



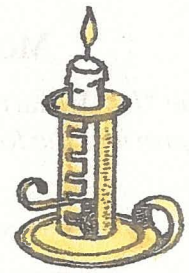
# Yore Connection

## Arundel Historical Society Newsletter

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It is time to begin a new year and we do so with enthusiasm! We have provided a partial calendar of AHS events (see p. 4) which include several Bean Suppers, the July Raffle Calendar, Bake Sales, and Heritage Day. We are also discussing some additional things to do, so stay tuned.

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### Arundel Veterans Honor Roll

Additon: January 2026

Joseph "Ken" Dumont \*U.S. Air Force

*Please let us know the names of any Arundel resident who is or was a veteran or is currently serving. Also, if your Arundel ancestors served at any time, please tell us what you know about their service. Arundel's veterans deserve recognition and our appreciation for their service.*

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Since this is the year to celebrate our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, we thought we would use a "revolutionary" theme. If any of you have information about your family's history that extends back to the time of the Revolution, we would appreciate it if you shared it with the AHS. It could be in the form of an article for a future issue of *Yore Connection* or as something to display in the Reminisce Tent on Heritage Day, September 19. Please let us know if you have an idea.

To get started, here is the list we have of Arundel men who served during the 1700's. Those with an (\*) before their names are buried in cemeteries in Arundel. Their names are included on our Honor Roll. A copy of the complete Honor Roll is available to the public in the Municipal Building. For some of the veterans, we have found some additional information.

#### French & Indian War 1754-1763

Bracey Curtis  
James Deschon Sr.

#### Revolutionary War 1775-1783

\*Samuel Coleman  
\*Abner Crediford  
James Deschon Jr.  
\*Captain Tobias Lord  
Pierce Murphy  
\*John Patten  
\*Captain William Smith  
\*Benjamin Thompson  
\*Nathan Thompson

#### Continental Army

Daniel Deschon  
John Deschon  
John Fairfield  
Robert Hanscom  
Simeon Hutchins

#### Notes:

**Abner Crediford** - Sergeant; Capt. Jesse Dorman's Co., Col. James Scammon's 30<sup>th</sup> Regt.; enlisted May 12, 1775; service 2 mos. 24 days; *also*, Sergeant, Capt. Simeon Brown's Co., Col. Nathaniel Wade's Regt.; enlisted July 1, 1778; discharged at E. Greenwich, R.I.; service, 6 mos. 8 days; *also*, same Co. and Regt.; muster rolls dated East Greenwich, Sept. 17, Oct. 14, and Nov. 6, 1778; enlistment to expire Jan. 1, 1779. *Also*, 2d Lieutenant, Capt. James Burnam's 7<sup>th</sup> Co., 3d York County Regt.; list of officers of Mass. Militia; commissioned Dec. 14, 1779.

**James Deschon, Jr.** - Private; Capt. Ezra Towne's Co.; Col. John Reed's Regt.; Continental Army 1776; died during the war in Lake Champlain, NY.

**Daniel Deschon, John Deschon, John Fairfield, Robert Hanscom, Simeon Hutchins, Thomas Boston, Edward Nason** see following pages...

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## More information about Arundel's Revolutionary War veterans

*The "US Military Records Rosters of Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors Census of Pensioners", provides the following information as of JUNE 1, 1840. The residence for the men on this list is "Kennebunkport", which was Arundel's name from 1820 to 1915.*

Names of pensioners for revolutionary or military services	Ages	Names of heads of families with whom pensioners resided June 1, 1840
Abraham Currier	81	Nathaniel Currier
Daniel Huff	86	Daniel Huff
Robert Hanscom	77	Sally Hanscom
<b>Thomas Boston</b>	77	Elijah Littlefield
Lemuel Miller	89	Lemuel Miller
John Millet	77	John Millet
Jacob Merrill	81	Jacob Merrill
<b>Edward Nason</b>	85	James Nason
Samuel Smith	91	Andrew Smith
Jonathan Stone	77	Jonathan Stone
James Thompson	79	James Thompson
Nathan Thompson	85	Nathan Thompson
Benjamin Wildes	78	Thomas Wildes

### *Notes (cont'd):*

**Daniel Deschon** – Private; Continental Army July to Dec. 1780; marched July 1780; Capt. Samuel Sayers Co., Col. Patterson's Reg. Massachusetts line; discharged Dec. 17, 1780; service 5 mos. 3 days.

**John Deschon** – Private; Capt. Nathaniel Cousens's Co., (late) Maj. Littlefield's detachment from York Co. militia; enlisted July 6, 1779; discharged Aug. 24, 1779; service, 1 mo. 19 days, on Penobscot expedition; *also*, pay roll for 6 months men raised by the town of Arundel for service in the Continental Army during 1780; marched July 15, 1780; discharged Jan. 18, 1781; service 6 mo.; *also*, Private, Capt. Luke Hitchcock's Co., Col. Joseph Vose's 1<sup>st</sup> Regt.; muster roll for Jan. 1781, dated West Point.

**John Fairfield** – Private; On list of men mustered by Nathaniel Wells, Muster Master for York Co., dated Wells, March 12, 1777; Capt. Daniel Merrill's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt.; term 3 years or during war; reported received State and Continental bounties; *also*, Private, Capt. Hitchcock's Co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Feb. 1, 1777, to Feb. 1, 1780; *also*, Capt. Daniel Merrill's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt.; muster return [year not given]; residence, Arundel; engaged for town of Arundel; mustered at Wells; *also*, same Co. and Regt.; subsistence allowed from date of enlistment, Feb. 1, 1777 to March 17, 1777; credited with 59 days allowance; travel allowed from home to Bennington, the place of rendezvous; *also*, return made by Nathaniel Wells, Muster Master, of men who were unfurnished with firearms, etc., from whom a stoppage had been made for procuring the same, according to resolve of Court [year not given].

**Robert Hanscom** – Private; 1781 to July 1783; 9<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Col. Henry Jackson Regt.; Capt. Fox Co.; Col. Miller 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass. Regt.; Capt. Pritchett's Co.

**Simeon Hutchins** – Private, Corporal, Sargent; Capt. Hitchcock's Co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's Regt.; Continental Army pay accounts for service from Feb. 1, 1777 to April 1, 1779; residence, Arundel; credited to town of Arundel; reported deserted April 1, 1779; *also*, Capt. Daniel Merrill's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt.; subsistence allowed from date of enrollment, Feb. 1, 1777 to March 17, 1777; credited with 59 days allowance, including 14 days (280 miles) travel on march to Bennington, the place of rendezvous; residence, Arrington; *also*, same Co. and Regt.; return [year not given]; mustered by Muster Master Wells, at Wells.

More notes:

**Thomas Boston** - A document from the "State of Maine Land Office", dated March 29, 1836, reads as follows:

"I HEREBY TESTIFY, that Thomas Boston of Kennebunkport in the County of York, by declaration sworn to me on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Augt. last, (See claim No. 261) and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved his claim to the benefits of a 'Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and soldiers,' approved March 17, A.D. 1835, and that "THE LAWFUL HOLDER" of this certificate is entitled, under the provisions of a Resolve additional to said Resolve, approved March 16, 1836, to **TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.**

[signed] Land Agent of Maine"  
*Signature not legible.*

**Edward Nason** - Private; enlisted May 8, 1775; Capt. Jesse Dorman's Co., Col. James Scammon's 30<sup>th</sup> Reg.

\*\*\*The additional information in "notes" was found in a variety of military documents on [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org). Some details are also from information provided by Stephanie Thompson Smith, a descendant of the Deshons.

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**A bit of Revolutionary fun...**

*Unscramble the letters to form words, then use the letters underlined in red to solve the puzzle.*

YEEMN = \_\_\_\_\_

NNRATLE = \_\_\_\_\_

KMETUS = \_\_\_\_\_

TALIIMI = \_\_\_\_\_

As the captain struggled to put on his wet boots, he shouted,

"I'll be there \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_."

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## 2026 Partial Calendar of AHS Events

*Additional events to be announced.*

- March 7** - Baked Bean & Pasta Supper - 4:30-6 - M.L. Day School  
**April 11** - Baked Bean & Pasta Supper - 4:30-6 - M.L. Day School  
**May 9** - Baked Bean & Pasta Supper - 4:30-6 - M.L. Day School

*All Suppers: \$10 [adult] \* \$5 [ages 6-12 years] \* 5 years and under FREE*

*Take-out (full meal + dessert) is available.*

*"Take Me Home" beans also available.*

**March - June:** July Raffle Calendar will be available at all events and from our Directors and some volunteers. The \$5 calendar includes a prize for each day, with winners going back in the "hat" for additional chances to win. The prizes are gift certificates or cash donated by local businesses.

**May 24:** Memorial Day Ceremony - 11am - at the Veterans Memorial

**June 9 & Nov. 3:** Bake Sale during voting.

**Heritage Day:** Saturday - September 19 at *North Chapel Common*  
10am to 4pm - Free parking, free admission -  
Entertainment, great food, crafts, demonstrations, activities for kids, historical displays. This is a family-oriented event with something for everyone to enjoy. Save the date!