

**“A Place Of Refuge, Solitude,
Strength & Thanksgiving!”**

Morristown January - May 1777

Psalm 91

“He Who Dwells in the Secret Place of the Most High Shall Abide Under the Shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is My Refuge and My Fortress; My God, In Him I Will Trust!” Surely, He shall deliver you from the Snare of the Fowler and from the Perilous Pestilence. He Shall Cover You With His Feathers, And Under His Wings You Shall Take Refuge; His Truth Shall Be Your Shield And Buckler. You Shall Not Be Afraid of the Terror by Night, Nor of the Arrow that Flies by day, nor of the Pestilence that Walks in Darkness, nor of the Destruction that Lays Waste at Noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because You Have Made The Lord, Who Is My Refuge, Even The Most High, Your Dwelling Place, No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His Angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion, and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. Because He Has Set His Love Upon Me, Therefore I Will Deliver Him; I Will Set Him On High, Because He Has Known My Name. He Shall Call Upon Me, and I Will Answer Him; I Will Be With Him In Trouble; I Will Deliver Him and Honor Him. With Long Life I Will Satisfy Him, and Show Him My Salvation!” **Psalm 91 (NKJV)**

Now Recall

**That Not All Of The Army Had Come Across The Delaware River In Force
To Trap The Enemy At Trenton On The Night Of The 25th Of December,
Therefore, Washington Had To Call Off His Planned Offensive
Toward New Brunswick, New Jersey.**

See Appendix A – “A Failed Bridgehead”

**Enraged & Disappointed, But Cautious & Careful,
Washington Calmly Had The Men Retreat Back To McKonkey’s Ferry
& Escape Back To The Pennsylvania Shore For Safety.**

**By Boats, They Again Crossed The Delaware River
On The Night Of The 26th of December.**

See Appendix B – “A Quiet & Disciplined Retreat”

The New Hope Found After A Resounding Victory

**At The Battle Of Trenton That Christmas, 1776,
Led General Washington To Go On Over To A Limited Winter Offensive!
But First, Washington Devised A Swift Escape From A Closing Trap
Between Lord Cornwallis On His Way From New Brunswick & Princeton
& 2 # Other Hessian Garrisons South Of Trenton!**

See Appendix C – “A Planned Trap!”

Washington Instead Devised A Bold New Plan

To Cross The Delaware A 3rd Time & Retreat South & East Of Trenton Quickly,
Exactly Where Lord Cornwallis Would Least Likely Expect Him To Go!

The Plan Called For The Army To Split Between

2 # Other Hessian Garrisons To The South In The Twin Towns
Of Bordentown & Burlington, & The Other In Allentown, New Jersey

To Conceal & Cover His Retreat

George Left Behind 400 Elite Bushwhackers

To Be Seen With Campfires At Night Making Lots Of Noise.

They Were Making Entrenchments & Defensive Works

Then At The Last Minute, They Would Suddenly Escape

Toward Five-Mile Run Below Maidenhead (Modern Day - Lawrenceville, NJ)

All The While, **Washington's Main Army Moved Silently & Stealthily**

Between Cornwallis' Main Body Of Over 8,000 Men

Moving Directly Toward Trenton From New Brunswick & Princeton

From The Northeast Along The Old Princeton Post Road,

& The 2 # Other Hessian Garrisons In The South

Appendix D – “Escaping The Trap”

Once Outside Of Trenton Town, The **“Old Fox”**,

The Nickname, Washington Had Earned From His Enemies,

Double Backed On The **“Old Back Road”** Out Of Sandtown, New Jersey

Running Nearly Parallel To The **“Old Post Road”**

And Converged In Two Columns Across The Eastern Edge

Of The **“Old Post Road”** Into The Farm Country Just South Of Princeton

Appendix E – “Switcheroo & Renewed Attack”

During This Escape From Trenton & Subsequent Movement Toward Princeton

There Was A Divine Thaw In The Weather That Slowed Cornwallis' Movement

Everything Was Sloppy & Muddy Again On The Roads & In The Fields

Further, Cornwallis Was Harassed Again & Again

By The Rear Guard Of Bushwhackers Left By Washington.

They Remained In Front Of Him Pulling Him

North & West From Princeton Toward Pennington

This Contributed To Washington's Main Army Remining Undetected

As They Moved Straight North & East Out Of Trenton To The Backside Of Princeton!

Snatching Victory From Defeat At Princeton - January 3, 1777

Washington Waited For Cornwallis' Main Body Of 6,500 Men

To Pass On The **“Old Post Road”** For Trenton

Then He Attacked The 1,500 Men Lord Cornwallis

Left Behind Back In Princeton To Await His Baggage Trains

With Supplies From The New Brunswick's Headquarters

Appendix F – “Near Defeat At Princeton”

Rallying Cry Of Courage

Washington Showed Incredible Heroism
By Leading The Broken And Confused Men To First Rally
And Then Onward To Regroup & Reattack The Enemy Positions
He Closed On Horseback To Within 30 Yards Of The Enemy
Standing Directly In Harm's Way Giving Orders To March, Fire, & Charge,
Rallying The Troops Onward To A Resounding Rout & Victory!

Appendix G – “Resounding Victory At Princeton” Outcomes Of Battle

- 1) Large Spoils Of Prisoners, Artillery, Supplies, & Ammunition Were Again Taken
- 2) Lord Cornwallis' Rear Guard Shattered & His Supply Lines Ravaged
- 3) Taken Totally By Surprise, Cornwallis Was Forced To Withdraw From Trenton
- 4) British Were Forced To Retrack & Regain Contact With
Washington's Main Body, Last Seen – Heading Toward New Brunswick

Outcomes Of Battle

- 5) Chaos, Confusion & Loss Of Moral In The Enemies Ranks
- 6) Cover & Time To Retreat From The Area & Seek Winter Quarters
- 7) A Great Boost To The Faith, Moral, & Welfare Of The Continental Army
In The Chaos & Confusion That Ensued Among The British Army,
Washington Turned The Main Body To Faint Northeast Toward New Brunswick
Moving On To The Town Of Kingston. He Then Turned Abruptly North
Hiding Along Lake Carnegie & In The Valley Of The Millstone River.
All Contact Between Cornwallis Main Body & Washington's Main Body
Seemed To Suddenly Cease As If The “Old Fox” Simply Disappeared!
But Once Again, The Weather Had Divinely Changed
For A 3rd Time In Just 10 Days As God Again Covered & Concealed
His People's Retreat Into The Wilderness!

Appendix H – “Deception & Retreat”

Cornwallis Retreated To New Brunswick Under Orders
From The Main Headquarters Of General Howe.

Washington Moved Onward North To Somerset Courthouse
Arriving By 11:30 PM, On The Same Night Of Battle, January 3, 1777

Appendix I – “Stealing Away To Somerset Courthouse” January 3rd 1777

A War Council Was Held On The Morning Of January 4, 1777
With The Consensus That The Winter Was Coming On Strong
And The Army Needed To Call Off Their Offensive Till The Spring & Summer
Instead A Much-Needed Quiet Place Must Be Found,

“A Place Of Solitude, Refuge, Strength, & Thanksgiving!”

In The Afternoon Of January 4th, Till Late Evening Of January 6th, 1777

The Continental Army Of Freedom Marched North Toward Morristown, New Jersey!

Appendix J – “Rapid Movement To Pluckemin & Bernardsville” January 4th & 5th 1777

Appendix K – “Stealth & Secrecy To Morristown” January 6th 1777

Morristown, New Jersey

The Place God Chose To Hide His People Away, To Give Them Rest & Refuge,
A Place Of Solitude & A Time To Regain Their Strength & Vigor.

And Finally, There Was Adequate Time & Opportunity
To Offer God Thanksgiving For All He Had Done For Them!

That Long Winter & Spring Of 1777

The Area Around Morristown Flooded & Froze Again & Again,
Bridges Between New Brunswick & Morristown Were Sapped & Destroyed,
And God's People Began To Hope & To Dream Of A Future Of Freedom!

The People Of New Jersey Finally Began To Put Fear Aside

And They Began To Actively Help The Army
With Food, Provisions, Clothing, & Shelter
The Numbers Of Recruits Began To Swell
& The People Were Ready To Fight For Their Freedom!

That Long Winter & Spring Of 1777

The Praise, Worship, & Thanksgiving Of God Was Heard
All Around The Camp And In The Churches & Meeting Houses Of New Jersey
And That Praise & Thanks Of God Among His Servants
Began To Spread Out Into All The Colonies As The Good News Spread

Let Us As God's Chosen People & His True Patriots

Take This Thanksgiving Weekend & This Long Winter,
To Give Our Praise, Worship & Thanks To Our God!

Let Us Also Prepare For A Hard & Long Fight

To Retain Our Freedoms From Tyranny & Treason

As The Forces Of Evil & Darkness
Descend On Our Beloved State & Nation!

Receive God's Blessing!

*"Oh Lord Send Us Heaven's Blessing Of Boldness & Courage,
Let Your Presence & Power Rain Down To Encourage & Strengthen
Us To Stand With You & One Another, As Fellow Citizens Of Heaven
As We Defend The Right To Life, Liberty, & Your Praise & Worship!"*

Appendix A

A Failed Bridgehead

Night Of
December 26th 1776



Appendix B

**A Quiet &
Disciplined Retreat**

Night Of
December 26th 1776



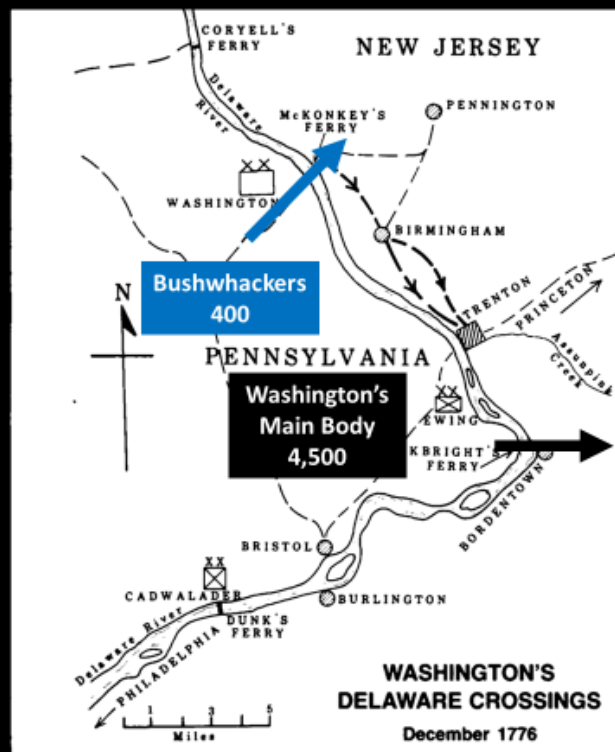
Appendix C

A Planned Trap
Multi - Pronged Attack
To Begin On
January 4th 1777



Appendix D

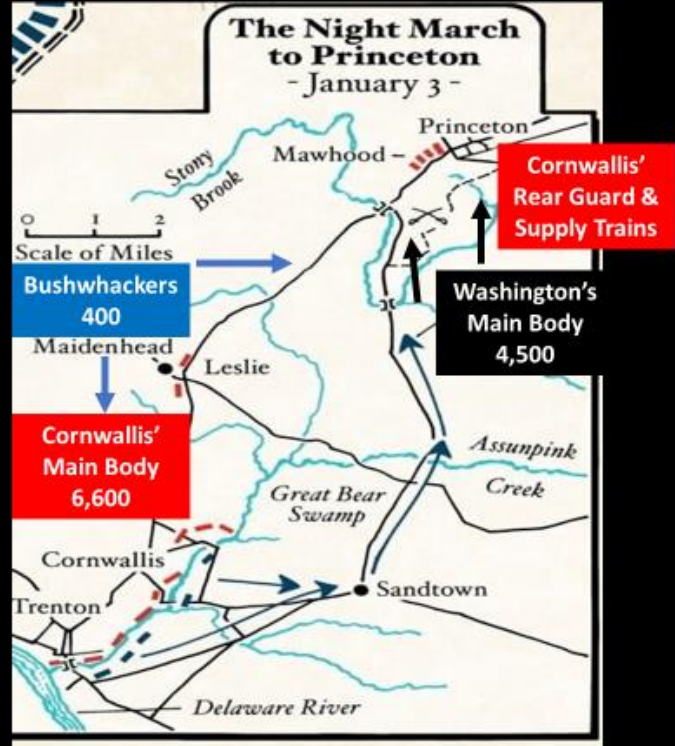
Escaping The Trap
Ruse – Diversion - Stealth
Night Of January 2nd 1777



Appendix E

Switcheroo & Renewed Attack

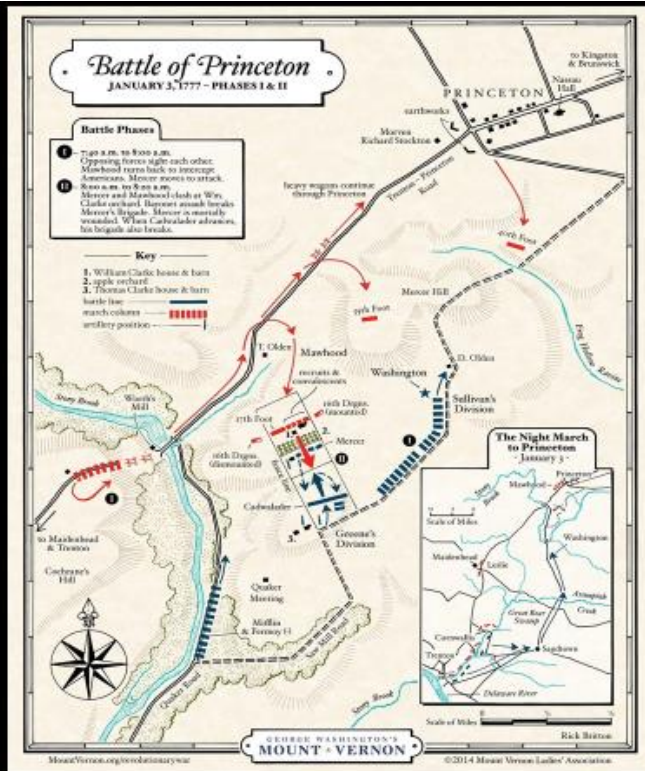
Double Back & Cut Across Morning - January 3rd 1777



Appendix F

Near Defeat At Princeton

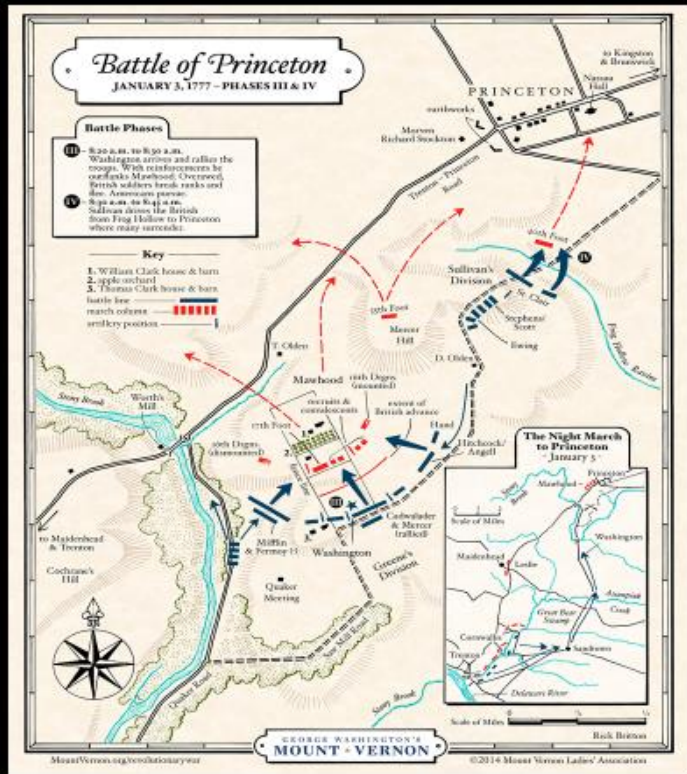
Washington Sees A Crushing Defeat Coming Morning - January 3rd 1777



Appendix G

Resounding Victory At Princeton

Washington Personally
Leads A Renewed Attack
Morning - January 3rd 1777



Appendix H

Deception & Retreat To The North

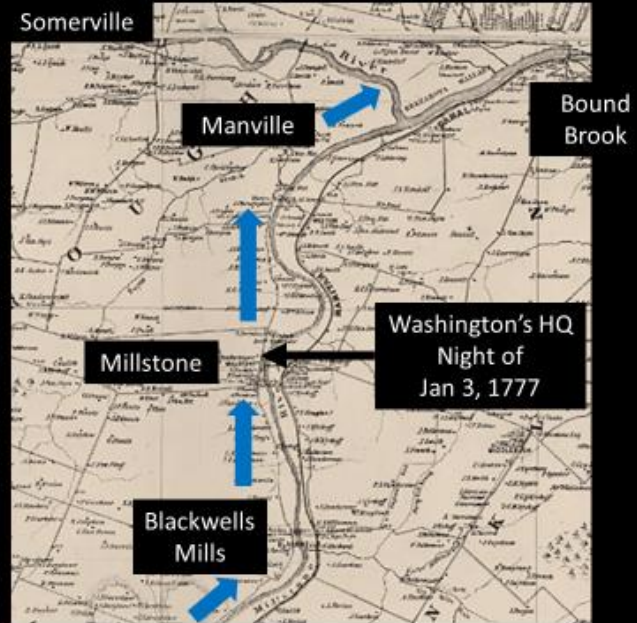
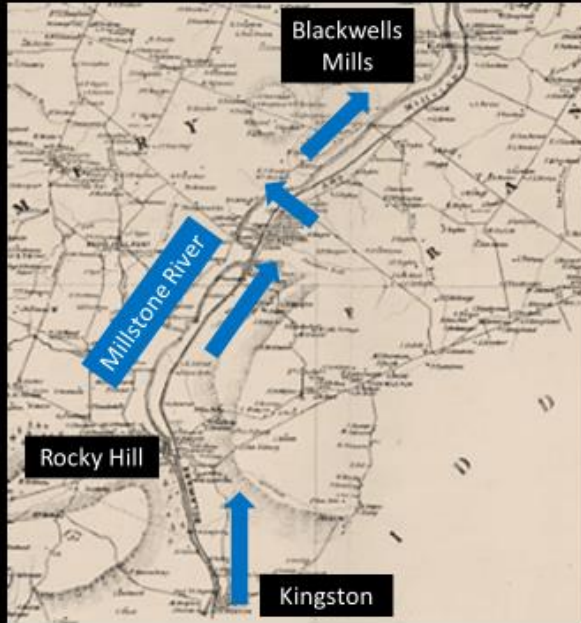
Washington Escapes Under Cover Of Darkness & Weather
Late Afternoon Of January 3rd 1777



Appendix I

Stealing Away To Somerset Courthouse

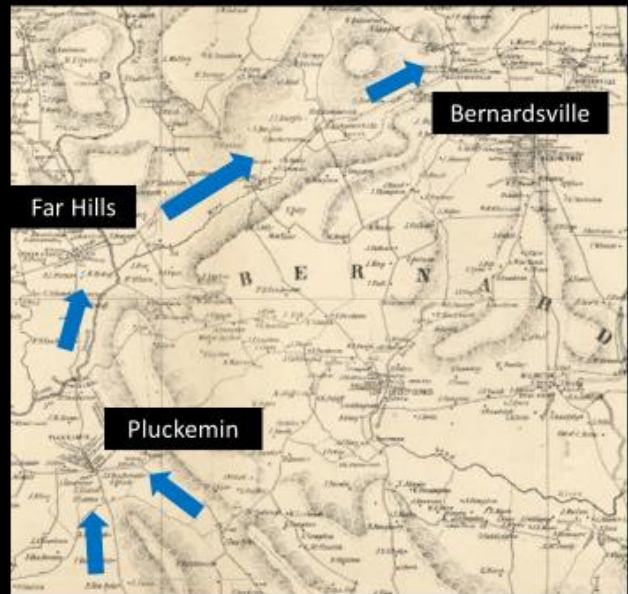
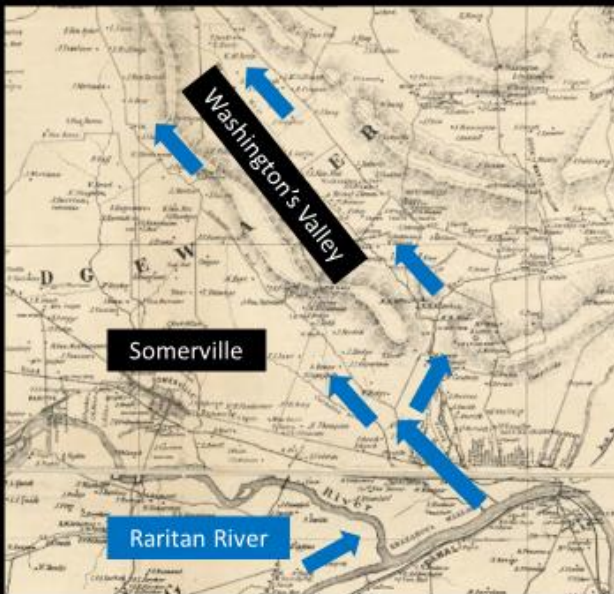
Washington Leads Army North Afternoon January 3rd 1777



Appendix J

Rapid Movement To Pluckemin & Bernardsville

Washington Leads Army North January 4th & 5th 1777



Stealth & Secrecy To Morristown

Washington Enters Morristown January 6th 1777

