

Subject Guide: Lancaster During the Revolution

Archives Resources

- MG 0078 **Military Collection**
- MG 0098 **Revolutionary War Collection**
- MG 002 **Hubley Collection**
- MG 0116 **Edward Hand Reunion and Genealogy Collection**
- MG 0207 **Yeates, Carson Collection**
- MG 0948 **Lafayette in Lancaster County Collection**
- MG 0184 **George Steinman Papers, Series 2**
- MG 0022 **Atlee Family Collection**
- JBFP 1.6.3.003 **An Act supplementary to the Act for the relief of certain surviving officers** and soldiers of the revolution
- MG0402_F036_IT01 **Facsimile of a letter from Benjamin Franklin to William Strahan**
- RG 08-02 0301 NONASSOC01-04 **Non-Associators List**, 1777, for Lancaster, Little Britain, Manheim, and Manor Twp.

Photo Collection

- 1-01-04-42 **Sketch of the powder house** at the southwest corner of North Duke Street and East James Street during the Revolutionary War.
- 2-27-05-19 **Home of the Hon. A. Herr Smith**, northeast corner of North Lime Street and Grant Street. During the Revolution the home of Caleb Cope, with whom John Andree lived while a prisoner at Lancaster.
- 2-05-03-22 **Middle Street**, now called Howard Avenue, showing what were Revolutionary War barracks used by the British.
- 1-22-03-54 **Oath of Allegiance** document used during the Revolutionary War
- 1-22-03-92 **Cope family house** where Major John Andre was held prisoner during the Revolutionary War.
- LM-01-02-92 **so-called Liberty Bell** at Trinity Lutheran
- LM-01-03-17 **Site of Continental Army Stable** during Revolutionary War, North Duke Street, Lancaster.
- SD-01-03-38 **Revolutionary War flintlock pistol** in walnut owned originally by Col. Peter Grubb, given to his son A. Burd Grubb, probably made by J. Perkins, Philadelphia.
- 2-27-05-13 **Map showing the relative location of government buildings in Lancaster circa 1776**
- 2-27-05-21 **Continental Army Recruiting Poster or Broadside**
- 2-05-06-02 **Portrait of Col. James Burd**, 1726-1793
- 2-09-06-15 **Document appointing Jacob Weaver, Esq. as captain of an independent company** to be raised in Pennsylvania, January 1777 in the Continental Army. Signed Charles Montgomery and John Hancock.

- 1-16-01-19 **Engraving of Captain Charles Asgill**
- HK-04-03-29 **Inside the Cornwall cold blast furnace**, showing early cannon and shot cast during the Revolutionary War
- HK-05-08-18 **Revolutionary war soldier's pocket flask**
- 2-03-01-14 **Portrait of Major John Andre**
- 2-03-06-25 **Thomas Wharton**, Governor of Pennsylvania during the Revolution

Object Collection

- 2005.014.2 **Mr. Ellmaker**, by Jacob Eichholtz
- 2015.021 **Pewter Plate**, Benjamin Harbeson
- G.98.30.1 and G.98.30.2 **Commemorative Ribbon for Marquis de Lafayette**
- 2025.001.169 **Print of John Joseph Henry**
- 2025.001.173 **Portrait of Ann Wood Henry**
- Painting #31 **Dr. Bertram Galbraith**
- Painting #153 **George Washington at Dorchester Heights**
- G.77.50.9 **Fraktur baptismal certificate** with Ephrata Cloister imprint and hunter in colonial dress
- P.77.31.21 **The Old White House**
- P.77.31.43 **Colonial Guard House**

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- RB 342.05 P544 1782 **Oversize Journals of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**. Beginning the twenty-eighth day of November, 1776, and ending the second day of October, 1781. With the proceedings of the several committees and conventions, before and at the commencement of the American Revolution. Volume the first.
- 973.3 H513 **The confidential correspondence of Robert Morris**, the great financier of the revolution and signer of the Declaration of Independence, embracing letters of the most vital historical importance from signers of the Declaration of Independence (many of them written in 1776) members of the Continental Congress, generals, commodores, other officers and patriots in the revolution ... to be sold Tuesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 16th, 1917. (available online: <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=coo1.ark:/13960/t7vm4tr4x&view=1up&seq=7>)
- RB 973.3 S128 **Records of the revolutionary war**: containing the military and financial correspondence of distinguished officers; names of the 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

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<https://archive.org/details/RecordsOfTheRevolutionaryWar>)

- RB 973.32 U58 **The diplomatic correspondence of the American revolution** : being the letters of Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane, John Adams, John Jay, Arthur Lee, William Lee, Ralph Izard, Francis Dana, William Carmichael, Henry Laurens, John Laurens, M. Dumas, and others, concerning the foreign relations of the United States during the whole revolution; together with the letters in reply from the secret committee of Congress, and the secretary of foreign affairs. Also, the entire correspondence of the French ministers, Gerard and Luzerne, with Congress. / Pub. under the direction of the President of the United States, from the original manuscripts in the Department of State, conformably to a resolution of Congress, of March 27th, 1818. Ed. by Jared Sparks. (available online: <https://archive.org/details/diplomaticcorres01sparuoft/page/n7/mode/2up>)
- 810.8 M823 **Milcah Martha Moore's book** : a commonplace book from Revolutionary America / edited by Catherine La Courreye Blecki and Karin A. Wulf.
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- 016.9748 P415prg **Index to the Guide to the microfilm of the records of Pennsylvania's revolutionary governments, 1775-1790**, in the Pennsylvania State Archives / compiled and edited by Roland M. Baumann [and] Diane Smith Wallace.
- 905.748 PGA **Extracts from the Brethren's house and congregation diaries of the Moravian Church** at Lititz, Pa., relating to the Revolutionary War / translated literally by Abraham Reincke Beck, archivist.
- 973.3 B161 **Pamphlets of the American Revolution, 1750-1776**, edited by Bernard Bailyn, with the assistance of Jane N. Garrett.
- 923.5 H236b **The unpublished revolutionary papers of Major-General Edward Hand of Pennsylvania, 1777-1784**; catalogued with preliminary note by A.J. Bowden. The property of and offered for sale by George H. Richmond.
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- RB 973.402 P147 **The political writings of Thomas Paine** : secretary to the Committee of Foreign Affairs in the American Revolution : to which is prefixed a brief sketch of the author's life. (available online: <https://lanasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=2516>)
- 905.748 HSP **Orderly book of General Edward Hand, Valley Forge, January, 1778** / Edward Hand. (available online: <https://lanasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=14826>)
- 973.342 R442 **Diary of a Hessian soldier, Johannes Reuber** / typescript & translation by Herbert H. Freund.
- 905.748 HSP v.33 **Correspondence of General Edward Hand, of the Continental Line, 1779-1781**. (available online: <https://lanasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=12879>)
- 974.802 U58 **Unity from diversity : extracts from selected Pennsylvania colonial documents, 1681 to 1780**, in commemoration of the tercentenary of the Commonwealth / compiled and edited by Louis M. Waddell.
- Drawer 15, Sec. 3 **Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789** [microform].
- RB 923.173 W318h **General Washington's farewell orders to the armies of the United States** / by Edward Hand.
- 973.31 A973 **Lancaster diary, 1776** : excerpts from diaries, day-books, journals, newspapers, and court records of the daily life of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1776 / compiled by Walter F. Ayars III for the Lancaster County Bicentennial Committee.

Genealogical Resources

- REF 974.815 LACO M469 **Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, deed abstracts & Revolutionary War oaths of allegiance** : deed books "A" through "M", 1729 through c1770, with adjoining landowners & witnesses / compiled by R. Thomas Mayhill.
- 973.34 B665 **Revolutionary War bounty land grants** : awarded by state governments / Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck.
- 973.344 R454 **Revolutionary pensioners** : a transcript of the pension list of the United States for 1813.
- 929.311 C396 **A census of pensioners for revolutionary or military services** : with their names, ages, and places of residence ... under the act for taking the sixth census. Bound with a general index / prepared by The Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
- 929.31 C293 **How to search for your Revolutionary patriot in Pennsylvania** / Dorothee Hughes Carousso.

- REF 310.5 M359r **Marriages of Revolutionary War officers** / compiled by Melvern R. Evans, Jr.
- 973.344 B896 **A guide to select Revolutionary War records pertaining to Mennonites and other pacifist groups in southeastern Pennsylvania and Maryland, 1775-1800** / by Gerald R. Brunk & James O. Lehman.
- 929.3 U58 **Rejected or suspended applications for Revolutionary War pensions** : with an added index to States.
- 973.344 I38 **Index of Revolutionary War pension applications in the National Archives.**
- 929.31 H361 (4 vols.) **Abstract of graves of revolutionary patriots** / by Patricia Law Hatcher.
- 369.135 D235i **Index of the Rolls of honor (ancestor's index)** in the Lineage books of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution [volumes 1-160]
- 369.135 P412 **Register of the Pennsylvania Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.** 1894-1930.
- 973.34 G889 **Forgotten patriots : African American and American Indian patriots in the Revolutionary War** : a guide to service, sources and studies / Eric G. Grundset, editor and project manager ; with Briana L. Diaz, Hollis L. Gentry, and Jean D. Strahan, researchers.
- 905.29 NG v.70 **Deserters, discharges and prisoners of war from the British fifteenth regiment** of foot during the American Revolution / by Clifford Neal Smith.
- 929.373 C953 **Surname index to sixty-five volumes of colonial and revolutionary pedigrees.** Foreword by Milton Rubincam
- 905.29 GSP v.11 **Obits of Pennsylvania Revolutionary veterans**, from newspaper files.
- 973.34 H473 **Historical register of officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution**, April, 1775, to December, 1783 / by Francis B. Heitman.
- 929.31 P418 **Pensioners of Revolutionary War struck off the roll.**
- 973.342 D372 **Mercenary troops from Anhalt-Zerbst, Germany**, who served with the British forces during the American Revolution / Virginia Easley DeMarce.
- 973.342 S644 **Muster rolls and prisoner-of-war lists in American archival collections pertaining to the German mercenary troops** who served with the British forces during the American Revolution / Clifford Neal Smith.
- 973.342 S644ma **Mercenaries from Ansbach and Bayreuth, Germany, who remained in America after the Revolution** / Clifford Neal Smith.
- REF 973.344815 P371 **Revolutionary patriots of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1775-1783** / Henry C. Peden, Jr.
- 929.3 P412 **Colonial and revolutionary families of Pennsylvania** : genealogical and personal memoirs / editor: John W. Jordan.
- 974.9 L245 v.34 **Revolutionary soldiers and patriots of Lancaster County** / by William Frederic Worner. (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=2949>)
- 974.9 L245 v.36 **Revolutionary soldiers buried in Reamstown** / by Mrs. Mary Owen Steinmetz

- 974.9 L245 v.37 **Graveyard of the Revolutionary soldiers of Lititz** / by Herbert H. Beck. (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=2913>)
- 973.38 N338 **Summer soldiers : a survey & index of Revolutionary War courts-martial** / by James C. Neagles.
- 929.311 C594 **The pension lists of 1792-1795 with other Revolutionary War pension records** / compiled by Murtie June Clark
- 974.9 L245 v.35 **Revolutionary soldiers and patriots of Lancaster County** / by Mrs. Mary Owen Steinmetz. (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=1032>)
- 905.29 NG v.77 **When a Revolutionary War pensioner's claim can't be found.**
- 929.31 C645 **Register of invalid pensions** : Revolutionary service, 1789.
- 973.342 D547 **Hessian soldiers in the American Revolution** : records of their marriages and baptisms of their children, in America, performed by the Rev. G.C. Coster, 1776-1783, chaplain of two Hessian regiments / translated and abstracted from the German by Marie Dickore.
- 973.34 R834 oversize **A roster of the officers and men of the German regiment of the Continental line, 1776 to 1781** / compiled with notes and comments by James F. Davis.
- 905.29 NG v. 59 (1971) **Hessian laborers at Lancaster, Pa., 1777** / by Clifford Neal Smith.

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- 973.344815 H473 **Lancaster County in the Revolutionary War : records of captains and their companies** / by M. Luther Heisey.
- 974.9 L245 v.84 **Prisoner-of-war barracks in Lancaster used during the Revolutionary War** : an unusual discovery / by Albert G. Overton and John W.W. Loose (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=121>)
- 973.3 S842 **A history of the Maryland line in the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783.**
- 973.342 L914 **The Hessians and the other German auxiliaries of Great Britain in the revolutionary war** / by Edward J. Lowell.
- RB 974.8029 L756 **Pennsylvania in the war of the revolution, battalions and line. 1775-1783.** Ed. by John Blair Linn, William H. Egle.
- 355.72 J82 **The military hospitals at Bethlehem and Lititz** Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War by John Woolf Jordan (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=1283>)
- 974.8005 E31 (1900) **British prisoners in Pennsylvania in the Revolution.**
- 973.33 T873 1993 **The Pennsylvania line regimental organization and operations, 1776-1783** John B.B. Trussel, Illustrated by Charles C. Dallas, Jr.
- 905.748 PHA v.46 **The Pennsylvania Flying Camp, July-November 1776** / by Francis E. Devine. (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=15864>)

- 355.37 W576 **The rise and decline of the American militia system** / James B. Whisker.
- 973.334 L795 **Following the drum : women at the Valley Forge encampment** / Nancy K. Loane.
- 973.344 S857 **Major-General Anthony Wayne and the Pennsylvania line in the Continental Army.** / By Charles J. Stille. (available online: <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=loc.ark:/13960/t5q81pj65&view=1up&seq=7>)
- 974.8029 R629 **The Pennsylvania militia in 1777** / by Hannah Benner Roach.
- **The Pennsylvania Archives series** (many are available online here: <https://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/serial?id=paarchives>)

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- 974.815 LACO J75 **The Revolutionary War in Pennsylvania** /by James A. Jolly
- 905.29 NG (Vol.14-17) **Pennsylvania Revolutionary Patriots : Lancaster Co., 1778-1779.**
- 974.811 R838 **Arms, country, and class : the Philadelphia militia and "lower sort" during the American Revolution, 1775-1783** / Steven Rosswurm.)
- 974.8029 O94 **A state divided: Opposition in Pennsylvania to the American Revolution** / Anne M. Ousterhout.
- 973.314 S116 **The American loyalists; or, Biographical sketches of adherents to the British crown** in the war of the revolution; alphabetically arranged; with a preliminary historical essay. By Lorenzo Sabine. (available online: <https://archive.org/details/americanloyalist00sabiuoft>)
- 920.7 G786 **The great women of the American Revolution.**
- 070.9 P935 **The Press & the American Revolution** / edited by Bernard Bailyn and John B. Hench ; with a foreword by Marcus A. McCorison ; and an afterword by James Russell Wiggins.
- 973.385 N152 **Spies in the Continental capital: Espionage across Pennsylvania during the American Revolution/** by John A. Nagy.
- 974.815 LACI R593 **Revolutionary Lancaster** / by Paul H. Ripple.
- 974.815 LACO L245 **Lancaster County During the American Revolution** (series)
- 973.3 S656 **A new age now begins : a people's history of the American Revolution** / Page Smith.
- 905.748 HSP v.102 **Pennsylvania land confiscations during the Revolution.** / Anne M. Ousterhout (available online: <https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/43457/43178>)
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- 923.2 M633r **Thomas Mifflin and the politics of the American Revolution.** / Kenneth Rossman
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- 973.315 Q1 **The Negro in the American Revolution** / Benjamin Quarles ; with a new foreword by Thad W. Tate and a new introduction by Gary B. Nash.
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- 923.5 H236 **Edward Hand : his role in the American Revolution** .
- 973.3448 B573 **Beyond Philadelphia : the American Revolution in the Pennsylvania Hinterland** / edited by John B. Frantz and William Pencak.
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- 973.346 G811 **Black courage, 1775-1783** : documentation of Black participation in the American Revolution / Robert Ewell Greene.
- 973.3 E47 **American creation : triumphs and tragedies at the founding of the republic** / Joseph J. Ellis.
- 974.9 L245 v.89 **Lancaster Borough : host to British and Hessian prisoners of war, 1775-1784** / by Melvern Evans, Jr. (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=353>)
- 905.748 HSP v.10 **The Lancaster Assembly of 1780** / D. McN.Stauffer. (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=14078>)
- 974.9 L245 v.48 **Francis Bailey, printer** : by Joseph T. Kingston. (available online: <https://lancasterh.bywatersolutions.com/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=1226>)
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External Resources

Militias

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<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Revolutionary-War-Militia-Overview.aspx>
- **Revolutionary War Militia - Lancaster**
<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Revolutionary-War-Militia-Lancaster.aspx>
- **Revolutionary War Records Overview -- The Pennsylvania Militia, 1777-1783**
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