



The earliest notice of a New England Flag emblematic of the Union of more than one colony.

The globe in the first quarter alludes to America, commonly called the "New World."

Taunton Flag 1774 LIBERTY & UNION

At Taunton, Mass., in 1774, two years before the Declaration of Independence, a Union Flag was unfurled with the words, "Liberty and Union," inscribed thereon.

This flag has historic value because it was the first to wave with that motto.



This is the standard the Colonists carried at the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.

Pine Tree Flag of the Navy 1775



The earliest use of the Pine Tree on American Flags was the 18th of July, 1775. The floating batteries which opened fire on the British at Boston in October, 1775, displayed the Pine Tree Flag.



Flags with Thirteen Stripes, alternate red and white, became very popular early in 1776, Commodore Hopkins adopted this with a rattlesnake and the motto "Don't Tread on Me."



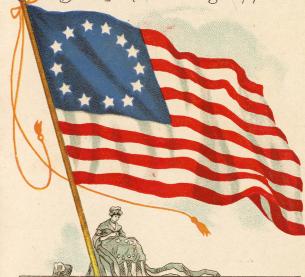
The most Famous of Flags used in the South at the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

The exploit of Sergeant Jasper, in rescuing the flag after it had been shot away at the battle of Fort Moultrie, has ever since been celebrated. Grand Union Flag 1776



This standard was variously called "The Union Flag," "The Grand Union Flag," and the "Great Union Flag." The display of this standard before Washington's Army marked an era in the affairs of the Colonies, as it was the first to be raised that symbolized the union of the Thirteen Colonies.

Betsy Ross Flag 1777



The first American Flag adopted by Congress, 1777, was made by Betsy Ross under instructions of a Committee composed of George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross. This flag was first used at the Battle of Brandywine, September 14, 1777.



April, 1818, Congress passed an Act to establish the Flag of the United States. 13 Stripes alternated red and white and 20 Stars, white on a blue field. The flag remains the same up to today with the exception of additional Stars upon the admission of new states to the Union.

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