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During the Civil War, Massachusetts raised two regiments of “colored” volunteers: the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment celebrated in the film “Glory,” and the 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment which was originally organized with an overflow of men volunteering for the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment. In both of these regiments, men listing Massachusetts as their place of residence were in a minority. Of the 1445 men in the 54<sup>th</sup> 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 55<sup>th</sup> 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 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> 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 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment while another 31 New York men were part of the 55<sup>th</sup> 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 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> Regiments. **Here are reproduced the unit, whether 54<sup>th</sup> or 55<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>
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