

## Kingston during the Revolutionary War

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- 1766 Town Meeting voted down a motion to instruct its representative to the Great and General Court to vote for a motion for compensation to “sufferers of the late disturbances in Boston.”
- 1773 Kingston received from the Committee of Correspondence a pamphlet informing the townspeople “of infringements of rights of the inhabitants of the province.” Kingston reacted by acknowledging the injustices of the British government toward the Colonies and stated that this town would be “Always ready to co-operate with our brethren in any legal and constitutional measure tending to the redress of the grievances we so justly complain of.”
- 1774 Kingston chose a Committee of Correspondence headed by John Thomas, Esquire.
- January 1775 the Town of Kingston purchased “firearms and accouterments to equip thirty-three soldiers completely.”
- March 24, 1775 Kingston Company (of minute men) was formed under Peleg Wadsworth and later became part of the regiment from Plymouth County under Theophilus Cotton.
- April 20, 1775 Theophilus Cotton led an expedition against Marshfield, which contained troops from Kingston under Peleg Wadsworth.
- Thomas B. Drew (a Kingston historian) stated that 92 men from Kingston served; *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War* lists 77 (including one “black”: Ben Jeffreys); a 1927 Memorial Day program. includes the 158 names listed below.
- Two generals came from Kingston: General Peleg Wadsworth, a militia General in charge of eastern Massachusetts, and General John Thomas, a Brigadier General in the Continental Army and a leader on the Canadian expedition of 1776 – 1776.
- One of the first vessels commissioned by the Provincial Navy, the brig *Independence*, a 16-gun ship, 94 feet long and costing 488 pounds, was built in Kingston. Simeon Sampson, a Kingston native commanded the ship. Sampson captured five prizes in 1776 before he himself was defeated in a bloody battle by Captain Dawson of the British fleet, who returned Sampson’s sword as a salute to his gallantry.

**List of those who served in the Revolutionary War that were from Kingston:**

Major General John Thomas	Benjamin Carter
Brigadier General Peleg Wadsworth	Elisha Cushman
Colonel Joseph Sampson	James Cushman
Colonel John Gray	Joseph Chamberlain
Commander James Sever	Echabod Churchill
Major Seth Drew	Job Drew
Captain Ebenezer Washburn	Cornelius Drew
Lieutenant Daniel Adams	Lebbins Drew
Lieutenant Crocker Sampson	Samuel Drew
Lieutenant Hezekiah Ripley	John Davis
Lieutenant Noah Simmons	John Doty
Lieutenant Samuel Gray	James Dodge
Lieutenant Robert Cook	Zenas Davis
Ebenezer Adams	James Doten
Joshua Adams	Joshua Delano
John Adams	Job Eaton
Hosea Brewster	James Everson
David Bradford	Joseph Everson
Chandler Bradford	Seth Everson
Sylvanus Bradford	Samuel Everson
Peleg Bradford	Ephraim Everson
Noah Bradford	Jabez Eaton
Enoe Bradford	Eleazer Fuller
	Robert Fuller
Isreal Bradford	Ebenezer Fuller
Robert Bradford	Barzilla Fuller
Consider Bradford	Consider Fuller
Nathan Brewster	Barnabas Fuller
Benjamin Battlesbee	John Fuller
Martin Brewster	Josiah Fuller
Levi Bryant	Zeph Fuller
Thomas Bars	Elijah Fuller
James Bassett	Elephalett Fuller
Barzilla Briggs	Samuel Fuller
Samuel Beason	Thomas Fish
Josiah Cook	Jacob Fish
Simeon Cook	Isaac Fish
Zadoc Cook	Charles Green
Bartlett Cook	Joseph Griffin
John Cook	Benjamin Gilber
Samuel Cole	Samuel Gilbert
Meletiah Cobb	Simeon Hall
Sylvanus Cobb	Elisha Hall
Eben Cobb	Abner Hall
	Thomas Hall

Enoch Hall  
Job Hall  
Sylvanus Hall  
Samuel Hollis  
Andrew Harlow  
Josiah Hatch  
Wally Holmes  
Abner Holmes  
John Holmes  
Jonathan Holmes  
Sylvester Holmes  
Levi Holmes  
Benjamin Holmes  
John Johnson  
John Jones  
Benjamin Jeffereys (negro)  
Richard Johnson  
Charles King  
Nathaniel King  
Daniel Loring  
Mark Marlin  
John McLean  
Benjamin Monroe  
Seth Magoun  
Andrew Murdock  
James Murdock  
Thomas Moon  
Ezra Morton  
Robert McLathlin  
William Pratt  
Benjamin Parris  
Mathew Parris  
Noah Prince  
Samuel Randall  
Onesimus Randall

Kenlom Ripley  
Calvin Ripley  
John Robinson  
Benjamin Sampson  
James Sampson  
Croad Sampson  
Andrew Simmons  
William Sever  
Elijah Sturtevant  
Joseph Tinkham  
John Tinkham  
Samuel Tupper  
Jonothan Torry  
Spencer Thomas  
James Thomas  
Zebediah Thompson  
Peleg Whitten  
Cephas Wadsworth  
Josiah Waterman  
Josiah West  
Asa Whitten  
Bildad Washburn  
Elisha Washburn  
Judah Washburn  
Thomas Washburn  
John Washburn  
Ziba Witherell  
John Williams  
Benjamin Waterman  
Soloman Whitten  
John Wade  
James Waterman  
Joshua Waterman  
Zenas Waterman  
Abner Weston