

# Guide to the James Boyer Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 672

**CREATOR:** Boyer, James

**TITLE:** James Boyer collection

**DATES:** 1773-1841

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** A collection of photostatic copies of letters (1779-1784) written to James Boyer, artilleryman and commissary officer, during the Revolutionary War. Correspondents include his brother, Peter Boyer, Samuel Hodgdon (1745-1824), Richard Frothingham (1748-1819), Ebenezer Stevens (1713-1798) and Henry Knox (1750-1806). Also included are photostatic copies of miscellaneous documents and papers "found in the Boston Post Office" relating to the Revolution.

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James Boyer Collection. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Scope and Contents

The James Boyer collection consists of photostatic copies of letters (1779-1784) written to James Boyer during the Revolutionary War. James Boyer served in an artillery component under Ebenezer Stevens; he also served in a commissary office until the end of the war. Correspondents include Peter Boyer, his brother, a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Safety, and Inspection in Boston, Samuel Hodgdon (1745-1824), Richard Frothingham (1748-1819), and Ebenezer Stevens (1713-1798). Also included in this collection are photostatic copies of miscellaneous documents and papers relating to the Revolution which, in 1929, were described by the donor, Maj. Preston Brown, as being "found in the Boston Post Office."

## Collection Contents

### [Papers found in the Boston Post Office]

b. 1	Passport issued by Col. Suttelough, Q. M. Gen. To Luke Johnson	1778 February 15
b. 1	Isaac Barron's statement of service in the American Revolution and plea for a pension, witnessed by John Davis	1818 April 14
b. 1	Certificate of Service in the Revolutionary War for Isaac Barron, signed by John Davis; Boston	1818 September
b. 1	Notification of appointment of Issaac Barne to the Wheel Wright company, signed by Luther Kennicut	1777 March 4
b. 1	Orders to Lieut. Barns from Col. Wm. Shepard; Springfield [at bottom is a note identifying Barns as Barrows]	1781 August 25
b. 1	Appointment of Issaac Barrons to 2d lieutenancy, signed by John Hancock	1781 August 15
b. 1	Certificate of service in the Revolutionary War for Thomas Haney, signed by John Haney; Boston [with note by Haney making a plea for a pension]	1818 July
b. 1	Statement of service in the Revolutionary War by Thomas Haney; Boston	1818 March 18
b. 1	A return of Capt. Abijah Childs' company in the 25th Regiment	1776 February 16
b. 1	Appointment of Simon Edgel to captaincy; signed by Perez Morton and 15 others	1776 December 10
b. 1	Appointment of Simeon Edgell to captaincy; signed by John Avery and 15 others	1773 July 10
b. 1	Appointment of Benjamin Edghill to captaincy; signed by John Avery and 15 others	1778 July 7
b. 1	Appointment of Daniel Gallushee to lieutenancy by Congress; signed by John Hancock	1775 May 19
b. 1	Appointment of Richard Frothingham to office of Principle Field Commissary, signed by Richard Peters	1781 June 1
b. 1	Certificate of continuance on Pension Roll to Caesar Glover, signed by I. L. Edwards	1820 October 20
b. 1	Circular letter ordering the return of census figures from the District Court of the United States at Boston, signed by M. Van Buren	1830 June 4
b. 1	Acknowledgment of the receipt of copyright lists from the Clerk of the District Court of the United States at Boston, signed by Daniel Webster	1841 April 13

### [Originals formerly in the possession of Mr. McKay of Meadville, PA]

b. 2	Warrant from Sam Hodgdon to James Boyer; Philadelphia	1780 August 8
b. 2	Letter from Sam Hodgdon to James Boyer; Philadelphia	1784 August 21
b. 2	Letter from Sam Hodgdon to James Boyer; Chester	1779 July 18

b. 2	Copy of letter from B. Lincoln to Samuel Hodgdon	1782 January 1
b. 2	Letter from Peter Boyer to James Boyer; Boston	1780 September 15
b. 2	Citation to James Boyer to appear at court-martial of Gen. St. Clair; White Plains	1778 August 4
b. 2	Letter from Peter Boyer to James Boyer; Boston	1779 October 26
b. 2	Letter from Richard Frothingham to James boyer; Tappan	1780 August 20
b. 2	Letter from Alexander Hodgdon to James Boyer; Boston	1779 February 20
b. 2	Letter from Brig. Gen. Knox to James Boyer; camp in New Jersey	1780 October 30
b. 2	Instructions from Sam Hodgdon to James Boyer; Philadelphia	1780 October 26
b. 2	Appointment by EbenrStevens of James Boyer to office of Deputy Commissary General	1778 April 24
b. 2	Letter from Richard Frothingham to James Boyer	1780 June 5
b. 2	Letter from Sam Hodgdon to James Boyer; Philadelphia	1781 October 14
b. 2	Letter from Sam Hodgdon to James Boyer; Boston	1779 March 10
b. 2	Letter from Peter Boyer to James Boyer; Boston	1779 August 24
b. 2	Letter from Peter Boyer to James Boyer; Boston [with copy of Treasurer's note appended]	1780 July 6
b. 2	Letter from Nathaniel Parvin to Thomas Jones; Burlington	1781 December 10
b. 2	Letter from T. Jones to James Boyer; camp near Williamsburg	1781 September 13
b. 2	Letter from Richard Frothingham to James Boyer; Artillery Park [contains remarks by an eye witness on the execution of Major André]	1780 October 3

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Massachusetts -- History -- Revolution,  
1775-1783

United States -- History -- Revolution,  
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### **Names**

Boyer, James