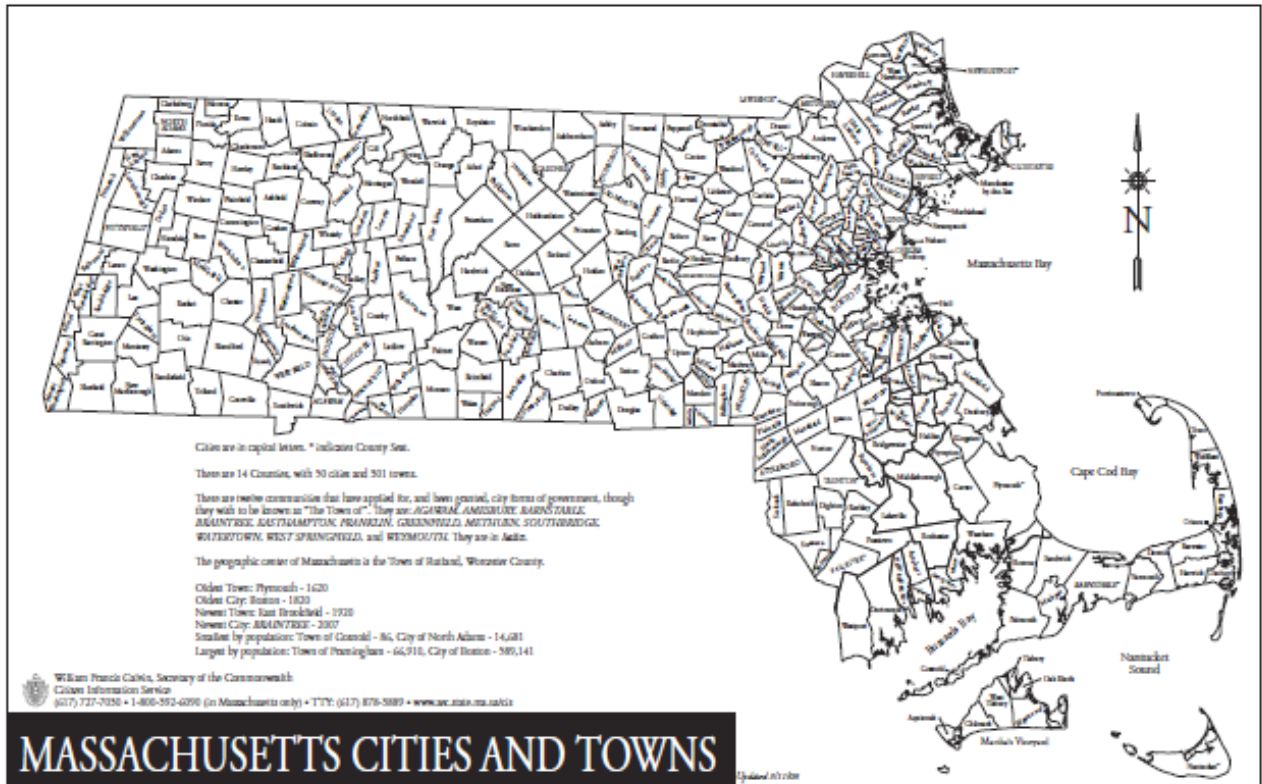


# The Hometowns of Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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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	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

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
STEWARD	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

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