Maryland Revolutionary Tax Records



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The Maryland State Archives holds a number of Revolutionary tax records. The Subcommittee on Revolutionary Taxes has evaluated most, if not all of these records and determined that a significant number of them were for taxes that supported the War or honored a request of the Continental Congress. Such records provide a basis for Patriotic Service for an ancestor for the Sons of the American Revolution.

Many lists that provide a basis for Patriotic Service are available, courtesy of the Maryland State Archives, in the SAR Library in Louisville and posted by the Maryland Society SAR, at: http://www.marylandsar.org/marylandtaxlists1783. Plans are to make all of these records available. The Maryland and District of Columbia Societies, Sons of the American Revolution provided funding.

The purpose of this document is to list concisely those records that have been determined to provide a basis for Patriotic Service and those which have not. For those that do provide a basis for Patriotic Service, an explanation is provided in the introductory notes at the beginning of that Maryland PDF tax list found at the SAR Library and on the Maryland Society SAR website. Detailed instructions are also provided in the introductory notes about which pages to submit as evidence of service for an ancestor meeting SAR Patriotic Service requirements. Some records also contain names of people who do not qualify, but are also listed. These include paupers, who were exempt from taxes, people charged a penalty on their state tax, and men reported on sub-lists of those over 18 and under 21. A very brief explanation of why certain lists have not been deemed to provide a basis for Patriotic Service is also provided below.

Tax Records that Provide a Basis for Patriotic Service

County	Year and Title	Maryland State Archives Citation	Hundreds / Distr	icts
Anne Arundel	1783 Supply Tax	General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-1 through 17, Locations 01/04/05/044 and 01/04/05/045; except for Upper Fork and Bear Ground also on microfilm reel SCM 871-1 through 12, through 14, 20, 26, and 33.	Annapolis Hundred Broad Neck Hundred Elkridge Hundred Elkridge Landing Hundred Herring Creek Hundred Lower Part Herring Creek Hundred Huntington Hundred Lyons Creek Hundred Magothy Hundred Middle Neck Hundred	Patuxent Hundred Patapsco Hundred Upper Part Road River Hundred Lower Part Road River Hundred Severn Hundred South River Hundred Town Neck Hundred West River Hundred Upper Fork and Bear Ground
Baltimore	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-18 through 29, Location 01/04/05/045; except for Delaware Lower Hundred also on microfilm reel SCM 871-13, 15 through 19, and 21 through 25.	 Back River Lower Hundred Baltimore East Hundred Delaware Lower Hundred Delaware Upper Hundred Deptford Hundred Gunpowder Upper Hundred Middle River Lower Hundred 	 Middle River Upper and Back River Upper Hundreds Middlesex Hundred Mine Run Hundred North hundred Pipe Creek Hundred

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Calvert	1782 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: Maryland State Archives, Accession Problems and Miscellaneous, MSA T68-30-19, Location 02/04/02/030.	Lyon's Creek HundredUpper Hundred CliftsHunting Creek HundredElkridge Landing Hundred	Leonard's Creek HundredLower Hundred CliftsElton Head Hundred
Calvert	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: State, General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-30 through 32, Location 01/04/05/046; also on microfilm reel CM 1296-1 through 3.	First DistrictSecond DistrictThird District	
Caroline	1781 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: Caroline County, Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment Record, 1781, MSA C467-1, Location 01/03/04/036.	Choptank Hundred	
Caroline	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-33 to 35, Location 01/04/05/046, on microfilm reel SCM 871-27.	 Lower Choptank District River District Upper Choptank District	
Cecil	1781 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: State, Scharf Collection, Commissioners of the Tax, MSA S1005-111-7, Location 01/08/05/006.	North Susquehanna Hundred	
Cecil	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-36 through 41, Locations 01/04/05/046 and 01/04/05/047; also on microfilm reel SCM 871-28 through 33.	 District 1: Bohemia, West and North Sasafras Hundreds District 2: Middle Neck, Bohemia Manor and Back Creek Hundreds District 3: North Milford and East Nottingham Hundreds District 4: South Milford and Elk Hundreds 	 District 5: West Nottingham, South Susquehanna and Charles Town Hundreds District 6: North Susquehanna and Octorara Hundreds
Charles	1782 Assessments in Different Moneys	Maryland State Archives Citation: Maryland State Archives, Accession Problems and Miscellaneous, 1782-1791, MSA T68-30-1, Location 02/04/02/030.	 Benedict Hundred Bryan Town Hundred Durham lower Hundred Durham Upper Hundred East Newport Hundred East Upper Port Tobacco Hundred Lower East Port Tobacco Hundred 	Lower William & Mary Hundred Newport West Hundred Pomonkey Hundred Port Tobacco Hundred Port Tobacco Upper Hundred West Port Tobacco Hundred Upper William & Mary Hundred

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Charles	1782 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: State, Scharf Collection, Commissioners of the Tax, MSA S1005-107-7 through 10 and 12 through 17, Location 01/08/05/071.	 Benedict Hundred Durham Upper Hundred East Newport Hundred East Upper Port Tobacco Hundred Lower East Port Tobacco Hundred Lower William & Mary Hundred 	 Newport West Hundred Pomonkey Hundred Port Tobacco Hundred Port Tobacco Upper Hundred West Port Tobacco Hundred
Charles	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-42 through 53, Location 01/04/05/47 & 01/04/05/48; also on microfilm reel SCM 871-34 through 40.	 District 1: William & Mary Upper and Lower Hundreds District 2: East and West Newport Hundreds District 3: Benedict and Bryan Town Hundreds District 4: Port Tobacco Upper and Upper Part of East Port Tobacco Hundreds 	 District 5: Port Tobacco West and Pomonkey Hundreds District 6: Port Tobacco Lower East and Town Hundreds District 6: Durham Upper and Lower Hundreds
Dorchester	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-54 through 56, Location 01/04/05/048; also on microfilm reel SCM 871-41 through 45 and 872-1 and 2.	 Upper District Middle District Lower District	
Frederick	1778 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: State, Scharf Collection, MSA S1005-108, Location 01/08/05/072.	Middle Monocacy Hundred	
Frederick	1782 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: State, Scharf Collection, MSA S1005-108, Location 01/08/05/072.	Frederick Town HundredPiney Creek HundredUnity Hundred	
Harford	1783 Supply Tax	1783 Supply Tax, Scharf Collection, State, General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-57 to 68, Location 01/04/05/049; also on microfilm reel SCM 872-3 through 14.	 Broad Creek Hundred Bush River Hundred Bush River Upper and Eden Hundreds Deer Creek Lower Hundred Deer Creek Middle Hundred Deer Creek Upper Hundred 	 Gunpowder Upper and Lower Hundreds Harford Lower Hundred Harford Upper Hundred Spesutia Upper Hundred Spesutia Lower Hundred Susquehanna Hundred

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Kent	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-69 through 73, Location 01/04/05/050; also on microfilm SCM 872-15, 16, 18, 21, and 24. *Note: land only is extant for Districts 2-5	 District 1: Lower Langford Bay and Eastern Neck Hundreds District 2: Chestertown and Upper Langford Bay Hundreds District 3: Chester and Worten Hundreds 	 District 4: Morgans Creek and Lower South Sassafras Hundreds District 5: Hundreds not identified
Montgomery	1782 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-74 through 79, Location 01/04/05/051; also on microfilm SCM 872-27. * Note: The Maryland State Archives has catalogued this return as a 1783 Supply Tax. For reasons why this is in fact a 1782 list, see Eleanor M.V. Cook's article "Assessment of 1783 for Montgomery County," The Archivist's Bulldog, Vol. 11 #3, February 10, 1997. It can be found on the MSA website.	• Upper Potomac Hundred	
Montgomery	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-74 through 79, Location 01/04/05/051; also on microfilm SCM 872-26 and 28 through 32.	 District 1: Middle Potomac, Lower Potomac and Georgetown Hundreds District 2: Sugarland and Upper Potomac Hundreds District 3: Linganore and Sugar Loaf Hundreds 	 District 4: Upper Newfoundland and Seneca Hundreds District 5: Lower Newfoundland, Rock Creek and Northwest
Prince George's	1778 and 1779 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: Special Collections, Sheriff's Tax Collection Ledger, MSA CE282-1 (Formerly C1315-1), Location 00/08/04/42. Note: This document is accessible at http://speccol.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/speccol/catalog/cfm/dsp_number.cfm. Researchers should click on the collection description and use the public username and password, aaco and aaco#. The ledger also includes 1778 entries. For 1778 and 1779, the entries distinguish between the state tax and the county tax. The state taxes in effect for these two years both supported the War. Entries for 1780 and 1781 do not specify whether the tax was state or county and do not qualify. This ledger is not to be confused with the Sheriff's Tax Collection Ledger for 1780-1795.	• Queen Anne's Parish • St. Paul's Parish	

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Prince George's	1780 Supply Tax on Ready Money and Plate	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment Record, 1780, MSA C1162-1 through 5, 7, 9 through 12, & 84, Location 01/21/10/011. *Note: The Mayland State Archives identified the returns for the Patuxent Hundred as 1783. There can be little doubt, however, that this return was mandated by the provision in the 1780 Supply Tax for a special certificate to be returned by the assessor for the ready money held at 7:00am on February 1, 1780. This is the only year such requirement is found.	 Charlotte Hundred Collington Hundred Eastern Branch Hundred Horsepen Hundred Hynson Hundre Mt. Calvert Hundred 	 Oxon Hundred Patuxent Hundred Rock Creek Hundred Washington Hundred Western Branch Hundred
Prince George's	1781 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment Record, 1781, MSA C1162-13, Location 01/21/10/011.	• Patuxent Hundred	
Prince George's	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA C1162-15, Location 01/21/10/011.	New Scotland, Oxon and Bladensberg Hundreds	
Queen Anne's	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-80 through 83, Location 01/04/05/051 & 01/04/05/052. These lists are not on microfilm.	 Corsica District: Worrell and Island Hundreds Island District: Ealsey, Upper Kent Island and Lower Kent Island Hundreds 	 Tuckahoe District: Wye and Tuckahoe Hundreds Upper District: Town and Chester Hundreds
Somerset	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-84 through 94, Location 01/04/05/052; also on microfilm SCM 873-2 through 5.	Wicomico District: Nanticoke and Wicomico Hundreds Rewastico District: Rewastico Hundred	Princess Anne District: Monokin, Princess Anne and Monye Hundreds Annamessex District: Great Annemessex, Little Annemessex, Pocomoke and Dividing Creek Hundreds
Talbot	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-95 through 101, Location 01/04/05/053; also on microfilm SCM 872-34 through 39.	 District 1: Bay and Mill Hundreds District 2: Island, Tuckahoe and Kings Creek Hundreds 	District 3: Bolingbroke and Third Haven Hundreds

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Washington	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-102 through 107, Location 01/04/05/054. These lists are not on microfilm.	 Marsh Hundred Cumberland and Upper Old Town Hundreds Wills Town and Sandy Creek Hundreds Shipton and Murley's Run Hundreds Elizabeth Hundred 	 Lower Antietam and Sharpsberg Hundreds Salisbury and Conocheague Hundreds Fort Frederick and Linton Hundreds Upper Antietam and Jerusalem Hundreds
Worcester	1783 Supply Tax	Maryland State Archives Citation: General Assembly, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA S1161-108 through 116, Location 01/04/05/053; also on microfilm SCM 872-40 through 47. *Note: It should be noted that there are inconsistencies in microfilm item numbers between the Maryland State Archives catalogues for MSA S1161 and MSA SM 59.	 Acquango Hundred Boquenorton Hundred Buckingham and Worcester Hundreds Mattopony Hundred Pitt's Creek Hundred 	Pocomoke Hundred Queponoco Hundred Snow Hill Hundred Wicomico Hundred

Tax Records that DO NOT Provide a Basis for Patriotic Service

Levy lists, books, and papers document the support of civil functions at the county level. Although county taxes do not qualify as supporting the War or addressing requests of the Continental Congress, the disbursements are a valuable source of civil services. For the Revolutionary period of 1775 through 1783, we have found levy records for only five counties and not all of these actually contain tax lists. Most of those who are listed are insolvents whose names had been turned over to the sheriff for collection. All of the levy records identified for 1775 through 1783 are listed below, whether a tax list is included or not.

County	Year and Title	Maryland State Archives Citation	Hundreds / Districts
Baltimore	1776, 1780 and 1783 Levy Lists	Maryland State Archives Citation: Baltimore County, Court (Levy List), MSA C362-4 through 6, Location 02/59/10/001.	
Kent	1758 - 1784 Levy Lists	Maryland State Archives Citation: Kent County, Court (Levy List), MSA C1072-3, Location 01/15/04/012; also on microfilm reel CR 50569.	
Montgomery	1777 - 1780 Levy Lists	Maryland State Archives Citation: Montgomery County, Court (Levy List), MSA C1131-1 through 5, Locations 01/18/14/046 (1777) and 01/18/14/023 (1778-1780); also 1778-1780 on microfilm reel CR 12256-2 through 5.	
Prince George's	1760 - 1794 Levy Book	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Court (Levy Book), MSA C1245-2, Location 01/30/13/034.	
Prince George's	1781 and 1782 Levy Papers	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Court (Levy Papers), MSA C1249-1, Location 01/21/10/007.	
Prince George's	1780 Real Property	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment Record, 1780, MSA C1162-4-6, Location 01/21/10/011.	 Horsepen Hundred Hynson Hundred King George Hundred
		*Note: These real property lists contain no indication of whether they were compiled for the county levy or the state supply tax. The returns for the Horsepen and Hynson Hundreds are in the same folder with returns for the ready money, which do provide a basis for Patriotic Service.	
Prince George's	1783 Real and Personal Property	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA C1162-14 and 20, Location 01/21/10/011.	Horsepen Hundred Eastern branch & Rock Creek Hundreds (perhaps)
		*Note: These personal property lists do not state whether they were compiled for the county levy or the state supply tax. The returns do conform to the requirements of the 1783 Supply Tax in the columns of taxable property and the mandatory valuation of slaves by age and gender categories. The Horsepen Hundred list is undated but the Maryland State Archives has classified it as a 1783 list; the second list does bear the year 1783 in two places on a page at the beginning that contains	

many scribbled notes. Further research and analysis may confirm that

one or both of these returns were for the supply tax.

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Prince George's	1783 Real Property	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment Record, 1783, MSA C1162-14 and 16 through 19, Location 01/21/10/011.	 Horsepen Hundred Hynson Hundred Patuxent Hundred	Prince Frederick HundredUpper Marlboro HundredWestern Branch Hundred
		*Note: These real property lists contain no indication of whether they were compiled for the county levy or the state supply tax. Many are undated but have been classified as 1783 lists by the Maryland State Archives.		
Prince George's	1780 - 1795 Cheriff's Tax Collection Ledger	Maryland State Archives Citation: Prince George's County, Commissioners of the Tax, Tax Collection Record, MSA C1315-2, Location 01/30/13/002.		
	Leugei	This ledger contains late taxes and taxes not identified as state taxes. Any state taxes in this volume no later than 1783 would qualify as evidence of Patriotic Service. This ledger is not to be confused with the Sheriff's Tax Collection Ledger for 1779-1781.		