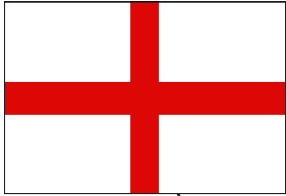


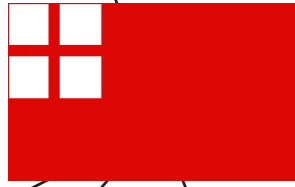
# Genealogy of the American Flag



The nine segments on Benjamin Franklin's famous 1754 cartoon probably inspired the 9 stripes in the original Sons of Liberty Flag.



England  
Since 1277

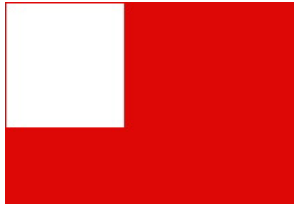


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Red Ensign  
c1621-1707

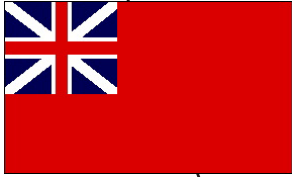


Scotland  
Since the  
1200s

LOCAL FLAG TRADITION



Massachusetts Bay  
1634-c1686

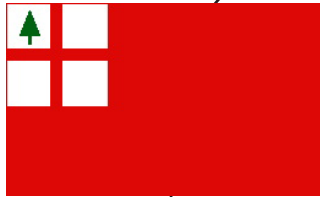


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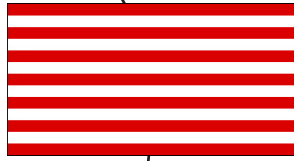


Sons of Liberty  
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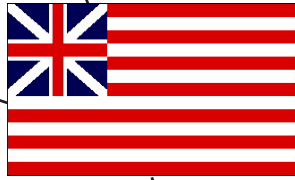
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New England  
Ensign  
c1686-c1775



Sons of Liberty  
1775



Continental  
Colors  
1775-1777

GREAT BRITAIN  
AMERICA



New England  
Ensign  
1775-Present

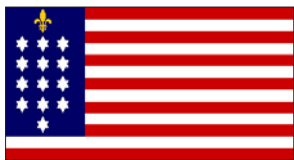


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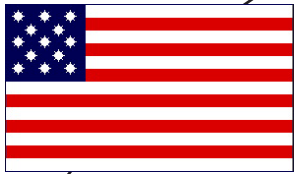
Stars and Stripes  
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Massachusetts  
Navy  
1775-1791



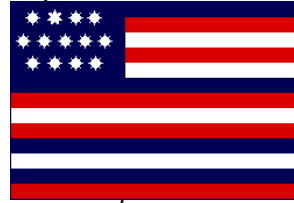
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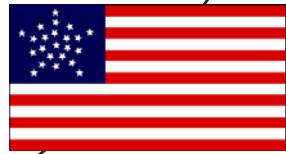
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After 1784



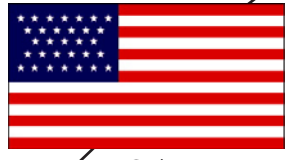
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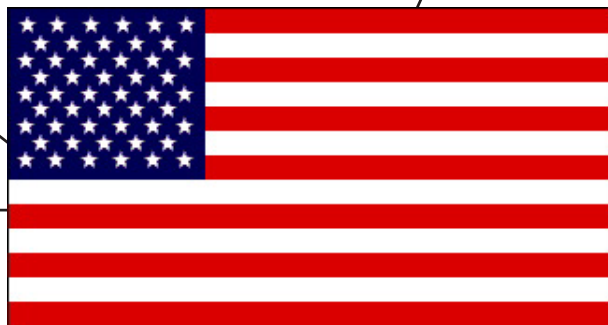
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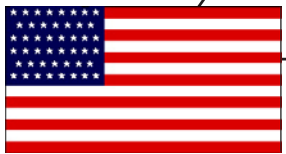


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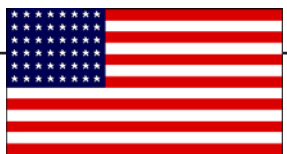
THOUSANDS OF VARIANTS



1870



1908



1912