

GUIDE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AMERICAN INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

This collection consists of material relating to three projects of the DAR: the Forgotten Patriots Seminar, held January 11, 2003, the DAR Museum exhibition Forgotten Patriots, October 2002-August 2003, and the DAR book *African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War* (2002 and revised edition) and earlier pamphlets. The bulk of the collection contains the research files of the Museum and Library staff for these projects. Copies of the pamphlets are included.

Symposium

These files contain copies of the brochure and attendee packet for the Forgotten Patriots Seminar. Copies of the papers read by the historians involved in the Symposium are available for staff use and will be included in a future publication.

Exhibition

There are three boxes containing the files of the DAR Museum relating to the exhibition, Forgotten Patriots. The exhibit files include copies of the brochure, the exhibit script and a Family Guide. The research files are divided into general reference files, African American research files and American Indian research files. The general reference files contain background information about the Revolutionary War, including military pension and bounty land. A file of bibliographic references includes catalog records of possible sources and guides to holdings at other repositories. There are also files regarding images relating to the Revolutionary War such as painting of battles, scans of documents and pictures of monuments.

The African American research files provide background on the African American involvement in the Revolution and life at that time. These files include information on post-Revolution "Freedom Suits," camp followers, slavery and specific battles, among other topics. Lists of names as well as biographical information for specific people are included in the files labeled "individuals". These files may include copies from published sources as well as pension and service records, muster rolls, census and other records. There are separate files for some individuals or groups such as for the 1st Rhode Island Regiment and for "Doctor Primus."

Reference files relating to American Indian participation include information about specific tribes such as the Oneida, Iroquois, Tuscarora, Abenaki and others. Some sources demonstrate the relationship between the government and the tribes through the Papers of the Continental Congress, George Clinton Papers, Timothy Pickering Papers, various treaties and other Indian Affairs records. Some of the topics covered are American Indian participation in specific battles, Indian records such as wampum belts and Indian applications for Bounty land. The files of individuals include lists from published sources and biographies of specific individuals such as one file on Honyere Tewahangarahken (Honyere Doxtator).

Book

Research files relating to the book *African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War* and earlier pamphlets were created over nearly 20 years by several members of the Genealogy and Library staff. There is considerable variation in the amount and content of material that was retained and how the files are organized. Most files contain photocopies of portions of published works or pension and service records. There is a small amount of correspondence with other researchers or staff at other repositories. In gathering the material for this collection, some rearrangement has been done to make it somewhat more uniform, but there is still some overlap of topics in various areas, duplication of material and a lack of material in other cases. Reference material for the southern states particularly is scanty as most files were not retained after publication. At this writing (Sept. 2005), this collection is still active and will have more material added as staff continues research documenting minority participation for the revised edition of the book.

As much as possible, the files follow the organization of the book. The collection begins with some general information regarding the Revolution and some specific topics. Following these, the files are arranged by state, from north to south, as they appear in the book. Within the state, there may be a file of background information about the Revolution and specific activities in that state. Files are then separated as African American or American Indian with sub-groups general reference and for individuals in each group. There may be files covering specific topics, such as legislation relating to African American or American Indian participation, slavery, "Freedom Suits" in Virginia, the 1st Rhode Island Regiment, specific tribes, treaties, "blankets and clothing," Canadian Indians and hostile Indians. Some states have a file on Navy service. There may also be files not relating to the Revolution or African Americans and American Indians, such as some information on the colonial period, Harriet Tubman, or Jewish and Spanish participation. Note that these files are very limited in scope.

Research files relating to individuals are those naming specific people and may be simply lists of participants or may include copies of papers from pensions files, service records, histories and other sources. For some individuals there is significant material and a separate file has been created. Note that some of the lists or articles may refer to both African American and American Indian participants, but may only be filed in one series. Also, some states were combined in one chapter of the book or one pamphlet. Future researchers should check all possibilities. Researchers should also be aware that the existence of a name in these files is not necessarily documented proof of identity or service.

Some of the states have files identified as "Additions/Corrections" and "additional sources" which may be of particular interest for future research. These may include individuals not yet documented or copies of documentation not used when more reliable sources were found. Some states have files identified as "Endnotes" which in some cases appear to be the numbering as used in the original pamphlets not the book. Drafts are included when available, as are copies of the pamphlets. Most states have files of

bibliographies listing sources for research or guides to records in other repositories and there is a bibliography for the publication as a whole.

Box 1

Forgotten Patriots Seminar

File 1 Brochures, posters and packets

Forgotten Patriots Exhibition

File 2 Exhibit files

File 3 Exhibit brochures

File 4 Exhibit script

File 5 General reference

File 6 General reference - Pensions

File 7 General reference - Land

File 8 General reference - Bibliographies

File 9-10 General reference - Images

Box 2

Forgotten Patriots Exhibition (cont.)

File 1-4 General reference files - African American

File 5-8 African American - Individuals

File 9 African American - 1st Rhode Island Regiment

File 10 African American - "Doctor" Primus

Box 3

Forgotten Patriots Exhibition (cont.)

File 1-5 General reference - American Indian

File 6 American Indian - Indian Affairs papers

File 7 American Indian - Treaties

File 8 American Indian - Timothy Pickering Papers

File 9-10 American Indian - Individuals

File 11 American Indian - Honyere Doxtator

[Box numbers for pamphlet and book research files are temporary as files will be added as research continues.]

Box 4

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files

General - Bibliographies and catalog records - ABC-CLIO

General - Bibliographies and catalog records - Library of Congress

General - Bibliographies and catalog records - African American

General - Bibliographies and catalog records - American Indian

General - Guides and calendars of records

General - Revolutionary War

General - Revolutionary War - Spanish involvement

General - Revolutionary War - women

General - Revolutionary War - prisoners
General - Revolutionary War - British sources
General - African American
General - African American - individuals
General - African American - Greene's list
General - African American - Newman's list
General - African American - Wilson's list
General - African American - Greene's *Black Courage*

Revolutionary War

Box 5

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files

General - African American - Stewart's *Black Soldiers of the American*
General - African American - patriotism
General - African American - slavery
General - African American - loyalists
General - African American - Navy
General - African American - military chronology
General - African American - other military
General - African American - 1790 census
General - African American - 19th Cent. historians / biographies
General - African American - Harriet Tubman
General - American Indian
General - American Indian - individuals not documented
General - American Indian - bounty land
General - American Indian - tribes
General - American Indian - Cherokee
General - American Indian - slavery
General - American Indian - British involvement
General - pre-Revolution
General - 7 years War
General - War of 1812 - Tecumseh

Box 6

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files

ME - Bibliographies and catalog records
ME - African American - general reference
ME - African American - individuals
ME - American Indian - general reference
ME - American Indian - individuals

NH - African American - general reference
NH - African American - individuals
NH - American Indian - general reference
NH - American Indian - individuals

VT - General
VT - African American - individuals
VT - American Indian - individuals

CT - Guide - Connecticut State Library
CT - Guide - Mashantucket Pequot collection
CT - General - Revolutionary War
CT - General - identification
CT - General - legislation
CT - African American - general reference
CT - African American - individuals
CT - African American - Cash Africa
CT - African American - slavery
CT - American Indian - general reference
CT - American Indian - individuals
CT - American Indian - Pequot
CT - American Indian - Abimelech Unkas

Box 7

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

CT - corrections and additions
CT - Navy

RI - Bibliographies and catalog records
RI - Guide - Rhode Island Historical Society
RI - Revolutionary War - Jewish participation
RI - African American - general reference
RI - African American - individuals
RI - African American - 1st RI Regiment
RI - African American - Philip Rodman
RI - American Indian - general reference
RI - American Indian - individuals

MA - Bibliographies and catalog records
MA - Revolutionary War - general
MA - African American - general reference

Box 8

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

MA - African American - individuals
MA - African American - African Nantucketers
MA - African American - Crispus Attucks
MA - African American - Prince Hall

- MA - African American - Salem Poor
- MA - African American - Prince Whipple
- MA - African American - Jonathon Blunt
- MA - African American - slavery
- MA - American Indian - general reference
- MA - American Indian - individuals
- MA - American Indian - individuals - Mass. Soldiers and Sailors
- MA - American Indian - lists by tribe
- MA - American Indian - pre-Revolution
- MA - Other military - Guide to Civil War records
- MA - DAR publication - drafts
- MA - DAR publication - endnotes (by page number of draft) p. 1-3 (notes 1-13)
- MA - DAR publication - endnotes p. 4-7 (notes 14-42)

Box 9

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

- MA - DAR publication - endnotes p. 8-12 (notes 43-80)

- NY - Bibliographies and catalog records
- NY - Guide - New York State Archives
- NY - African American - general reference
- NY - African American - individuals
- NY - African American - additional sources
- NY - African American - slavery
- NY - African American - loyalists
- NY - African American - William Smith *Memoirs*
- NY - American Indian - general reference
- NY - American Indian - individuals
- NY - American Indian - Nicholas Cusick

Box 10

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

- NY - American Indian - Grasshopper
- NY - American Indian - Thomas Spencer
- NY - American Indian - John Patterson/Peterson
- NY - American Indian - John Kennada and Walter Butler
- NY - American Indian - individuals - unidentified
- NY - American Indian - additional sources
- NY - American Indian - treaties
- NY - American Indian - Iroquois
- NY - American Indian - Oneida
- NY - American Indian - Oneida - Powless diary
- NY - American Indian - Oneida - Wyoming Valley/Sullivan's Expedition

NY - American Indian - Mohegan

Box 11

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

NY - American Indian - Stockbridge
NY - American Indian - other tribes
NY - American Indian - Canadians
NY - American Indian - hostile and deserters
NY - American Indian - blankets and clothing
NY - American Indian - Philip Schuyler
NY - American Indian - French involvement
NY - Navy
NY - American Indian - War of 1812 and pension law
NY - DAR publications - draft
NY - DAR publications - draft key to abbreviations and sources
NY - DAR publication - text
NY - DAR publication - endnotes
NY - DAR publication - endnotes - African American

Box 12

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

NY - DAR publication - endnotes - American Indian

PA - Guide - Pennsylvania State Archives
PA - African American - individuals
PA - African American - James Forten
PA - African American - Richard Allen
PA - African American - Cyrus Bustill
PA - African American - additional sources
PA - American Indian - additional sources
PA - American Indian - individuals

Box 13

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

PA - American Indian - Moravians
PA - American Indian - Shawnee - Ohio
PA - American Indian - David Zeisberger's diary
PA - American Indian - Montour's Co.
PA - American Indian - additional sources
PA - American Indian - additions and corrections
PA - Navy
PA - DAR publication - text

PA - DAR publication - sources
PA - DAR publication - endnotes 1-17 African American

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African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
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PA - DAR publication - endnotes 21-38 African American
PA - DAR publication - endnotes 1-11 American Indian
PA - DAR publication - endnotes 12-24 American Indian

DE-MD-NJ - American Indian - general reference
DE-MD-NJ - American Indian - individuals
DE-MD-NJ - Navy

DE - African American - individuals

MD - African American - general reference
MD - African American - individuals

Box 15

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

MD - African American - slavery

NJ - African American - general reference
NJ - African American - individuals
NJ - African American - Oliver Cromwell

DE -MD-NJ - DAR publication - drafts
DE -MD-NJ - DAR publication - text
DE -MD-NJ - DAR publication - endnotes
DE -MD-NJ - DAR publication - Navy

VA - Bibliographies and catalog records
VA - African American - general reference

Box 16

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

VA - African American - individuals
VA - African American - Dunmore's Ethiopian Regt.
VA - African American - James Armistead Lafayette
VA - African American - Chesterfield Supplement
VA - African American - slavery

VA - African American - "freedom suits"
VA - African American - British involvement
VA - African American - Colonial Williamsburg project
VA - African American - Washington's slaves
VA - American Indian - individuals
VA - American Indian - Saponi
VA - Navy
VA - General - service 1784-1811 and War of 1812
VA - General - pre- and post-Revolution issues

Box 17

African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War research files
(cont.)

NC - African American
NC - American Indian - 5 Civilized Tribes
NC - American Indian - Nancy Ward

SC - African American
SC - American Indian

GA - General
GA - African American - individuals
GA - American Indian

Card files

There are 3 boxes of file cards. Most are cards for individuals by state. Note that all states are not represented and some cards name individuals not listed in the book. There are also cards for many of the sources.