

# FORT TICONDEROGA

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## Bibliography

### HENRY KNOX and “THE NOBLE TRAIN OF ARTILLERY”

#### A Fort Ticonderoga Bibliography

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Sixty tons of artillery (59 cannon and mortars) hauled from Crown Point and Fort Ticonderoga.

Route ran from Fort Ticonderoga to Lake George “down the west bank of the Hudson as far as Albany, then to cross the river and down the east Bank as far as Kinderhook, from whence to turn due east across the Berkshires, through Great Barrington, Monterey, Otis, Blandford, Westfield, Springfield, and so to Cambridge.” (The route from Fort Ticonderoga to the Massachusetts state line has been traced with 30 granite historical markers, installed by the state of New York in the late 1920s. The inventory of 30 historical markers placed along the Massachusetts portion of the route is found in Fiore and Schruth, *Noble Train*, p. 54.)

Five markers are in Ticonderoga area: (#1) Fort *Place d’Armes*; (#2) dock near King’s Store where the cannon were loaded onto a gundaloe on 6 December 1775 “to get them to the bridge”; (#3) near Lower Falls in Ticonderoga village, where the cannon were transferred from water to land carriage, “from the bridge to the landing at Lake George” on 7 December; (#4) near Mossey Point at Lake George where Knox had loaded “the scow, Pettanger, and a Battoe” by 9 December; (#5) Sabbathday Point.

Arrival in Cambridge 24 January 1776; 300 miles in two months.

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### **Artworks and Artifacts**

Oil painting: Tom Lovell, "The Noble Train of Artillery," 1946 created for Dixon Pencil Company, and now in the collections of Fort Ticonderoga.

Two iron cannon said to have been part of the Knox trek from Ticonderoga. One gun tube was lost through the ice in crossing the Mohawk River and was not recovered for a century. The second made it to Boston, was displayed at the Bunker Hill Monument, broken up for scrap during WW II, recovered, restored, and returned to Fort Ticonderoga.

Jarvis Baillargeon, "Guns of Ticonderoga" [a suite of 15 paintings, c.1980s, and a video, 1991], exhibited at the Hancock House, Ticonderoga, New York, 20 June-10 July 1992.

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### ***From the Collections of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum***

Artist: signed lower right [S.J.] Belaski '39

Title: [Col. Knox removing cannon from Ticonderoga]

Date: 1939

FTA cat. no.

Negative no.

Medium: wall mural; oil on canvas mounted on homosote  
12 ft. 3 in. x c. 12 ft.

Published:

Background: gift of St. Michael's College, c. 1985, where the mural hung in the basketball court

Ref.: 4p/knoxmural

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## *From the Collections of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum*

Artist: Tom Lovell

Title: *The Noble Train of Artillery*

Date: 1946

FTA cat. no.

Negative no. Richard K. Dean,

Medium: oil on canvas; 42" x 44"

Published: Stephen H.P. Pell, *Fort Ticonderoga: A Short History*, 1935, p. 72. Garraty, *The Story of America*, Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1990. MacMillan Social Studies Grade 5: *The United States and Its Neighbors*, 1990, p. 291.

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