

THE
BELLS

IN THE
REVOLUTION

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and Sailors of 1776 of the
Name of Bell**

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SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE REVOLUTION

Printed records of the Revolutionary soldiers and sailors are generally incomplete and unsatisfactory. Only Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York have compiled and published, by state authority, lists that are at all thorough and properly arranged for ready reference. In other states attempts have been made to bring together these records but for the most part with the result only of collecting a mass of heterogeneous material; muster rolls, payment rolls, pension applications, colonial and state assembly documents and so on, without the collating and arranging of lists of individual names and sometimes even, as in the case of the Pennsylvania Archives, without an index. In the eighth annual report of the state library of Virginia, there is a good and well arranged list of names with a valuable reference list of original sources. Many original papers containing the names of these soldiers and sailors have never been published, although still preserved in the archives of the state to which they belong or in the Government departments in Washington. We present herewith the names of Bells who served in the army or navy, as far as obtainable.

BELLS IN THE REVOLUTION

CONNECTICUT

Aaron; private, 1776, Wolcott's reg't.
Andrew; private, 1776, Skinner's Light Horse.
Benjamin; private, 1775, 7th reg't.
Benjamin; private, 1779, Moseley's reg't.
Charles; private, 1777, Lattimer's reg't.
David, Watertown, private, 1781, Canfield's reg't.

Francis; private, 1775, 7th reg't.
 Francis; private, 1777, 8th Connecticut line.
 Hezekiah; private, 1777, Hooker's reg't.
 James; private, 1777-80, 4th Connecticut line.
 Jared; ensign, 1776, 9th militia.
 Jason, Farmington; private, 1779-1780, Hooker's reg't.
 Jesse; sergeant, 1775, 7th reg't.
 Jesse, Stamford; captain, 1781, provisional reg't.
 Jesse; captain, 1777, Enos' state reg't.
 Jesse; captain, 1776-77, 1st batallion.
 Jesse; captain, 1776, 9th militia.
 John; private, 1775, 7th reg't.
 John; private, 1776, Elmore's reg't.
 John; private, 1781-83, 18th Connecticut line.
 John; captain, 1780, 9th militia.
 John; private, 1776, Mead's reg't.
 Jonathan; private, 1775, 4th reg't.
 Jonathan; captain, 1776, 9th militia.
 Jonathan; corporal, 1776, 9th militia.
 Jonathan; captain, 1776, 9th militia.
 Jonathan; private, 1776, 9th militia.
 Redeemer; private, 1776, Burrall's reg't.
 Stephen; private, 1775, 5th reg't.
 Stephen; corporal, 1776, 19th reg't.
 Thadeus; private, 1776, 9th militia.
 Thomas; private, 1776, Mead's reg't.
 Walter; private, 1776, Elmore's reg't.
 William; mariner, 1779, frigate "Confederacy."

GEORGIA

Alias; private.
 Benjamin; corporal, 1st reg't., line, 1777.
 Elias; private, 10th reg't., 1778.
 George; private, 10th reg't., 1781.
 Green; captain, Edgecomb district battalion, 1776.
 James; corporal, 10th reg't., line, 1782.
 John; musician, 1st reg't., line, 1777.

John; private, 1st battalion, 1778.
 Josiah; private, 10th reg't., 1781.
 Malachi; colonel, Carteret co. militia.
 Nathan; private, 1st reg't., militia, 1780.
 Richard; private.
 Richard; private, cavalry and infantry.
 Robert; ensign, 10th reg't., line, 1781.
 Robert; captain, 2d battalion, 1776.
 Robert; captain, lieutenant.
 Robert; lieutenant, 2nd reg't., 1778-1781.
 Robert; lieutenant.
 Robert; private, 1st reg't., militia, 1780.
 Samuel; private, 10th reg't., line, 1782.
 Thomas; captain, 1780.
 Thomas; colonel.
 Thomas; lieutenant.
 William; private, 10th reg't., line 1781.

MARYLAND

James; private, 1st battalion, 1775.
 James; private, Maryland line, 1782.
 James; private, Maryland line, 1783.
 John; private, Frederick co., 1778.
 John; private, Maryland line, 1783.
 John, 2nd; private, Maryland line, 1783.
 John; lieutenant, Grayson's reg't., 1777.
 Lawson; private, 1st reg't., 1778.
 Peter; private, Manz co., 1776.
 Thomas; private, 2nd reg't., 1778.
 Thomas; captain, 4th reg't., 1777.

MASSACHUSETTS

Abraham; private, July, 1777.
 Benjamin, Danvers; private, January, 1777.
 Benjamin, seaman, exchanged prisoner, September, 1778.
 Boston, Ipswich; enlisted 3 May, 1777, for three years.
 Charles; seaman, brigantine "Hawke," May, 1777.

Dahl, Danvers; enlisted, 1779, aged 16 years, private,
 drummer, 1779; fifer, 1780.
 Daniel; first lieutenant, 1776; also second lieutenant
 and first lieutenant, 1776, 1778 and 1779.
 Daniel; captain, lieutenant, 1780.
 Daniel; Lebanon; captain.
 David; private, lieutenant, 1777.
 David; first lieutenant, 1776; captain, 1777-1778 and
 1779.
 David; captain's clerk, frigate "Boston," 1778.
 David; gunner's yeoman, frigate "Boston," 1779.
 Eleazer Flagg; private, 1778.
 George, Falmouth; private, 1775, captain, 1776.
 George; Francis' reg't.
 George, Beverly; private, 1777; corporal, 1778; private,
 1779.
 Henry; private, 1780.
 Isaac; private, 1778.
 James; corporal, 1775.
 James; private, 1777.
 James, Shirley; private, 1778.
 James, New Braintree; private, 1777-4 July, 1779.
 James; private, 1780.
 John, Billerica; private, 1775.
 John, Boston; fifer, 1775.
 John, Brookfield; private, and gunner, 1775-1776.
 John; private, 1777.
 John; boatswain's mate, ship "Hancock," exchanged
 prisoner, 1778.
 John; corporal, 1778.
 John; private, 1780.
 John, Jr., Boston; private, 1775.
 Jonathan, Tewksbury; private, 1776.
 Jonathan, Taunton; private, 1777.
 Joseph, Danvera; private, 1775-1777.
 Moses; private.

Nathaniel; private, 1780.
 Reuben; private, 1775.
 Robert; sergeant, 1781.
 Samuel; private, 1775.
 Samuel; quartermaster, frigate "Boston," January, 1779.
 Samuel; private, 1777-1782.
 Solomon; sergeant, 1777.
 Stephen; marine, ship "Alfred," Capt. John Paul Jones.
 Thomas, Plymouth; boatswain's mate, brigantine "Hazard," 1777; boatswain's mate, brig. "Hazard," 1778.
 Thomas, Colrain; lieutenant, 1779-80.
 Thomas Brooks, Concord.
 Walter; private, 1777.
 William; ensign, 1776.
 William; captain, 1776.
 William; second lieutenant, 1777.
 William, Boston; corporal, 1775-1778; sergeant, 1779.
 William; seaman, brigantine "Tyrranicide," 1779; ship "Proctor," 1780.
 Zerubbabel; 1786.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Andrew; private, Bedell's reg't., 1778.
 Andrew; private, Lyme militia, 1776.
 Andrew; private, Chase's reg't., 1777.
 Benjamin, New Castle; sergeant, 1776.
 Frederick M., Dover; 1st lieutenant and capt., 2nd N. H. reg't., 1775-1777.
 Henry, New Castle; private, 1776.
 James, Exeter; private, 1775.
 James; private, 1776.
 James; private, Bedell's reg't., 1777-1778.
 James; private, Lyme militia, 1777-1778.
 John; private, 1776.
 John; paymaster, 1776.
 John; private, Bedell's reg't., 1778.
 John; private, Lyme alarm list, 1777-1778.

John; private, Moor's reg't., 1777.
 John; private, Stickney's reg't., 1777.
 Jonathan; private, 1775.
 Jonathan, Goffstown; private, Rhode Island alarm, 1778.
 Jonathan; private, Kelly's reg't., 1777-1778.
 Joshua, Goffstown; private, 1776.
 Joshua; private, 1777.
 Joshua; private, 3rd N. H. reg't., 1777.
 Meschach, New Castle; lieutenant, 1776-77.
 Meshech, Jr.; ensign, Captain Dearing's co., at Piscataqua, 1781.
 Samuel; private, Atkinson's co., 1776.
 Samuel; private, Bedell's reg't., 1778.
 Samuel; private, Lyme militia, 1777-1778.
 Thomas; sergeant, at Piscataqua, 1781.
 Thomas, 1st lieutenant, Hazen's reg't., 1777.
 William; drummer, 1776.
 William, Dover; private, 1776.
 William; private, 4th N. H. reg't., 1777.
 William, Exeter; private, 1777.
 William; captain, Lyme alarm list, 1776.
 William; private, Lyme alarm list, 1776.
 William; private, and quarter master's sergeant, 2d reg't., 1777-80.
 William, Exeter; captain Hale's reg't.
 William M., New Castle; ensign, 1st lieut., capt., and adjutant, 8th continental reg't., and 2d N. H. reg't., 1776-1783.

NEW JERSEY

Henry G., Morris co.; private, state militia.
 Isaac, Sussex co.; private, state militia.
 Jabez; corporal, state militia.
 James, Burlington co.; private.
 Jeremiah, Morris co.; private.
 John; private, militia and line.
 John, Morris co.; private, militia line.

Joseph, Morris co.; private.
Josiah; private, 1st reg't., line.
Josiah; private, 2nd reg't., line.
Phineas; private, 2nd reg't., line.
Robert, Gloucester.
Robert; assistant commissary of issue.
William; sergeant major, state militia.
William; Gloucester.
William; 3rd reg't., Hunterdon co.
William; Somerset.

NEW YORK

Frederick; private, 1st reg't., Tyron co., militia.
G. Henry; private, 4th reg't., Tyron co. militia.
Hendrick; private, 2nd reg't., Orange co. militia.
Henry; private, Dutchess co. minute men.
Henry; private, 2nd reg't., Dutchess co. militia.
Isaac; captain, Ulster co. rangers.
Jacob; private, 6th reg't., Dutchess co. militia.
Jacob; private, 4th reg't., Tyron co. militia.
James; private, 2nd reg't., line.
James; private, 3rd reg't., Albany.
James; private, 2nd reg't., Ulster.
John; private, 1st reg't., line.
John; private, line, additional corps.
John; private, Malcom's levies.
John; private, Graham's levies.
John; private, 4th reg't., Albany co. militia.
John; private, 2nd reg't., Dutchess co. militia.
John; captain, 6th reg't., Dutchess co. militia.
John; private, 3rd reg't., Tyron co. militia.
John; private, 7th reg't., Dutchess co. militia.
John A.; lieutenant, private, 6th reg't., Albany co. militia.
Johannes; captain, 2nd reg't., Orange co. militia.
Jonathan; private, 5th reg't., Dutchess co. militia.
Martin; private, 16th reg't., Albany co. militia.

Matthew; private, 2nd reg't., line.
 Matthew; private, Harper's levies.
 Matthew; private, 3rd reg't., Tyron co. militia.
 Matthew; private, 2nd reg't., Ulster co. militia.
 Matthew; private, 16th reg't., Albany.
 Nicolaus; private, 4th reg't., Tyron co. militia.
 Ram; private, 2nd reg't., Orange.
 Robert; private, 2nd reg't., Orange.
 Robert; private, 1st reg't., line.
 Robert; private, Malcom's levies.
 Robert; private, Graham's levies.
 Samuel; private, 16th reg't., Albany.
 Samuel T.; captain, 2nd reg't., line.
 Stephen; private, 3rd reg't., Albany co. militia.
 Stephen; private, 1st reg't., Albany co. militia.
 Thomas; private, 4th reg't., Tyron co. militia.
 Thomas; private, 4th reg't., Ulster co. militia.
 Thorne; private, 4th reg't., Ulster co. militia.
 William; private, Malcom's levies.
 William; private, Hatch's co., Cumberland co. militia.
 William; private, 2nd reg't., Orange co. militia.
 William, Sr., private, 2nd reg't., Orange co. militia.
 William; private, 2nd reg't., Orange co. militia.
 William; private, 4th reg't., Orange co. militia.
 William; private, 3rd reg't., Ulster co. militia.
 William; private, 4th reg't., Ulster co. militia.
 William; private, exempts Westchester co. militia.
 William; private, Charlotte co. militia.
 William; private, 1st reg't., Orange.
 William, Sr.; private, 2nd reg't., Orange.
 William; naval service.
 William R.; private, 6th reg't., Dutchess co. militia.
 William W.; private, 6th reg't., Dutchess co. militia.

NORTH CAROLINA

Robert; lieutenant, 18th North Carolina reg't., 1777.

PENNSYLVANIA

Andrew; private, Cumberland co. militia, 1778.
Arthur; private, Cumberland co. militia, 1778.
Charles; private, Cumberland co. militia, 1780.
Hugh; private, Cumberland co. militia, 1780.
James; private, Westmoreland co. militia, 1778.
James; private, Penn. line, 1776.
John; ensign, Cumberland co. militia, 1780.
John; private, Penn. line, 1776.
John; lieutenant, Cumberland co., 1781.
Joseph; private, Northumberland co. militia, 1778.
Josiah; private, Cumberland co. militia, 1780.
Lloyd; private, Washington co. militia, 1777.
Nathaniel; Washington co. militia, 1777.
Patterson; major and colonel, Penn. line and Lancaster co. militia, 1776.
Robert; private, Washington co. militia, 1777.
Robert; private, Cumberland co. militia, 1780.
Samuel; private, Cumberland co. militia, 1780.
Theodore; private, Westmoreland co. militia, 1778.
Thomas; private, Westmoreland co. militia, 1777.
Thomas; private, Berks co. militia, 1778.
William; ensign, Penn. militia, 1776.
William; private, Westmoreland co. militia, 1778.
William, lieutenant, Lancaster co. militia, 1778.
William; private, Cumberland co. militia, 1780.
Zephaniah; private, Washington co. militia, 1777.
Zopher; private, Washington co. militia, 1777.

RHODE ISLAND

Joseph; captain, sloop "Two Brothers," September, 1778

SOUTH CAROLINA

Edward; private, Lecy's co. of militia.
Frederick; private, in Nelson's company, 1776.
Harrison; private, Gaston's co. of horsemen, 1775.
Henry, lieutenant of dragoons, 1782.

James; private, Gaston's co. of horsemen, 1775.
John; private, Thomson's rangers, 1778.
Robert; private, Georgetown garrison, 1780.
Samuel; private, Picken's Brigade, 1781.
Thomas; private, Jenkin's co. of militia, 1775.
Valentine; private, Lecy's co. of militia.
William; private, Gaston's co. of horsemen, of 1775.
William; sergeant, 1781.
William; private, Col. Winn's reg't., 1780.
Zachariah; private, Williamson's Brigade, 1779.

VIRGINIA

Alexander.
Andrew.
Archibald.
George.
Harry; lieutenant, third continental dragoons.
Henry; lieutenant, Buckingham co.
Henry; cornet.
James.
James; captain.
James; captain, Augusta co.
John; captain.
John; lieutenant.
John; lieutenant, 6th Virginia reg't.
John; ensign and 2nd lieutenant, 6th Virginia reg't.
John; Prince William co.
John; private, Morgan's 11th and 15th Virginia reg'ts.
1777-1778.
Joseph; Augusta co.
Nathaniel.
Ning.
Peter.
Richard; Harrison artillery.
Richard H.; captain, Norfolk co.
Robert; captain.
Robert; lieutenant.

Robert; quartermaster, second Virginia reg't,
Robert; sergeant.
Samuel; captain.
Samuel; lieutenant, Gist's reg't., 1779.
Samuel; ensign.
Samuel.
Samuel B.; lieutenant.
Thomas; captain, Petersburg.
Thomas; captain, Gist's Virginia reg't., 1779.
William; drummer, 3rd Virginia reg't., 1777-1778.
William; Essex militia.
William Smith; surgeon.

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