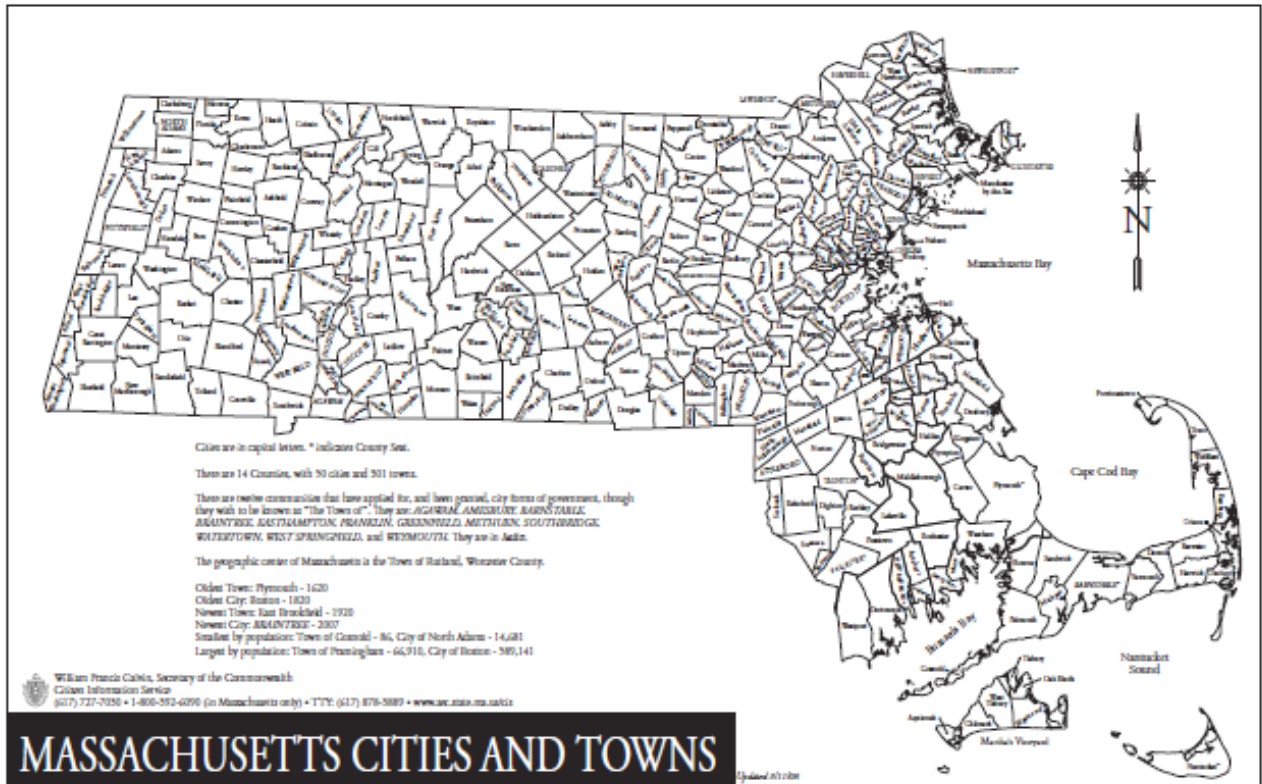


The Hometowns of Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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Number of African American Patriots by Municipality

| Municipality | # | Municipality | # | Municipality | # | Municipality | # |
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| 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 | TOWN/CITY |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| GOULD | BRISTER | PLYMOUTH | Abington |
| RASARY/RAZARAY | CUFF | PLYMOUTH | Abington |
| ROSIER | CUFF, JR. | PLYMOUTH | Abington |
| ROSIER/ROSAREA/ROCERCY/ROSARY | CUFF, SR. | PLYMOUTH | Abington |
| ROSIER/ROSARRA/ROSEREY/ROSARY | SILAS | PLYMOUTH | Abington |
| COBAS/COBUS/CABUSS/COBURN | PRIMUS | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| COOK | HENRY | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| CORDNER | AMOS | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| CURTIS | ELISHA | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| DECOSTER | JACOB | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| DERRY/DEREY | LONDON (also listed TERRY, LONDON) | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| DRAKE | BRISTOL | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| DUNBAR | JOSHUA | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| FORD | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| FOY | CATO | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| FOY | JOHN | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| HAMMOND | JACK | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| HAYWARD | BRISTOL | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| HOWARD | BRISTOL | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| JONES | JEREMIAH | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| JOTHAM | CALVIN/LUTHER | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| LOPE | JOHN | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| MARTRICK/MAVERICK | QUORCK/QUACK | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| MATHROK | QUASH | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| MICHEL | CATO | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| MITCHELL/MITCHEL | CUFF | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| ORR | Boston | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| PARMER | SCIPIO | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| PAUNCE | SCIPIO | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| PITTMAN | WILLIAM | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| POMPY | ANDRES | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| PONCE | SCIPIO | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| RICHARDS/RECHARDS | JUPITER/JUBITER | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| SEAPIT/SEPET/SEPIL/SEPIT/SCEPIT | ISRAEL | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| SEMOR | THOMAS | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| SHARP | | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| SOLOMEN/SOLOMON/SOLOMEN | SCIPIO | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| SUCKAMUG/SUGARMUG | JOEL | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| TALBERT/TARBET/TARBETT/TARBIL | TOBY | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| TARBIL | TOBY | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| TOLBERT | TOBY | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| TORBIT | TOBY | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| TROY | JOHN | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| WASHBURN | SALMON | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| WOOD/WOODS | PRIMUS/PRIMOS | PLYMOUTH | Bridgewater |
| RICHARDS | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | East Bridgewater |
| JOEL | RICHARD | PLYMOUTH | Halifax |
| BAILEY | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Hanover |
| BUKER/BAKER | WINSOR/WINDSOR | PLYMOUTH | Hanover |
| CURTIS | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Hanover |
| CUSHING | PERO | PLYMOUTH | Hanover |
| JACOB/JACOBS | AESOP | PLYMOUTH | Hanover |
| PERO/PEROW | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Hanover |
| PETER | JONATHAN | PLYMOUTH | Hanover |
| TILDEN/TILDREN | CUFF | PLYMOUTH | Hanover |
| BLACK | CAESAR | PLYMOUTH | Hingham |
| BLAKE | CAESAR | PLYMOUTH | Hingham |
| FALMOUTH | JOSEPH | PLYMOUTH | Hingham |
| FREEMAN | FORTUNE | PLYMOUTH | Hingham |
| FREEMAN | JACK | PLYMOUTH | Hingham |
| FREEMAN | JUBE/JUBAL | PLYMOUTH | Hingham |

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| MCCLELLAN | PLATO | PLYMOUTH | Hingham |
| SQUIRE | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Hingham |
| JEFFERS/JEFFERY | BENJAMIN | PLYMOUTH | Kingston |
| JOHNSON | JACK | PLYMOUTH | Kingston |
| THOMPSON | JACK/JOCK | PLYMOUTH | Kingston |
| TOMSON | JACK | PLYMOUTH | Kingston |
| ANDRES | POMP | PLYMOUTH | Marshfield |
| BOOTH | PETER | PLYMOUTH | Marshfield |
| MCCARTER | JOHN | PLYMOUTH | Marshfield |
| WARWICK/WARRICH | JOSEPH | PLYMOUTH | Marshfield |
| ALLEN | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| AMOS | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| BENSON | AQUILLA | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| CALVIN | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| DAVID | SAMPSON/SAMUEL | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| HACAKET | JOHN | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| RIGHT | COFFEE | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| ROSE | TONY | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| WARREN | MORDECAI | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| WILLIAMS | URIAH | PLYMOUTH | Middleborough |
| CEASAR | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Pembroke |
| FOWLER | JOSEPH | PLYMOUTH | Pembroke |
| MANN | CHRISTOPHER | PLYMOUTH | Pembroke |
| STEWART | CESAR | PLYMOUTH | Pembroke |
| WICKHAM/WICKUMS | ISAAC | PLYMOUTH | Pembroke |
| ACCROW/ACKRO | SILAS | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| AUGUSTUS | CAESAR | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| BLAKELY | PERO | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| BORSES | JAMES | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| BOWERS/BOWES | JAMES | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| CATO | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| CUFF | WILLIAM | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| DAN | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| GOODWIN | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| HANDY | FREEMAN | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| HASKELL | PETER | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| HOW/HOWE | CATO | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| HOW/HOWE | QUASH/SQUASH | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| PETER | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| PRIMOS | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| QUAM | CHARLIE | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| QUAMM | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| QUANDO | QUASH | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| QUASH | QUOMOY/QUAMONY | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| QUASH | | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| RICHARD | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| SCIPIO | ISAAC | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| SILAS | No Surname | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| STEVENSON | JAMES | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| TURNER/TUNER | PLATO | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| VIBRIGE/YBRIGE | DOMINA | PLYMOUTH | Plymouth |
| DEBARROW/DEBARROWS | ANDREW | PLYMOUTH | Plympton |
| GLASGO/GLASGOW | CATO | PLYMOUTH | Plympton |
| MURDER/MURDOCK/MURDUCK | PERO/PEDRO | PLYMOUTH | Plympton |
| NEWPORT/NEWGORT | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Plympton |
| SMITH | CAESAR | PLYMOUTH | Plympton |
| BLY | LOT | PLYMOUTH | Rochester |
| BLY/BLYE | WILLIAM | PLYMOUTH | Rochester |
| HASKALL | PETER | PLYMOUTH | Rochester |
| PERRY | CUFF | PLYMOUTH | Rochester |
| RILY | WILLIAM | PLYMOUTH | Rochester |
| SPARGE/SPRAGUE | CUFF/CAFFE | PLYMOUTH | Rochester |
| Boston | NEIL/NELL | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |

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| BROWN | CALLA | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| CLAP | CUFF | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| FREEMAN | ASHER | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| GUNDAWAY | RICHARD | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| LITTLE | WINSOR | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| PALMER | PRINCE | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| RIPLY | PRIMUS | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| SAMPSON/SAMSON | NEHEMIAH | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| SUTTON | ZEBA | PLYMOUTH | Scituate |
| GOLD/GOULD | BENJAMIN | PLYMOUTH | Wareham |
| GOULD | BENJAMIN | PLYMOUTH | Wareham |
| GOULD | CAMARALZAMAN / CAMARAMSAWDE | PLYMOUTH | Wareham |