

On April 26, 1777, an icy, wind-driven rain ripped across New York State's farmlands shaking the boards of the Ludington family mill as a messenger arrived with news—nearby Danbury, Connecticut, was burning and under British attack. Within minutes, sixteen-year-old Sybil Ludington, daughter of an American colonel, mounted her horse, ready for a forty-mile ride through treacherous terrain to alert her father's troops.

For more than two hundred years little was known of Sybil Ludington's life beyond that night. This version of her biography for young readers tells how her story as freedom fighter, hero, daughter, wife, mother, businesswoman, and grandmother was discovered.



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