

## Historical Figures for 2016 Voices of the American Revolution Project

### Abigail Adams

Correspondence of John and Abigail Adams  
<http://www.masshist.org/digitaladams/archive/letter/>

Letter to Mercy Otis Warren February 3, 1775  
[http://www.masshist.org/database/viewer.php?item\\_id=952&mode=dual&img\\_step=5](http://www.masshist.org/database/viewer.php?item_id=952&mode=dual&img_step=5)

### Samuel Adams

Letter to James Warren, 4 November 1772  
[http://www.masshist.org/revolution/image-viewer.php?item\\_id=438&img\\_step=1&tpc=&pid=2&mode=transcript&tpc=&pid=2#page1](http://www.masshist.org/revolution/image-viewer.php?item_id=438&img_step=1&tpc=&pid=2&mode=transcript&tpc=&pid=2#page1)

### Chief Joseph Brant

Letter to British Secretary of State Lord George Germain 1776  
<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/8071/>

### Lydia Darragh

Quote & brief bio: <http://www.revolutionary-war.net/lydia-darragh.html>

### John Dickinson

Letters from a Pennsylvania Farmer. This link sets the context; click on the link within to see his letters.  
<http://www.earlyamerica.com/bookmarks/letters-pennsylvania-farmer/>

### Benjamin Franklin

[Benjamin Franklin, How I Became a Printer in Philadelphia](#)  
[Franklin's Tentative Approval of the Constitution](#)

### Mary Katherine Goddard

Letter to George Washington, December 1789  
<http://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-04-02-0302>

### Alexander Hamilton

Speech: New York Ratifying Convention, 21 June 1788  
[http://csac.history.wisc.edu/alexander\\_hamilton\\_speech6.21.pdf](http://csac.history.wisc.edu/alexander_hamilton_speech6.21.pdf)

Letter to Elizabeth Schuyler, 20 July 1780 (a romantic war dispatch)  
<http://founders.archives.gov/?q=Project%3A%22Hamilton%20Papers%22&s=1511311113&r=1466>

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Letter to George Washington at the end of the Revolutionary War

<http://founders.archives.gov/?q=Project%3A%22Hamilton%20Papers%22%20Recipient%3A%22Washington%2C%20George%22&s=2511311113&r=47>

### John Hancock

Letter to George Washington, July 6, 1776

<http://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com/john-hancock-letter-to-george-washington-july-6-1776.html>

### Patrick Henry

Speech: Give Me Liberty or Give me Death

<http://www.patrickhenrycenter.com/Speeches.aspx>

Edited version for AATL Public Speaking contest:

<http://academyatthelakes.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/PatrickHenryGiveMeLibertyAddressExcerptsFinal-rev-1-25-16.pdf>

Letter to John Alsop against Slavery

<http://www.nytimes.com/1860/07/09/news/the-slave-trade-an-original-letter-from-patrick-henry.html>

### Thomas Jefferson

Letter to Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and John Jay 5 Oct. 1781 – about James Monroe – Jefferson as Minister to France.

<http://founders.archives.gov/?q=Project%3A%22Jefferson%20Papers%22%20Recipient%3A%22Adams%2C%20John%22&s=2511311111&r=4>

Letter to John Adams, 22 January 1821 – about the Missouri Compromise, Bolivar and South America, and their friendship – showing how much they thought about in an early letter from the ex-President's Club!

<http://founders.archives.gov/?q=Project%3A%22Jefferson%20Papers%22%20Recipient%3A%22Adams%2C%20John%22%20Period%3A%22post-Madison%20Presidency%22&s=2511311111&r=9>

### Richard Henry Lee

Lee Resolution, June 7, 1776 – shows his notes on the Resolution document.

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=1>

Letter to Edmund Randolph on the need for the Bill of Rights

<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/bor/lee-to-randolph/>

**Sybil Ludington** – no joy on a primary source.

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Revolutionary Heroine Sybil Ludington, 16-Year Old Night Rider – has a memoir of Colonel Henry Ludington that describes the ride.

<https://www.thefederalistpapers.org/history/revolutionary-heroine-sybil-ludington-16-year-old-night-rider>

## Joseph Plumb Martin

Selections from the Diary of Private Joseph Plumb Martin

<http://www.ushistory.org/march/other/martindiary.htm>

## Thomas Paine

*The Crisis* – for the first paragraph

<http://www.ushistory.org/paine/crisis/c-01.htm>

Letter to George Washington

<http://thomaspaine.org/letters/george-washington/to-his-excellency-george-washington-september-21-1783.html>

**Molly Pitcher** (Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley) – no joy on a primary source or letter.

*Will the Real Molly Pitcher Please Stand Up?* By Emily J. Teipe

An adult level, but had the best summary I saw on MP.

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1999/summer/pitcher.html>

**Peyton Randolph** - Most of the letters are political – Randolph was president of Congress twice.

Letter from the Congress to General Gage October 11, 1774

<http://amarch.lib.niu.edu/islandora/object/niu-amarch%3A81917>

General Gage's reply, October 20, 1774

<http://amarch.lib.niu.edu/islandora/object/niu-amarch%3A80355>

Letter to George Washington, September 6, 1775

<http://amarch.lib.niu.edu/islandora/object/niu-amarch%3A85558>

## Esther De Berdt Reed

Excerpts of many letters from Ester Reed, in an interesting bio.

<http://www.womenhistoryblog.com/2010/12/esther-de-berdt-reed.html>

## Paul Revere

Quotes: [http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/p/paul\\_revere.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/p/paul_revere.html)

Letter to Jeremy Belknap, 1798 - Paul Revere described his actual adventures during his 'Midnight Ride.

[http://www.masshist.org/database/viewer.php?item\\_id=99&mode=transcript](http://www.masshist.org/database/viewer.php?item_id=99&mode=transcript)

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Letter to William Eustis, 20 February 1804 – trying to get a pension for Deborah Sampson!

<http://www.masshist.org/database/326>

### Deborah Samson or Sampson

Quotes: <http://www.quotabelle.com/author/deborah-sampson>

Pension Application of Deborah Sampson Gannett

<http://revwarapps.org/s32722.pdf>

### Mercy Otis Warren

Letter to Catharine Maculay (look in dialogue box to the right of letter for text)

<https://seaofliberty.org/explore/mercy-otis-warren-catharine-macauley-quote/471>

### Martha Washington

(Image) Letter to Mrs. Margaret Green, Sept. 29, 1760

<http://www.christies.com/lotfinder/ZoomImage.aspx?image=http://www.christies.com/lotfindermages/d53823/d5382365&IntObjectID=5382365&lid=1>

Letter to Fanny Bassett Washington, Dec. 3, 1792

<http://marthawashington.us/items/show/465>

Letter to Fanny Bassett Washington, July 1, 1792

<http://marthawashington.us/items/show/462>

### Phillis Wheatly (sometimes Phyllis)

Letters of Phillis Wheatley and Sarah Wheatley (JSTOR source)

[http://academyatthelakes.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Letters\\_of\\_Phillis\\_and\\_Sarah\\_Wheatley.pdf](http://academyatthelakes.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Letters_of_Phillis_and_Sarah_Wheatley.pdf)

PWheatley-Religious\_Poems-1773.

[http://www.norton.com/college/history/america-essential-learning/docs/PWheatley-Religious\\_Poems-1773.pdf](http://www.norton.com/college/history/america-essential-learning/docs/PWheatley-Religious_Poems-1773.pdf)

### Bonus Material:

Letter from George Washington to Martha, June 18, 1775 on being offered command of the Continental Army: <http://marthawashington.us/items/show/87>