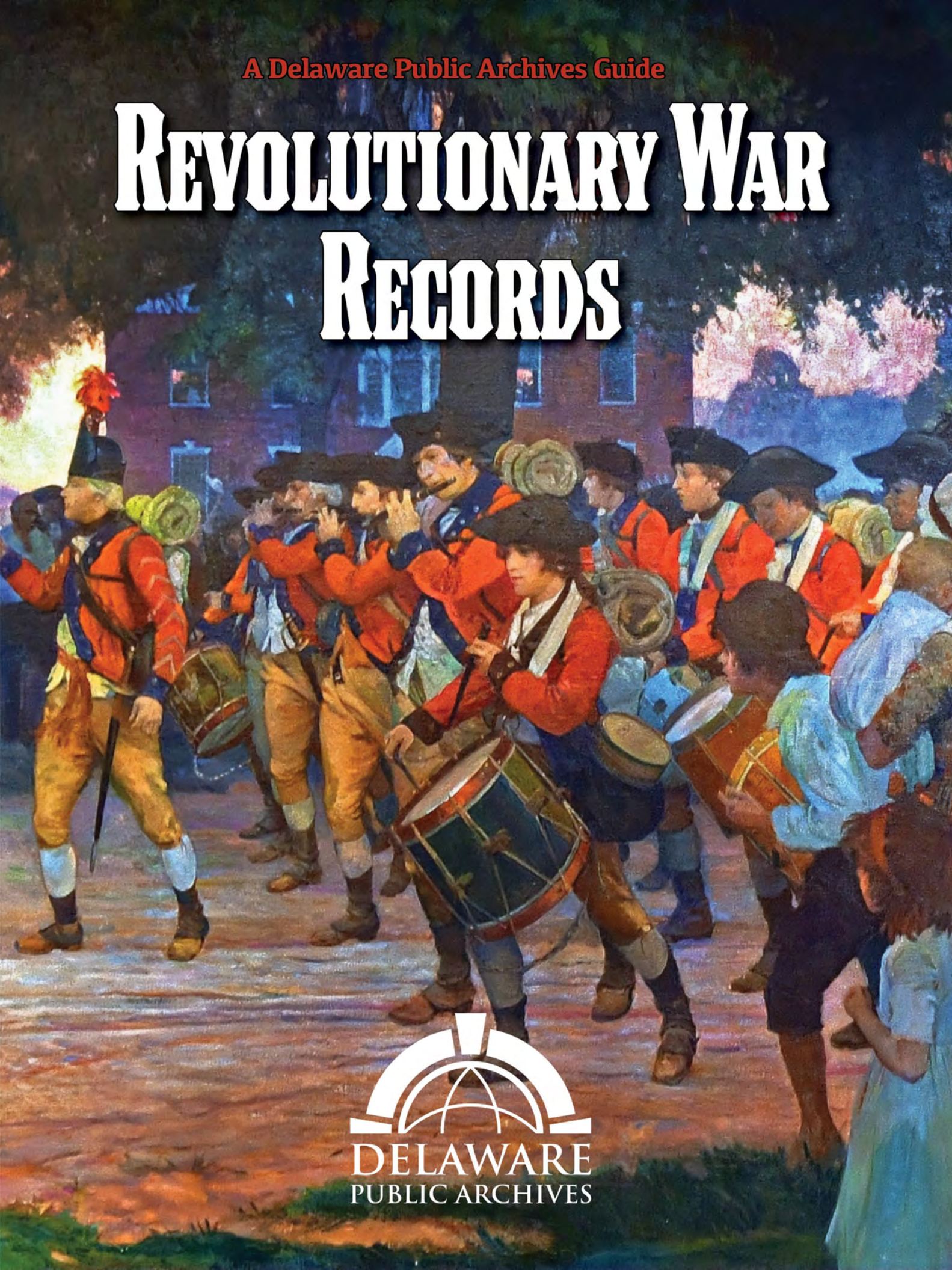


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REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS



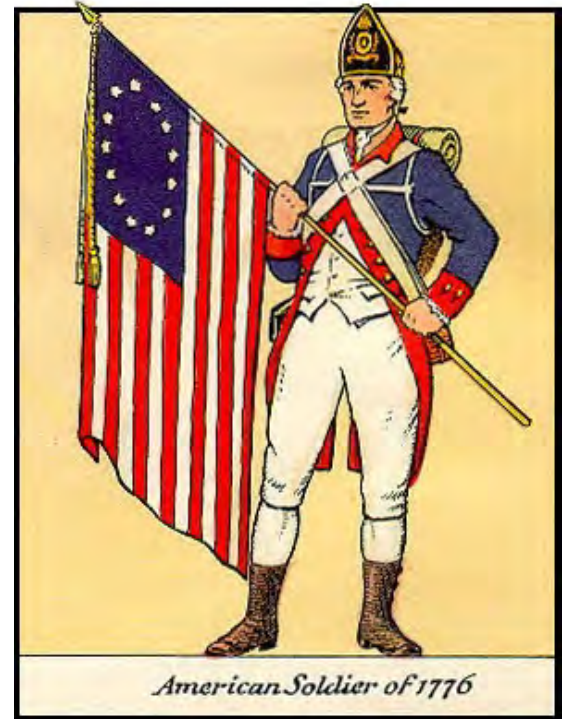
I do solemnly swear or Affirm that I do not hold myself bound to yield any Allegiance or Obediance to the King of Great Brittain, his Heirs or Successors, and that I will be true and faithfull to the Delaware State, and will support and Maintain the freedom, Independance, and Constitution thereof, against all open Enemies, and Secret and Treacherous Conspiracies and will disclose, and make known to the Commander in Chief, for the time being or some Judge or Justice of this State, all Treasons or Treacherous Conspiracies, attempts or combinations against the same, or the Government thereof, which shall come to my Knowledge.

Sworn before me	this 27 th Day of June 1778	Wm. Mifflin
John Shaw	v Jesse Cazier	v Jacob Cault
Thomas Mulling	v John Walker	v Jn: Crawford
James Robinson	v Jd: Adair	v Tho: Rothwell
Malinas Haughy	v John Watts	v Wm: Mheard
Sam: Robinson	v Garret Crusen	v J. Loyntrop
Benj: Williams	v John King	v Abm: Wynkoop
John Wagoner	v William	
James Shaver		
Jacob Teals	v Richd Lee	v Elias Naudain
James Buchanan	v Jehu John	v William Marten
Ed: Naudain	v Benj: Johns	v Jacob King
George Armstrong	June 29 th	v W: Goddough
Elias Naudain Senr	v Peter Rahow	v Joseph Harris
John Crizan	v John Crawford	v Tho: Brown
William Harris	v Paul ^{his} in art Rahow	v William Rothwell
John Weaver	v James Hays Senr	v Ed: Naudain
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DELAWARE'S ROLE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

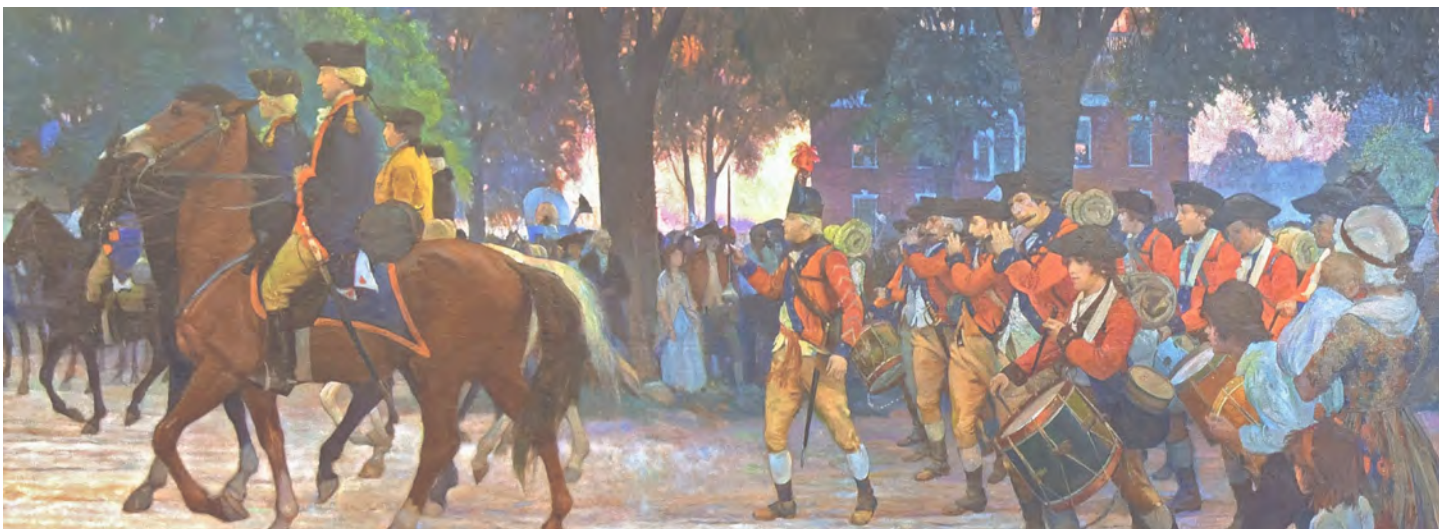
Delaware, first settled in 1638, became a key player in the American Revolution despite its small size. Initially part of Pennsylvania, the "Three Lower Counties" were governed by a separate legislature beginning in 1704. Residents' loyalty to Great Britain was tested as colonial resistance grew. The Lower Counties joined in resistance against the Stamp Act (1765) and Townshend Acts (1768), ultimately forming Committees of Correspondence to communicate with other colonies and ensure loyalty to the cause.

As tensions escalated, Thomas McKean, Caesar Rodney, and George Read represented the colony at the Continental Congress, which established Committees of Inspection to maintain order and support for the revolution in each colony. Despite some Loyalist opposition, Delaware was among the first to formally declare independence from Great Britain (and Pennsylvania) in 1776, establishing its own government.



Delaware's militia and Continental regiment fought in several Revolutionary War battles, including those at White Plains, Cooch's Bridge, Brandywine, and Germantown, and participated in major campaigns in the southern states. The Delaware Blues, as the regiment was known, played a crucial role in battles like Cowpens and Guilford Court House, and Delaware troops were present at the final British surrender at Yorktown in 1781.

Despite the hardships of war, including internal divisions and supply shortages, Delaware remained committed to the cause. After the war, Delaware's veterans were provided with pensions, and the state continued to play an essential role in American independence, being the first to ratify the U.S. Constitution.





A Note on Arrangement

This guide is arranged numerically by collection number. Each entry includes the series title, resource identifier or item number, dates and extent of material relevant to the Revolutionary War, a summary of the topical content or the collection as a whole, container barcodes (if applicable), and notes linking to the full finding aid and other relevant resources. In some cases, a list of relevant records is provided.

The Military Archives collections (Record Group 1800) contain the most comprehensive materials on Delaware's involvement in the Revolutionary War, providing detailed insight into this critical aspect of the state's history during the period.

While this guide highlights key resources, it is not exhaustive. Researchers are encouraged to visit the Delaware Public Archives [Portal](#) or [visit us in person](#) to explore additional collections and materials related to Delaware's role in the Revolution. Users of the Portal should search for variant spellings of names, as important figures like John McKinly (McKinley) and John Haslet (Hazlet, Haslett) may appear under multiple spellings, which could affect search results. Many records that are not digitally available can be digitized upon request. See the [Archives' DE250 Resources](#) webpage for more information.

A Note on Representation

This guide has been updated to highlight Delaware's role in the Revolutionary War in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of America's founding. While this guide strives to provide a comprehensive overview, it is important to acknowledge gaps in the information it provides about women, Indigenous Peoples, free and enslaved Blacks, and other marginalized communities whose contributions and experiences have historically been overlooked in archival records and historical narratives.

We recognize these gaps and are actively working to identify and include materials and perspectives that reflect a fuller picture of Delaware's diverse history during this period. This work is ongoing, and we welcome input, suggestions, or information that can help us expand and enrich our understanding.

For further inquiries or to share relevant resources, please email us at archives@delaware.gov.

Privy Council (1105)

Series Title: Minutes of the Council
Identifier: 1105-000-001
Subject Dates: 1778-1792
Subject Extent: 0.40 cubic feet; 1 Reg. Flat - 19 box
Barcode(s): 470508
Summary: Delaware's Privy Council, created by the 1776 Constitution, worked with the state's President to guide state affairs. The General Assembly, consisting of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council, selected the four members: two by the House and two by the Council. Photostats include acts of Congress pertaining to days of fasting and business of the Privy Council, including the export of flour to other states and Bermuda, complaints against Deputy Quartermaster General Francis Wade, the appointment of a deputy quartermaster, the state schooner Delaware, and efforts to regain state papers captured by the British.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal. Records in this collection are photostatic copies; the Library of Congress holds the originals.

General Assembly (1111)

Series Title: Legislative Papers
Identifier: 1111-000-000
Subject Dates: 1776-1783
Subject Extent: 29.61 cubic feet; 63 Legal Upright - 5 boxes
Summary: These files, also on microfilm, contain records created or acted upon by the General Assembly of Delaware. They include letters asking for funds to defend the state, letters from Caesar Rodney asking individuals to break away from the British Crown, and correspondence between Rodney and the Assembly. Petitions, accounts, and resolutions may be found, as well as communications and correspondence from the President and the Vice President of the Assembly and state officials.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal. Years 1731-1853 are available digitally via [CONTENTdm](#), and item-level descriptions are searchable in the [online database for this collection](#).

Series Title: Enrolled Bills
Identifier: 1111-000-002
Subject Dates: 1776-1784
Subject Extent: 0.97 cubic feet; 2 volumes, 3 microfilm rolls
Barcode(s): 409100, 409101
Summary: These documents, also available on microfilm, consist of legislation passed by the General Assembly. Subjects of legislation include money bills, acts pertaining to the militia, punishment of treason, raising troops, punishment for desertion, the export of provisions overseas, pardon for those swearing allegiance to the state, the quartering of soldiers, ratification and amending of the Articles of Confederation, recovery of public debts, prevention of fraud within the quartermaster and commissary departments, suspending the use of Continental bills of credit as legal tender, protection of trade on the Delaware River and Bay, and determining depreciation of pay.
Access Conditions: The microfilm is used for servicing due to the fragility of the original records.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level record descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Council of Safety, Minutes
Identifier: 1111-000-006

Subject Dates: 1775-1776
Subject Extent: 0.23 cubic feet; 1 volume in a Legal Upright - 2.5 box (shared)
Barcode(s): 470510
Summary: The Council of Safety supervised county Committees of Inspection and Observation and militias. It was also responsible for raising the "first" Delaware regiment commanded by John Haslet. These files contain the minutes of the Council of Safety from the years 1775-1776. They follow the proceedings of the Council prior to the colonies' separation from the British Empire. The records show dates of meetings, names of members in attendance, and matters under consideration, such as appointments to committees, committee reports, petitions of local inhabitants, appointments of military officers, drafting of rules and regulations for the military, and complaints against certain officers.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Proceedings of the Freemen of the Government
Identifier: 1111-000-021
Subject Dates: 1774
Subject Extent: 0.01 cubic feet; 1 Manuscript Upright - 2.5 box
Barcode(s): 470511
Summary: This convention of fifteen delegates met to protest the British's closing of Boston's port. A photostat of the proceedings details a call for delegates to an expected colonial congress and the forming of the New Castle County Committee of Correspondence. It is interesting to note that while the Kent and Sussex County delegations affirm their loyalty to the Crown, the New Castle County delegation does not.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal. This record is a photostatic copy; the original is held by the Library of Congress.

House of Representatives (1115)

Series Title: Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly
Identifier: 1115-000-009
Subject Dates: 1776-1783
Subject Extent: 1.69 cubic feet; 1 volume, 1 microfilm roll
Summary: These records are meeting minutes of the House of Assembly, the lower house of the General Assembly. The Assembly consisted of twenty-one members, seven from each county, elected annually. Records include original manuscripts and printed documents, photostats, and typed transcripts. Matters of business include Delaware's separation from the British Crown and a call for a constitutional convention, an order for the arrest of Thomas Robinson, the making of a new state seal, provisions for the defense of the state, calls for days of fasting or thanksgiving, raising and payment of troops, punishments for treason, appointment of delegates to the Continental Congress, legislation against impressment, the Declaration of Independence, a report on the "disaffection" of Sussex County residents, money for the clothing of troops, currency issues, rations for the families of soldiers, the state schooner Delaware, the procurement of arms, France's place in peace negotiations, adjustment of depreciation scales, relief for the widows and children of Delaware troops, and a tombstone for Colonel John Haslet's gravesite.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal. A published copy of [Proceedings of the House of Assembly of the Delaware state, 1781-1792, and of the Constitutional Convention of 1792](#) is available in the Reference Library of the Delaware Public Archives.

State Senate (1120)

Series Title: Minutes of the Council
Identifier: 1120-000-009
Subject Dates: 1776-1783
Subject Extent: 1.35 cubic feet; 2 Reg. Flat - 15.5 boxes, 1 Legal Upright - 5 box, 2 microfilm rolls
Barcode(s): 391160, 470505, 470506
Summary: The Legislative Council, consisting of nine members, three from each county, served as the upper house of the General Assembly. Members were elected during alternate years for three-year terms. Meeting minutes include original manuscripts and printed documents, photostats, and typed transcripts. The microfilm version of the Senate Journals (RG 1120-000-000) contains the Minutes of the Council of the Delaware State from 1776 to 1792, published in 1886.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Executive Branch (1300)

Series Title: Executive Papers
Identifier: 1300-000-000
Subject Dates: 1776-1783
Subject Extent: 4.75 cubic feet; 6 Legal Upright - 5 boxes, 1 O/S Flat - 16 box, 1 CFB - Acid Free box, 5 microfilm rolls
Barcode(s): 549940, 391167, 391102, 391103, 391149, 503036, 391104, 391105
Summary: These records include muster rolls of Delaware troops throughout the American Revolution, letters from the Continental Congress to Delaware, and letters to and from Caesar Rodney, John McKinly, and Thomas McKean. There are appointments and commissions of officers and soldiers of the army, marching orders, and supply requests. Also included are various types of correspondence, records of the British fleet and troop movements in Delaware and the Delaware Bay, and payrolls for officers and men in the Continental Army. These records may be found on microfilm.
Access Conditions: The microfilm is used for servicing due to the fragility of the original records.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [file-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Office of the Governor, Russell W. Peterson (1302-P03)

Series Title: Governor's Papers
Identifier: 1302-P03-007
Subject Dates: 1969-1972
Subject Extent: 0.15 cubic feet; 7 folders
Barcode(s): 388954, 399043, 455363, 291896, 388993, 388997
Summary: The records of Delaware's governors include proclamations, oaths of office, commissions, appointments and resignations, pardons, correspondence, reports, meeting minutes, budgets, and more. Among Governor Peterson's records are files on the Bicentennial.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- A - B (388954)
 - [Toward a Meaningful Bicentennial](#)
- Board of Examiner of Barbers - Christmas Mailing List (455363)
 - [Bicentennial Trip - Washington](#)
 - [2-4-1 Bicentennial](#)

- Alcoholic Beverage Commission - Boys State (399043)
 - [2-4-1 Bicentennial](#)
- DC DV Housing / Wilmington Housing Authority - Senate Concurrent Resolutions (291896)
 - [DC Bicentennial](#)
- Department Community Affairs and Economic Department (388993)
 - [DC DV Economic Development - Bicentennial](#)
- E - F (388997)
 - [The United States Bicentennial International Exposition](#)

Office of the Governor, Sherman W. Tribbitt (1302-T04)

Series Title: Governor's Papers
Identifier: 1302-T04-007
Subject Dates: 1973-1977
Subject Extent: 0.15 cubic feet; 8 folders
Barcode(s): 085576, 085577, 085606
Summary: The records of Delaware's governors include proclamations, oaths of office, commissions, appointments and resignations, pardons, correspondence, reports, meeting minutes, budgets, and more. Among Governor Tribbitt's records are files on the Bicentennial.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- Department of Corrections to Division of Economic Development - Bicentennial (A) (085576)
 - [Division of Economic Development - Bicentennial \(A\)](#)
 - [Bicentennial Opening](#)
- Department of Community Affairs and Economic Development, Division of Economic Development - Bicentennial (B) to (F) (085577)
 - [Division of Economic Development - Bicentennial \(B\)](#)
 - [Division of Economic Development - Bicentennial \(C\)](#)
 - [Division of Economic Development - Bicentennial \(D\)](#)
 - [Division of Economic Development - Bicentennial \(E\)](#)
 - [Division of Economic Development - Bicentennial \(F\)](#)
- Miscellaneous - B to Brandywine Raceway (085606)
 - [Bicentennial Events in New Jersey](#)

Auditor of Accounts (1315)

Series Title: Revolutionary War Veterans Accounts with the United States Government
Identifier: 1315-000-006
Subject Dates: 1776-1787
Subject Extent: 0.24 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box (shared)
Barcode(s): 120923
Summary: Entries for each account include disbursements for prisoners of war, the commissary's department, transportation, the hospital department, the quartermaster's department, contingent expenses, the forage department, and arms, ammunition, and ordnance stores. Other accounts include the depreciation of pay to the Delaware Regiment. Also includes additional records of payments for recruiting bounties for the "Flying Camp" and records of bounties paid for raising Continental reinforcements at the request of Congress. Additional information appears on supplies delivered, clothing purchased, quartermaster's certificates taken up in taxes, and accounts of monies received from Delaware State. Also available on Reference Reel R-118.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Journal
Identifier: 1315-000-007
Subject Dates: 1784-1800
Subject Extent: 0.41 cubic feet; 1 Reg. Flat - 17.5 box
Barcode(s): 156996
Summary: Record of receipts and disbursements made by the State. Entries show entry dates, account headings, payees or payers, reasons for disbursements, receipts, amounts of receipts or disbursements, and daily balances. This collection provides valuable insights into the roles of underrepresented groups in the war effort, particularly women's support. Also available on Reference Reel R-77.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Waste Book
Identifier: 1315-000-008
Subject Dates: 1784-1796
Subject Extent: 0.41 cubic feet; 1 Reg. Flat - 17.5 box, 1 microfilm roll
Barcode(s): 120924
Summary: More commonly known as a daybook, the waste book contains initial recordings of daily receipts and disbursements. Entries show ledger numbers, account titles, reasons for disbursements (military, General Assembly orders, salaries, or services rendered to the state) and receipts (taxes, fees, or fines collected), entry dates, totals, and ledger references.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Letterbook of Eleazer McComb, Auditor
Identifier: 1315-000-009
Subject Dates: 1784-1792
Subject Extent: 0.10 cubic feet; 3 booklets in 1 Legal Upright - 5 box (shared)
Barcode(s): 156997
Summary: Contains copies of letters written on public business. The book shows the date, name of the addressee, matters under consideration, and signature of Eleazer McComb. In the booklet dated 1784 to 1792, the correspondence originates in Dover and concerns, among other things, the settling of the accounts of the General Assembly for the Revolutionary War. In the booklet for 1786, correspondence originates in Wilmington and concerns settling military accounts from the Revolutionary War.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Department of State, Delaware Public Archives (1325-003)

Series Title: General Photograph Collection
Identifier: 1325-003-036
Subject Dates: 1915-1919
Subject Extent: 0.01 cubic feet; 3 photographic prints
Barcode(s): 346211
Summary: The collection is organized by major subjects, such as business and industry, churches, city and town scenes, houses, local events, portraits, public buildings, recreation, schools, and more. The *Historic Scenes* subject includes three related prints.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal. The three prints identified below are just a few of the items in this collection related to the subject.

- Historic Markers, Monuments & Scenes, Sussex Co. thru Historic Scenes; Box 2 of 2; c. 1860-1998 (346211)

- [Washington passing through Wilmington on the way to Brandywine, 1777](#), Folder 4, Item Number 1325-003-036_74p
 - Black and white print, 8x10, dated 1919
- [Caesar Rodney's arrival at Independence Hall by Horace Carpenter](#), Folder 4, Item Number 1325-003-036_78p
 - Color print, 4x6, dated 1919
- [Delaware Troops leaving the Dover Green, by Stanley Arthurs](#), Folder 5, Item Number 1325-003-036_55p
 - Color and black and white prints, 5x7 and 8x10, dated 1915
 - Digital copy of negative (Item Number 1325-003-036_01999n) available [on CONTENTdm](#)

Series Title: State Reports Collection
Identifier: 1325-003-147
Subject Dates: 1927
Subject Extent: 0.01 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box (shared), 2 volumes
Barcode(s): 131520, 380588, 380593
Summary: The Proceedings of the Convention of the Delaware State, 1776, was reprinted in 1927. The record contains rules of order for the convention, which met to draw up a constitution for Delaware, as well as resolutions concerning the "Flying Camp," delivery and payment for arms, and commissions. It also contains a draft of "A Declaration of Rights and Fundamental Rules" and the Delaware State Constitution. The Laws of Delaware, available on microfilm and online as eBooks, can be used to find a reference to the supply tax, which can be used for Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and Children of the American Revolution applications. An index is available at the back of Volume 2.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal. eBooks are available on the [Digital Archives](#) page of the Delaware Public Archives website under Resources.

- RG 1325 (131520)
 - [Proceedings of the Convention of the Delaware State held at New Castle, 1776](#), Box 27
- [Laws of Delaware Vol. 1](#) (380588)
 - [eBook](#)
- [Laws of Delaware Vol. 2](#) (380593)
 - [eBook](#)

Series Title: State Map Collection
Identifier: 1325-003-203
Subject Dates: 1775-1952
Extent: 196.51 cubic feet
Barcode(s): 479538, 479539, 479701, 479702, 546364, Delaware Map Collection CD, Hanging Maps
Summary: The State Map Collection contains several maps related to the Delaware Bay and Coastline, as well as American Revolution Maps
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Motion Picture Collection
Identifier: 1325-003-226
Subject Dates: 1970-1995
Subject Extent: 496,723,215 bytes; 2 MP4 files, 2 DVDs, 2 VHS
Barcode(s): 395015, 395016

Summary: This collection contains films and videos of varied content, mostly Delaware-related or created by the Department of State.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- Videos; 24 tapes; Box 2 (395015)
 - [John Dickinson: A Great Worthy of the Revolution](#), Item Number 1325-003-226_132mp
 - Color film with sound, 19:36 minutes, dated 1995, by Delaware State Museums
- Video tape and DVD formats (395016)
 - [The Story of Caesar Rodney](#), Item Number 1325-003-226_042mp
 - An animated telling of Caesar Rodney and his ride to the Constitutional Convention to cast his vote.
 - Color film with sound, 13:15 minutes, dated 1970, produced for the American Declaration of Independence Bicentennial
 - Digital copy available [on YouTube](#)

Series Title: Broadsides Collection

Identifier: 1325-003-231

Subject Dates: 1781

Subject Extent: 0.01; 1 Map Folder (shared)

Barcode(s): 508336

Summary: This collection contains broadsides about various subjects. One of the earliest broadsides in the collection concerns lawful water captures during the Revolutionary War.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- War (508336)
 - [Revolutionary War - An Ordinance](#)
 - Ascertaining what captures on Water shall be lawful.
 - 16.5 inches x 10.25 inches, dated 1781, by David C. Claypoole

Military Records (1800)

Series Title: Revolutionary War Records

Identifier: 1800-000-066

Subject Dates: 1765-1908

Subject Extent: 1.18 cubic feet; 2 Legal Upright - 5 boxes, 1 Legal Upright - 2.5 box

Barcode(s): 390465, 390467, 470138

Summary: These records contain the following subjects: Accounts, Committee of Correspondence, Committee of Inspection and Observation, Committee of Safety (Pennsylvania), Continental Congress, Correspondence, Council of Safety, General Assembly, Loyalists, Military Records, Miscellaneous Records, and Privateer Records. These records are arranged alphabetically by subject heading and thereunder chronologically. Files relating to the Revolutionary War are noted below.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- [Accounts, Box 1](#) (390465) 23 folders
 - General Patterson, punching money and Continental Loan officer salary, undated
 - Accounts not paid by Philip Barratt and Isaac Carty, undated
 - Supplies, undated
 - Supply and requisition of cartridges, undated

- Notes of Thomas Rodney on accounts for troops, 1776
 - Payments to members of Assembly, 1776
 - John Booker, Virginia troops (Buckner Regiment), 1776
 - Payment to Francis Janvier, 1776
 - Delaware Battalion, 1777
 - Payment for delivery of provisions, circa 1777
 - To George McCall, for making cartridges, 1778
 - To Benjamin Coombe, 1779
 - Receipt to William McClement, 1780
 - Military fines collected in Bucks County, 1780
 - Schooner Delaware, 1782
 - Depreciation Certificates of Delaware Regiment, 1783-1799
 - "Wilmington Robbers," 1784
 - Pay roll of invalid corps, commanded by James McLane, 1784-1785
 - Settling of depreciation of pay to Delaware Regiment, 1786
 - Captain Robert Kirkwood reimbursement, 1788
 - Return of errors in the printed register of certificates issued by John Pierce, late Paymaster General, 1789
 - Payment to Captain McClement's company soldiers, 1792-1793
 - State treasurer's accounts with Edward Pole, 1780
- [Accounts - Forfeited Estates, Box 1](#) (390465), 13 folders
 - Jacob Derrickson, 1771-1810
 - Sussex County, 1775-1780
 - Samuel Edwards, 1778-1780
 - Joshua Hill, 1778-1780
 - Christopher Wilson, 1778-1787
 - New Castle County, 1778-1788
 - Carpenter and Walker of Port Penn, 1778
 - Nehemiah Field, 1778
 - Simon Kollock, 1778
 - Boaz Manlove, 1778
 - Thomas Robinson, 1778
 - Luke Shields, 1778
 - Joshua North, 1779-1790
- [Committee of Correspondence, Box 1](#) (390465), 7 folders
 - New Castle County meeting (transcripts from American Archives), 1774
 - List of contributions for relief of Boston (originals), 1774
 - List of contributions for relief of Boston (photostats), 1774
 - Meeting of convention protesting the closing of the Port of Boston (listed as Meetings at New Castle, Dover, and Lewes, photostats), 1774
 - Lewes meeting, examination of American grievances (transcripts from American Archives), 1774
 - Proceedings and correspondence, Kent County Committee of Correspondence (transcripts from Historical Society of Delaware), 1774-1775
 - Proceedings and correspondence, New Castle County Committee of Correspondence (transcripts, photostats, originals), 1774-1775
- [Committee of Inspection and Observation, Box 1](#) (390465), 4 folders
 - Hundreds of New Castle County (transcripts from American Archives), 1775
 - Kent County (transcripts and photostats), 1775-1776
 - Kent County (transcripts, photostats, originals), 1776
 - Disposition of British fleet by Sarah O'Bryan (transcripts), 1777

- [Committee of Safety \(Pennsylvania\), Box 1](#) (390465), 1 folder
 - Henry Fisher employment, 1776
- [Continental Congress, Box 1](#) (390465), 2 folders
 - John Hancock letters, 1776
 - Arms of General Burgoyne's army, 1778
- [Correspondence, Box 2](#) (390467), 33 folders
 - Alexander Wyllly (Georgia) to Samuel White, Speaker of the House, Massachusetts (photocopy), 1765
 - Samuel McMasters and James Tilton correspondence (American Archives transcript), 1774-1775
 - Letter from John McKinly for gunpowder (photostat), 1775
 - Correspondence regarding the Dover Light Infantry (photostat), 1776
 - Thomas Rodney to Caesar Rodney (transcripts, photostats, originals), 1776
 - Colonel John Haslet to General Rodney (transcript), 1776
 - Letter from David Hall, Council of Safety (photocopy), 1776
 - Letter from John McKinly (transcript), 1776
 - Letter from President of the convention, New Castle County (photocopy), 1776
 - Theophilus Park to Rodney (photostat), 1776
 - Samuel Patterson to Caesar Rodney (transcript), 1776
 - Secret Committee, regarding supplies, 1776
 - Caesar Rodney letters (photostat), 1776
 - Mark McCall to Thomas Rodney, 1776
 - Thomas Rodney and General Cadwalader conversation, 1776
 - "Roebuck" letter from Alexander Stuart at Lewes, 1776
 - General Anthony Wayne letters to Robinson family, 1776-1780
 - Henry Fisher and William Peery to John Hancock, 1777
 - General Rodney and John Dagworthy correspondence, 1777
 - George Washington to Mordecai Gist, from Wilmington (transcript), 1777
 - General Dagworthy and John Jones to Caesar Rodney (photostat), 1777
 - W. Dansey letter from Germantown camp (photostat), 1777
 - Edward Roche to James Booth, from Valley Forge (photocopy), 1778
 - James Booth to Caesar Rodney, 1778
 - Exportation of wheat to French and Spanish fleets (photostat), 1780
 - Circular letters of Robert Morris, 1781
 - Lafayette to Washington (photostat), 1781
 - James Booth to Caesar Rodney, 1781
 - Letters concerning Allen McLane (photostat), 1781
 - Samuel Patterson to President of Delaware State, 1783
 - Benjamin Gibbs regarding army expenses, 1784
 - Loyalists in Delaware (transcript), 1790
 - Inquiry regarding George Williams' veteran status, 1830
- [Council of Safety, Box 2](#) (390467), 4 folders
 - Minutes and other papers (American Archives transcripts, photostats), 1775-1776
 - Delaware, resolutions of the Council, 1776
 - Kent County, resolutions of the Council (photostats), 1776
 - Sussex County, "A true state of the general disaffection" (photocopies), 1776
- [General Assembly, Box 2](#) (390467), 2 folders
 - Assembly members in Kent and Sussex Counties (scholar's notes), 1776
 - Resolution of separation from Great Britain (American Archives transcript), 1776

- [Loyalist Records, Box 2](#) (390467), 10 folders
 - Eli Baldwin inquest, treason, undated
 - Thomas Robinson (American Archives transcript), 1775
 - Oyer and Terminer, Cheney Clow and others, treason, 1775-1782
 - Thomas Lightfoot and Thomas Cockayne, 1777
 - Bond for Thomas Almond and Isaac Tussey, 1778
 - David Finney papers, regarding Loyalists, 1777-1778
 - David Finney papers, regarding Loyalists, 1779
 - Treason cases, 1778-1779
 - Black Camp insurrection depositions, 1780
 - Luke Shields, treason, 1783

- [Military Records, Box 2](#) (390467), 42 folders
 - Men Hired for a Bounty, Captain William Moody, undated
 - Rules and articles, Delaware Troops, undated
 - Orders to Thomas Collins, Kent Militia, undated
 - Orders, undated
 - Regulations for American troops (2 military manuals), 1775-1782
 - Letters to Caesar Rodney (transcripts), 1776
 - Recommendation for William Millan (photostat), 1776
 - Order: Troops to False Cape (American Archive transcript), 1776
 - Order: Troops to Broad Creek, 1776
 - Commissioners' Report on Haslet's and Patterson's battalions, 1776
 - Commanders of the Delaware Regiment 1776-1779
 - Haslet's Regiment (Delaware Blues), illustrations, 1776-1783
 - Commission, John Carr, Ensign, Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, 1777
 - John Reese, arms storage, 1777
 - Archibald Robertson journal extracts (transcripts), 1777
 - John Montessoro journal extracts (transcripts), 1777
 - General Howe's proclamation (transcript), 1777
 - Report of Captain Jacob Bennett regarding ships captured by the British, 1777
 - Kent militia, exhortation, 1777
 - Peter Jaquett's company records, 1777-1778
 - Soldiers awaiting depreciation certificates, 1779-1780
 - Commission of Francis Wade, Deputy Quartermaster General, 1779
 - McLane's company annexed to Delaware Regiment (document photograph), 1779
 - New Castle County barracks on Christiana Creek, 1779
 - Return of Delaware Regiment, 1779
 - Land claim bonus for Levin McGee by John McGee, 1779
 - Edward Deleney enlistment, 1780
 - Delaware Regiment log, North Carolina, 1780
 - Deposition regarding David Parker enlistment, 1780
 - Muster roll, Delaware Regiment, Second Battalion, 1780
 - Robert Wilcox petition, surgeon of the Second Delaware Regiment of Militia, 1780
 - Supplies for army, 1780
 - Samuel Shute journal extracts (transcript), 1781
 - Return of forage, 1780
 - Requests for back pay/depreciation certificates, 1783
 - Certificates of military service, 1784
 - Depositions regarding military service, 1785
 - Certificate of military service, 1787
 - Back pay for Isaac McKee, 1787
 - Pay roll for Colonel Samuel Patterson's officers, 1789

- Vindication of Colonel David Hall (photostat), 1790
- “A catalogue of the muster rolls, pay rolls, and miscellaneous papers pertaining to the Delaware troops in the Revolutionary War: Collected in the Office of the Secretary of State,” 1908
- [Miscellaneous, Box 3](#) (470138), 3 folders
 - Stamp Act Congress (photocopies), 1765
 - Parliament bill relating to Delaware (transcript), 1775
 - Richard Derring petition regarding debts (photocopy), 1787
- [Privateer Records, Box 3](#) (470138), 4 folders and 1 oversized box
 - George Read to President of Congress, (transcripts, photocopies), 1778
 - Letters of Marque and Reprisal, 1778-1780
 - Commission of Hugh Lyle, 1781
 - Commission of Thomas Bell, 1782
 - Commission issued by the Vice Admiralty Court, Bermuda, against American shipping, to Robert Burton, 1782
 - Commission issued by the Vice Admiralty Court, Bermuda, against French shipping, to Robert Burton, 1782

Series Title: Military Pension Receipt Books

Identifier: 1800-000-090

Subject Dates: 1817-1829

Subject Extent: 0.47 cubic feet; 11 volumes

Barcode(s): 390469

Summary: Pension receipts are a record of military pensions paid to veterans. These records may include the date and amount of disbursement, name of recipient and pension period, and signature of the recipient. Receipts were not always dated or signed. Although primarily Revolutionary War pensions, this series includes a few War of 1812 pensions.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Delaware Archives - Military

Identifier: 1800-000-099

Subject Dates: 1744-1846

Subject Extent: 12.87 cubic feet; 2 volumes, 5 Legal Upright - 5 boxes, 8 Arch. Upright - 5 boxes, 9 O/S Flat - 17 boxes, 1 Legal Upright - 2.5 box, 2 Reg. Flat - 19 boxes, and 1 at 2.63 Map Drawer (shared)

Summary: This record series includes Revolutionary War records such as muster rolls, accounts, pension lists, depreciation records, correspondence, payrolls, returns, indictments for treason, and petitions. Muster rolls provide details about soldiers, including name, rank, age, enlistment information, and records of promotions, transfers, desertions, and casualties. Accounts list expenses for clothing and provisions. Depreciation certificates were issued due to the devaluation of Continental currency by 1780. Correspondence includes letters from Delaware’s Council of Safety, military reports, and communications between Delaware leaders. Pension lists detail the name, rank, pension amount, and residence of pensioners. Payrolls and returns provide soldiers' names, ranks, and service times, while petitions include requests for payment or leniency from convicted traitors. Also included are two unpublished volumes, “Volume VI” contains miscellaneous Revolutionary War items, and “Pension Rolls and Correspondence” contains information on pension applicants. The published volumes are noted below.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- [Delaware Archives Military Volume I](#)

- [Delaware Archives Military and Naval Records Volume II](#)
- [Delaware Archives Revolutionary War Volume III and Index](#)

Series Title: Revolutionary War Oaths of Allegiance
Identifier: 1800-000-109
Subject Dates: 1777-1784
Subject Extent: 0.10 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 2.5 box, 1 CD
Barcode(s): 470679, 512314
Summary: Citizens were required to take an oath of allegiance or declaration of fidelity to the new nation or the Delaware State and abandon all loyalty to the King of Great Britain. Those who refused were ineligible to hold office, vote or serve on juries. Oaths of Allegiance show the oath taken, name of person sworn before, date of oath, and signature of person taking the oath. The records include the oaths of allegiance of New Jersey residents administered by Caesar Rodney while stationed at Trenton and a typed transcript of the 1778 legislation requiring the oaths.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal. This collection is available digitally via [CONTENTdm](#).

- [470679](#)
 - Oaths of New Jersey residents, administered by Caesar Rodney, 1777
 - Oaths of allegiance, 1777-1779
 - Oaths of allegiance, circa 1778
 - Oaths of allegiance, 1778
 - Oaths of allegiance, 1778
 - Ezekiel Hales, 1778
 - Legislation, 1778
 - Oaths of allegiance, 1779
 - Oaths of allegiance, 1780
 - Oaths of allegiance, 1784

Series Title: Revolutionary War Pension Records
Identifier: 1800-000-110
Subject Dates: 1777-1837
Subject Extent: 0.47 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box
Barcode(s): 390468
Summary: These records include lists of pensioners, correspondence about receiving a pension or payment of a pension, petitions to receive a pension, descriptions of military service, and affidavits supporting pension claims. They often show the unit in which the veteran served, dates of service, and may list battles in which they fought. Some of the affidavits provide the veteran's age, physical condition, occupation, family members' names and ages, a property inventory, and other personal information.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- [390468](#)
 - Edward Kearney, letter to the Governor of Delaware, undated
 - List of Continental officers who died in service/invalid pension applicants, 1777-1793
 - Invalid pension claims (list of sources), 1778-1856
 - Relief for Hugh Coffill, 1784
 - Payment to Nicholas Way, 1787
 - James Murphy, 1788
 - Delaware pension records, 1789-1834

- Payments to pensioners, 1790
- List of invalid pensioners (photostat), 1790-1791
- Adjusted and allowed claims, 1792-1796
- Thomas Mason service record, 1818
- Verification of pensions for Jacob Caulk, Edward Whaley, Joseph Williams, Benjamin Lane, Charles Hamilton and John Alexander, 1818
- James Fitzgerald, 1819
- Thomas Flinn, 1819
- John Gibbin, 1819
- Major Hitchens, 1819
- Zadock Morris, 1819
- William Smith, 1819
- John Turner, 1819
- William Ake, 1820
- Jacob Allen, 1820
- Henry Boyd, 1820
- Jacob Creemer, 1820
- James Davis, 1820
- Issac Dewees, 1820
- James Donahue, 1820
- John Eastwick, 1820
- James Fitzgerald, 1820
- Francis Freeman, 1820 (African American Revolutionary War veteran)
- John L. Handy, 1820
- John Hanna, 1820
- Edward Harmon, 1820
- David Kirkpatrick, 1820
- Benjamin Lane, 1820
- Mitchell Lecatt, 1820
- Nehemiah Lingrell, 1820
- John McKinley, 1820
- John Marks, 1820
- Issac Milleway, 1820
- Archibald Morton, 1820
- Richard Mowlan, 1820
- Levi Powell, 1820
- Peter Pusley, 1820
- Zachariah Rosell, 1820-1824
- Jesse Royal, 1820
- William Saunders, inventory and genealogy, 1820
- John Schofield, 1820
- John Shelton, 1820
- Thomas Stayton, 1820
- John Stevens(on), 1820
- Abraham Wiles and Major Hitchens, letter from H. Ridgely, 1820
- Thomas Holston, 1821
- Isaac McKee, 1823
- Louder Calloway, 1828
- Louder Calloway and John Stevens(on), 1829
- William Arnell, 1831
- John Cade, 1831
- Thomas Dazey, 1831
- Aaron Marshall testimony, 1831
- Jesse Welden, 1831
- William O'Neal, 1832

- o Cornelius Paynter(?) and Daniel Jester, 1832
- o Purnal Truit, 1833
- o Delaware pension roll, 1834
- o Alexander Moore, 1834
- o Henry Wells, 1834, 1828-1837
- o Henry Johnson, 1836
- o Reuben Shields, 1836
- o Catharine Meritt, regarding William Dowdle, 1837
- o Captain John Corse, 1846
- o Pension application index, circa 1900

Delaware Heritage Commission (1922)

Series Title: Administrative Records Related to the Celebration of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution

Identifier: 1922-000-000

Subject Dates: 1968-1978

Subject Extent: 22.62 cubic feet; 41 Legal Upright - 5 boxes, 3 CFB - Acid Free boxes, 1 Book - Vert - O/S, 3 Legal Upright - 2.5 boxes

Summary: Records from the Delaware American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (DARBC), which include administrative files pertaining to the celebration of the bicentennial of the American Revolution, as well as photographs, newspaper clippings, a scrapbook, and speeches by the Governor related to the celebration.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Photographs

Identifier: 1922-000-001

Subject Dates: 1975-2005

Subject Extent: 4.74 cubic feet; 6 Letter Upright - 5 boxes, 1 O/S Upright - 8 box, 3 albums in a Reg. Flat - 13 box, 1 CFB - Acid Free box

Summary: Contains photographs taken to document the Delaware American Revolution Bicentennial celebration and photographs used in Bicentennial Commission publications. Subjects include the Dover Light Infantry, a time capsule placed in Willingtown Square, Rodney's Ride, Delaware Trust commissioned paintings, the Separation Day celebration, the Old State House, and various local celebrations.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Video Collection

Identifier: 1922-000-004

Subject Dates: 1976-1981

Subject Extent: 1.54 cubic feet; 1 O/S Upright - 8 box, 3 Film Reel Box - 7, 2 Film Reel Box - 14, 3 Film Reel Tin - 14

Barcode(s): 395029, 395030, 395033, 395035, 395032, 496537, 395037, 395036, 395038

Summary: Contains videos taken to document the Delaware American Revolution Bicentennial celebration events and recreations of Revolutionary War events.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Minutes

Identifier: 1922-000-007

Subject Dates: 1970-1996

Subject Extent: 1.14 cubic feet; 2 Letter Upright - 5 boxes, 2 Letter Upright - 2.5 boxes

Barcode(s): 493642, 520367, 493643

Summary: Minutes show the date, time, and place of the meeting, members present and absent, and business discussed. Subjects include appropriations, proposed events and

publications, copies of newspaper clippings, approval of expenses, correspondence, events in Delaware during the Revolution, Council of the Thirteen Original States, bicentennial souvenirs, motion pictures, school programs, budgets, 350th anniversary of the Dutch settlement, William Penn commemoration, office inventory, history of Delaware radio spots, challenge grants, logo, and Kalmar Nyckel Commemorative Committee. Also included are transcripts of public meetings during which citizens presented their views on how the American Revolution and the Constitutional bicentennials should be celebrated in Delaware.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Recorder of Deeds, New Castle County (2555)

Series Title: Apprentice Indentures
Identifier: 2555-000-032
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 0.47 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box
Barcode(s): 400325
Summary: Manuscript record of minors or other individuals being apprenticed to another individual (master) for a specified period of time for the purpose of learning a skill or trade. Indentures show the dates of the contract and recording names of a minor (apprentice), parents or guardians, party to whom bound (master), and the terms and conditions of servitude. The reverse side shows the type of document and names of the apprentice and master.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Recorder of Deeds, Kent County (3555)

Series Title: Apprentice Indentures
Identifier: 3555-000-030
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 0.94 cubic feet; 2 Legal Upright - 5 boxes
Barcode(s): 085438, 085437
Summary: Manuscript record of minors or other individuals being apprenticed to another individual (master) for a specified period of time for the purpose of learning a skill or trade. Indentures show the name of the person being apprenticed and to whom, hundred of residence, apprenticeship trade, date of indenture, and the signatures of the apprentice (or guardian) master and witness. See also Apprentice Indenture Volumes and RG 3230 Trustees of the Poor records.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Recorder of Deeds, Sussex County (4555)

Series Title: Apprentice Indentures
Identifier: 4555-000-032
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 0.47 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box
Barcode(s): 391350
Summary: Manuscript record of minors or other individuals being apprenticed to another individual (master) for a specified period of time for the purpose of learning a skill or trade.

Indentures show the dates of the contract and recording names of a minor (apprentice), parents or guardians, party to whom bound (master), and the terms and conditions of servitude. Reverse side notes recording and lists indenture book and page, date, and signature of the recorder.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Court of Oyer and Terminer, New Castle County (2825)

Series Title: Case Files
Identifier: 2825-000-001
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 0.47 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box
Barcode(s): 400454
Summary: Records show court term, names of defendants, attorney general, witnesses, clerk of peace and attorney charges, and date of document.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Court of Oyer and Terminer, Kent County (3825)

Series Title: Court Papers
Identifier: 3825-000-000
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 0.94 cubic feet; 2 Legal Upright - 5 boxes
Barcode(s): 085026, 085027
Summary: Files contain summonses, subpoenas, recognizances, depositions, indictments, certiorari, precepts, and jury lists. Summonses and subpoenas show the names of litigants or witnesses summoned, dates and places of court, names of defendants, charges pending, dates of summons, court fees, and Clerk of the Court signatures. Recognizances show names of principal parties and sureties, bond amounts, dates and places parties are to appear and give evidence, dates of recognizances, and Justice of the Peace or Clerk of the Court signatures. Depositions show the names and signatures of persons giving evidence and transcriptions of their testimonies. Indictments show the court terms, names of the defendants, charges pending, dispositions of cases, verdicts, and sentences of the Court. Writs of certiorari were issued to the Court of General Sessions and show the names of defendants, charges, places of residence, dates of cases to be heard, and signatures of the clerk and chief justice. Precepts are orders from the judges to sheriffs commanding them to ensure that prisoners, juries, court officials, and other interested parties appear before the court. Entries on the precepts show judges' names and signatures, dates of court, court orders to sheriffs, clerk signatures, and court seals. Generally included are lists of grand and petit juries showing the name, occupation, and hundred of residence for each juror. On the reverse side are certifications by sheriffs that they have executed the court's orders.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Court of Oyer and Terminer, Sussex County (4825)

Series Title: Case Files
Identifier: 4825-000-006
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 0.47 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box

Barcode(s): 391816
Summary: The files have copies of indictments, subpoenas, witness statements, jury lists, and records of orders for death warrants. Information contained in each includes the name of the county, the year, the defendant's name, their hundred of residence, their occupation, their alleged crime and plea, the signature of the Attorney General, the jurors' names, the jury's verdict, and the court's sentence. The reverse side shows the type of document and the Clerk of the Peace's signature and seal.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Department of Education (8005)

Series Title: Motion Picture Collection
Identifier: 8005-000-046
Subject Dates: 1965
Subject Extent: 452,747,902 bytes; 2 MP4 files, 2 16mm films
Barcode(s): 472856, 472866
Summary: This collection contains films and videos of varied content, mostly Delaware-related, that would be shown in Delaware classrooms.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- Before the Revolutionary War – Yankee Doodle Comes to Delaware; c. 1965 (472856)
 - [Before the Revolution: Yankee Doodle Comes to Delaware](#), Box 2, Item Number 8005-000-046_026mp
 - This 16mm film is an educational short on the history of Delaware in the 1700s until the beginning of the American Revolutionary War.
 - Black-and-white film with sound, 16:50 minutes, dated 1965
- Revolutionary War: Delaware Was First (472866)
 - [The Revolutionary War - And Delaware Was First](#), Box 1, Item Number 8005-000-046_018mp
 - This 16mm film explains Delaware's place in the U.S. Revolutionary War and the early United States. It contains reenactors and recreations of scenes from early American history.
 - Black-and-white film with sound, 12:39 minutes, undated

Private Accounts and Business Records, New Castle County (9025-N01)

Series Title: Miscellaneous Private Accounts
Identifier: 9025-N01-000
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 3.36 cubic feet; 4 Legal Upright - 5 boxes, 2 O/S Flat - 16 boxes
Barcode(s): 124029, 1240474, 354496, 354490, 124030, 124042
Summary: The Private Accounts and Business Records Collection is partially available on microfilm. The volumes concern a wide variety of occupations, including farming, flour milling, tanning, shingle making, domestic housekeeping, and shoemaking, as well as the activities of lawyers, doctors, and merchants. This collection provides an important perspective for the study of historical events, social changes, and economic trends in Delaware.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Private Accounts and Business Records, Kent County (9025-K01)

Series Title: Miscellaneous Private Accounts
Identifier: 9025-K01-000
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 2.83 cubic feet; 3 Legal Upright - 5 boxes, 2 O/S Flat - 16 boxes
Barcode(s): 124050, 354499, 354500, 124051, 124052
Summary: The Private Accounts and Business Records Collection is partially available on microfilm. The volumes concern a wide variety of occupations, including farming, flour milling, tanning, shingle making, domestic housekeeping, and shoemaking, as well as the activities of lawyers, doctors, and merchants. This collection provides an important perspective for the study of historical events, social changes, and economic trends in Delaware.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Miscellaneous Prints and Engravings (9026)

Series Title: Prints and Engravings Collection
Identifier: 9026-000-001
Subject Dates: 1783-1976
Subject Extent: 17 records (listed below)
Barcode(s): 482508, 508339
Summary: This collection contains prints and engravings of varied content, divided by several subjects, including the Revolutionary War.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- Revolutionary War, Engravings, Posters, Copies of Documents (482508)
 - [In Congress](#)
 - Replica of the Declaration of Independence, small history on the bottom.
 - [The Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati](#)
 - A replica of the original document.
 - [The Sesqui Centennial International Exposition](#)
 - Certificate of recognition for Delaware's participation in the exposition
 - [Light Infantry Company of Dover](#)
 - A replica of a Declaration of Commission (2 Copies), for the Bicentennial
 - [Non-Interest Revolutionary War Bond](#)
 - A replica of a war bond for Dover, for the Bicentennial
- Wars (508339)
 - [Delaware Troops Leaving the Green, 1776](#)
 - Reproduction of the mural in DPA research room, includes an artist/mural description (6 copies).
 - [Be It Known James Tilton, Esquire](#)
 - Signed by George Washington certifying his service in the Army and membership in the Society of Cincinnati. Original and mounted photostat copy.
 - [Battle of Cowpens](#)
 - Conflict between Colonels Washington and Tarleton.
- Portraits, Recreation, State Symbols, and World's Fair (508348)
 - [Delaware Building, Centennial International Exhibition](#)

- Picture of the Delaware Building featured in the Centennial International Exhibition in Philadelphia

Small Manuscript Collections (9200)

Series Title: John Dickinson Family Papers
Identifier: 9200-D09-001
Subject Dates: 1765-1783
Subject Extent: 5.64 cubic feet; 11 Legal Upright - 5 boxes, 1 O/S Flat - 25
Barcode(s): 473411, 531496, 531497, 531498, 531499, 531500, 531501, 531502, 531503, 531504, 531505, 531506

Summary: This collection includes correspondence between John Dickinson and his family, correspondence to and from business partners and clients, correspondence to and from property tenants, legal case notes, deeds, apprentice indentures, wills, leases, invoices and receipts, and insurance policies. Dickinson was a Continental Congress delegate, a militia colonel, and President of Delaware and of Pennsylvania during the Revolution. Most of these records are copies from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Delaware Historical Society. There are four boxes of original documents.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Robert Kirkwood Papers
Identifier: 9200-K02-000
Subject Dates: 1777-1791
Subject Extent: 0.31 cubic feet; 1 Reg. Flat - 15.5 box
Barcode(s): 391486

Summary: Among Captain Robert Kirkwood's papers are photostats of his journal from 1777-1784. Folder 1 contains general orders, division and brigade orders, proceedings of court-martials and courts of inquiry, company returns, muster rolls, musical notations, and a journal of marches from March through December 1777. Folder 2 contains payrolls and muster rolls from 1777-1780, and January 1781, a musical notation, a furlough from 1779, and regiment returns from August and November 1781. Folder 3 contains a journal of marches from Morristown, New Jersey, through the Kirkwood company's southern campaign from 1780-1782. The folder also includes a casualty return from the battle at Eutaw Springs in September 1781, as well as a transcript of correspondence between General Henry Clinton and General Benjamin Lincoln before Lincoln's surrender of Charleston in 1780. Folder 4 contains depreciation pay certificates from 1782-1784 and a list of Indigenous Peoples involved in the Revolution. An index to the Kirkwood journal and order book may be found in RG 9270.000, Reference Reel R-57.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Allen McLane Papers
Identifier: 9200-M09-000
Subject Dates: 1777-1821
Subject Extent: 0.47 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box, 1 microfilm roll
Barcode(s): 391489

Summary: Contains two folders pertaining to McLane's Revolutionary War activities. Folder 1 contains company reports and journal entries from 1775, 1779, and after the Revolution. The folder also includes chronologies of the Revolution written after the war. The second folder includes letters from correspondents such as General "Light-Horse Harry" Lee and George Washington, returns of Lee's "partisan" corps, to which McLane was attached for a time, troop returns, and payrolls from this period.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal. The records are photostatic copies; the [originals are held by The New York Historical](#), and may not be reproduced.

Series Title: Read Papers
Identifier: 9200-R01-000
Subject Dates: 1764-1782
Subject Extent: 0.10 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box (shared)
Barcode(s): 499145
Summary: In the "Read, George" folder are photostats of letters relating to the Stamp Act crisis and letters written during Read's service in the Continental Congress, which contain references to Lexington and Concord and other news of the war.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Rodney Papers
Identifier: 9200-R08-000
Subject Dates: 1773-1782
Subject Extent: 0.47 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 5 box
Barcode(s): 391298
Summary: Rodney's papers include his will, administrative and legal papers, and letters. The letters, consisting of both photostats and original documents, are a mixture of personal and official correspondence. One folder of photostats includes instructions to generals, transcripts of letters to state officials, correspondence between Rodney and his brother Thomas on subjects of the day, letters to the General Assembly regarding acts of Congress, and a letter of July 4, 1776, regarding Rodney's vote on the Declaration of Independence. Original letters discuss state and national affairs of the 1780s and loyalists in Delaware in 1776. Another folder of photostats contains correspondence from government and military officials to Rodney in his role as militia general and as President of Delaware State, a letter regarding the recovery of public records taken during the British occupation of Wilmington, letters from Rodney to the president of Congress, and correspondence from Caesar and Thomas Rodney.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Ridgely Family Papers
Identifier: 9200-R09-000
Subject Dates: 1774-1783
Subject Extent: 7.99 cubic feet; 17 Legal Upright - 5 boxes
Summary: This collection consists of correspondence, legal papers, levy lists, tax collection records, tavern petitions, and accounts from most of the Ridgely Family's members, including Nicholas Ridgely as Kent County Treasurer. The legal papers are mostly from the Kent County Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, as well as Chancellor Nicholas Ridgely, and Henry Moore Ridgely. The series also contains poetry, newspaper clippings, obituary notices, genealogy, hair clippings, land records, and other personal papers. Also included are the Dulany Papers. Daniel Dulany the Younger (1722-1797) was the lawyer for Lord Baltimore in the Penn-Calvert boundary dispute. The collection also contains some papers from Alexander Hamilton of Annapolis, Maryland, and the Vining Papers of Pennsylvania and Maryland. See "A Calendar of Ridgely Family Letters, 1742-1899, in the Delaware State Archives," three volumes that provide a detailed description of the collection, historical background, and abstracts of family correspondence. The collection also contains reference notes, correspondence, and drafts concerning the Calendar's three volumes.
Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Tilton Papers
Identifier: 9200-T02-000
Subject Dates: 1775-1783
Subject Extent: 3.29 cubic feet; 7 Legal Upright - 5 boxes
Summary: Dr. James Tilton was a physician and patriot who served with Haslet's regiment and then as a surgeon to the Continental Army. He was instrumental in improving care for the sick

and wounded by redesigning the military hospitals used by the Continental forces. Box 2 contains a draft copy of the volumes comprising Francis T. Tilton's "Dr. James Tilton of Delaware, 1745-1822: A Patriotic Doctor in Our Two Wars with Britain," which was never published. The first volume of this work, in four bound typescript folios, covers the Revolutionary period and Tilton's role in the war, with reference to many original documents. A few letters from Tilton written during the Revolution are interspersed with other documents in Box 3 (all are photostats). Acts of Congress concerning hospitals are also included (typescript copies). Box 6 contains photostats of Tilton's correspondence from throughout the Revolutionary period. These include letters concerning Committees of Correspondence, news of the war, the establishment of a hospital in Virginia, the conduct of army physicians, an account of the Delaware Regiment's attack on loyalists at Mamaroneck, New York, the use of smallpox vaccine, Tilton's appointment as a hospital physician and surgeon, reports on sick and wounded, and Tilton's resignation from the Delaware Regiment in 1776.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

Series Title: Tilton-Conrad Papers

Identifier: 9200-T03-000

Subject Dates: 1782-1783

Subject Extent: 0.24 cubic feet; 1 Legal Upright - 2.5 box

Barcode(s): 391348

Summary: The "Nehemiah Tilton papers" folder contains photostats of two letters from 1782 dealing with current events and Delaware politics. The "Dr. James Tilton letters" folder contains a typescript copy of a letter from Tilton referring to George Washington's resignation as commander of the Continental Army.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) is available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

General Reference Collections (9270)

Series Title: General Reference Files

Identifier: 9270-000-001

Subject Dates: 1774-1792

Subject Extent: 26 files (listed below)

Barcode(s): 392353, 392354, 392356, 392358, 392359, 392362, 392364, 392365, 392369, 392371, 392372, 392374, 392375, 392376, 392283, 409455, 409458, 409459, 409466, 386200

Summary: These records are a mixture of primary and secondary source materials. They include transcripts and photostats as well as original documents. Bibliographies and indexes to material held elsewhere are also included.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [item-level descriptions](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- 1-17 (392353)
 - [Revolutionary War Uniforms](#), Item Number 5
 - 1977 newspaper clipping
 - [Revolutionary War Activities at Christiana Bridge](#), Item Number 15
- 18-28 (392354)
 - [Papers in the Historical Society of New York](#), Item Number 25
 - Transcription of notes taken by Major Allen McLane; Papers in New York Historical Society about Delaware, mostly Allen McLane materials; Ullman Exchange-Delaware Material in New York.
- 38-48b (392356)

- [Delaware Constitutional Convention, 1831](#), Item Number 48
 - Amendments to the 1831 Constitution
- 59-92 (392358)
 - [Continental Emission](#), Item Number 88
 - Account of taxes paid by the state of Delaware to the United States government
- 93-110.8 (392359)
 - [Articles of Confederation](#), Item Number 95
 - Photocopy of the Articles of Confederation
 - [Nicholas Way - Loan to State](#), Item Number 96
 - Photocopy of loan made by Dr. Nicholas Way to the state of Delaware
- 146-163 (392362)
 - [Revolutionary War](#), Item Number 149
 - Letters, pamphlets and notes
- 178a-201 (392364)
 - [American Revolution](#), Item Number 180
 - "Delaware During the Revolution as Recorded in Hessian Diaries" translated by Bruce E. Burgoyne and "The Role of the Delaware Continentals in the Battle of Camden SC" by Ralph Nelson
- 203-227 (392365)
 - [Broad Creek Meeting to support New Union among the Colonies](#), Item Number 223
 - Broad Creek Meeting resolution to assist in the relief efforts for the port of Boston
- 283-305 (392369)
 - [Privy Council of Delaware Minutes](#), Item Number 302
 - "Meeting and Members of Privy Council under Governorship of Caesar Rodney"
- 320-350 (392371)
 - [Declaration of Independence](#), Item Number 321
 - Facsimiles of the Declaration of Independence
 - [Notes on Timoleon's Dionysius](#), Item Number 347
 - "Notes on Timoleons Biographical History of Dionysius"
- 351-375 (392372)
 - [D.A.R. Lineage Books](#), Item Number 354
 - "List of Lineage Books presented by the Delaware Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution"
- 386.9-404 (392374)
 - [Declaration of Independence](#), Item Number 391
 - "The Declaration of Independence, Four 1776 Versions"
- 405-418 (392375)
 - [Aitken's Register Account of Delaware, 1774](#), Item Number 405
 - "Aitken's General American Register. For the Year 1774"
 - [Society of the Cincinnati](#), Item Number 418
 - Article
- 419-452 (392376)
 - [Continental Congress](#), Item Number 433

- List of correspondence
- 586-605 (392283)
 - [French Treasury Robbery](#), Item Number 590
 - "State vs. H. Lalor"
 - [French Treasury Robbery](#), Item Number 591
 - "State vs. H. Lalor"
 - [Political Comment, Colonial](#), Item Number 596
 - Miscellaneous newspaper articles
- 718-738 (409455)
 - [Irish in Delaware](#), Item Number 725
 - History, letter, pamphlet
- 776-791 (409458)
 - [Lawyers of the Revolution](#), Item Number 778
 - Biographies
- 792-804 (409459)
 - [Separation Day](#), Item Number 792
 - History, Caesar Rodney letters, invitation
- 806-846 (409466)
 - [The Revolutionary Soldiers of Delaware](#), Item Number 820
 - "The Revolutionary Soldiers of Delaware" by William G. Whiteley
- 847-877 (386200)
 - [Proceedings of the Convention of the Delaware State Held at New Castle on Tuesday the Twenty-Seventh of August, 1776](#), Item Number 864

Series Title: Biography

Identifier: 9270-000-002

Summary: These records contain a variety of primary and secondary source materials, arranged alphabetically by surname. Primary sources take the form of original documents, transcripts, and photostats. Only a few Delawareans prominent in the American Revolution are listed below.

Notes: The collection [finding aid](#) and [container-level listing](#) are available via the Delaware Public Archives Portal.

- Clayton, Joshua
- Clow, Cheney
- Dickinson, John
- Haslet (Haslett), John
- Jaquett (Jacquett), Peter
- Kirkwood, Robert
- McComb, Eleazer
- McKean, Thomas
- McKinly (McKinley), John
- McLane, Allen
- Patten, John
- Patterson, Samuel
- Read, George
- Rodney, Caesar
- Tilton, James

Additional Resources

Books relating to the American Revolution may be found in the Mable Lloyd Ridgely Research Room. Visit the [online Delaware Library Consortium](#) to search for titles available at the Delaware Public Archives.

Researchers interested in becoming members of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, or the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution may use supply tax records or levy court records to apply. The following collections may be relevant.

- [Laws of Delaware Vol. 1-2](#) (1325-003-147)
- [Board of Assessment, New Castle County, Assessment Books and Lists](#) (2535-000-000)
- [Board of Assessments, Kent County, Assessment Lists](#) (3535-000-000)
- [Board of Assessment, Sussex County, Tax Assessments with Error and Delinquent Lists](#) (4535-000-001)
- [Levy Court, Bonds and Receipts](#) (2200-000-006)
- [Kent County, Levy Court, Minutes and Proceedings](#) (3200-000-015)
- [Levy Court, Sussex County, Minutes](#) (4200-000-007)
- [General Reference Collections, Reference Reel Collection, Reference Reels Collection](#) (9270-005-001)

to the Commander in Chief for the time being, or some Judge or Ju-
dicial Office, all treasons or traitorous conspiracies, attempts or com-
plices against the same, or the government thereof, which shall come to
their knowledge

John McClinton	John Joseph	Joseph McLean
John McClinton	John Hanley	James Hendrick
William McClinton	Thomas Plank	Israel
Jacob Brattle	John Dwin	John Ashton
Thomas McLean	James Gamble	Joseph Steel
Andrew McLean	John Watt	Benjamin McLean
John Canaday	John Armstrong	Joshua Daws
Joseph Day	Henry Rice	David Char
Andrew McKee	John McLarry	Jo. McChas
William McKee	George Jordan	Cap. Sprin
John McKee	Andrew Gibson	Peter Drake
Francis Day	Jacob Weldon	Thomas Keane
George McLee	Robert Bratton	William
David McLee	James Bratton	Robert McGarrah
Joe Marshall	Robert McGarrah	Thomas Camp
John Hunter	William Mc	Isaac Sussey
John Anderson	John Boughtman	James Fisher
James Anderson	William Anderson	Joseph Dickey
	George Vison	George Crow
	James Vison	George Clark



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