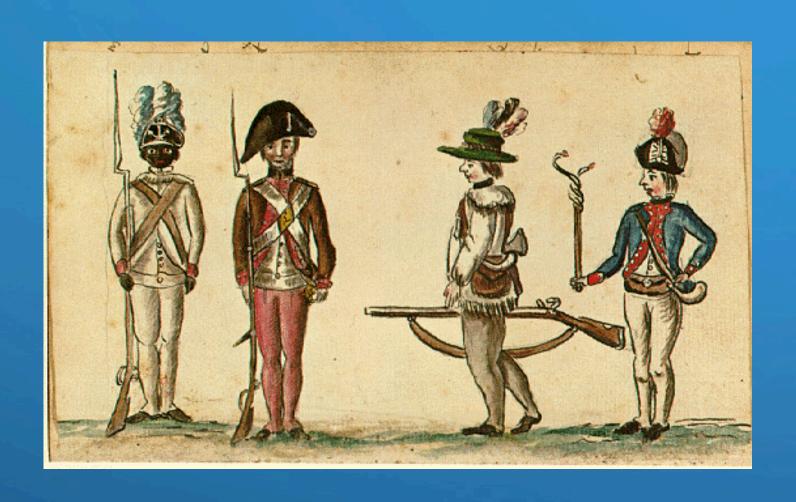


H C ANNIVERSARY LESSON

Choosing Sides in the American Revolution



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Objective: Students will explore the stories of individuals who chose to support either the British Army or Continental Army in order to understand that choices were varied and based on many factors. Note: These are individuals who are not named in the standards.

Grade Level(s) Based on 2015 Standards:

- VS.1 Skills a-h; VS.4 b-e; VS.5 a-d
- USI.1 Skills a-h; USI.5 a-e; USI.6 a-d
- VUS.1 Skills a-h; VUS.3 a-c; VUS.4 a-e

Grade Level(s) Based on 2023 Standards:

- VS. Skills a-I; VS.2 c, e; VS.4 a-f; VS.5 a-d
- USI Skills a-I; USI.5 a-e; USI.6 a-e
- VUS Skills a-j; VUS Skills a-j; VUS.3 e; VUS.5 a-g

Materials Needed:

- Character Card A Short bio of a real person
- · Character Card B Reveal as Patriot or Loyalist
- Slide Show Compares & Contrasts some of the people

Intro:

- 1. Explain what the terms Patriot, Loyalist, & Neutral Mean
 - a. Patriot someone who supported the Continental Army
 - b. Loyalist someone who supported the British Army
 - c. Neutral did not take a strong stand on either side
- 2. Ask students what reasons someone might have to support one side vs. the other? You can see an example chart at the end of the packet with some of our answers!

Main Lesson (Note: Character Cards are included after the example chart templates at the end of the packet):

- 1. Divide the students into pairs. Give each pair a Character Card A and have them say whether they think that person is Patriot or Loyalist. They must be able to explain why.
- 2. After going through each pair, give them the Character Card B that corresponds with their Character Card A. Were they correct? If so, what made them think that? If no, why didn't they guess that?
- 3. Note: We have provided a list of the individuals and how we know what side they supported at the end of this packet, if you would like to incorporate that information to encourage students to think about how primary sources give us this information.

Wrap Up:

- 1. Use slideshow to compare & contrast some choices to drive home the point that people from similar backgrounds made different choices. History isn't always easy or cut & dry! Note the PowerPoint does not cover every individual on the cards.
 - a. PowerPoint can be accessed via Google Drive here:
 - i. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LyHPMV6WNqallboR8v-5goz5ErzW5AF6?usp=sharing
- 2. Did this change the way that students think about Patriots vs. Loyalists? Why or why not?

Extension:

Follow this lesson up with either "Pass the Policy!" to develop a deeper understanding of Patriot & Loyalist events or "Who is the Traitor?" to develop a deeper understanding of Patriot & Loyalist perspectives, primary sources, and artifacts.

Chart Activity (Without Answers)

Issue	Patriot	Loyalist
Economy (taxation, debt, trade)		
Family		
Education		
Style of Government (Monarchy, Representation)		
Slavery		
Others?		

Chart Activity (With Sample Answers)

Brainstorm activity key

people covered in this lesson! This answer key is general. Find out more about specific reasons through reading the biographies of the

Others?	Slavery	Style of Government (Monarchy, Representation)	Education	Family/Community	Economy (taxation, debt, trade)	Issue	
 Interested in Westward Expansion Religious Freedoms Scared of Patriot violence, so fall in line with their ideas 	 Believed in the ideas of "life and liberty" for all people 	 Against having a king Feel colonists are not represented in British Parliament Want to make their own rules 	Reading philosophical ideas (Enlightenment era)	 Family raised in Colonies Reaction to treatment of other colonists in actions like Boston Massacre Family supported the Patriot side 	 Do not like Stamp, Tea, and Sugar Act Stressed by economic limitations Interested in trading with other countries 	Patriot	
 Upset by vigilante justice groups like Sons of Liberty Indigenous groups interested in protecting land west of Proclamation line of 1963 Scared of defying the King 	Dunmore's Proclamation - enslaved people running away from Patriot owners to find freedom with British army	 Believe in divine right of Kings Enjoy British protection Feel they are properly represented in Parliament 	Educated in England	 Family moved directly from England Family history serving in British military Family supported the Loyalist side 	 Want economic stability of British rule Business interests in England Fear of stricter economic policies Interested in protecting trade with Britain 	Loyalist	

(WHITE, WOMAN)

AFTER THE DEATH OF HER
HUSBAND, CLEMENTINA RIND
CONTINUED TO RUN HIS
NONPARTISAN NEWSPAPER
BUSINESS. SHE ALSO GAINED
FAME FOR PUBLISHING THOMAS
JEFFERSON'S "A SUMMARY
UIEW OF THE RIGHTS OF
BRITISH AMERICA" IN AUGUST
1774.

I. CLEMENTINA RIND

THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION
OFFICIALLY STARTED,
CLEMENTINA IS
GENERALLY
CONSIDERED TO HAVE
PATRIOT LEANINGS.

2. ROBERT MURSH (PAMUNKEY, MAN)

A MEMBER OF THE PAMUNKEY
TRIBE, ROBERT MURSH JOINED
AS A SOLDIER IN 1776. HE
REMAINED WITH THE ARMY
THROUGHOUT THE WAR AND
SAW ACTION IN BATTLES SUCH
AS BRANDYWINE AND
GERMANTOWN. HE WAS
CAPTURED AS A PRISONER OF
WAR IN 1780.

2. ROBERT MURSH

ROBERT JOINED THE CONTINENTAL ARMY AS A PATRIOT IN THE 15TH UIRGINIA REGIMENT.

3. CHRISTIANA CAMPBELL (WHITE, WOMAN)

CHRISTIANA MOUED HER
FAMILY TO WILLIAMSBURG IN
1771, AND OPENED A TAVERN.
THE TAVERN HOSTED GEORGE
WASHINGTON, THOMAS
JEFFERSON, AND OTHERS
DISCUSSING THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN THE COLONIES AND
PARLIAMENT.

3. CHRISTIANA CAMPBELL

CHRISTIANA'S TAVERN
WAS A PLACE FOR
COLONISTS TO DISCUSS
THEIR GROWING
CONCERNS WITH
ENGLAND AND DESIRE
FOR INDEPENDENCE.
CHRISTIANA WAS A
PATRIOT.

4. PEYTON RANDOLPH (WHITE, MAN)

PEYTON RANDOLPH WAS A WEALTHY POLITICIAN AND PLANTER WHO WAS BORN IN WILLIAMSBURG & EDUCATED AT WILLIAM & MARY. HE & HIS BROTHER SUPPORTED OPPOSITE SIDES, DESPITE SIMILIAR UPBRINGINGS.

4. PEYTON RANDOLPH

PEYTON WAS A STRONG
ADUOCATE FOR
INDEPENDENCE FROM
ENGLAND. AS A PATRIOT,
HE SERVED AS THE
PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST
AND SECOND
CONTINENTAL
CONGRESS.

5. ANDREW LEWIS (WHITE, MAN)

SHENANDOAH VALLEY, ANDREW **DUNMORE'S WAR. DURING THE** POLITICIAN. HE SERVED AS A REVOLUTIONARY WAR, HE **INDIAN WAR AND IN LORD SOLDIER IN THE FRENCH & LEWIS WAS A PROMINENT** SERVED AS A GENERAL. MILITARY LEADER AND HAILING FROM THE

5. ANDREW LEWIS

CONTINENTAL ARMY. HIS **DUNMORE EVACUATING CONGRESS APPOINTED DUNMORE AND LED TO ANDREW BRIGADIER PATRIOT FORCES GENERAL IN THE** DEFEATED LORD VIRGINIA.

(FREE BLACK MAN) 6. WILLIAM FLORA

KNOWN AS BILLY, WAS BORN TO FREE AFRICAN AMERICAN MILITARY THROUGHOUT THE PARENTS IN PORTSMOUTH, **WILLIAM FLORA, BETTER** BATTLE OF YORKTOWN. INCLUDING DURING THE **UA. HE SERVED IN THE** REVOLUTIONARY WAR,

7. JAMES CRAIK

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(WHITE, MAN)

FRIENDS WITH GEORGE WASHINTON, SERVING JAMES BECAME CLOSE PHYSICIAN. HE WAS A **AS HIS PERSONAL** (PATRIOT) ARMY DOCTOR FOR THE CONTINENTAL

EDINBURGH AND MOVED TO

UNIVERSITY OF

UIRGINIA IN THE 1750S.

DURING THE

SCOTLAND, CRAIK STUDIED

MEDICINE AT THE

ORIGINALLY FROM

WORKED AS A DOCTOR FOR

THE MILITARY.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR, HE

8. PETER FRANSISCO (WHITE, MAN)

JIRGINIA. DESPITE ONLY BEING A PORTUGAL, BUT WAS RAISED IN **OUTLANDISH IN THEIR CLAIMS** TEENAGER IN 1776, HE BECAME **FOLLOWED FRANCISCO AFTER** INVOLUED IN THE WAR. MANY THE "UIRGINIA GIANT," PETER SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS LEGENDARY STORIES, SOME FRANCISCO WAS FROM THE WAR.

6. WILLIAM FLORA

OF GREAT BRIDGE IN 1775 WILLIAM WAS HAILED AS DUNMORE'S LOVALISTS. A HERO AT THE BATTLE **UICTORY OVER LORD** CONTINENTAL ARMY. **-AN EARLY PATRIOT** HE JOINED THE

8. PETER FRANSISCO

BRAUERY, HEIGHT, AND **PETER WAS A PATRIOT** CONTINENTAL ARMY. STRENGTH WHILE FIGHTING IN THE **KNOWN FOR HIS**

(WHITE, WOMAN) 9. CHARLOTTE THORNTON

CHARLOTTE BELSON THORNTON "DISAPPROVED" OF WHAT WAS **BECAME A WIDOW IN 1769. SHE WAS OUTSPOKEN REGARDING WAR, DECLARING THAT SHE** HER OPINIONS DURING THE HAPPENING IN UIRGINIA.

9. CHARLOTTE THORNTON

FLY TO GREAT BRITAIN." EMBOLDENED HER...TO CALLED HERSELF "THE COLONY OF UIRGNINA, LOVALIST CHARLOTTE ONLY WIDOW IN THE WHOSE LOVALTY

10. JOHN RANDOLPH (WHITE, MAN)

& EDUCATED AT WILLIAM **BORN IN WILLIAMSBURG** AND PLANTER WHO WAS **JOHN RANDOLPH WAS A BROTHER SUPPORTED WEALTHY POLITICIAN** AND MARY. HE & HIS **DESPITE SIMILIAR** OPPOSITE SIDES, **UPBRINGINGS**

IO. JOHN RANDOLPH

UIRGINIA AND MOVED TO WORKED TO SUPPORT AS A LOYALIST, JOHN **ENGLAND. THERE HE** RANDOLPH LEFT GOVERNMENT THE BRITISH

II. HARRY WASHINGTON (ENSLAVED BLACK

MOUNT VERNON. HE DECIDED TO CAPTURED AND RETURNED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR TO **PRIOR TO THE WAR BUT WAS** TAKE UP ARMS AND FIGHT IN **UERNON. HE HAD RUN AWAY** HARRY WASHINGTON WAS **WASHINGTON AT MOUNT ENSLAUED BY GEORGE** GAIN HIS FREEDOM.

II. HARRY WASHINGTON

TO THE BRITISH TROOPS IN 1776 AS A MEANS TO FROM MOUNT VERNON **LOYALIST HARRY FLED** SEIZE HIS FREEDOM PROCLAIMATION THROUGH LORD **DUNMORE'S**

(ENSLAVED BLACK **12. MARY PERTH** WOMAN)

WITH HER HUSBAND CAESAR AND FROM SLAUERY, AFTER THE WAR **DURING THE CHAOS OF THE WAR** MARY PERTH WAS ENSLAUED BY PATIENCE MANAGED TO ESCAPE JOHN WILLOUGHBY OF NORFOLK **RECORDS SHOW HER LIVING IN NEW YORK AS A FREE WOMAN.** HER DAUGHTER, PATIENCE. SHE AND HER DAUGHTER

12. MARY PERTH

RECAPTURE. HER FAMILY **BRITISH ARMY TO HER EVACUATED WITH THE** MARY FOLLOWED THE **BRITISH AND OTHER LOVALISTS TO NOVA** FREEDOM, RISKING **SCOTIA AND LATER** SIERRA LEONE. **DISEASE AND**

13. LORD FAIRFAX (WHITE, MAN)

LORD FAIRFAX THE 6TH LORD OF CAMERON, LIVED NEAR GEORGE FIGURE SINCE HE HELD A TITLE, **WASHINGTON. OUER TIME, THE** THOMAS BARON CAMERON, OR IMPORTANT ARISTOCRATIC TWO MEN BECOME CLOSE FRIENDS. HE WAS AN AND WAS A WEALTHY LANDOWNER.

13. LORD FAIRFAX

WASHINGTON REMAINED LOVAL TO ENGLAND. HE & DESPITE HIS FRIENDSHIP **DIFFERING ALLEGIANCES FAIRFAX REMAINED** WASHINGTON, LORD FRIENDS DESPITE WITH GEORGE

14. RALPH WORMELEY (WHITE, MAN)

SOVERNOR'S COUNCIL, AFTER THI VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGRATES ENGLAND. UPON HIS RETURN TO WAR, HE REMAINED IN VIRGINIA RATIFICATION CONVENTION OF TOBACCO TAX COLLECTOR. IN AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE 1771, HE JOINED UIRGINIA'S **UIRGINIA, HE WORKED AS A** SCHOLAR WHO STUDIED IN RALPH WORMELEY WAS A AND CONSTITUTIONAL

14. RALPH WORMELEY

SO MANY SUSPECTED HE **WORMELEY'S BROTHERS ENGLAND AS LOVALIST, ALL FOUGHT FOR** WAS AS WELL.

(WHITE, MAN) **15. JONATHAN** BOUCHER

GEORGE'S STEPSON, JOHN PARKE ANGLICAN MINISTER. HE MOUED MINISTERED AND TAUGHT. HE JONATHAN BOUCHER WAS AN **WASHINGTON AND TUTORED** TO THE CHESAPEAKE REGION **WAS FRIENDS WITH GEORGE** FROM ENGLAND, WHERE HE CUSTIS

15. JONATHAN BOUCHER

LOVALIST, HE BELIEVED IN JONATAHN MOUED BACK **MONARCHY TO GOUERN** THE DIVINE RIGHT OF **KINGS, OR THAT GOD CHOSE THE BRITISH** WITH WAR ON THE TO ENGLAND. AS A HORIZON IN 1775, THEIR SUBJECTS.

IG. HENRY BAWBEE (WYANDOT, MAN)

TO BE SENT TO THE BRAFFERTON OF THE CHIEF. HE WAS SELECTED INDIAN SCHOOL AT THE COLLEGE THE WYANDOT TRIBE AND A SON **OF WILLIAM AND MARY IN 1775. FOUGHT ALONGSIDE OTHERS IN HENRY BAWBEE WAS PART OF** HE JOINED THE MILITARY AND THE WYANDOT TRIBE.

I6. HENRY BAWBEE

THE BRITISH ARMY AS A **ALIGNED THEMSELUES** BAWBEE FOUGHT FOR THE WYANDOT TRIBE WITH THE BRITISH. LOYALIST.

Patriots

Clementina Rind (white, woman, newspaper printer) - After the death of her husband, William Rind, Clementina Rind continued to run his newspaper business as Virginia's designated public printer and published Thomas Jefferson's bold resolution, A Summary View of the Rights of British America in August 1774.

• "At a time when the liberties of the colonies are daringly infringed, and despotism is exerting her baneful influence in the minds of those who wish not a well to the just privileges of America..." - Virginia Gazette (Rind), May 19, 1774, page 2.

Christiana Campbell (white, woman, tavern owner) - Following her husband's death, Christiana moved her family to Williamsburg where she eventually opened Christiana Campbell's Tavern in 1771, a space that hosted George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and others as they discussed ever-growing concerns about the relationship between the colonies and Parliament.

- "Dined at Mrs. Campbells" 5 May 1786 -G. Washington
- "She was humane, generous, and kind...An enemy to oppression, A friend to the distressed" Grave Epitaph

Robert Mursh (Pamunkey, man, soldier) - A member of the Pamunkey tribe and alumnus of the Brafferton Indian School at the College of William and Mary, Robert Mursh chose to join the Continental Army in 1776, serving in the 15th Virginia Regiment. He remained with the army throughout the war and saw action in pivotal battles such as Brandywine and Germantown. Captured with other Virginia soldiers at Charleston in 1780, he spent 14 months as a prisoner of war.

Pension application can be found here: https://revwarapps.org/w8416.pdf

Peyton Randolph (white, man, politician & planter) - The American Revolution tore families apart, as individuals made different decisions about who to support. Peyton Randolph was a strong advocate and leader for American Independence, serving as the President of the First and Second Continental Congress. His brother, John Randolph, left for England to support the British government.

- "the unshaken patriot." Mercy Otis Warren about Randolph
- "Thus has American liberty lost a powerful Advocate, and human nature a sincere friend." Richard Henry Lee

Andrew Lewis (white, man, soldier) - Hailing from the Shenandoah Valley backcountry of Virginia, Andrew Lewis was a prominent military leader and politician. During the Revolution, Congress appointed him as a Brigadier General in the Continental Army, and in 1776, his forces defeated Lord Dunmore's, forcing Dunmore to evacuate Virginia.

- "that they [English army] have Nothing to hope for in the Prosecution of their cruel and oppressive Plan, evidently calculated for the spilling the Blood of Part of us, and subjugating the Remainder to a State of Slavery." a letter to George Washington
- "I shall esteem it an honour as well as great Satisfaction to receive a Line from you as often as you have Leizure to think of your Excellencys Most obedeant and Very Humble Servant" Andrew Lewis to George Washington, 1779

William "Billy" Flora (Free Black man, Patriot) - Billy was born to free African American parents and was hailed a hero at the Battle of Great Bridge in 1775—an early patriot victory over Lord Dunmore's Loyalists. Later, he joined the Continental Army and served throughout the war, including during the Battle of Yorktown.

• "Billy Flora was well known in Portsmouth and the surrounding country, and was always greatly respected for his good conduct during the revolutionary war, and for his remarkable civility afterwards. He was a true patriot to the last." Editor's Note on pages 5-6 in "The Battle of Great Bridge" published in The Virginia Historical Register & Literary Companion, Volume 6, 1853.

James Craik (white, man, doctor) - Originally from Scotland, Craik studied at the University of Edinburgh before joining the British Army. He moved to Virginia in the 1750s and befriended George Washington during the French and Indian War. He later became a doctor in the Continental Army.

 "Mrs Craik joins me in Sincere Prayers for your health & prosperity—and that God may grant you a Glorious & Successfull Campaign" – Letter from James Craik to GW in 1777

Peter Francisco (man, Portuguese, soldier): Sometimes referred to as "Virginia Hercules" or the "Virginia Giant," Peter Francisco was a Portuguese-American patriot known for his tall stature and heroism during battle, despite only being a teenager in 1776. Many legendary stories, some outlandish in their claims, followed Francisco after the war.

• "[I] never felt satisfied, nor thought [I] did a good day's work, but by drawing British blood, and if that was not the case, could not have a good night's repose" - Letter of Peter Francisco to the General Assembly

Loyalists

Charlotte Belson Thornton (white, woman) - Charlotte Belson Thornton was widowed in 1769 and became a vocal advocate for the king when war broke out, declaring that she "disapproved of the illegal proceedings of the people of Virginia" and declared herself "the only Widow in the Colony of Virginia, whose Loyalty emboldened her to quit her Possession there, & fly to Great Britain."

• "Not many years after Colonel Thornton's death in 1769, the loyalty of this lady to her king at 'home' was much disturbed at the signs of the times, foreboding the political change in the relationship between the colonies and the English government. She, in consequence thereof, shortly before the war, left this country and removed to England with all her children, and among them her three sons, Presly Thornton, John Tayloe, and Charles Wade Thornton." - Letter from Judge John Tayloe Lomax, son in law of Captain Presly Thornton, dated 1 Oct 1858.

John Randolph (white, man, planter & politician) - The American Revolution tore families apart, as individuals made different decisions about who to support. Peyton Randolph was a strong advocate and leader for American Independence, serving as the President of the First and Second Continental Congress. His brother, John Randolph, left for England to support the British government.

• The Americans... may, with Propriety, be called the Children, and England the Mother of them. We are not only allied by blood, but are still father united by the extensive traide and comers carried between us. Our manners are similar, our relgion and language the same. There is no diversity between the Laws of each Contry, but suceh as local Circumstances have occasioned" - From "Considerations on the Present State of Virginia", 1774 - https://www.loc.gov/item/19012003/

Harry Washington – (enslaved, man) - Harry, a man enslaved by George Washington at Mount Vernon, fled to the British in 1776 as a means of seizing freedom through Lord Dunmore's Proclamation.

- "Delivering up the Negroes to their former masters... would be delivering them up some possibly to execution and others to severe punishment." Sir Guy Carleton, commander of remaining British forces at time of departure, in response to G. Washington.
- "Harry Washington, 43, [fine] fellow. [Formerly the property] of General Washington; left him 7 [years ago]." From Book of Negros, listing all Black people who departed for Nova Scotia on L'Abondance, 31 July 1783

Mary Perth – (enslaved, female) - Mary Perth was enslaved by John Willoughby of Norfolk, and when the opportunity for freedom arose, Mary and her daughter, Patience, followed the

British army, risking disease and recapture. After the war, Mary's name appeared in the Book of Negroes, in New York, as a freed woman, wife of Caesar Perth, and mother to Patience. Mary's family evacuated with the British to Nova Scotia and later to Sierra Leone, West Africa.

• "Mary Perth, 43...formerly the property of John Willoughby of Norfolk, Virginia, left him 7 years ago, G - From 'Book of Negros, pg 27 – National Archives

Lord Fairfax, 6th Lord of Cameron (white, wealthy, British Lord) - Thomas Baron Cameron lived near George Washington and became a close friend throughout Washington's lifetime. He was an important aristocratic figure as he was titled, wealthy, and a landowner. Washington remained respectful to him despite their different allegiances during the war.

• As the only resident British peer in the American colonies, Fairfax never renounced his title or formally declared allegiance to the revolutionary cause. His status as a British nobleman and lack of involvement in Revolutionary government affairs despite being a large landowner implies a natural inclination toward loyalty to the Crown.

Ralph Wormeley (white, male, planter, politician) - Wormeley was a scholar, and his family sent him to England to earn his education at Eton. Once he returned to Virginia, he worked as a tobacco tax collector. In 1771, he joined Virginia's Governor's Council and remained in this role until the start of the Revolutionary War. Many suspected him of being a Loyalist during the war, as his brothers fought for the British. Nevertheless, Wormeley remained in Virginia and continued his role in politics, even partaking in the Virginia House of Delegates and the Constitutional Ratification Convention of 1788.

 "but the said Letter being, in the opinion of this Committee, a full proof...of the said Ralph Wormeley, Jun, Esq, against the rights of America, and showing a readiness to join the enemies of this Colony." - From the Proceedings of Virginia Committee of Safety, April 22 1776 -

Jonathan Boucher (white, male, minister): Boucher was an Anglican minister and a well-known Loyalist in the South. Originally from England, he moved to the Chesapeake region and began ministering and teaching. He befriended George Washington and even tutored his stepson, John Parke Custis. When war loomed in 1775, Boucher left the colonies for England. He adhered to the Divine Right of King's theory –believing the British monarchy was chosen by God to govern their subjects.

• "I will continue to pray for the King; and all who are in authority under him ... As long as I live ... will I ... proclaim: God save the King!" - 1775 sermon

Henry Bawbee (Wyandot tribe, male): Bawbee was the son of a Wyandot chief. The tribe selected him to be sent to the Brafferton School in 1775. The tribe aligned themselves with the British and Bawbee fought with the British Army.

• "A half Indian of the name of Bawbee, brought me a draft of the Works [fort] at Detroit, which I take the liberty to enclose. He dropped some hints of his being in British pay and I confined him in Irons but know not how to punish him without bringing more trouble upon the Inhabitants." -Col Daniel Brodhead in letter to G. Washington, 7 Dec 1780