

The Knox Trail - The Monument Designs

NEW YORK



The monument design adopted by New York State consisted of a heavy stone block on which was mounted a large *bas relief* [bronze plaque](#) (64K).

The plaque presents a topographic map of the route of the expedition, from Ticonderoga to Cambridge, and contains a sculpted scene portraying Gen. Knox overseeing a train of ox-drawn sleds.

The text of the monument, which was cast as part of the bronze plaque, was the same for all 30 installations, and reads:

**THROUGH THIS PLACE PASSED
GEN. HENRY KNOX
IN THE WINTER OF 1775 - 1776
TO DELIVER TO
GEN. GEORGE WASHINGTON**

MASSACHUSETTS



The monument design adopted by Massachusetts consisted of a heavy stone block on which was mounted a small *bas relief* [bronze plaque](#) (70K).

The scene portrayed on the plaque is nearly identical to the one used on the New York plaque, but is not the same sculpture.

The text of the monument, which was carved into the stone block, was the same for all 26 installations, and reads:

**THROUGH THIS PLACE PASSED
GEN. HENRY KNOX
IN THE WINTER OF 1775 - 1776
TO DELIVER TO
GEN. GEORGE WASHINGTON
THE TRAIN OF ARTILLERY
FROM FORT TICONDEROGA**

**THE TRAIN OF ARTILLERY
FROM FORT TICONDEROGA
USED TO FORCE THE BRITISH
ARMY TO EVACUATE BOSTON**

**Erected by
The State of New York
During the Sesquicentennial
of the American Revolution**

Although not indicated, this would have been in the year 1926, but they were apparently not all erected until 1927.

**USED TO FORCE THE BRITISH
ARMY TO EVACUATE BOSTON**

**Erected by The Commonwealth
of Massachusetts 1927**

We do not know, at this time, exactly what the interaction was between the State of New York and the State of Massachusetts in developing this commemorative heritage trail.

The installation of these 56 monuments across two states nearly three-quarters of a century ago represents one of the earliest heritage trails created in the United States. It is to the credit of the many dedicated historians and government officials that such a venture was conceived and carried into effect.