

18th Century Material Culture American Powder Horns

1770 - 1785



American Horns



Powder Horn from Charleston, South Carolina

“NO 1 BATTERY NO 2 E FORT - 3 OLD BARRACKS 4 NEW BARRAC/KS - A.D. 1770 - MADE BY D B
(J.H. Grenville Gilbert Collection)



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Powder Horn of Jedediah Deneson of Westbrook, Connecticut, Private in Captain Elisha Ely's Company, 6th Connecticut Regiment
"JEDEDIAH DENESON HIS HORN MAY 12 1772"
(Cowan's Auctions)



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Powder Horn Carried by Samuel Cranston - Possible Rhode Island Provenance
"SAMUEL X CRANSTON sx Horn"
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Powder Horn Carried by William Farwell
"WILLIAM FARWELL YE 1773"
(Skinner)



Powder Horn Carried by--Stone, Guilford, Connecticut
January 16, 1773
(Henry Whitfield Museum)



Powder Horn Carried by Timothy Bugbee
"Timothy Bugbee - His Horn 1774"
Reported to have been Carried at the Battle of Breed's Hill
(Museum of the American Revolution)



Powder Horn Carried by George Deval of Mayo Island in the James River at Richmond, Virginia
"George Deval His Powder Horn Come From Isld. Mayo May 20, 1774."
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



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Powder Horn Carried by Ezra Taylor of Bradley's Connecticut Regiment in 1776
"EZRA TAYLOR 1774"
(James D. Julia)



Powder Horn Carried by Abner Hosmer of the Acton, Massachusetts, Minutemen
Worn When He and His Captain, Isaac Davis, Fell at the North Bridge on April 19th, 1775



Powder Horn Carried by Samuel Jones of Concord, Massachusetts

1774

(The Concord Museum - Photo Courtesy Joel Bohy)



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Powder Horn Carried by Amos Barret of Concord, Massachusetts, on April 19, 1775
“We were all ordered to load, and had strict orders not to fire till they fired first, then to fire as fast as we could.”
(The Concord Museum)



Powder Horn Carried by John Hartwell of the Lincoln, Massachusetts, Minutemen on April 19, 1775



Powder Horn Carried by Oliver Buttrick on April 19, 1775



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Powder Horn Carried by Ezekiel Rice (1742-1835) of Wayland, Massachusetts, on April 19, 1775
(Sudbury Historical Society)



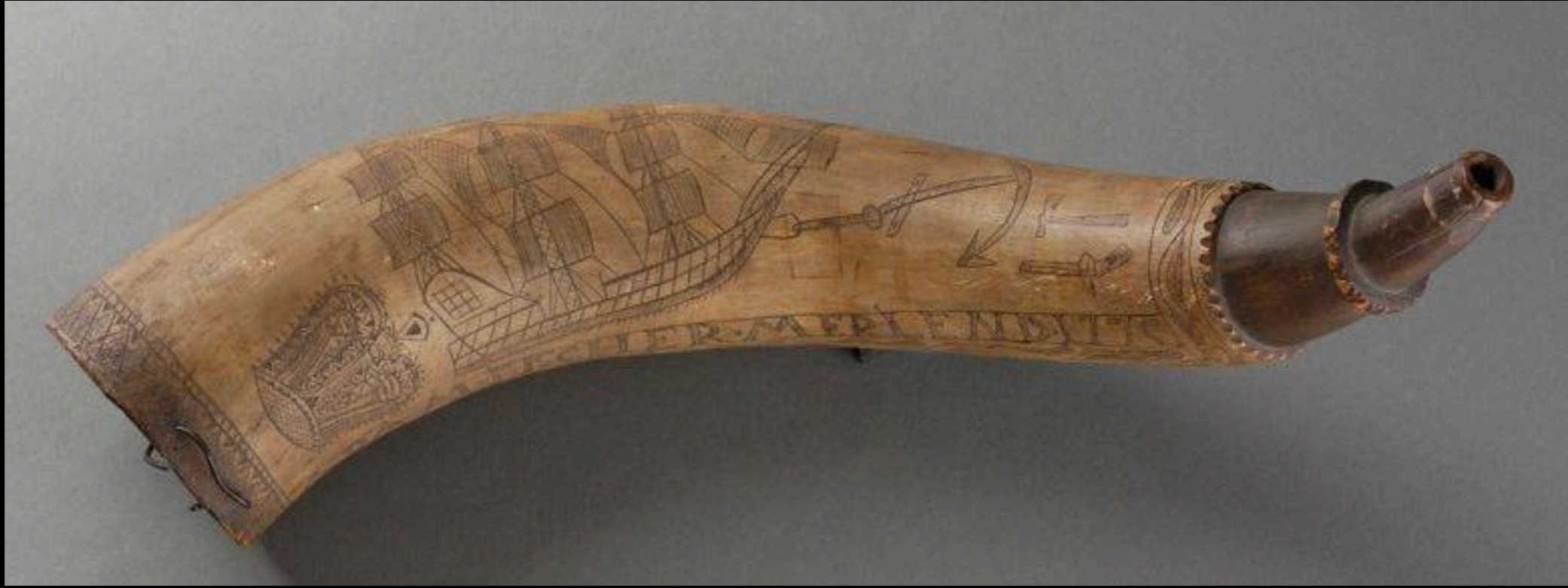
Powder Horn Carried by Roger Brown, Corporal in Captain Gleason's Framingham Minute Company
(The Concord Museum - Photo Courtesy Joel Bohy)



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Powder Horn Carried by "ADAM FISCHER MERLAND 1775,"
"LIBERTY * J * BRABERDY * OR DEATH" and "KIL OR BE KILD,"
(Skinner)



Powder Horn Carried by Josiah Morris of Massachusetts
"JOSIAH MORRIS HIS HORN MADE AT ROXBURY AS 1775"
(Cowan's Auctions)



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Powder Horn Carried by Nathan Worden from Massachusetts
"NATHAN WORDEN - HIS HORN - MADE AT ROXBURY - DECEMBER THE 6TH 1775."
(Skinner)



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Powder Horn Carried by Ephraim Moors
1775
(The Concord Museum)



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Powder Horn Carried by Amasa Buck
"AMASA BUCK - HIS HORN 1775"
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Powder Horn Depicting Boston, Brookline, & Cambridge
18th Century
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Powder Horn Carried by John Peters
"MADE IN ROXUBURY SEPTR 16 1775"
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Powder Horn Carried by Jacobus Rosecrans of the Orange County Militia

c. 1775

(Morristown National Historic Park)



Powder Horn Carried by Charles Treat
Occupation of Boston - Roxbury, Massachusetts - October, 1775
(Cowan's Auctions)



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Powder Horn Carried by Barnabas Webb During the Siege of Boston
"LEET ALL OUR HARTS UNITED BEE IN THE DEFENCE OF LIBERTY"



Powder Horn Carried by Nathan Tylar
"Nathan Tylar His Horn 1775"
(Cowan's Auctions)



Powder Horn Carried by Solomon Taylor
"SOLOMON TAYLOR 1775"
(Cowan's Auctions)



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"SOLOMON TAYLOR 1775"
(Cowan's Auctions)



Powder Horn Carried by Nathan Worden
"NATHAN WORDEN - HIS HORN/MADE AT ROXBURY - DECEMBER THE 6TH 1775"
(Skinner)



Powder Horn Carried by Benjamin Stedman
"Benjamin Stedman His Horn - Made At Roxbury Camp In The Year Of Our Lord 1775."
(Greg Martin Auctions)



Powder Horn Carried by Benjamin Stanley (Standly) of Captain Woodbury's Company, 1st New Hampshire Regiment
Made at Winter Hill During the Siege of Boston: 4 October, 1775



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Powder Horn Engraved with a Map of Boston, Cambridge, & Waterrown
c. 1775 - 1776
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Powder Horn Carried by Uzel Hurd
"Canada department - MOUNT INDEPENDENCE - UZEL HURD"
"November 15th 1776 - Michael Ferrin Joseph Standley"
(Cowan's Auctions)



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Powder Horn Carried by Corporal Josiah Moody of Colonel John Stark's Regiment in 1776
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Carried with the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, Captain Henry Dearborn's Company 1775 - 1776
(New Hampshire Historical Society)



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Corporal Josiah Moody
Volunteer in Col. John Stark's
Regiment - 1775
5th Regiment New Hampshire
Continental Infantry 1776.
Loaned by his grandson
W. S. Moody Norwalk Ct.

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Powder Horn Carried by Captain Peter Perit of Milford, Connecticut, Captain in Colonel Charles Webb's Regiment
Carved by Jacob Gay 1775
(Skinner)



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Powder Horn Carried by Joseph Nelson Marked "BRIMFIELD DEC 1775"

1775
(Skinner)



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1775
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1775
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Powder Horn Carried by Abel Scott of the Massachusetts Militia
Made During the Occupation of Boston at Dorchester, Massachusetts
December 26, 1775
(Museum of the American Revolution)



Powder Horn Carried by Edward Sherburne
"EDWARD SHERBURNE - His Horn - Janu 23, 1776"
(Historic Deerfield - William Guthman Collection)



Powder Horn Carried by Ephraim Guthrie
1776
(Skinner)



Powder Horn Carried by Ephraim Guthrie
1776
(Skinner)



Powder Horn Carried by Rifleman William Waller Who Was Captured After the Fall of Fort Washington
November 16, 1776

“LIBERTY or DEATH” / “APPEAL to HEAVEN” / “KILL or be KILLED”

(The Museum of the American Revolution)



Powder Horn Depicting the City of Philadelphia
c. 1776
(Museum of the American Revolution)



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c. 1776
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Powder Horn Carried by Jonathan Gardner
"Liberty & Property or Death"
1776
(The Concord Museum)



Powder Horn Carried by Josiah Taylor of the 1st Battalion, Wadsworth Connecticut State Brigade
1776
(Private Collection)





Powder Horn of "New York" Depicting Forts Ontario and Edwards
1776
(Skinner)



Powder Horn Engraved for Uzel Hurd, November 15th 1776, Michael Ferrin, & Joseph Standley
Mount Independence & Canadian Department Designations
(Cowan's Auctions)



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Powder Horn Carried by Drum Major Nathan Tubbs of Norfolk, Connecticut
Fort Ticonderoga - January 1777
Col. Charles Burrall's Connecticut State Regiment
Made by Jonas Cleveland of Burrell's Regiment
(Fort Ticonderoga)



Powder Horn Carried by Stephen Avery
Engraved with a Map of Providence, Rhode Island 1777
(Rhode Island Historical Society)



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Powder Horn Carried by Captain John Calfe of the New Hampshire Militia
Made at Mount Independence, April 1777
(New Hampshire Historical Society)



Powder Horn Carried by Samuel Dudley
"SAMUEL DUDLEY HIS HORN" "TRY IT OUT"
MADE AT WARWICK (Rhode Island) / Decr. ye 26 1777
Made by Jacob GUAY (GRAY)
(Museum of the American Revolution)



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Powder Horn Carried by Prince Simbo
"Prince Simbo - his horn made at GLASTENBURY - November 17th, 1777"
African American Soldier who served with the 7th Connecticut Regiment during the AWI
(Museum of the American Revolution)



Priming Powder Horn Carried by John Rhodes of Bristol, Rhode Island

1777
(Skinner)



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Powder Horn Carried by John Goddard of Hellenic Hill Who Served as Wagon Master General to the Continental Army 1775 - Early 1776
Brookline, Massachusetts 1777
(Cowan's Auctions)



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Powder Horn Carried by Levi Pearce of the 14th Regiment, Albany Militia
1778
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Powder Horn Carried by Benjamin Burton
'Trouble Not the mind For what you cannot Fine' / 'Liberty' / 2nd Febr. AD 1778"
(Peabody Essex Museum)



Powder Horn Carried by Amos Dunbar

Made at the Valley Forge Cantonment while Serving in Smith's Company, Chandler's 8th Connecticut Regiment, 1778

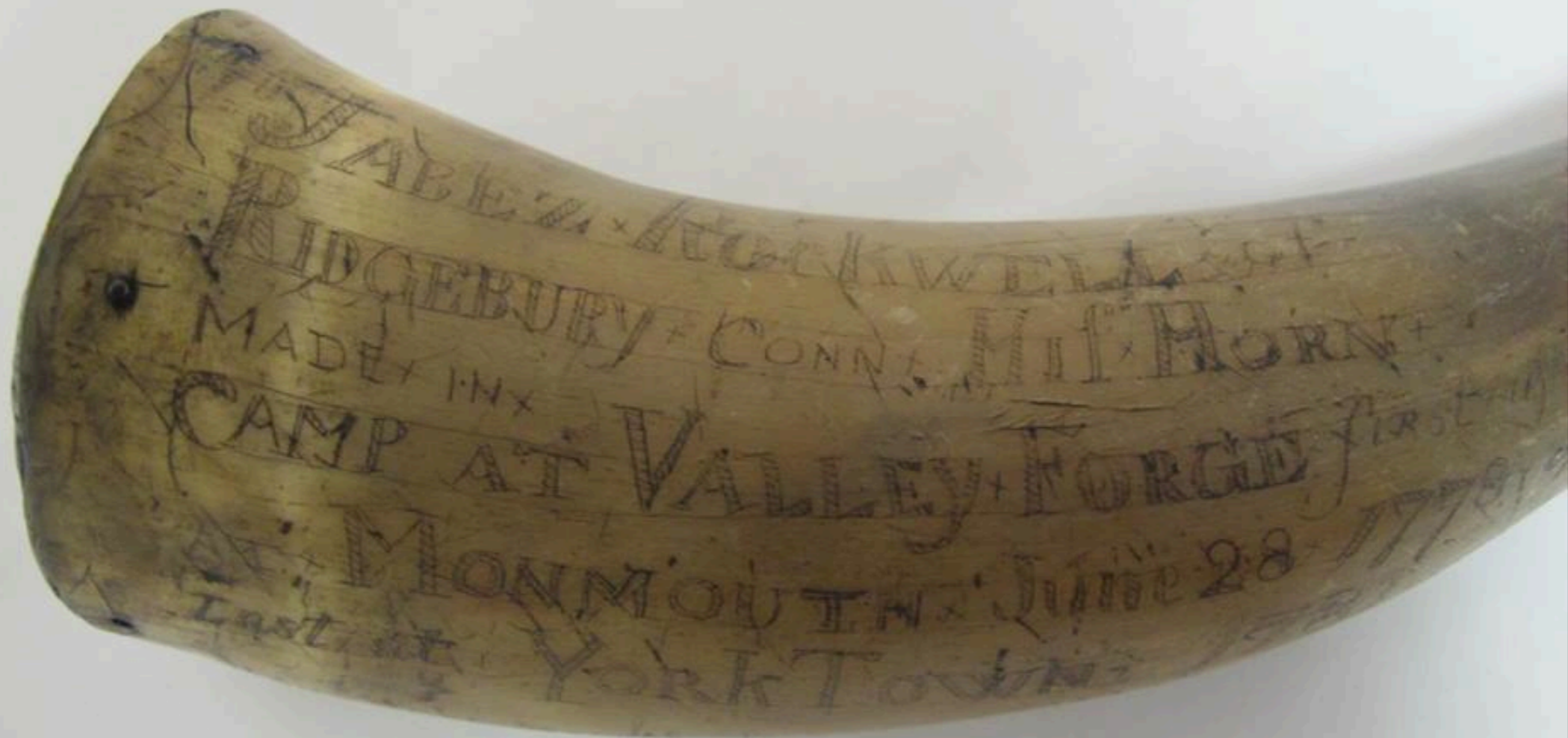
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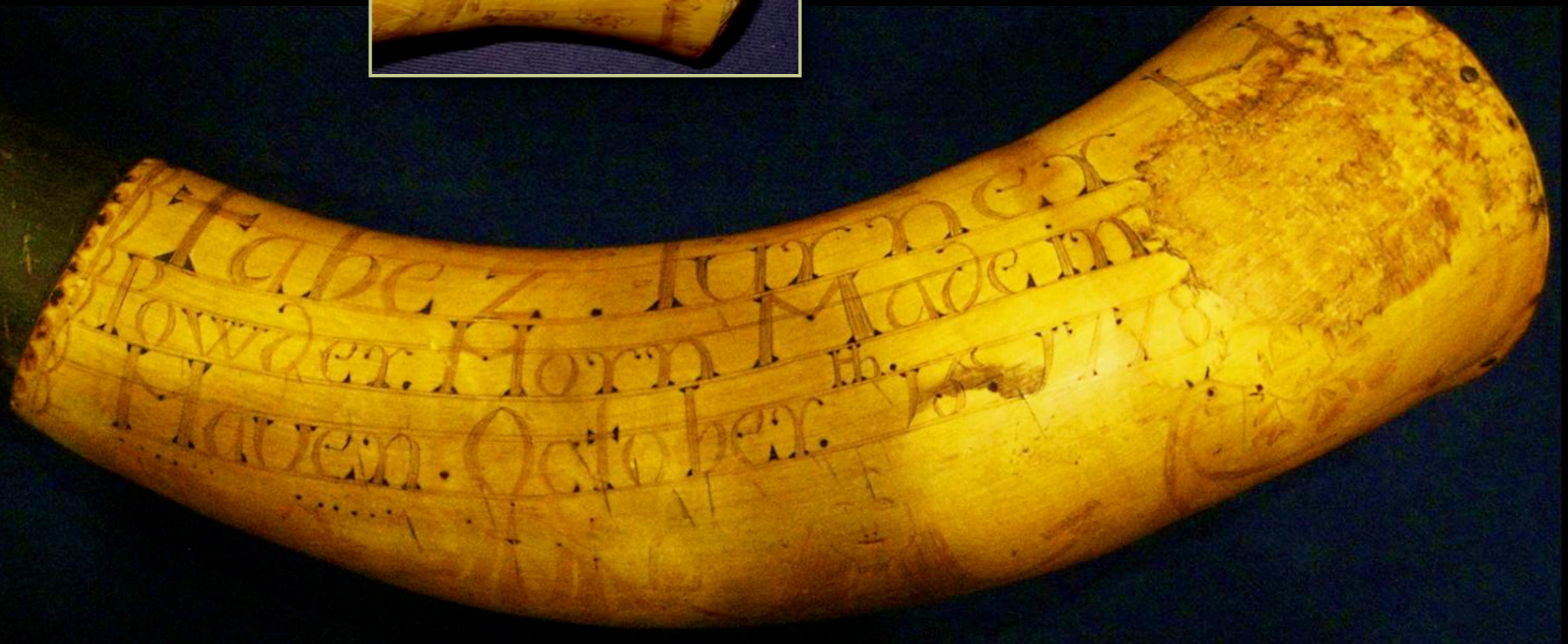
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Powder Horn Carried by Jabez Rockwell of Ridgebury, Connecticut
Made at Valley Forge 1778
(Valley Forge National Historic Park)



Powder Horn Carried by Jabez Turner
October 15, 1778
(Private Collection)



Powder Horn Carried by Jabez Turner
October 15, 1778
(Private Collection)



Powder Horn Carried by Zacharias Flegler
"ZACHARIAS FLEGLER HIS HORN 1779"
(Skinner)



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(Skinner)



Powder Horn Carried by John Williams of New York
"John, Me./Willams, horn - Made/ye, 5, may - AD, 1779."
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



Powder Horn Carried by Jonathan Leonard Jr.
Engraving by Richard Crewsey, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, March 22, 1779
(Sotheby's)



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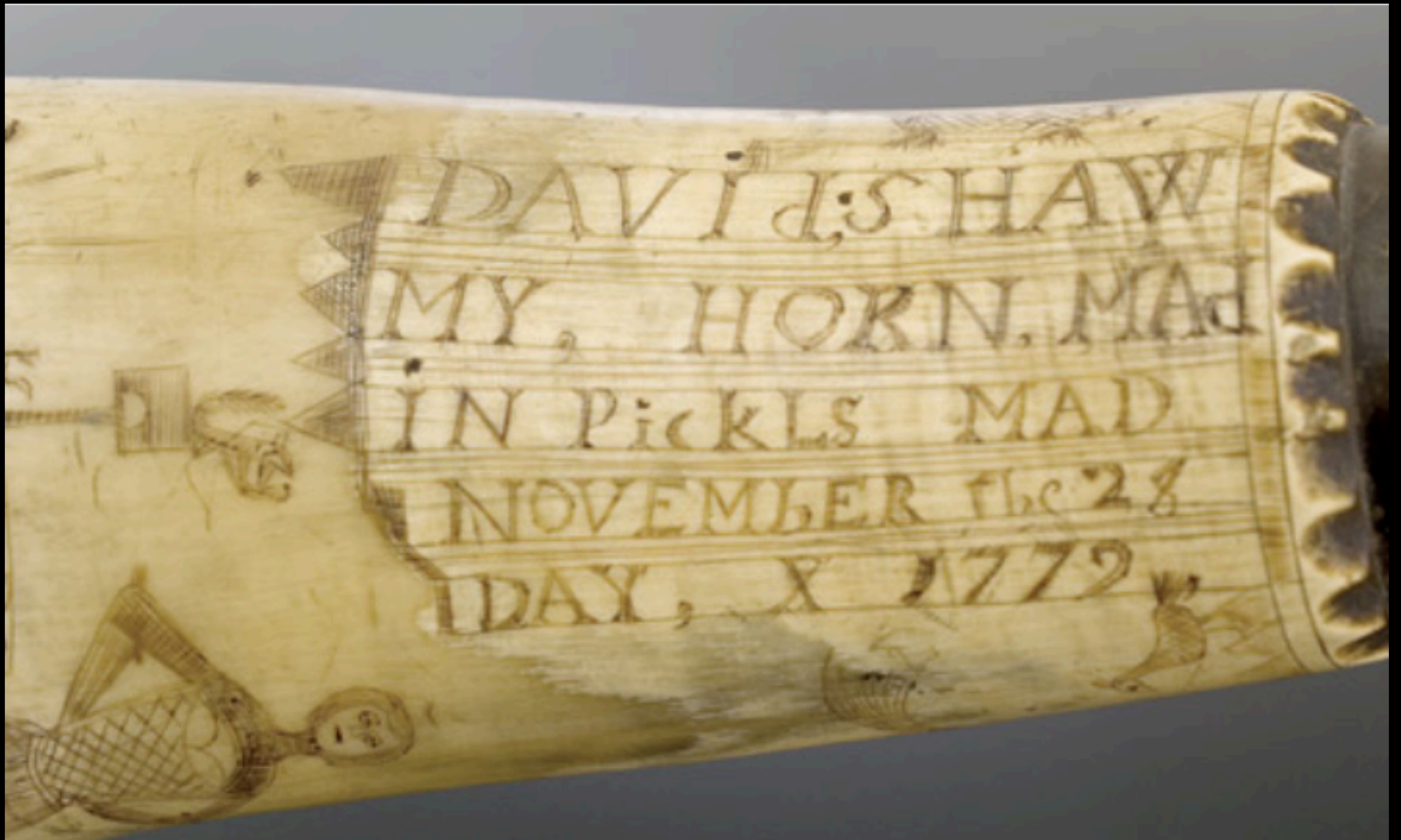
Powder Horn Carried by Captain John Grahams of New York
"United We Stand, Divided We Fall" 1777
(Christie's)

Powder Horn Carried by William Richardson
1779
(Christie's)





Powder Horn Carried by David Shaw
"David Shaw/My Horn Mad/In Pickls Mad/November the 28/Day X 1779"
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



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Powder Horn Carried by James Wasson
1780
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



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Virginia Militia Powder Horn
Used at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



Powder Horn Engraved with the Forts in the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys from Albany to the Great Lakes
18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Powder Horn Engraved with the Forts in the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys from Albany to the Great Lakes
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Powder Horn Carried by A.R. Niles, Likely from New York
1780
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



Powder Horn
"V E 1779"
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



Powder Horn from Philadelphia
"LIBERTY OR DEATH"
(Cowan's Auctions)



Powder Horn with "U.S." Surcharge
c. 1776
(Private Collection)



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c. 1776
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Powder Horn
18th Century
(George Neuman Collection, Valley Forge National Historic Park)



Priming Horn
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



Powder Horn
Serpent of Fish Head Opening
(Guilford Courthouse National Military Park)



Powder Horn
18th Century



Silver Mounted Powder Horn
18th Century
(Cowan's Auctions)



American or Canadian Powder Horn from the St. Laurence River Region
18th Century
(S &K Antiques)



American or Canadian Powder Horn from the St. Lawrence River Region
18th Century
(S &K Antiques)



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Powder Horn Carried by William William
(Historic Deerfield - William Guthman Collection)

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