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Resources on South Carolina in the American Revolution

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General Tips

- Subject headings: These are set phrases linked in the online catalog used to describe items and collections based on the subjects found within them. Two general subject headings for items related to this period are: “United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783” and “South Carolina -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783.”
- We hold many helpful books on the Revolution, only a few of which are listed below. Researchers may pull books themselves to study in our Reading Room. These range from call numbers **E187** to **E312**.
- Portions of some of these resources have been digitized. Those that are available are linked below.
- This is a starting point for research and is by no means an exhaustive list of sources available in our collections.
- In most cases, the publication year for published resources is in the call number.

Suggested Introductory Sources

- “Battleground of Freedom: South Carolina in the Revolution” by Nat Hilborn (1970) **E263.S7 H62**
- “Partisans and Redcoats: the southern conflict that turned the tide of the American Revolution” by Walter Edgar (in Addlestone Library stacks) **E263.S7 E38 2001**

Published Resources

- “Slavery, revolutionary America, and the new nation” by Paul Finkelman **E269.N3 S58 1989**
- “The King's Mountain men: the story of the battle, with sketches of the American soldiers who took part” by Katherine Keogh White **E241.K5 W5 1996**
- “Battles, skirmishes, and actions in South Carolina during the American Revolution” by Terry W. Lipscomb **PAM 973.3 1976 Battles**
- “The women of the American Revolution” by E.F. Ellet **Rare Books 920.72 .E65 W66 1850**
- “South Carolina loyalists in the American Revolution” by Robert Stansbury Lambert **E277 .L35 1987**
- “The papers of Henry Laurens” ed. By Philip M. Hamer, George C. Rogers, Jr., David R. Chesnutt, and Maude E. Lyles (1968-2003) **E302 .L3**
- Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War **E269.N3 G78 2008**

Roster Books

- Roster of South Carolina patriots in the American Revolution / by Bobby Gilmer Ross **973.34457 .M68 R67 2006**
- Records of the regiments of the South Carolina line in the Revolutionary War / by A.S. Salley **E263.S7 R42 1977** (Excerpted from the SC Historical and Genealogical Magazine, volumes V-VII, 1904-1906.)
- Known military dead during the American Revolutionary War, 1775-1783 / by Clarence Stewart Peterson **E255 .P4 1967**
- List of black servicemen compiled from the War Department collection of Revolutionary War records / by Debra Newman Ham **PAM 317.5 1974 Newman**
- Historical register of officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution, April, 1775, to December, 1783 / by Francis B. Heitman **E255 .H48 1982**
- African-American patriots in the southern campaign of the American Revolution / by Bobby Gilmer Moss **E269.N3 M67 2004**

Maps

- **32-103-01**: A sketch of the operations before Charlestown, the capital of South Carolina
- **33-115-21**: Plan of the siege of Charlestown in South Carolina, 1787
- **32-37-01**: An Accurate Map of North and South Carolina with their Indian frontiers (Re-issue of 1775 map)
- **Rare Books 973.3 .R36 H57 1785**: A sketch of the situation & stations of the British vessels under the command of Sir Peter Parker on the attack upon Fort Moultrie on Sullivan [sic] Island, June 28th, 1776
- **32-102-02**: A plan of Port Royal in South Carolina

Manuscript Collection

- Vertical Files: Our vertical files contain miscellaneous documents such as newspaper clippings, research notes, and correspondence. Files cover a variety of subjects including family surnames, Revolutionary War period, localities, and more. Family names can be searched in the library catalog. For other topics, please consult the subject guide to the files that is available in the reading room.
- **037**: Henry Laurens papers
- **34/0648**: Gabriel Manigault's Journal, 1774-1784: includes his account of the 1780 Siege of Charleston
- **037/036/1-63**: Marquis de Lafayette letters, 1777-1781: Mostly to Henry Laurens, cover topics such as military appointments, dealings with Continental Congress, and French soldiers offering to serve as volunteers under Lafayette
- **038/32-61**: Arthur Middleton papers, 1767-1783: Correspondence and memoranda concerning such issues as the currency, the national debt, motions made in Congress, and naval and army defenses, and notes in code about Continental Congress deliberations
- **037/055/01-79**: John Laurens papers, 1777-1781: Mostly correspondence and other material about John Laurens' commission as special minister to France by the Continental Congress and the particulars of his mission.

- **43/2627:** Royal Regiment of Artillery records, 1770-1782 Receipts, muster rolls, payrolls, and correspondence
- **43/0913:** Observations on the war in Carolina, n.d.: Copy of a handwritten narrative (27 p.) written circa 1782 concerning the war and South Carolina loyalists.
- **43/0103:** Memorandum of occurrences during the campaign, 1780-1781: Typewritten, annotated transcription of a diary documenting Dr. Uzal Johnson's experiences during his military service in the American Revolution mainly in South Carolina and North Carolina
- **43/0725:** Richard Bohun Baker papers, 1780-1783: Personal estate and military records related to the Second Regiment.
- **43/0914:** Orders, 1782 Aug. 13: Broadside issued to British soldiers leaving Charleston forbidding them to “carry out of this district any Negroe that does not belong to them.”
- **34/0638:** An abridged sketch of the life of Colonel Daniel Stevens of Charleston: Includes his service during the war with the Charleston Rangers and with the Charleston Ancient Battalion of Artillery, including Battle of Sullivan’s Island and the 1780 Siege of Charleston.
- **43/0096:** Collection of John Lewis Gervais papers, 1772-1801: Correspondence on personal matters, events and politics of the American Revolution, and dealings with Creek and Cherokee Indians.
- **34/0559:** Richard Hutson letter book, 1765-1777: Numerous references are made to events surrounding the Revolution, including the Stamp Act controversy, fortifying the city, a detailed description of the Battle of Fort Sullivan, and more.

Regimental Order Books>Returns

These books are regular (sometimes daily) accounts of a regiment’s order and activities – similar to a personal journal.

- Second Regiment
 - **34/0202/1-2:** [2nd South Carolina Regiment order book and related records, 1777-ca. 1929](#)
 - **34/0203/1-2:** [General orders of William Moultrie and Benjamin Lincoln, 1779](#)
 - **34/0209:** Copy of Benjamin Marion's order book ca. 1776-ca. 1890
 - **43/0231:** Records, 1779-1780
 - **34/0204:** 2nd South Carolina Regiment records, 1778-1779
 - **34/0647:** Paybook, 1775
- First Regiment: **34/0217**, Regimental order book of Captain Saunders, 1777-1783
- Commander in Chief's Guard: **34/0448**, Orderly book kept by Major Gibbs, 1778
- Delaware Regiment in Southern Army: **43/0729**, Return of Delaware troops in South Carolina, 1782
- **34/0205:** [4th South Carolina Regiment order book, 1775-1778](#)
- **0109.00:** Charles Towne Militia regimental order book and military manual, 1778-1794
- **34/0201 OvrSz:** [Continental Army Southern Department records, 1778-1890](#)

Additional Sources

- [American Revolution in South Carolina – Digital Collections \(sc.edu\)](#)
- [1 \(americanrevolutioninstitute.org\)](#)
- [The Liberty Trail | American Battlefield Trust \(battlefields.org\)](#)
- [Timeline - SC RevWar 250 \(southcarolina250.com\)](#)