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Manuscript Collections

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*NAME OF COLLECTION:*

Orderly Books Collection, 1758-1813

*LOCATION:*

Octavo vols. "O"  
Folio vols. "O"

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*SIZE OF COLLECTION:*

35 octavo volumes; 5 folio volumes

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*SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:*

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*SOURCE OF COLLECTION:*

Gifts of Benjamin Russell, 1814; William B. Sprague, 1846; William N. Banister, 1886; Charles P. Greenough, 1909; Richard Ward Greene, 1917; Charles A. Peters, 1947; Verner A. Frost, 1956; Mary Stone, 1958; and Andrew K. Peters, 1973

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*COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:*

This collection of orderly books encompasses the French and Indian War, the U.S. Revolution, and the War of 1812 with the majority of books dating from the Revolutionary period. Of special importance are those kept during the Siege of Boston (1775) and for the final years of the Revolution in the Highlands region of New York. Unless the cover or fly leaf cite the name of the owner, regiment, or brigade, it is often difficult to identify the volume positively, and general orders, are, for lack of more precise identification, occasionally described as "Headquarters Orderly Book" or "Brigade Orderly Book."

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OCTAVO  
VOLUME

- 1 1758  
Col. Jonathan Bagl[e]y (1717-1785), Commander  
Massachusetts Regiment  
Provincial Camp at Lake George  
20 August to 11 September 1758  
34 pp.
- 2 1764  
Col. John Bradstreet (1711-1774)  
Oswego, Fort Ontario, Niagara, Erie, Detroit, Albany  
Suppression of Pontiac's Rebellion, 1764, with miscellaneous notes in the  
back of the volume  
27 June to 29 November 1764  
180 pp. (some pages torn out)
- 3 1775  
Col. James Frye ( -1776) [from Andover, Mass.]  
"1<sup>st</sup> Reg. Foot" Continental Army [Essex County Regiment?]  
Cambridge and Watertown  
Siege of Boston; includes Washington's arrival at Cambridge  
June through August 1775 (irregular dating)  
144 pp., plus 1 loose document  
[gift of Verner A. Frost, 1956]
- 4 1775  
Quartermaster Sergeant Seth Oak (1733-1810?) [lived in Athens, Vt.]  
Orderly book kept for Col. Doolittle's Mass. Reg., Capt. Wilder's Company  
Cambridge Headquarters and Camp at Prospect Hill  
Includes Washington's orders; accounts and notations by Benj. & Joseph  
Heywood  
3 July to 24 August 1775; accounts and notations from 1799 to 1839  
258 p., plus 1 loose document (some pages blank)  
[gift of Mary Stone, 1958]
- 5 1775-1776  
Col. Ebenezer Learned (1728-1801) [from Oxford, Mass.]  
Col. Learned's Massachusetts Battalion  
Roxbury and Cambridge  
Gen. Artemas Ward's orders from Roxbury and Gen. Washington's orders from  
Cambridge  
29 July 1775 to 12 January 1776  
292 pp.  
[gift of William N. Banister, 1886]

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- 6 1775

- Sergeant Isaac Nichols (1737-1822) and Corporal Nathan Wheeler ( -1823)  
 [both from Royalston, Mass.]  
 Orderly book kept for Col. Doolittle's Massachusetts Reg., Capt. Abel  
 Wilder's company  
 Winter Hill  
 Includes two pages of furlough and sick leave records and one page of  
 miscellaneous notes  
 5 September to 11 December 1775  
 97 pp. (many blank)
- 7 1775  
 Col. James Frye ( -1776) [from Andover, Mass.]  
 "1<sup>st</sup> Reg. Foot" Continental Army [Essex County Regiment?]  
 Cambridge Headquarters  
 4 October to 31 December 1775  
 108 pp. (some pages torn out)
- 8 1776  
 Col. James Mitchell Varnum (1748-1789)  
 9<sup>th</sup> Continental Infantry  
 New York  
 Preparations for Battle of Long Island and defense of New York; includes  
 Brig. General Nathaniel Greene's orders for the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade  
 22 April to 8 July 1776  
 200 pp.  
 [gift of Richard Ward Greene, 1917]
- 9 1777  
 Gen [Jonathan?] Warner ( -1803)  
 [Massachusetts Militia?]  
 Bridgewater, near Bound Brook, New Jersey  
 Includes miscellaneous notes  
 17 January to 11 March 1777  
 54 pp.
- 10 1777  
 Henry Brockholst Livingston (1757-1823)  
 orders for troops under General St. Clair and General Schuyler  
 Ticonderoga, Fort Edward, Moses Creek, Saratoga, Stillwater  
 13 June to 19 August 1777 (skips from 5 to 19 July)  
 176 pp. (blank pages at the end of the volume)  
 [gift of William B. Sprague, 1846]
- 11 1777  
 [Col. Timothy Bigelow (1739-1790)?] [from Worcester, Mass.]  
 15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment  
 Van Schaick's Island, Stillwater, Saratoga, Albany  
 Battles of Stillwater (19 September and 7 October), but no entries for the  
 days of the battles  
 12 August to 4 November 1777  
 98 pp.
- OCTAVO  
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- 12 1777  
 Col. Thaddeus Cook (1728-1800) [from Wallingford, Conn.]  
 Connecticut Militia  
 Stillwater, N.Y.  
 Records the Battle of Stillwater (19 September); includes weekly returns

from 13 September to 21 October  
6 September to 6 October 1777  
50 pp.

- 13 1778  
Gen. William Howe (1729-1814) and Gen. Henry Clinton (1738-1795)  
Philadelphia, march to New York  
Evacuation of Philadelphia by the British Army  
13 April to 20 June 1778  
160 pp.
- 14 1778  
Gen. Henry Clinton (1738-1795)  
march from Philadelphia to New York (the majority of entries made in New York)  
Battle of Monmouth  
21 June to 12 October 1778  
127 pp.
- 15 1779  
Sergeant John Knowler (1746/47-1817) [of Worcester, Mass.]  
Orderly book for Lt. Daniel Grout's company, Col. Timothy Bigelow's  
Regiment Saratoga, irregular entries for 15 February to June 1779  
Includes:  
A) weekly returns for Capt. William Gate's Company of Col. Timothy Bigelow's Regiment, Stillwater, Newport, Saratoga and Valley Forge, 10 October 1777 to August 1778;  
B) weekly returns for Capt. [Joseph?] Pierce's Company of Col. Timothy Bigelow's Regiment, Highlands and Peekskill, 1779-1780, kept by Sergeants Artemas Maynard and John Knowler;  
C) account of rations drawn, September 1779 to January 1780  
246 pp.
- 16 1779-1780  
Lt. Col. Andrew Peters (1742-1822) [from Mendon, Mass.]  
15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts?  
Highlands and West Point, N.Y.  
Includes extracts from Washington's orders, Morristown, N.J.  
18 November 1779 to 28 February 1780  
280 pp.  
[gift of Charles A. Peters, 1947]
- 17 1780  
Brigade Major Samuel Carr (1740-1810?) [from Newbury, Mass.]  
9<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts (Col. Wessen's Regiment)  
Highland, N.Y.  
29 February to 3 June 1780  
278 pp.  
[gift of Charles A. Peters, 1947]

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- 18 1780  
Major Joseph Pettengill ( -1785) [from Fryeburg, Mass.]  
9<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts  
Highlands, Peekskill, Tappan, Orangetown  
Includes entries in July concerning Washington's inspection of the troops;  
promotions for Pettengill noted 26 July and 3 August  
4 June to 31 July 1780; 3 August to 16 August 1780  
272 pp.  
[gift of Andrew K. Peters, 1973]

- 18a 1781-1783  
 Brigade Orderly Book  
 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade?  
 Continental Village?  
 Includes duty rosters  
 1 August 1781 to 1 June 1783  
 198 pp.
- 19 1781  
 Capt. Timothy Remick (1755-1785) [from Kittery, Me.]  
 1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts  
 Continental Village and Highlands, N.Y.  
 1 October to 12 December 1781  
 178 pp.
- 20 1781-1782  
 Headquarters Orderly Book  
 Highlands, N.Y.  
 Includes extracts of Washington's orders from Philadelphia; orders  
 concerning an outbreak of smallpox; two pages of rosters of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade  
 12 December 1781 to 27 March 1782  
 200 pp.
- 21 1781-1782  
 Garrison Orders  
 West Point, N.Y.  
 13 December 1781 to 12 April 1782 (with an extract from the Garrison Orders  
 for 17 November 1781 on the first page)  
 124 pp. (end pages cut out)
- 22 1782  
 Headquarters Orderly Book  
 troops under Major General William Heath (1737-1814)  
 Newburgh and Highlands, N.Y.  
 28 March to 16 June 1782  
 183 pp.

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- 23 1782  
 Headquarters Orderly Book  
 troops under Major General William Heath (1737-1814)  
 Newburgh, Highlands, New Windsor  
 Includes detail of guards at West Point for 12 June 1782 and a memorandum  
 for 26 July 1782  
 16 June to 18 August 1782  
 184 pp.
- 24 1782  
 Headquarters Orderly Book  
 Newburgh and Verplanck's Point, N.Y.  
 19 August to 17 September 1782

- 128 pp.
- 25 1782-1783  
Headquarters Orderly Book  
Newburgh and Verplanck's Point, N.Y.  
18 September 1782 to 1 January 1783  
246 pp.
- 26 1783  
Capt. Nathaniel Cushing ( -1814)  
1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Brigade? (commanded by Brigadier General John Paterson  
(1744-1808))  
Newburgh, N.Y.  
2 January to 25 February 1783  
120 pp.
- 27 1783  
Capt. Nathaniel Cushing ( -1814)  
1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Brigade (commanded by Brigadier General John Paterson  
(1744-1808))  
Newburgh, N.Y.  
"Anonymous" addresses to the officers at Newburgh; Cessation of the War  
26 February to 14 April 1783  
126 pp.
- 28 1783  
Capt. Nathaniel Cushing ( -1814)  
1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Brigade (commanded by Brigadier General John Paterson  
(1744-1808))  
Newburgh, N.Y.  
Includes a one-page roster for captain of the day for November 1782  
15 April to 20 June 1783  
166 pp.
- 29 1783  
British Headquarters Orderly Book  
[Capt. Alexander Campbell?]  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
20 April to 26 September 1783  
226 pp.

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- 30 1783  
General Rufus Putnam (1738-1824) [from Sutton, Mass.]  
3<sup>rd</sup> Massachusetts Brigade  
Newburgh, N.Y.  
Details of disbanding the troops; orders for the troops that remained at  
Newburgh after General Howe left for Philadelphia  
30 May to 17 October 1783  
116 pp. (first and last pages missing)  
[gift of Charles P. Greenough, 1909]
- 31 1783  
Brigade Orderly Book  
a Massachusetts Regiment  
Newburgh, N.Y.  
Includes Washington's Farewell Orders  
8 to 24 June 1783; 7 October, 2 November, 15 November 1783  
138 pp. (last half blank)

[gift of Benjamin Russell, 1814]

- 32 1783  
 Capt. Nathaniel Cushing? ( -1814)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Brigade? (commanded by Brigadier General John Paterson  
 (1744-1808))  
 Newburgh, N.Y. and march to Philadelphia  
 Includes orders of Major General Robert Howe and the court-martial of the  
 soldiers who marched from Lancaster to Philadelphia  
 21 June to 25 September 1783  
 96 pp. (several pages cut out)
- 33 1783  
 Capt. Nathaniel Cushing ( -1814)  
 Garrison and Brigade Orders  
 Newburgh, N.Y.  
 Includes Washington's Farwell Orders  
 16 October to 24 November 1783  
 56 pp. (pages missing)
- 34 1786  
 Lieutenant Chester Bascom (1786 - )  
 Greenfield, Massachusetts  
 Includes 10 years worth of infantry orders for assembly, militia training,  
 parades, the appointment of officers, and meetings.

FOLIO  
 VOLUME

- 1 1775  
 Col. Ephraim Doolittle (1725-1807)  
 Headquarters Orderly Book for Doolittle's 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
 Winter Hill  
 Siege of Boston; includes orders from Washington in Cambridge, a regimental  
 return for 14 May 1775 and 17 May 1775, and a list of men in the 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Regiment  
 22 April to 19 August 1775  
 76 pp.

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- 2 1775  
 Capt. Samuel Ward, Jr. (1756-1832)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island  
 Winter Hill and Prospect Hill (23 July to 30 July 1775); Jamaica Plains and  
 Charlestown (28 June to 23 July 1775—very irregular)  
 Includes General Greene's orders for 17 August to 2 September 1775; roll of  
 a company, 26 February 1776; poetry; accounts of Preserved Pearce in  
 Warwick, Rhode Island, 1796 and 1797, partially indexed  
 64 pp., plus 9 loose documents (receipts of Preserved Pearce)  
 [gift of Richard Ward Greene, 1917]
- 3 1775  
 Col. Jonathan Ward ( -1791)  
 Col. Ward's Massachusetts Battalion  
 Roxbury and Cambridge  
 Includes orders from the headquarters in Cambridge and Roxbury; last

thirty-two pages are memo and commonplace notes from 1808 to 1815  
6 September to 8 October 1775  
62 pp.

- 4 1778  
Pierre Etienne DuPonceau (1760-1844)  
"Journal détaillé de la Campagne en Amérique de 1778 ..."  
Valley Forge  
Includes Washington's general orders plus,  
A) details of troop dispositions, maneuvers and instructions from Baron Steuben in the bound volume;  
B) four pages of extracts of general orders for 28 March, 29 March, 2 April, in English, not bound  
C) four pages of general orders for 4 May 1778, in English, not bound;  
D) four pages of undated maneuvers, in English, not bound;  
E) sixteen pages of two drafts of maneuvers for 19 October 1782, in French, not bound  
1 March to 2 April 1778 (1-12 March in French, 13 March -2 April in English)  
52 pp. in the bound volume
- 5 1813  
Capt. [Edmund Hamilton?] Graves  
Brigade Orders  
Fort Norfolk, Va.  
23 March to 26 April 1813  
54 pp.