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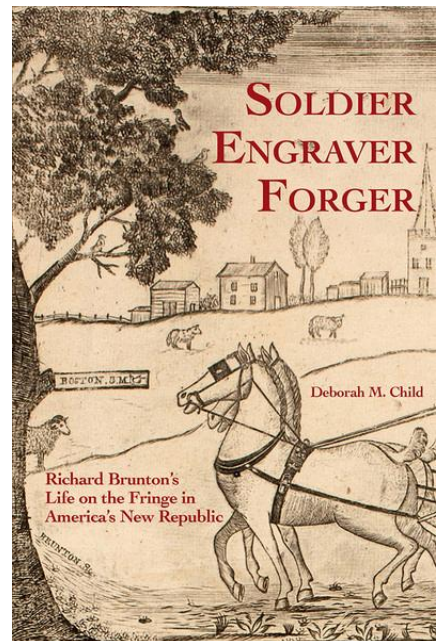
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New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) announces the publication of Deborah Child's *Soldier, Engraver, Forger: Richard Brunton's Life on the Fringe in America's New Republic*

April 23, 2015 – *Boston, Massachusetts* – New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) announces the publication of the latest work by Deborah Child.

In this richly illustrated biography, the author follows in the footsteps of Richard Brunton, a British grenadier who fought in the American Revolution before deserting in 1779. A trained engraver and diesinker, his primitive but charming works include some of the earliest pre-printed family registers in America. Despite his many talents and efforts, he was never able to make an honest living from his craft. Instead, he spent years living on the fringes of society, forging and counterfeiting currency, until his death in a New England almshouse in 1832.

Deborah M. Child is an author, lecturer, and independent curator. A graduate of the Master of Arts Program at Queen's University, Ontario, Canada, she is the author of *The Sketchbooks of John Samuel Blunt* (Portsmouth Athenaeum, 2007). She is also a regular contributor to *Antiques and Fine Art*. Her essays include: "A Portrait to Be Treasured Once Again: A Copley Pastel of a Boston Maiden," "Thank Goodness for Granny Notes: Rufus Porter and His New England Sitters," and "Samuel Jordan: Artist, Thief, Villain." She is now writing about another engraver of counterfeit banknotes who also spent time in the Massachusetts State Prison—and who may well have got his first lessons in engraving bank notes from Richard Brunton. Child lives in New Hampshire.



To order *Soldier, Engraver, Forger*, call NEHGS's Sales Department at 617-888-296-3447, or visit the Society's [bookstore website](#).

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