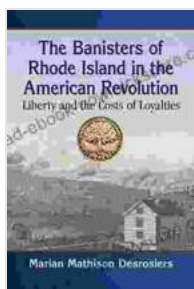


# The Banisters of Rhode Island: A Legacy of Service in the American Revolution

The Banister family of Rhode Island was a prominent and influential family during the American Revolution. Several members of the family served in the Continental Army, the Navy, and the state legislature. Their contributions to the war effort were significant, and their legacy continues to be honored in Rhode Island today.

## John Banister

John Banister was one of the most prominent members of the Banister family. He was born in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1734. He graduated from Harvard College in 1754 and then studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1757 and began practicing law in Newport.



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Banister was a strong supporter of the American Revolution. In 1774, he was elected to the Rhode Island General Assembly. He served in the Assembly for several years and was a member of the Committee of Safety. He also served as a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1776 and 1777.

In 1777, Banister joined the Continental Army. He served as a captain in the 1st Rhode Island Regiment. He fought in several battles, including the Battle of Saratoga and the Battle of Monmouth.

Banister was a brave and skilled soldier. He was promoted to major in 1778 and to lieutenant colonel in 1780. He continued to serve in the Continental Army until the end of the war.

After the war, Banister returned to Rhode Island. He served in the state legislature for several more years and was also a judge on the Rhode Island Supreme Court. He died in 1798.

## **William Banister**

William Banister was another prominent member of the Banister family. He was born in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1739. He graduated from Harvard College in 1760 and then studied medicine. He was admitted to the practice of medicine in 1763 and began practicing medicine in Newport.

Banister was a strong supporter of the American Revolution. In 1775, he joined the Rhode Island militia. He served in the militia for several years and was a member of the Committee of Safety. He also served as a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1778 and 1779.

In 1779, Banister joined the Continental Navy. He served as a surgeon on the USS Providence. He served on the Providence for several years and participated in several battles, including the Battle of Yorktown.

Banister was a skilled surgeon. He was promoted to surgeon's mate in 1781 and to surgeon in 1783. He continued to serve in the Continental Navy until the end of the war.

After the war, Banister returned to Rhode Island. He practiced medicine in Newport for many years and was also a member of the Rhode Island Medical Society. He died in 1815.

### **Other Banister Family Members**

In addition to John and William Banister, several other members of the Banister family served in the American Revolution. These included:

\* John Banister Jr., who served in the Continental Army as a captain and was killed at the Battle of Saratoga. \* Joseph Banister, who served in the Continental Navy as a surgeon's mate. \* Samuel Banister, who served in the Rhode Island militia as a lieutenant. \* Thomas Banister, who served in the Rhode Island militia as a private.

The Banister family made a significant contribution to the American Revolution. Their service in the Continental Army, the Navy, and the state legislature was essential to the war effort. Their legacy continues to be honored in Rhode Island today.

### **The Banister Family House**

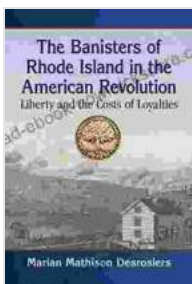
The Banister family house is a historic house located in Newport, Rhode Island. The house was built in 1743 by John Banister, the father of John and William Banister. The house is a two-story, wood-frame house with a gambrel roof. It is located on a large lot overlooking the Newport Harbor.

The Banister family house is a well-preserved example of a Georgian-style house. The house has been restored and is now open to the public as a museum. The museum exhibits the history of the Banister family and their contributions to the American Revolution.

The Banister family house is a National Historic Landmark. It is a popular tourist destination and is a reminder of the important role that the Banister family played in the history of Rhode Island and the United States.

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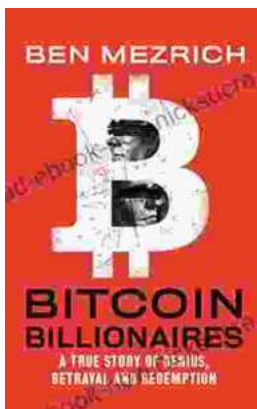
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