

POWDER HORNS

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THE FRANCIS CARR HORN

Inscriptions:

MARCH * 14 * 1775 * FRANCIS CARR * CARR

Architecture:

Length: 13 inches Diameter of base: 2-3/4 inches Eight iron tacks

THE CAPTION ON the horn reads, "MARCH * 14 * 1775 * FRANCIS CARR *," a date which indicates that the horn was made prior to the conflict at Lexington and Concord, perhaps

when Carr first joined the Minutemen. The Royal British Coat of Arms, a hell-horse, a panel with the bust of a man labeled "CARR," along with several birds, a snake and a deer decorate the horn.

Pvt. Francis Carr marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, in the Minuteman Company of Capt. Ebenezer Colby in Col. Johnson's Regiment. During his service of six days, he went from Haverhill to Cambridge, a distance of about 35 miles, as listed in the *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*. The total number of men who are reported in the records to have marched on the Lexington alarm was about four thousand.





