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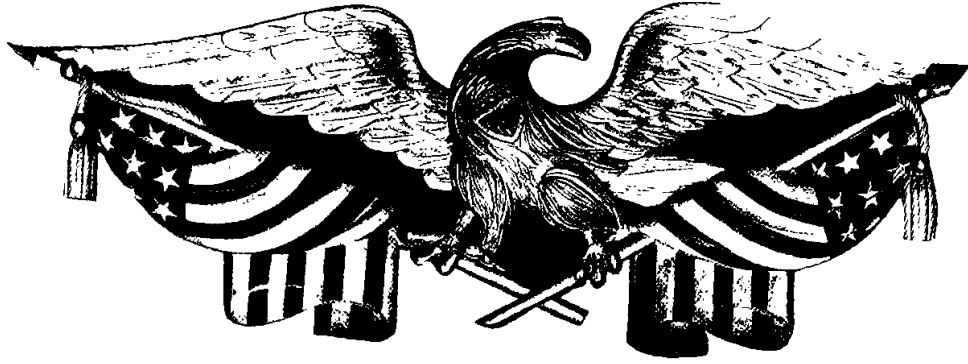


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PREFACE

Since 1971 the Maine Historical Society has been actively involved in publishing a series of bibliographical guides on various periods and topics of Maine History. A publication on Maine during the American Revolution has long been planned for this series and is currently in preparation. However, to meet the immediate Bicentennial interest in reading about the Revolution in this state, the following list has been compiled as a prelude, not a substitute, for the more extensive bibliographical guide which is to follow.

This reading list differs from its intended successor in that it is not designed primarily as a research tool. Excluded from this reading list are esoteric, rare out-of-print, and manuscript sources. The reading list does contain published sources secondary and primary, dissertations, and articles in scholarly journals that are generally available in the larger libraries throughout Maine.

Two other considerations shaped the direction of this reading list: utility and scope. The compilers selected only those works which in their opinion contributed reliable, useful information on the Revolution, and secondly they limited their subject to the Revolution within Maine. Obviously this reading list is not meant to be exhaustive; rather its purpose is to guide the efforts of the general reader who wishes to know more about Maine during the War of Independence.

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