

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

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COURSE NO. 399 COURSE TITLE Representative Americans

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

"Representative Americans" are frequently thought of as prominent national figures who have played an important role in our society. This course emphasizes that the common person, or the "person in the street," also has played a major role in our past. Thus, while we will examine some "prominent" Americans such as Sam Adams, Blackhawk, William Bradford and Frederick Douglas for example, emphasis also will be focused on less well known (or completely unknown) individuals including Nathaniel Bacon, William Byrd, Mary B. Chestnut and Pretty-Shield. With this approach we can, hopefully, arrive at some conclusion as to whom are the "Representative Americans."

LECTURES

8:25 TR plus discussion section

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

GRADING SYSTEM

REQUIRED READINGS All paperbacks.

LETTERS FROM AN AMERICAN FARMER - J. Hector DeCrevecoeur, Dutton
OF PLYMOUTH PLANTATION - Bradford William, Capricorn Books
AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARIES IN THE MAKING - Charles S. Sydnor, Free Press
THE GOVERNOR & THE REBEL - Wilcomb Washburn, Univ. of N. C. Press
THE GREAT AMERICAN GENTLEMAN: THE SECRET DIARY OF WM. BYRD OF WESTOVER 1709-1712
SAM ADAMS: PIONEER IN PROPAGANDA - John C. Miller, Stanford Press
PETER OLIVER'S ORIGIN & PROGRESS OF THE AMERICAN REBELLION: ATORY VIEW, Stanford Press
THE ANTIFEDERALISTS, Jackson Turner Main, Quadrangle Books
PRETTY SHIELD - Frank B. Linderman, Bison Book
THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BLACKHAWK, Dan Blackhawk Jackson, U. of Ill. Press

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