

Colonial Heads of State and Colonial Wars

There aren't any in Colebrook, but in eastern Connecticut, eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the graves of veterans of the so-called Colonial Wars are decorated with the symbol of a *fleur-des-lis*. Most able bodied males were obliged to serve in the militia from about the age of 16 until 55 or thereabouts, and few were not veterans of at least one episode of Colonial struggles, more often than not the result of European wars that spilled over across the Atlantic. Sometimes we look at the conditions that Washington's men not only endured, but survived quite well; almost to a man, they had known privation and struggles for survival most of their adult lives, and were thus able to shrug off what no doubt would have been the death of us moderns.

Here is a list of British heads of state from early Colonial times until the present, followed by the Colonial wars the colonists fought in:

William III, who ruled from 1689 - 1702	
Anne	“ 1702 – 1714
George I	“ 1714 – 1727
George II	“ 1727 – 1760
George III	“ 1760 – 1820
George IV	“ 1820 – 1830
William IV	“ 1830 – 1837
Victoria	“ 1837 – 1901
Edward VII	“ 1901 – 1910
George V	“ 1910 – 1936
George VI	“ 1936 – 1952
Elizabeth II	“ 1952 –

Queen Anne's War 1702 – 1713

1707, siege of Port Royal (failed)

1710, French province captured, Acadia became Nova Scotia

Port Royal became Annapolis Royal

4,000 colonists under Francis Nicholson captured Port Royal

1711, combined sea – land expedition against Canada planned. Naval set-back caused Nicholson to give up campaign against Montreal.

King George's War 1743 – 1748

(This is the American phase of the War of the Austrian Succession.)

1755, Sept. 8, battle of Lake George.

1756, August 9, Fort William Henry destroyed.

1759, Sept. 18, Quebec City fell.

1760, Sept. 8, Montreal surrenders and all of Canada becomes British.

American War of Independence

- 1770, March 5, Boston massacre
- 1773, December 16, Boston Tea Party
- 1775, April 19, Battle of Lexington and Concord
- 1775, May 10, Fort Ticonderoga falls to Ethan Allen.
- 1775, May 31, the troops before Boston were adopted as a Continental Army
- 1775, June 15, George Washington appointed commander-in-chief.
- 1783, Peace treaty between England and the United States signed in Paris.

Wars fought by the United States

- 1786, Shay's rebellion.
- 1812 – 1814, War of 1812 against England.
- 1846 – 1848, War with Mexico
- 1861 – 1865, Civil War
- 1898, Spanish – American War
- 1917, April 6, War declared against Germany, WWI
- 1818, Armistice, November 11.
- 1941 – 1945 WWII
- 1950 – 1953, Korean War
- 1965 – 1973, Viet Nam War
- 1983, U.S. invades Granada
- 1986, U.S. bombs Libya
- 1991, First Gulf War
- 2001, World Trade Center destroyed, beginning of War Against Terrorism.
- 2003 Iraq War