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The American Artillery



Artillerists



Colonel Thomas Craft, Commander of the Massachusetts State Train of Artillery
Prior to the War was active in the Sons of Liberty of Boston and Paddock's Artillery Co.
Participant in the Boston Tea Party

Rm 930
I certify that William Callender engaged in the
State Regiment of Artillery, under the command
of Col Tho^s Crafts, as a Turner for the Laboratory,
a Business much wanted at that time; that he was
promised by the Field Officers, that he should not
do any other duty in said Regiment; that he never
has done any other Duty: And that while the Labo-
ratory was in said Regiment, He behaved himself
well, like an honest, good man.

Boston Sep^r 7 1780

Paul Revere Lth Col^{ly}

Document Releasing William Callender of Colonel Thomas Crafts's Artillery Regiment from Other Duty
Signed by Paul Revere in Boston, Septemeber 7, 1780
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Major General Henry Knox
by Charles Willson Peale 1784
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Major General Henry Knox
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1784
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“The Honl. HENRY KNOX, Esqr. - Major General of the Artillery in the American Army”
(The Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)



Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Flower, Commissary General of Military Stores
by Philadelphia School
(Freeman's Auction House)



Captain - Lieutenant Daniel Parker of the 3rd Continental Artillery
c. 1777 - 1778
(Morristown National Historical Park)



Lieutenant Elias Parker of the 3rd Continental Artillery
by William Verstile c. 1777 - 1780
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



The Death of Colonel Owen Roberts
by Henry Benbridge (1743-1812)
(Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts)



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Lieutenant Colonel Ebenezer Stevens of the 2nd Continental Artillery
1781
(New York Historical Society)



Unknown Artillery Officer
c. 1770
(Smithsonian American Art Museum)



Unknown Continental Battalion Artillery Officer
by Joseph Dunkerley, 38th Regiment of Foot Deserter



The Battle of Princeton - January 3, 1777
by William Mercer, Son of General Hugh Mercer who was Killed in the Battle, Student of Charles Wilson Peale
(Kent Museum of Philadelphia - Historical Society of Pennsylvania)



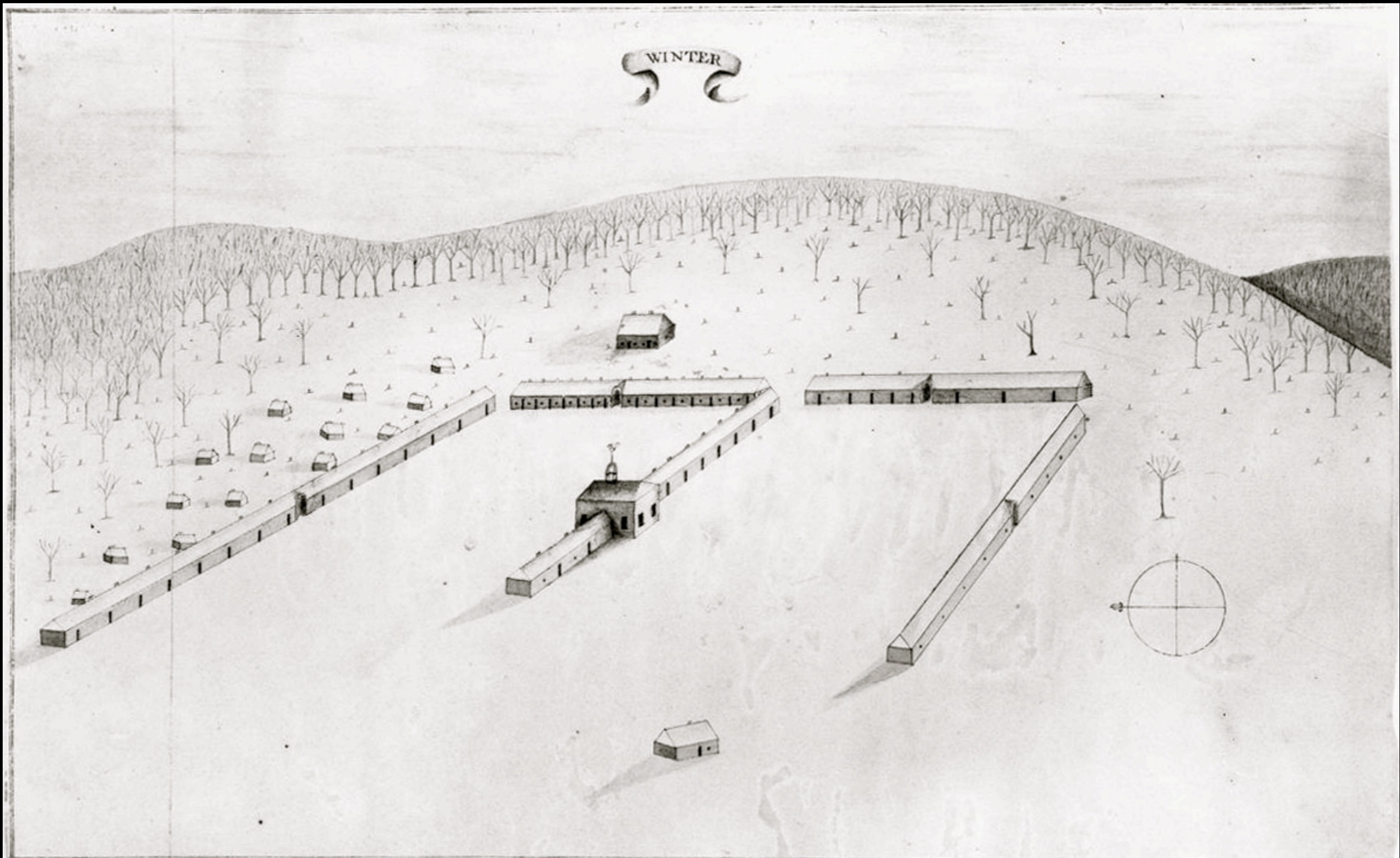
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Wax seal stamp of First Lieutenant Henry Greer, 4th Continental Artillery Regiment (Porter's Company)

1781

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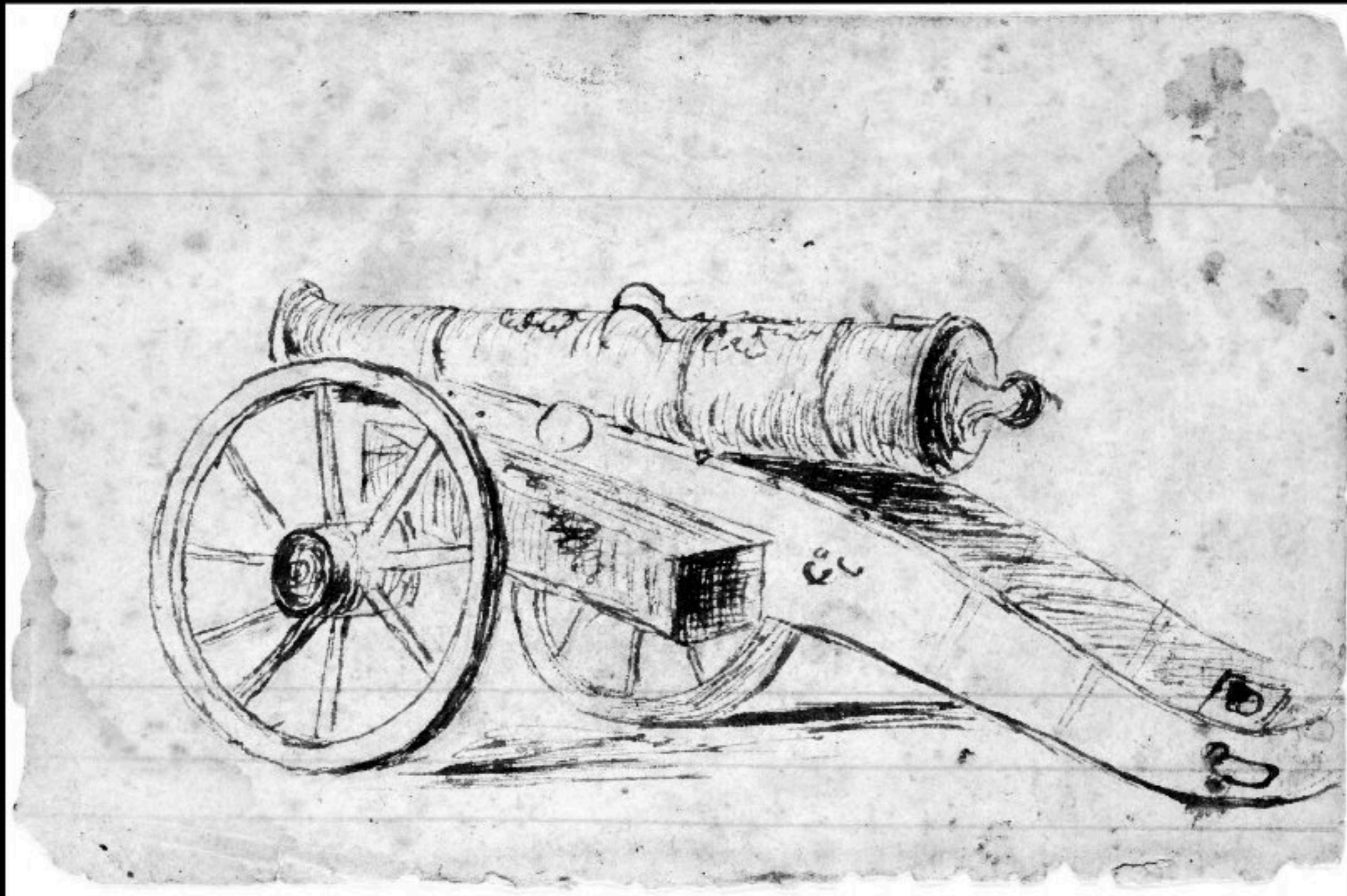
A South West Perspective View of the Artillery Barracks, Pluckemin N. Jersey. 1779.

“A South West Perspective View of the Artillery Barracks, Pluckemin N. Jersey 1779”
by Captain John Lillie, Commander of the 12th Co., 3rd (Crane’s, Massachusetts) Continental Artillery
(Clarence Dillon Public Library, Bedminster, New Jersey)

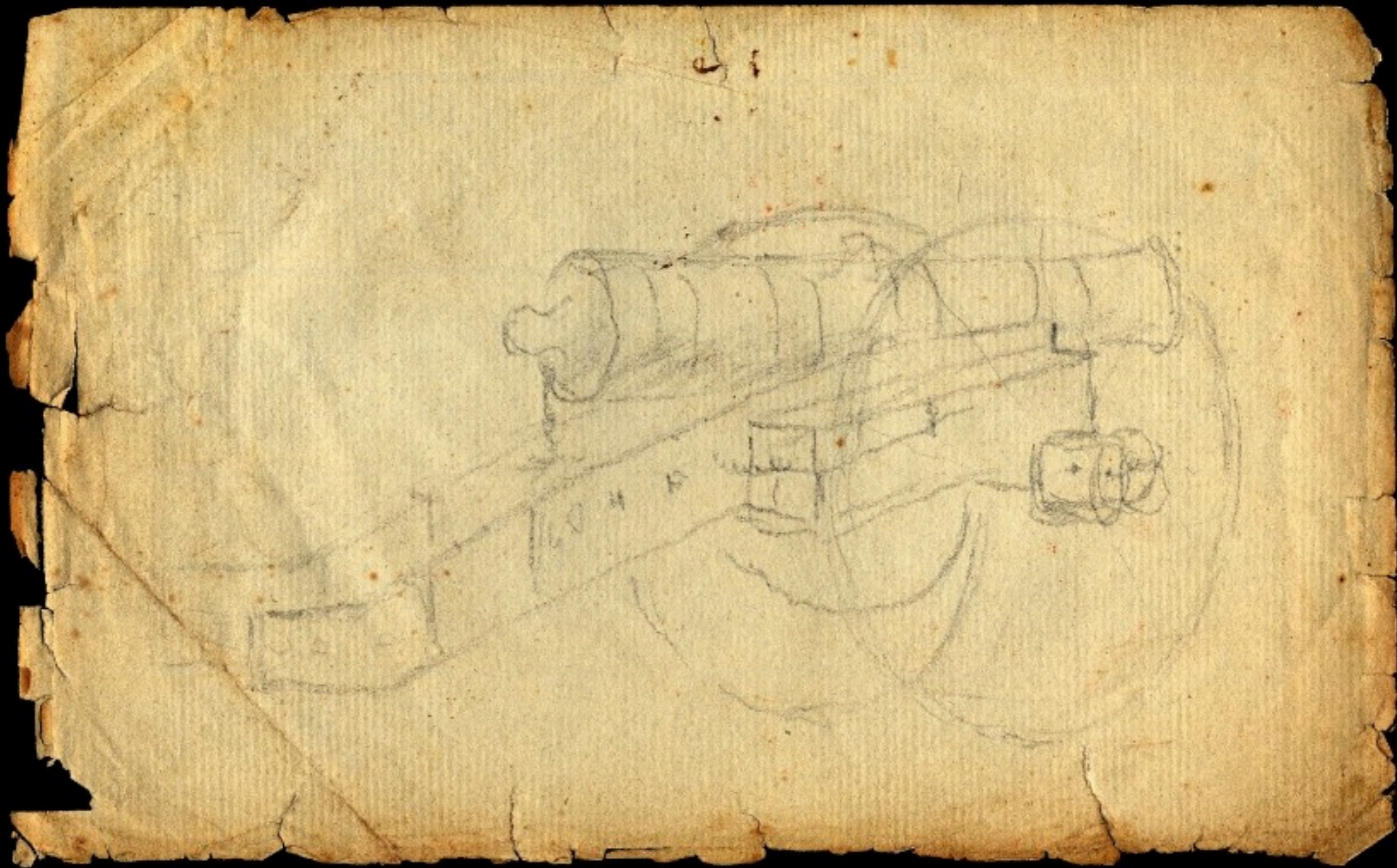
The Captured Cannon

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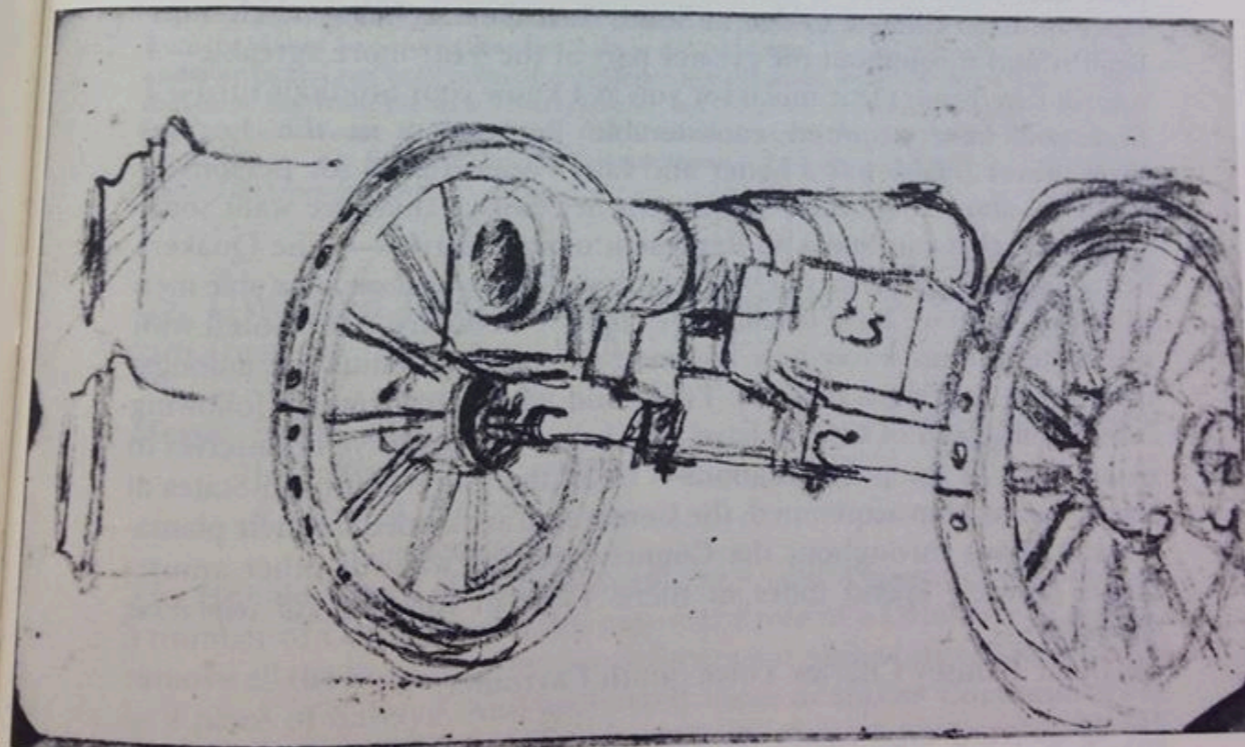
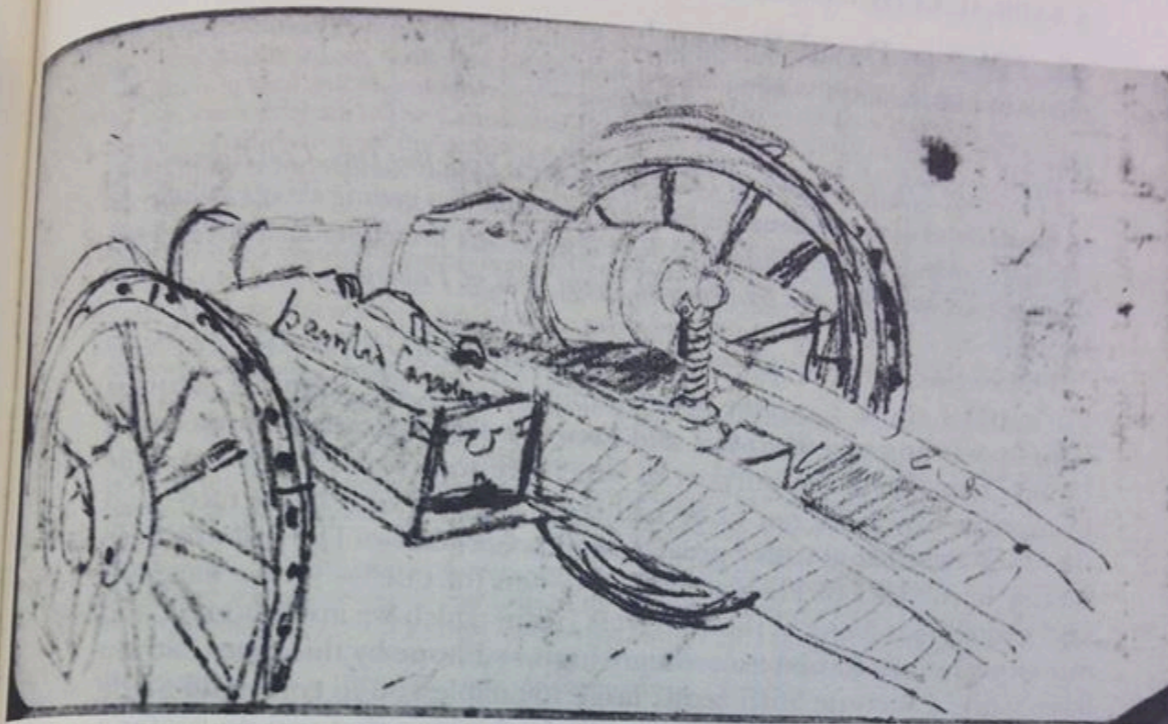
Charles Wilson Peale



Study of a Cannon Likely in the American Service, Possibly Captured at Trenton or Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779
(American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia)



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35. *Cannons*. C. W. Peale, 1779. Pencil. Peale Diary 5, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia.

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General George Washington at Trenton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779 - 1782
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



General George Washington at Trenton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779 - 1782
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779
(United States Senate)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779
(Christie's)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1779
(Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale c. 1779 - 1782
(Princeton University Art Museum)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



General George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Willson Peale 1781
(Yale University Art Gallery)



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by Charles Willson Peale 1781
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Continental Artillery Accountrements



Continental Artillery Officer's Belt Tip
Excavated at the Vanderveer House, Pluckemin, New Jersey
Henry Knox's Headquarters 1778 - 1779
Possibly Fabricated in Pennsylvania 1777
(Pluckemin, New Jersey, Archeological Project)



Small Repousse Sheet Copper Continental Artillery Officer Button
Found in the Hudson Highlands c. 1781
(Colonial Williamsburg)



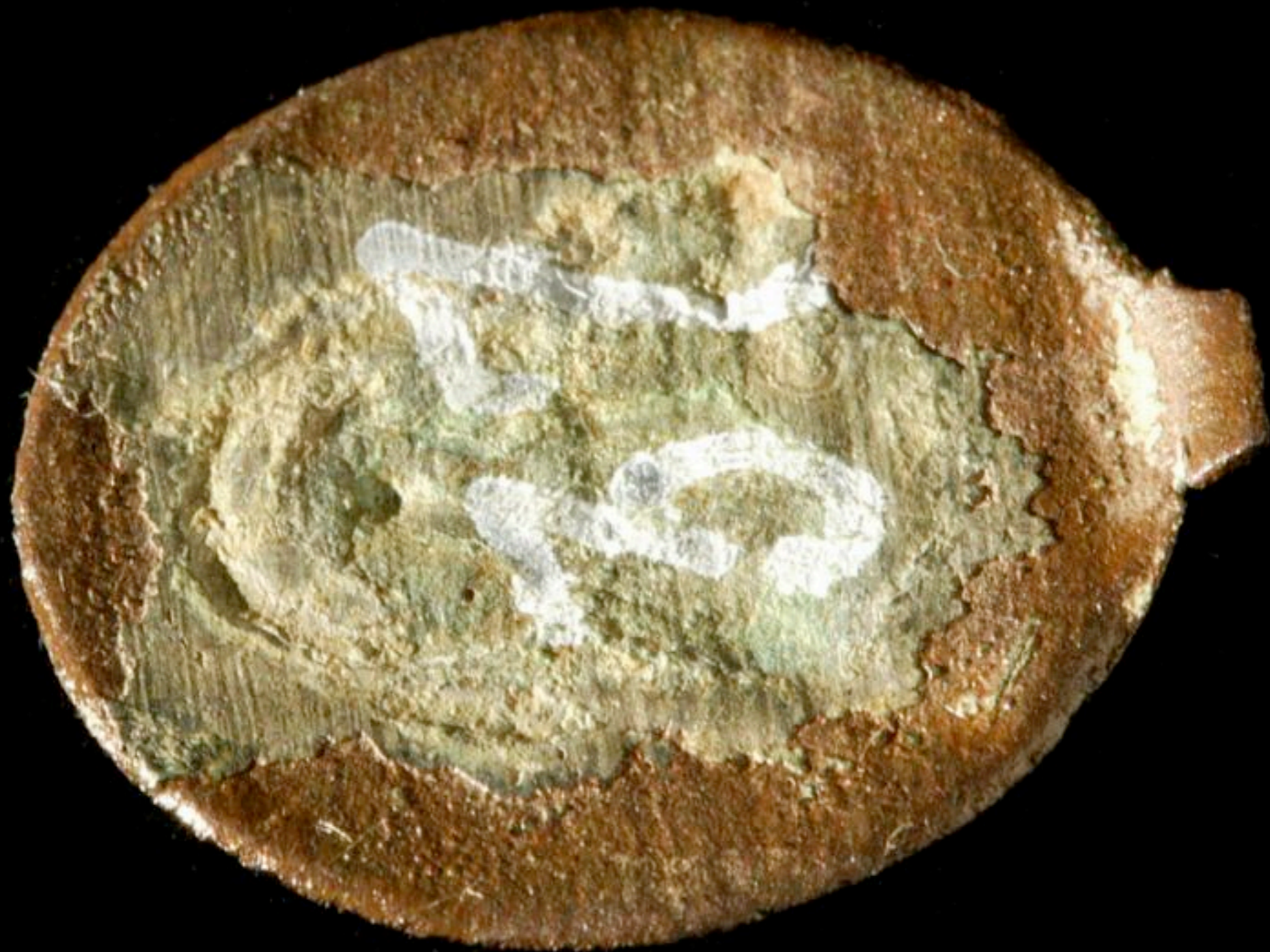
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Continental Artillery Button



Cast Brass Continental Artillery Button
Found in the Hudson Highlands c. 1776 - 1782
(Colonial Williamsburg)



Cast Brass Continental Artillery Button
Found in the Hudson Highlands c. 1776 - 1782
(Colonial Williamsburg)



Cased Gunner's Perpendicular Owned by Lt. Colonel David Mason of Boston c. 1777

Stationed at Springfield, In 1779 Listed as Commander and Director of Ordnance for Artillery Artificers of the State of Massachusetts
(Bonhams - William H. Guthman Collection)



American Wooden Artillery Calipers from New York
by Anthony Lamb c. 1750 - 1776
(Skinner - Photograph Courtesy Joel Bohy)



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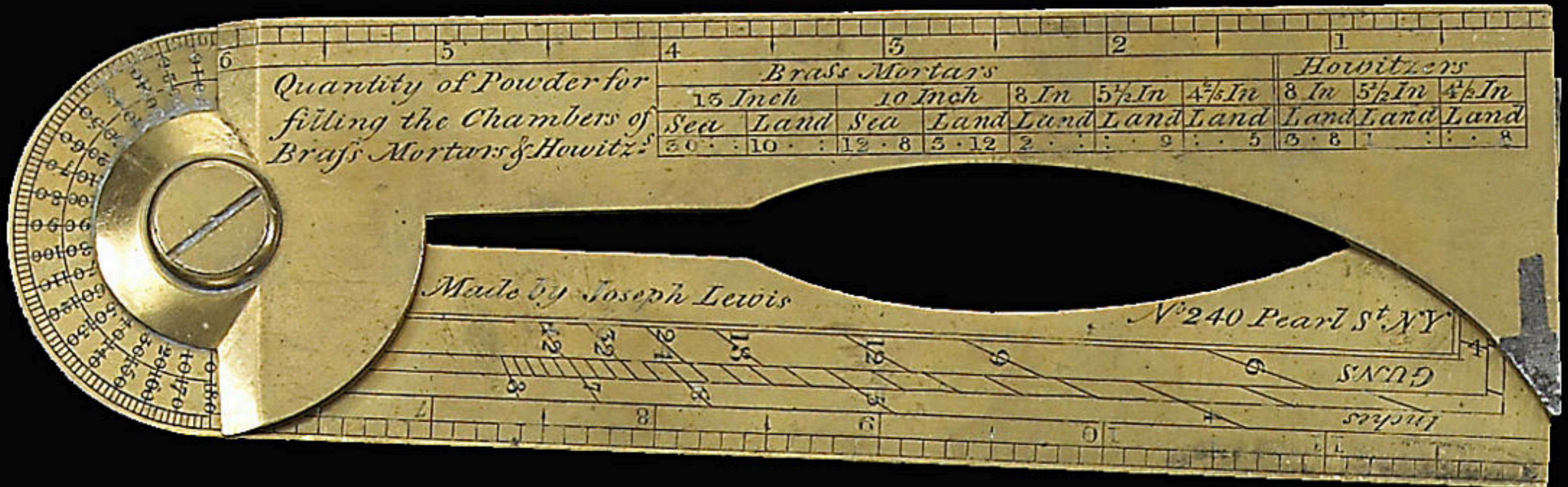
Brass Artillery Calipers Owned by Captain Jona M. Edes of Massachusetts

1777

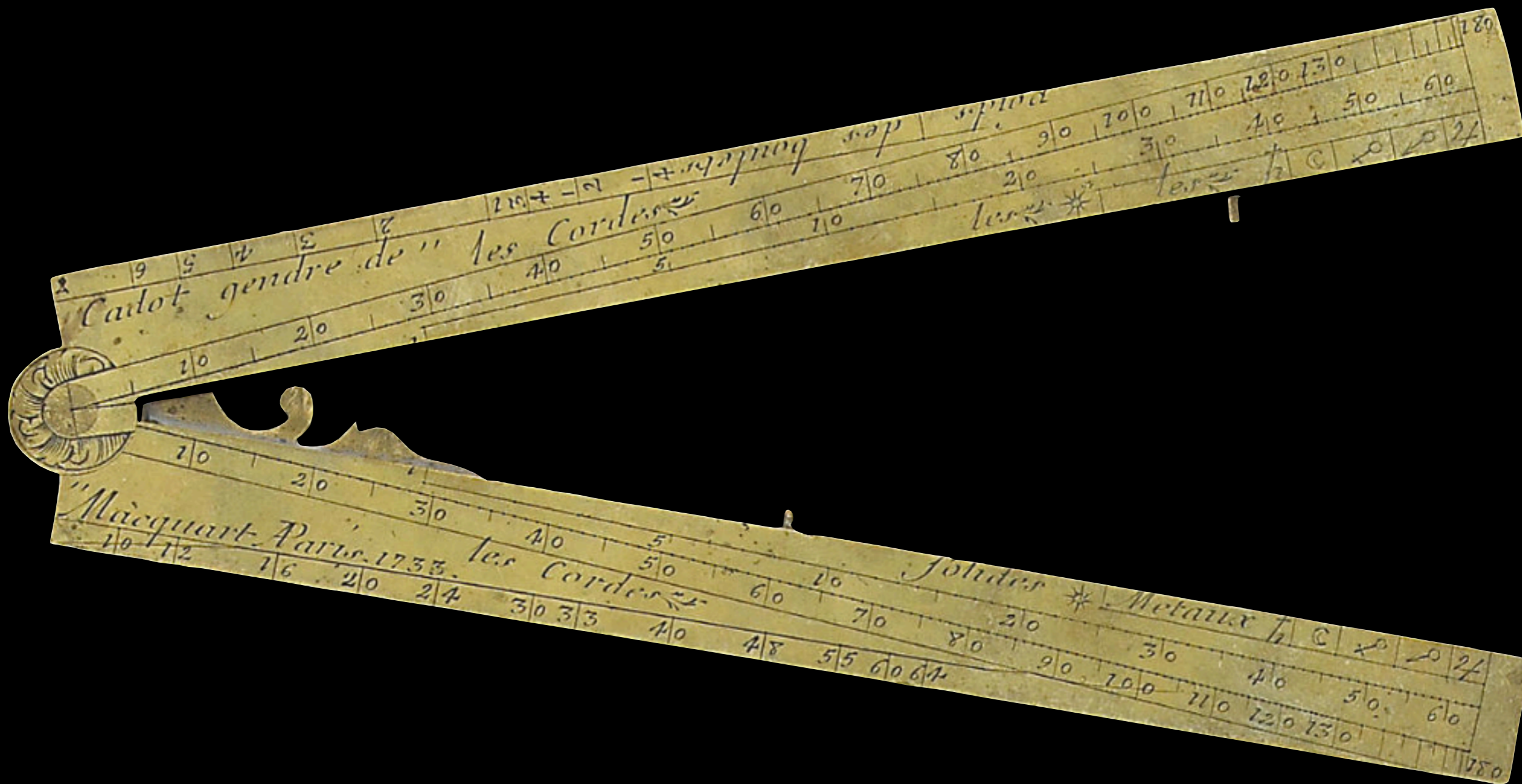
Served in the 4th Company of Colonel Craft's Train of Artillery in 1776. Resigned in 1779.

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Brass Artillery Calipers Made by Joseph Lewis, No. 240 Pearl St. New York
 18th Century
 (Bonhams - William H. Guthman Collection)



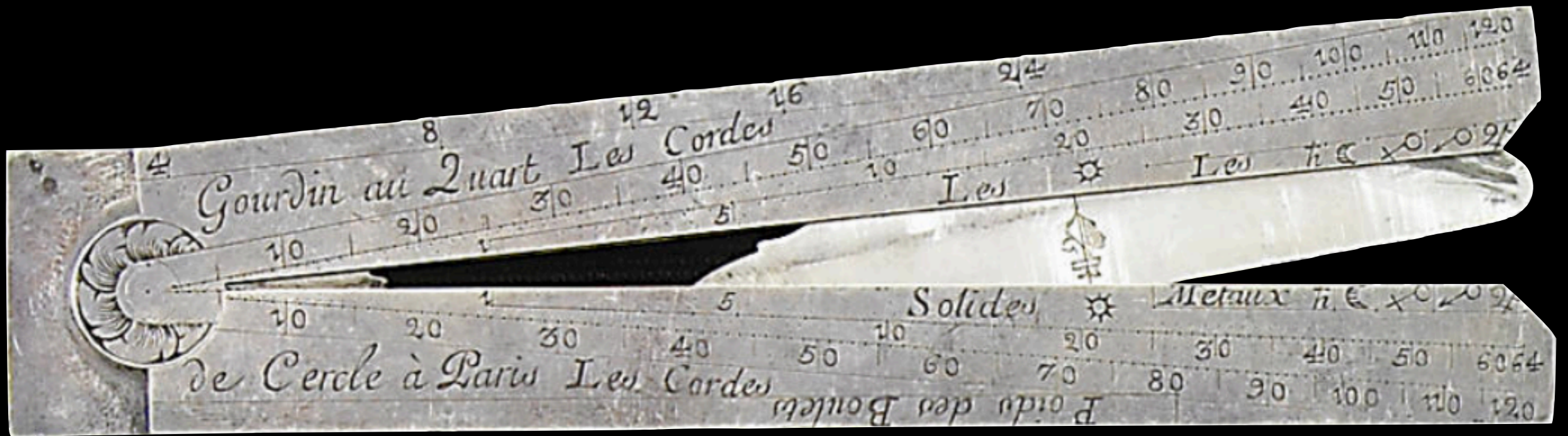
French Brass Folding Artillery Sector by Michele Cadot of Paris

1733

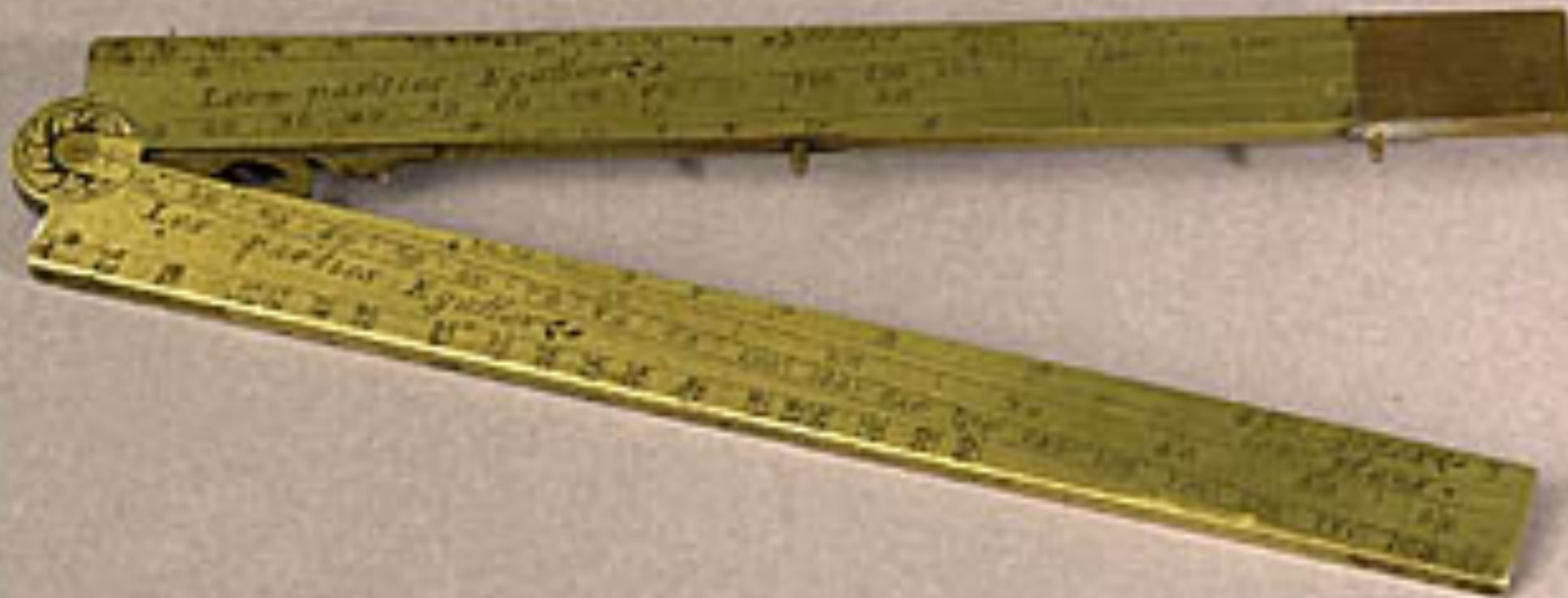
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French Brass Folding Artillery Sector by Lerebours of Paris
18th Century
(Bonhams - William H. Guthman Collection)



French Silver Folding Artillery Sector by Pierre Gourdin of Paris
 4th Quarter 18th Century
 (Bonhams - William H. Guthman Collection)



French Brass Folding Artillery Sector
(George C. Neuman Collection, Valley Forge National Historic Park)



The Cap Worn by Captain Lieutenant Benjamin Carpenter, when he was Killed at the Battle of Long Island
(Varnum Armory)



The Cap Worn by Captain Lieutenant Benjamin Carpenter, when he was Killed at the Battle of Long Island
(Varnum Armory)



Belt Plate
Newport (Rhode Island) Artillery
(Bonhams - The William H. Guthman Collection)



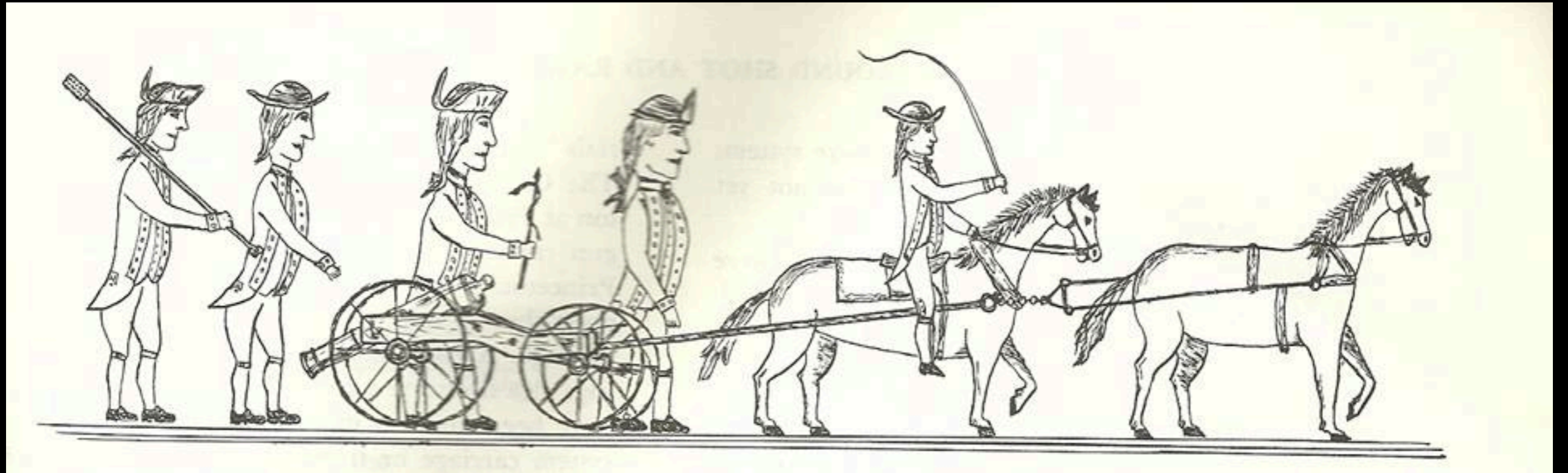
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American Linstock Recovered from Fort Ticonderoga
c. 1775
(Fort Ticonderoga)



Powder Horn

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



Powder Horn Engraving of Continental Artillery



Cannon Rammers & Worms
18th Century
(Sotheby's Auction House)



Cannon Rammers & Worms
18th Century
(Sotheby's Auction House)



Artillery Linstock
Early 18th Century
(Private Collection)



European Artillery Linstock
c. 1680 - 1730
(George C. Neuman Collection, Valley Forge Historic Park)



Artillery Linstock
18th Century
(Estate of Tom Wnuck)



Artillery Linstock
18th Century
(Private Collection)



Artillery Worm
(George C. Neuman Collection, Valley Forge National Historic Park)



Artillery Bucket for a 3 or 4 lb. Cannon
18th Century
(J. Craig Nannos Collection)



Powder Horn Detail - Carried by Corporal William Fleming of Virginia, 1st Artillery, at Valley Forge
c. 1782

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