

**WILLIAM BELL**  
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Lynn showed us a powder horn, made from the horn of an ox, ornamented with etchings of animals and flowers intertwined with elaborate initials W.B. Lynn said, "The W.B. is for the William Bell from whom I claim my U.E. descent. William Bell and his wife, Flora McCorquodale, with their young family came from Castleton, Scotland in June 1772 and settled at Fort Edward at the lower end of Lake Champlain where he became an innkeeper.

William's powder horn received some practical use when the Revolution broke out and he and his two sons became involved on the side of the Tories, even to acting as guides to General Burgoyne in 1777. The powder horn must have been very useful when William participated in skirmishes with Ethan Allen and the "Green Mountain boys".

Though he was granted a pass to take his family to Canada and to get him away from the frontier, William stayed where he was and remained defiant. Then he joined his sons who had already gone with Rogers' Rangers to settle in Fredericksburg. It seems he returned to Fort Edward to settle his affairs and "to retrieve his wife and daughters." They settled in Fredericksburg some time between 1784 and 1786.