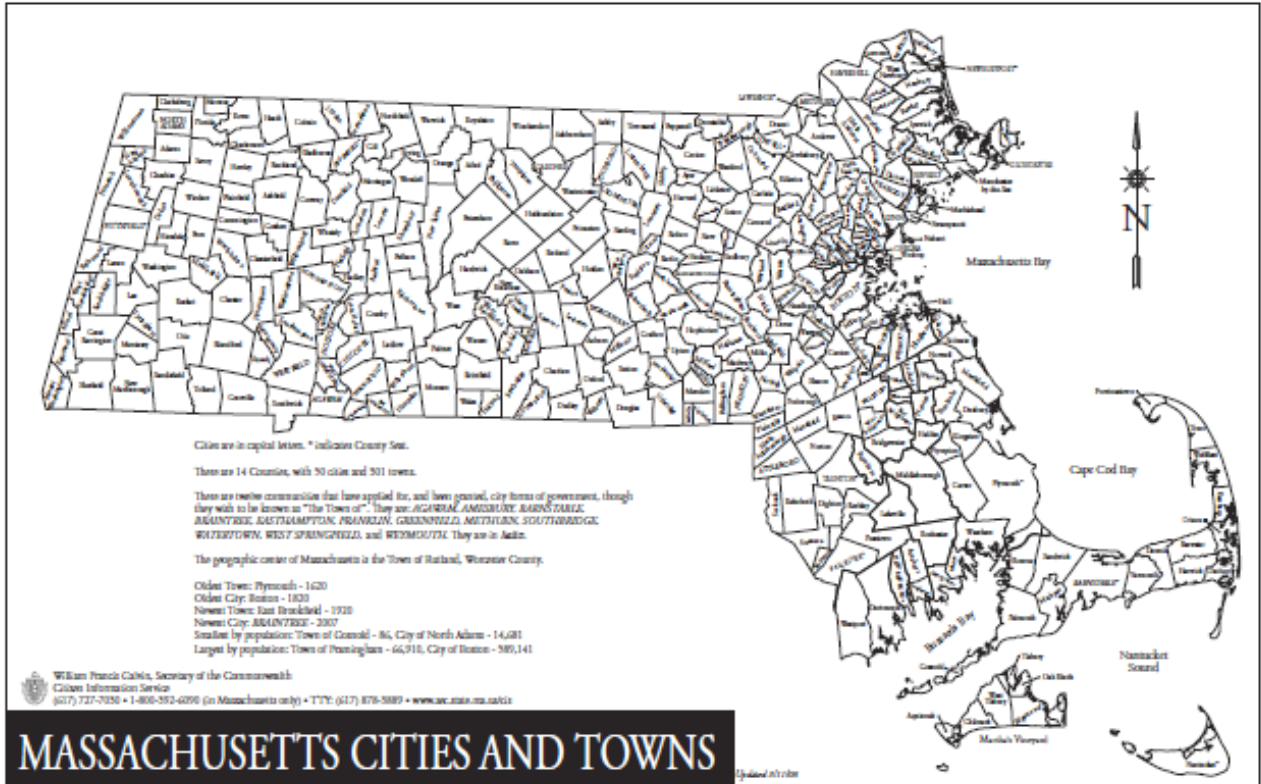


The Hometowns of Massachusetts' African American Soldiers, Marines and Patriots of the Revolutionary War



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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
PARKS	CUFFIE	WORCESTER	Auburn
BRILL	CYPHA aka	WORCESTER	Barre
HOLMAN/HOMAN/HOMER	TITUS	WORCESTER	Barre
OLIVER	CROMWELL	WORCESTER	Barre
STEPNEY	No Surname	WORCESTER	Barre
GEORGE/GEORGES	GIDEON	WORCESTER	Bolton
HAZZARD	LEVI	WORCESTER	Bolton
PLATO	No Surname	WORCESTER	Bolton
REUBEN	No Surname	WORCESTER	Brookfield
BUNN	SAMUEL brown alias	WORCESTER	Brookfield
HIBBERY/HIBRAY	ABNER	WORCESTER	Brookfield
WITT/WITTES	SCIPIO	WORCESTER	Brookfield
Boston	No Surname	WORCESTER	Charlton
PETERS	POMP	WORCESTER	Charlton
PETERS/PETIBUS	POMP	WORCESTER	Charlton
SEENAH	JOSEPH	WORCESTER	Charlton
SEENAH	STEPHEN/STEPNEY	WORCESTER	Charlton
JENKS	PRIMUS	WORCESTER	Douglas
CARREY	WILLIAM	WORCESTER	Fitchburg
ABRAHAM	DAVID	WORCESTER	Grafton
ANTHONY	JOSEPH	WORCESTER	Grafton
BACCHUS	No Surname	WORCESTER	Grafton
BROOK	SIMON	WORCESTER	Grafton
BROWN	PRINCE	WORCESTER	Grafton
FREEMAN	FORTUNE	WORCESTER	Grafton
POWAREY/POWER	CAESAR	WORCESTER	Grafton
POWARS/POWER(S)	PRINCE	WORCESTER	Grafton
TANTOR/TAYUTER	STEPHEN	WORCESTER	Grafton
BLANCHARD	LYSIAS	WORCESTER	Harvard
TITUS	No Surname	WORCESTER	Harvard
TUTTLE	TITUS/TITUS	WORCESTER	Harvard
Boston	PHILLIP	WORCESTER	Holden
EBET	WILLIAM	WORCESTER	Holden
PHILIPS/PHILLIPS	Boston	WORCESTER	Holden
AYRES	PETER	WORCESTER	Lancaster
BECKY'S Boston	No Surname	WORCESTER	Lancaster
Boston	BACCHUS	WORCESTER	Lancaster
CAESAR	JULIUS/JULY/JULIAN	WORCESTER	Lancaster
CARTER	JOHN	WORCESTER	Lancaster
CEASAR	JULIUS	WORCESTER	Lancaster
CHOWEN	JOHN	WORCESTER	Lancaster
CORTER	JOHN	WORCESTER	Lancaster
DAVIS	FRANCIS	WORCESTER	Lancaster
FRANKLIN?	PETER	WORCESTER	Lancaster
HENRY	CHARLES	WORCESTER	Lancaster
KENDALL	REUBEN	WORCESTER	Lancaster
LEWIS	CAIN	WORCESTER	Lancaster
LEWIS	JOB	WORCESTER	Lancaster
LONDON/LOUDON	EDEN/EDOM	WORCESTER	Lancaster
LUWIS	JOB	WORCESTER	Lancaster
PETER	No Surname	WORCESTER	Lancaster
REUBEN	No Surname	WORCESTER	Lancaster
ROGERS	PERLEY	WORCESTER	Lancaster
STUART	CHARLES	WORCESTER	Lancaster
WHITENEY/WHITNEY	CASE	WORCESTER	Lancaster
WOODARD/WOODWORTH	TOPSAL/TOPSAIL	WORCESTER	Lancaster

WHITE	LEVI	WORCESTER	Lancaster
BROWN	SAMBO	WORCESTER	Leicester
DENNY	DICK	WORCESTER	Leicester
DICK	No Surname	WORCESTER	Leicester
JACK	No Surname	WORCESTER	Leicester
JONES	JETHRO	WORCESTER	Leicester
LONDON	No Surname	WORCESTER	Leicester
MIRICK	RICHARD	WORCESTER	Leicester
MOREY	CAESAR/CASAR	WORCESTER	Leicester
NEROW	FESTUS	WORCESTER	Leicester
NEWPORT	No Surname	WORCESTER	Leicester
ROBINSON	ISAAC	WORCESTER	Leicester
SAMBO	NEWPORT	WORCESTER	Leicester
THOMPSON	PRINCE	WORCESTER	Leicester
CUFFERRIN/CUFFREER	POMP	WORCESTER	Leominster
BAND/RAND/ROND	WARF/WHIFF	WORCESTER	Lunenburg
MITCHELL	ABNER	WORCESTER	Lunenburg
PUTNUM	PRIMUS	WORCESTER	Lunenburg
TAYLOR	PRINCE	WORCESTER	Lunenburg
FREEMAN	SAM	WORCESTER	Mendon
MINGO	ROBIN	WORCESTER	Mendon
WHITCOMBE	PETER	WORCESTER	New Braintree
FREEMAN	CATO	WORCESTER	Northborough
BERRY	SHEARS	WORCESTER	Oakham
DO WRY	CUFF	WORCESTER	Oxford
WILL	No Surname	WORCESTER	Oxford
GUNN	PETER	WORCESTER	Paxton
PRESCOT/PRESCOTT/PRESCUTT	FORTUNATUS	WORCESTER	Paxton
THOMPSON	PRINCE	WORCESTER	Paxton
HILL	SAMUEL	WORCESTER	Petersham
QUASH	PHINEHAS/PRIMUS/PRIME	WORCESTER	Petersham
ADAMS/ADDOMS	SCIPIO/SIPPO	WORCESTER	Shrewsbury
NEWTON	PRIMUS	WORCESTER	Shrewsbury
HULL	CUFF/COFFEY/CUFFE	WORCESTER	Spencer
SUMNER	SAUL	WORCESTER	Spencer
DICK/DIK	WARWICK	WORCESTER	Sturbridge
POMP	No Surname	WORCESTER	Sturbridge
HECTOR	JOHN	WORCESTER	Sutton
JENNENGS	SOLOMON	WORCESTER	Sutton
ONESIMUS	No Surname	WORCESTER	Sutton
PARKER	ROBERT	WORCESTER	Templeton
BROWN	JOHN	WORCESTER	Upton
FORTONATUS/FORTUNATAS	CATO	WORCESTER	Upton
HAZELTINE/HAZELTON / HEZZLETON	PRINCE	WORCESTER	Upton
NICKELS	ISAAC	WORCESTER	Uxbridge
BEN WAY	JOSEPH	WORCESTER	Warren
HUMPHREY/HUMPHRY/HUMPRY	TOWER	WORCESTER	Warren
NEWPORT	DANIEL	WORCESTER	Warren
FREEMAN	CATO	WORCESTER	Westborough
ANNUM	CUFF	WORCESTER	Worcester
BARNARD	RICHARD	WORCESTER	Worcester
COFFEY	JOHN	WORCESTER	Worcester
COLLINS	DODGE	WORCESTER	Worcester
CUFF	WILLIAM	WORCESTER	Worcester
DAWES/DAWS	CAB	WORCESTER	Worcester
DIBBILL/DIBBLE	CATO	WORCESTER	Worcester

DICK	No Surname	WORCESTER	Worcester
FRANKSON	ENOS	WORCESTER	Worcester
HARRASE	THOMAS	WORCESTER	Worcester
JUPITER	No Surname	WORCESTER	Worcester
NICHELS	ISAAC	WORCESTER	Worcester
PETER	JOHN	WORCESTER	Worcester
RICHARD	DICK	WORCESTER	Worcester
WELDING	Boston	WORCESTER	Worcester
BENGLARUS	POMP	WORCESTER	Worcester
DICK	No Surname	WORCESTER	Worcester
HALL	JUPITER	WORCESTER	Worcester
HAMILTON	YORK	WORCESTER	Worcester
PETER/PETERS	POMPEY	WORCESTER	Worcester
PONN	PETER	WORCESTER	Worcester