

CAPT. DANIEL MORGAN'S COMPANY ON THE EXPEDITION TO QUEBEC IN 1775: AN UPDATED LIST

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Brigadier General Daniel Morgan is one of the better known veterans of Colonel Benedict Arnold's march to Quebec. There have been three excellent biographies written about Morgan that provide the details of his life and career.¹ His victory at the Battle of Cowpens in 1781 clinched his reputation as an effective Revolutionary War fighting general. He first became known to the public in the colonies as a result of his leadership of one of the three rifle companies in the 1775 expedition through the Maine wilderness to take Quebec. Morgan and most of his men were captured by the British in the failed assault on Quebec on December 31, 1775 and Morgan himself was released on parole with the rest of the captured officers in the fall of 1776. He was released from his parole through an exchange in 1777 and rejoined the American army to participate with Arnold in the Battle of Saratoga.

There have been three previous attempts to list the men who were in Captain Daniel Morgan's Company on that march.² However, none of these previous listings has presented a complete roster of the men in Morgan's Company. The roster shown below, consisting of 83 officers and men, is taken from this author's recent book, *Voices from a Wilderness Expedition: The Journals and Men of Benedict Arnold's Expedition to Quebec in 1775*.³ That book provides a list of the sources that were used to establish the identity of each name on the list. Only eleven of the names on the list have one source to verify their participation. The rest have at least two sources and many have more than three sources.

One interesting note about this list is that contrary to expectations not all members of Morgan's Company were from Virginia. Since there is no known company roster of Morgan's men, this roster does not purport to contain every single name of the men who were in Morgan's Company on the march. However, it is the most complete and thorough listing to date. The total number of men shown and their disposition in terms of what happened to them on the march and in the assault on Quebec is consistent with the Return of Arnold's Detachment, dated November 29, 1775.⁴

RANK	NAME	HOMETOWN	DISPOSITION	SOURCES
Capt	Daniel Morgan	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Lieut	John Humphrey	Winchester	Killed	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Lieut	William Heth	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Lieut	Peter Bryan Bruin	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Sgt	William Fickis	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Sgt	Charles Porterfield	Winchester	Prisoner	2, 3
Sgt	John Donaldson	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 6
Corp	John Rogers	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 6
Corp	Benjamin Grubb	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	John Alford	Frederick Co	Returned	3
Priv	Daniel Anderson	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	Robert Anderson	Winchester	Returned	4
Priv	William Ball	Winchester	Returned	4

Priv	Isaac Beetley	Pennsylvania	Returned	3
Priv	Curtis Bramingham	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2
Priv	Absolam Brown	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	Jehu/John Brown	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	William Brown	Frederick Co	Not Captured	6
Priv	John Burns	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Benjamin Cackley	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Thomas Chapman	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 6
Priv	Robert Churchill	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 6
Priv	James Clifton	Pennsylvania	Returned	6
Priv	John Cochran	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 6
Priv	Robert Colbert	Frederick Co	Killed	2, 3
Priv	John Connor	Maryland	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Christopher Dalton	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 6
Priv	Daniel Davis	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	Gilbert Dehart	New Jersey	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Patrick Dooland	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Daniel Durst	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Conrad Enders	Frederick Co	Returned	3
Priv	Timothy Feely	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 6
Priv	Solomon Fitzpatrick	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	William Flood	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 8
Priv	Spencer George	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Jeremiah Gordon	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	George Greenway	Winchester	Returned	3, 4
Priv	William Greenway	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4
Priv	David Griffith	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	Charles Grim	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
Priv	John Harrison	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 7
Priv	Matthew Harbinson	Frederick Co	Killed	2, 3
Priv	Mark Hayes	Winchester	Returned	3, 4
Priv	Adam Heiskell	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4
Priv	George Heiskell	Winchester	Returned	3, 4
Priv	George Innis	Washington, PA	Died/Wilderness	2, 6
Priv	? Jackson	Not Known	Returned	5
Priv	Rowland Jacobs	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 6
Priv	Adam Kurtz	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Priv	Frederick Kurtz	Winchester	Returned	3, 4
Priv	Edward Leedes	New Jersey	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Peter Lauck	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Priv	Solomon Lauck	Winchester	Returned	3, 4
Priv	Arthur Mc Cord	Frederick Co	Returned	9
Priv	Henry McGowan	Frederick Co	Returned	3
Priv	John Mead	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 6
Priv	John McGuire	Frederick Co	Prisoner	3, 6, 10
Priv	Benjamin McIntire	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 6
Priv	George Merchant	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 10
Priv	Robert Mitchell	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 7
Priv	John Moore	Frederick Co	Killed	3, 4

Priv	Cornelius Morris	Frederick Co	Killed	2, 3, 6
Priv	John Oram	Baltimore, MD	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	John Pierce	Westmoreland Co, PA	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4
Priv	Hezekiah Phillips	Southwest, VA	Prisoner	2, 3, 11
Priv	Jedediah Phillips	Southwest, VA	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	Jeremiah Riddle	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 10
Priv	Benjamin Roderick	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 10
Priv	William Rutledge	Frederick Co	Killed	2, 3, 6
Priv	John Schultz	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 4, 6
Priv	Charles Secrest	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	Edward Seedes	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	John Smoot	Frederick Co	Returned	7
Priv	Jacob Sperry	Winchester	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
Priv	John Stephens	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3, 6
Priv	Seth Stratton	Winchester	Returned	3, 4
Priv	Solomon Veal	Bennington Co, NJ	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	Jacob Ware	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3, 6
Priv	Jesse Wheeler	Frederick Co	Prisoner	2, 3
Priv	Thomas Williams	Frederick Co	Prisoner	1, 2, 3
Priv	David Wilson	Frederick Co	Killed	2, 3
Priv	Peter Wolfe	Frederick Co	Killed	2, 3

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