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# HIDDEN HEROES:

## NORWICH'S BLACK SOLDIERS & SAILORS OF THE REVOLUTION

MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT NORWICH'S PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. THIS BUSTLING CITY WAS KNOWN FOR ITS FERVENT SUPPORT OF THE PATRIOT CAUSE, CONTRIBUTING TROOPS, MILITARY LEADERS, AND SUPPLIES TO THE WAR EFFORT. WHAT IS LESS KNOWN IS THE PARTICIPATION OF ITS BLACK RESIDENTS, WHO BRAVELY FOUGHT FOR THE FREEDOM OF THIS COUNTRY AND FOR THEIR OWN; FOR WHOM "LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS" HAD A VERY PERSONAL MEANING.

THIS PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS THE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY BLACK MEN WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY SCHOLARS AS REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS FROM NORWICH, AS WELL AS NORWICH CITIZENS WHO ARGUED FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM FOR ALL AS A GOAL OF THE REVOLUTION.

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