

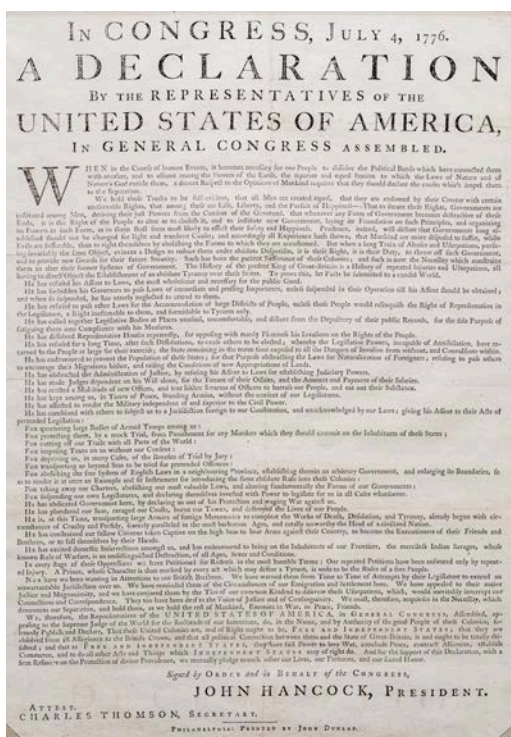
News from the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Museum

Rare Copy of the Declaration of Independence on Display



Visit the museum now through early May to see a rare copy of the Declaration of Independence printed the night of July 4-5, 1776, by John Dunlap in Philadelphia. Known as the Dunlap Broadside, this copy is on loan from the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of New Hampshire for display in our exhibition *Voices of Revolution*.

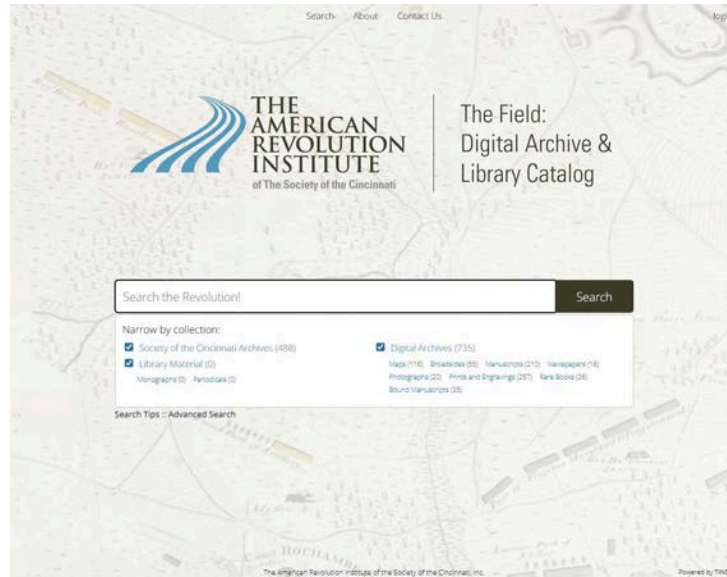
The Dunlap Broadside was the first printed version of the Declaration of Independence. John Dunlap, a twenty-nine-year-old from Ireland, was the official printer to Congress whose print shop was just four blocks from the State House in Philadelphia. He hastily printed two hundred copies of the Declaration using handwritten text delivered from Congress. Copies were sent to the thirteen states by July 6 and read to the Continental troops in New York City on July 9. Through July and August 1776, dozens of other printers on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean distributed the text of the Declaration, sharing the news of American independence across the

world.

Did You Know? Dunlap's broadside did not include the signatures of the delegates because no signed copy existed yet. The official parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence was not signed until early August 1776. The first broadside of the Declaration to include the names of those who signed it was printed in January 1777 by Mary Katherine Goddard of Baltimore.

[Learn more about the exhibition](#)

Library



Introducing Our New Collections Platform, The Field

In February, we reached a major milestone: our new digital archive and collections platform is now live! The platform is named The Field and will serve as a field of inquiry, where researchers, educators, students, and lifelong learners can engage directly with primary sources, including rare books, maps, manuscripts, prints, and other materials that shaped the Revolutionary era.

The Field brings together digitized collections to make them accessible in a modern, online environment. In addition to our digitized collections on The Field, we are actively migrating the full library catalog, including more than forty thousand records into the platform.

We invite you to explore the digitized collections and follow along over the course of 2026 as our library catalog is added online.

[Learn more about The Field](#)

[Visit The Field](#)

Events



Special Program—Firearms of the American Revolution!

Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Institute's museum and library staff to explore firearms used by the American, British, French, and Spanish forces during the American Revolution. This program will allow guests to view various examples from our museum collections up close, as well as accompanying military manuals and treatises from our library collections that illuminate the construction, use, and intellectual history of firearms. Some of the firearms that will be displayed include a 1756 British long-land pattern Brown Bess musket, a 1766 French Charleville musket, a 1757 Spanish flintlock musket, and other rare weapons. Tickets are \$12 per person. Registration is limited and will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. This program will only be held in-person at Anderson House.

[Learn More & Register](#)



Art in Bloom DC, March 19-22

Tickets now on sale

Join us for the sixth year of Art in Bloom DC hosted at our headquarters, Anderson House. Art in Bloom DC celebrates the art and architecture of Anderson House with floral sculptures inspired by the collections displayed throughout the museum.

This limited four-day event allows visitors to explore the floral arrangements, tour the museum, and participate in demonstration sessions with featured floral designers.

And join us for two evening receptions—the opening party on Thursday, March 19 and Date Night at Art in Bloom DC on Friday, March 20.

[Learn more](#)

Education

Reserve Your Traveling Trunks for the 2026-2027 School Year Starting on March 20!

The online portal to request a set of the Institute's classroom traveling trunks opens Friday, March 20. Since their creation in 2016, over forty-three thousand students in forty-five states and Washington, D.C., have enjoyed using our free traveling trunks to learn about the Continental Army



and the Revolutionary War at sea. Each trunk set features reproduction clothing, replica artifacts, books, posters, and comprehensive lesson plans.

Trunks are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis—and they book out for all available weeks quickly!

Pass it on, share the reservation link with a teacher you know.

Traveling trunks

This Month in Revolutionary History



The British Evacuation of Boston March 17, 1776

250 years ago this month, the British evacuated the city of Boston after an eleven-month siege that began after the Battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. The siege saw George Washington become commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and arrive in Cambridge on July 3, 1775. Even though the British had control of Boston Harbor, they began to struggle as a result of diminishing provisions. Washington's campaign to end the British occupation of the city was strengthened by the arrival of cannon and mortar captured at Fort Ticonderoga, along with reinforcement troops sent by Congress in January 1776.

In early March 1776, the Americans were able to gain a strategic position on Dorchester Heights, while a late winter storm delayed the British plans for assault. General William Howe announced plans to evacuate Boston, sparing the city if Washington would allow the British forces to leave without further incident. On March 17, 1776, the British forces sailed away as the next campaign for New York City was just beginning.

The detail pictured is from a map in our collections, *A Plan of Boston, and its Environs. shewing the true Situation of His Majesty's Army. And also those of the Rebels. Drawn by an Engineer at Boston. Octr. 1775* and depicts the siege of Boston as surveyed and drawn by a young English officer, Richard Williams. It illustrates the British army and the American "Rebels" among the various

fortifications surrounding the city. The map was published in London on March 14, 1776, just days before the British evacuation.

[View the map](#)

Historical Programs This Month

All programs are held in-person at Anderson House unless otherwise specified. Virtual options are available. Admission is free unless otherwise specified and registration is requested. Click the images below to learn more and register, or [click here to view our full calendar of upcoming programs.](#)

Virtual Lecture
Loyalists & Liberty:
Savannah in the American Revolution
Nora Fleming Lee
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Virtual on Zoom

Lecture
Rebels at Sea:
Privateering in the American Revolution
Eric Jay Dolin
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Anderson House

Author's Talk
The Killing of Jane McCrea
An American Tragedy on the Revolutionary Frontier
Paul Staiti
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Anderson House

Special Program
Firearms of the American Revolution
Tickets: \$12 per person
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Anderson House (in-person only)



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