



Guide to Sources on the American Revolution

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The Stamp Act of 1765 hit Maryland at a time of great depression, and sentiment against Great Britain quickly escalated. Maryland was one of the first colonies to rebel against the new British taxes. In 1774 Committees of Correspondence were established in the Chesapeake to help stay in touch with the other colonies and to foster collective resistance against continued British taxation or repression. The October 19, 1774 burning of the *Peggy Stewart* in protest over the tax on tea was the first overt act of Maryland colonists against Great Britain. On December 12, 1774 the Maryland Convention resolved that all men 16-50 form themselves into militia companies, choose officers, drill, and arm. Militia members were supposed to provide themselves with guns and powder. Once a month, on muster days, the company would meet to drill. Thus Maryland was preparing for war even before the first shots were fired at Lexington and in Massachusetts in April 1775, and most Marylanders rallied to the patriot cause when fighting broke out. Approximately 100 men from Frederick County marched 550 miles to Boston to join General Washington's siege of the town. These were the first Maryland Continentals.

Many Maryland troops had fought in the French and Indian War, so there were some experienced soldiers going up against the professional and well-trained British army. The Maryland Convention authorized full-time 'regular' state troops in December 1775. In June of the following year, the Continental Congress established the Continental Army of 10,000 men, including 3,400 from Maryland. The need for more soldiers led to the enlistment of slaves in 1780, along with legislation that subjected free black males to the draft. In exchange for their service in the army, some slaves were given freedom, and free

black volunteers were given grants of land. A number of African Americans served as pilots for the Maryland Navy.

No major battles were fought in Maryland, but Marylanders fought in most battles of the American Revolution. Approximately 28,000 Marylanders served in the Continental Army or in the militia from 1775-1783. Others offered patriotic service, or simply took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity. Still others served as seamen or privateers, battling the British on the Atlantic Ocean. Major General William Smallwood was the highest ranking officer from Maryland in the Continental Army. He commanded the Maryland Line, which won numerous commendations during the course of the war.

Not all Marylanders supported the Revolution. Some refused to take the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity, and a small number actually fought on the side of the British. James Chalmers organized the First Battalion of Maryland Loyalists on the Eastern Shore.

We have listed below some of the main sources for conducting research on the American Revolution and the soldiers who fought in the war. **Please keep in mind that this list is not comprehensive.**

I. Military Records

Journals, Letters, and Personal Accounts

- *(Lee's) Memoirs of the War of '76* (E230.5 S7 L47 1870)
- *A History of the Campaigns of 1780 and 1781, in the Southern Provinces of North America*, by Banastre Tarleton (Rare E236.T18)
- *American Revolutionary Diaries, also Journals, Narratives, Autobiographies, Reminiscences and Personal Memoirs Catalogued and Described with an Index of Places and Events* (Ref.Z1238.T46)
- *A State of the Expedition from Canada, as Laid before the House of Commons*, by John Burgoyne (Rare E233.B98)
- *Christopher Johnston Papers, 1710-1812*; includes letter describing Johnston's journey to join Lafayette's command of the Baltimore Light Dragoons (MS1695)
- *Colonel John Gunby of the Maryland Line* (MF185.G97)
- *Correspondence of the Brothers Joshua and Jedidiah Huntington During the Period of the American Revolution* (F91.C7)
- *Eliza Cutis-Lafayette Correspondence, 1778-1828*; letters to and from the Marquis de Lafayette, including some about the American Revolution (MS2408)
- *James Cox Papers, 1774-95*; militia major under Smallwood (MS1909)
- *James Johnson Papers, 1744-1850*; includes reminiscences of the Revolution (MS1604)
- *Jeremiah Banning Autobiography, 1793*; concerns his career on sailing vessels and in the American Revolution (MS2433)
- *John Eager Howard Papers, 1662-1919*; the hero of Cowpens, major military figure (MS469); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000469A.html
- *Lafayette in the Age of the American Revolution: Selected Letters and Papers* (E207.L2A4)
- *Letters and Papers of Major General John Sullivan* (F31.N54)
- *Major Andre's Journal* (E280.A5A5)
- *Mordecai Gist Collection, 1776-91*; correspondence of General Gist about troop movements, officer appointments, supplies, etc. (MS2348)
- *Mordecai Gist Papers, 1772-1813*; letters to and from Revolutionary War general, regimental returns and muster rolls, account books (MS390); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000390.html
- *Moses Rawlings Papers, 1777-1836*; letters and papers of Col. Rawlings dealing with prisoners at Ft. Frederick and with acquiring Revolutionary war bounty lands (MS1399)

- *New York Historical Society Collections* (F116.N63) includes:
 - Papers of Charles Lee, Major General* (1871-1874)
 - Official Letters of Major General James Patton; Letters to General Lewis Morris* (1875)
 - Journal of the Remarkable Occurrences in Quebec, 1775-1776* (1880)
 - Journals of Colonel James Montresor, 1757-1759, and Captain John Montresor, 1757-1783* (1881)
 - Journals of Lieutenant John Charles Philip Von Krafft, 1776-1784; Letter-book of Captain Alexander McDonald of the Royal Highland Emigrants, 1775-1779* (1882)
 - Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Kemble's Journals, 1773-1789; British Army Orders, 1775-1778* (1883)
 - Letterbooks and Order Book of Admiral Lord Rodney, 1780-1782* (1932-1933)
- *Orderly Book and Journals Kept By Connecticut Men While Taking Part in the American Revolution* (F91.C7 vol. 7)
- *Otho Holland Williams Papers, 1744-1839*; includes Revolutionary War papers, letters, muster rolls, etc. (MS908); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000908.html
- *Papers of Nathanael Greene* (E302.6 G77.A33)
- *Papers Relating to the Fort Ticonderoga Expedition, 1775; Major French's Journal, 1776; Colonel Daniel Putnam's Letter Relative to the Battle of Bunker Hill* (F91.C7)
- *Revolutionary America, 1763-1783: An Exhibit of a Number of Curious and Valuable Letters and Documents...* (E173.V81)
- *Revolutionary Journal, 1780-1783*, by Baron von Closen (E265.C613)
- *Revolutionary Services and Civil Life of General William Hull, prepared from his manuscripts by his daughter...* (Rare E353.1H9C2)
- *Revolutionary War Broadside, The Sill Collection* (Rare MF185.R454)
- *The Invasion of Canada in 1775: Journal of Captain Simeon Thayer* (F76.R47 vol. 6)
- *The Journal of an Unfortunate Prisoner on Board the British Prison Ship Loyalist, in Jamaica: 1813* (E362.E29)
- *William Beatty Papers, 1776-1781, 1847, 1853*; letters from Captain Beatty from Revolutionary War camps; includes descriptions of troop movements (MS1202)
- *William Smallwood Collection, 1776-90*; general on militia in Revolution (MS1875); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms001875.html

Military Service Records-Maryland

Henry C. Peden's article, "Searching for your Revolutionary War Ancestors in the Records of Maryland," pp. 154-168 in Volume 37 of the *Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin* (CS42.M391) provides a good overview of those Revolutionary War resources available at the Maryland Historical Society and the Maryland State Archives. *Locating Your Revolutionary War Ancestor: A Guide to the Military Records* (E255.N338) can also be helpful. Congress granted federal pensions to Revolutionary soldiers under a number of acts beginning in 1789 and continuing until 1878. Sometimes pension applications include personal information. Many of these records can be found at the National Archives in Washington, DC and are indexed in *Index to Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives* (CS42.N43).

- A list of Revolutionary War pensioners was published in the *Bulletin* of the Maryland Genealogical Society, vol. 4, no.4, 1963 through vol. 7, no.1, 1966 (Ref. CS 42 .M391) as well as in Brumbaugh, *Revolutionary Records of Maryland* (MF 180.B89)
- *A History of the Maryland Line in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783* (MF185.S84)
- *Joseph Hughes, Harford County Collection, 1660-1965*: includes Harford County militia lists (MS1675)
- *Joseph Lee Hughes Harford County Collection, 1665-1965*; material collected on history of

- Harford County, including enrollment lists for Harford County militia units, 1775-76, and a list of those who took the oath of allegiance (MS1675)
- *Maryland Line Record Book, 1773*: pay list (MS124)
 - *Maryland Pension Abstracts: Revolution, War of 1812, and Indian Wars* (MF185.M145)
 - *Maryland Revolutionary Records*, by Harry Wright Newman (MF185.N55)
 - *Maryland Revolutionary War Militia Lists* (MF185.H68, Micro GMC20)
 - *Maryland Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818-1864* (MF185.P616)
 - *Maryland Soldiers Entitled to lands Westward of Fort Cumberland*, by Carothers (1973)
 - *Mordecai Gist Papers, 1774-1792*; letters to and from Revolutionary War general, regimental returns and muster rolls, account books (MS390); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000390.html
 - *Muster Rolls and Other Records of Service of Maryland Troops in the American Revolution* (MF185.A65); also *Archives of Maryland*, vol. 18 (MF176.A67)
 - *Percy G. Skirven Collection*, includes muster rolls of Kent County militia, 1775-76 (G5064)
 - *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Deeds, 1789-1800*: catalog summary lists names (MS2918)
 - *Revolutionary War Collection* (MS1814): more than 1000 items, organized by date; includes letters, muster rolls, reminiscences, etc.
 - *Revolutionary War MD Militia Officers*: lists of militia officers (MS1616)
 - *Revolutionary War Military Records, 1776-1824* (MS1146); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms001146.html
 - *Revolutionary Militia: Some Names of the Officers and Privates in the Talbot County Forces* (PAM 10,322)
 - *Revolutionary War Papers, 1776-1779*: muster rolls, pay rolls, minute book (MS1404)
 - *Revolutionary War Records*, by Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh (E255.B86)
 - *Revolutionary War Transcripts: correspondence and list of militia officers* (MS687)
 - *The Maryland Continentals, 1780-1781*, by Richard John Batt (MF185.B32)
 - *The Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War*, by Clements and Wright (MF185.C626)
 - *Unpublished Revolutionary Records of Maryland* by Margaret Roberts Hodges (MF185.H69) was largely copied from original muster rolls, but is not a complete listing.

National Military Service Records

- “Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications” in *NGS Quarterly*, Vol. 40 (CS42.N43, #40)
- *A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Service, 1840 US Census* (E255.U56 and index MF185.U56)
- *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, by Virgil D. White (E55.W55)
- *German Allied Troops, 1776-1783* (E268.E26 1969)
- *Known Military Dead During the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783* (E255.P4)
- *Les Combatants Francais de La Guerre Americaine, 1778-1783* (E265.F82 1969)
- *Letter from the Secretary of War, Transmitting a Report of the Names, Rank, and Line, of Every Person Placed on the Pension List* (MF185.U51)
- *Pension Roll of 1835, 4 vols.* (CS49.U53)
- *Rejected or Suspended Applications for Revolutionary War Pensions* (UB373.A4)
- *Revolutionary Pensioners: A Transcript of the Pension List of United States for 1813* (PAM 10,692)
- *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants, Awarded by State Governments* (E255.B66)
- *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files* (Micro 3087-3099)—see also HeritageQuest Online, available on the Library’s public computers
- *Revolutionary War Period: Bible, Family & Marriage Records Gleaned from Pension*

- *Applications*, compiled & published by Helen M. Lu, Gwen B. Neumann (CS63.L92)
- *The Pension List of 1818* (MF185.U51)
- *The Pension Lists of 1792-1795: with other Revolutionary War Pension Records* (E255.C594)
- *US Census of Revolutionary and Military Pensioners*, with index (MF185.U56)

Military Service Records—Other States

- *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*, vols. 8, 12 (F91.C7)
- *Delaware Archives*, vols. 1-3 military, naval, and militia muster rolls of the Revolutionary War (F161.D29)
- *Georgia's Roster of the Revolution* (E263.G3G3 1967)
- *List of the Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia* (in *Library Board Annual Reports* 8th and 9th) (F221.V31)
- *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* (F69.M44)
- *New York Historical Society Collections*, 1914-1915 (F116.N63)
- *Official Register of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War* (F138.N32)
- *Official Rosters Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in Ohio* (E255.O36)
- *Pennsylvania Archives*, 3rd series, vol. 23; 5th series, vols. 1-8; 6th series, vols. 1-3 (F146.P54)
- *Record of Connecticut Men in the Revolution, War of 1812, and Mexican War* (F94.C7)
- *Record of Service of Connecticut Men* (F99.C74)
- *Revolutionary Soldiers in Kentucky* (E263.K3Q8 1974)
- *Revolutionary War Records, Virginia* (E255.B86 1936)
- *Rhode Island 1777 Military Census* (E263.R4.C443)
- *Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia* (E263.G3 M232)
- *Roster of Soldiers from North Carolina in the American Revolution* (F258.D23)
- *Soldiers, Sailors, and Patriots of the Revolutionary War-Maine* (E263.M4F)
- *State Papers: New Hampshire: Revolutionary Rolls*, vols. 14-17 (F31.N42)
- *Vermont Revolutionary Rolls* (F52.V52)
- *Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications*, 37 vols. (F225.D712)

Other Records or Official Papers with Military Information

- *American Revolutionary War Documents, 1760-1782* (MS2477, available on microfilm)
- *An Act to Raise the Supplies for the Year Seventeen Hundred Eighty-Three* (Rare MF185.M33)
- *Baltimore Letters of Marque Bonds, 1776-83* (MS2303; Micro 1450-52)
- *Fourth Maryland Regiment Account Book, 1777* (MS1655)
- *Maryland Council Records, 1791-1807: journal of proceedings* (MS1954); veterans awarded certificates of depreciation
- *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution* (F61.M41 vol. 77)
- *Memoirs of the Long Island Historical Society*, vols. 2-3 (Battle of Long Island and Campaign of 1776) (F116.L84)
- *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*, 9 vols. (E271.U583)
- *New York Historical Society Collections* (F116.N63) includes:
 - *Trial of Major General Schuyler; Trial of Major General Howe; Commissary Rainsford's Journal of Transactions, 1776-1778* (1879)
 - *Trial of Major General St. Clair* (1880)
 - *Minute Book of A Board of General Officers of the British Army in New York, 1781* (1916)
 - *Narratives of the Revolution in New York* (1975)

- *Orderly Book of John Johnson, 1776-1777* (E233.J67)
- *Orderly Books of the Fourth New York and Second New York Regiments, 1778-1783* (F123.N424)
- *Papers Relating Chiefly to the Maryland Line During the Revolution* (MF185.B17)
- *Pennsylvania Archives*, 5th series, vol. 1; 6th series, vol. 14 (F146.P54)
- *Records of the Revolutionary War: Containing the Military and Financial Correspondence of Distinguished Officers; Names of Officers and Privates of Regiments, Companies, and Corps, with the Dates of their Commissions and Enlistments; General Orders of Washington, Lee and Greene, at Germantown and Valley Forge; with a List of Distinguished Prisoners of War; the Time of their Capture, Exchange, etc.; to which is added the Half-Pay Acts of the Continental Congress; the Revolutionary Pension Laws; and a List of the Officers of the Continental Army who Acquired the Right to Half-pay, Commutation, and Lands* (MF185.S12)
- *Records of the Revolutionary War*, by W.T.R. Saffell (E203.S12)
- *Revolutionary Orders of General Washington: Issued During the Years 1778, '80, '81, and '82...., 1844* (Rare E230.U59)
- *Revolutionary Papers, 1776-1779* (MS1404); muster rolls, pay rolls, minute book
- *Revolutionary War Military Account Books, 1777-82; supplies* (MS1777)

Sources Identifying Patriots

- *Approved SAR Applications, 1889-1984*, Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution (Micro 3456-3462)
- Cecil, St. Mary's and Washington County Oaths of Allegiance have been copied to microfilm (MS1146; Micro)
- *Cradock-Howard-Lamborn Papers, 1776-1951*; includes some loyalty oaths for Anne Arundel County (MS1976.1)
- *DAR Maryland State Society, Directory of Members and Ancestors, 1892-1965* (MF176.2RD1.D5)
- *DAR Patriot Index* (and supplements), 3 vols. (Ref. E255.D36, 929.3MIL DAR)
- *Dr. Thomas E. Sears Collection*, includes list of persons who took the oath of allegiance in Talbot County, 1778 (G5059)
- *Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*, 4 vols. (E206.H361)
- *Joseph L. Hughes Collection*, includes photocopy of individuals taking the oath of fidelity in 1778, probably for Harford County (G5048)
- *Joseph Lee Hughes Harford County Collection, 1665-1965*; a list of those who took the oath of allegiance (MS1675)
- *Mrs. Samuel Charles Kerr Collection*, includes list of subscribers to the oath of allegiance of St. Mary's County, 1778 (G5031)
- *NSDAR Lineage Books, Vol. 1-166* (CS63.D23)
- *Oaths of Fidelity to Maryland*, by Bettie Stirling Carothers (MF185.C29)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Anne Arundel County Maryland*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.A6P371R)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Baltimore Town and Baltimore County, 1775-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.B2P371R)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, 1775-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.C15P371R)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Cecil County, Maryland*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.C4P43R)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Charles County, Maryland, 1775-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.C5P371R)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Dorchester County, Maryland, 1775-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.D6P43)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Frederick County, Maryland, 1775-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.F8P371R)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Harford County, Maryland, 1775-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.H2P43)

- *Revolutionary Patriots of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, Maryland*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.K3P371)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Montgomery County, Maryland, 1776-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.M7P371)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1775-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.P9P371)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Talbot County, Maryland, 1775-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.T2P44)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Washington County, Maryland, 1776-1783*, by Henry C. Peden (MF187.W3P371)
- *Revolutionary Records of Maryland*, by Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh; includes oaths of fidelity from Montgomery, Washington, Frederick, and Prince George's Counties (MF185.B89)
- *Revolutionary War Oaths of Fidelity, 1778* (MS1586)

Sources Identifying or About Loyalists

- "A Checklist of Loyalist Manuscripts in the Maryland Historical Society," *Maryland Historical Magazine*. Vol. 68, pp. 196-198. (MF176.M18)
- *Addison Papers*, 1663-1906 (MS3)
- *American Loyalist Claims* (E277.C688)
- *Cooke Papers*, (MS195)
- *Dulany Family Papers* (MS1919); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms001919.html
- *Dulany Papers* (MS1265)
- *Fisher Transcripts – Maryland Loyalist Papers, 1771-90*: transcriptions of Loyalist claims (MS360)
- *Frederick County Treason Papers*: Loyalist insurrection plot (MS576)
- *Hamilton Papers* (MS1301)
- *Letters from America*, by William Eddis (Rare MF184.E21)
- *Lloyd Papers*: China Clow Loyalist rebellion (MS2001)
- *Loyalists in the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War* (E277.C594)
- *Loyalists of New Jersey* (F131.N63 no. 10)
- *Loyalists of the American Revolution* (E277.S12 1979)
- *Maryland Loyalist Muster Rolls* (MS548)
- Meyer and Bachman, "First Battalion of Maryland Loyalists," *Maryland Historical Magazine*. Vol. 68, pp. 199-210 (MF176.M18)
- *Minutes of the Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies in the State of New York, 1778-1781* (F123.N42)
- *New York Historical Society Collections* (F116.N63) includes:
 - *Minutes of the Committee and First Commission for Defeating Conspiracies, 1776-1778* (1924-1925)
 - *Minutes of the Council of Appointment, 1778-1779* (1925)
 - *Rivington's New York Newspaper: Excerpts from a Loyalist Press, 1773-1783* (1973)
- *Orderly Book of the "Maryland Loyalist Regiment", June 18, 1778-Oct. 12, 1778* (MF185.M39)
- *Pennsylvania Archives, Inventories and Sales of Forfeited Estates during the Revolution*, 6th series, vols. 12-13 (F146.P54)
- *Reminiscences of an American Loyalist, being the Autobiography of the Rev'd. Jonathan Boucher, Rector of Annapolis* (MF179.B753B)
- *Research Guide into Loyalist Ancestors* (E277.B942)
- *Revolutionary Records of the State of Georgia*, vols. 1-3, includes sales of forfeited estates (F281.G23)
- *Richard Lee Jr. Papers, 1775-88*: Loyalist (MS2177)
- *Scharf Papers*: Loyalist political activity during Revolution (MS1999)
- *The Loyalists of New Jersey: Their Memorials, Petitions, Claims, etc. from English Records* (F138.J76)
- *The New Loyalist Index* (E277.B942N)
- *Thomas Ridout Reminiscences* (MS367)

II. Government

The United Colonies and United States

- *American Archives: Consisting of a Collection of Authentick Records, State Papers, Debates and Letters, and Other Notices of Public Affairs*, compiled by Peter Force (E203.A51)
- *Documentary History of the Constitution of the United States of America* (JK111.A52)
- *Documentary History of the First Federal Congress, 1789-1791* (JK1059.1st.D6)
- *Documentary History of the First Federal Elections, 1788-1790* (JK171.A1D7)
- *Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution*, vols. 1, 3, 13 (KF4502.D63)
- Elliot's *The Debates in the Several State Conventions on the Adoption of the Constitution* (JK141.1836b)
- *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1788*, 34 vols. (J10.A5)
- *Letters of Delegates to Congress, 1774-1789*, 26 vols. (JK1033.L47)
- *Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789: Maryland and Delaware State Papers* (Micro 3399)

Maryland Government

- *An Inventory of Maryland State Papers, Vol. 1: The Era of the American Revolution, 1775-1789* (MF176.A67m Vol. 1)
- *Correspondence of Governor Sharpe, 1761-1771* (MF176.A67 vol. 14)
- *Fisher Transcripts*; transcripts of papers in the Treasury and National Archives of the United Kingdom relating to Maryland and the Revolution (MS 360)
- *Frederick County Committee of Observation Papers* (MS577)
- *Harford County Committee of Observation Record Book, 1774-77* (MS2159)
- *Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1777-1793* (MF176.A67 vols. 16, 21, 43, 45, 47, 48, 71, 72)
- *Journal and Correspondence of the Maryland Council of Safety, 1775-1777* (MF176.A67 vols. 11-12, 16)
- *Journal of the Maryland Convention, 1775* (MF176.A67 vol. 11)
- *Letters and papers of Governor John Henry of Maryland, member of Continental Congress 1777-1788, member of United States Senate 1789-1797, Governor of Maryland, 1797-1798* (MF179.H52H2)
- *Maryland Convention of 1776 Journal of Accounts* (MS1776)
- *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly, 1764-1774* (MF176.A67 vols. 59, 61-64)
- *Proceedings of the Conventions of the Province of Maryland, 1774-1776* (MF176.A67 vol. 78)
- *Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1761-1769* (MF176.A67 vol. 32)
- *Stevens's Historical Index of Maryland, 1754-1780*; indexes documents relating to Maryland at the National Archives of the United Kingdom (MS 951, vol. 11)

Other State Governments

Many records for towns and counties from the Revolutionary era are available, particularly for Pennsylvania (see the *Pennsylvania Archives*, series 3, vols. 11-22) and New England states. Check the state shelves or the online catalog for further details.

- *Calendar of Virginia State Papers, 1652-1789*, vols. 1-4 (F226.V82)
- *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society*, vols. 17-19 (F91.C7)
- *Collections of the Maine Historical Society, Documentary History, 1755-1791*, vols. 13-22, 1755-1791 (F16.M38)
- *Colonial Records of Georgia, 1763-1802*, vols. 9-12, 14-15, 17-20 (F281.G22)

- *Colonial Records of North Carolina, 1765-1776*, vols. 7-10 (F251.N34)
- *Colonial Records of Pennsylvania, 1762-1790*, vols. 9-16 (F146.P52)
- *Correspondence of the Colonial Governors of Rhode Island, 1723-1775* (F82.R46)
- *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia, 1754-1776*, vol. 6 (F226.V64)
- *Journal of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1761-1776*, vols. 10-13 (F229.V62)
- *Legislative Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia, 1755-1775*, vol. 3 (F226.V63)
- *New Jersey Archives, 1st series*, vols. 9-10, 17-18 (F131.D63)
- *Official Letters of the Governors of Virginia, 1776-1783* (F226.V83)
- *Papers of the Historical Society of Delaware*, vol. 1 supplement (F161.D34)
- *Pennsylvania Archives, 1st series*, vols. 4-12; 2nd series, vols. 1, 3; 3rd series, vols. 5-7; 8th series, vols. 1-8; 4th series, vols. 3-4; 6th series, vol. 11; 8th series, vols. 7-8 (F146.P54)
- *Provincial and State Papers: New Hampshire, 1749-1792*, vols. 7-8, 10, 20-21, 30
- *Public Papers of George Clinton, First Governor of New York* (F123.N53)
- *Public Papers of George Clinton, first Governor of New York, 1777-1795, 1801-1804* (F123.N53)
- *Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1757-1776*, vols. 12-15 (F97.C7)
- *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England*, vols. 6-10 (F76.R29)
- *Records of the Council of Safety and the Governor and Council of the State of Vermont, 1775-1791*, vols. 1-3 (F49.V52)
- *Records of the State of Connecticut, 1776-1781*, vols. 1-3
- *Revolutionary Records of the State of Georgia*, vols. 1-3 (F281.G23)
- *State Records of North Carolina, 1777-1790*, vols. 11-21, 23-25 (F251.N34)

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Personal and Family Papers-Maryland

- *Archer-Mitchell-Stump-Williams Family Papers, 1712-1926*; includes correspondence discussing Revolutionary War (MS1948)
- *Charles Carroll of Carrollton Family Papers*; numerous manuscript collections of this Signer of the Declaration of Independence have been microfilmed together (Microform cabinet #8, 4th drawer from bottom); finding aid available
- *Cheston-Galloway Papers, 1684-1961*; includes papers about Revolution and loyalists (MS1994; Micro); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms001994.html
- *Dear Papa, Dear Charley: Carroll Papers* (E302.6 C3A4 2001)
- *George W. Archer Collection, 1859-91, 1930*; scrapbooks of notes, lectures and articles on Harford County during the American Revolution (MS1678)
- *Hazelhurst Collection, 1874, 1898-1900*; includes comments on the occupation of the family home in New Jersey by British troops during the Revolution (MS1725)
- *Hollyday Family Papers, 1677-1905*; prominent Eastern Shore family (MS1317)
- *John Davidson Records, 1780-1809*; Continental Congress (MS1915)
- *John Davis Ledger, 1750-81, 1868*; notes on British activity in Cecil County, 1777 (MS1475)
- *John Hanson Account Book, 1775-82*; accounts of plantation; includes some Continental Congress information (MS1785.1)
- *John Hanson Letters, 1780-83*; first President of Continental Congress; letters mention military campaigns, plantation and slave management, etc. (MS1785)
- *John White Collection, 1780-90*; in charge of claims of individuals of the Maryland Line and Maryland Corps of Artillery (MS1887)
- *Literary Manuscript Collection, 1700-1974*; poems, stories, letters, and essays about the history of various topics/regions including the American Revolution (MS2169)

- *Lloyd Family Papers*, 1658-1910; prominent Eastern Shore family (MS 2001)
- *Luther Martin Collection*, 1766-1821; includes correspondence about the Revolution (MS1751)
- *Merryman Papers*, 1694-1885; seven letters about Revolutionary War (MS2285)
- *Revolutionary Papers*, 1776-1779 (MS1404)
- *Revolutionary War Collection*, 1728-1962; a collection of numerous Revolutionary War manuscripts from different sources (MS1814)
- *Ridgely Papers*, 1664-1882; Baltimore County politician, ironworks owner, and builder of Hampton (MS692)
- *Robert Gilmor, Jr. Papers*, 1774-1848 (MS387, Micro); see finding aid at www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000387.html
- *Robert Gilmor, Sr. Memoir*, 1748-1822, 1834, 1871; manuscript memoir including discussion of Revolution (MS1729)
- *Samuel H. Gatchell Papers*, 1844-46; notification entitling heirs of Capt. Samuel Gatchell to a pension for Revolutionary War service (MS1988)
- *Samuel and Robert Purviance Papers*, 1766-1849; includes narrative of events which occurred in Baltimore during the Revolutionary War and correspondence about the Revolution (MS1394)
- *Samuel Chase Papers*, 1777-1807; includes letters about Revolutionary War (MS1235)
- *Samuel Smith Collection*, 1776-1836: papers concerning Revolution, commerce, etc. (MS1790)
- *Stephen Bonsal Papers*, 1909-74; notes for an unfinished history of the Maryland Line during the Revolutionary War (MS2028)
- *William Carmichael Papers*, 1773, 1779-91; Continental Congress (MS2143)
- *William Carmichael Papers*, 1776-88; letters about Revolutionary War and Constitution (MS1698)
- *William Paca Papers*, 1777-79; letters about British occupation of Bohemia Manor and need for arms and ammunition and about recent war news (MS1986)
- *Woodward-Smith Papers*, 1856-57; correspondence about efforts to locate heirs for settlement of claims of Revolutionary officers (MS1842)
- Many of our genealogical manuscript collections contain information on Revolutionary War soldiers. These collections include the Ash Collection (G5003), Cary Collection (G5010), Dashiell Collection (G5014), Hayward Collection (G5024), Nimmo Collection (G5042), Hughes Collection (G5048), Sears Collection (G5059), Semmes Collection (G5060), Skirven Collection (G5064), Stuart Collection (G5068), Wilkins Collection (G5072), Layton Collection (G5077), Marston Collection (G5089), and Barnes Collection (G5103)

Personal and Family Papers-Other States

- *Calendar of the Franklin Papers* (E302.F87)
- *Correspondence between Silas Deane, His Brothers, and Their Business and Political Associates, 1771-1795* (F91.C7 vol. 23)
- *Diary and Autobiography of John Adams* (E322.A3)
- *Diary and Letters of Gouvernor Morris* (E302.6M7M8)
- *George Mason: Life, Correspondence, and Speeches* (E302.6M45R8)
- *George Washington Diaries* (E312.8)
- *Letters of Richard Henry Lee* (E302.L47)
- *Massachusetts Historical Collections* (F61.M41) includes:
 - *The Aspinwall Papers, 1763-1817* (4th series, vol. 10)
 - *The Belknap Papers, 1779-1804* (5th series, vols. 2-3)
 - *George Washington-William Heath Letters, 1775-1797* (5th series, vol. 4; 7th series, vols. 4-5)
 - *Jonathan Trumbull Papers* (5th series, vols. 9-10; 7th series, vols. 2-3)
 - *James Bowdoin-John Temple Papers, 1756-1809* (6th series, vol. 9; 7th series, vol. 6)
 - *John Singleton Copley-Henry Pelham Letters, 1739-1776* (vol. 71)

- *Warren-Adams Letters, 1748-1814* (vols. 72-73)
- *New York Historical Society Collections* (F116.N63) includes:
 - *Cadwallader Colden Papers* (1876-1877, 1917-1923, 1934-1935)
 - *Papers of Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress; Letters of Colonel Armand, 1777-1791; Letters to Robert Morris, 1775-1782* (1878)
 - *Silas Deane Papers, 1774-1790* (1886-1890)
- *Papers of John Adams* (E302.A275 1977)
- *Papers of Robert Morris, 1781-1784* (E302.M82)
- *Papers of Thomas Jefferson* (E302.J463)
- *Patrick Henry: Life, Correspondence, and Speeches* (E302.6H5H6)
- *Works of Alexander Hamilton* (E302.H22)
- *Works of Benjamin Franklin* (E302.F82 1840)
- *Writings of Christopher Gadsden* (E302.G14A2)
- *Writings of George Washington* (E312.7 1931)

Business Records

- *Account Book, 1772 Sept. 16 – 1773 Apr. 21; unidentified Annapolis merchant* (MS2018)
- *Account Book, 1775-1778; an unknown business firm in Alexandria, Virginia* (MS Vertical File)
- *Account Book, 1786-93; journal of merchant and firm at Elkridge Landing, Baltimore* (MS293)
- *Account Books, 1731-1775; vessels entering the Port of Oxford* (MS638)
- *Aquilla Hall Papers, 1758-1775; merchant and sheriff, Harford County* (MS1298)
- *Becker Letter Books, 1779-1818; letterbook of Simon Becker, a Baltimore Merchant.* (MS115)
- *Carter Papers, 1775-1804, 1827; Baltimore Iron Works* (MS1228)
- *Davidson Account Books, 1780-1805; John and Samuel Davidson, Annapolis Merchants* (MS281)
- *Hall Collection, 1768-1785; Charles Ridgely, William Goodwin, Thomas Russell, merchants and ironmasters* (MS2810)
- *Hamilton Papers, 1760-1800; merchant at Port Tobacco and Piscataway* (MS1301)
- *Hyde Papers, 1765-1813; merchant, dealt with London; resided in Annapolis* (MS1324)
- *John Smith and Sons Letter Books, 1774-1821; Baltimore merchants* (MS1152)
- *Johnson Account Book, 1771-1775; Joshua Johnson, London merchant dealing in Maryland* (MS499)
- *Johnson, Johonnat & Co. Letter Books, 1783-1785; commission merchants of Baltimore and Boston* (MS 98)
- *Maryland Port-of-Entry Records (also known as Naval Officer Shipping Lists), 1745-1775* (Manuscript microfilm reel MS 21 and reel MS 638/670/2355)
- *McLure Account Book, 1781-1784; John McClure, Baltimore merchant* (MS552)
- *Merchant's pocket account book, 1777-1781* (MS 2531)
- *Oliver Record Books, 1785-183; Robert Oliver, Baltimore merchant* (MS626.1)
- *Ridgely Papers, 1733-1858* (MS692.1)
- *Tax List of 1783; organized by county and hundred* (Microfilm cabinet 10, drawer 2)
- *Tench Tilghman Papers, 1731-1808. T.T. & Co.-Baltimore merchants, dealt in wide variety of goods* (MS1445).
- *Thomas Rutland Letter Book, 1784-1787; merchant of Annapolis* (MS1726)
- *Tobacco Cargo Record Books, 1774-1775* (MS832)
- *William Russell Account Book, 1774-1783; Baltimore merchant, partner of Matthew Ridley* (MS1989)

Church Records

We have many church registers and other records for religious groups in other states, but they are too numerous to list here. They often appear in publications of state records. Please consult the shelves or the online catalog.

- *All Faith P.E. Parish, Vestry Proceedings (1692-1816)*, St. Mary's County (Micro 3240)
- *All Hallow's P.E. Parish, Register (1685-1858) and Vestry Proceedings (1761-1844)*, Anne Arundel County (Micro 3106)
- *All Saints P.E. Parish, Register (1727-1863)*, Frederick County (Micro 3215)
- *Christ P.E. Parish, Register (1688-1847)*, Calvert County (Micro 3195)
- *Evangelical Lutheran Church, Records (1742-1887)*, Frederick (Micro 3211-3213)
- *First German Evangelical Reformed Church, Register (1746-1897)*, Frederick (Micro 3214)
- *First Presbyterian Church, Register (1767-1879)*, Baltimore (Micro 3112)
- *Glade Lutheran Charge, Register (1770-1857)*, Walkersville (Micro 3223)
- *Moravian Church, Records (1745-1937)*, Graceham, Frederick County (Micro 3288-3290)
- *Prince George's P.E. Parish, Vestry Records (1711-1832)*, Rock Creek, Montgomery (formerly Frederick) County (Micro 3215)
- *Queen Caroline P.E. Parish, Register and Vestry Proceedings (1711-1857)*, Howard County (Micro 3225)
- *Reformed Congregation, Register and Minutes (1766-1807)*, Hagerstown (Micro 3246)
- *Salem Reformed Church, Register and Minutes (1774-1801)*, Hagerstown (Micro 3246)
- *Shrewsbury P.E. Parish, Register and Vestry Proceedings (1702-1885)*, Kent County (Micro 3228)
- *St. Andrews P.E. Parish, Register and Vestry Proceedings (17366-1886)*, St. Mary's County (Micro 3240)
- *St. Benjamin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minutes and Register (1763-1836)*, Carroll County (Micro 3198)
- *St. Francis Xavier (Old Bohemia) R.C. Parish, Register (1746-1962)*, Warwick, Cecil County (Micro 3206)
- *St. George's P.E. Parish, Registers (1681-1903) and Vestry Proceedings (1718-1952)*, Harford County (Micro 3221-3222)
- *St. James' P.E. Parish, Register (1682-1869)*, Anne Arundel County (Micro 3104)
- *St. John's P.E. Parish, Register and Vestry Proceedings (1701-1805)*, Prince George's County (Micro 3232)
- *St. John's Piscataway P.E. Parish, Vestry Proceedings (1693-1775) and Register (1691-1801)*, Prince George's County (Micro 3298-3299)
- *St. Joseph's R.C. Mission, Cordova (Tuckahoe or Wye), Priest's Unofficial Register (1765-1802)*, Talbot County (Micro 3206)
- *St. Luke's P.E. Parish, Register and Vestry Proceedings (1730-1850)*, Queen Anne's County (Micro 3235)
- *St. Margaret's Westminster P.E. Parish, Register (1675-1885)*, Anne Arundel County (Micro 3107)
- *St. Martin's P.E. Church, Worcester Parish, Register (1722-1840)*, Worcester County (Micro 3247)
- *St. Mary Ann's P.E. Parish, Register and Vestry Proceedings (1713-1799)*, Cecil County (Micro 3200)
- *St. Paul's P.E. Parish, Register (1710-1808)*, Baltimore (Micro 3115)
- *St. Paul's P.E. Parish, Records (1710-1935)*, Baltimore (Micro MS 1727)
- *St. Paul's P.E. Parish, Register (1650-1818)*, Kent County (Micro 3227)
- *St. Paul's P.E. Parish, Register (1650-1818) and Vestry Proceedings (1693-1799)*, Kent County (Micro 3298)
- *St. Paul's P.E. Parish, Vestry Proceedings (1733-1819)*, Prince George's County (Micro 3233)
- *St. Paul's P.E. Parish, Vestry Proceedings (1694-1819)*, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties (Micro 3236)
- *St. Peter's P.E. Parish, Vestry Proceedings (1706-1806)*, Talbot County (Micro 3299)

- *St. Peter's P.E. Parish, Register (1681-1805) and Vestry Proceedings (1708-1806)*, Talbot County (Micro 3242)
- *St. Stephen's P.E. Church, North Sassafras Parish, Vestry Proceedings (1692-1804)*, Cecil County (Micro 3299)
- *St. Thomas P.E. Parish, Register and Vestry Proceedings (1733-1819)*, Garrison Forest, Baltimore County (Micro 3191)
- *Third Haven Monthly Meeting (Society of Friends), Minutes (1676-1797)*, Talbot County (Micro 3243-3244)
- *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Register (1763-1853)*, Manchester (Micro 3198)
- *Zion Lutheran Church, Records (1781-1877)*, Middletown (Micro 3211)

IV. Other

Maps, Prints, and Broadside

Lois B. McCauley's *Maryland's Historical Prints, 1752-1889* (Ref. MNE505.M123) and Laura Rice's *Maryland History in Prints, 1734-1900* (Ref. F182.R53) include a few illustrations from the Revolutionary War Era, and the Maryland Historical Society has many of the original prints in these books. The Society also owns many broadsides from the Revolutionary era. Card indexes to the print and broadside collections are available in the Microform Reading Room in the "Special Collections Indexes" card cabinet. Other images and maps include:

- *The American Revolution, 1775-1783: An Atlas of 18th Century Maps and Charts, Theatres of Operations* (G3701.S3G8)
- *The American Revolution: Books, Broadside, Maps, Newspapers* (MHF5476.L697B7)
- *Atlas of Early American History: The Revolutionary Era, 1760-1790*, ed. Lester J. Cappon (Ref E302.S3C2)
- *Massachusetts Broadside, 1639-1800* (F61.M41 vol. 75)
- 1775 Med. Map. Revolutionary War. "Bunkers Hill to Mistick[sic] River." Sketch of the Action on the Heights of Charlestown 17 June 1775 Between His Majestys Troops Under the Command of M. Gen. Howe and A Large Body of American Rebels. Pennsylvania: Harrison Hall. 1818. Engraving.
- 1777 Med. Map. Revolutionary War. A Plan of Operations of the British and Rebel Army in the Campaign, 1777 [showing Mud Island Fort, Brandywine, Philadelphia and Schuylkill [sic] River skirmishes.] J. Lodge. Engraving.
- 1780-1783 Med. Map. Revolutionary War. Rochambeau's Camps in Baltimore . Photostats. Originals in Princeton University Library.
- 1781 Med. Map. Revolutionary War. A Map and Chart of Those Parts of the Bay of Chesapeak, York and James Rivers, Which are at Present at the Seat of War. London: J. Bew. Engraving.
- 1782 Med. Map. Revolutionary War. Sebastian Bauman's map of the seige of Yorktown. Dedicated to Washington. Published in Philadelphia. Reproduced in The George Washington Atlas U.S. George Washington Bicentennial Commission. 1932. Neg. photostat.
- ca. 1932 Med. Map. Revolutionary War. Tilghman's Route Yorktown to Philadelphia . Hand drawn map.

Newspapers and Pamphlets

- *Dunlap's Maryland Gazetteer, or the Baltimore General Advertiser: Sept. 1775-Nov. 1778* (Micro 2216-2217)
- *Maryland Gazette* (Micro 1737-1745)
- *Maryland Journal and The Baltimore Advertiser* (Micro 2221-2229)
- *New Jersey Newspaper Extracts, 1762-1782* (F131.D63 1st series, vols. 24-29, 31; 2nd series, vols. 1-5)

- *Pamphlets of the American Revolution, 1750-1776* (E203.B6)
- *Rivington's New York Newspaper: Excerpts from a Loyalist Press, 1773-1783* (F116.N63 vol. 84)
- *The Remembrancer or Impartial Repository of Public Events*, printed for J. Almon in London (Rare: E203.R38)
- *Tracts of the American Revolution, 1763-1776* (E203.J4)
- *Virginia Gazette* (Micro 3017, 3025-3030)

Histories of the American Revolutionary Era

This is just a sample of the books available.

- *The American Revolution: Three Views* (E209.K89)
- *The American Revolution: Changing Perspectives* (E297.A512)
- *The British Empire Before the American Revolution*, by Lawrence Gipson (DA500.G52)
- *The Revolutionary War: Being a De-mythed Account of how the Thirteen Colonies Turned a World Upside Down* (E208.S9)
- *Mariners of the American Revolution* (E203.K33)
- *The War for America, 1775-1783*, by Piers Mackesy (E208.M14)
- *The New Nation*, by Merrill Jensen (E303.J45)
- *Women in the Age of the American Revolution*, ed. by Ronald Hoffman and Peter Albert (E276.W6)

The Revolution in Maryland

There are many additional books and pamphlets on the Revolution. *Maryland Historical Magazine* and local history journals also have published numerous articles on the topic.

- *A Spirit of Dissension: Economics, Politics and the Revolution in Maryland*, by Ronald Hoffman (MF185.H63)
- *Artisans and the Evolution of Baltimore Town, 1765-1790*, by Tina Sheller (MHD2346.S545)
- *Baltimore: In Honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence*, 1926; includes accounts of Maryland troops in battle (MF185.B19)
- *From Gentlemen to Townsmen: The Gentry of Baltimore County, 1660-1776*, by Charles Steffen (MF187.B2S74)
- *Guns on the Chesapeake: The Winning of America's Independence*, by Gene Williamson (MF184.W729G)
- *In Pursuit of Profit: The Annapolis Merchants in the Era of the American Revolution, 1763-1805*, by Edward Papenfuse (MHF3163.A4P36)
- *Maryland During and After the Revolution: a Political and Economic Study*, by Philip A. Crowl (MF185.C95)
- *Narrative of Events Which Occurred in Baltimore Town During the Revolutionary War* (Rare MF185.P97)
- *Roots of Maryland Democracy, 1753-1776*, by David Skaggs (MF184.S65)
- *The American Revolution and Religion: Maryland, 1770-1800*, by Thomas O'Brien Hanley (MBR555.M3H28)
- *The Background of the Revolution in Maryland*, by Charles Barker (MF184.B25)
- *The Mechanics of Baltimore: Workers and Politics in the Age of Revolution, 1763-1812*, by Charles Steffen (MHD8079.B2S73)
- *The Price of Nationhood: The American Revolution in Charles County*, by Jean Lee (MF187.C5L44)