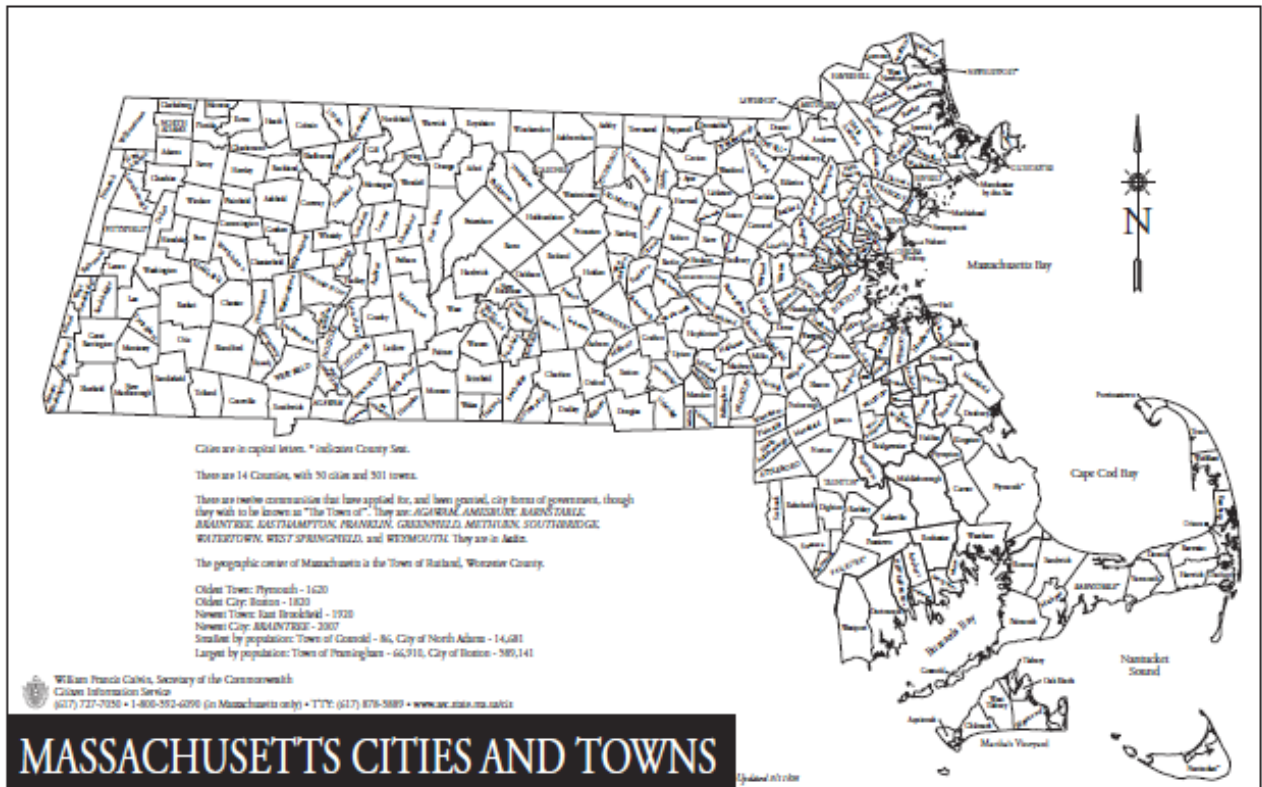


The Hometowns of Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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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
BEMBO	JACK	NORFOLK	Bellingham
BIMBO	JACK	NORFOLK	Bellingham
CROCKER/CROKER	JEREMIAH	NORFOLK	Bellingham
FREEMAN	SALISBURY	NORFOLK	Bellingham
SWEATON/SWEETEN/SWEETON/SWEETING	CAESAR	NORFOLK	Bellingham
BLACK	FORTUNE	NORFOLK	Braintree
BLANCHARD	NERO	NORFOLK	Braintree
CEASAR	No Surname	NORFOLK	Braintree
CORNWALLIS/CORNELIUS	No Surname	NORFOLK	Braintree
DUNBAR	SAMUEL	NORFOLK	Braintree
FREEMAN	CORN WALLIS	NORFOLK	Braintree
HOLLAND	JAMES	NORFOLK	Braintree
POMPY	No Surname	NORFOLK	Braintree
RAWSON	CATO	NORFOLK	Braintree
BOYLSTON	PRINCE	NORFOLK	Brookline
GARDNER	ADAM	NORFOLK	Brookline
PRINCE	No Surname	NORFOLK	Brookline
WHITE	PETER	NORFOLK	Brookline
NICHOLS/NICHOLAS	BRITTON/BRITAIN	NORFOLK	Cohasset
NICKOLS	BRITAIN/BRITTON	NORFOLK	Cohasset
FERRIT	THOMAS	NORFOLK	Dedham
FREEMAN	CUFF	NORFOLK	Dedham
PETER	No Surname	NORFOLK	Dedham
SPRAGUE	CUFF	NORFOLK	Dedham
WILLIAMS	ISAAC	NORFOLK	Dedham
FERREN/FEARING	PRINCE	NORFOLK	Franklin
PANE/PAINE	CHARLES	NORFOLK	Franklin
POWARS/POWER/POWERS	CAESAR/CEASAR/CESAR	NORFOLK	Franklin
ARCULES/ARCHELAUS	JAMES	NORFOLK	Medfield
ARMSBY	SHEM	NORFOLK	Medfield
GILL/GILLS	JOEL	NORFOLK	Medfield
GREEN	NEWPORT	NORFOLK	Medfield
GREEN	WARWICK/NORWICH	NORFOLK	Medfield
WARREN	PETER	NORFOLK	Medfield
ANTHONY	JONATHAN, JR.	NORFOLK	Medford
ANTHONY	WILLIAM	NORFOLK	Medford
BURDOO	SILAS	NORFOLK	Medford
FREEMAN	PRIMUS	NORFOLK	Medford
HALL/HULL	PRINCE	NORFOLK	Medford
HAMON	JOHN	NORFOLK	Medford
HANKER	CATO	NORFOLK	Medford
MITCHELL	PETER	NORFOLK	Medford
PELHAM	CATO	NORFOLK	Medford
PIERCE	TITUS	NORFOLK	Medford
RAND	JACK	NORFOLK	Medford
TERRY	THOMAS	NORFOLK	Medford
TORREY	THOMAS	NORFOLK	Medford
TUFTS/TURFTS	CAB	NORFOLK	Medford
TUTTLE	ADAM	NORFOLK	Medford
BREWSTER	PRINCE	NORFOLK	Medway
BRUSTER	PRINCE	NORFOLK	Medway
COFFE/COFFEE/CUFFEE	ISHMAEL	NORFOLK	Medway
CROCKER	JEREMIAH	NORFOLK	Medway
NEWCOMB	CATO	NORFOLK	Medway
HENDERSON	DAVID	NORFOLK	Needham
UNDERWOOD	CATO	NORFOLK	Needham
WAMSQUAM/WAMSQUAN / WAMZQUAM/WORMAGURN	SOLOMON	NORFOLK	Needham
AVANS	MAYBERY	NORFOLK	Sharon
FERNANDO	FRANCIS/FRANCISCO	NORFOLK	Sharon
JOHNSON	CATO	NORFOLK	Sharon

FRANCIS	JACOB	NORFOLK	Stoughton
HYDEN	EBENEZER	NORFOLK	Stoughton
SAMSON		NORFOLK	Stoughton
WALLIS/WALES	POMPEY/POMP	NORFOLK	Stoughton
RYALL	CAESAR	NORFOLK	Stoughton
CHRISHBY	REGEMALIAH.	NORFOLK	Weymouth
BLANCHARD	WILLIAM	NORFOLK	Wrentham
BOWLES	CATO	NORFOLK	Wrentham
EVERET/EVERAT/EVERETT	CATO	NORFOLK	Wrentham
MINGO	CHARLES	NORFOLK	Wrentham
WRENTHAM	PRINCE	NORFOLK	Wrentham