

Newspaper Account of the Boston Massacre, 12 March 1770

Context: Printed exactly one week after the tragedy, this newspaper report from The Boston Gazette and Country Journal provided comprehensive coverage of the Boston Massacre.

Descriptions included conflicts between Bostonians and soldiers leading up to 5 March 1770 and details from the night of the event summarized from witness accounts. Crispus Attucks is directly mentioned three times in the piece. The Gazette is considered to be one of the most influential publications of the Revolutionary era in America.



Mr. Samuel Gray, killed on the spot, the ball entering his head...

A [mixed race] man named Crispus Attucks, who was born in Framingham, but lately

belonged to New-Providence [in the Bahamas] and was here in order to go for North Carolina, also killed instantly, two balls entering his breast

Mr. James Caldwell, mate of Capt. Morton's vessel, in like manner killed by two balls entering his back

Mr. Samuel Maverick, a promising youth of 17 years of age, son of the widow Maverick, and an apprentice to Mr. Greenwood, Ivory-Turner, mortally wounded, a ball went through his belly, and was cut out at his back; he died the next morning

Mr. Patrick Carr, about 30 years of age, who work'd with Mr. Field, Leather-Breeches-maker, in Queen-street, wounded, a ball enter'd near his hip and went out at his side. [Carr died a few days later]

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