

Kingston during the Revolutionary War

- 1766 Town Meeting voted down a motion to instruct its representative to the Great and General Court to vote for a motion for compensation to “suffers of the late disturbances in Boston.”
- 1773 Kingston receives from the Committee of Correspondence a pamphlet informing the townspeople “of infringements of rights of the inhabitants of the province.” Kingston reacts by acknowledging the injustices of the British government toward the Colonies and state that this town would be “Always ready to co-operate with our brethren in any legal and constitutional measure tending to the redress of the grievances we so justly complain of.”
- 1774 Kingston chooses a Committee of Correspondence headed by John Thomas, Esquire.
- January 1775 the Town of Kingston purchased “firearms and accouterments to equip thirty-three soldiers completely.”
- March 24, 1775 Kingston Company (of minute men) was formed under Peleg Wadsworth and later became part of the regiment from Plymouth County under Theophilus Cotton.
- April 20, 1775 Theophilus Cotton led an expedition against Marshfield, which contained troops from Kingston under Peleg Wadsworth.

- Thomas B. Drew (a Kingston historian) state 92 men served from Kingston, the text *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War* shows 77 (including one “black”: Ben Jeffreys), the listing below includes 158 names and is from a 1927 Memorial Day program.
- Kingston gave two Generals to this War: General Peleg Wadsworth, a militia General in charge of eastern Massachusetts and General John Thomas, a Brigadier General in the Continental Army and a leader on the Canadian expedition of 1776 – 1776.
- The first ship conditioned by the Provincial Navy, the brig *Independence*, a 16-gun ship, 94 feet long and costing 488 pounds. Simeon Sampson (born in Kingston) commanded the ship. Sampson captured five prizes in 1776 before he himself was defeated in a bloody battle by Captain Dawson of the British fleet, who returned Sampson’s sword as a salute to his gallantry.

List of those who served in the Revolutionary War that were from Kingston:

Major General John Thomas	Benjamin Carter
Brigadier General Peleg Wadsworth	Elisha Cushman
Colonel Joseph Sampson	James Cushman
Colonel John Gray	Joseph Chamberlain
Commander James Sever	Echabod Churchill
Major Seth Drew	Job Drew
Captain Ebenezer Washburn	Cornelius Drew
Lieutenant Daniel Adams	Lebbins Drew
Lieutenant Crocker Sampson	Samuel Drew
Lieutenant Hezekiah Ripley	John Davis
Lieutenant Noah Simmons	John Doty
Lieutenant Samuel Gray	James Dodge
Lieutenant Robert Cook	Zenas Davis
Ebenezer Adams	James Doten
Joshua Adams	Joshua Delano
John Adams	Job Eaton
Hosea Brewster	James Everson
David Bradford	Joseph Everson
Chandler Bradford	Seth Everson
Sylvanus Bradford	Samuel Everson
Peleg Bradford	Ephraim Everson
Noah Bradford	Jabez Eaton
Enoe Bradford	Eleazer Fuller
Isreal Bradford	Robert Fuller
Robert Bradford	Ebenezer Fuller
Consider Bradford	Barzilla Fuller
Nathan Brewster	Consider Fuller
Benjamin Battlesbee	Barnabas Fuller
Martin Brewster	John Fuller
Levi Bryant	Josiah Fuller
Thomas Bars	Zeph Fuller
James Bassett	Elijah Fuller
Barzilla Briggs	Elephalett Fuller
Samuel Beason	Samuel Fuller
Josiah Cook	Thomas Fish
Simeon Cook	Jacob Fish
Zadoc Cook	Isaac Fish
Bartlett Cook	Charles Green
John Cook	Joseph Griffin
Samuel Cole	Benjamin Gilber
Meletiah Cobb	Samuel Gilbert
Sylvanus Cobb	Simeon Hall
Eben Cobb	Elisha Hall
	Abner Hall

Thomas Hall
Enoch Hall
Job Hall
Sylvanus Hall
Samuel Hollis
Andrew Harlow
Josiah Hatch
Wally Holmes
Abner Holmes
John Holmes
Jonathan Holmes
Sylvester Holmes
Levi Holmes
Benjamin Holmes
John Johnson
John Jones
Benjamin Jeffereys (negro)
Richard Johnson
Charles King
Nathaniel King
Daniel Loring
Mark Marlin
John McLean
Benjamin Monroe
Seth Magoun
Andrew Murdock
James Murdock
Thomas Moon
Ezra Morton
Robert McLathlin
William Pratt
Benjamin Parris
Mathew Parris
Noah Prince
Samuel Randall
Onesimus Randall

Kenlom Ripley
Calvin Ripley
John Robinson
Benjamin Sampson
James Sampson
Croad Sampson
Andrew Simmons
William Sever
Elijah Sturtevant
Joseph Tinkham
John Tinkham
Samuel Tupper
Jonothan Torry
Spencer Thomas
James Thomas
Zebediah Thompson
Peleg Whitten
Cephas Wadsworth
Josiah Waterman
Josiah West
Asa Whitten
Bildad Washburn
Elisha Washburn
Judah Washburn
Thomas Washburn
John Washburn
Ziba Witherell
John Williams
Benjamin Waterman
Soloman Whitten
John Wade
James Waterman
Joshua Waterman
Zenas Waterman
Abner Weston