

Paul Revere



Figure 1: A painting shows Paul Revere holding a silver teapot that was made in his own workshop.

Paul Revere was a hero of the American Revolution. He is most famous for riding his horse through the countryside near Boston to warn the colonists that the British were coming. Revere was also a skilled silversmith (maker of silverware).

Paul Revere was born on January 1, 1735, in Boston, Massachusetts. His father's family was French and the family name was changed from De Revoire to Revere. Paul learned silversmithing from his father.

As a young man Revere joined the Sons of Liberty, a club for colonists who disliked British rule. Such people were known as patriots. In 1773 he helped lead the Boston Tea Party protest, in which patriots threw British tea into Boston Harbor.

On April 16, 1775, Revere rode to warn the patriots of Concord, Massachusetts, to hide their weapons from the British. Two days later he rode again, from Boston to Lexington, Massachusetts. This time he warned the patriots John Hancock and Samuel Adams that the British were coming to arrest them.

He also warned the Lexington minutemen that the British were coming. The minutemen were fighters who boasted that they needed only a minute to get ready. On April 19, the Lexington minutemen fought the British in the battle that started the American Revolution.

During the war Revere set up a factory that made gunpowder for the military forces. He also served in the army, defending Boston Harbor. After the war, Revere returned to his work as a silversmith. He also manufactured copper sheeting. Paul Revere died on May 10, 1818, in Boston.



Figure 2: On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere rode from Boston to Lexington, Massachusetts, to warn residents that the British were coming.

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