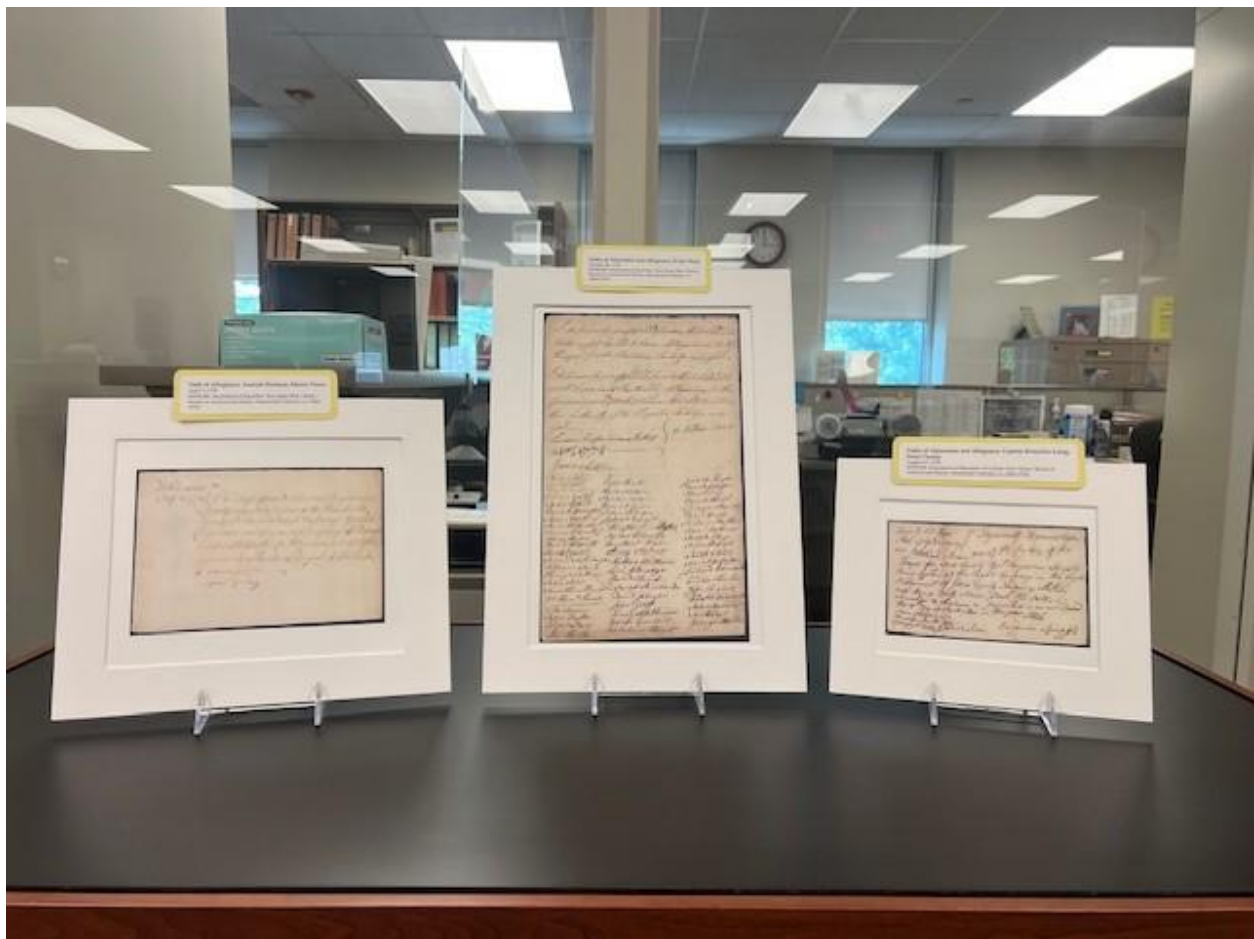


New Jersey State Archives Mini Exhibits
Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration during the
Revolutionary War

July 2026

Our newest exhibit in the Manuscript Reading Room is all about Oaths of Allegiance and Abjuration. Many New Jerseyans, whether part of the army or not, were required to pledge their loyalties to the new Government and against the King of England.



I do sincerely profess and swear, that I do not
hold myself bound to bear Allegiance to the
Kings of Great-Britain. So helps me God.

I do sincerely profess and swear, that I do and
will bear true Faith and Allegiance to the
Government established in this State under
the Authority of the People. So helps me
God.

Sworn before me before } Nathan Cross.
28th, 1778 ——— }

James Whilldin

Philip Godfrey	Ezra Hand	Jedidah Hughes
Araia Will	Aaron Swain	Daniel Johnson
Christopher Hammy	Reuben Swain	Abner Long
William Yates	Daniel Cross	Daniel Hewitt
John Ward	John Hand	Thomas Chaves
Daniel Garrison	Josiah Cross	David Cross
John Holmes	Constantine Taylor	Richard Matthews
Jona Hildreth	Aaron Eldredge	Isaac Mathias
James Eldredge	Constant Hughes	Joseph Hays
Abner Boston	Henry Stevens	John Foster
David Hildreth	Matthew Whilldin	Jacob Stiles
Jacob Cross	Levi Eldredge	Samuel Peterson
Anniah Richardson	David Hand	Richard Edmond
William Shaw	Jacob Richardson	Elisha Hand
Henry Whillinger	David Johnson	Jesse Hughes
John Stiles	John Goff	Elisha Benoraft
Jonathan Goff	Henry Whillinger	John Benoraft
Nathan Hand	George Campbell	Jacob Kiel
Silas Swain	Abraham Ricket	George Norton
John Taylor		
Elijah Shaw		
Levi Hand		

Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, [Cape May]

October 28, 1778

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*Morris sworn
Apr 1. 1778* } This day appeared before me Benjamin
Linsley, one of the Justices of the Peace for the
County of Morris State of New Jersey, Azariah
Dunham and his last Company of Purchasers
and took the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office,
agreeable to a Resolve of Congress of the third
of February 1778
Benjⁿ Linsley

Oath of Allegiance, Azariah Dunham, Morris Town

April 1, 1778

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County of Essex } Personally Appeared before
State of New Jersey }
me Jedediah Swan one of the Justices of the
Peace for said County Capt. Benjamin Laing Jr.,
Being Captain of the Right Company in the first
Regiment of Essex County New Jersey Militia
and being duly sworn took the Oaths of
abjuration & allegiance as described in an act passed
the 19th Day of September in the year 1776
sworn before me
the seven tenth day
of August 1778 Jedediah Swan, Benjamin Laing Jr.

Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance, Captain Benjamin Laing, Essex County

August 17, 1778

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Additional Oaths of Abjuration and Allegiance can be found in our Bureau of Archives and History [BAH] Collection, SEDSL006, particularly in boxes 1-35 and 1-36.

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