Loyalist Related Materials found at the Connecticut State Library

Within the Connecticut State Library researchers will discover a wide range of useful historical resources regarding Loyalist in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War period. While the library staff is unable to conduct extensive research on behalf of patrons, the below research listing is intended to help direct individuals to primary and secondary resources that may be accessed by visiting the Connecticut State Library. This listing is not exhaustive and researchers interested in more in-depth research should also consult the library’s Manuscript & Archives Catalog in the History & Genealogy Reading Room to determine if there is additional materials of interest about loyalist in Connecticut.

Manuscript Resources

RG #001, Early General Records.
The Connecticut Archives collection comprises the records of the General Assembly to approximately 1820 and is grouped into broad topics. For more information about this collection, see the main Connecticut Archives Series page. The series pertaining to Revolutionary War military records which includes loyalist related materials include:

- Revolutionary War, Series I, 1763-1789. Online Index
- Revolutionary War, Series II, 1756-1856. On-site index only
- Revolutionary War, Series III, 1765-1820. Online Index

Check the subject headings for "Loyalists" and "Confiscated Estates" or by personal name in the indexes to Connecticut Archives: Revolutionary War, Series I, II, and III for entries regarding loyalists.

This set comprises the official record books of the General Court/General Assembly. The original volumes are housed in the State Archives as part of Record Group #001, but those through the early nineteenth century have been published [CSL call number History Reference ConnDoc G25]. Volumes covering the Revolutionary War period include appointment of officers to militia units; acceptance of accounts; memorials by citizens who lost property during the war, and information regarding loyalists and confiscated estates. Full text access to The Public Records of the State of Connecticut, 1776-1784 are available via our online catalog.

RG #003 Records of the Judicial Department
Court records pertaining to Loyalists that were taken from various Connecticut County, County Court and Superior Court case files and segregated within a specialized court papers by subject collection. These court records have been indexed and are available for research on our website, please see: Connecticut Courts, Papers by Subject, Loyalists, 1776-1784 for further information.
RG #008, Records of the Comptroller
State Archives Record Group 8:21 includes papers pertaining to disposal of "confiscated estates" [CSL call number property seized from Loyalists], 1779-1788.

Researchers should also note the following collection which is related to the Connecticut Archives Series:

**Jonathan Trumbull Papers**
This collection of Connecticut colonial and early state official papers ca. 1631-1784, was collected by Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Sr. at the direction of the General Assembly. The papers were arranged into 30 volumes; volume 19 burned in 1825 (State Archives manuscript call # 974.6 T76). An alphabetical slip index (by subject and surname) is housed in the Archives Archival Reading Area (ARA) of the Connecticut State Library.

Archival and manuscript materials, items from Special Collections, and original newspapers are retrieved from the vaults three times a day. Current retrieval times are 10:30 A.M., 12:00, and 2:00 P.M. Researchers must read the current Rules & Procedures for using archival materials and obtain an archives pass prior to requesting materials and must submit call slips at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled retrieval time. History and Genealogy Unit librarians are available to assist in the use of finding aids. If researchers have any questions about our archival holdings or access to records, they should call (860-757-6580), E-mail, or write the History and Genealogy Unit in advance regarding application procedures and current rules governing the State Archives and Special Collections.

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**Published Resources**

Baxter, Angus. *In Search of Your Canadian Roots* [CSL call number History Reference CS 82 .B39 1989].


Researchers should also check the subject heading "American Loyalists" on the library's online Primo Catalog for further information. There are sometimes also references to the administration of the estates of Loyalists in probate records; check the statewide probate estate papers index in the corridor off the H&G reading room to see if a Loyalist of interest is listed. Finally, check land records to determine succession to title to Loyalists' land for information about property description, value, sale and/or disbursement.

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