The Battle of Bunker Hill - Historical Resources

Primary Accounts

Eyewitness and Period Accounts of the Battle - American Civilians

Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams, June 18, 1775

Letter from James Warren to Mercy Otis Warren, June 18, 1775

Letter from Joseph Palmer to John Adams, June 19, 1775

Account by the Rev. Peter Thatcher, June 1775

Account of Faith Trumbull Huntington

Letter from John Bromfield to Jeremiah Powell, June 21, 1775

Account of Relief Ellery

Eyewitness and Period Accounts of the Battle - American Combatants

Letter from Colonel William Prescott to John Adams, August 25, 1775

An Account of the Battle of Bunker's Hill by Henry Dearborn, 1818

An Account of the Battle of Bunker Hill, Written for the Port Folio, at the Request of the Editor by Henry Dearborne

Journal of Thomas Boynton

Diary of Private Nathaniel Ober, June 14-17, 1775

Pension Application of Silas Burdoo

True Account of Warren's Demise at Buner Hill

History of the Battle of Breed's Hill by William Heath

Memoir of Thompson Maxwell

The Literary Diary of Ezra Stiles

Account of Joseph Whitmore

Account of Phillip Johnson

Journal of Moses Sleeper

Letter from Peter Brown to Sarah Brown, June 25, 1775

Pension Application of Joseph Myrick

Pension Application of Moses Hill

Pension Application of John Coolidge

Pension Application of John Holden

Pension Application of Daniel Pike

Pension Application of Samuel Jones

Letter of Abel Wilder to His Wife

Eyewitness and Period Accounts of the Battle - Massachusetts Government and Committees

Massachusetts Committee of Safety's Account of the Battle of Bunker Hill

Minutes of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress

Eyewitness and Period Accounts of the Battle - British

Letter from Lieutenant John Waller, 1st Battalion of Marines to an Unknown Recipient, June 21, 1775

General John Burgoyne to Lord Stanley, June 25, 1775

Battle of Bunker Hill, According to John Burgoyne, et al

General William Howe's Orderly Book

Three letters to Lord Viscount Howe, with remarks on the attack at Bunker's Hill, 1781

Letters of Lord Hugh Earl Percy, 1774-1776

Diary of Lieutenant John Barker, 4th Foot

Diary of Ensign Martin Hunter, 52nd Regiment of Foot

Account of Captain Harris, 5th Foot

Account of 1st Lieutenant John Clarke, Marines

The Battle of Bunker Hill by a British Soldier (Poem)

Eyewitness and Period Accounts of the Battle - Loyalist

Loyalist Broadside on the Battle of Bunker Hill, Published in Boston, June 26, 1775

Loyalist Child Witness Dorothea Gamsby, (19th Century Account)

Letter from a Merchant in Boston, to a Friend in Scotland

Contemporary Maps and Views of Boston and Bunker Hill

A Plan of the Battle, on Bunkers Hill, November 27, 1775

Illustration of the American Redoubt (Post Battle - Rebuilt and Expanded by British Forces)

Contemporary Drawings and Paintings of the Battle of Bunker Hill

"An original sketch of the Burning of Charlestown & Battle of Bunker Hill. Taken by an English Officer from Beacon Hill Boston"

"The burnt ruins of Charlestown from across the Charles River"

"View of the attack on Bunker's Hill, with the Burning of Charlestown, June 17, 1775"

"An Exact View of the Late Battle at Charlestown, June 17th, 1775"

Newspaper Reports of the Battle of Bunker Hill

Newspaper Accounts of the Battle of Buner Hill

By an Express arrived at Philadelphia on Saturday evening, last we have the following account of the battle at Charlestown, on Saturday the 18th of June, Instant, June 26, 1775

The New-England Chronicle or the Essex Gazette

Arms, Equipment and Personal Belongings - American

Report on the Property, Arms, and Equipment Losses of New Hampshire Troops at the Battle of Bunker Hill

Arms and Equipment of Massachusetts Forces, Including Lost Property Claims of Middlesex and

Essex County Troops at the Battle of Bunker Hill

American Cartridge Box Attributed to the Battle of Bunker Hill

Hilt of an American Officer's Sword Allegedly Carried at Bunker Hill

Bible carried at the Battle of Bunker Hill

Civilian Experience During the Siege of Boston

Life During the Siege of Boston (Collection of Civilian and Military Primary Accounts)

Secondary Sources

The Decisive Day Has Come: The Massachusetts Historical Society's Official Page on the Battle of Bunker Hill

Massachusetts Historical Society's Bibliography of Sources on the Battle of Bunker Hill

The Battle of Bunker Hill by Bernard Bailyn

Timeline of the Battle of Bunker Hill

Historical Nerdery (Podcast): The Battle of Bunker Hill

Historical Nerdery (Presentation): The Loyalist Perspective on the Battle of Bunker Hill

Biographies of Patriots of Color at the Battle of Bunker Hill

History of the Siege of Boston by Richard Frothingham

Imagining the Battle of Bunker Hill

John Warren's Loss of His Brother Joseph Warren