

SITE OF BEVERLY ROBINSON HOUSE

LOCATION: Garrison-on-Hudson, across the Hudson River from West Point.

CLASSIFICATION: War for American Independence.

SIGNIFICANCE: Beverly Robinson, born in Virginia, located in New York where he was attracted by business prospects. In 1748, Colonel Robinson married Susannah Philipse, eldest sister of Frederick, the third and last Lord of the Philipsborough Manor. In 1758, Robinson built Beverly, "a wooden house lined with brick... added to afterwards", on a 60,000 acre estate, which was Mrs. Robinson's share of the Philipse lands. Colonel Robinson supported the King and in 1777 his property was confiscated.

Thereafter, various Colonial generals made Beverly their headquarters in 1778 and 1779; and in 1780 when General Arnold was given command of West Point, he made Beverly his residence.

It was while residing in this house that he plotted treason with Major Andre. It was from here that Arnold fled to the British warship "The Vulture" which was lying at anchor in the Hudson on the morning of September 25, 1780 when he learned of Andre's capture, moments before Washington's arrival. Andre was taken to Beverly the next day before being sent to West Point.

CONDITION: Beverly was destroyed by fire in 1892.

RECOMMENDATION: A permanent historical marker should identify the historic events of Arnold's treason which took place here and in the vicinity.





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