

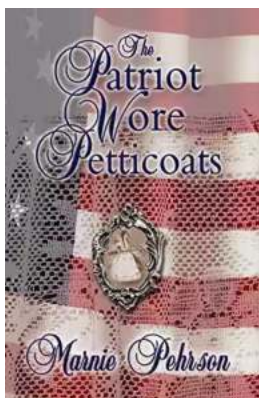
# The Untold Story of "The Patriot Wore Petticoats": The Courageous Women Who Shaped America's History

When we think of the founding of the United States of America, we often conjure images of brave men, clad in their revolutionary uniforms, fighting for independence. However, hidden behind the scenes were numerous women who played crucial roles in shaping the nation's history. One such remarkable woman was Mary Ludwig Hays, better known as Molly Pitcher.

While history textbooks may gloss over their contributions, women like Molly Pitcher were the embodiment of courage and resilience during America's fight for freedom. Often seen as "the unsung heroes," they defied societal expectations and broke barriers to make their voices heard.

## The Legend of Molly Pitcher

Molly Pitcher's story is one of bravery under fire. Born in 1754 in New Jersey, Mary Ludwig Hays grew up in a farming family, experiencing the struggles of everyday life in colonial America. However, her life would take an unexpected turn during the American Revolution.



## The Patriot Wore Petticoats: A True Story of

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In June 1778, at the Battle of Monmouth, Mary accompanied her husband, William Hays, a cannon loader in the Continental Army. As temperatures soared and soldiers fell, she bravely stepped onto the battlefield, carrying pitchers of water to quench the thirsty soldiers' parched lips.

Legend has it that William collapsed from heat exhaustion, forcing Mary to take his place by the cannon. Despite the chaos and danger surrounding her, she fearlessly continued loading and firing the cannon, providing crucial support to the American troops. Molly Pitcher had earned her place in history.

## **Unveiling the Unsung Heroes**

Molly Pitcher's story is just one of many. Throughout the American Revolution, women like her made significant contributions towards the nation's fight for independence. From gathering supplies and nursing wounded soldiers to acting as spies and even fighting on the front lines, these women were instrumental in the birth of a new nation.

Take, for instance, the story of Deborah Sampson. Disguising herself as a man, she enlisted in the Continental Army and fought for over a year before her true identity was revealed. Sampson's determination and sacrifice serve as a reminder of the countless unsung heroes whose stories often go untold.

Another remarkable woman was Martha Bratton, who played a pivotal role in the Battle of Huck's Defeat. After her husband was killed, she took up his musket,

leading a group of men to victory against the British. Her bravery inspired many and solidified her place in history.

## **Reviving Forgotten Tales**

Unfortunately, the stories of these courageous women are often overshadowed by those of their male counterparts. The historical narrative has unfairly marginalized their contributions, leading their achievements to be left untold and undervalued.

It is essential that we revive these forgotten tales and bring to light the sacrifices and courage of the women who defied gender norms and played their part in shaping America. By amplifying their voices, we paint a more comprehensive picture of the nation's journey towards independence.

As we celebrate our nation's history, let us remember and honor the bravery of the women who challenged societal expectations and fought for a cause they believed in.

## **Inspiring Future Generations**

By shedding light on the stories of these unsung heroes, we empower future generations. Young girls and boys can draw inspiration from the courage and resilience displayed by these women, reminding them that they too can make a difference, regardless of gender.

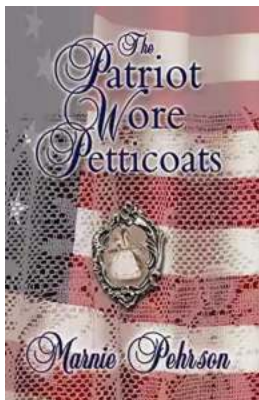
As we continue to explore and reevaluate our history, it is crucial that we give credit where it is due. The women who contributed to the founding of the United States played pivotal roles that should never be forgotten or diminished.

The Patriot Wore Petticoats is a powerful reminder of the brave women who stood on the front lines, defying societal norms to secure the freedom we enjoy

today. Their stories deserve to be heard, celebrated, and shared with the world.

As we dive deeper into the rich tapestry of American history, it is imperative that we never overlook the critical contributions made by women like Molly Pitcher, Deborah Sampson, and Martha Bratton. They are symbols of courage and determination, embodying the spirit of the American Revolution.

Together, let us ensure that the voices of these trailblazing women are never silenced and that their indomitable spirits continue to inspire generations to come.



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### Revolutionary War Period Romance Based on a True Story

Would you have the courage to traverse over five miles in the middle of the night crossing a rushing swollen river to save your friends from certain death? If villains held your family at gunpoint, what would you do? Would you step forward and save them? "Dicey" Langston, who lived during the Revolutionary War, was a patriot who carried messages from the Loyalists to the Patriots. By doing so, she saved many lives and helped to win the fight for freedom.

During the Revolutionary War, fifteen-year-old Dicey Langston overheard that a band of Loyalists known as the "Bloody Scouts" were going to attack the Elder Settlement at Little Eden, South Carolina at dawn. She set out on foot in the middle of the night, crossed a swollen river, nearly drowned, but made it in time to warn her brother James so that he and his men could warn the settlement. When the Bloody Scouts arrived the next day, the Elder Settlement had been evacuated.

Dicey's courage and patriotism shows each of us that one person - no matter their age - can make a difference. One person can change the world for the better and impact lives for centuries to come. Thousands honor Dicey as their grandmother and can trace their roots back to her through one of her 22 children!

This novel, based on true accounts of Dicey Langston's life, was written by her 4th Great Granddaughter, Marnie L. Pehrson Kuhns.

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