

## The Raid on Charlestown

The Amos Greene Homestead (circa 1750) in Charlestown, Rhode Island will be the location of the action for the raid on Charlestown the weekend of October 5-7. The 67-acre farm is between two large properties of the Charlestown Land Trust, managed by the Charlestown Historical Society.

The Homestead is still privately owned and the owners are trying to get it listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*. Last year, Amtrak threatened to take some of the property to lay railroad tracks to shorten the Northeast corridor between Boston and New York. The intercession of several reenactors put an end to that plan.

It is generally thought that Amos is somehow related to Nathanael, but the relationship has not yet been documented. Greene is a popular name in Rhode Island, particularly in the 18th century. Amos was a militia captain and his unit drilled on the property. He is even buried in the family plot on the property.

The farmhouse is a typical New England farm of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It is surrounded by cow pastures which will be the setting for Saturday's scenarios. The low stone walls dividing the pastureland into several parcels also provide a good boundary for crowd control. Clumps of trees provide cover and various possibilities for tactical maneuvers.

Woodlands, with cow paths and walking trails, form the perimeter around the pastures. The possibility of combat scenarios is only limited by our imagination. As this woodland area is not conducive to scenarios involving a viewing public, we anticipate using it on Sunday when the property will be closed to the public. This will be a good opportunity to take advantage of these parts of the property that are not convenient for a public tactical. So, the entire farm will be at our disposal for war games on Sunday.

Local units participated in day events the past two years, as trial runs for this longer weekend event. The property owner, a filmmaker, prepared the video of the first event. You can view it at <https://vimeo.com/191846627> to get an idea of what the farm offers and what you can expect.

Parking for reenactors and the public will be at the nearby school (about half a mile away). There will be shuttle service on Saturday (about 10 minutes round trip). Early arrival on Friday is welcome between the hours of one and 8 PM. BAR Pres. Tom DeLucco (cell phone 860-508-0870) will be quartermaster for those arriving on Friday.

We hope to see many of you for this event the first weekend in October. Because this is a historically sensitive site and private property, we are trying to preserve it for future generations. Consequently, at the request of the property owner, the event will be limited to a maximum of 80 participants. We ask unit commanders to preregister their units so we can plan accordingly. While the site is suitable for horses and artillery, the property owners prefer that there be no horses or artillery fire at this event. Registrations can be sent to

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The Amos Greene Farm is located on Route 112 in Charlestown, Rhode Island. The address is 233A Route 112 (also known as Carolina Back Road). In front of the driveway there is a white rural mailbox that has the number 233B on it. Turn in there and immediately bear left, it is about 3/10 mile to the farm.

Traveling from the south, it is about 1 mile north of the intersection of Routes 2 and 112 on the right side of the road.

Traveling from the north, it is about a 7/10ths of a mile south of the Charlestown Elementary School on the left side of the road.

There are fast food restaurants and a Stop & Shop for groceries, ice, etc. at exit 3 of I-95. That's about 6 miles west of the Homestead. For those who prefer finer dining, the Wilcox Tavern (est. 1730 [www.wilcox Tavern 1730.com](http://www.wilcox Tavern 1730.com)) is located at 5153 Old Post Rd. in Charlestown.

#### Preliminary Public Schedule for Saturday

10:00 Encampment Opens to the Public

10:30 Reading of the Declaration of Independence

10:45 Drill, Skirmish and Doctor's Tent

11:30 Uniforms of the Revolution

12:30 Reading of the Declaration of Independence

12:45 Skirmish, Doctor's Tent, Children's Drill

1:30 Uniforms of the Revolution

2:00 Greene Family Cemetery Visit / Bayonet drill and demonstration

2:30 Reading of the Declaration of Independence

2:45 Skirmish and Doctor's Tent

3:30 Public Begins to Depart

4:00 Public portion of Encampment Ends

Register for the raid on Charlestown  
October 5-7, 2018

Unit name:

Crown forces:                      Allied forces

contact name:

address:

phone:                                      email:

Number of officers:              men at arms:                      musicians: camp followers:

tents:              Marquis:              wall:                      wedge:                      dining fly:

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