



## Finding the Maryland 400

### Progress Report December 2017

The phase of the project which ended on December 7, 2017 saw strong progress towards our final goal. Three companies were completed of the First Maryland Regiment, meaning that five out of twelve total companies are finished. While we are about halfway through the entire regiment, our pace of work is much faster in the past because of greater familiarity with the subject matter. The ability to retain the project's staff researcher is a very significant factor as well.

During 2017, about 70 percent of biographies had no information available beyond a military service record, consistent with the pattern found in 2016. This includes men with no available information at all, as well as soldiers whose lives cannot be distinguished from other people with the same name.

Funding for the project in 2017 came from four sources. The Maryland SAR was the primary sponsor, supporting the project's staff researcher Natalie Miller, as well as Taylor Blades, a summer intern from Washington College. The First Maryland Regiment, Inc. reenactors group donated \$250, and additional funding came from Queen Anne's County and Belair Mansion, money raised by Project Director Owen Lourie as honoraria from Maryland 400 lectures. In addition, the majority of Owen Lourie's work time is dedicated to work on the project, a significant in-kind contribution by the Archives.

Natalie Miller, designated the Maryland Society of the Sons of American Revolution Research Fellow, began work on June 5, 2017. The SAR's donation was used to pay her salary, covering a total of 866 hours. In total, she accounted for 35% of the biographies written. Intern Taylor Blades began work on May 31, 2017, and worked until August 24, 2017.

### **Work Accomplished**

#### **Biographies**

The project's top priority and main output is publishing biographies of Marylanders who fought at the Battle of Brooklyn. All biographies are linked here: <http://msamaryland400.wordpress.com/biographies>.

New or significantly revised biographies published: 155; 52 written by Natalie Miller, 28 written by Taylor Blades. Average of 6.5 published per week

Total online: 411, approximately 47.5% of the total known soldiers

Total known names of Marylanders at the Battle of Brooklyn: 868, increase of 9 from 11/2016

Biographies remaining to be written: 457

#### **Blog**

The project blog is an important outreach tool for the project. It is a place to explore larger themes about Maryland and the American Revolution, other battles during the war, and related topics.

Posts published: 24

Followers: 186 subscribers to the blog, and a total of 2,484 followers (including via the Archives' Twitter feed, which carries all new posts).