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:  

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
Camaramsawde Gould, age 17, from Wareham, Gibbs’ company, Lt. Col. White’s regiment
Native American Soldiers of the Revolution from Plymouth County:

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 Comsett, 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, Washburn’s company, Maj. Cary’s regiment
Parm Mouth, age 18, 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