Roadmaps and Campsite Maps

42: Artillery Park

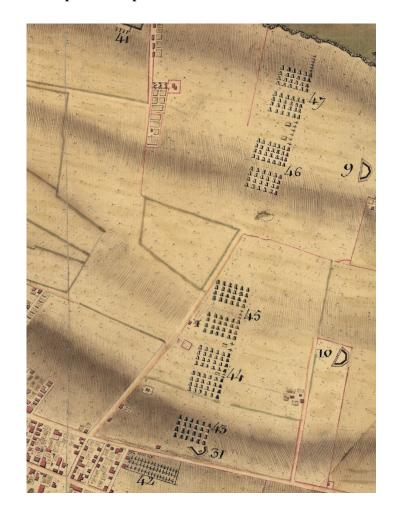
43: Auxonne Artillery

44: Bourbonnois

45: Royal Deux-Ponts

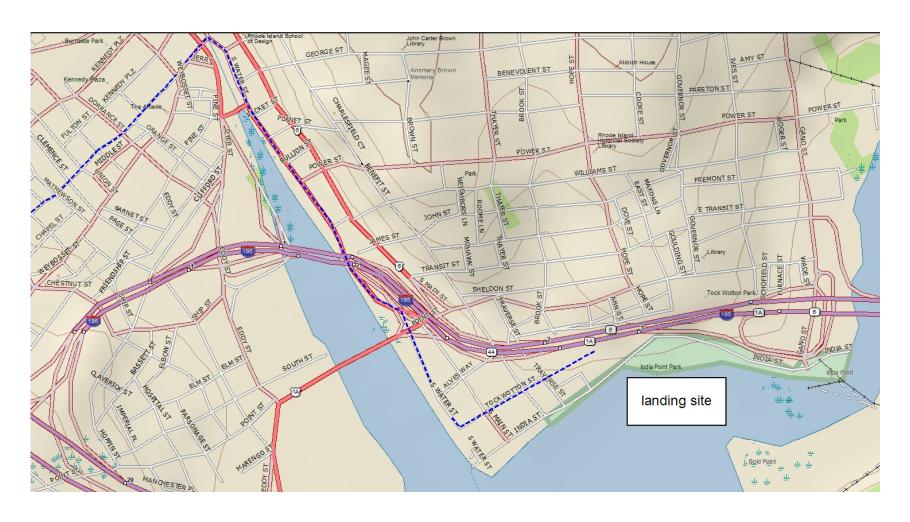
46: Soissonnois

47: Saintonge



Map 1: French Encampment in Newport, July to November 1780

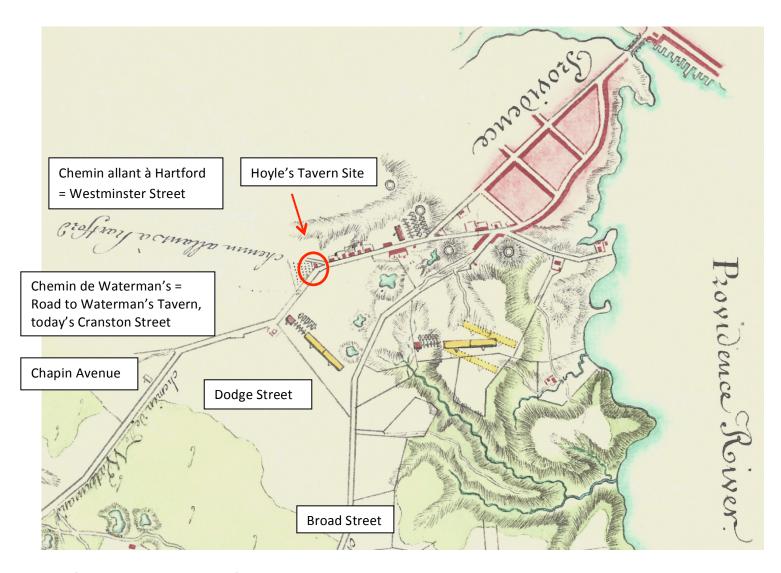
Detail from « Plan de la position de l'armée françoise autour de Newport et du mouillage de l'escadre dans la rade de cette ville (1780). « Rochambeau Map Collection, Library of Congress.



Map 2: March route of French forces from the landing site in Providence to their camp, 10 to 12 June 1781. In June 1781, French forces traveled from Newport to Providence by boat.



Landing Site at India Point Park



Map 3: French Campsite in Providence, June 1781

Reproduced in Rice and Brown, American Campaigns, vol. 2, Map 27 (detail).

"Hoyle's Tavern" was started by Obadiah Brown, a blacksmith, ca.1739/40. Joseph Hoyle purchased the site on 22 April 1783.

Road description from Preston, Howard W. "Rochambeau and the French Troops in Providence in 1780-81-82." *Rhode Island Historical Society Collections* vol. 17 No. 1 (January 1924), pp. 1-23, pp. 14/15.

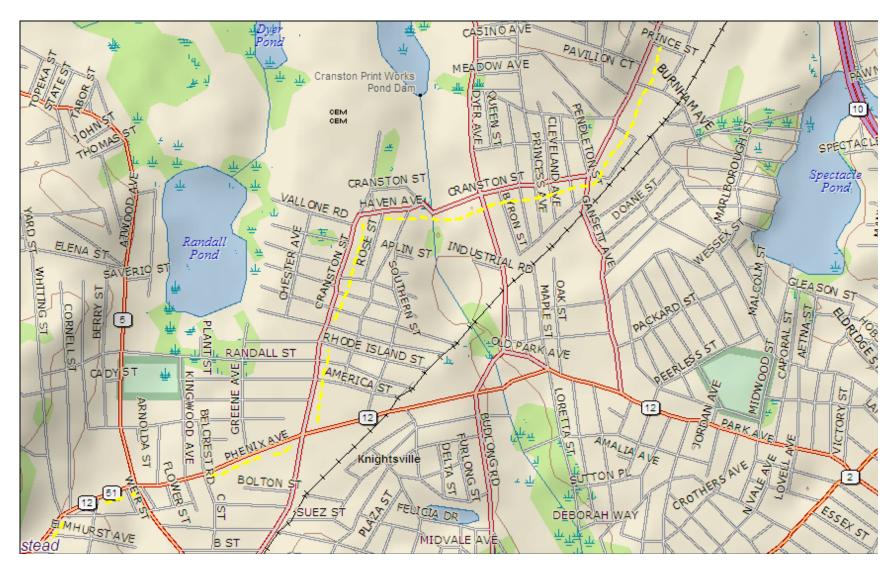
Judging from the maps in the Rochambeau Collection and the early maps of Providence, the French army, on leaving the camp ground between Broad and Plane Streets, passed through the present Stewart Street to High Street, and west along this to the junction (Hoyle Tavern), where, leaving on their right the road to Hartford, they took the road to the left, then called the Monkey Town road, now Cranston Street, and followed this to Monkeytown, now Knightsville. The army here turned to the right following the old Scituate road over Dugaway hill by the late Pippin Orchard School house, over Apple House hill and Bald hill, crossing the Pawtuxet at the village of Kent and on to Waterman's Tavern, fifteen miles, the end of the first day's march and the first camp. Waterman's Tavern is still standing in good condition near Potterville on the old Scituate road a mile or so north of the new state highway. It is now the home of Mr. Elmer A. Havens, who shows two wells of small diameter neatly stoned, that are said to have been dug by the French troops that camped here, both on the march to Yorktown and on the return march. The instructions for the march say: "The camp is in quite a good position although in the midst of woods, having a brook in front, and behind, the tavern and the main road from Providence to Watermans much better than that by Angells tavern. The accommodations for divisional headquarters are not aboundant but more than at Angell's tavern or Whipple house." On June 19, the regiment of Royal Deux-Ponts set out for the camp at Waterman's, followed on the 20th by the regiment of Soissonnais and on the 21st by Saintonge. With the departure of this last regiment, there were left in Providence a guard for the baggage and munitions stored in the Old Market House, and the surgeons and attendants at the hospital in University Hall.



Map 4: French Campsite in Providence, June 1781

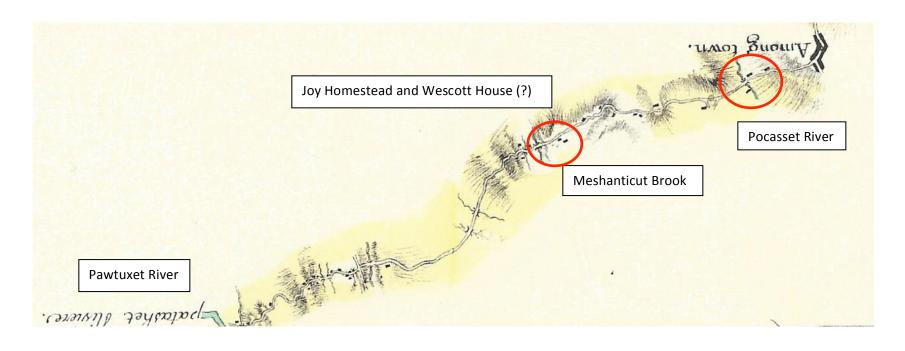


Map 5: French March Route from Providence to Monkeytown ("Among town"), today's Knightsville Reproduced in Rice and Brown, *American Campaigns*, vol. 2, Map 14 (detail)

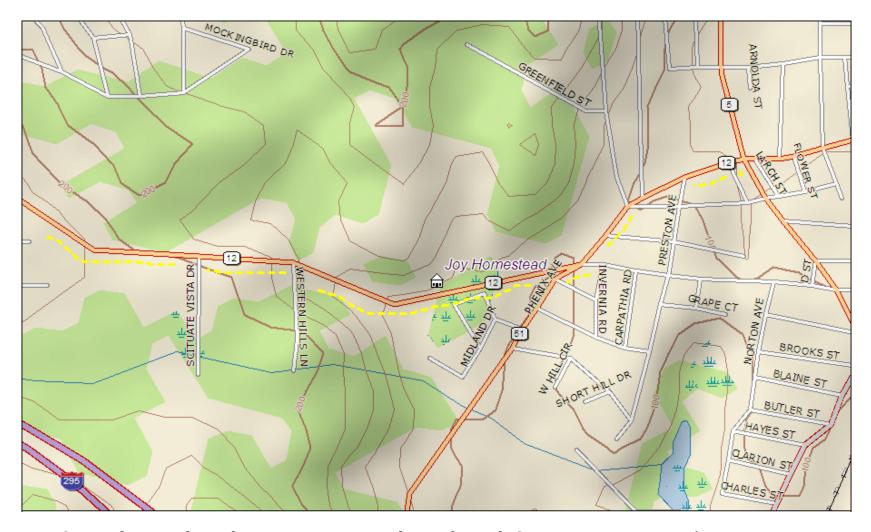


Map 6: March route from the campsite in Providence on Cranston Street to Waterman's Tavern.

Cranston Street becomes Route 12 after the intersection with Route 5.

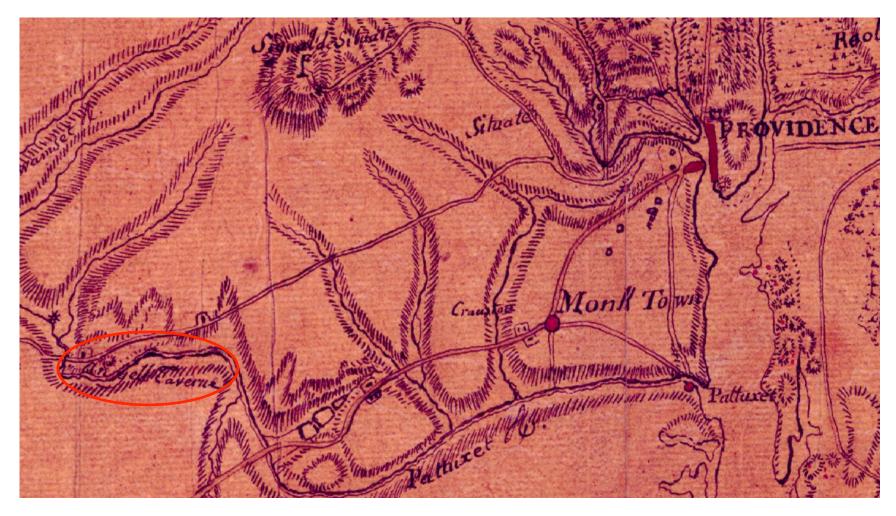


Map 7: French March Route from Monkeytown ("Among town"), today's Knightsville to the Pawtuxet Reproduced in Rice and Brown, *American Campaigns*, vol. 2, Map 14 (detail)



Map 8: March route from the campsite in Providence through Cranston to Waterman's Tavern.

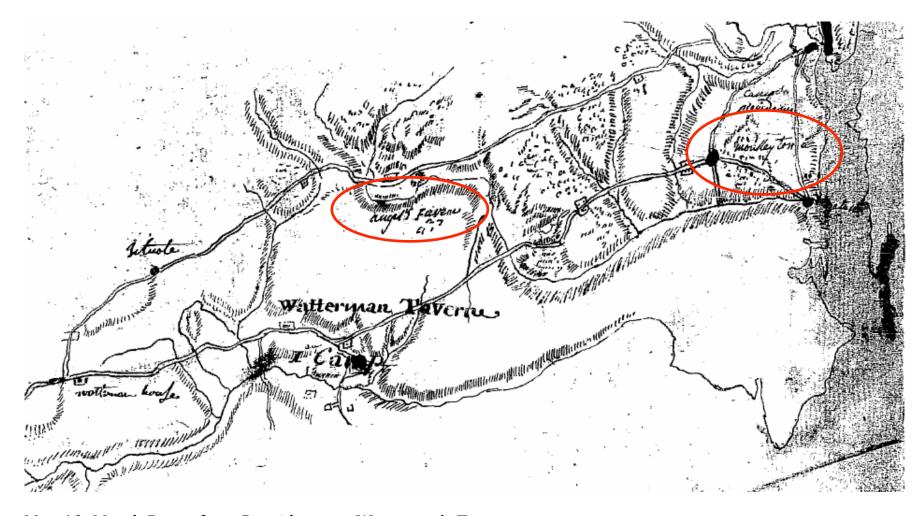
The Pawtuxet River is to the left of the map.



Map 9: March route from the campsite in Providence to Waterman's Tavern.

Rochambeau Map Collection, Library of Congress

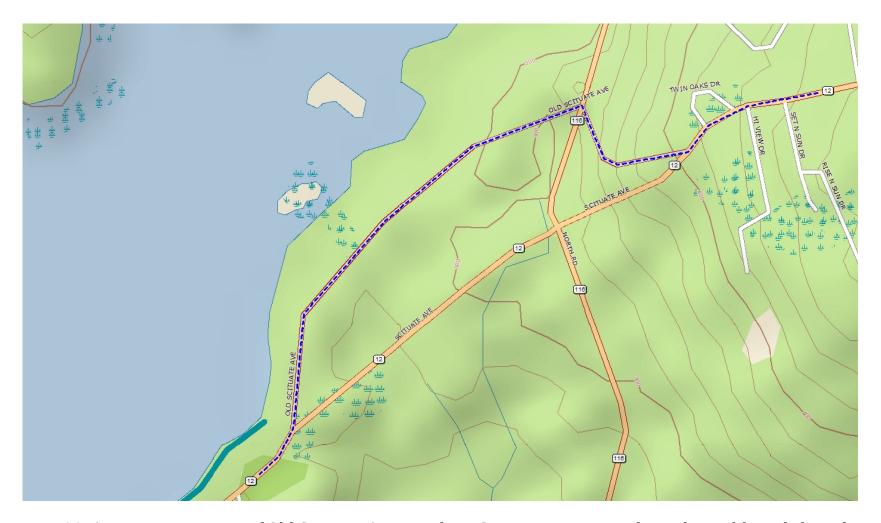
"Monk Town" or "Monkey Town" is today's Knightsville. Note the location of Angell's Tavern.



Map 10: March Route from Providence to Waterman's Tavern

Louis François Bertrand Dupont d'Aubevoye, *comte* de Lauberdière, *Journal de l'Armée aux ordres de Monsieur de Comte de Rochambeau pendant les campagnes de 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783 dans l'Amérique septentrionale.* Waterman Hill Road merges on the far left of the map onto Plainfield Pike (RI-SR 14). "Monkey Town", today's Knightsville, is on the far right of the map. Note the location of Angell's Tavern and the campsite.

Lauberdière was an aide-de-camp to Rochambeau; his map almost identical with a map in the Rochambeau Map Collection in the Library of Congress.



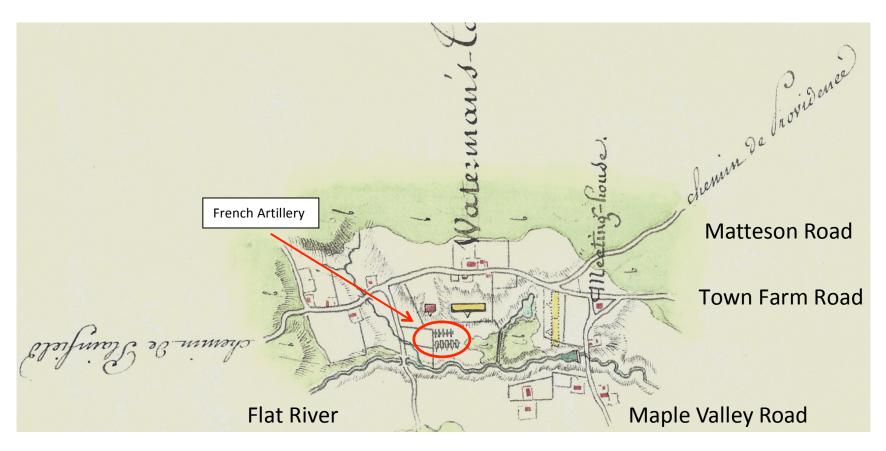
Map 11: A surviving section of Old Scituate Avenue along Scituate Reservoir shows how old roads have been straightened to meet the needs of modern traffic

Route 12 becomes Tunk Hill Road at the intersection with Howard Avenue. Matteson Road branches off to the left (southwest) about one mile afterwards after the intersection.



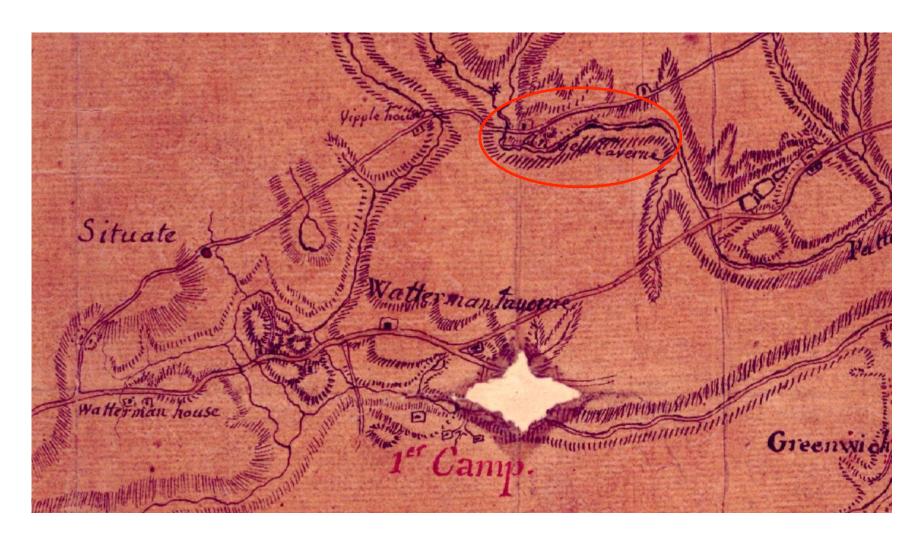
Map 12: French March Route from the Pawtuxet River to Waterman's Tavern.

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Map 13: French campsite at Waterman's Tavern.

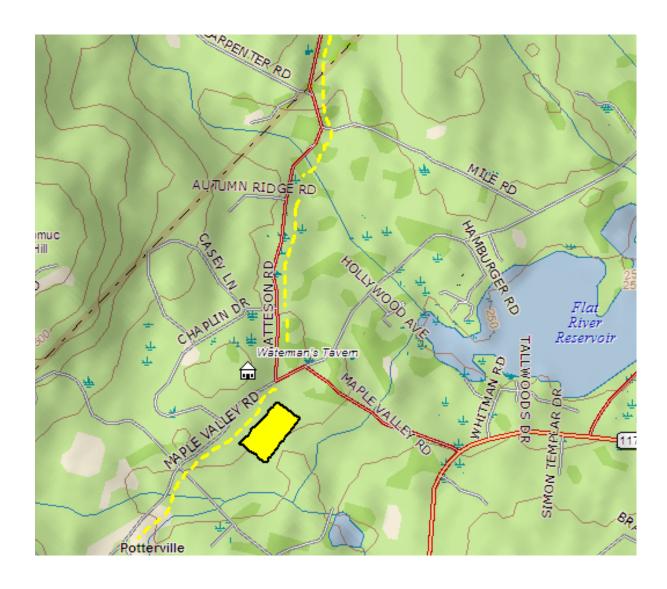
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Map 14: Camp 1 at Waterman's Tavern, 18 - 22 June 1781.

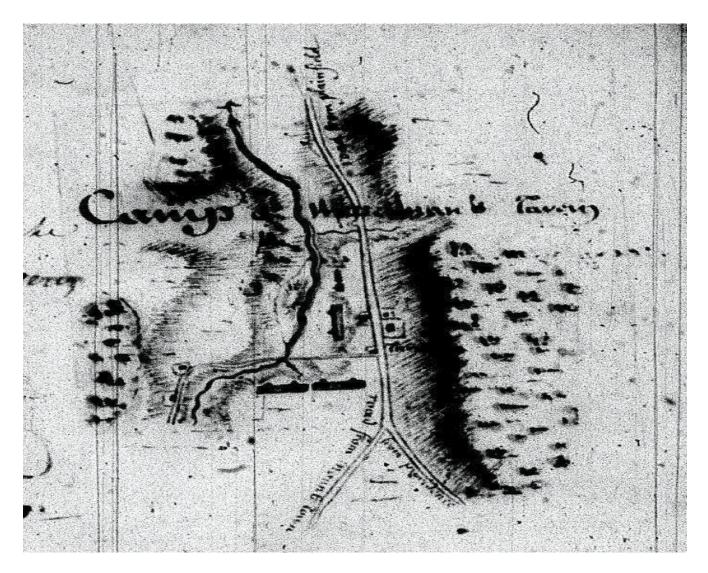
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Again note the location of Angell's Tavern.



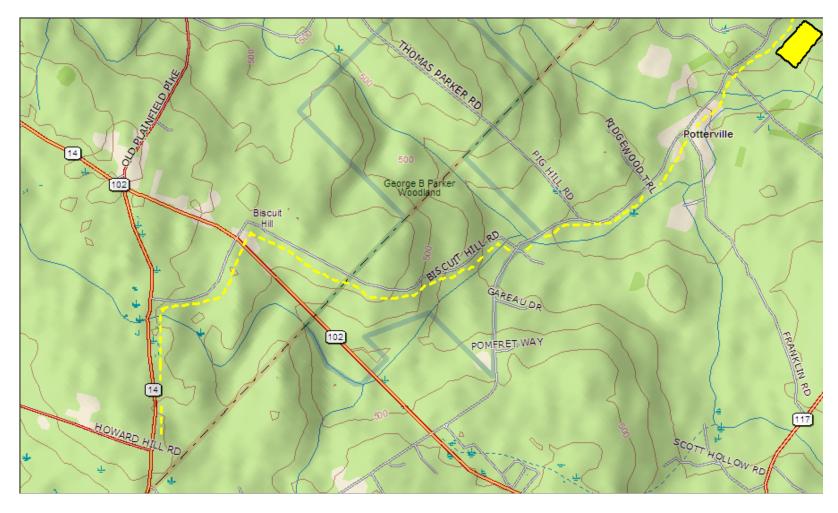
Map 15: Camp 1 at Waterman's Tavern, 18 - 22 June 1781

Route 12 becomes Matteson Road after the intersection with Tunk Hill Road



Map 16: Camp at Waterman's Tavern

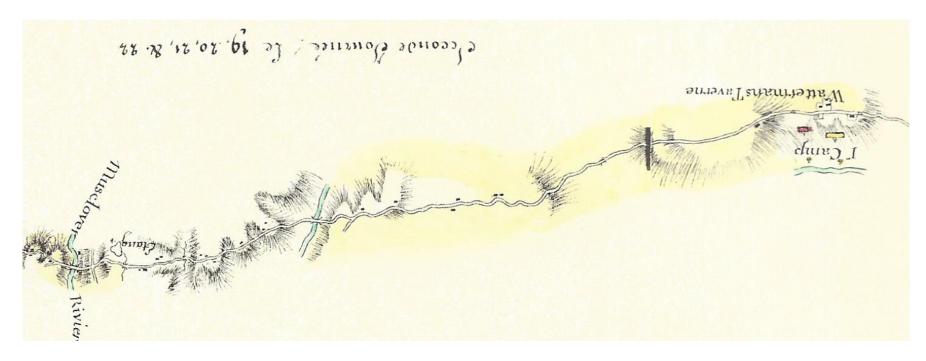
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Map 17: March Route from Waterman's Tavern over Biscuit Hill to Old Plainfield Pike.

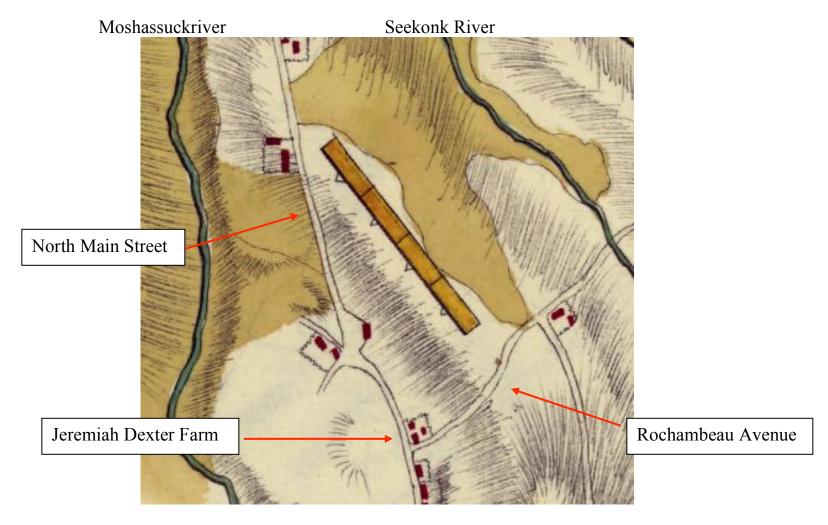
Today Biscuit Hill Road DOES NOT continue to Route 14

At the intersection of Biscuit Hill Road with Old Plainfield Pike (Route 14) French forces took Route 14 into Connecticut . Just across the State Line they continued on Old Plainfield Pike, now Route 14A, to their next camp in Plainfield, CT.



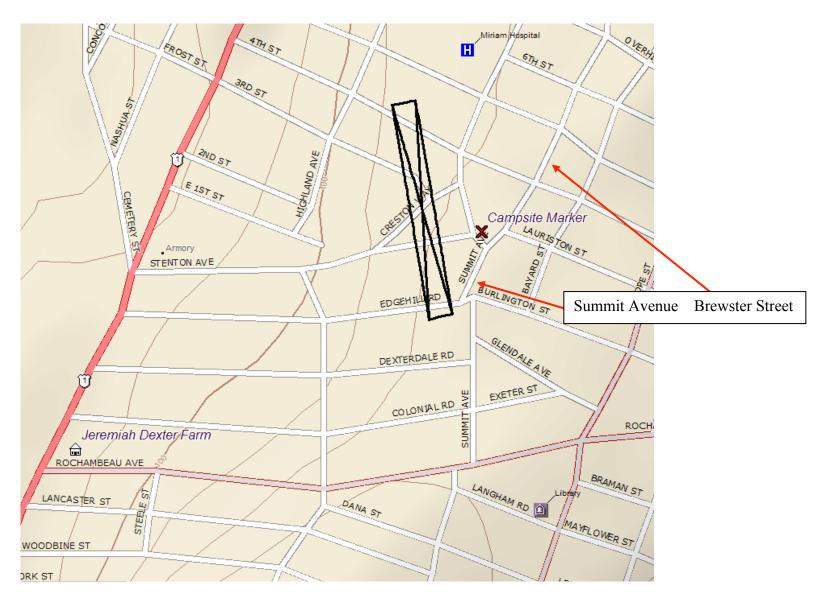
Map 18: French March Route from Waterman's Tavern to the Moosup ("Musclover") River.

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Map 19: Second French Campsite in Providence, November 1782. The initial campsite was on the location shown on Map 3.

Detail from "Amérique campagne. - Camp a Waterman's Tavern ... Camp a Providence ... Camp a Providence sur le chemin de Boston." Rochambeau Map Collection, Library of Congress.



Map 20: French Campsite in Providence, November 1782