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NEW HAMPSHIRE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL



1774

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NEW HAMPSHIRE PATRIOTS RAID  
FORT WILLIAM & MARY  
DECEMBER 14, 1774  
NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE



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**NEW HAMPSHIRE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
BICENTENNIAL MEDAL**

This medal was created to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the capture of Fort William and Mary at New Castle, New Hampshire December 14, 1774.

The raid by New Hampshire patriots on Fort William and Mary was one of the first overt military actions against the British Government in this country. The importance of the raid is reflected in the fact that the gunpowder captured at Fort William and Mary, and hurried off to Boston in ox carts by New Hampshire militiamen, was used at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Without this supply of gunpowder, the Battle of Bunker Hill might never have taken place.

It must also be remembered that a large part of the troops at Bunker Hill were from New Hampshire where a spirit of individualism and longing for freedom and independence had been fostered long before the American Revolutionary War. This spirit still lives among those who inhabit New Hampshire's beautiful, rugged countryside.

Not only did New Hampshire respond to the call of independence with military strength, New Hampshire was the first of the new states to draft a state constitution in 1776, and was the first to mint its own coinage.