

0. Paul Revere: Treason Trial - Story Preface

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Paul Revere monument, by Cyrus Dalin in 1940, located in Boston's North End. Image online courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

*For unsoldierlike behaviour [behavior],
During the whole expedition to Penobscot,
which tends to Courdice [cowardice].*

Fourth Charge of Formal Complaint
Against Lt. Col Paul Revere

Most folks know about Paul Revere, the American Revolutionary War hero. He was the guy who rode through the Massachusetts countryside on April 18, 1775 warning residents that the British were coming. His plan was to hang a light -

*one if by land
two if by sea*

- in the North Church tower in Boston. People remember him and not his companions, William Dawes and Samuel Prescott.

Because the British captured him, Revere never reached Concord that fateful night when the war began. Thanks to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, though, American school children - for more than a hundred years - memorized the poem which made Revere famous.

But there is another, virtually unknown story that substantially diminished Paul Revere's standing as a soldier. He stood trial on charges of cowardice and insubordination in a military court martial.

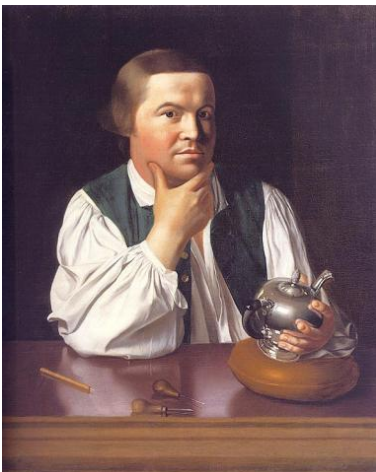
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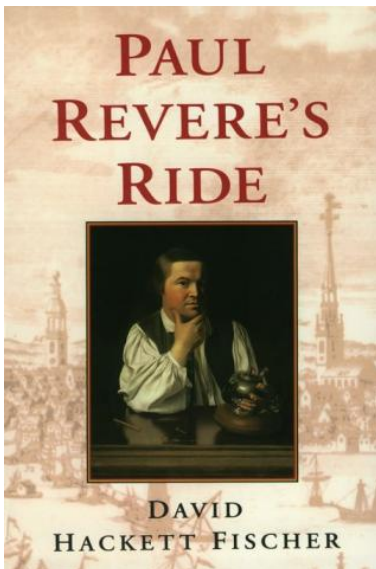


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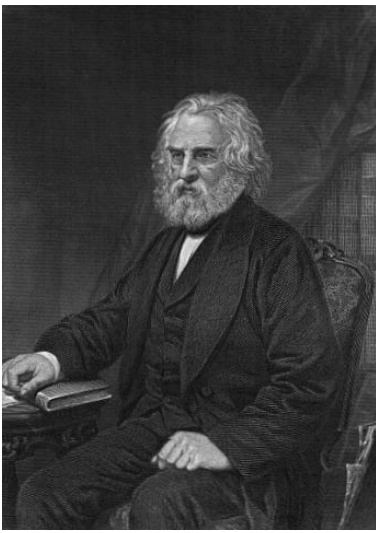


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