/MUNGUS	POMP	MIDDLESEX	Malden
NICKOLS	BACCHUS	MIDDLESEX	Malden
PRATT	BRISTOL/BRISTER	MIDDLESEX	Malden
RANDOL	WATERMAN	MIDDLESEX	Malden
RANFREE	JOHN	MIDDLESEX	Malden
WEYUMP	DAVID	MIDDLESEX	Marlborough
MAUSARD	FRANCIS	MIDDLESEX	Marlborough
MEUSARA	FRANCIS	MIDDLESEX	Marlborough
WHEELER	FORTUNATUS	MIDDLESEX	Marlborough
WILLARD	PETER	MIDDLESEX	Marlborough
ANTHONY	JAMES	MIDDLESEX	Natick
CIRCUM	CEASAR	MIDDLESEX	Natick
DAGO/DAGOR/DAGS/DAYGO/DEGO/DIDDO / DIGGO	PETER	MIDDLESEX	Natick
DORITY/DOROTHY/DORITHY	THOMAS	MIDDLESEX	Natick
FAIR/FARE	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Natick
FERRIT	JOHN	MIDDLESEX	Natick
FERRIT/FERATE	CAESAR/ELEAZAR	MIDDLESEX	Natick

HARDEN/HARDN	CHARLSTOWN/CHARLESTOWN/CHARLS	MIDDLESEX	Natick
LAMBERT/LAMBORD	PLATO	MIDDLESEX	Natick
SPEAN/SPEEN	JACOB	MIDDLESEX	Natick
THOMPSON/THOMSON	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Natick
BREWER	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Newton
GOING	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Newton
ANGER	DANISH	MIDDLESEX	Pepperell
PHILLIS/PHILES	POMP/POMPEY	MIDDLESEX	Pepperell
BACCHUS	No Surname	MIDDLESEX	Reading
EATON	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Reading
EATON	ISRAEL	MIDDLESEX	Reading
FREEMAN	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Reading
FREEMAN	DOSS	MIDDLESEX	Reading
FREEMAN	JONAS	MIDDLESEX	Reading
GARY	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Reading
GREEN	JACK	MIDDLESEX	Reading
THOMAS	EDMUND	MIDDLESEX	Reading
WYMAN	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Reading
BAILEY	ISAIAH	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
BARJONAH	ISSACHAR/ISIAH/ISAIAH	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
BRIENT/BRIANT	JACK aka JACK THARE	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
FREEMAN	CAB	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
FREEMAN	SHARPER	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
GREEN	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
GREEN	POMP	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
MALCOLM/MALCOME	CAESAR/CASAR	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
POTAMIA/POTAMI	TITUS	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
POTOMIA	TITUS	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
WEBB	JOHN	MIDDLESEX	Stoneham
STONE	ZUBAL	MIDDLESEX	Stow
WETHERBEE/WEATHERBEE	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Stow
CUDDY	PORTER	MIDDLESEX	Sudbury
GIDGER [GIGGER]	NICODEMUS	MIDDLESEX	Sudbury
HOMER	FORTUN/FORTUNE	MIDDLESEX	Sudbury
NIMROD/NIMRO/NIMROE/NIMROO	CUFF	MIDDLESEX	Sudbury
DIKE	HERCULES	MIDDLESEX	Tewksbury
HUBBARD/HUBBRT	CATO/KETO	MIDDLESEX	Tewksbury
SHED	MARCUS	MIDDLESEX	Tewksbury
DYKE	ARCHELAUS	MIDDLESEX	Tewksbury
BETTIS	JOHN	MIDDLESEX	Waltham
BUMPO/BUMPAS	MICAH/MIKE	MIDDLESEX	Waltham
GOWEN/GOING	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Waltham
POLAINA	JOHN	MIDDLESEX	Waltham
POTEIMA/POTAMIA/POTAMIE/POTAMY/POTAMYA/PUTAMY	JOHN	MIDDLESEX	Waltham
FAIRSERVICE	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Watertown
FREEMAN	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Watertown
FROTHINGHAM/FROTHINHAM	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Watertown
MILLS	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Watertown
BAKER	SIM	MIDDLESEX	Watertown
BEALS	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Watertown
WILLIAMS	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Weston
COBIN	TITUS	MIDDLESEX	Wilmington
EIGHTEEN	PRENS/PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
BEACHMAN/BEACKMAN	POMP	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
BLACKMAN	KEMER/KEMOR/KAMER	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
CALDWELL	ADAM	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
EATON	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
LENOX	CORNELIUS	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
LIBERTY	FRANCIS	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
LUNNOX	ORNELIUS	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
MERCO	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
RAND	JACK/AUSTIN	MIDDLESEX	Woburn

SCIPIO	SALEM	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
SUTTON	PRINCE	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
TOY	JACK	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
WIMAN	CAESAR	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
WYMAN	CATO	MIDDLESEX	Woburn
WYMON	POMPE	MIDDLESEX	Woburn