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ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY SEPTEMBER 12



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On September 12, 1782, Elizabeth Zane made a daring run to procure gunpowder for the defenders of Fort Henry, who were besieged by a Native American force.

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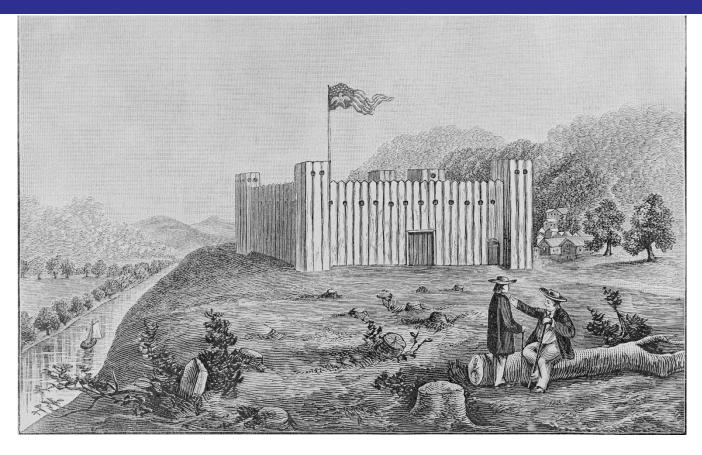
Investigate the Document: (West Virginia State Archives Collection)

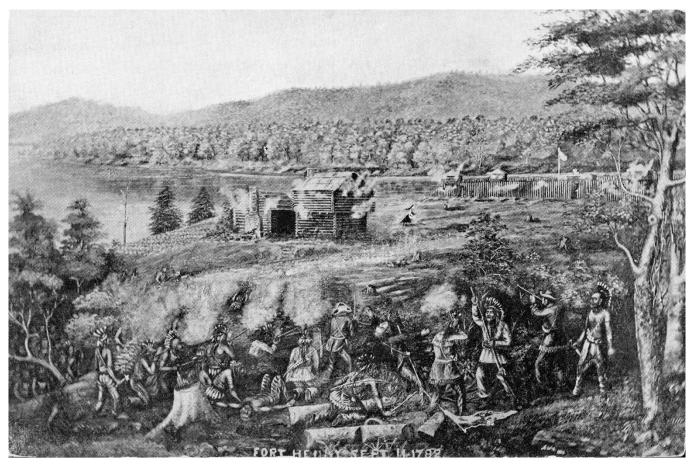
- 1. In 1782, *this* animal was chosen as the national symbol for the United States and is depicted on the flag flying in Image 1 at Ft. Henry.
- 2. Using the date listed on the Image 2, Native Americans and Rangers from *this* European power were responsible for the siege on Fort Henry.

Think Critically: Elizabeth Zane's run is one of the few West Virginia history stories whose hero is a female. Identify the different roles women have played in West Virginia history (e.g., settlement, wars, workplace, politics).

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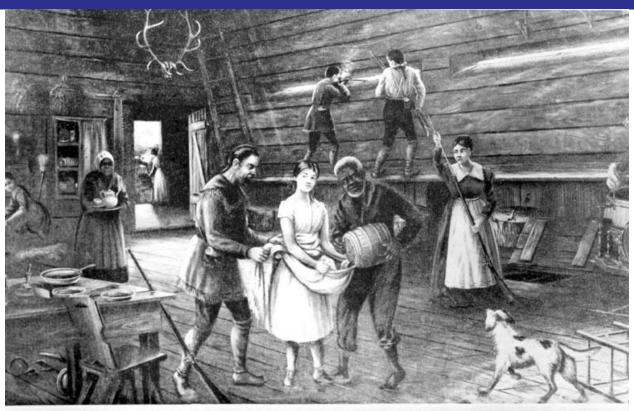
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Betty Zane in blockhouse, preparing to carry the powder back to Fort Henry during siege of 1782. Reproduced from an early painting.

