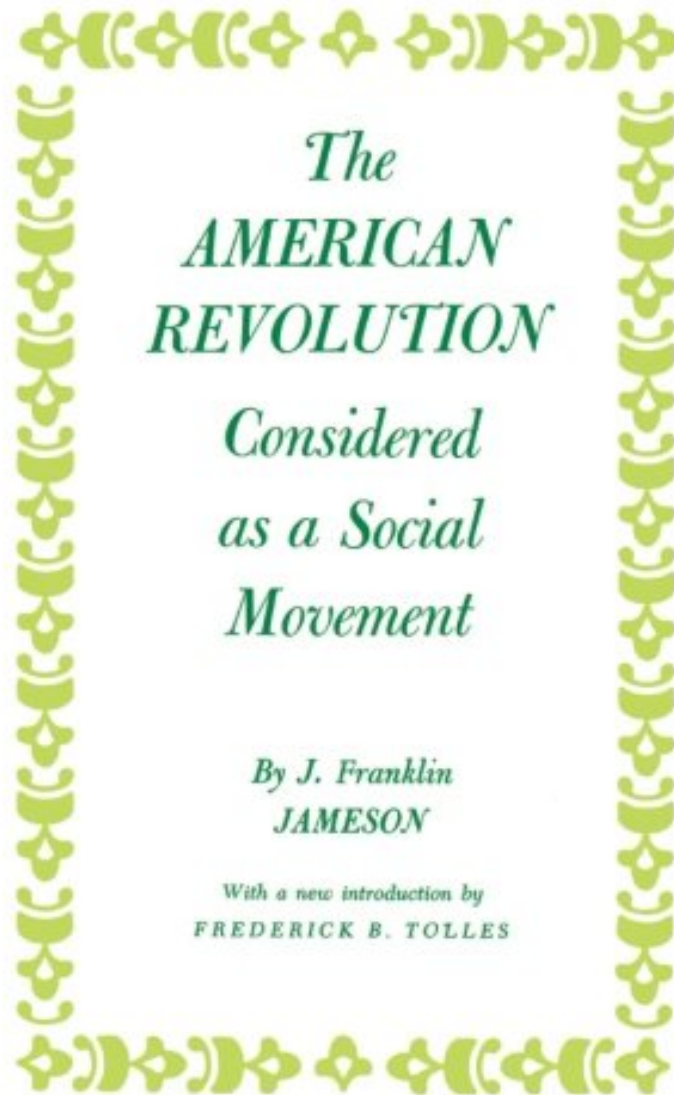


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Burdick. J. Franklin Jameson was one of the most distinguished historians of his day. This collection of Jameson's four Princeton Lectures, delivered in November 1925, is considered by many to be a minor classic of American historical writing. Jameson points out that at the time the Revolutionary war began, the population of the thirteen colonies amounted only to about two and a half million men, women and children. In 1776, when the army was at its largest, it numbered, including both Continentals and state militia not quite ninety thousand men, about 1/8 of the men of fighting age. He reminds us that while the war was raging, life went on and Americans on both sides of the fence, as well as the many people who tried to remain neutral, were growing and developing as a nation together. There are some ideas that come across to the modern eye as fresh information. Franklin reminds us that America did not have a bank until 1780; American businesses were stimulated by the colonists' need to supply their own goods; that part of the reason the soldiers suffered was because the colonies did not yet have a developed textile or arms manufacturing to rely upon and that one of the biggest lacks was salt. Many segments of the economy grew in direct response to real needs. He also reminds us that freedom of religion meant Presbyterians, Lutherans, Catholics, Quakers and Jews would no longer be dominated by the British Church. For a multi-generational response to Jameson's work, read "The Transforming Hand of the American Revolution," a collection of papers from a conference held in 1995. Jameson's book is a good introduction to thinking about the importance of the American Revolution. Kim Burdick Stanton, Delaware 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Freddy Cabral Great book 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. All Students' Favorite By Poppy T Please refer to him the way he preferred, " J. FRANKLIN JAMESON. My non-studying fellow student did read this one because it is so well recognized and short. He had to read at least one scholarly work to pass our American History course. This is it. It was an in-library reading selection but he tossed it out the window and took it home to read, then secretly returned it a couple of days later. The professor was mad this happened. I think Jameson would have got a laugh out of that He never though this book was so valuable. A great short analysis of the American Revolution by a true scholar who was also involved in many other productive activities. . Read Jameson's biography to see a very unique American scholar. THANK YOU J. Franklin.

Written when political and military history dominated the discipline, J. Franklin Jameson's *The American Revolution Considered as a Social Movement* was a pioneering work. Based on a series of four lectures he gave at Princeton University in 1925, the short book argued that the most salient feature of the American Revolution had not been the war for independence from Great Britain; it was, rather, the struggle between aristocratic values and those of the common people who tended toward a leveling democracy. American revolutionaries sought to change their government, not their society, but in destroying monarchy and establishing republics, they in fact changed their society profoundly. Jameson wrote, "The stream of revolution, once started, could not be con.ned within narrow banks, but spread abroad upon the land.?" Jameson's book was among the first to bring social analysis to the fore of American history. Examining the effects the American Revolution had on business, intellectual and religious life, slavery, land ownership, and interactions between members of different social classes, Jameson showed the extent of the social reforms won at home during the war. By looking beyond the political and probing the social aspects of this seminal event, Jameson forced a reexamination of revolution as a social phenomenon and, as one reviewer put it, injected a "liberal spirit" into the study of American history. Still in print after nearly eighty years, the book is a classic of American historiography.

From the Back Cover "This is a small but highly significant book by one of the first scholars of America...A truly notable book, this is, carefully organized, cut with a diamond point to a finish, studded with novel illustrative materials, gleaming with new illumination, serenely engaging in style, and sparingly garnished with genial humor." -- Charles a. Beard About the Author Jameson, after teaching at Johns Hopkins, Brown, and the University of Chicago, was Director of the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution. He was Chief of the Division of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress.