

# The Kentucky Rifle

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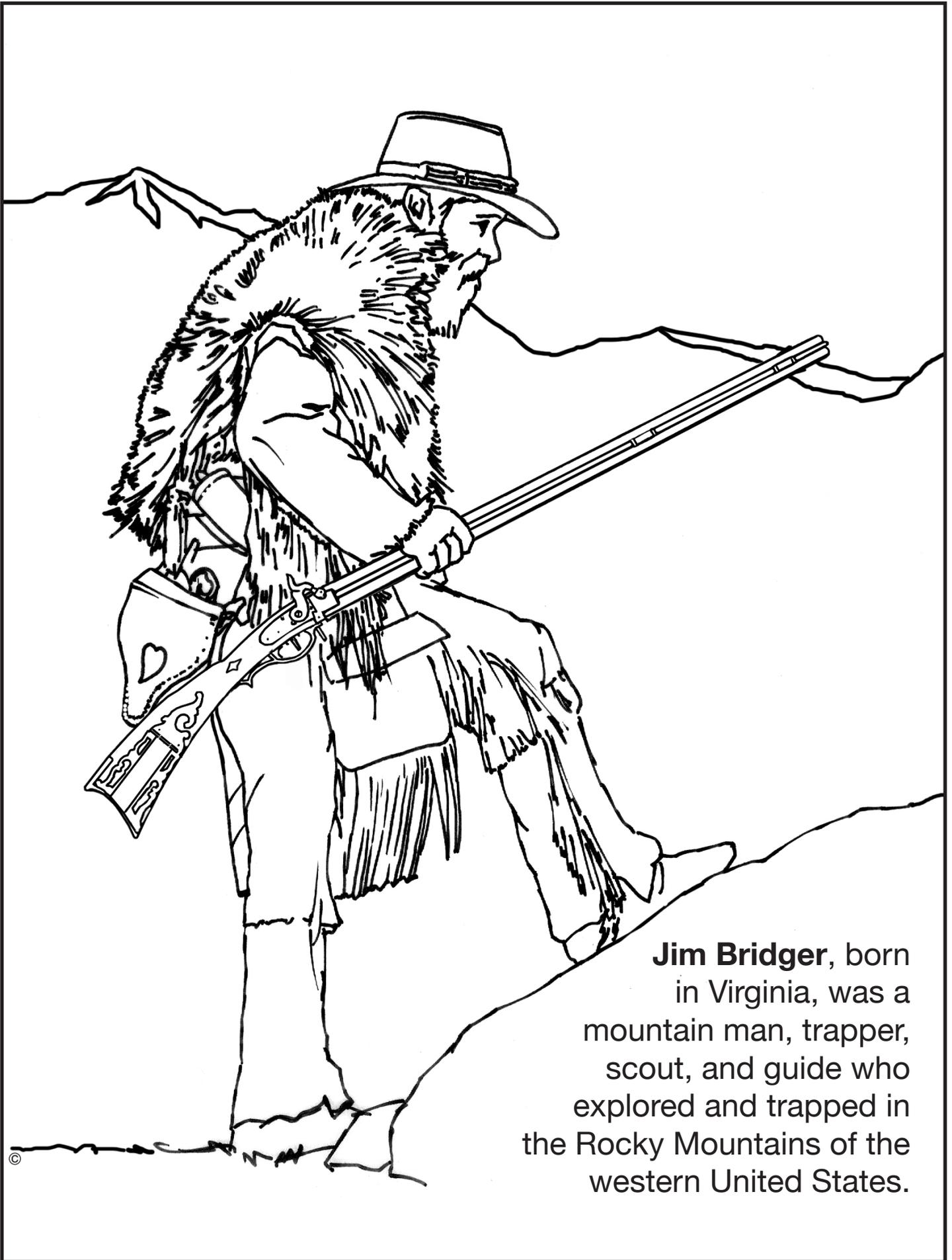
**The Kentucky Rifle** was an American rifle used in the early part of America's history by many famous Americans.

Please use the link below to visit *The Kentucky Rifle Foundation* website for more information on these famous Americans, and to also print additional copies of these drawings!

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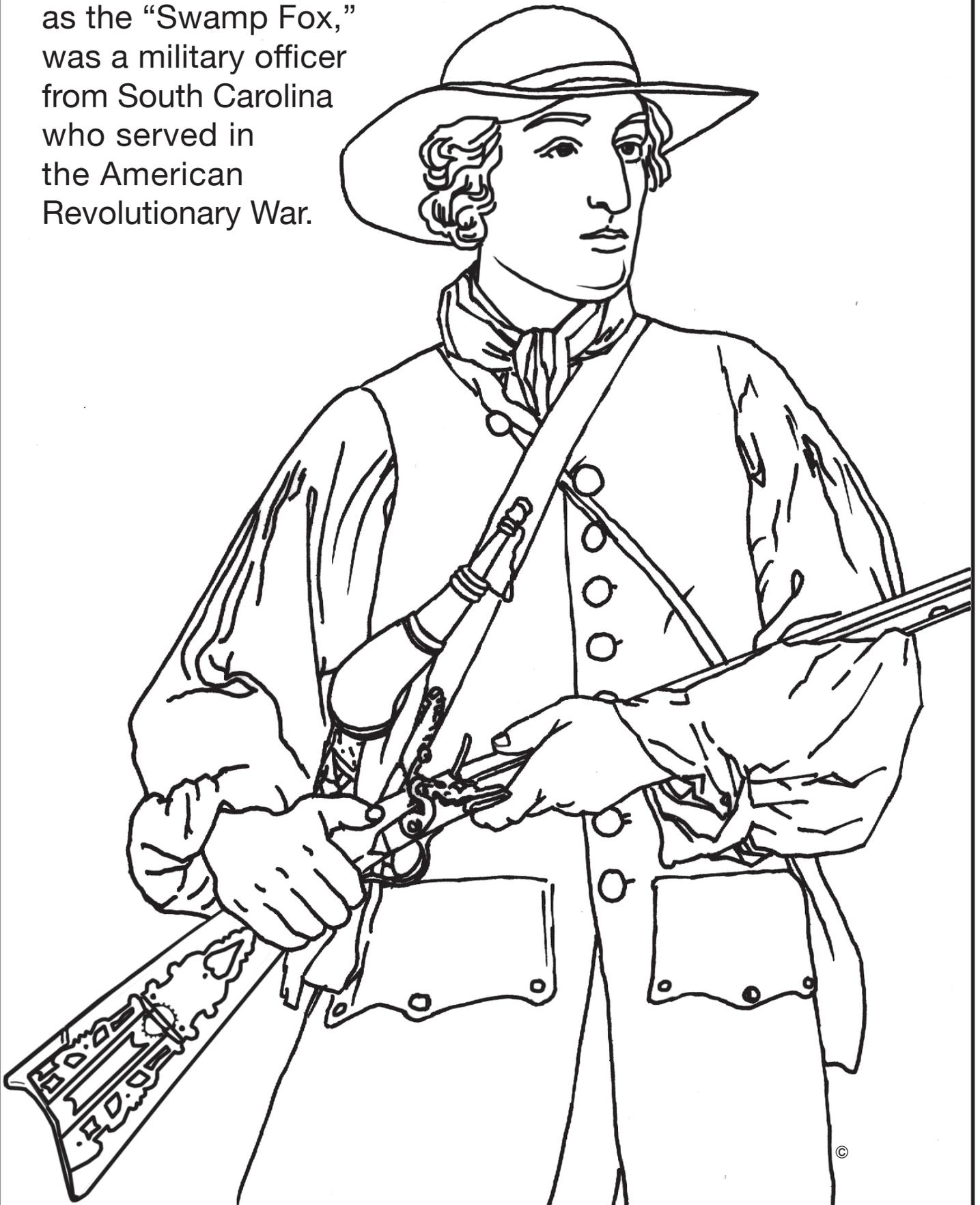
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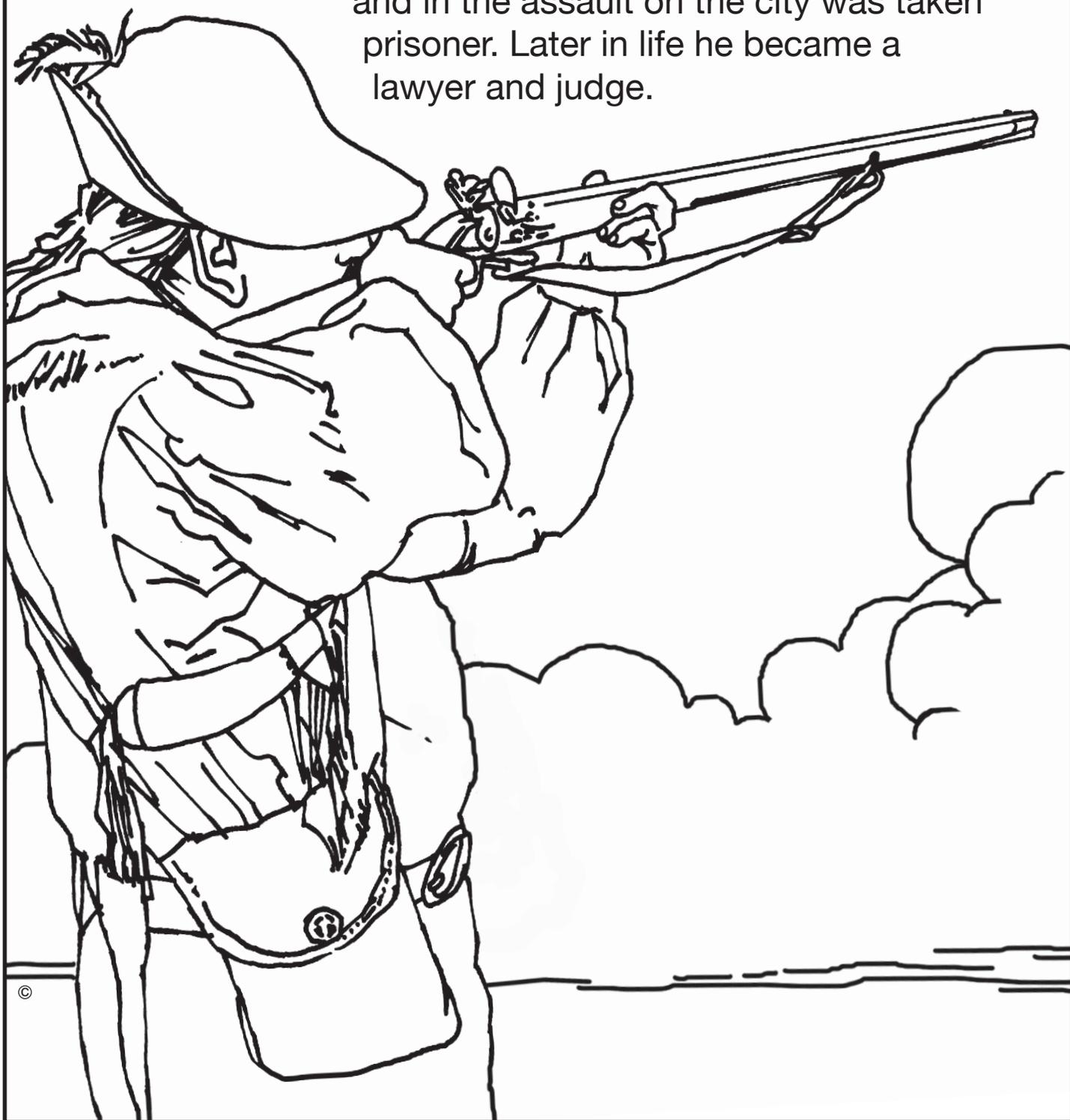


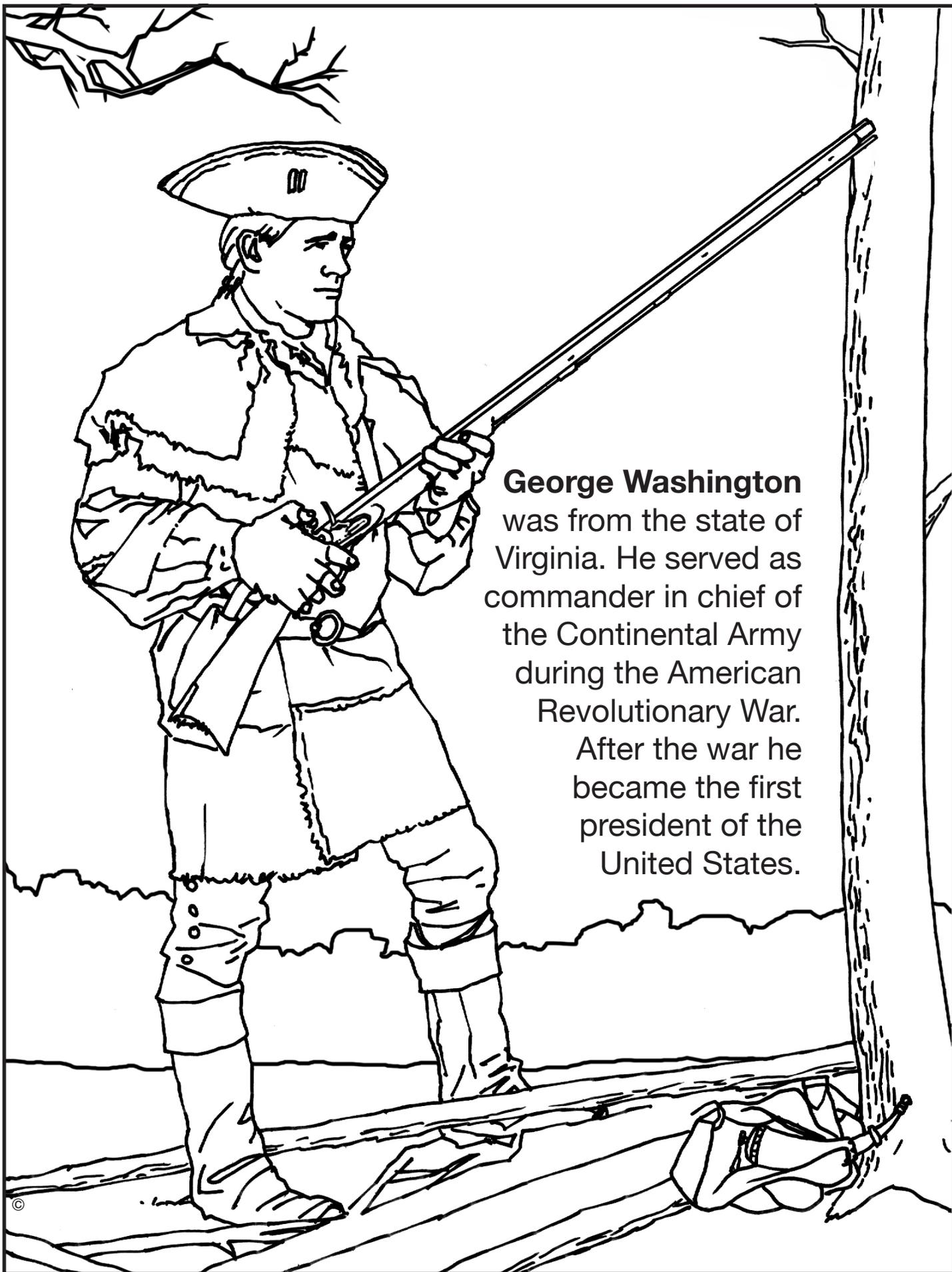
**Jim Bridger**, born in Virginia, was a mountain man, trapper, scout, and guide who explored and trapped in the Rocky Mountains of the western United States.

**Francis Marion**, known as the “Swamp Fox,” was a military officer from South Carolina who served in the American Revolutionary War.



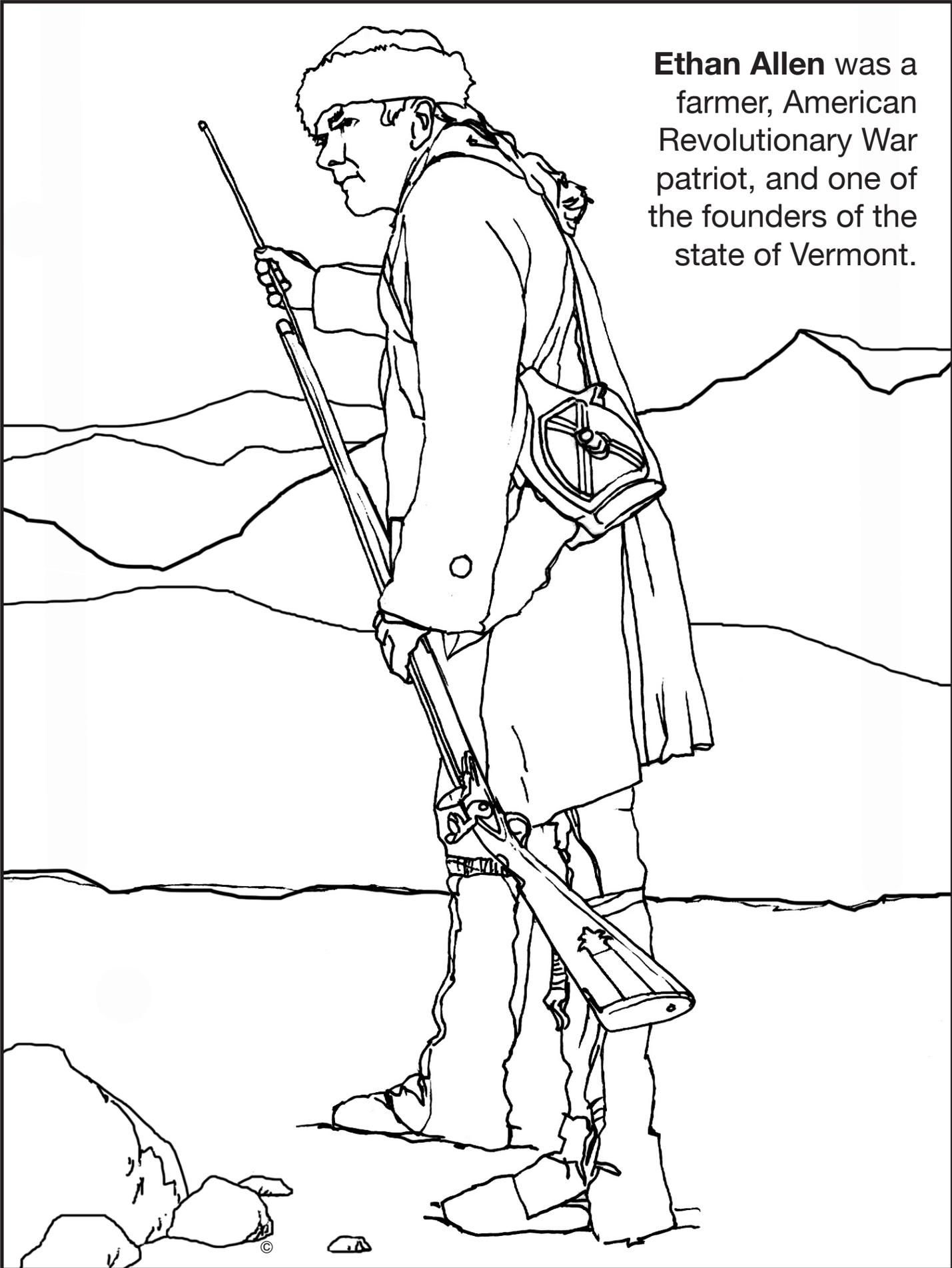
**John Joseph Henry** was a gunsmith and private soldier from Pennsylvania who served in the American Revolutionary War. At age sixteen he enlisted as a rifleman in the Pennsylvania state troops. In 1775 he marched with Benedict Arnold's expedition to Quebec and in the assault on the city was taken prisoner. Later in life he became a lawyer and judge.

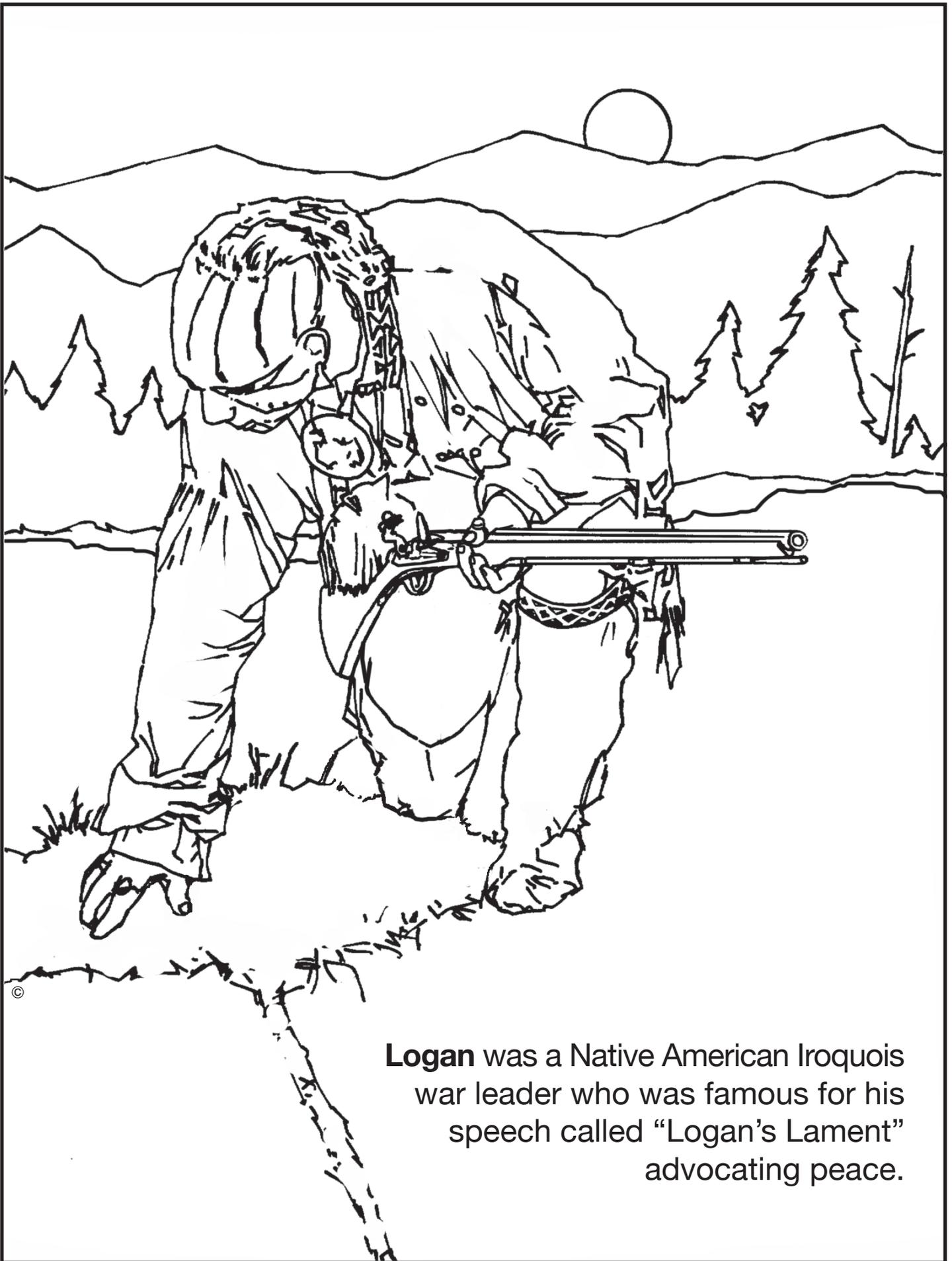




**George Washington** was from the state of Virginia. He served as commander in chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. After the war he became the first president of the United States.

**Ethan Allen** was a farmer, American Revolutionary War patriot, and one of the founders of the state of Vermont.

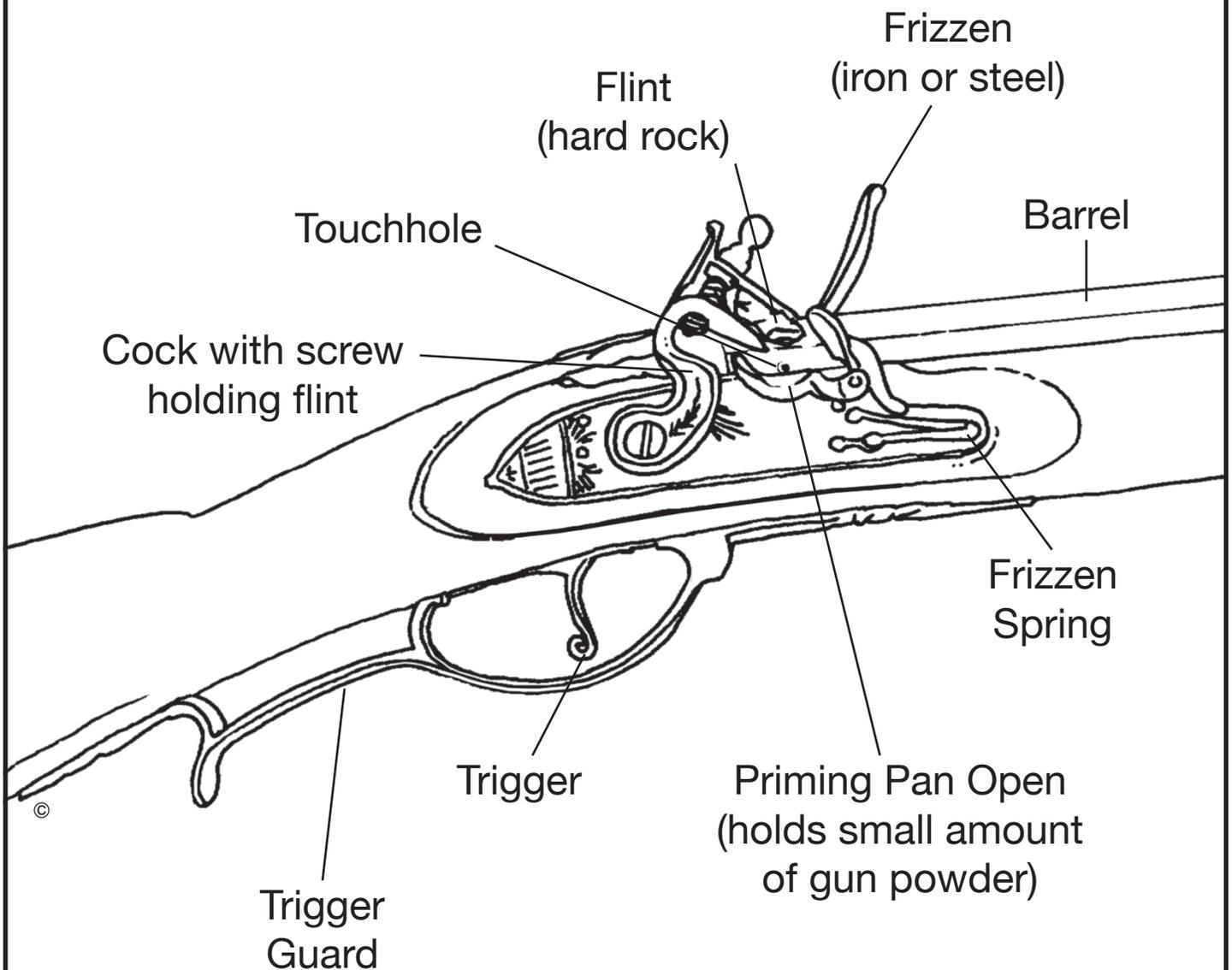




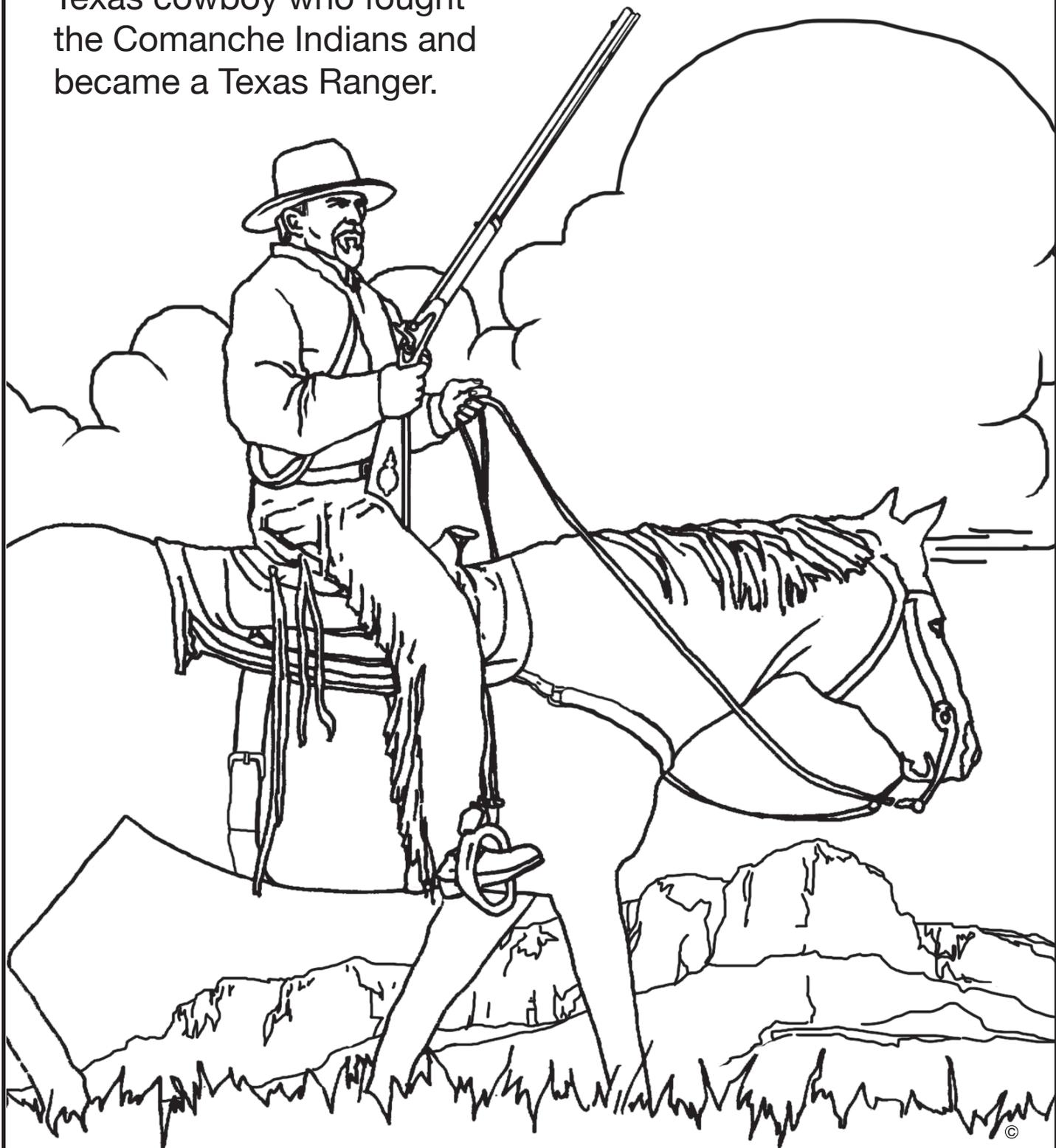
**Logan** was a Native American Iroquois war leader who was famous for his speech called “Logan’s Lament” advocating peace.

A **flintlock** is a type of firearm that uses flint and steel to ignite a charge of gunpowder stored in the barrel of a gun. Flint is a hard form of rock. When flint strikes steel in a gun lock, tiny particles of hot iron flake off in a spark.

This spark, directed onto the priming pan of the gun lock, ignites the priming powder. The ignited primer sends a flame through the touchhole to set off the full charge of gunpowder. The resulting explosion propels the ball out of the barrel.

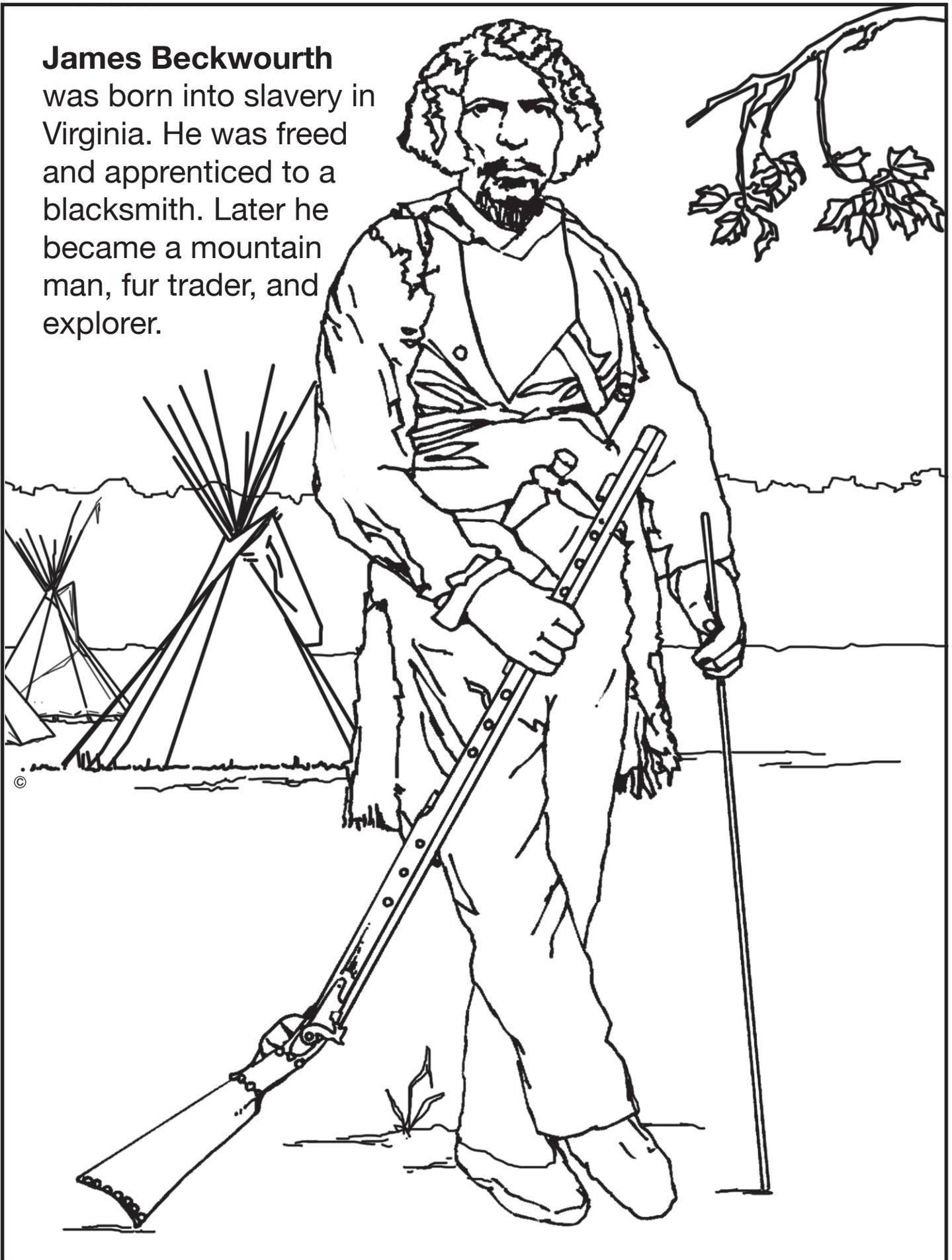


**Charles Goodnight** was a Texas cowboy who fought the Comanche Indians and became a Texas Ranger.



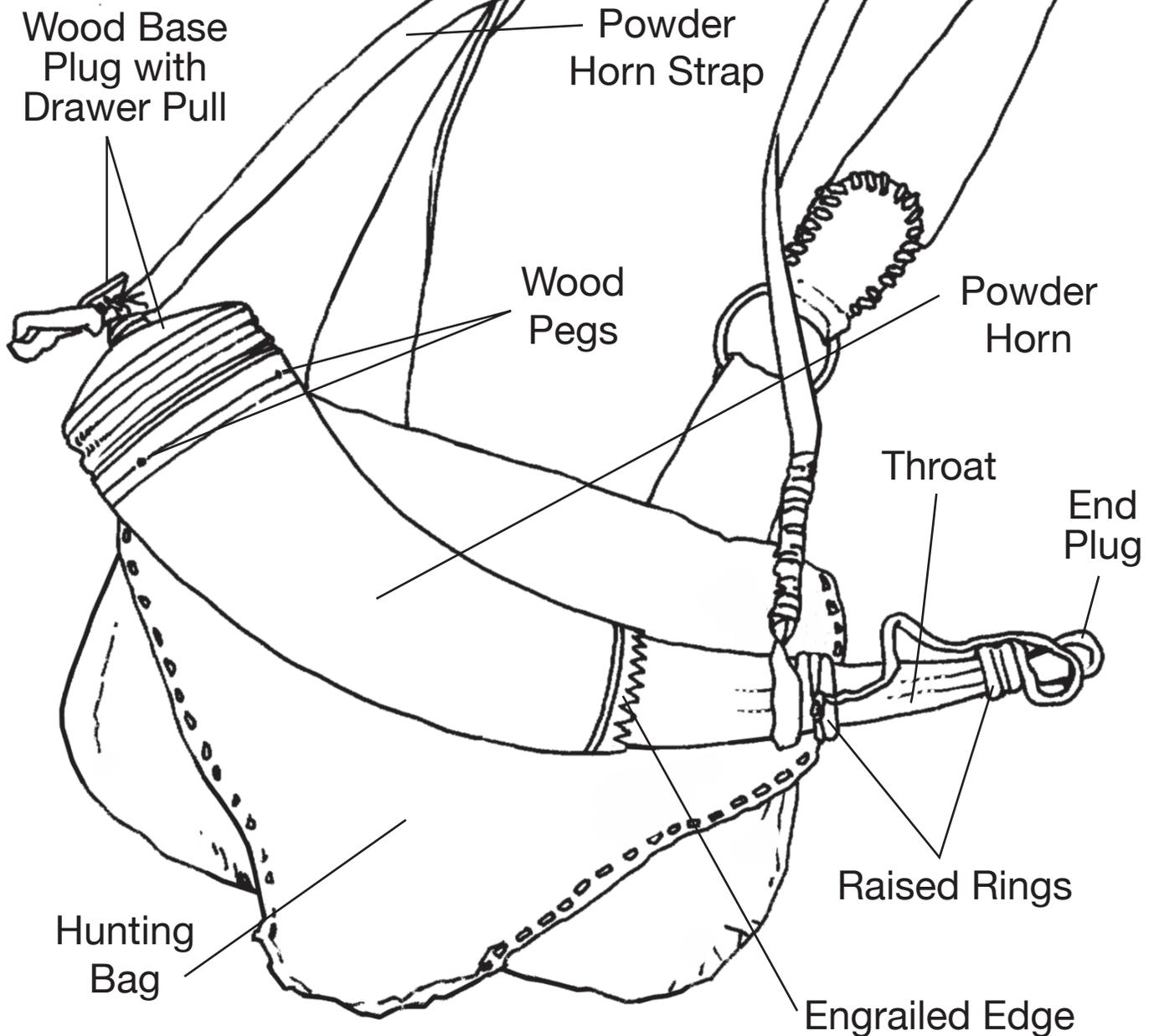
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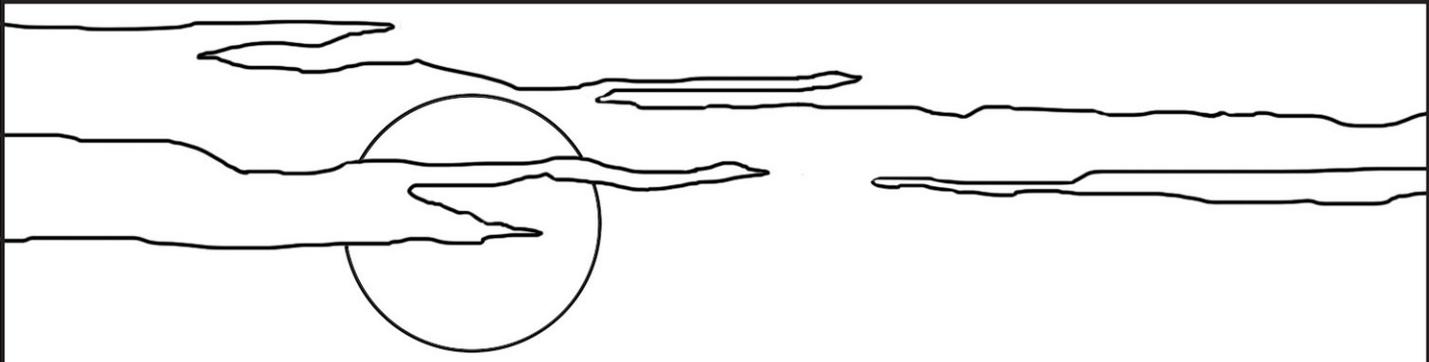
was born into slavery in Virginia. He was freed and apprenticed to a blacksmith. Later he became a mountain man, fur trader, and explorer.



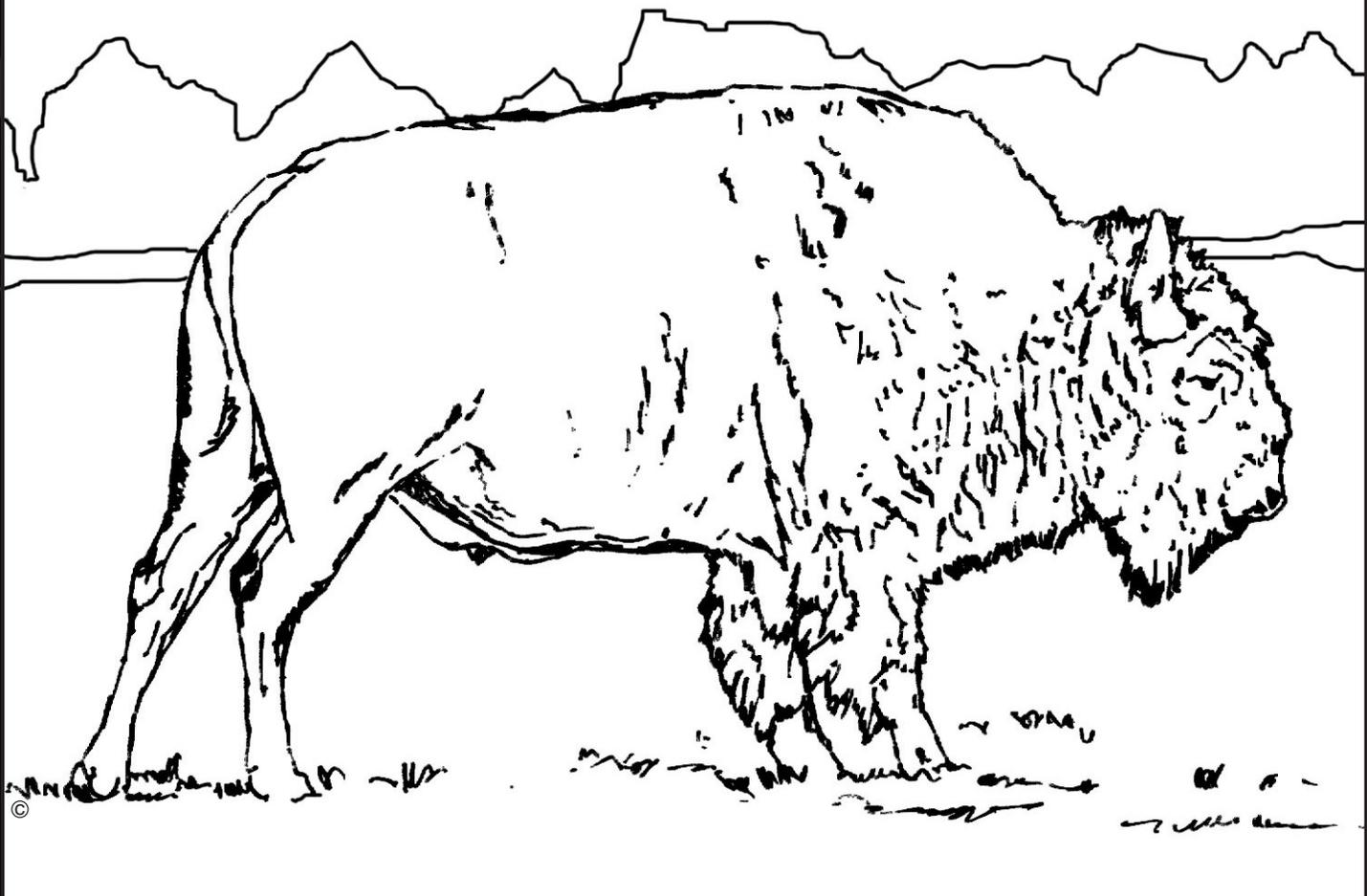
A **powder horn** was a container used to hold gunpowder and was made from cow, ox, or buffalo horn.

A **hunting bag** was used to carry everything that might be needed for a day of hunting: gun powder, a powder measure, flint and steel, lead balls and patch, a patch knife, and a skinning knife.





The **buffalo**, also known as the American bison, is a species of bison that once roamed the grasslands of North America in large herds. Hunters in the West needed a very powerful Kentucky Rifle to hunt the buffalo because it was so large. Despite numbering in the millions, the buffalo nearly became extinct.



**Mariano Medina** was born in New Mexico and worked for several fur trading companies. He spent time on the trail, in camps, and on the trap line throughout the period of the fur trade making lifelong friendships with many famous mountain men.

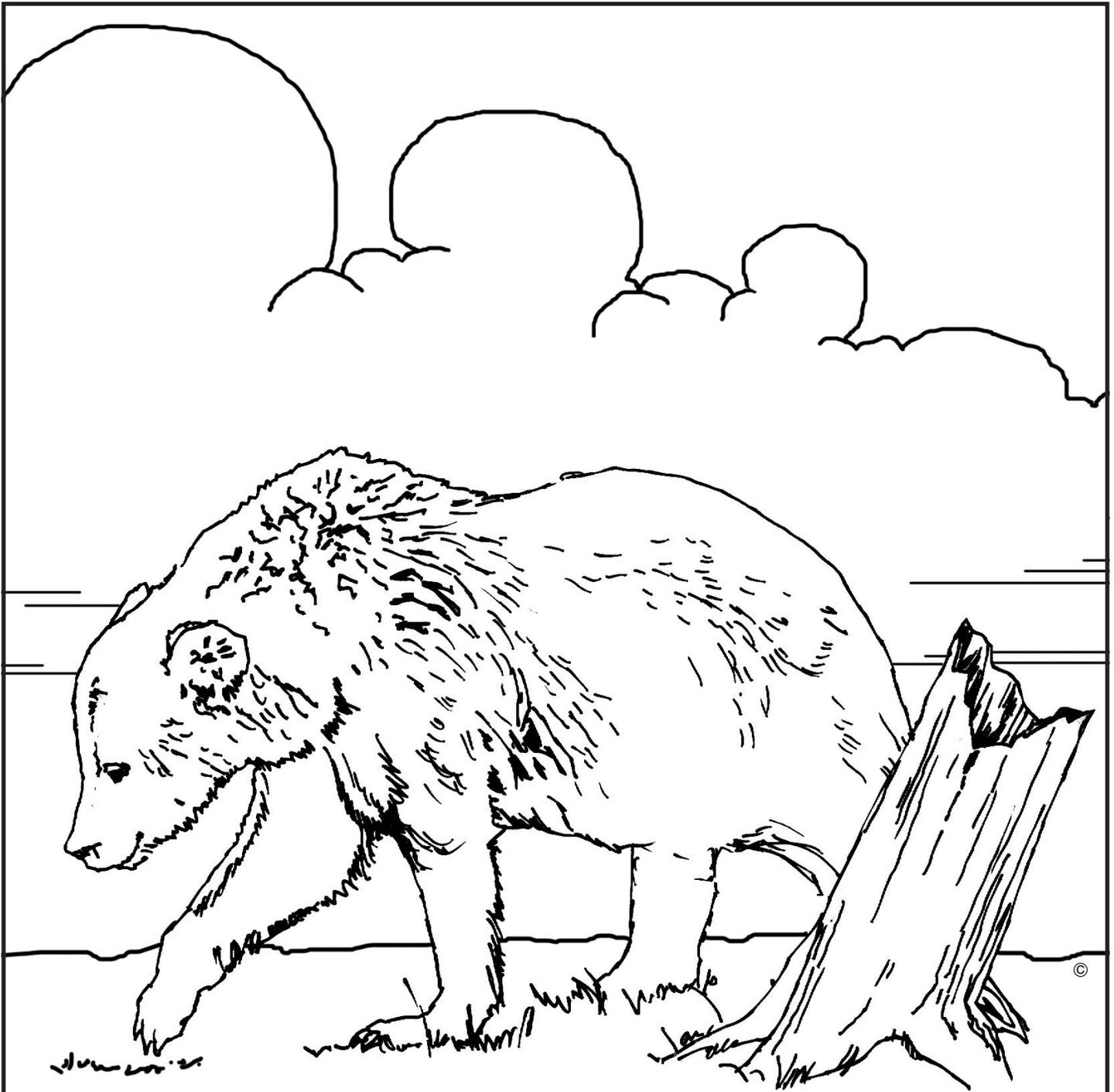


**Davy Crockett** was a frontiersman, soldier, politician, and American folk hero. He grew up in Tennessee and gained fame for his hunting and storytelling. Crockett was killed in the Battle of the Alamo in Texas.

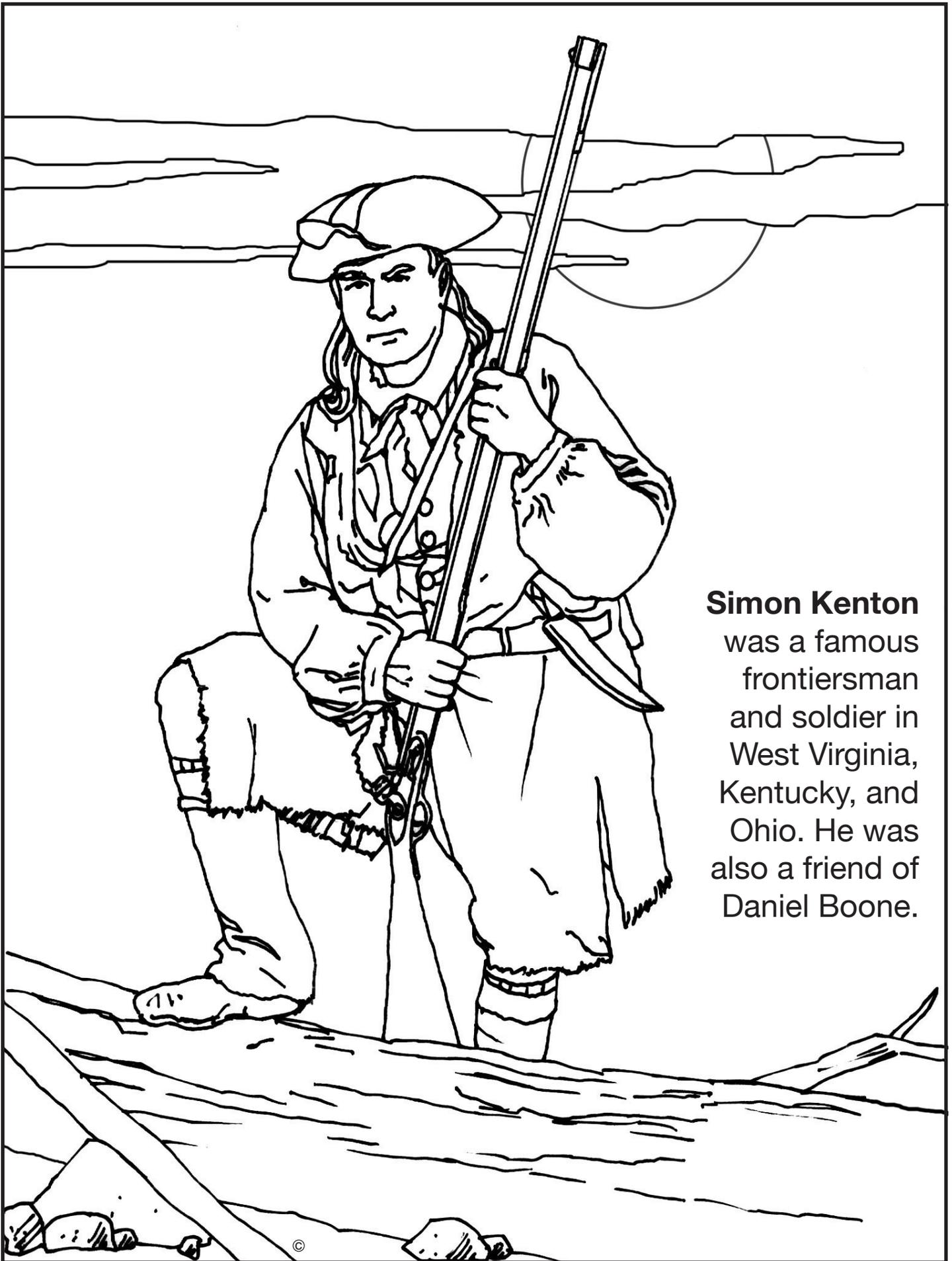




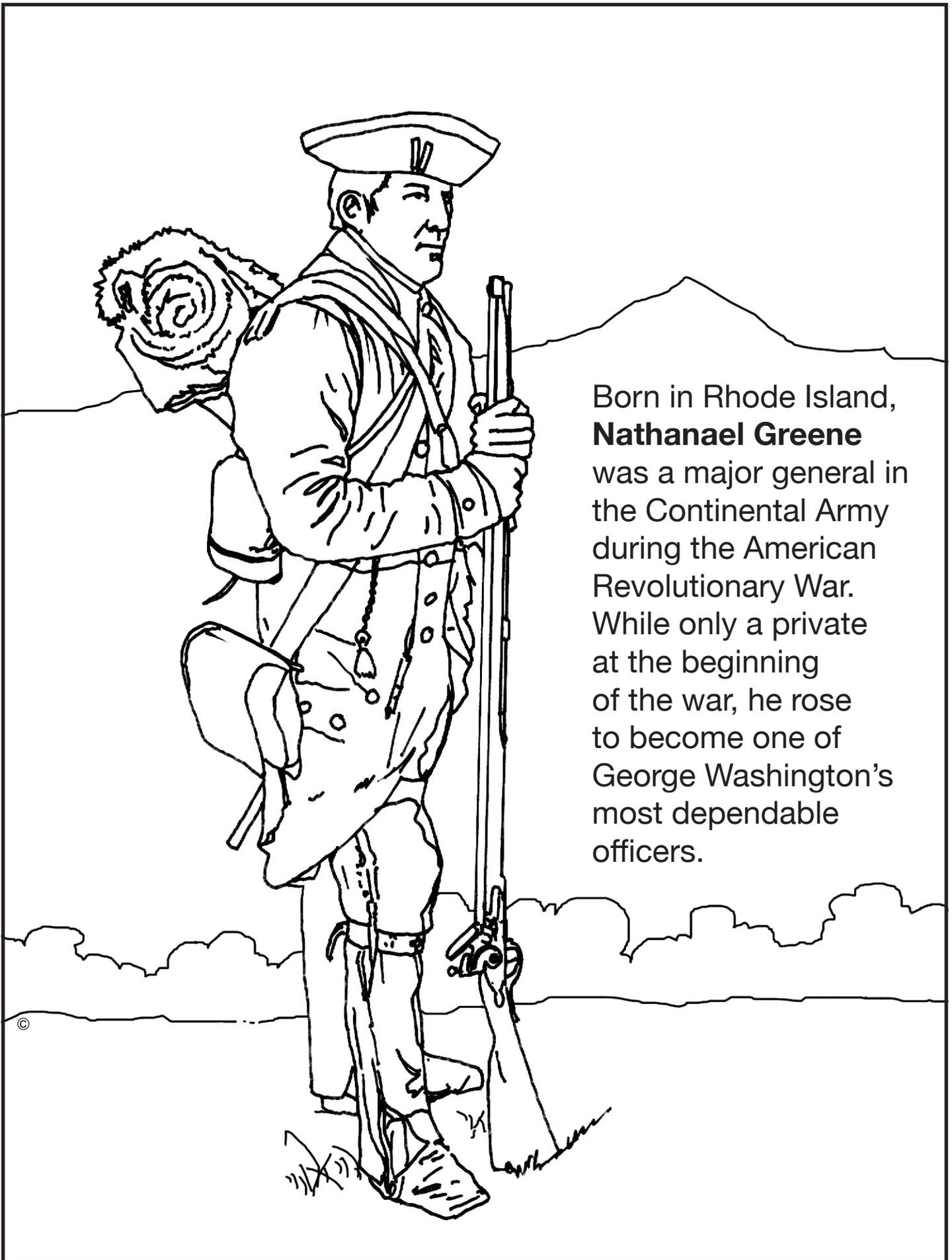
**Lewis and Clark** were the leaders of the first American expedition to cross what is now the western portion of the United States.



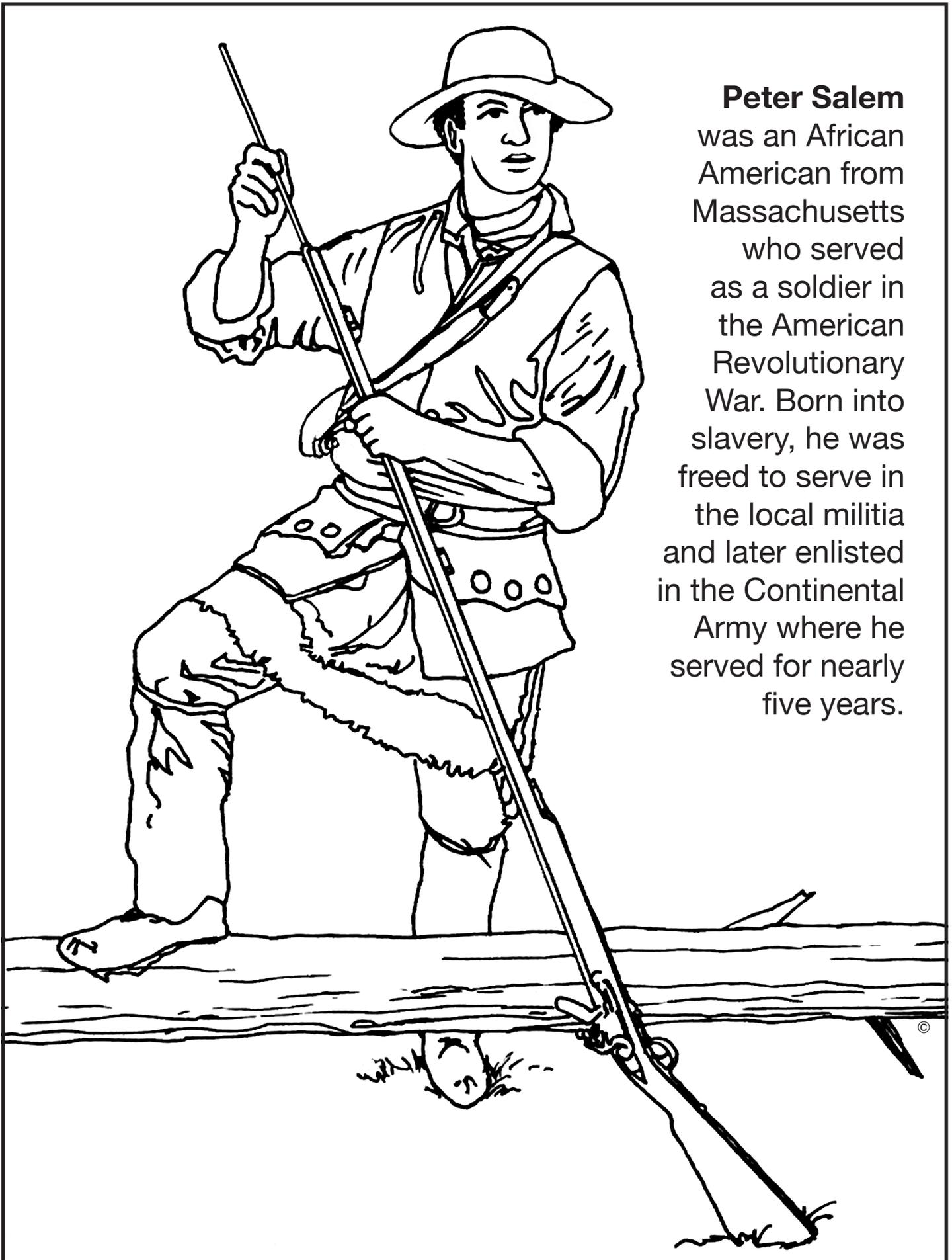
The **grizzly bear** is a large brown bear found in the western contiguous United States, Alaska, and Canada. It is larger than the black bear. Western explorers needed a more powerful Kentucky Rifle to defend themselves from the grizzly bear.



**Simon Kenton** was a famous frontiersman and soldier in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. He was also a friend of Daniel Boone.

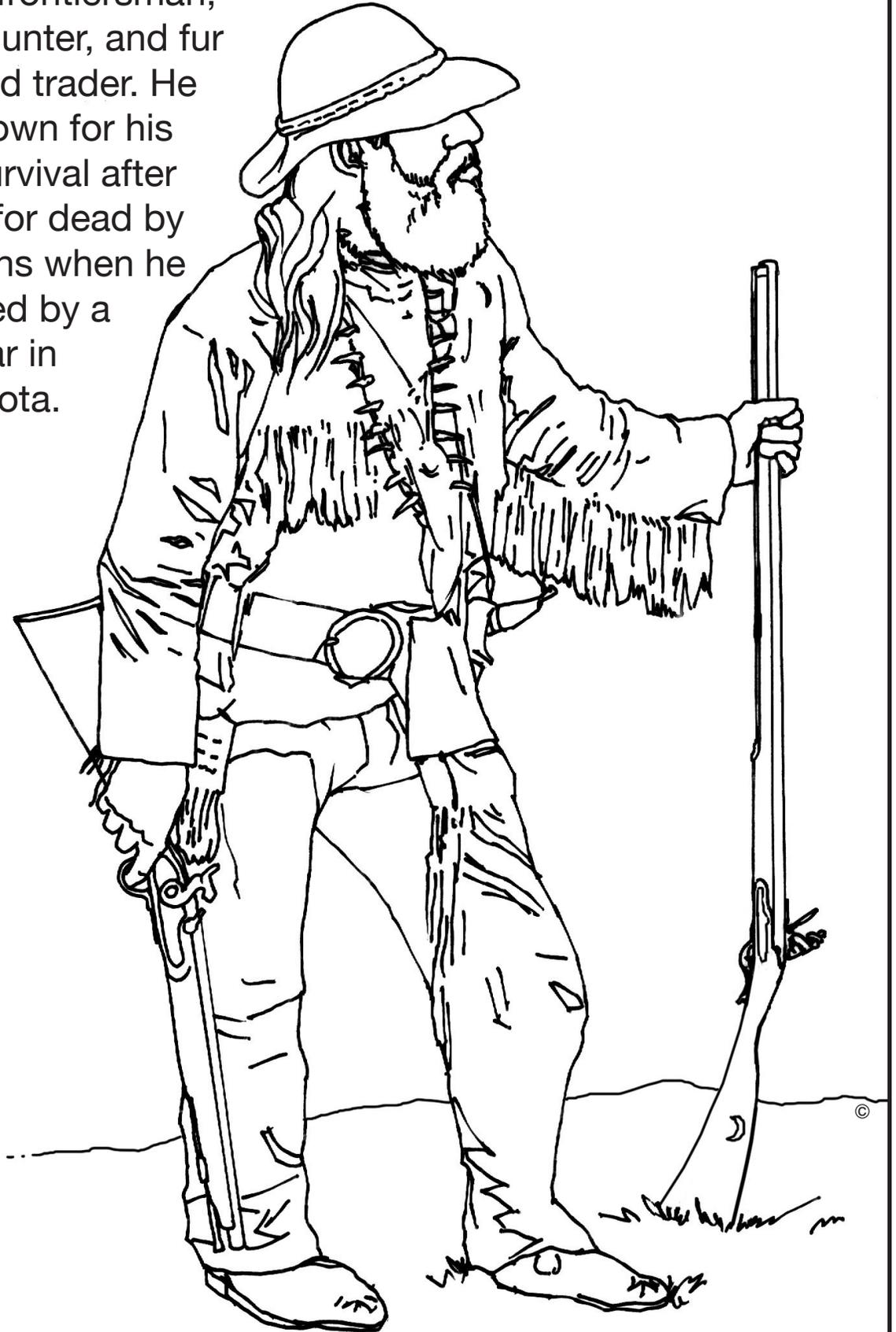


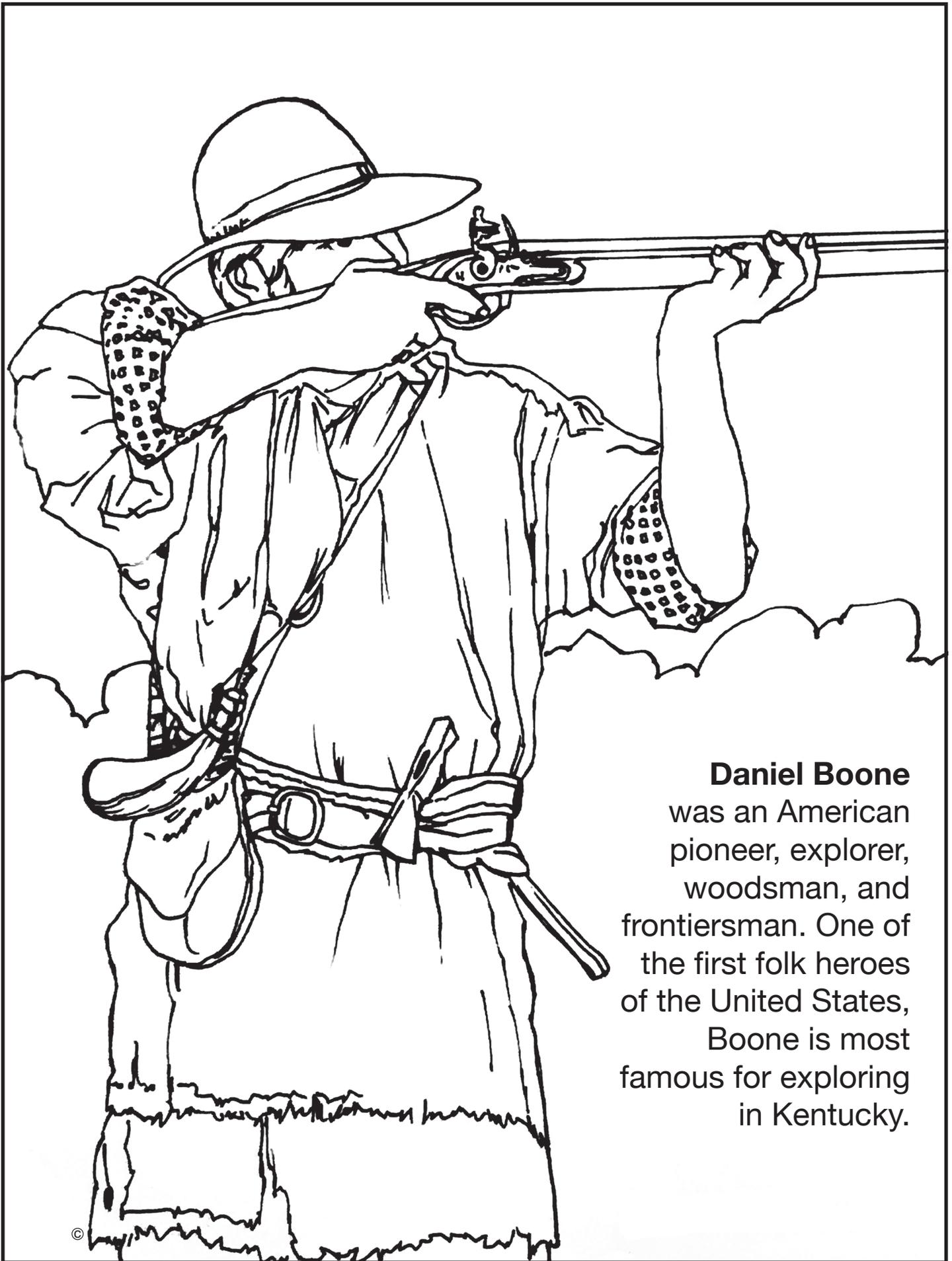
Born in Rhode Island, **Nathanael Greene** was a major general in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. While only a private at the beginning of the war, he rose to become one of George Washington's most dependable officers.



**Peter Salem** was an African American from Massachusetts who served as a soldier in the American Revolutionary War. Born into slavery, he was freed to serve in the local militia and later enlisted in the Continental Army where he served for nearly five years.

**Hugh Glass** was an American frontiersman, explorer, hunter, and fur trapper and trader. He is best known for his story of survival after being left for dead by companions when he was mauled by a grizzly bear in North Dakota.

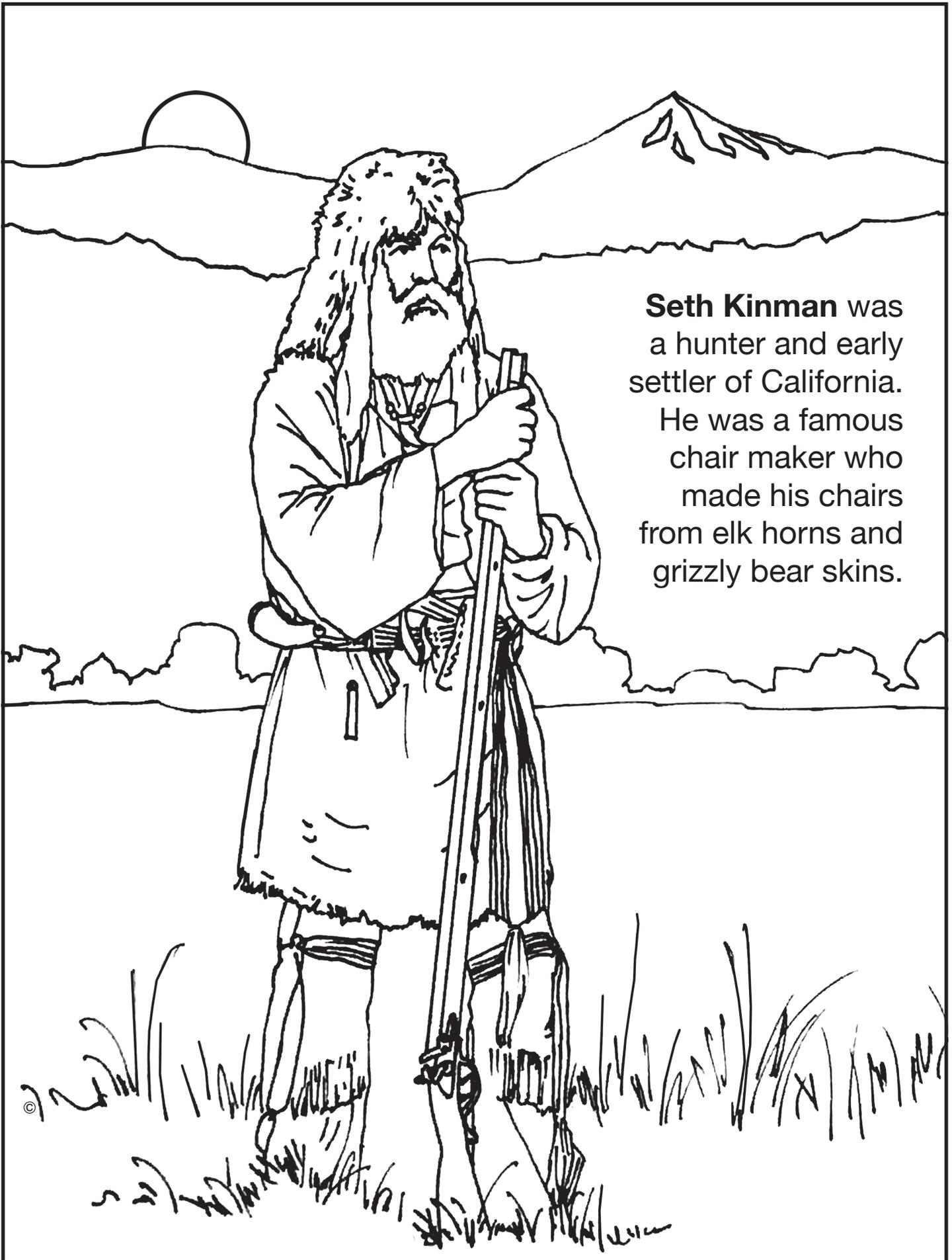




**Daniel Boone** was an American pioneer, explorer, woodsman, and frontiersman. One of the first folk heroes of the United States, Boone is most famous for exploring in Kentucky.

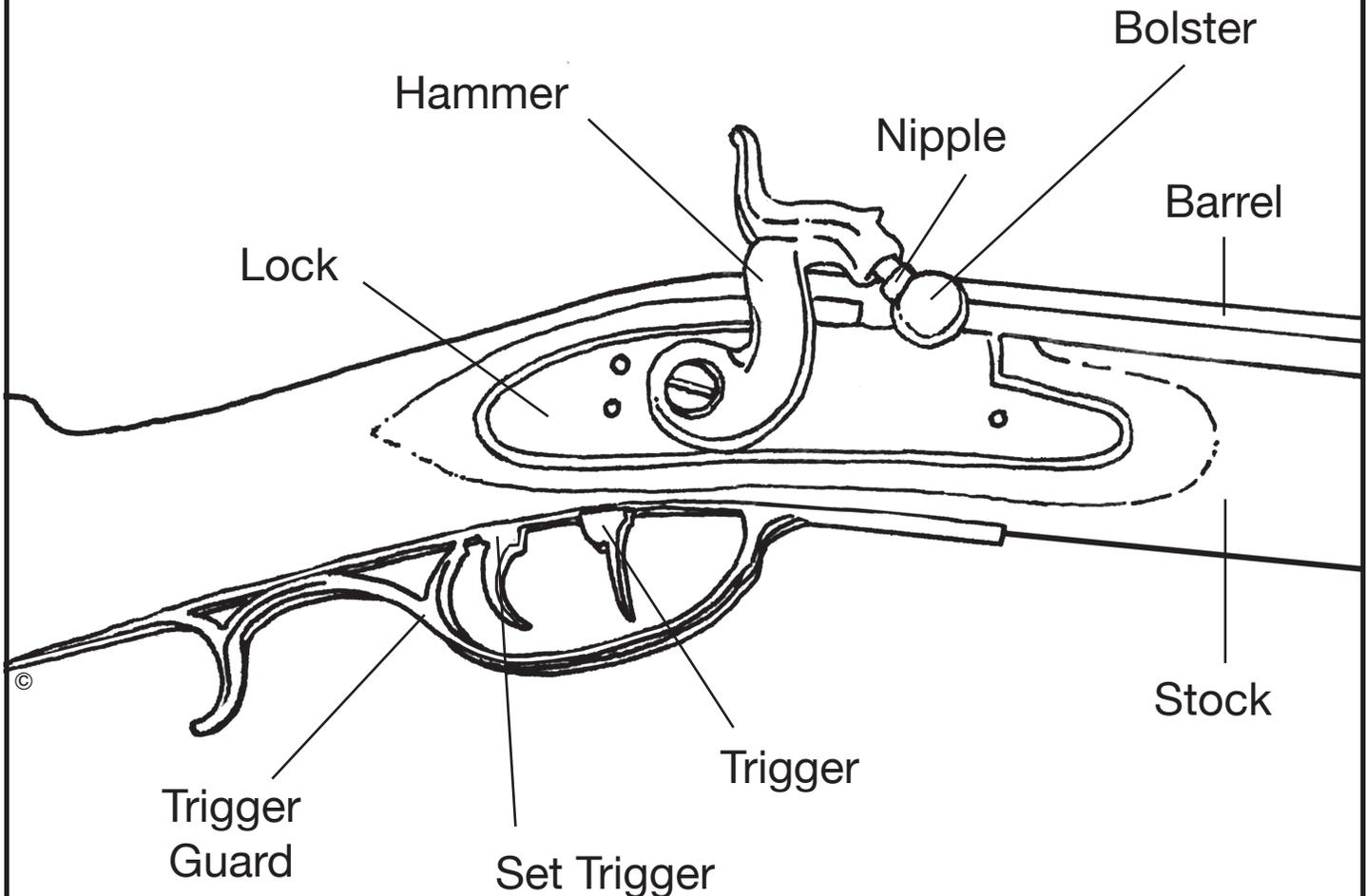
**Black Beaver** was a Native American Delaware who was born in Illinois. He was a trapper, scout, and guide in the western United States, and is credited with establishing the California and Chisholm trails.





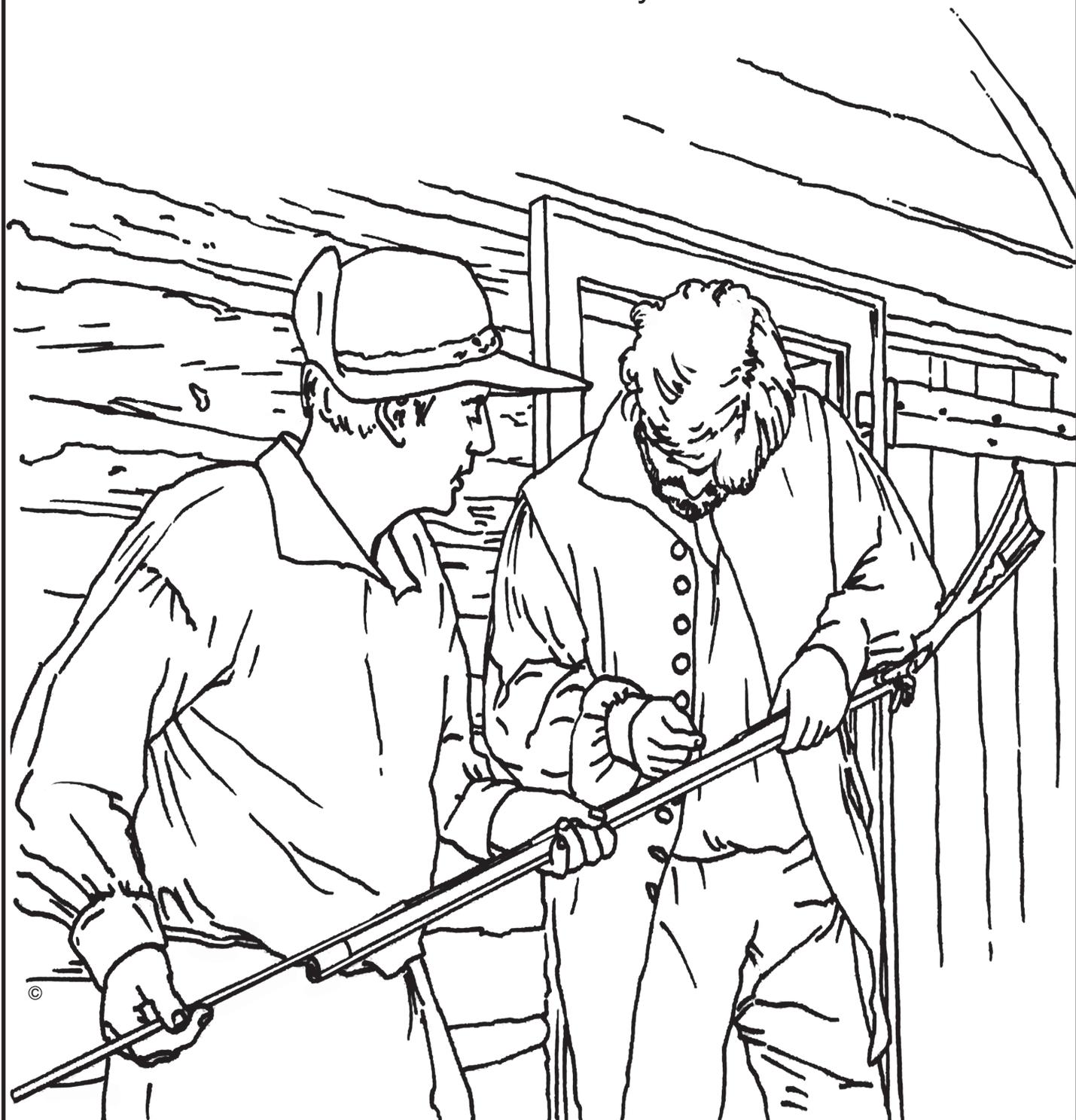
**Seth Kinman** was a hunter and early settler of California. He was a famous chair maker who made his chairs from elk horns and grizzly bear skins.

**Percussion ignition** replaced the flint-on-steel ignition of the flintlock rifle. This new type of firearm ignition used a percussion cap filled with an explosive primer. The percussion cap was placed over a hollow metal “nipple” at the rear end of the gun barrel.

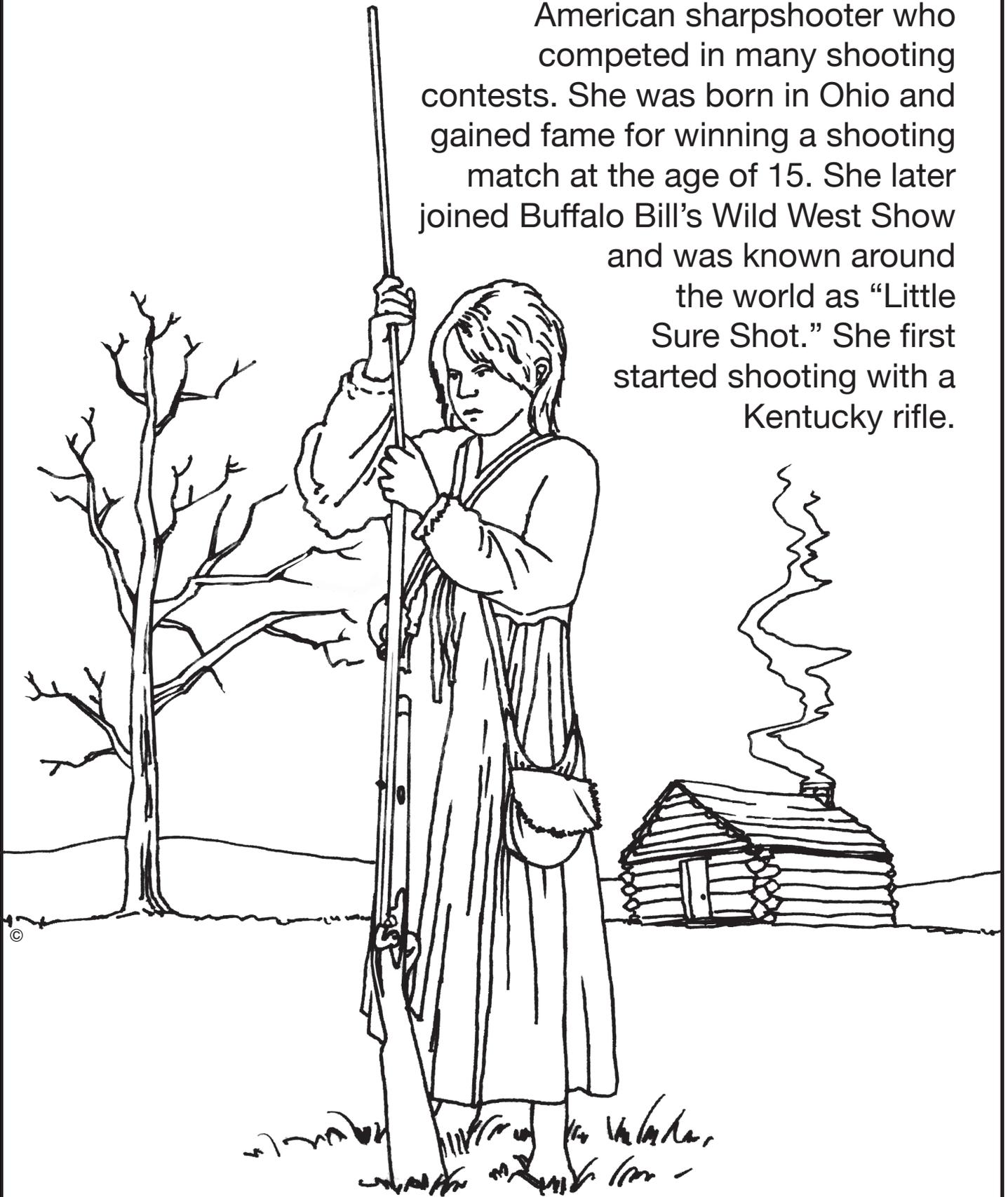


Pulling the trigger of the gun released the hammer to strike the percussion cap and set off the primer within. The resulting flame travelled through the hollow nipple to then ignite the main charge of powder in the barrel.

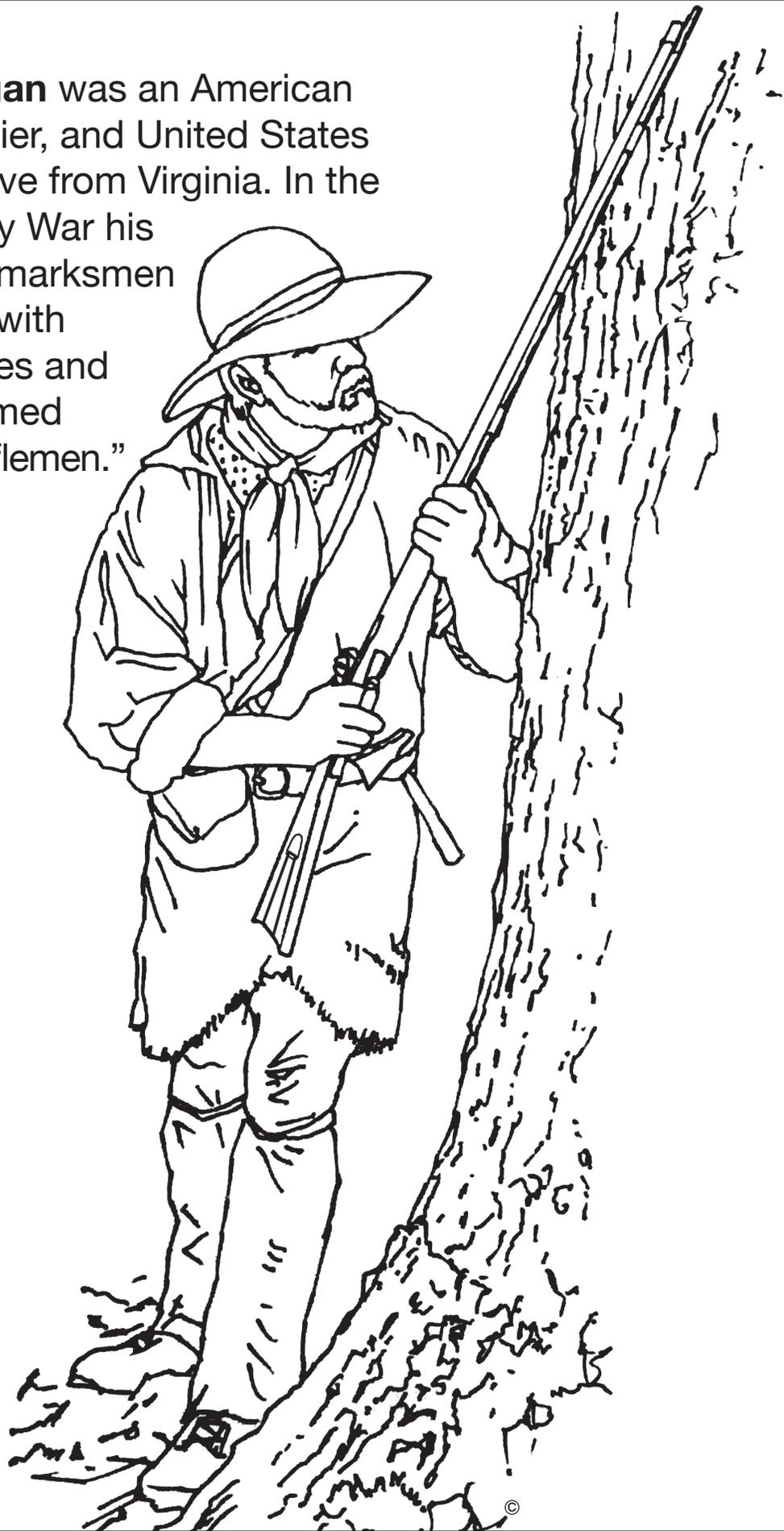
**John Fraser** was a Pennsylvania gunsmith, guide, fur trader, and interpreter of Native American languages. He served as a soldier in the British army before the American Revolutionary War.



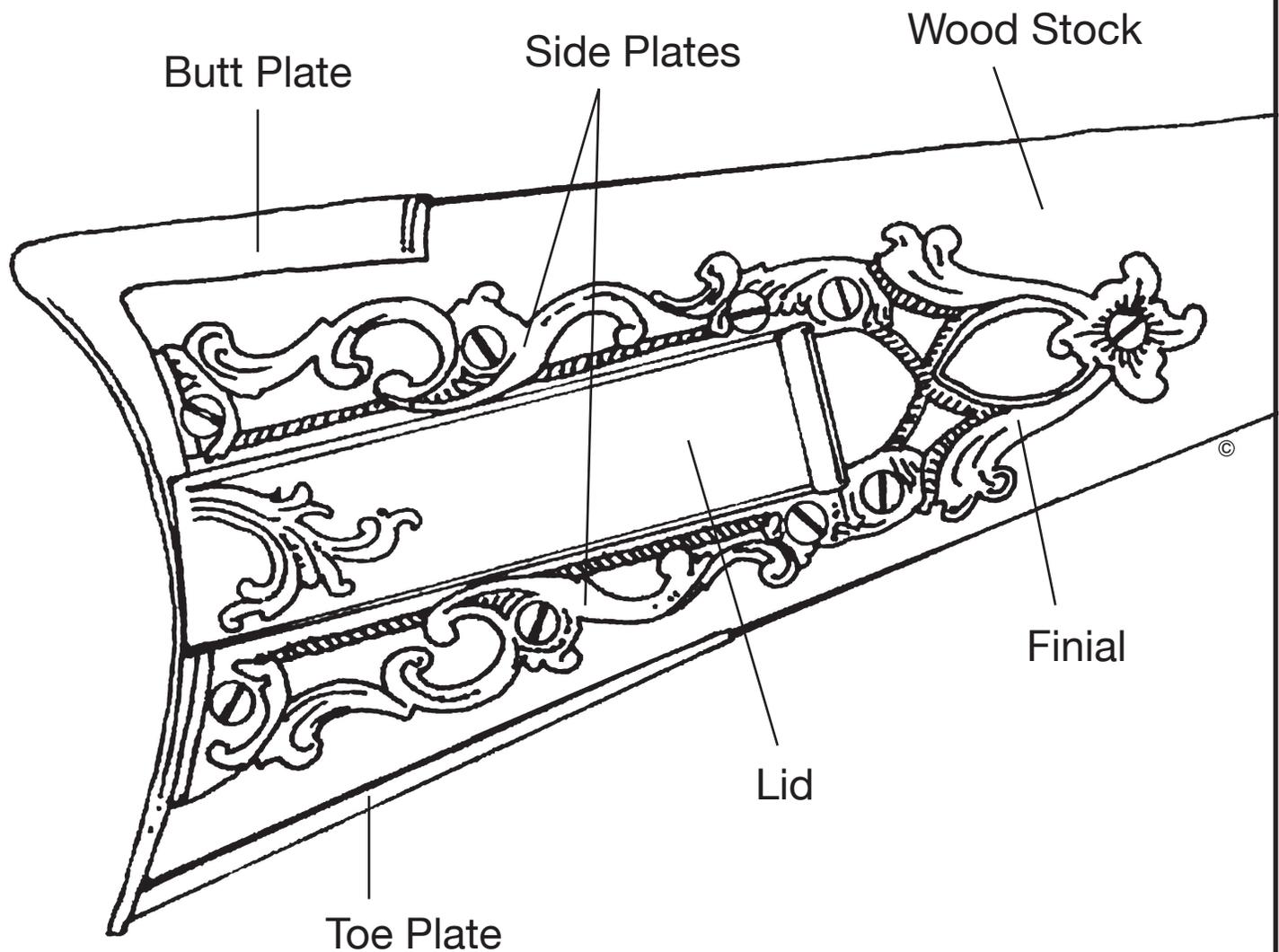
**Annie Oakley** was a famous American sharpshooter who competed in many shooting contests. She was born in Ohio and gained fame for winning a shooting match at the age of 15. She later joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and was known around the world as "Little Sure Shot." She first started shooting with a Kentucky rifle.



**Daniel Morgan** was an American pioneer, soldier, and United States Representative from Virginia. In the Revolutionary War his company of marksmen were armed with Kentucky rifles and were nicknamed “Morgan’s Riflemen.”



A **patchbox** is a container with a lid inlaid into the buttstock of a flintlock rifle and is usually made of brass. The lid can be opened to retrieve greased cloth or other small pieces of equipment stored in the patchbox. There were many different styles of patchbox designs.



In America, flintlock rifles were developed mostly by the Pennsylvania Germans and played an important role in the American Revolutionary War. Also called Kentucky rifles, they were made famous by such frontier heroes as Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett.

**Crazy Horse** was a Native American war leader of the Oglala Lakota, part of the Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. He fought against the United States government and led a war party to victory at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876.







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