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During the Civil War, Massachusetts raised two regiments of “colored” volunteers: the 54th Regiment celebrated in the film “Glory,” and the 55th Regiment which was originally organized with an overflow of men volunteering for the 54th Regiment. In both of these regiments, men listing Massachusetts as their place of residence were in a minority. Of the 1445 men in the 54th Regiment, (excluding 12 individuals, field command and staff), only 404 enlistees or 27.95 percent listed their place of residence as Massachusetts. Similarly, of the 1209 enlisted men of the 55th Regiment only 182 volunteers or 15.06 percent of the Regiment listed towns in the Commonwealth as their place of residence.

Of the combined total of enlisted men in the 54th and 55th Regiments, 586 volunteers or 22.08 percent of 2654 enlistees were recorded as residents of Massachusetts.

From New York 193 men were 13.75 percent of enlistees in the 54th Regiment while another 31 New York men were part of the 55th Regiment. For both Massachusetts regiments 224 men from New York were 8.4 percent of all enlistees in the combined Massachusetts regiments.

The following partial roster is a listing of volunteers from Western and Central New York who were part of the 54th and 55th Regiments. **Here are reproduced the unit, whether 54th or 55th Regiment, Company, Citation Page, Enlistee’s first name, middle initial and last name, residence, age, occupation and date of enlistment.**

Source: Massachusetts Adjutant General’s Office, Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War, 8 vols. (Norwood, Mass: Norwood Press), vol. 4: 658-714. This volume provides an alphabetical listing of the regiments organized company by company but lacks a cumulative alphabetical roster for the entire Regiment.

54	F	685	Sylvester	Archer	Binghamton	20	farmer	03/29/1863
54	E	680	Henry	Bell	Binghamton	22	laborer	03/29/1863
54	E	680	Frederick L.	Bond	Binghamton	22	laborer	03/29/1863
54	F	685	John H.	Bond	Binghamton	19	farmer	04/08/1863
54	F	685	Alfred	Cornish	Binghamton	18	painter	04/08/1863
54	E	682	George F.	Jackson	Binghamton	20	laborer	03/29/1863
54	F	689	Samuel	Thomas	Binghamton	32	engineer	04/08/1863
54	D	675	Garnett G.	Cezar	Buffalo	18	sailor	03/17/1863
55	A	718	John E.	Davis	Buffalo	28	cook	from 54 th
54	D	675	John H.	Dover	Buffalo	18	waiter	03/18/1863
55	I	753	Ephraim	Freeman	Buffalo	37	farmer	06/08/1863
54	A	660	Thomas	Hamilton	Buffalo	30	sailor	04/15/1863
54	D	676	John F.	Harrison	Buffalo	18	laborer	03/19/1863
54	A	661	Charles	Kane	Buffalo	28	laborer	03/28/1863
54	H	697	James	Lane	Buffalo	22	laborer	04/17/1863
54	H	697	Manuel	Lee	Buffalo	22	laborer	04/21/1863
55	D	773	Eli	Lett	Buffalo	28	barber	06/06/1863
54	D	678	George	Lucas	Buffalo	28	sailor	03/27/1863
54	D	678	John R.	O’Neil	Buffalo	24	cook	03/17/1863
54	F	688	James H.	Powell	Buffalo	20	farmer	04/04/1863
54	H	698	James F.	Price	Buffalo	31	laborer	04/21/1863

54	D	679	Alexander W.	Renkins	Buffalo	21	sailor	03/19/1863
54	H	698	Anthony	Shenck	Buffalo	26	laborer	04/29/1863
54	F	689	George W.	Thomas	Buffalo	19	sailor	04/08/1863
54	D	679	Albert D.	Thompson	Buffalo	18	bank porter	03/17/1863
54	F	689	David	Washington	Buffalo	23	butcher	04/08/1863
55	F	744	Patton	Williams	Buffalo	19	ng	09/16/1864
54	D	678	Edwin	Lukes	Corning	28	shoemaker	03/18/1863
54	G	693	George	Reynolds	Corning	20	teamster	04/04/1863
54	E	680	George N.	Addison	Elmira	26	barber	03/29/1863
54	F	685	Frank	Boyer	Elmira	19	farmer	04/08/1863
54	F	685	William R.	Brown	Elmira	26	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	685	Levi	Carter	Elmira	38	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	685	George A.	Croger	Elmira	29	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	685	Frank	Davis	Elmira	18	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	685	William	Davis	Elmira	25	laborer	12/15/1863
54	F	685	Richard D.	Goodman	Elmira	20	farmer	04/08/1863
54	F	687	George	Holmes	Elmira	31	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	687	Alexander	Johnson	Elmira	34	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	687	William R.	Lee	Elmira	38	weaver	05/12/1863
54	F	687	Andrew	Miller	Elmira	39	blacksmith	04/18/1863
54	H	697	Miles	Moore	Elmira	16	laborer	04/29/1863
54	F	686	George W.	Moshroe	Elmira	23	laborer	04/08/1863
54	H	698	William	Perry	Elmira	20	laborer	04/29/1863
54	F	688	James	Postley	Elmira	19	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	688	John P.	Price	Elmira	38	barber	04/08/1863
54	F	688	George	Smith	Elmira	24	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	688	Robert	Smith	Elmira	21	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	689	Philip	Snowden	Elmira	18	laborer	04/08/1863
54	F	689	Stephen A.	Swails	Elmira	30	boatman	04/08/1863
54	F	689	William H.	Watson	Elmira	27	laborer	04/08/1863
54	G	692	Horace	Jackson	Glen Falls	29	caulker	04/09/1863
54	G	694	Charles	Stanton	Glen Falls	21	boatman	04/09/1863
54	G	695	James H.	Williams	Glen Falls	19	teamster	04/09/1863
54	F	685	Wesley R.	Armstrong	Horseheads	19	blacksmith	04/08/1863
54	E	684	Henry F.	Stewart	Horseheads	19	barber	03/29/1863
54	H	696	Henry	Dennis	Ithaca	27	laborer	04/29/1863
54	H	697	James	Jameson	Ithaca	24	barber	04/29/1863
54	K	705	Joseph	Bayard	Lockport	28	turnkey	05/05/1863
54	D	677	Issac S.	Hawkins	Medina	29	sailor	12/12/1863
54	G	690	Charles G.	Akins	Mt. Morris	21	boatman	04/09/1863
54	E	683	William	Netson	Niagara	27	laborer	04/04/1863
54	D	676	Ira W.	Gardiner	Penn Yan	26	cook	03/17/1863
54	G	691	Alfred	Hamilton	Penn Yan	18	farmer	04/09/1863
54	F	685	Charles R.	Douglass	Rochester	19	printer	04/18/1863
54	F	658	Lewis H.	Douglass	Rochester	22	printer	03/25/1863
54	E	682	Nathaniel	Hurley	Rochester	19	laborer	03/29/1863
54	D	677	Nathan C.	Jeffrey	Rochester	18	laborer	03/18/1863
55	D	734	Samuel J.	Robinson	Rochester	22	groom	03/18/1863
54	D	679	Nathan	Sprague	Rochester	23		09/03/1864
54	D	680	James S.	Weir	Rochester	18	fireman	11/26/1863
54	E	681	Jacob	Carter	Syracuse	26	barber	03/29/1863
54	E	681	Abram	Cleveland	Syracuse	21	laborer	03/29/1863
54	E	681	Charles L.	Creamer	Syracuse	18	laborer	03/29/1863
54	E	681	John	Decker	Syracuse	23	laborer	03/29/1863
54	E	681	Andrew	Deforest	Syracuse	19	waiter	03/29/1863
54	E	682	Alexander	Henry	Syracuse	25	laborer	03/29/1863

54	E	683	Charles K.	Reason	Syracuse	23	laborer	03/29/1863
54	E	684	George	Washington	Syracuse	29	sailor	03/29/1863
54	E	684	Charles	Whiten	Syracuse	26	laborer	03/29/1863
54	E	684	Charles J.	Willis	Syracuse	24	machinist	03/29/1863