The purpose of the Archives is to collect, preserve, and provide access to the permanent records generated by the various departments of the Town of Huntington, as well as ensure that these records will be available for future generations. The archival activities we implement enrich education, improve access to historical records and serve as a source of information for residents, teachers, students, community groups and a range of researchers. In addition, our activities help in highlighting the Town's historical organizations and sites.

# The Archives is open for research on weekdays, except holidays, by appointment only.

Hours: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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# The Revolution in Huntington

# Revolutionary War records housed in the *Huntington Town Clerk's Archives*.

Forts	1688-1783
Receipts (supplies, books)	1774-1779
List of Capt. Platt's Co.	1776
Orders	1776-1782
Copies of documents	1776-1782
List of Capt. Platt's Company	1776
War Claims	1776-1783
List of Militia	1777
Oath of Loyalty - lists of people	1778
Memorials - petitions (Gen. Tryon,	1779-1783
Comm. Guy Carleton)	
Town Accounts	1780
Account of Evacuated farms	1780
Letters	1780-1789
Meeting - militia	1782

## **Educational Uses**

Teachers can integrate Revolutionary War records into existing curricula to give students the hands-on learning that cannot be taught by textbooks. Our activities are only suggestions and can be expanded or changed as needed. The following exercise could be introduced in Social Studies, American History, Geography, and English Language Arts classes.

#### The setting:

The place is Huntington, Long Island. The time is early summer 1774. Delighted by the results of the "*Boston Tea Party*" and shocked by the "*Intolerable Acts*" passed by Parliament, people gathered in street corners holding loud discussions. What are they to do?

#### Activity:

Make copies of the Declaration of Rights of the Town of Huntington in its original form. Distribute them to your students and ask them to read it.

#### Questions to ask:

- Do you know of any other declaration? Who wrote it and when was it signed?
- The term, "His Majesty" appears in the "Huntington Declaration of Rights" several times. Who was "His Majesty?"
- What do you know about the Boston Tea Party?
- What were the Intolerable Acts passed by Parliament?

### Try this:

Plan a class trip or ask your students to visit the Huntington Town Clerk's Archives to view documents relating to the Revolutionary War.

#### ACT THIS OUT:

- Ask students to act as members of the Committee appointed to represent the Town in drafting the Declaration of Rights.
- Ask students to draft their own "Declaration of Student Rights."