

Revolutionary War Document Lists Names of Black & Native American Soldiers

Among the most important Revolutionary War documents in the collection of the Pilgrim Society, Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel Goodwin's recruiting and enlistment records for Plymouth County, covering the years 1776 to 1781, stand out for their detailed information about several hundred officers and soldiers and their military careers. For many soldiers he listed name, age, stature, complexion, color of eyes and hair, trade, town engaged for and place of abode, company provided from, and the term and date of enlistment. Among the lists are found the names of 42 men identified by the terms "Negro," "Black," or "Mulatto," as well as 20 identified as "Indians." Although Crispus Attucks, a man of African and Native American heritage, is now famous as the first to die in the Revolutionary War, the names of Revolutionary War soldiers from these groups have mostly been forgotten, like the names of others in the rank and file. By displaying Lieutenant Colonel Goodwin's manuscript record and publishing the list of these soldiers, Pilgrim Hall hopes to contribute to the recognition due to these patriots.

Black Soldiers of the Revolution from Plymouth County:

from a recruiting document in the collection of the Pilgrim Society, by Jeremy D. Bangs. Silas Accro, age 29, from Plymouth, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Pero Blakely, age 28, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment William Blye, age 43, from Rochester, N. Hammond's company, Col. Sprout's regiment Peter Booth, age 17, from Marshfield, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment James Bowes, age 17, from Plymouth, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Calla Brown, age 44, from Scituate, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Primuss Cabuss, age 16, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment (same as Prince Cobus?) Prince Cobus, age 16, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment Henry Cook, age 38, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment Solomon Dick, age 18, from Middleborough, Lt. Col. White's regiment Joseph Fowler, age 26, from Pembroke, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Asher Freeman, age 23, from Scituate, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Benjamin Gould, age 16, from Wareham, Gibbs' company, Lt. Col. White's regiment Jack Hammond, age 26, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment Peter Haskell, age 33, from Rochester, Briggs' company, Lt. Col. White's regiment Bristol Howard, age 43, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment Cato Howe, age 25, from Plymouth, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Jeremiah Jones, age 26, from Bridgewater, J. Allen's company, Maj. Cary's regiment Winsor Little, age 17, from Scituate, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Quash Mathrok, age 24, from Bridgewater, Daniel Packard's company, Maj. Cary's regiment John McCarter, age 22, from Marshfield, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Cuff Mitchell, age 33, from Bridgewater, Washburn's company, Maj. Cary's regiment Prince Newport, age 30, from Plimpton, N. Hammond's company, Col. Sprout's regiment Robert Peagin, age 36, from Bridgewater, Kingman's company, Maj. Cary's regiment William Pittman, age 28, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment Andrew Pompy, age 33, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment Quamany Quash, age 17, from Plymouth, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Jubiter Richards, age 30, from Bridgewater, Kingman's company, Col. Mitchell's regiment Toney Rose, age 18, from Middleborough, Churchill's company, Lt. Col. White's regiment Nehamiah Samson, age 16, from Scituate, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Ceasor Smith, age 24, from Plimpton, Col. Cotton's regiment Cesar Steward, age 29, from Pembroke, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Zeba Sutton, age 17 from Scituate, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Toby Tolbert, age 45, from Bridgewater, Nathaniel Packard's company, Maj. Cary's regiment Jack Tomson, age 40, from Kingston, Capt. Rider's company, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment John Troy, age 21, from Bridgewater, Allden's company, Maj. Cary's regiment Plato Turner, age 28, from Plymouth, Capt. Rider's company, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Salmon Washburn, age 23, from Bridgewater, Allen's company, Maj. Cary's regiment John Williams, age 26, from Kingston, Lt. Simmons' company, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Uriah Williams, age 29, from Middleborough, Lt. Col. White's regiment

Native American Soldiers of the Revolution from Plymouth County: from a recruiting document in the collection of the Pilgrim Society, by Jeremy D. Bangs.

John Barker, age 16, from Middleborough, Lt. Col. White's regiment John Barker, age 29, from Rochester, Lt. Col. White's regiment John Capy, age 17, from Rochester, Lt. Col. White's regiment Joshua Compsett, age 26, from Scituate, T. Cushing's company, Col. Cushing's regiment Bristoll Davids, age 17, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment Thomas Humphrey, age 16, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment Benjamin Jeffery, age 21, from Kingston, Lt. Simmons company, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Cesar Merea, age 16, drummer, from Pembroke, Lt. Col. Hall's regiment Samuel Mingo, age 28, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment David Peauge, age 19, from Plymouth, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Benjamin Simon, Jr., age 16, from Middleborough, Lt. Col. White's regiment James Simons, age 22, from Plymouth, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Josiah Soul, age 22, from Plymouth (also enlisted under the name John Methricks, and listed as from Rochester), Lt. Leonard's company, Col. Theo. Cotton's regiment Peleg Stewart, age 16, from Rochester, Lt. Col. Whites regiment Benjamin Uncket, age 34, from Pembroke, T. Cushing's company, Col. Cushing's regiment Jo. Warrich, age 17, from Marshfield, regiment of Col. Cushing or Lt. Col. Hall Isaac Wickums, age 16, from Pembroke, T. Cushing's company, Col. Cushing's regiment Samuel Word, age 16, from Bridgewater, Maj. Cary's regiment