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The American Founding

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GENERAL READINGS AND SOURCES

- Bernard Bailyn, Ideological Origins of the American Revolution
George Bancroft, History of the Formation of the Constitution of the United States
Edward S. Corwin, The Constitution of the United States, annotated (G.P.O.)
William W. Crosskey, Politics and the Constitution
George T. Curtis, Constitutional History of the U.S.
*Jack P. Greene, The Reinterpretation of the American Revolution, 1763-1789 (Harper & Row)
A. H. Kelly and W. A. Harbison, The American Constitution
*Leonard Levy (ed.), Essays on the Making of the Constitution (Oxford)
Robert G. McCloskey, Essays in Constitutional Law
Forrest McDonald, E Pluribus Unum
Andrew C. McLaughlin, Constitutional History of the U.S.
* _____, The Confederation and the Constitution (Collier)
_____, Foundations of American Constitutionalism
Edmund S. Morgan, The Birth of the Republic, 1763-1789
C. Herman Pritchett, The American Constitution, 2nd ed.
Joseph Story, Commentaries on the Constitution of the U.S.
Charles Warren, The Making of the Constitution
_____, The Supreme Court in United States History
*Gordon S. Wood, The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787
- Jonathan Elliot, The Debates in the Several State Conventions on the Adoption of the Federal Constitution (and other materials) 2nd ed., 1836, 5 vols
*Max Farrand (ed.), The Records of the Federal Convention, 1787 (Yale, paper)
*The Federalist (Rossiter edition, Mentor)
Paul L. Ford (ed.), Essays on the Constitution
_____, Pamphlets on the Constitution
Merril Jensen, Tracts of the American Revolution
*Cecelia M. Kenyon (ed.), The Antifederalists (Bobbs-Merrill)
John B. McMaster & Frederick Stone, Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution, 1787-1788
Winton Solberg (ed.), The Federal Convention and the Formation of the Union of the American States (Bobbs-Merrill) [an intelligently abridged version of Madison's notes]
Charles C. Tansill, Documents Illustrative of the Formation of the Union of the American States (G.P.O., includes documents, notes of Madison, Yates, Hamilton, King, etc.)

*Recommended for purchase

I. THE FORMATION OF THE NATION

The Declaration of Independence

*Jack P. Greene, The Reinterpretation of the American Revolution,
Introduction

*Gordon Wood, The Creation of the American Republic, Pts I-IV

Bernard Bailyn, "The Logic of Rebellion" and "Political Experience and Enlightenment Ideas in Eighteenth-Century America," Ibid.

Edmund S. Morgan, "The Puritan Ethic and the Coming of the American Revolution," Ibid.

Perry Miller, "The Moral and Psychological Roots of American Resistance," Ibid.

Cecelia U. Kenyon, "Republicanism and Radicalism in the American Revolution," Ibid.

The Articles of Confederation

*Andrew C. McLaughlin, The Confederation and the Constitution,
Chs 1-11

Merril Jensen, The Articles of Confederation (U. of Wisconsin Press, paper), esp. prefaces to 1st, 2nd, 3rd printings,
Chs 1,2,3,4,7,13

Recommended:

Merril Jensen (ed.), Tracts of the American Revolution

Charles McIlwain, The American Revolution, A Constitutional Interpretation, Ch 1 (4,3,2)

*Jack P. Greene, The Reinterpretation of the American Revolution, Pts II, III, IV

Carl Becker, The Declaration of Independence, Chs 1, 4, 6

George Ticknor Curtis, Constitutional History of the U.S., Vol 1, Chs 1-14

Randolph Adams, Political Ideas of the American Revolution

J. Franklin Jameson, The American Revolution Considered as A Social Movement

Robert E. Brown, Reinterpretation of the Formation of the American Constitution (published separately and also in Boston University Law Review, 1963)

Merril Jensen, The New Nation

Forrest McDonald, E Pluribus Unum, Chs 1-5

Martin Diamond, The Revolution of Sober Expectations (American Enterprise Institution)

*Recommended for purchase

II. THE FRAMING OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of the United States of America

James Madison, "Preface to the Debates in the Convention of 1787,"
 Max Farrand (ed.), The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787, Vol III, p. 539

*Max Farrand (ed.), The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787,
 Vols 1, 2

Andrew C. McLaughlin, Foundations of American Constitutionalism,
 Chs 1-4

*_____, The Confederation and the Constitution,
 Chs 12-16

The Beard Controversy:

*Leonard Levy (ed.), Essays on the Making of the Constitution
 John P. Roche, "The Founding Fathers: A Reform Caucus in Action,"
 (APSR, Dec., 1961), in *Levy, Essays and *Greene, The
Reinterpretation

Stanley Elkins and Eric McKittrick, "The Founding Fathers: Young
 Men of the Revolution," (PSQ, June, 1961), in *Levy,
Essays and *Greene, The Reinterpretation

Recommended:

(Max Farrand, The Framing of the Constitution)

R. L. Schuyler, The Constitution of the United States

Charles Warren, The Making of the Constitution

George P. Curtis, Constitutional History of the U.S.,
 Chs 15-32

(David G. Smith, The Convention and the Constitution:
The Political Ideas of the Founding Fathers)

(Clinton Rossiter, 1787: The Grand Convention)

Paul Hidelberg, The Philosophy of the American Constitution

Charles A. Beard, An Economic Interpretation of the
Constitution of the U.S., esp. Chs 1-5, 9

Forrest McDonald, We The People: The Economic Origins of
the Constitution, esp. Chs 1-4, 8-10

_____, E Pluribus Unum, Chs 6-8

Jackson T. Main, "Charles A. Beard and the Constitution:
 A Critical Review of Forrest McDonald's We the People,"
William and Mary Quarterly, January, 1960

Robert E. Brown, Charles Beard and the Constitution:
A Critical Analysis of 'An Economic Interpretation
of the Constitution,' esp. intro, Chs 1-4, 9, 9, concl

Lee Benson, Turner and Beard: American Historical Writing
Reconsidered, Pt III

Douglas Adair, "The Tenth Federalist Revisited," The William and
Mary Quarterly, January, 1951 (Bobbs-Merrill Reprint H-3)

Benjamin Wright, Consensus and Continuity 1776-1787 (published
 separately and also in Boston U Law Review, Winter, 1958)

Political Science Reviewer. Fall, 1976 (Bicentennial Issue)

III. THE DEBATE OVER RATIFICATION

- *Andrew C. McLaughlin, The Confederation and the Constitution,
Chs 17-18
- Forrest McDonald, "The Anti-Federalists 1791-1793" (Misc Mag of History, Spring, 1963), *Greene, The Reinterpretation
- Cecelia M. Kenyon, Men of Little Faith: the Anti-Federalists on the Nature of Representative Government (William and Mary Quarterly, June 1955), *Greene, The Reinterpretation
and *Kenyon, The Antifederalists, intro
- Herbert J. Storing, "What the Anti-Federalists Were For" (xerox)
"The Constitution and the Bill of Rights" (xerox)
"The 'Other' Federalist Papers," Political Science Reviewer, Fall 1976 (Bicentennial Issue)
- Political Science Reviewer, Fall 1976 -- essays to be assigned

Letter of James Madison to Thomas Jefferson, 24 Oct 1787, mimeo

- James Wilson, Address to the Citizens of Philadelphia,
6 Oct 1787, P.L. Ford, Pamphlets on the Constitution and McMaster and Stone, Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution
- The Address and Reasons of Dissent of the Minority of the Convention of the State of Pennsylvania to their Constituents, *Kenyon, The Antifederalists. (Also in McMaster and Stone, Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution)
- George Mason, Objections to the Proposed Federal Constitution,
*C.M. Kenyon, The Antifederalists. (Also in Ford, Pamphlets; Elliot, Debates (Vol I, pp. 494-496); *Farrand, Records (Vol II, pp. 637-640)

The Federalist, Nos 9, 10, 49, 51; also 35, 36, 55, 57, 58, 63

- "The Letters of Centinel," #1, Kenyon, The Antifederalists
- "Letters from a Federal Farmer," #1-3, Kenyon, The Antifederalists
(Also in Ford, Pamphlets and in Forrest McDonald (ed), Empire and Nation)

Speeches of Patrick Henry in the Virginia Ratifying Convention,
4 June, 5 June, 1788, Elliot, Debates, Vol III, pp. 21-23, 43-64

Letters of Brutus, selections, mimeo

Speeches of Melancton Smith and reply by Alexander Hamilton, New York Ratifying Convention, June 21, 1788, Elliot, Debates, Vol II, 243-59, mimeo

Recommended:

- James Winthrop, "Asrippa Letters," 23 November, 3 Dec, 25 Dec., 28 Dec., 1787; 14 Jan., 5 Feb., 1788, in Ford, Essays
- Speech of John Marshall in the Virginia Ratifying Convention,
19 June 1788, Elliot, Debates, Vol III, pp. 223-236

*Recommended for purchase

- James Wilson, Speech before the Pennsylvania Ratifying Convention, November 26, 1787, Elliot, Debates, Vol II, pp. 418-438; also in McMaster and Stone, Pennsylvania and the Federal Constitution
- Albert J. Beveridge, The Life of John Marshall, chs 9-12
George T. Curtis, Constitutional History of the U.S., chs 33-36
- Martin Diamond, The Federalist in Strauss and Cropsey (eds), History of Political Philosophy
- Jackson Turner Main, The Antifederalists: Critics of the Constitution
- (Alpheus T. Mason, The States' Rights Debate: Antifederalism and the Constitution)
- (Morgan Bordon, (ed.), The Antifederalist Papers, Michigan State University Press)
- (Robert Allen Rutland, The Ordeal of the Constitution: The Antifederalists and the Ratification Struggle of 1787-1788, U of Oklahoma Press, 1966)

IV. REFLECTIONS

- Richard Buel, Jr., "Democracy and the American Revolution: A Frame of Reference," Greene, Reinterpretation
- Edmund S. Morgan, "The American Revolution Considered as an Intellectual Movement," *Greene, The Reinterpretation
- Martin Diamond, "Democracy and the Federalist: A Reconsideration of the Framers' Intent," Greene, Reinterpretation
- Paul Fidalberg, The Philosophy of the American Constitution
- Hannah Arendt, Constitutio Libertatis, Greene, Reinterpretation
- Gordon Wood, The Creation of the American Republic, pts 5, 6