



Settled in 1730 by John Meek, Continental Village, a small hamlet in the town of Philipstown, saw action during the American Revolution. This village, together with barracks for 2000 men, was burned in Oct. 1777, by a detachment of the enemy on their way up the Hudson to co-operate with Gen. Burgoyne. Two small forts were erected here during the Revolution, and traces of them are yet visible.

The portion of the Old Albany Post Road that begins at the monument is the least improved section of the original Albany Post Road. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1982. Its history as a formal road dates to the mid-17th century, when it was built on established Native American trails. Later it would see military use, particularly by the Continental Army during the Revolution and commercial use as part of a stagecoach route between NYC and Albany.



The town of Philipstown was principally settled under Col. Beverly Robinson,¹⁰ who acquired title by marriage with Susannah, daughter of Frederick Philipse. He erected a Grist Mill, Fulling Mill and Saw Mill along what is now Sprout Brook.



Another founding father, John Keating erected a Paper Mill along the same waterway.



CONTINENTAL VILLAGE

1776 - 1783

A MILITARY POST AND DEPOT OF SUPPLIES
BURNED BY THE BRITISH OCTOBER 9, 1777

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On October 10, 1921 The New York Times printed this Article:

HONORS MOTHERS OF THE REVOLUTION

**Monument, Donated by Stuy-
vesant Fish, Unveiled on Site
of Continental Village.**

TRIBUTE TO BRAVE WOMEN

A simple, rough-hewn monument to the mothers of the Revolution was unveiled among the green hills of Putnam County yesterday at what its donor, Stuyvesant Fish, called one of New York's Valley Forges, a picturesque crossroads where the Continental

Army took up its position when the British troops retired to New York after the battle of White Plains. In spite of the overcast sky 300 men and women from neighboring towns and New York City gathered to hear from Mr. Fish the history of the place, and from the State Historian, Dr. James Sullivan, praise of the hardy wives and mothers of Revolutionary heroes.

"The stone before you," said Mr. Fish, "stands on my Continental Village farm, where the road running up from Canopus Hollow branches off northeastward from what was in Revolutionary days the King's Highway to Albany. The first troops to be stationed here in 1776 were three Connecticut brigades, in one of which my father's father, Nicholas Fish, was Brigade Major. General Heath, who was in command, erected barracks in this place, and it came to be called Continental Village."

The monument, according to Mr. Fish, was hewn from the roadside where he spoke. It carries the inscription "In Memory of the Mothers of the Revolution, who watched and prayed while our fathers fought, that we might be free." Below is the quotation, "They also serve who only stand and wait," and in front of the stone stand three solid shot of Civil War origin.

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Dr. Sullivan in his address invoked the spirits of the Revolutionary Mothers, and addressed them in these words:

"We are come here to pay simple tribute to you. We love you for the dangers through which you passed. You saw houses burnt and fields laid waste, husbands killed and children snatched from your arms. Yet in places such as this you brought forth babes to people this land of ours.

"Our generation is made of softer stuff. They do not seek to share the lot of young husbands just starting in life. They wish their luxuries ready at hand. You did not imitate the headgear of the Hottentot or vie with the savage in nudity of attire and sensuality of motion. You sought no Reno on the slightest provocation to loose an irksome tie; for you the words 'to be loved' were sacred."

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"Mothers of the Revolution, your sacrifices were not in vain. We stand ready to cast the gauntlet in the face of every defamer of our fair country's name, and to this we pledge our hearts, our minds, our voices and our lives."

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Today the Continental Village section of Garrison is a rural oasis on the Westchester/Putnam county border. A private lake community complete with sandy beach, clubhouse, tennis, playground and basketball courts.













CONTINENTAL VILLAGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT



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