



and the Litz family

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- History of Kingston NY

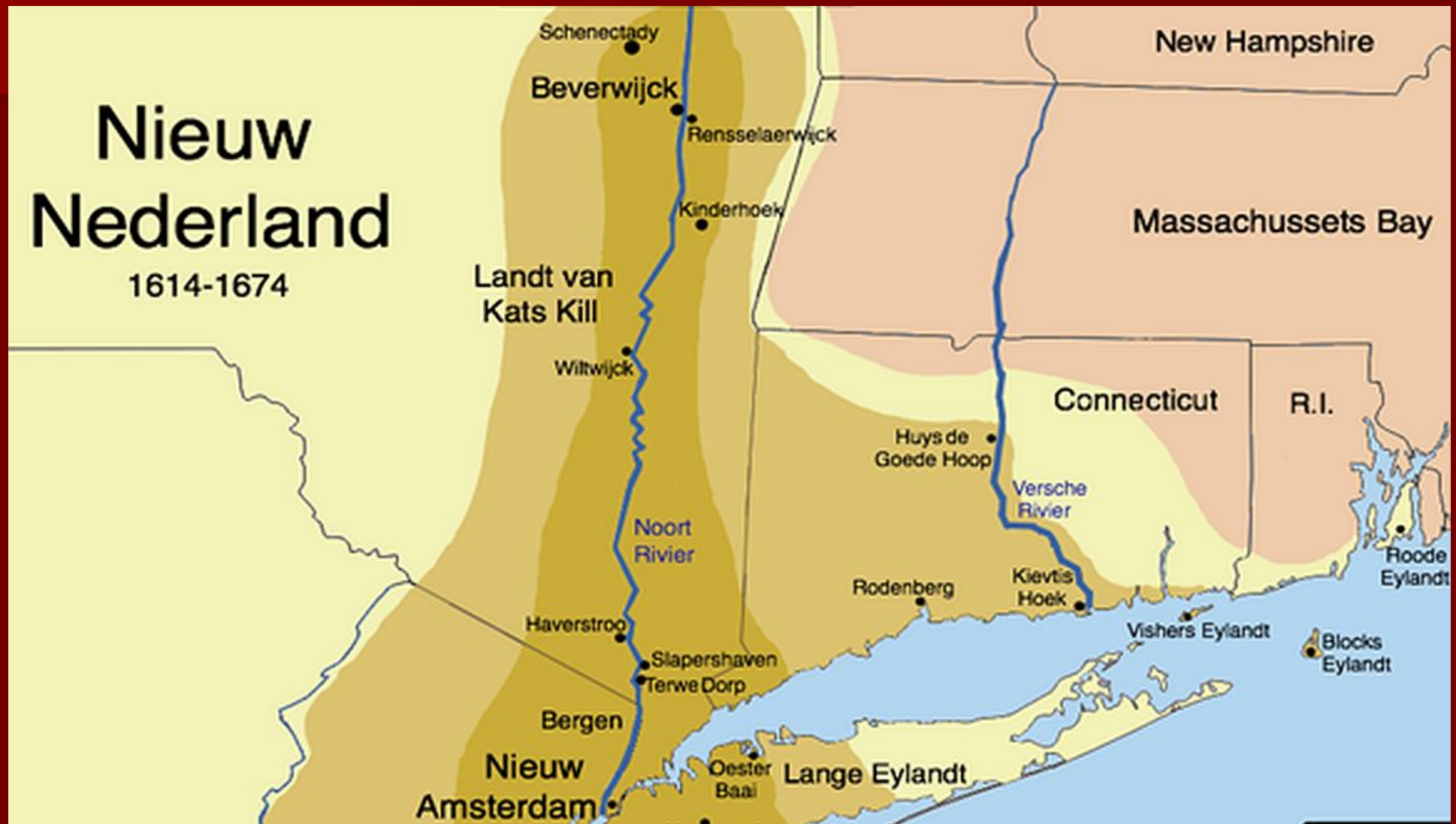
- Litz Family

- British strategy in 1777

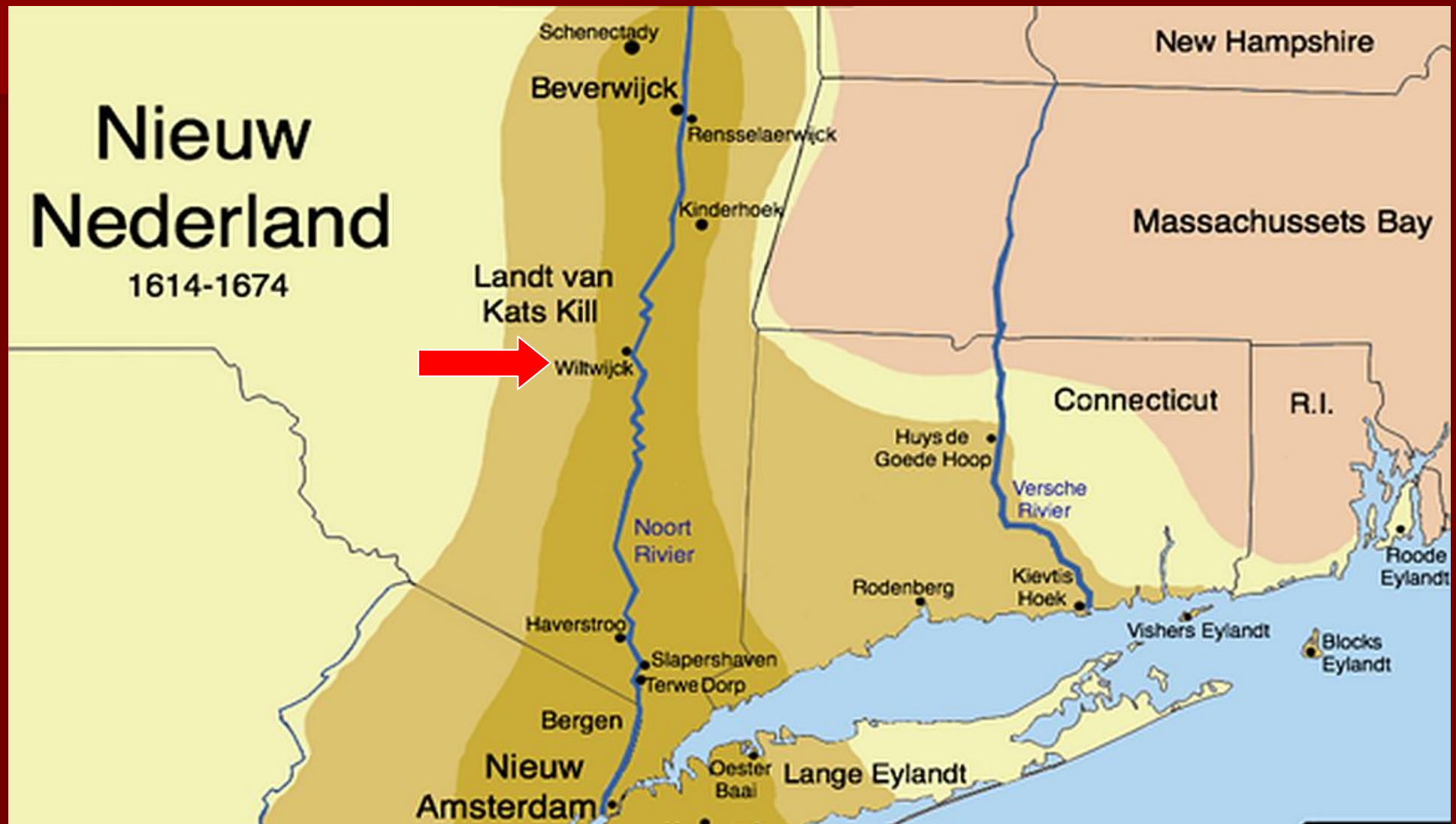
- Attack Ft Montgomery & Clinton
- Burning of Kingston

- After the Battles

The Dutch immigration

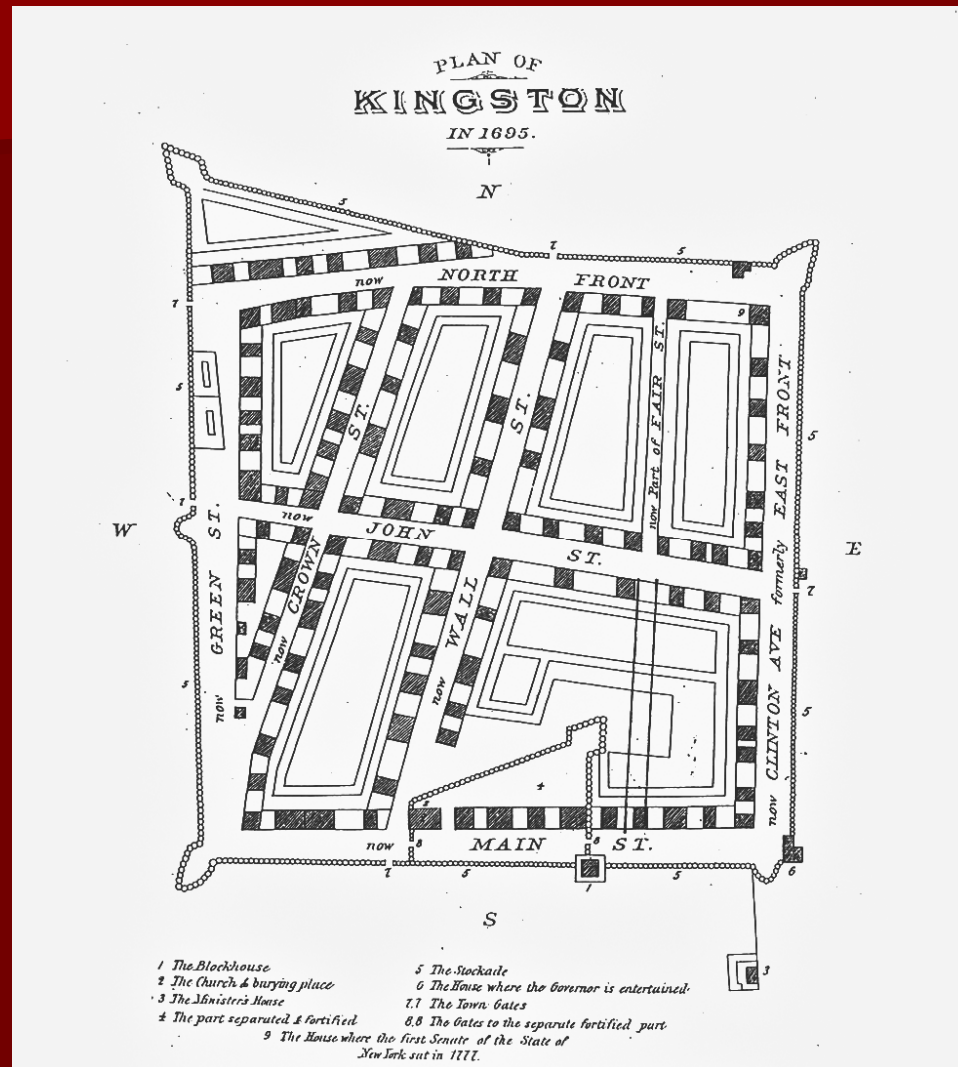


The Dutch immigration



Wiltwijck renamed Kingston after British takeover in 1664

Kingston & the Esopus Wars



1652 - Dutch settlers purchase lands from the Esopus Indians.

1658 - Raids forced relocation of city to a Stockade area with stone buildings.

1663-4 - Second Esopus War
Dutch and Mohawk allies defeat of the Esopus

Kingston stockade buildings



*Matthewis
Persen House*

Kingston becomes NY Capitol after NYC fell to British

The Litz Family ..

Lits

Kinderhook, NY
Tenant farmers

39. DANIEL¹ LITS or Letts married a woman whose first name was Femmetje. Their children, who were born in Kinderhook, were:

Marti, b. 1732

Johanne, b. 1737

ROELOF, b. October 18, 1741; m. Sarah Sluyter

Belitje, b. 1742

Helche, b. 1745

The Litz Family ..



Moved to
West Bank
(Mohawk
country)

Tenant
farmers

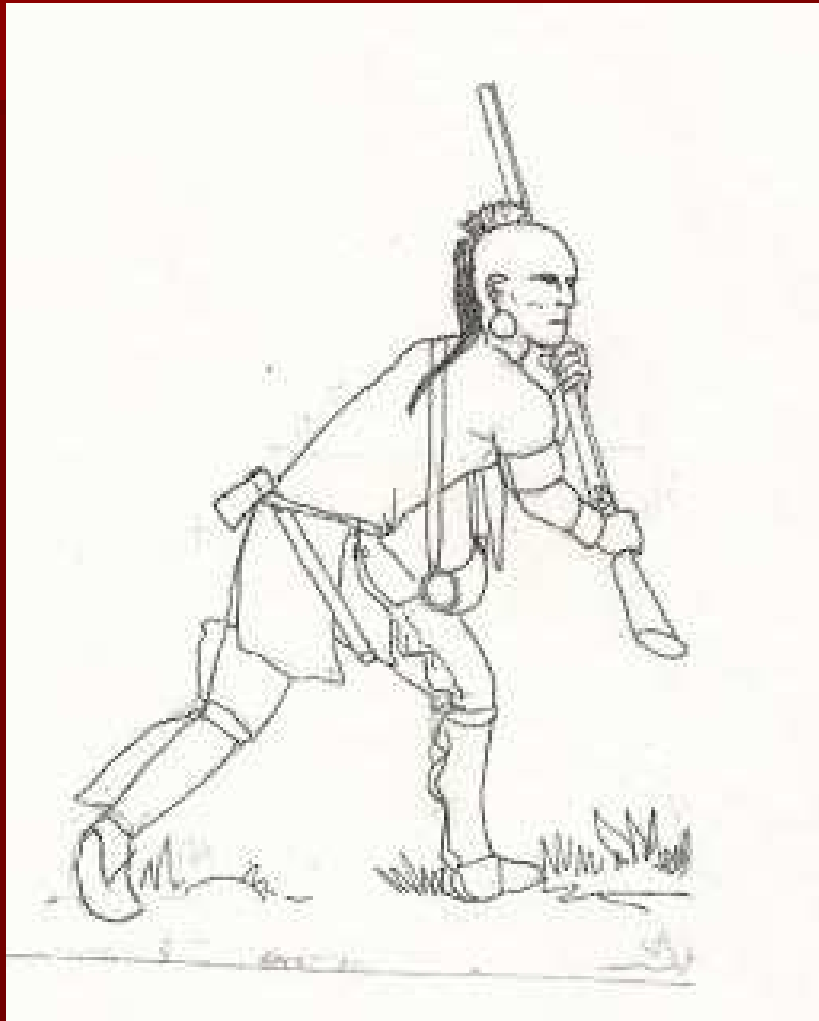
Settled in
Shawangunk

The Decker farm in Shawangunk



Johannes Decker Farm, Southwest of Gardiner on Red Mill Rd. and Shawangunk Kill Gardiner

Daniel Litz scalped by Indians 1757



Daniel Litz killed an Indian and was compelled to “*..leave his horse and flea to the Shawangunk Mountains for safety.*”

He lived there for some time but was followed by the Indians and killed . .

New York Gazette **October 24 1757** –

Lett's, Daniel living near William Decker's on the road from Shawangunk to the Van Culers -- killed there October 22 by Indians

The Sons enlist



Roelof (17) and brother Johannes (20) , now orphans, enlist as English soldiers under Captain Smadus' Militia Company (NY) in April 1758.

Roelof marries 1759

Lits

40. ROELOF² LITS married Sarah Sluyter, daughter of Edward Sluyter and Lea Van Schuyven. She was born at Hurley on August 29, 1742 (K5459). Bans for the couple, both of whom resided under the jurisdiction of Hurley (K1345), were published on March 31, 1759. Their children were:

Edward, bapt. 1759, New Paltz

Lea, bapt. 1761, New Paltz

David, bapt. 1764, New Paltz

Abraham

Daniel, bapt. 1767, Shawangunk Church

CATHARINA, bapt. December 28, 1766, Shawangunk Church; m.
John Cole (6)

Five other children were baptized in Shawangunk Church.

The Revolution – 1777 British Plan



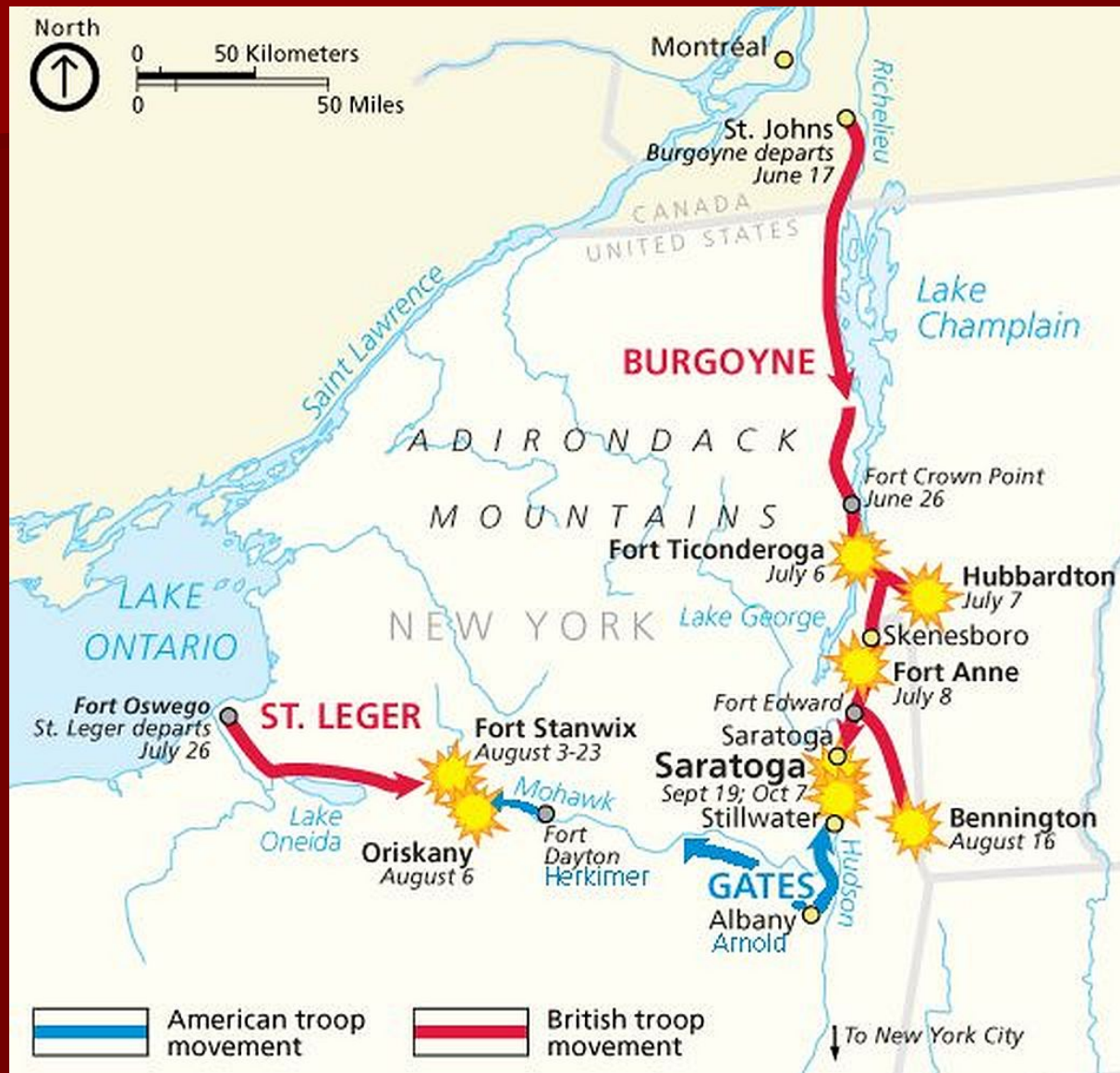
- British plan to cut colonies in half at the Hudson River

The Revolution – 1777 British Plan



- But Howe takes Philadelphia instead of advancing to Albany

The Revolution – 1777 results



St Leger 

- wins at Oriskany,
- loses siege of Ft Stanwix

Burgoyne 

- takes Ft Ticonderoga
- loses at Bennington

Requests help from NY

British send relief forces up the Hudson



LIEUTENANT GENERAL THE HON. SIR JOHN VAUGHAN, K.B.
1738 — 1795
Colonel of H.B.M.'s 46th Foot.

1,600 troops

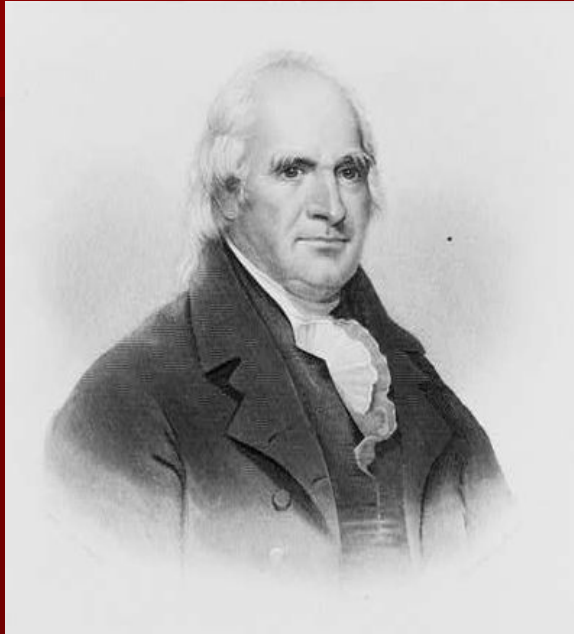
10 Warships

Oct 4 – Tarrytown – feint attack toward Connecticut

Oct 6 – Verplank / Stoney Point – landed troops on west bank of Hudson

General Vaughan called Kingston "*a nest of rebels, a nursery for almost every villain in the country.*"

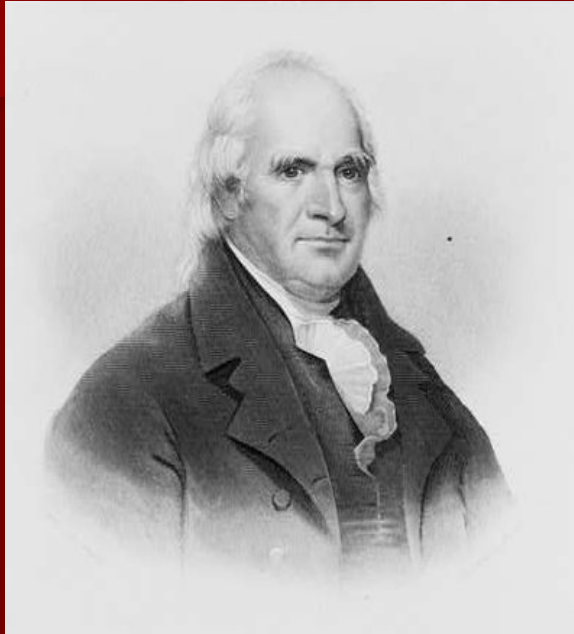
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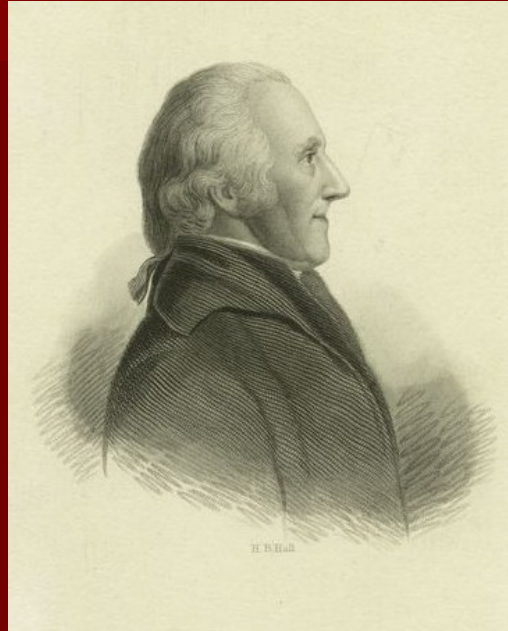
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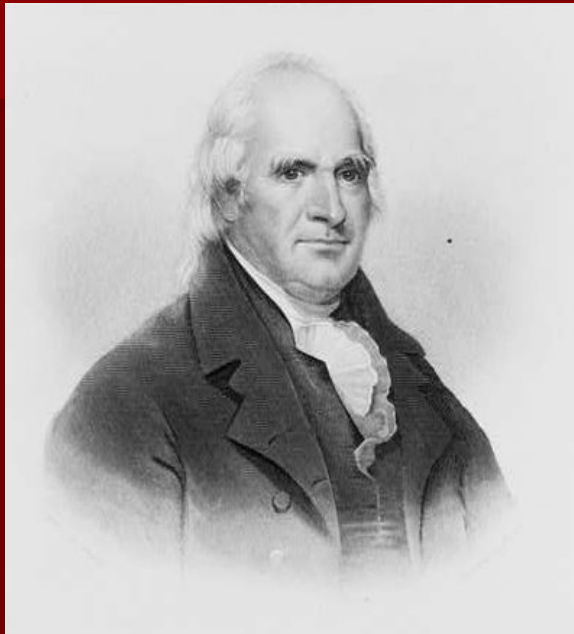
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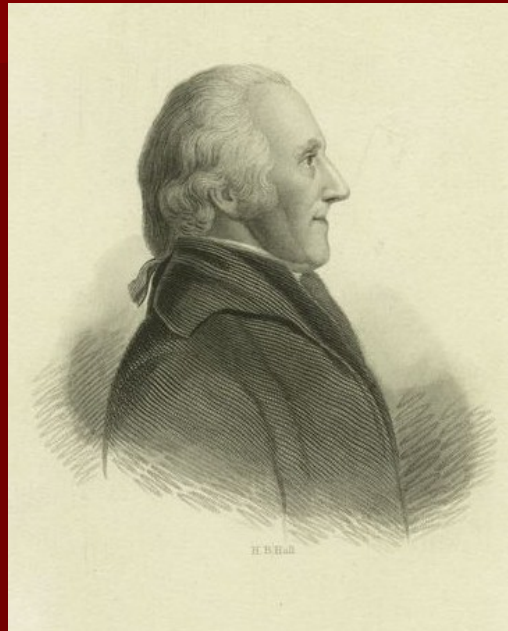
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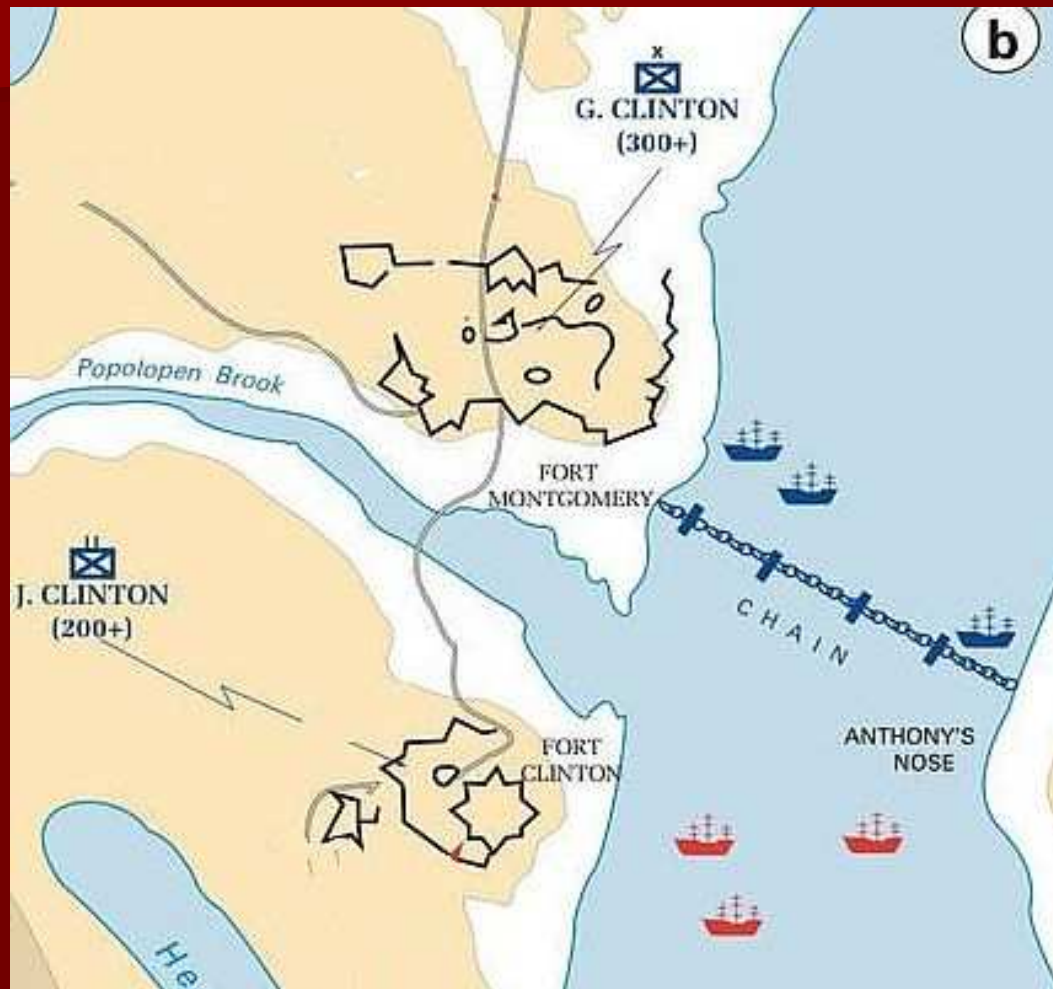
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General Israel Putnam

- 6,000 troops on East side of Hudson

Forts Clinton & Montgomery



Started 1776

Ft Clinton

- built at base of Bear Mountain

Ft Montgomery

- Built just south of West Point
- Not complete on west side

Log and Chain Boom across river

Roelif Litz and Johannes Decker serve at Fort Montgomery

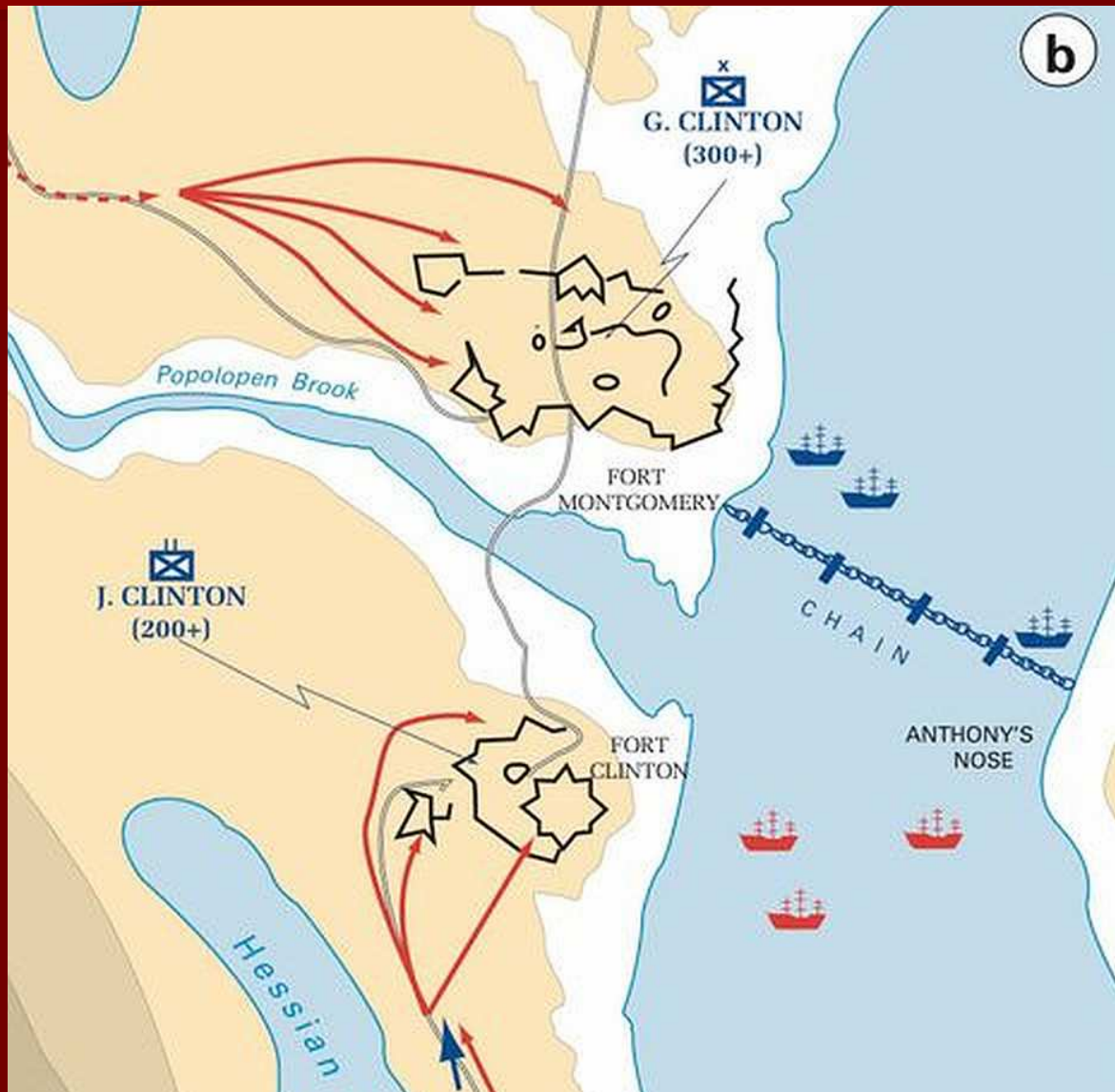
Testify at Courts-martial of Private Mathew McKinney
February 11, 1777

Roelif Litts Deposeth and Sayth,
That after McKinney Came to the Company He heard Ensign
Glasby Call McKinney a Dog, and the Ensign Drawing his Sword
with that McKinney Laid hold of the Ensign and farther sayth
not.

Jonthan Decker Deposeth and Sayth,
That he heard Ensign Glasbey Call Matthew McKinney a dog,
and that Matth'w McKinney had a Sword In his hand, and
kitched the Ensign by the Collor, with that the Ensign Drew his
sword and Commanded assistance, and farther says that he saw
said McKinney turning Up his sword and thought he was to
blame, and afterwards the said McKinney was ordered to the

British attack October 6, 1777

Led by General Vaughan




500 Loyalists attack
Ft Montgomery


1200 Redcoats
attack Ft Clinton

British attack October 6, 1777



 Four American ships, including the galley Lady Washington defend the giant iron chain stretched across the river below Fort Montgomery.



 Dependence fired 95 shots from its 24-pounders striking Fort Clinton and the American ships. The Americans returned fire with the massive 32-pounder aboard the Lady Washington

Both forts fall to British

Many Militia escape Ft Montgomery
via the Lady Washington

The Hudson is open to relieve Burgoyne

Colonists scramble to find troops

General Clinton orders that
*“every man that can fire a
Gun should be immediately
embodied.”*



The Levies construct defenses

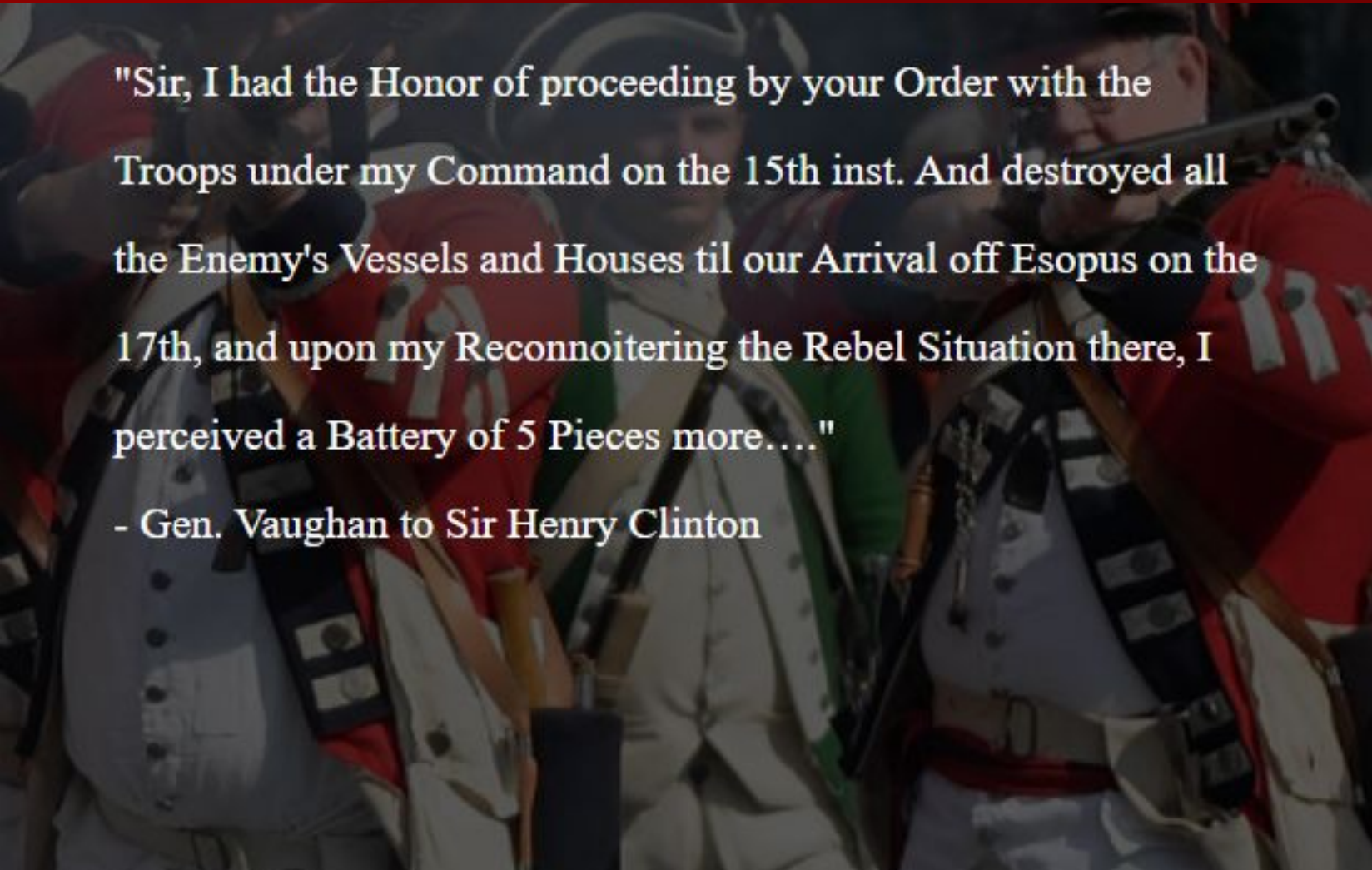


Enraged British land at Esopus and march on Kingston



**150 militia –
supported by the
Lady Washington –
face 400 British at
Esopus Creek on
October 16**

Kingston looted and burned by the British— October 16 1777



"Sir, I had the Honor of proceeding by your Order with the Troops under my Command on the 15th inst. And destroyed all the Enemy's Vessels and Houses til our Arrival off Esopus on the 17th, and upon my Reconnoitering the Rebel Situation there, I perceived a Battery of 5 Pieces more...."

- Gen. Vaughan to Sir Henry Clinton

Battle aftermath— spies and traitors arrested

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Visited the Centinels frequently, found them alert, on their posts. No Grand Rounds. Nothing material happened.

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David Litz on guard duty at Hurley Village gaol.

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Mathew McKinney jailed
for having spoken treason
against the State !

(Disposition not known)

What happened to Kingston?



What happened to General Clinton ?



4th Vice President of the United States

President- Thomas Jefferson (1805–1809)

President- James Madison (1809–1812)

Litz Family after the War

Roelif Litz

- 1810 Census – farming as tenant on Stenehesenbergh Hill, Rochester Township, Ulster County, NY – just south of Shawangunk

Litz Family after the War

David Litz

1786 – Weds Mary Decker – daughter of Johannes Decker
at Mininsink Valley, Orange, NY

Litz Family after the War

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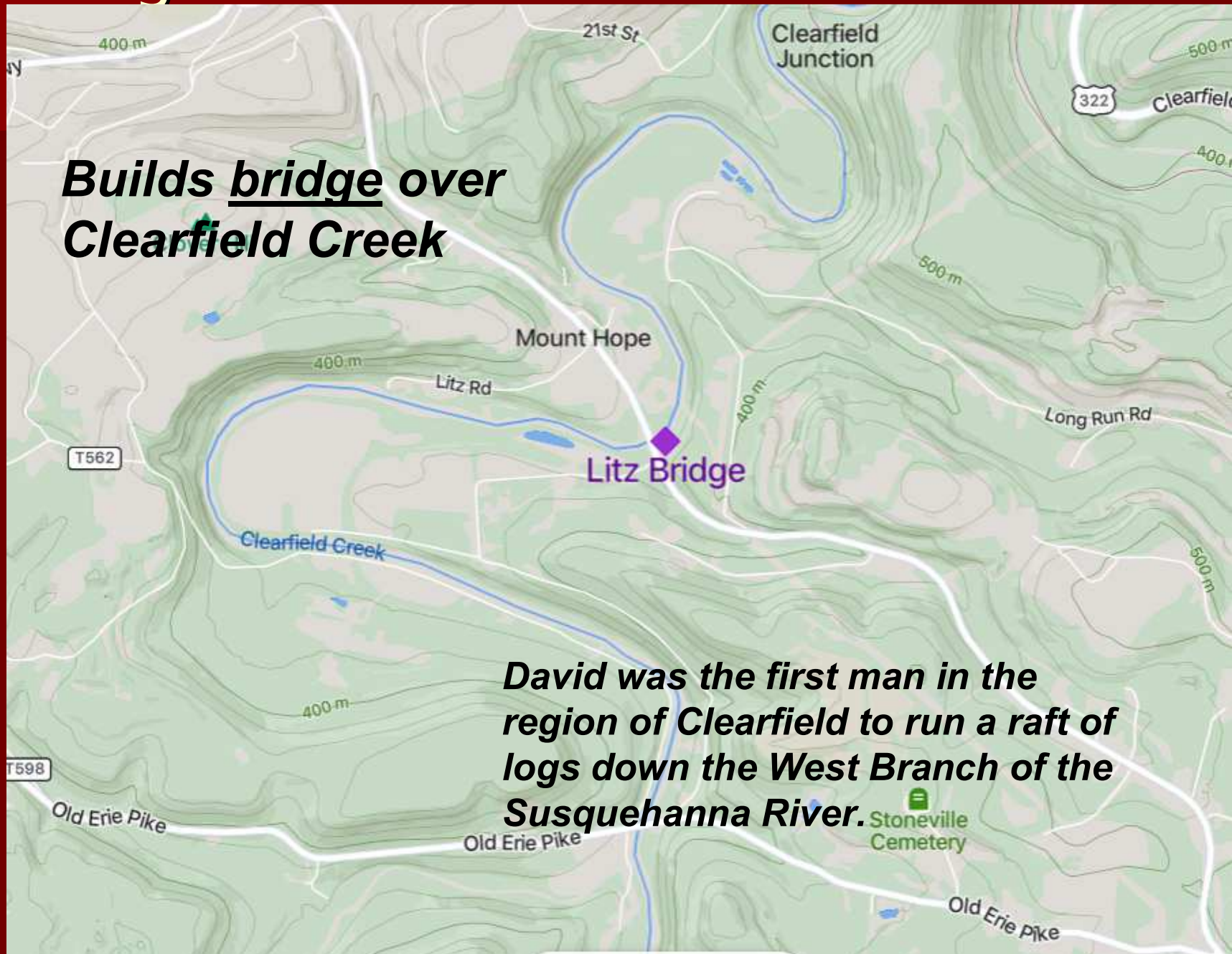
1802 – Moves to Clearfield Co, PA on Clearfield Creek.

Becomes major area lumberman

“Crossing the Alleghenies in a wagon in 1802 Samuel Fulton, surveyor, and his wife followed the ...road to David Litz's at Clearfield Creek. There being no further roads which he could travel, he placed his goods on a raft .. and Litz piloted him out of the Creek ..(while) Mrs. Litz tendered the hospitality of her house”

Litz Bridge

***Builds bridge over
Clearfield Creek***

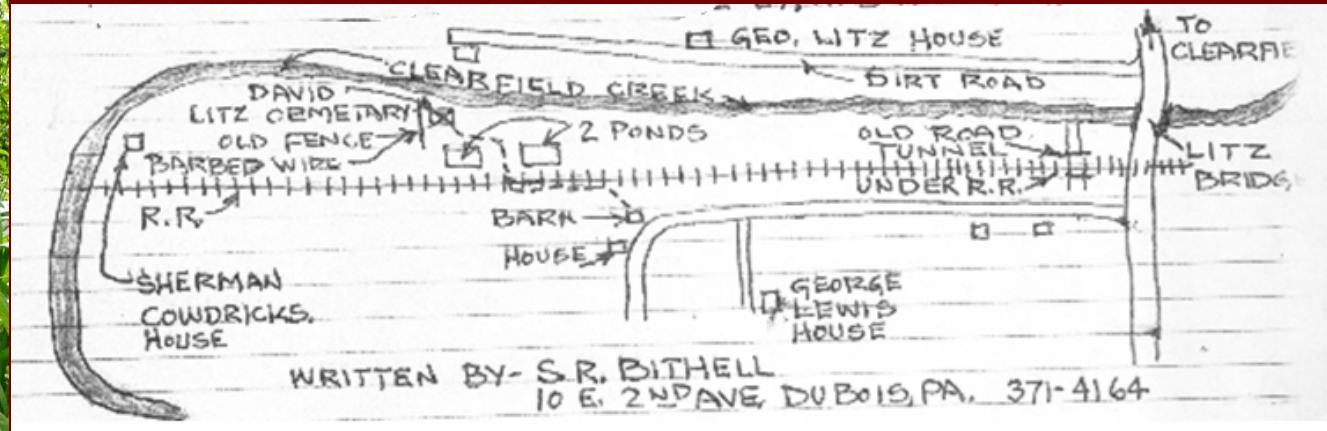


***David was the first man in the
region of Clearfield to run a raft of
logs down the West Branch of the
Susquehanna River.***

Litz Cemetery



David Litz's son - Rudolph



11 markers – overgrown when last seen in by a genealogy researcher 1981

Farm still owned by the Litz Family

Litz Descendents



Rudolph Litz 1741-1810



David Litz 1764-1814



Rudolph Litz 1787-1863



Rebecca Litz 1825-1911



Rudolph Albert 1850-1926



Percy Albert 1884-1950



Maxine Albert 1909-1991



William Albert Barron
Donald Patrick Barron (Twin)



Famous Litz ?



A.B. "Deacon" Litz
at wheel of his
1934 Indy car;
which finished 4th

4TH PLACE WINNER.
DEACON LITZ, DR. JACK PETTY, MECH.
INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY, 1934

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1777 Campaigns

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| July 5 |  - <u>Fort Ticonderoga</u> |
| August 6 |  - <u>Battle of Oriskany, NY</u> |
| August 16 |  - <u>Battle of Bennington, VT</u> |
| September 26 |  - <u>Philadelphia</u> |
| October 4 |  - <u>Battle of Germantown, PA</u> |
| October 6 |  - Ft Montgomery and Ft Clinton |
| October 7 |  - <u>Battle of Saratoga</u> |
| October 16 |  - <u>Burning of Kingston NY</u> |
|
December 19 - Washington winters in <u>Valley Forge</u> | |