

(a) LANCASTER COUNTY CONTRIBUTORS TO RELIEF OF  
BOSTON, 1774

Among the manuscripts in the Manuscript Department of the Library of the Pennsylvania Historical Society at Philadelphia in a Volume entitled "Lancaster County Miscellaneous Papers," pp. 5 and 7 appear the following documents:

"We whose names are hereto subscribed do severally agree to pay the sums affixed to our respective names to the committee of the county of Lancaster for the relief of the distresses of the poor inhabitants of the town of Boston

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
William Wright .....	0	10	0	Ed. Gruber .....	0	10	0
Joseph Wright .....	0	20	0	John Brackbill .....	2	0	0
James Houston .....	0	15	0	James Jacks .....	1	0	0
Martin Moser (?) .....	0	10	0	James Gibbons .....	3	0	0
Philip Dean .....	0	7	6	Jos. Campbell .....	3	0	0
Jacob Erb (Has sub- scribed in his own township) .....	1			Daniel Houston .....	1	0	0
Daniel Whitelock .....	0	10	0	Samuel Bethel .....	1	10	0
Emanuel Carpenter, Jr. ....	0	10	0	Philip Bromall .....	0	7	6
Adam Reigart .....	0	10	0	Musal Todine (?) .....	1	0	0
Mathias Graff .....	0	15	0	Esylogez Cantonberg (?) ..	0	7	6
Jacob Fetter .....	0	10	0	John Graeff .....	0	5	0
James Webb, Jr. ....	1	0	0	Peter Gonter .....	0	4	3
Francis Bailey .....	1	0	0	John Hatz .....	0	2	6
Ludwig Lauman .....	3	0	0	Jacob Deckert .....	0	9	6
Edw. Shippen .....	10	0	0	Jacob Klatz .....	0	7	6
Peter Hoffnagle .....	1	2	6	Casper Shaffner .....	0	10	6
Christian Shwarr .....	0	4	6	Simon Schneider .....	0	7	6
Jas. & Robt. Liphart .....	1	0	0	Daniel Funck .....	0	5	0
Lochlaun Castney .....	0	10	0	Henry Stuber (?) .....	1	0	0
Caleb Johnson .....	0	7	6	Christopher Crawford ...	0	7	6
Ludwig Stone .....	0	10	0	Benj. Hershey, Jr. ....	0	7	6
Christian Hyner (?) .....	0	10	0	Christian Vogt, Jr. ....	1	0	0
Geo. Ross .....	6	0	0	Bernard Hubley .....	1	0	0
James Webb .....	1	0	0	Paul Wetzel .....	0	15	0
James Wright .....	2	0	0	Philip Baker .....	0	5	6
Mathias Slough .....	3	0	0	Archibald Steel .....	0	7	6
William Atlee .....	3	0	0	George Eberly .....	0	7	6
Jos. Ferree .....	3	0	0	Henry Small .....	0	7	6
John Ferree .....	1	10	0	Baltzer Shertzer or Hertzer .....	0	7	6
Moses Lowrey .....	2	0	0	Philip Krug (?) .....	0	7	6
Charles Hall .....	1	0	0	Peter Miller .....	0	5	0
John Kelly .....	0	15	0	Jacob Metzgar .....	0	7	6
William Bausman .....	2	0	0	Jacob Yank .....	0	7	6
William Henry (?) .....	1	0	0	Jounot Joust (?) .....	0	7	6
J. Yeates .....	6	0	0	Peter Trissler (?) .....	0	3	9
Paul Zantzinger .....	6	0	0	Peter Kibler .....	0	3	9
Christian Hair .....	1	0	0	Andreas Benhinig (?) ...	0	7	6
				Peter Walter .....	0	10	0

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Frederick Mun .....	0	7	6	Conrad Kenig .....	0	3	0
John Fisher .....	0	7	6	George Metzgar .....	0	6	0
George Hoff .....	0	10	0	Stephen Sweitzer .....	0	2	6
John Fellman .....	0	7	6	William Cooper .....	0	2	2
Jacob Shafer .....	0	7	6	John Hendricks .....	0	1	0
Philip Crawford .....	0	2	6	Yacham Nagle .....	0	1	0
Tobias Kiser (?) .....	0	2	0	Christian Esch .....	0	2	0
Christian Petry .....	0	3	3	Melchor Hill .....	0	1	6
Adam Edelman .....	0	4	0	Michael Sponsaler .....	0	2	0
John Reichling .....	0	4	9	Frederick Kernlec .....	0	1	10½
Michael Guntaker .....	0	2	0	Catharine Reigart .....	0	2	0½

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Joseph Simon .....	2	0	0	John Doyle .....	0	7	6
George Moore .....	0	15	0	Eliazbeth Graef .....	0	5	6
William Lasey (?) .....	1	0	0	Christopher Heiney .....	0	7	6
Caleb Cooper .....	0	15	0	Ersthard Michael .....	0	11	3
Chas. Hamilton .....	3	0	0	Elizabeth Gross .....	0	7	6
John Hubley .....	1	0	0	Peter Fetter .....	0	5	0
William Ross .....	1	0	0	Marcus Young .....	1	0	0
Conrad Swartz .....	0	15	0	Mathias Young .....	0	7	6
Nicholas Reidenour .....	0	7	6	John Mussencope .....	0	7	6
Lowrentz Montgomery ..	1	0	0	Rudolph Harthoffel .....	0	7	6
Christian Wertz .....	1	0	0	Stophel Franciscus .....	0	5	0
Thos. Mendenhall .....	0	15	0	George Hoffnagle .....	0	15	0
John Jacob Loeser .....	0	10	0	Nicolas Miller .....	1	0	0
Kasper Masokin (?) .....	1	0	0	James Dawson .....	0	5	0
Nicholas Job .....	0	7	6	Jacob Steigelman .....	0	5	0
George Ross, Jr. ....	3	0	0	Andros Keip .....	0	5	0
Henry Rankin .....	0	15	0	Mr. and Mrs. Henry			
Roger Conner .....	0	7	6	Helmuth .....	1	5	0
Mary Ferree .....	0	7	6	Mr. and Mrs. Charles			
Anne Eliz. Snyder .....	0	7	0	Bohm .....	1	0	0
Martin Lowman .....	0	15	0	John Cross (Gross) .....	0	5	0
Mos Jewtery (?) .....	0	15	0	Thomas Doyle .....	0	5	0
Michael Bostins .....	0	7	6	Michael Musser .....	0	7	6
Samuel Boyd .....	1	0	0	Mathias Artenought (?) ..	0	7	6
John Jordan .....	0	15	0	Samuel Turbett .....	0	7	6
James Tweed .....	0	10	0	William Graham .....	0	5	0
Joseph Myer .....	0	10	0	George Mayer .....	0	7	6
George Graeff .....	6	0	0	Edwin Carson .....	0	15	0
Daniel Trissler .....	0	7	6	Michael Diffederfer .....	1	15	6
Felix Donnelly .....	0	7	6	George Sanderson .....	0	15	0
Christian Reynick .....	0	7	6	Christopher Reigert .....	0	15	0
Peter Funk .....	0	7	6	Michael Henry (Krug?) ..	0	15	0
Henry Helm .....	0	7	6	George Bickhart .....	1	0	0
Philip Kling .....	0	7	6	Anthony Wiltz .....	0	7	6
Peter Bare .....	0	7	6	Barbara DeHuff .....	0	1	10½
George Swartz .....	0	7	6	Barney Wolf .....	0	5	6
Jacob Backestose .....	0	5	0	Jacob Kraft .....	0	7	6
Christian App .....	0	7	6	Jacob Eberman .....	0	7	0

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Jacob Young .....	0	7	6	Henry Keller .....	0	5	0
Casper Fortner .....	0	7	6	Daniel Bordt .....	0	1	0
John Kuntz .....	0	7	6	Casper Bruner .....	0	10	0
John Miller (Gunsmith) ..	0	5	0	Casper Egli .....	0	7	6
Melker Rudisil .....	0	5	0	Dr. Frederick Kuhn .....	1	7	6
Peter Albright .....	0	7	6	John Hopson .....	1	0	0½

N. B. A few observations may be added, with profit, to the foregoing subscription lists, and therefore we add the following matter.

While there are only two lists preserved, so far as we know, of the subscribers to the fund to enable Boston to hold out against British oppression, and thus to help the American fight for her Independence, as it afterwards turned out, yet there evidently were many more such petitions, likely one in each township, because, as we notice in the list given, Jacob Erb, after giving one pound notes that he has subscribed on his township list. This will enable us to understand the extent the people of Lancaster County felt the appeal and the position of Boston.

It is also to be noted that here we have evidence to a small extent of the part the patriotic women of those times helped the "cause". Catharine Reigart, Mary Ferree, Anne Elizabeth Snyder, Elizabeth Graeff, Elizabeth Gross, Mrs. Henry Helmuth, Mrs. Charles Bohm and Barbara DeHuff, whose names appear on the list, have by their subscription shown their patriotism and have added a little part to that history still largely unwritten, namely the part the women played in the early life of our county and its history.

It is worthy also of note that the subscriptions were not confined to the Scotch-Irish and English, but that our Swiss and German ancestors also helped and did their part. Many of their names here appear.

Here is a list of 190 names and the subscriptions make up many pounds of money to relieve Boston of her predicament. It is (taken as a whole) a bright chapter in Lancaster County's part in the American Revolution and in the establishment of our Independence.

N. B. Miss Rebecca Slaymaker states that she has knowledge of several additional subscription lists similar to the above

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## (b) LANCASTER COUNTY'S PROVINCIAL AND COUNTY TAX IN 1774

In a volume of Lancaster County Miscellany among the manuscripts of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, are found the sums of taxes assessed against and collected from the several townships and the Boro of our County for Provincial and for County purposes in 1774.

Townships	Provincial Tax			County Tax		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Heidelberg .....	132	10	3	20	9	9
Bethel .....	72	13	0	11	19	3
Bart .....	61	11	6	11	17	11
Lebanon .....	204	16	0	35	17	6
Londonderry .....	92	11	6	20	2	6
Derry .....	51	11	9	8	17	10
Caernarvon .....	72	2	9	11	16	8
Lancaster Township .....	52	4	3	8	19	1
Upper Paxton .....	74	6	3	8	19	1
Colerain .....	30	6	6	5	12	3