

MARBLEHEAD 250 & TRAILS & SAILS 2026

Tours & Programs by Judy Anderson

Marblehead Architecture Heritage & Tours



NO
R.S.V.P.s
no rain dates

Info ~ call 781-631-1762 or go to
www.MarbleheadTours.com / Mhd. 250



FREE or suggested donations \$5 or \$10 to benefit local history initiatives

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First Weekends of May, June, July, August, September

Fridays & Sundays	4 to 6 pm	“Revolutionary Dwellings”
Outdoor walking tours		Meet in front of Abbot Hall
Saturdays	9 to 10:30	The “Marblehead Fort” in the Rev.
Seated	& 4 to 5:30	Meet inside the fort entrance (<i>by restrooms</i>)

Other Tours & Programs ~ Outdoor or Indoor or by appointment

Colonel Jeremiah Lee’s Covert Acts	on behalf of Independence	
Fri. & Sun. May 8 & 10	4 to 6 pm	Mostly seated / some walking
Saturday May 9	9 to 11 am	Meet in front of Abbot Hall

Glover Family Houses	Outdoor Walking Tours	
Friday May 22 & 29	4 to 6 pm	Meet in front of Abbot Hall
Saturday May 23 & 30	9 to 11 am	Ends at General Glover’s home
Sunday May 24 & 31	4 to 6 pm	in Glover Sq. near Town Landing

Glover Brothers’ Wives & Families	Outdoor Talk (<i>bring a chair</i>)	
Sunday September 7	11 am	Goldthwaite Beach / at the firepit

The Rev. in Mhd. ~ Ptgs. & WPA Murals	Indoor Tour	
Sunday September 13	2 to 3 pm	Meet <u>in</u> side Abbot Hall

Marblehead at the time of Revolution	Outdoor Walking Tours	
Sunday September 13	4 to 6 pm	Meet in front of Abbot Hall
Friday September 18	2 to 4 pm	Ends near Old Town House

Loyalists in Marblehead during the 8-year Revolution **Drop-in day**
Saturday Sept. 19 **10 to 4 pm** in King Hooper Mansion front parlor
This program is part of a town-wide Marblehead 250 event at multiple sites

Details: ~ (or phone 781-631-1762) Similar each time / no rain dates

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First Weekends ~ May, June, July, August, September

Fridays & Sundays 4 to 6 pm "Revolutionary Dwellings"

Outdoor walking tours Meet in front of Abbot Hall / End at Glover Square

Focused on homes of M'hd's Rev. heroes (exteriors) ~ and a few Tories

Saturdays 9 to 10:30 The "Marblehead Fort" in the Rev.

Seated & 4 to 5:30 Meet just inside the entrance to Fort Sewall
programs (also Sept. 12) (at farthest end of Front St. ~ near restrooms)

The fort was enlarged to its current footprint in 1775, as the war began

May Col. Jeremiah Lee's Covert Acts for Independence

Fri. & Sun. May 8 & 10 4 to 6 pm Mostly seated / steps or benches

Saturday May 9 9 to 11 am Meet in front of Abbot Hall

Outdoor program ~ mostly seated / some walking (not far / no restrooms)

May Glover Family Houses Outdoor Walking Tours

Friday 22 & 29 4 to 6 pm Meet in front of Abbot Hall

Saturday 23 & 30 9 to 11 am Ends at Gen. Glover's home in

Sunday 24 & 31 4 to 6 pm Glover Sq. near Town Landing

(benefits the Glover Farmhouse)

September for Trails & Sails & Goldthwaite Assoc. & everyone!

Sunday 7th 11 am The Glover Brothers' Wives & Families

Outdoor Talk at Goldthwaite Beach ~ Meet at the firepit & bring a chair

Sunday 13th 2-3 pm The Rev. in Mhd. ~ Ptgs. & WPA Murals

Indoor Tour Meet inside Abbot Hall (restrooms downstairs)

Sunday 13th 4-6 pm Marblehead at the time of the Revolution

& Friday 18th 2-4 pm Meet in front of Abbot Hall / Ends Old Town Hs.

Outdoor Walking Tours (188 Washington St. / restrooms only before the tours)

★ *On Friday, go to Crocker Park afterward for a Concert & to see a Tall Ship !!* ★

Saturday Sept. 19 Loyalists in Marblehead during the 8-yr. Revolution

10 am to 4 pm King Hooper Mansion ~ in front parlor ~ *drop in*

Part of a town-wide Marblehead 250 event at multiple sites cont'd



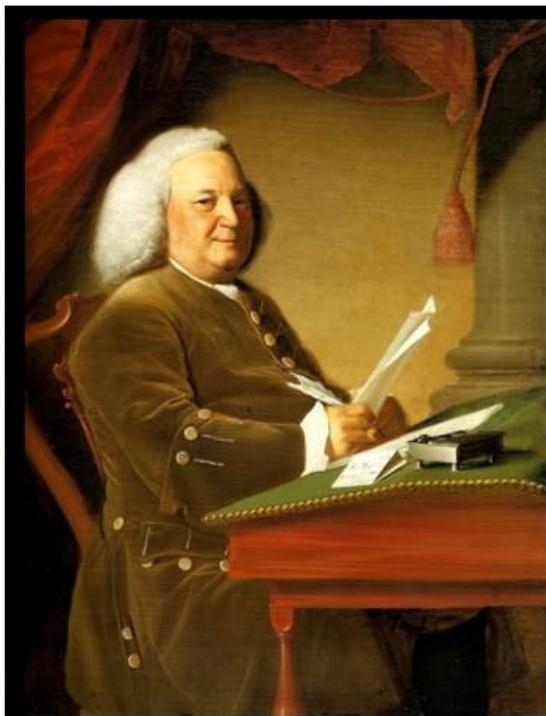
Programs about Marblehead Loyalists during the Revolution

All in September 2026 / All are welcome to all 3 programs

Loyalists in Marblehead **Illustrated Talk** inside **Marblehead Museum**
Thurs. Sept. 10th 7 pm ➤ 170 Wash. St. \$ *Reserve on Mhd. Mus. website*
A talk with visual images about Marblehead's dozen or so residents
~ in this town of about 950 families the 1770s ~ who did not want
to overthrow their British government ... and what happened to them.

Robert 'King' Hooper ~ Marblehead's Most Famous Loyalist & his family
Sat. Sept. 12th 12:30 – 1:30 pm *part of Trails & Sails* **Free NO RSVP**
Tour inside **Marblehead's King Hooper Mansion** (3 floors / easy stairs)
➤ *Meet outside the King Hooper Mansion* 8 Hooper St. (meet inside if rain)

Loyalists in Marblehead *part of Trails & Sails* **Free NO RSVP**
Saturday, Sept. 19th 10 am – 4 pm inside **King Hooper Mansion**
➤ 8 Hooper Street ~ (in front left parlor / ongoing) **drop in all day**
Indoor informal conversations about Marblehead's Loyalists 1770 - 85
Part of town-wide Marblehead 250 event at multiple sites all day that day



Robert 'King' Hooper 1709 - 1790
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts



Colonel Jacob Fowle *Private Collection*
ex Corcoran Gallery, Wash DC / Christie's 2011

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Marblehead and the Revolution ~ Loyalists & Patriots

On the eve of the American Revolution, Marblehead was a thriving and prosperous international Atlantic seaport with nearly **5,000 residents**. In the mid-1700s, the town was apparently the **sixth most populous metropolis in British North America**, with about **950 families** living in about **525 houses**. About **300** of those still survive. **In 1790**, it was still the **tenth** most populous town in the new U.S.

Out of almost a thousand families in 1775, only about a dozen can be clearly identified as Loyalists ('Tories'). The rest of the community ~ around 90 % ~ were "rebels" ('Patriots').

Tensions came to a head in May 1775, after the battle shots of April 19, 1775, and most Loyalists were run out of town. Half would later return, after the war. But the others never did.

The huge proportion of rebels is largely due to devastating economic sanctions by Parliament that took effect in March 1775 (called "Coercive Acts" and "Intolerable Acts") spelled ruin for Marblehead.

As a result, nearly 600 men and boys, most of whom were already or soon to be without employment, signed up to fight – first in resistance, then for independence. **And not all were fishermen or mariners.**

Starting in January 1775, most 'Headers served first in the town militia under **Col. Jeremiah Lee**, until his death on May 10, 1775. (In January 1775, the Loyalist *New-York Gazetteer* jeeringly reported that "the madmen of Marblehead are preparing for an early campaign against His Majesty's troops"). Then, in June 1775, those nearly 600 'Headers formed a full regiment commanded by **Col. Lee's successor, Lt. Col. John Glover**, who was promoted to full Colonel after Colonel Lee's death.

The men of "Glover's regiment" were not just fishermen and seamen, but also tradesmen (coopers, block-makers, sail-makers, riggers, and heavy laborers) and craftsmen (including the town silversmith, a captain of a company, with his teenage son and apprentice as the company's drummer boy) — as well as merchants' sons ... including the **eldest sons** of Colonel Jeremiah Lee and Colonel John Glover, whose lives would be shortened (Capt. Joseph Lee) and lost (Capt. John Glover) due to their service.

Starting in September 1775, several hundred switched to privateer vessels (as others from other coastal towns did as well) on behalf of independence. After 1776, most Marblehead seamen left Colonel Glover's regiment and General Washington's Army to join their fellow 'Headers at sea.

(Many would be wounded or lost in sea battles or taken prisoner and died on prison ships (as Colonel Glover's eldest son was), while their families suffered at home as well. For Marblehead, most loss of life in the war was due to privateering. At first, the boats were owned and outfitted by local owners. Later, as Marblehead ships were lost as well, without sufficient revenue generated to replace them, most Marbleheaders crewed ships out of Salem — once more making that town wealthy, as this town's fishermen had done in the 1600s as well, creating the "codfish aristocracy" of both Boston & Salem.)

The 8-year war devastated Marblehead's economy and caused great suffering and loss in the town.

By the end of the eight-year war in 1783, it's estimated that perhaps **1,400 or more men and boys** served the cause — mostly on privateer vessels after the Delaware River Crossing in December 1776.

But their ~ and their families' ~ sacrifice helped to earn independence for the new nation.

After the war, the many former Patriots ~ and a few former Loyalists who returned ~ worked diligently to rebuild their trades and businesses, and the town's fishing industry and commerce — into the 1820s.

And their hardship through the next two generations indirectly preserved the pre-Revolutionary homes that still survive downtown today. **Broadly speaking**, it was Marblehead's prosperity in the 1700s, up to 1775 and the war, then again in the mid-1800s (from shoe-making then, until the second of two major fires (in 1877 and 1888), both in the same 19th-century shoe-making area) which created Marblehead's very rare and unique historic district that so many residents and visitors find so captivating.