

Revolutionary War

Cartridge Box

Shown is a sample of a cartridge box that would have been used by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts members of which would have served in the Revolutionary War. This company is the oldest chartered military organization



in North America[1] and the third oldest chartered military organization in the world.[2] Its charter was granted in March 1638 by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay and signed by Governor John Winthrop as a volunteer militia company to train officers enrolled in the local militia companies across Massachusetts. The cartridge box was a box to carry cartridges. It was worn on the soldier's right hip, on a belt in front of the soldier's belly, or on a shoulder belt. A musket cartridge consisted of a pre-measured amount of black powder and ammunition such as a round ball all wrapped up in paper. Cartridges would then be placed in a cartridge box, which would typically be worn on the musketeer's belt during a battle.