



1



2





How much do we know about our  
“Founding Mothers”?

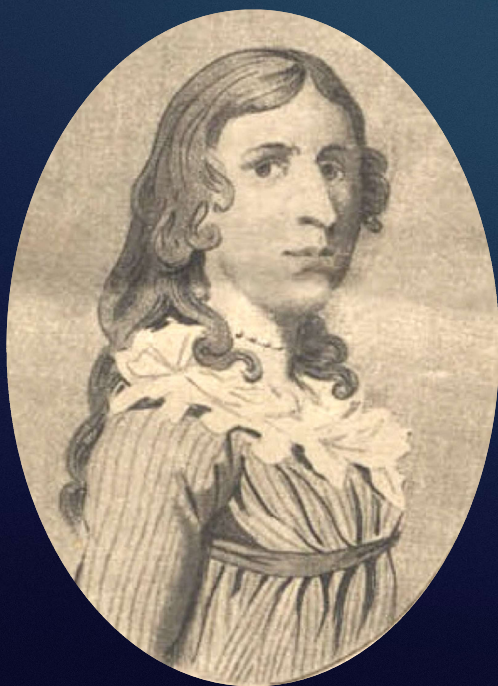
3



Prudence Wright      Mary Hayes      Margaret Corbin

4





Deborah Sampson

- Served 17 months in the army, as Robert Shurtliff
- Fought at Battle of Yorktown, 1781
- In 1782, she was wounded in the thigh, and to conceal her identity, extracted the ball herself
- Later in 1782, she cared for a wounded soldier, Richard Snow, in the house of a Tory named Abraham Van Tassel
- Afterwards she led a raid on his house, capturing 15 Tories
- Honorably discharged in 1783

5



Battle of Monmouth Courthouse, NJ, June 28, 1778

6





7



8



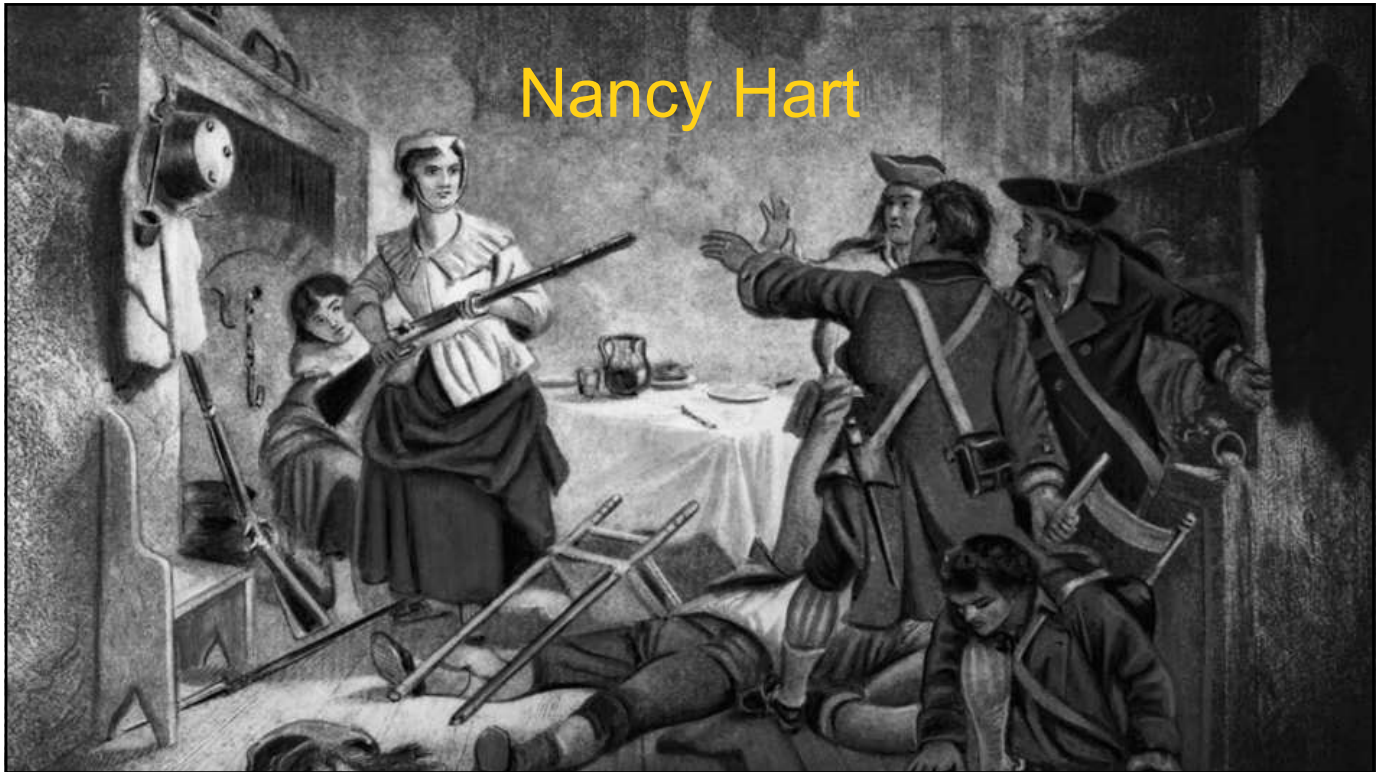
Joseph Martin recalls in his memoirs: “A woman whose husband [William] belonged to the artillery and who was then attached to a piece in the engagement, attended with her husband at the piece the whole time. While in the act of reaching a cartridge and having one of her feet as far before the other as she could step, a cannon shot from the enemy passed directly between her legs without doing any other damage than carrying away all the lower part of her petticoat. Looking at it with apparent unconcern, she observed that it was lucky it did not pass a little higher and continued her occupation.”

9

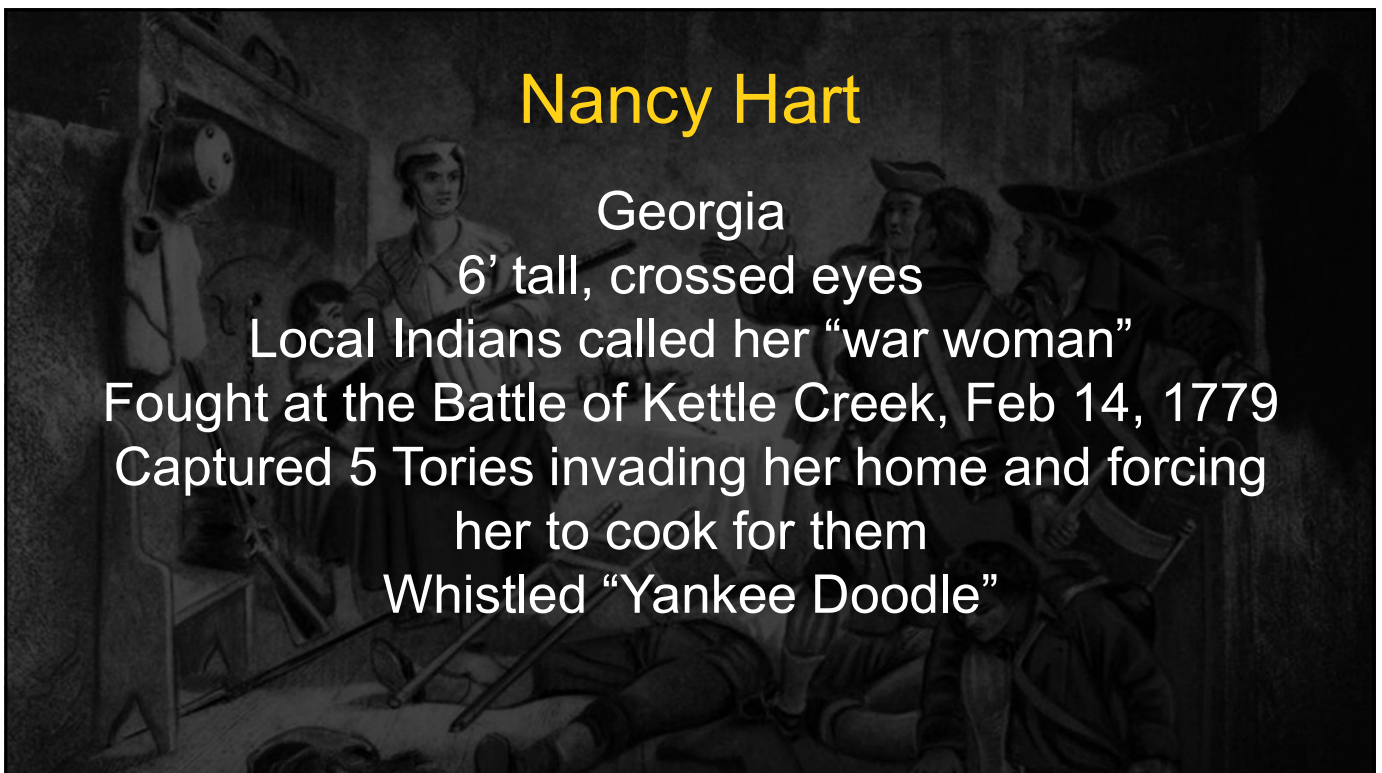


Sergeant Molly

10



11



## Nancy Hart

Georgia

6' tall, crossed eyes

Local Indians called her "war woman"

Fought at the Battle of Kettle Creek, Feb 14, 1779

Captured 5 Tories invading her home and forcing  
her to cook for them

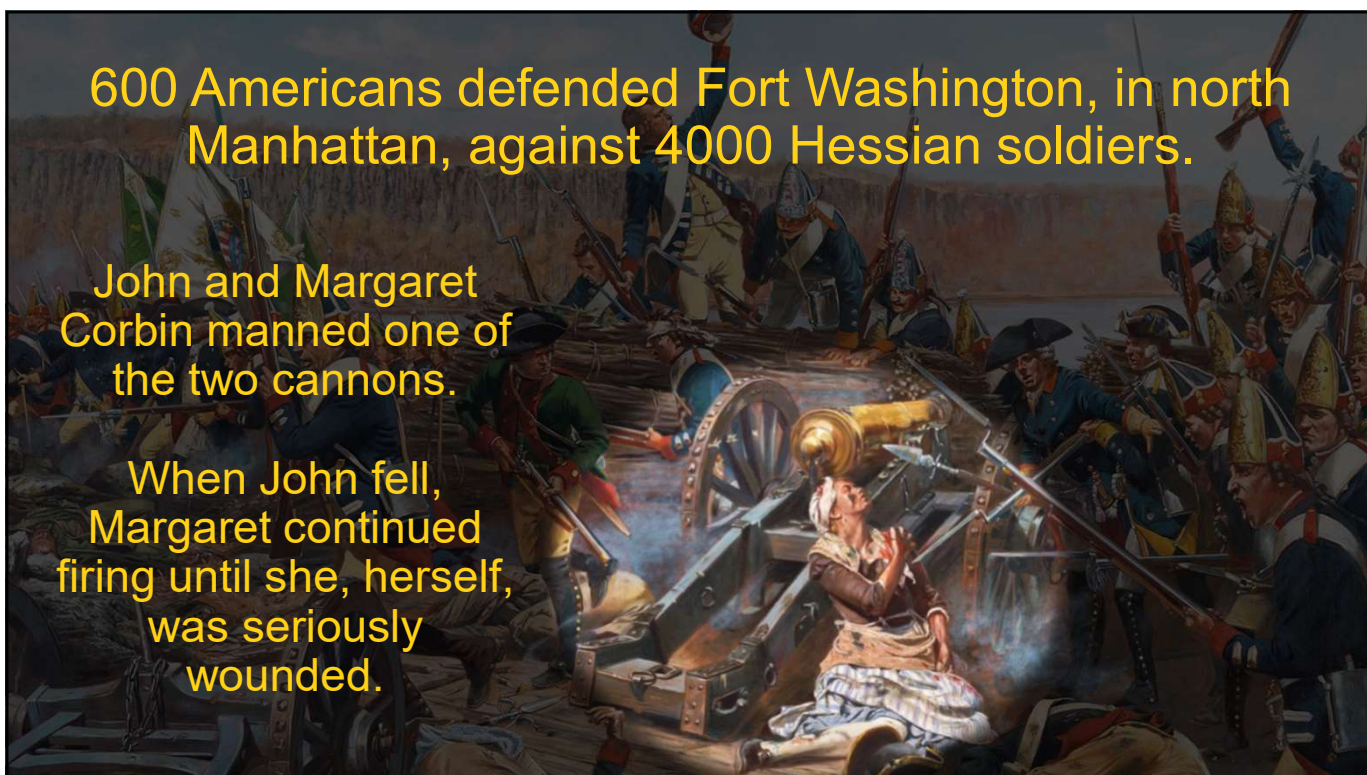
Whistled "Yankee Doodle"

12





13

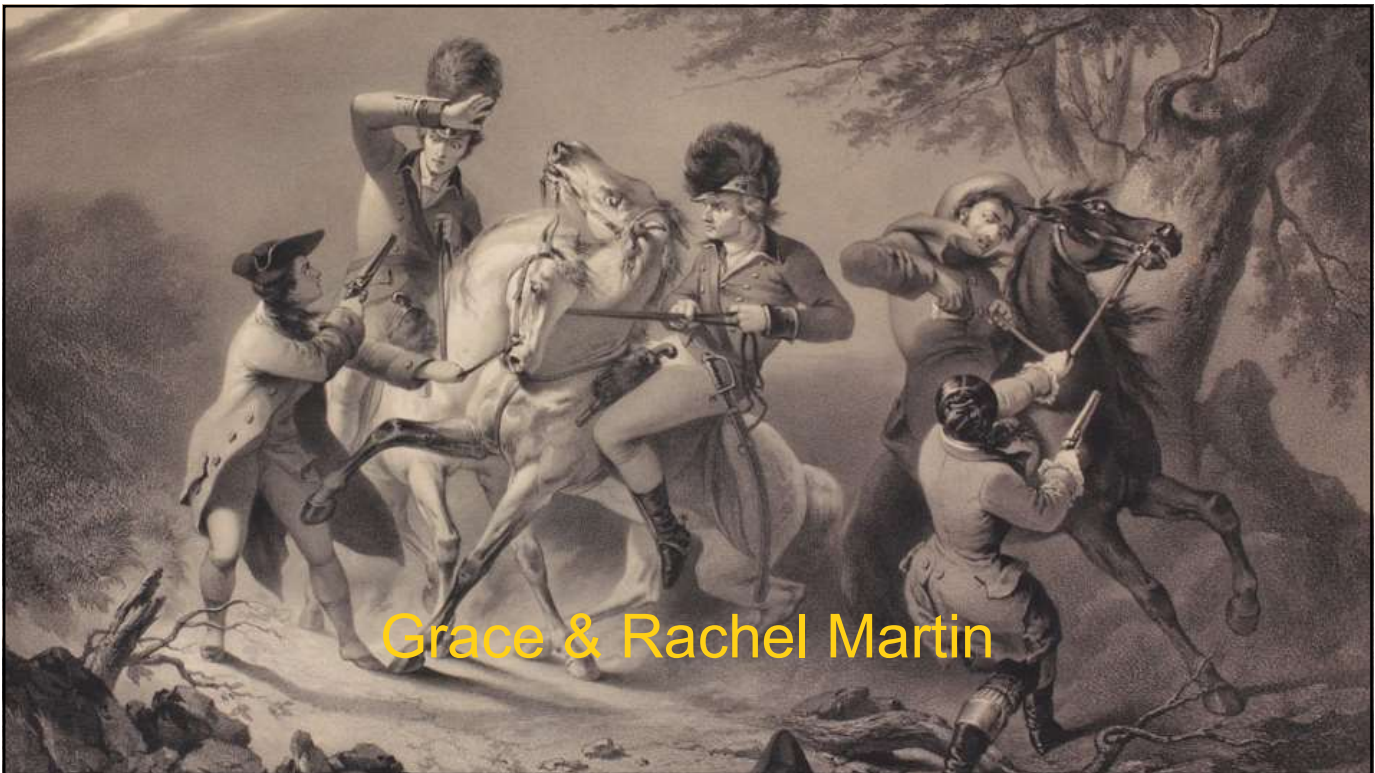


14



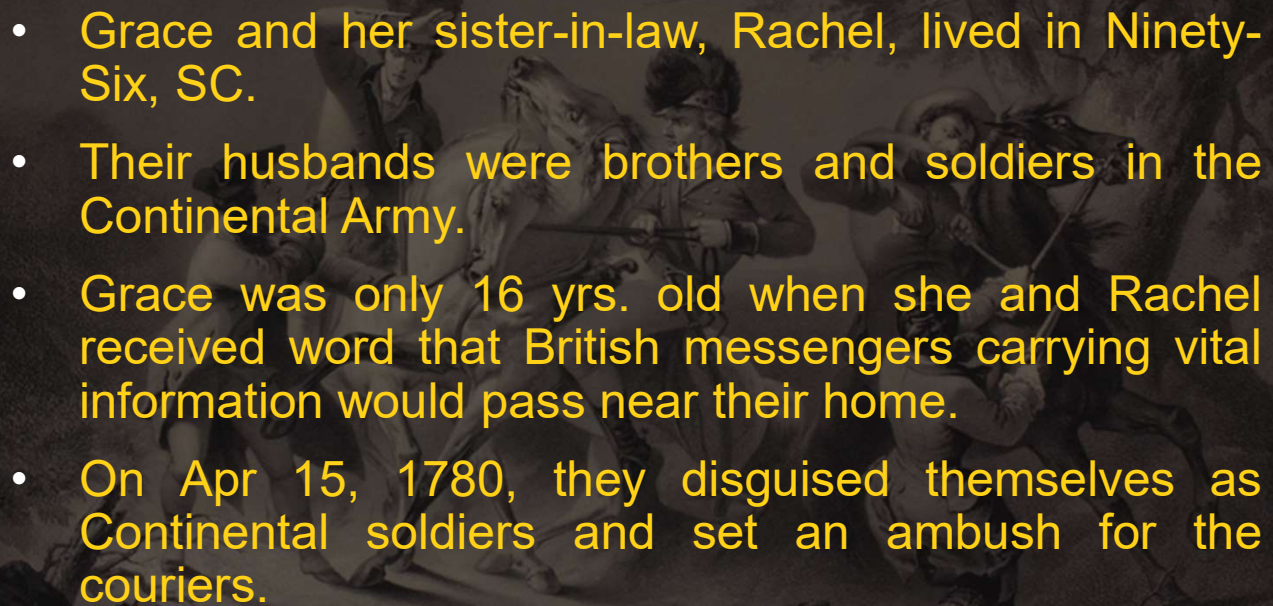


15

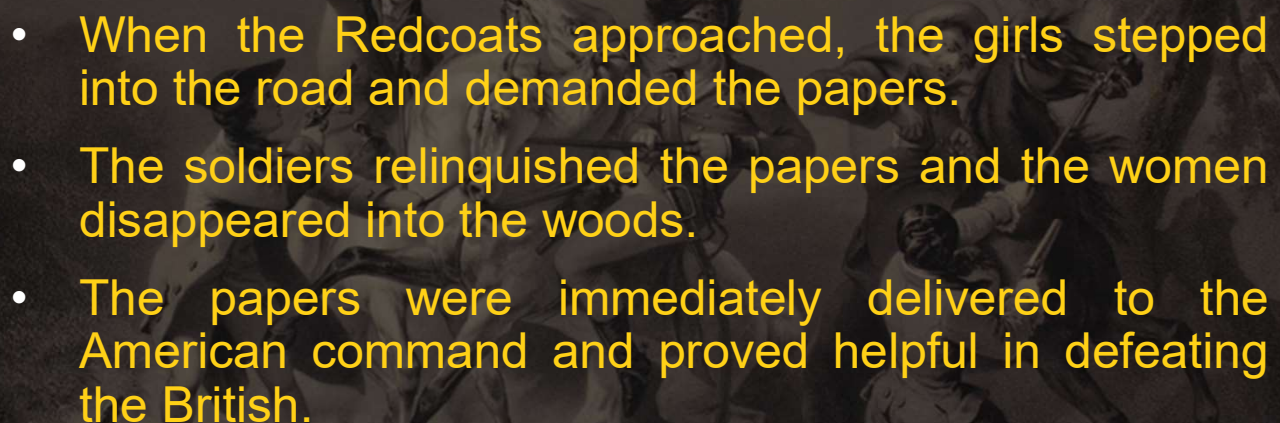


16



- 
- Grace and her sister-in-law, Rachel, lived in Ninety-Six, SC.
  - Their husbands were brothers and soldiers in the Continental Army.
  - Grace was only 16 yrs. old when she and Rachel received word that British messengers carrying vital information would pass near their home.
  - On Apr 15, 1780, they disguised themselves as Continental soldiers and set an ambush for the couriers.

17

- 
- When the Redcoats approached, the girls stepped into the road and demanded the papers.
  - The soldiers relinquished the papers and the women disappeared into the woods.
  - The papers were immediately delivered to the American command and proved helpful in defeating the British.

18





19



20

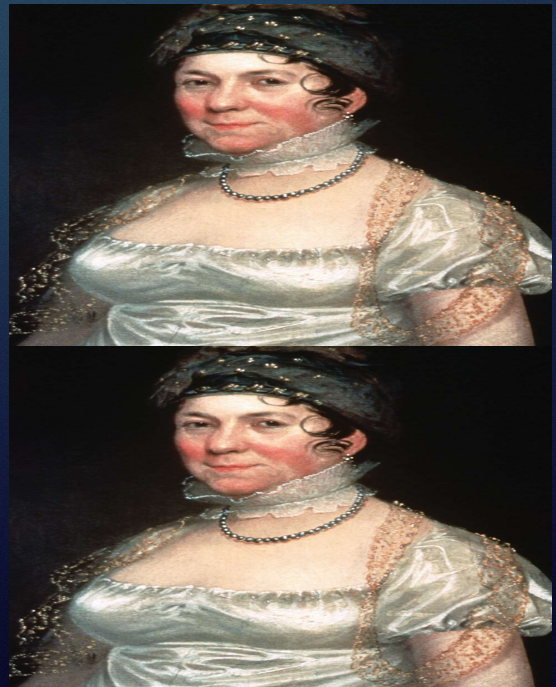




Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington

21

Moved back to the capital permanently in 1844, becoming the grand dame of Washington. Hailed as a living connection to the founding fathers, she was awarded an honorary seat in Congress. She remained active publicly and gave guidance to presidential wives Julia Tyler and Sarah Polk. When she passed away at age 81, she was eulogized by President Zachary Taylor as the country's "first lady," believed to be the first known public reference to the term.



22



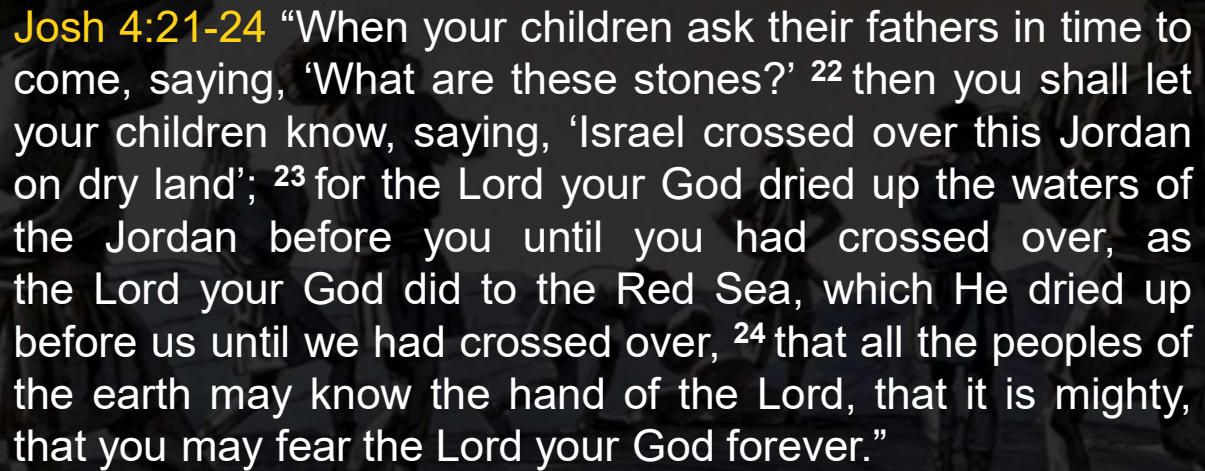
Other than for historical knowledge, is there any spiritual benefit we can gain from knowing these stories?

23



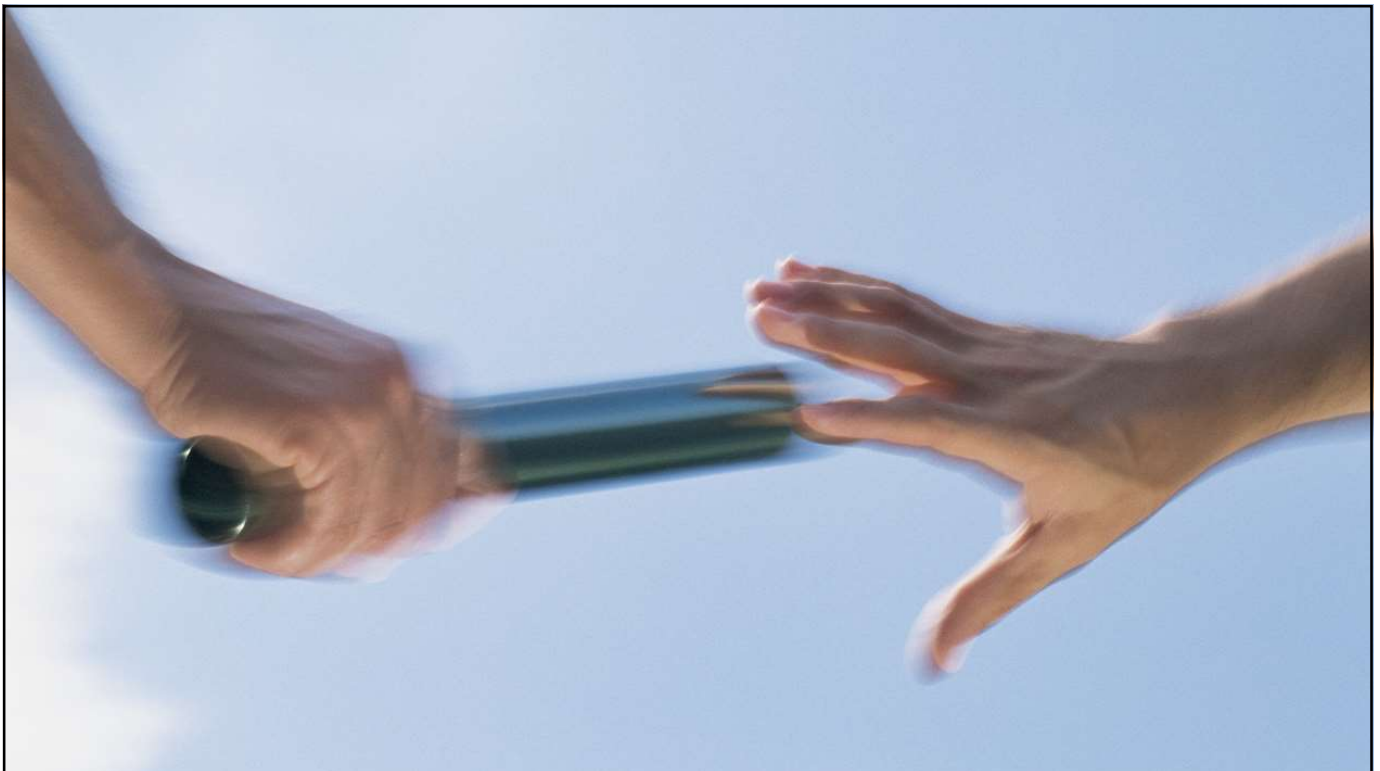
24





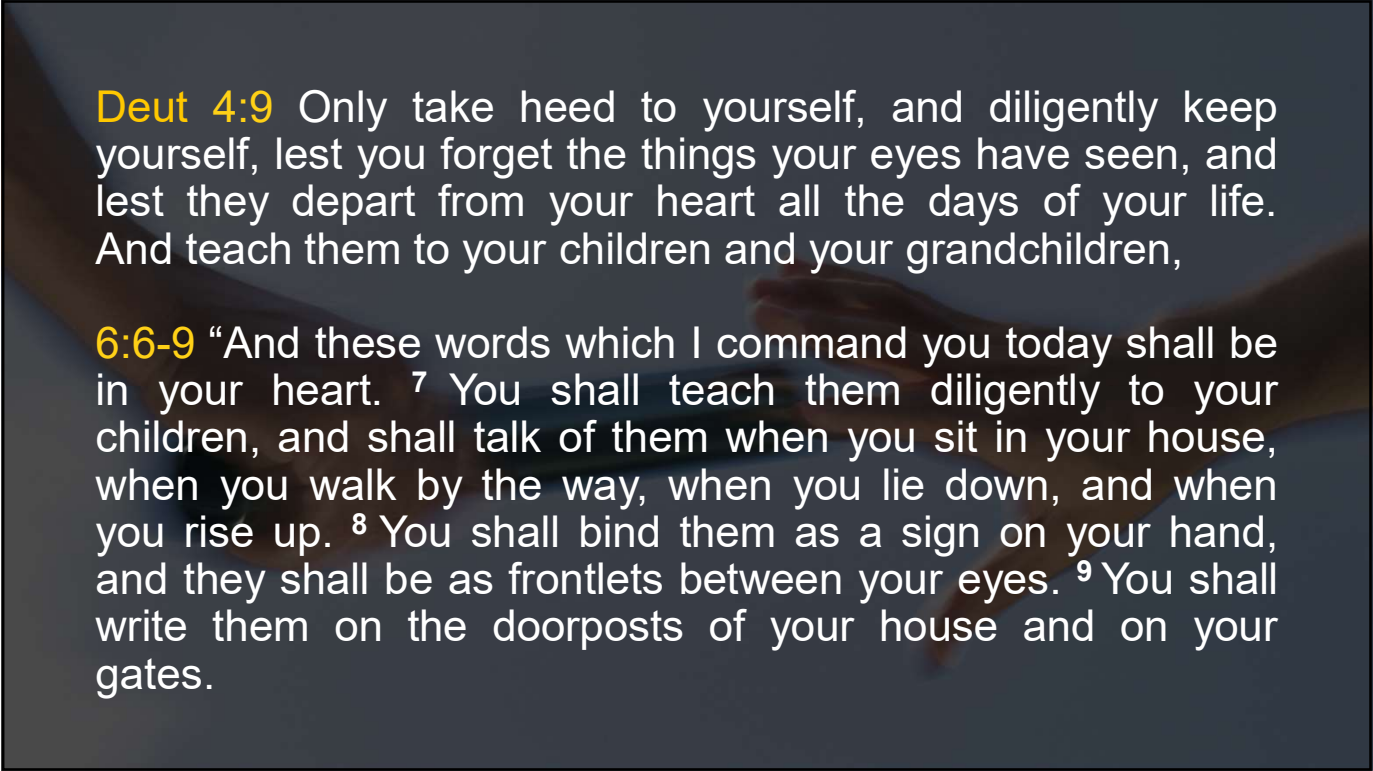
**Josh 4:21-24** “When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’ <sup>22</sup> then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; <sup>23</sup> for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, <sup>24</sup> that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”

25



26

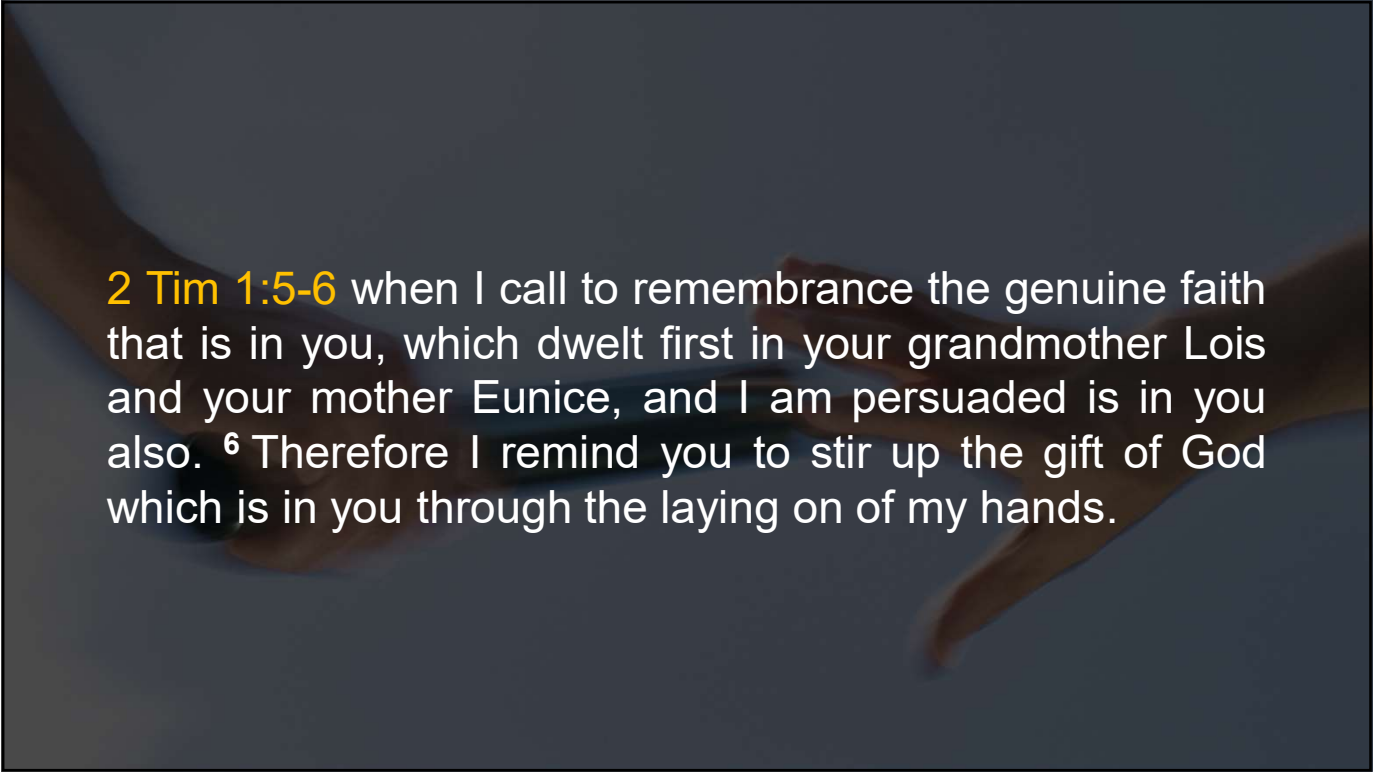




**Deut 4:9** Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

**6:6-9** “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

27



**2 Tim 1:5-6** when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. <sup>6</sup> Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

28



David & Prudence Wright  
Pepperell, Massachusetts

Formed a group of about  
30-40 “Minutewomen”  
calling themselves “The  
Prudence Wright Guard.”



29

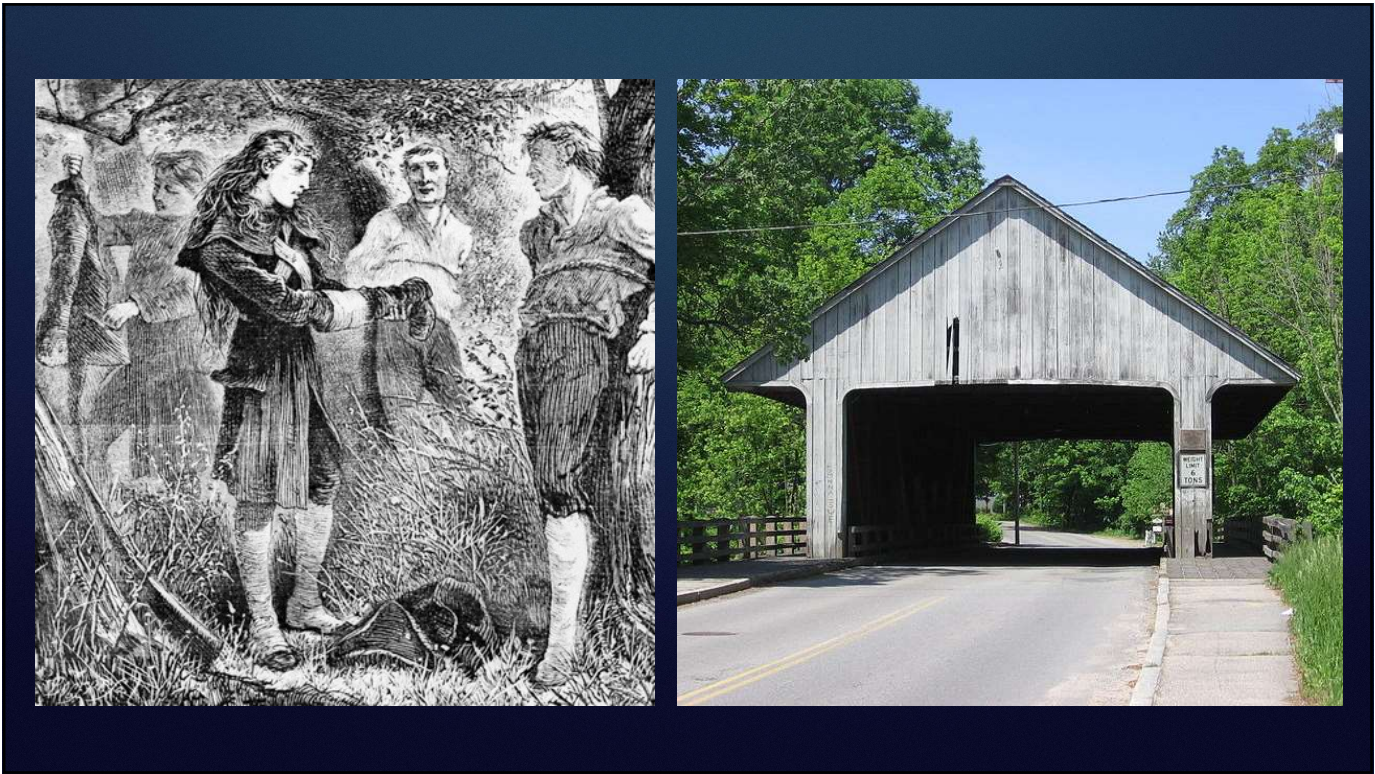
After hearing that two  
British couriers would be  
passing through  
Pepperell, Prudence  
called upon the women to  
meet at Jewett's Bridge.

One of them was  
Prudence's brother  
Samuel Cummings:  
“I recognize Pru's voice, and  
she would wade through  
blood for the rebel cause.”



30



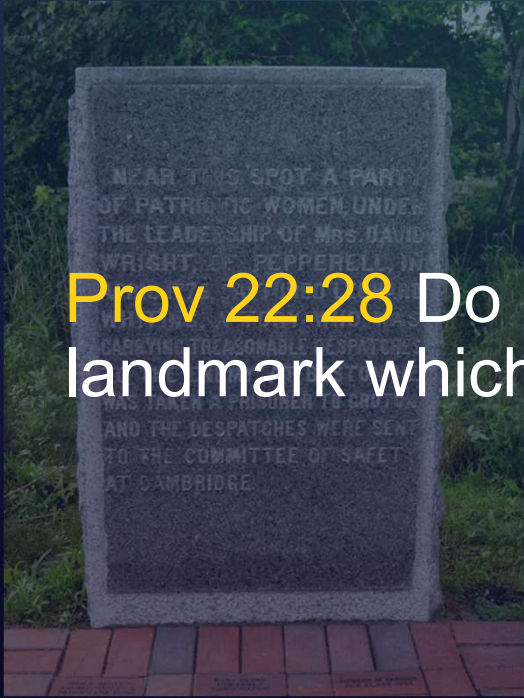


31



32





**Prov 22:28** Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.