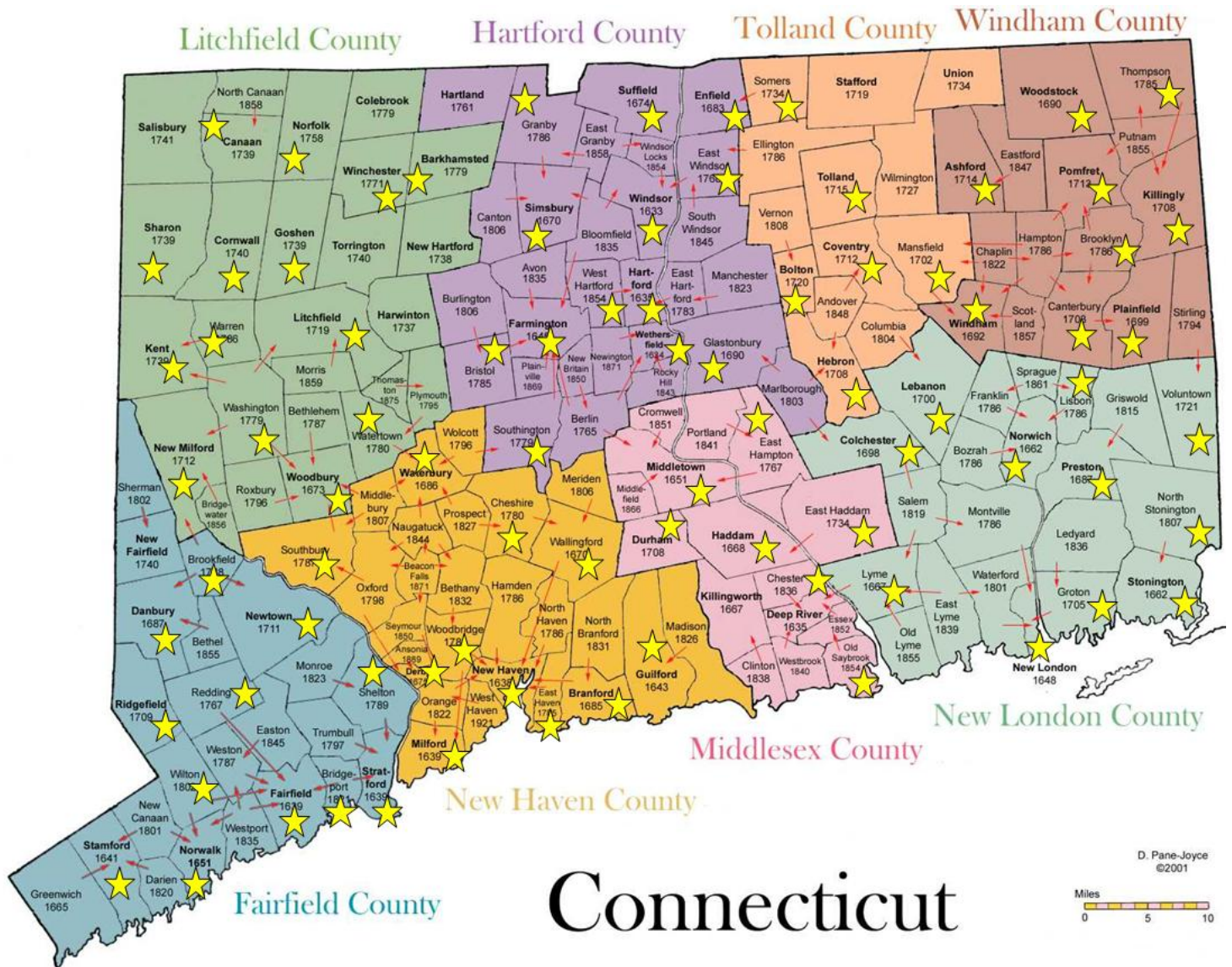


The Hometowns of Connecticut's African American Revolutionary War Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots



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State of Connecticut

Towns and Cities where One or More African American Soldiers and Sailors
Resided or Enlisted During the American Revolution
(Compiled by National Mall Liberty Fund D.C.)

# Patriots	Town	# Patriots	Town
9	Ashford	9	Milford
2	Barkhamsted	17	New Haven
1	Bolton	10	New London
11	Branford	10	New Milford
2	Bridgeport	7	Newtown
1	Bristol	2	Norfolk
1	Brookfield	1	North Stonington
2	Brooklyn	5	Norwalk
1	Canaan	32	Norwich
8	Canterbury	13	Plainfield
2	Cheshire	10	Pomfret
33	Colchester	7	Preston
2	Cornwall	2	Redding
3	Coventry	5	Ridgefield
16	Danbury	6	Saybrook
4	Derby	1	Sharon
4	Durham	1	Shelton
6	East Haddam	6	Simsbury
6	East Hampton	1	Somers
2	East Haven	1	Southbury
5	East Windsor	1	Southington
1	Enfield	4	Stamford
16	Fairfield	28	Stonington
15	Farmington	32	Stratford
8	Glastonbury	4	Suffield
2	Goshen	1	Thompson
1	Granby	2	Tolland
24	Groton	4	Voluntown
11	Guilford	20	Wallingford
7	Haddam	2	Washington
5	Hartford	3	Waterbury
8	Hebron	1	Watertown
6	Kent	1	West Hartford
7	Killingly	6	Wethersfield
8	Lebanon	1	Wilton
1	Lisbon	2	Winchester
4	Litchfield	11	Windham
5	Lyme	9	Windsor
1	Mansfield	17	Woodbury
10	Middletown	6	Woodstock
		562	Town Totals
		258	No residence given
	State Total	820	

Quick Facts about Connecticut's African American Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War

- ✓ At least 820 African American soldiers, and seamen (patriots) served in the Revolutionary War from Connecticut. (This does not include those who provided civilian assistance or demonstrated a personal desire to be liberated from enslavement. Many men, women and children ran away or filed freedom petitions with courts and the General Assembly.)
- ✓ Connecticut's 820 patriots represent 16 percent of the known 5,000 who served from the 13 colonies and territories.
- ✓ Some estimate that up to 10,000 African Americans served In the Revolutionary War.
- ✓ At least 562 African American patriots are connected by birth, enlistment or residence to a town.
- ✓ At least 258 African American patriots are not associated with a town.
- ✓ Of Connecticut's 169 towns, 80 are connected to an African American patriot.
- ✓ At the time of the Revolution, African Americans accounted for 2.6 percent of the population of Connecticut, not including American Indians.
- ✓ According to the Connecticut census of 1774, 2,883 African American males of all ages resided in six counties in the state. (Middlesex County and Tolland County were created in 1785.)
- ✓ If, for example, 50 percent of the African American male population under 20 was over 16 and 80 percent of those over 20 were under 40, the level of eligible African American male participation in the Revolutionary War would be nearly 43 percent.

County	# Towns with Blacks Serving	Black Male Pop. 1774 -20	Black Male Pop. 1774 +20	Est. Eligible 16-20	Est. Eligible 20-40	Total Est. Eligible Black Males	Total Serving	% Eligible Serving	Total White Population	Total Black Population	Black % Total Pop.
Hartford	13	274	370	137	296	433	63	15.47	50,666	1,093	2.11
New Haven	10	199	268	100	214	314	80	29.63	25,896	854	3.19
New London	11	328	335	164	268	432	153	31.71	31,542	1,194	3.65
Fairfield	12	286	358	143	286	429	92	20.49	28,936	1,153	3.83
Windham	9	127	147	64	118	181	67	35.89	27,494	476	1.70
Litchfield	13	92	99	46	79	125	52	49.52	26,844	331	1.22
Middlesex (1785)	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	39	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tolland (1785)	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
No residence given	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	258	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	80	1,306	1,577	653	1,262	1,915	820	42.83	191,378	5,101	2.60

* See Table 87, Population of the Colony of Connecticut: Census of 1774, *A Century of Population Growth*, pp. 166-169. This table lists the total black population at 6,464. The population subtotals of American Indians amounting to 1,363 are included erroneously.

**This chart was compiled by National Mall Liberty Fund D.C.

- ✓ 60 African Americans served in Col. Humphrey's Colored Troops.
- ✓ African Americans served in at least the 1st through 9th Connecticut Regiments and many other units, including the Continental Army and those associated with the names of captains and colonels.
- ✓ African Americans were privateers, marines, sailors and seamen, serving on the Brigantines Marshall, Minerva, Independence, Delight, and Defense, among others.
- ✓ At least 2 African Americans from Connecticut served in the all-black Rhode Island Regiment
- ✓ Slaves and free men served -- some were substitutes for their masters.
- ✓ Some African American patriots were boys, including drummers, fifers and marines.
- ✓ Some slaves received their freedom in exchange for service.
- ✓ At least 90 African American patriots are known to have applied for pensions.

It is but little wonder that when the Revolutionary War began in 1775 Connecticut's blacks were optimistic. In times of upheaval conditions change, and the black American of that era must have believed that change for him had but one way to turn – for the better. – David O. White

Colchester

BUCKLEY/BULKELEY/NEGRO, JACK, African American ("Negro"), Colchester, Glastonbury

ARCHELAUS, African American, CCS (enslaved man of Pierpont Bacon freed for enlisting in the Continental Army), Colchester

BEAMAN/BEAUMONT/BEEMAN/BEMAN/BEMENT, CEASAR, African American, 1790CT Warren, S39190, [died July 19, 1821 in Colchester], Colchester

BLANCHARD/BLANCH, ROBIN, African American, 30, Colchester

CARTER, AARON, African American ("Colored"), W22726 [also refers to his brother Edward's service], Colchester

CARTER, EDWARD, African American, [service reference in his brother Aaron's pension W22726], Colchester

CARTER, ESAU, African American, Colchester

CUFF, African American ("Negro"), Colchester

CUFF, African American, Colchester

EARL, DOMINE, African American, S16776, Colchester

EDOR, ANTHONY/TONY, African American, W7073, Colchester

FREE, ARCHELAUS, African American, Colchester

FREEMAN, ABRAHAM, African American, Colchester

FREEMAN, EDWARD/NED, African American, Colchester

FREEMAN, JACK, African American, Colchester

FREEMAN, JACOB, aka JACOB RATHBUN, African American, Colchester

FREEMAN, JAMES, African American, Colchester

FREEMAN, JOHN, African American, Colchester

FREEMAN, PAUL, African American, Colchester

FREEMAN, RUSSELL, Colchester

HAMMOND, JAPHET, African American, Colchester

JOHNSON/JOHNSTON, BRISTOL/BRISTON/BRISTER/BRISTO,

African American, W20207, Colchester

JOSHUA, BRISTOL, African American, Colchester

KELLOGG, DOLPHIN, African American, Colchester

MAGIRA/MEGIRA/MAJIRA/BEGIRA/MCGURLEY, PETER, African American, R6830, Colchester

POMP, ELISHA/ELUS, Colchester

POMPEY, ELISHA, African American, Colchester

QUASH/QUASHA/QUASHY/CUSH, CATO/CATOE, African American, Colchester

SKEETER, MOSES, Colchester

WRIGHT, ALPHEUS, African American, Colchester

WRIGHT, DANIEL, African American, Colchester

WRIGHT/WRITE, CUFF, African American, Colchester

WELLS/WELLES, CUFF, aka DR. CUFF/CUFF SAUNDERS, African American, W18103, Colchester/ Lebanon

Groton

CAESAR, African American ("Negro"), Groton

CATO, African American ("Negro"), Groton

CUFF, African American ("Negro") ("Negro/Negrow"), Groton

CUFF, African American, Groton

FREEMAN, JAMES, African American, Groton

FREEMAN, JORDAN, African American ("colored"), (died at Fort Griswold, 1781), Groton

FREEMAN, MICAEL, African American, Groton

HANIBAL, JOSEPH, Groton

HURLBUT/HURLBURT, CUFF, African American, Groton

JACK, African American ("Negro"), Goshen

LATHAM, LAMBERT/LAMBO/SAMBO, African American, Groton

MONGO, JONATHAN, Groton
POMP, JACOB, African American, Groton
POMP, JOHN, African American, Groton
POMP/POMPEY/POMPY, DAVID, African American, Groton
POMPEY, LEMUEL, African American, Groton
POMPEY/POMPY/POMP, SAMUEL, African American, Groton
ROBERSON/ROBINSON/ROBERTSON/ROBISON, CATO, African American,
(Served in Capt. David Humphrey's Company of Colored Troops), Groton
SHORAM, African American, Patriotic Service (sufferer), ("Conn. Sufferer"), Groton
SOLOMON, AMOS, Groton
FREEMAN, EDWARD, African American, Groton/Plainfield
FREEMAN, JACK, African American, Groton/Preston
FREEMAN, PRINCE, African American, Groton/Preston (moved to Grafton, Vt.)
POMPEY/POMPY, JOHN, African American, Groton & Stonington

Lebanon

CASH, African American ("Negro"), Lebanon
FREEDOM/FREEMAN, NED/EDMUND, African American ("Free Black"), S18825, Lebanon
JANG/JANY, MARLIC/MALICK/MARLICK/MOLICK, African American, Lebanon
NEDSON, JOHN, African American/and/or Pequot Indian, Lebanon
PALENTINE/PALLATINE/PALINGTINE, CASH, African American, Lebanon
TOM, NERO, African American, Lebanon
YAPPON/YAWPON/YOUPON, JASON, African American, Lebanon
FRANCK/FRANK, JOSHUA, Mixed descent ("Mulatto"), S37945, [died February 22, 1831
in Chatham "leaving no widow nor children"], Lebanon & Colchester

Lisbon/Plainfield/Voluntown

WATSON, SPE/SIPEO/SIP/ZIP, African American ("colored"), W18240,
Lisbon/Plainfield/Voluntown

Lyme

CROYDON, NERO, African American, Lyme
FREE, POMPEY/POMP, African American, Lyme
FREE, PRINCE, African American, Lyme
FREEMAN, PETER, African American, S36521, , Cont. Line & RI, (Served in Capt. David Humphrey's
Company of Colored Troops), [died October 17, 1826 in Burlington intestate], Lyme
GOLDSMITH, CAESAR, African American, Lyme

New London

BRITTAİN, African American, NDAR, New London
CAESAR, African American ("Negro"), New London
CUFFEE, STEPHEN, African American, New London
CUGGO, African American ("Negro"), New London
JOWLER/JOUZLAR, CAESAR/SESAR, African American, BOM, died in service at
Battle of Monmouth, 1778, New London?
LEET, RICHARD, African American, S38908, New London
RAYMOND, SCIPIO, African American, New London
ROGERS, CUGGO, African American, New London
SIP, JESSE, African American ("Black man"), S36316, sailor, New London
FREEMAN, PROVIDENCE, African American, W739 [married Azuba Ran on February 22, 1808 in
Bozrah], died March 1, 1824 in Colchester], New London & Waterford, d. Colchester

North Stonington

NEDSON/NODSON, JAMES, African American/and/or Pequot Indian, North Stonington

Norwich

BENFUTT, Cromwell, Norwich
CAESAR, African American ("Negro"), Norwich
CROSLEY, SAWNEY, aka SAWNEY YORK, African American, S36862, Norwich
DERRICK, CATO, African American, Norwich
ELLIS, JONAS, African American, Norwich
FOX, BACHUS/BACCHUS, African American ("a free Negro"), Norwich
FREEMAN, PETER, aka PETER 2ND, African American, S36521, [died on Sunday February 21, 1830
at the home of Benjamin Wilson in Norwich "leaving no widow or children"], Norwich

GROTO, ELEAZAR, Mixed descent ("Mulatto"), Norwich
GROVER, CATO, African American, Norwich
HALE, NEWPORT, African American, Norwich; also cited as NEGRO, NEWPORT
HUNTINGTON, SAMUEL, African American, Norwich
JOHN, African American ("Negro"), Norwich
JUBITER, African American ("Negro"), Norwich
KEDAR, African American ("Negro"), , Norwich
LATHROP, JOB, African American, aka PRJMUS, JOB, W10256 [married Keturah Michael November 10, 1816; he died March 8, 1822], 123, Norwich
LEBBEUS, aka QUY, African American ("Negro"), S36249, Norwich
MICHA, African American ("Negro"), Norwich
MORDOCK/MOREDOCK, PRINCE, African American, Norwich
NED, African American ("Negro"), Norwich
PHILL/PHILIP, African American ("Negro"), Norwich
POMP, African American ("Negro"), Norwich
PRINCE, African American ("Negro") ("a free Negro"), Norwich
QUI/QUIE/QUY/QUYE/QUIG, LEBB(EUS)/LIBEUS, alias NEGRO, African American, S36249, 6355-100, CSRS, BC Franklin, MID:1:73, seaman on the brig Defence, Norwich
QUOMANY/QUOMINY/QUAMENY, CHARLES, African American, Norwich
RAYMOND, POMP, African American, Norwich
RAYMOND/RAIMOND, EBO/EBER, African American, S36250, Norwich
SAM, African American ("a Negro"), Norwich
STEWARD/STEWART, CAESAR/CEASOR/CEASER, African American ("free Negro"), Norwich
TRACY, WILLIAM, African American ("man of colour" and "black man"), S35362, [died January 11, 1836; widow Bethia Tracy], 1820CT, Norwich
MEAD, CATO, African American, Norwich

Stonington

BLACK, FORTUNE, African American ("Free Black"), Stonington
Cromwell (died in service in 1778), Stonington
CUFF/CUFFE, CATO, African American, S36587, [died October 27, 1843 in Stonington; widow Flora Cuff], Stonington
DENNISON, PRINCE, African American, New Windsor, b. Stonington
GEORGE, BENJAMIN, Stonington
HARRY, AMMON, African American, Stonington
HARRY, EPHRAIM, African American, Stonington
HARRY, GEORGE, African American, Stonington
HARY, DANIEL, African American, Stonington
HAZZARD/HARZARD/HAZZARD, JEFFREY/JEFFRY, deserted, Stonington
HILL, PRIMUS/EBENEZER, African American, S43677, Stonington; d. Vienna, N. Y.
HOLMES/HELMES/HELMS, CUDGO/CUDJO/KUDJOE, African American, Stonington/Preston
JESSUP, CATO, Stonington
NEDSON, EDWARD, African American/and/or Pequot Indian, Stonington
NEDSON, ROBBIN, African American/and/or Pequot Indian, Stonington
NUBB, PETER, aka PETER CHESEBOROUGH, African American, Stonington
PETERS, PETER, African American ("Free Black"), S36210, Stonington
PRINCE, PHILIP, African American, Stonington
PRINCE, TIMOTHY, African American, S41079, Stonington
SHELLY, SAMUEL, ("Free Person of Color"), S36306, [died August 22, 1826], Stonington/Stratford
SHON, FELIX, African American, Stonington
SHON, JONAS, African American, Stonington
STANTON, CUFF, African American, Stonington
WATSON, THOMAS, African American, W22505, enlisted at Stonington
SHON, SIMEON, African American, Stonington/Colchester
SHARPER, TUIS/TUIH/FEEVISH, Indian/Mulatto, Stonington/ Groton
WILLIAMS, PRINCE, African American, Stonington/Lebanon
SOWERS/SOWAS, DICK/RICHARD, African American/and/or Pequot Indian, BOAS (killed at Fort Mifflin, PA in 1777), (Served in Capt. David Humphrey's Company of Colored Troops), 1776, Stonington/Norwich

Voluntown

CAESAR, African American ("Negro"), Voluntown

MCGOLDSMITH/GOLDSMITH, JOHN, Voluntown

SHEPARD/SHEPERD/SHEPHERD/SHEPPARD/SHEPPORD,
CUDJO/CUDGE/CHUDGE/CUDGO, African American, Voluntown

SUMMIT/SUMMITS/SUMMITT, PRINCE, Voluntown

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