

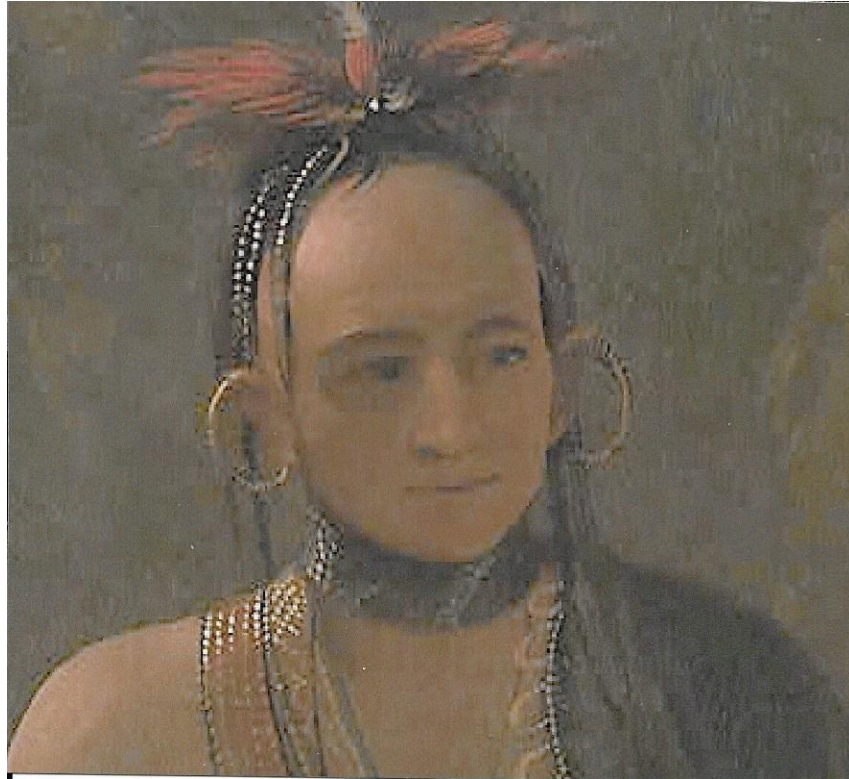
# ARTIFACTS AND IMAGES RELATING TO THE MOHAWK HILL FAMILY

- 1) **DAVID HILL** (1742-1790) – Personal Name: Karonghyontye (Flying Sky);  
Chiefly Name: Aghstawenserontha (He Enters Wearing Rattles) of Bear  
Clan

a) Painting by Benjamin West:



*Col. Guy Johnson and Capt. David Hill*



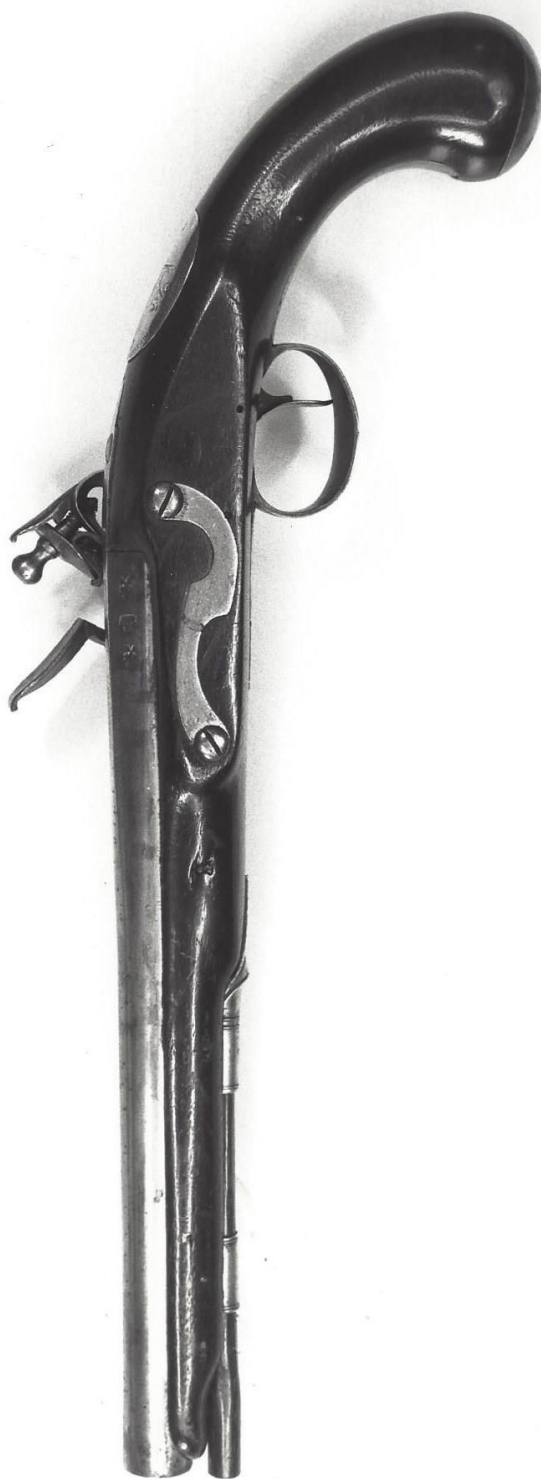
*Close up of David Hill from the above Painting*

Please see [here](#) for an academic study on the discovery of the identity of the sitters in this painting – including the involvement of the current author in making that determination.

b) Presentation Pistol:

The photos below show a presentation pistol given to Captain David Hill by his friend the Duke of Northumberland. The third photo includes an engraved plate with a bear – the clan of David Hill.

These photos are from the owner of the artifact in the 1990s, who resides in the United States. Their identity will be kept confidential.







- 2) **SETH HILL** (1749-1808) – Personal Name Kanenkaregowagh (Large Branch);  
Chiefly Name Aghstawenserontha (He Enters Wearing Rattles) of Bear Clan.

a) Powderhorn:

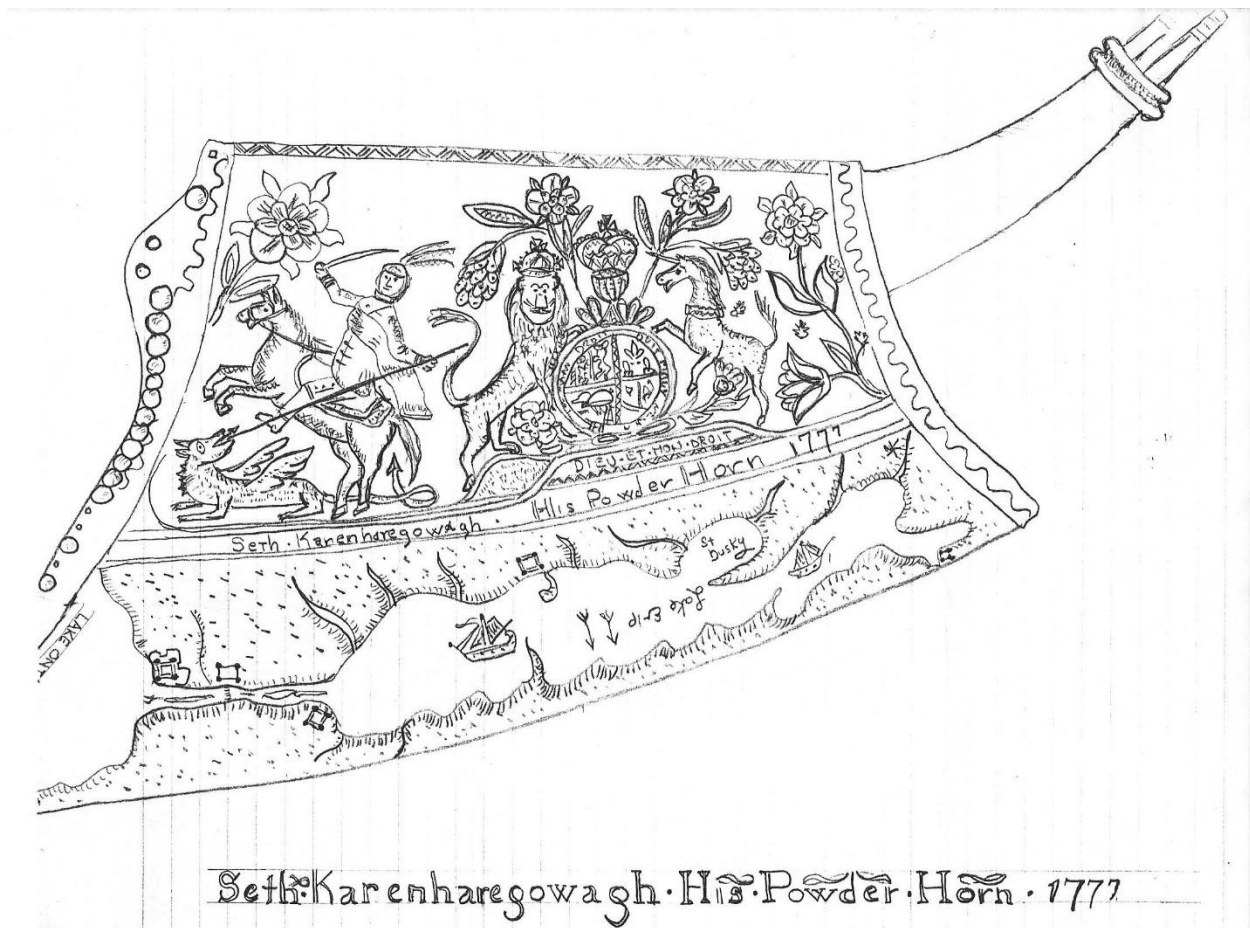
The photos of this artifact, as well as the pen sketch to show in detail the etchings made of Seth Hill on the powderhorn which he carried during the American Revolution, were sent to the author by a collector in the United States during the 1990s. This collector shall remain anonymous.











b) Paintings:

The first two of the following images are from a painting by Lewis Foy, entitled "The Great Indian Council 1793" which could have been at Buffalo Creek, Detroit or Sandusky (McGill University Collection).

Also present was the artist of the third image, a sketch by one Col. Pilkington who titled the sketch, "Talk with the Indians at Buffalo Creek in 1793" which was an insert in the Journal of General Linclon who was one of the Commissioners in attendance (Mass. Hist. Soc., 3rd Series, Vol. 5, 1836).

In 1838 General Henry Dearborn wrote a journal of his trip to the Niagara Frontier, *for the purpose of negotiating treaties with the Senecas & Tuscarora Tribes of Indians* (1904, p.39). On 2 October 1838 he showed the above sketch published in Lincoln's journal two years previous to some Seneca Chiefs. One of



them, Capt Pollard, then an aged man, stated that he was present when the Commissioners Genl. Lincoln Col. Pickering & Govr. Randolph visited the Senecas on this Creek in 1793, and could identify the Chief shown in the Lincoln Journal. The interpreter, Mr. Strong, Capt Pollard's son, wrote the following letter to Dearborn and is worth quoting in full:

*Buffalo Creek Oct. 2nd 1838*  
*Genl. Dearborn,*

*Sir.*

*Capt Pollard states, that the Council held on Buffalo Creek 1793, (as mentioned in Genl Lincoln's Journal) In which Genl Lincoln ..... and Mr. Randolph Commissioners of the United States. The orator mentioned in the journal, and the accompanying Sketch, was a Mohawk Chief, Colleague of Capt Brandts, by the name of 'Flying Sky' – Capt Pollard further states, that at the above mentioned Council, Capt Brandt was at Sandusky or at Detroit, As Brandt came as a passenger in the Vessel come down the Lake; after the Commissioners above mentioned – Brandt returned with them & the rest of the Seneca Chiefs up the Lake –*

*Note. This statement of Capt Pollard explains why the duty of making Speech to the Commissioners fell upon Chief Flying Sky – had Capt Brandt been present at the Council, he undoubtedly would have made the Speech.*

*Your friend*

*Hon-non-de-ah*

(Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society, Vol. 7, 1904, p.145).

Since the recollections of Capt. Pollard dated to an even 45 years earlier, the recollection must be questioned, particularly since the only Mohawk recorded as speaking at the Council was Isaac, the nephew of Capt. Joseph Brant.



*Close up of the painting of the Council in 1793 by Lewis Foy*



*Black and White Copy of the Colour Painting of the 1793 Council by Lewis Foy*





*Close up of Sketch by Col. Pilkington of the 1793 Council*

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