

## **William Bond Papers**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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**Abstract:** Papers of William Bond (d. 1776), Revolutionary Army officer and colonel in the 25th Regiment of Foot from Massachusetts. Bond led the regiment from July 1775 to August 31, 1776, when he died from an illness at Mount Independence near Fort Ticonderoga. The collection is arranged chronologically in a single series containing correspondence, orders, resolutions by the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, lists of officers and soldiers, financial receipts, and miscellaneous administrative documents related to the 25th Regiment.

### **Restrictions**

Digital surrogates must be used in place of original documents.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

Papers of William Bond (d. 1776), Revolutionary Army officer and colonel in the 25th Regiment of Foot from Massachusetts. Bond led the regiment from July 1775 to August 31, 1776, when he died from an illness at Mount Independence near Fort Ticonderoga.

Significant among the few items of correspondence is an autograph letter signed by General George Washington (20 May 1776) to Major General Sullivan in which he laments the "indolence" of States "so backward in reinforcing you," agrees to allow General Stark to join Sullivan and relates news that the enemy will soon evacuate Philadelphia. Other important correspondence includes four letters from Bond to his wife Lucy in Watertown, Massachusetts (dated 12 April, 20 April, 11 July, and 10 August 1776).

The collection contains numerous administrative documents related to Bond's position as commander of the 25th Regiment, including written orders, resolutions of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, receipts for supplies, and lists of returns of officers, soldiers, deserters, and discharges. Among the signers of these documents are generals Philip Schuyler (5 May 1776), Horatio Gates (15 March 1776), William Heath (14 August 1775), and Nathanael Greene (15 March 1776). Among the resolutions are two signed by Joseph Warren (24 April and 19 May 1775). Also included is a list of Bond's personal property, which was inventoried and appraised shortly after his death (September 1776).

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### **Biography**

On the basis of materials in this collection, William Bond lived in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1768 and was probably the son of Jonas and Hannah Bond. He was a captain in the military in 1774. In July, 1775, he held the rank of lieutenant colonel, second-in-command, in the 37th Regiment of Foot (infantry) in General George Washington's Continental Army. After the death of the regiment's commander, Colonel Thomas Gardner, Bond was promoted to colonel and took over command. After November, 1775, Bond's regiment was renamed the 25th Regiment and remained camped at Prospect Hill, Massachusetts, during the winter of 1775-1776.

William Bond and the 25th Regiment participated in the campaign to conquer Canada during 1776. Congress had requested that General Washington send four regiments to reinforce the army in Canada. On March 15, 1776, the 5th and 25th Regiments received orders from General Horatio Gates to march to Norwich, Connecticut. On March 30, the Massachusetts regiments led by William Bond, John Patterson and John Greaton, along with the New Hampshire regiment led by Enoch Poor, arrived in New York. On April 21, the four regiments sailed in sloops up the Hudson River to Albany under the command of General William Thompson.

In early May, the 25th Regiment was preparing to cross into Canada by boat and reached Sorel by June 14, Chamblee by June 17, Isle aux Noix by June 18, and Crown Point by July 11. On August 10, the 25th Regiment was camped at Mount Independence, a hill near Fort Ticonderoga. The stagnant lakes and swamps around Mount Independence contributed to

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the diseases already suffered by the regiment, including smallpox. Desertions and discharges for medical reasons severely reduced troop strength. On August 31, 1776, Colonel William Bond died of illness at Mount Independence.

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Bond, William -- Archives

Sullivan, John





United States. Continental Army -- Biography










Schuyler, Philip John









Gates, Horatio










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### **DOCUMENTS**

- Box 1, Folder 1      **Judge of the Probate of Wills, and for granting Letters of Administration on the Estates of Persons deceased...To Mrs. Hannah Bond Widow and William Bond yeoman 1768 September 27**  <http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb10606002/>  
**General**  
William Bond's power of administration for Jonas Bond's estate. 1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 2      **Receipts 1774-1777**  <http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb78183416/>  
**General**  
10 pages.
- Box 1, Folder 3      **General orders 1775-1776**  <http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb4541861p/>  
**General**  
8 pages.
- Box 1, Folder 4      **In Provincial Congress, at Watertown, April 23, 1775. Resolved, that the following Establishment of Forces now immediately to be raised for the Recovery and Preservation of our undoubted Rights and Liberties, be as follows... 1775 April 23**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb12995115/>  
**General**  
Printed resolution which established pay rated for officers and enlisted men, provided for uniforms for non-commissioned officers and privates and specified that local towns should provide enlistees with blankets. 1 page.

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- Box 1, Folder 5      **Orders from the Committee of Safety, Cambridge, to Capt John Stratton to enlist 56 men for the Massachusetts Service 1775 April 24**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb8057250c/>  
General  
Signed by Joseph Warren. 2 pages.
- Box 1, Folder 6      **In Provincial Congress Watertown May 19, 1775. Resolved. That Colonel Bond be and hereby is directed to appoint a Guard of six men to escort Lady Frankland to Boston... 1775 May 19**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb4780771h/>  
General  
Signed by Joseph Warren. 1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 7      **In Provincial Congress. Watertown, June 8, 1775. Whereas it is necessary to have as soon as may be, a Return of the Number and Equipments of the forces raised by this Colony... 1775 June 8**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb63507504/>  
General  
Resolution proposing officers who report false numbers of men or equipment under their commands be convicted and cashiered. 1 page (two copies).
- Box 1, Folder 8      **In Provincial Congress, Watertown, June 10, 1775. Resolved, That each Soldier shall have the following Allowance per Day... 1775 June 10**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb31084026/>  
General  
Printed list of food and supplies. 1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 9      **In Provincial Congress, Watertown, June 16th, 1775. As it has pleased almighty God in his Providence to suffer the Calamities of an unnatural War... 1775 June 16**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb9866142h/>  
General  
Printed resolution regarding the observance of the Sabbath. 1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 10      **List of men "Belongin [sic] to my Company" 1775 June 26**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb6589660q/>  
General  
1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 11      **A List of Officers in the Regiment where of Thomas Gardner Esq. late of Cambridge Deceased was Colonel 1775 July 6**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb3347311h/>  
General  
1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 12      **Instructions for the Officers of the several Regiments of the Massachusetts-Bay Forces, who are immediately to go upon the Recruiting Service 1775 July 10**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb00708331/>  
General  
1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 13      **A Return of the Number and Name of Men in the late Col. Gardner Regt. that are expert in manging [sic] whale boats in the folowing [sic] companies 1775 July 17**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb4234692k/>  
General  
1 page.
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- Box 1, Folder 14      **Appointment of John Jones to the rank of first sergeant under Captain Moses Whiting, signed by General William Heath 1775 August 14**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb0992341x/>  
    **General**  
    1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 15      **A Return of the Regiment in the Service of The United Colonies of North America 1775 August 30**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb77500825/>  
    **General**  
    Printed form with signifigant holograph annotations. 1 page.
- Box 2, Folder 1      **To the Hon. Gen. Assembly of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, now sitting at Watertown. The Humble Petition of Lt. Col. William Bond of the 37th Reg. of Foot in the Continental Army 1775 September 25**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb3176660s/>  
    **General**  
    Request to approve recommendations for promotions. 2 pages.  
    **Restrictions**  
    Oversize. Restrictions Apply.
- Box 2, Folder 2      **A Return of the Number of Officers and Soldiers that has Engaged or Enlisted in the 37th Regiment in the Continental Army; and A Return of the Field, Commiss., and Staff Officers in the 37 Reg. of the Foot together with the Vacancies therein 1775 October 16**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb99344008/>  
    **Restrictions**  
    Oversize. Restrictions Apply.  
    **General**  
    1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 18      **Letter to Brigadier General Green from the commissioned officers of the 37th Regiment of Foot discontinuing service for lack of commissions and appointments 1775 October 18**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb5395110s/>  
    **General**  
    1 page (copy).
- Box 1, Folder 19      **A Return of Capt Abner Crafts Comp. in the 37 Reg 1775 November 2**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb21186313/>  
    **General**  
    1 page. See also, "A return of Capt. Abner Craft's Comp. in Coll. Willm. Bond Reg." in Box 2, Folder 5.
- Box 1, Folder 20      **List of Field Officers in the Continental Army as stated By a Board of Gen. Officers at Cambridge; and An Abstract of the Pay due to the commissioned staff, officers and soldiers in the 37 Regiment 1775 November 4, 1775 December 28**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb8876371d/>  
    **General**  
    2 pages (including verso).
- Box 1, Folder 21      **Proceedings of a Gen. Court martial held in Roxbury by Order of Major Gen. Ward for the tryal of all such Prisoners as should be bro't before the same 1776 January 1**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb43370820/>  
    **General**  
    Israel Woodcock was tried for assaulting an officer. 1 page (copy).
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- Box 1, Folder 22      **Notification of the adjournment of the Court Martial of which Colonel Bond is president 1776 January 17**  <http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb1060601k/>  
General  
1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 23      **Resolution by the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay Colony that discharged officers or soldiers must return arms and cartridge boxes 1776 January 25**  <http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb7818342q/>  
General  
1 page (copy).
- Box 1, Folder 24      **Discharge orders for James Richardson for "being a Lazy, Idle Fellow, unwilling to do his Duty, and very much subject to the Poorlys" 1776 March 10**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb32790527/>  
General  
1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 25      **Colonel Bond and the other Field Officers having made and reported the following Arrangement [sic] of the Captains in the Twenty Fifth Regiment - I have examined them and approve thereof... 1776 March 15**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb00025728/>  
General  
Signed by Brigadier General Nathanael Greene. 1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 26      **Orders for Colonel John Stark Commanding the 5th and 25th Regiments of Foot 1776 March 15**  <http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb4166433x/>  
General  
Orders to proceed to Norwich, Connecticut signed by General Horatio Gates. 1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 27      **Letter, William Bond to Lucy Bond 1776 April 12**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb0924083g/>  
General  
Bond wrote from New York to his wife in Watertown, Mass., regarding the disposition of regiments in the area and mentioned that soon several regiments would be sent to Quebec. 1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 28      **List of men to be discharged from Colonel Bond's 25th Regiment 1776 April 17**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb5087943s/>  
General  
1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 29      **Letter, William Bond to Lucy Bond 1776 April 20**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb1811463w/>  
General  
Bond wrote to his wife from New York that Colonel Poor's, Patterson's, Graton's, and Bond's regiment shall sail for Albany and related that his regiment was in good health. 1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 30      **Letter and orders from General Philip Schuyler, Fort George 1776 May 5**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb8569203f/>  
General  
Gen Schuyler worries that there will not be enough boats to transport his men to Canada quickly and orders Colonels Patterson, Graton, and Bond to put 30 men per boat with only 9 oars. 1 page.
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- Box 2, Folder 3      **Letter, General George Washington to Major General Sullivan 1776 May 20**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb2732973r/>  
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**General**  
1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 32      **Letter, William Bond to Lucy Bond 1776 July 11**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb6896832c/>  
**General**  
Bond wrote to his wife Crown Point about an outbreak of smallpox in his regiment, his movements in Canada and his impending march to Ticonderoga. 2 pages.
- Box 2, Folder 4      **Return of Deserters from Col. Wm. Bonds Regt. since Jan 1 1776 1776 July 16**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb3620354c/>  
**Restrictions**  
Oversize. Restrictions Apply.  
**General**  
1 page.
- Box 1, Folder 34      **Letter, William Bond to Lucy Bond 1776 August 10**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb0378003b/>  
**General**  
Bond wrote to his wife from Ticonderoga about the numbers of sick men in his regiment, described the camp outside Ticonderoga and the military activities in the area. 2 pages.
- Box 1, Folder 35      **Recommendation of discharge for medical reasons for Thaddeus Willington Trummer and Joseph Eaton, both of Colonel Bond's 25th Regiment 1776 August 16**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb7101614z/>  
**General**  
2 pages.
- Box 1, Folder 36      **List of men to be discharged due to illness from Colonel Bond's regiment 1776 August 23-24**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb3859262x/>  
**General**  
2 pages.
- Box 1, Folder 37      **An Inventory of Effects left in Camp by Col. William Bond of 25th Rgement [sic] late deceased [sic] as Prised [sic] by Capt. Eagry and Capt. Smith of said Rigmt 1776 September**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb06169149/>
- Box 1, Folder 38      **Letter, Colonel Trumbull to Henry Bond 1833 December 13**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb73405238/>  
**General**  
Trumbull has reviewed his copy of General Order of the Army at Ticonderoga and finds nothing that would help established the family's claim (undisclosed). 1 page.
- Undated**
- Box 1, Folder 39      **List of field and staff officer appointments circa 1776**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb4098172m/>
- Box 1, Folder 40      **List of Field, Staff and Commissioned Officers in the 25th Regiment of Foot circa 1776**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb0855823m/>
- Box 1, Folder 41      **A List of the Names and Rank of the Officers of the Twentyfifth Regiment circa 1776**   
<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb7579432b/>
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Box 1, Folder 42

**Excerpt. *An oration, pronounced at Portland, July 4, 1795: being the birthday of Columbian freedom.* By Elijah Kellogg, A.M. 1795**

**General**

Pages 25-28.

Box 2, Folder 5

**A Return of Capt. Abner Crafts Comp. in Coll. Willm. Bond Reg circa 1776** 

<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb43370841/>

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Box 1, Folder 44

**A Return of Soldiers Names in Capt. Harris' Company who have Stands of New Arms together with the Names of those Officers, non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers who have rec[eived] Arms circa 1776** 

<http://library.ucsd.edu/dc/object/bb1060603m/>