









Oneida Chief Warrior Han Yerry Tewahangarahken (He Who Takes Up The Snow Shoe) and his wife Tyonajanegen (Two Kettles Together) were early supporters of America's fight for independence. Both fought together in the August 1777 Battle of Oriskany. Although Han Yerry was wounded there, he and his wife traveled here with over 100 Oneida and Tuscarora warriors in order to again fight against the British.

A highly crafted pouch made of dyed porcupine quills and animal hairs, like this reproduction, held personal items and was designed to allow for quick movements through a forest.



THE BATTLE AT FREEMAN'S FARM

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Down a gap under Raven's Bay Road, several miles from the first road, and across the American flank, facing the Germans by seafront, is Herby Heights. The British had possession of these fields but their advance on Altona had been failed.



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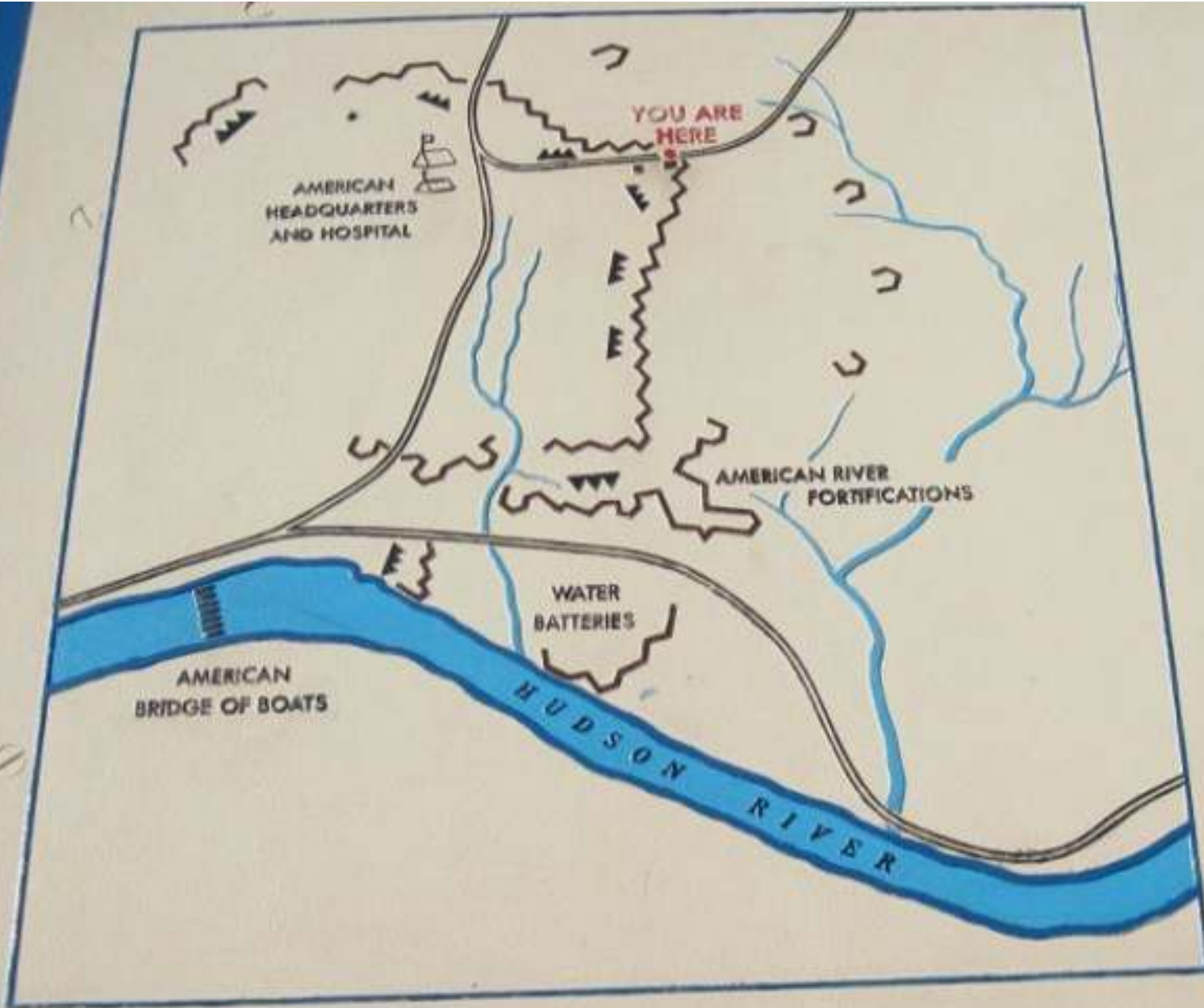
PRELUDE TO HISTORY

When news of the British invasion reached the farmers who tilled these fields, some went north to join the Crown Forces. Such a loyalist was John Freeman.

On a hot summer afternoon in 1777, one of Freeman's neighbors who stayed to fight for the Patriot cause may have paused thoughtfully as he passed his old friend's abandoned fields and home.

Travel back in time as you walk this ground where history was made. From the "History Now" lecture, and listen to a presentation, especially prepared to help you relive the exciting events which took place in what is now Saratoga National Historical Park.

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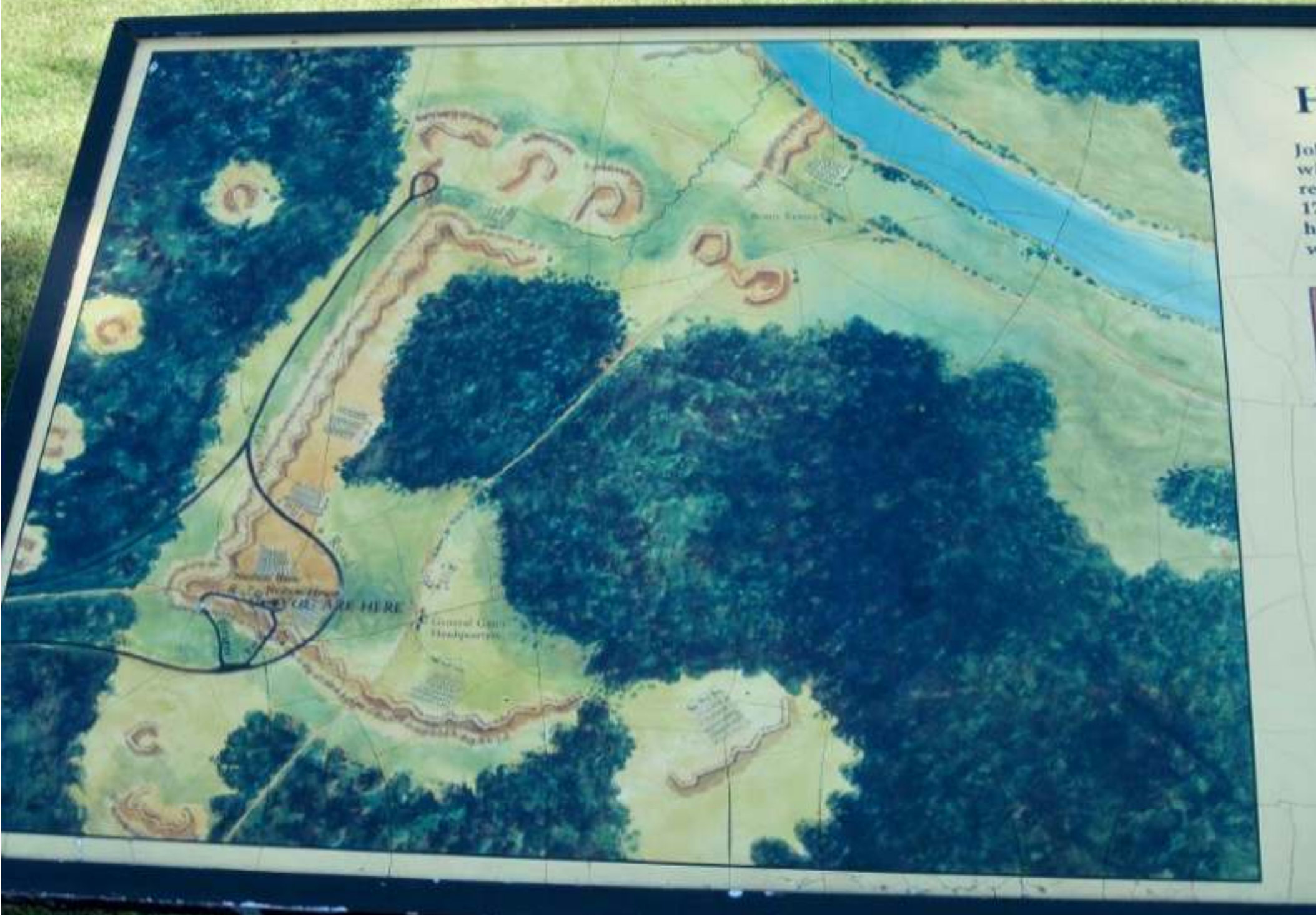
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HOUSE AND FARM

John Neilson, who farmed this land, cast his lot with the Patriot cause. The building you see is a restoration of his original home. By mid-September 1777, the American Army had taken over Neilson's house and barn, and enclosed much of his farm within its defenses.



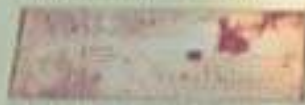
This sketch drawn by Lieutenant Colonel Varick, an American officer, shows Neilson's house and outbuildings





JOHN NELSON HOUSE AND FARM

John Nelson (1780-1850) was a prominent citizen of the community and a member of the first generation of the Nelson family to settle in the area. He was a successful farmer and a member of the local church. He was also a member of the first generation of the Nelson family to settle in the area.



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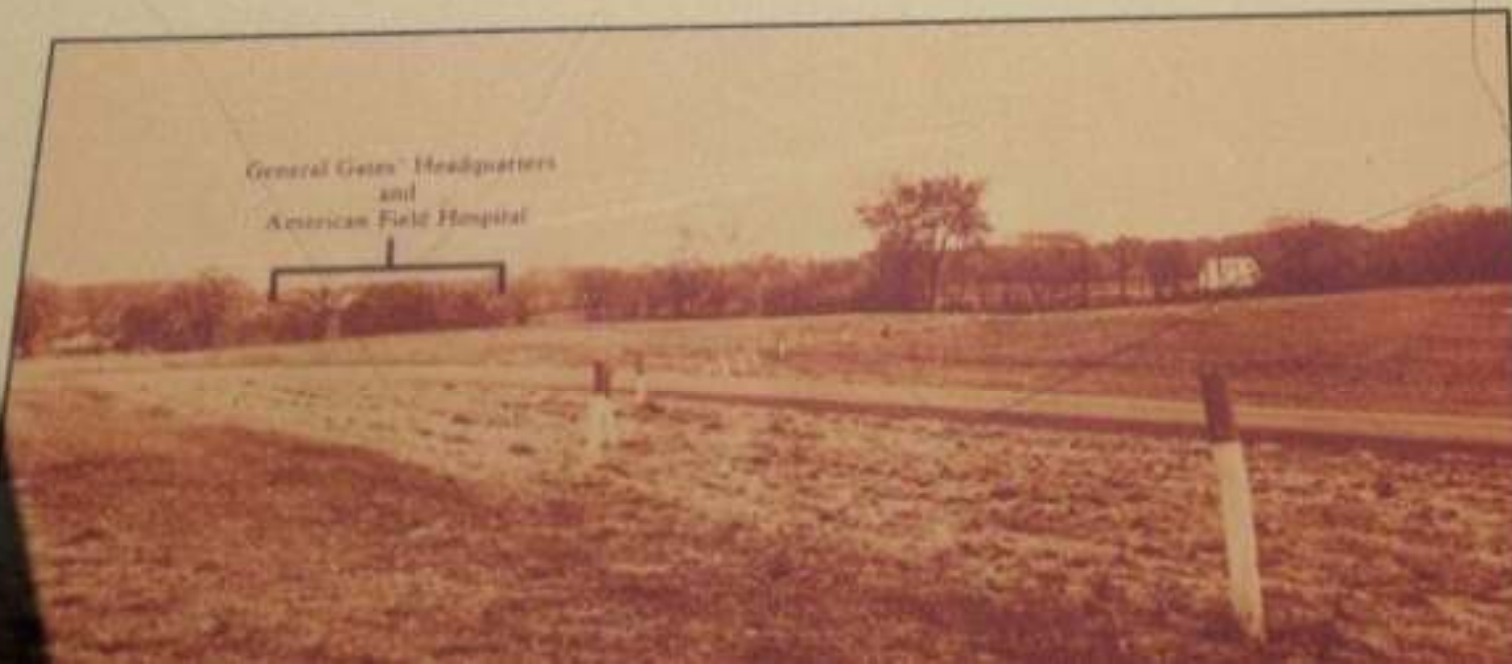
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A circular granite monument is set into a light-colored stone pavement. A thick, braided rope is looped over the top edge of the monument. The monument is inscribed with the text "SEMPER PARATUS", "BELLUM", "FIDELITY", "U.S.S.", "SARATOGA", and "(CV-3)".

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