

# The Legacy of Dey Hill

*A Timeline of Historic High Ground*

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## 1717 | The Dutch Colonial Purchase

**The Origin:** Dutch planter Dirck Dey purchases hundreds of acres spanning the Preakness Valley and the Totowa ridges.

**The Impact:** The forest is cleared, establishing the vast agricultural farmlands that would define the hill's landscape for the next two centuries.

## 1770 | The Mansion on the Ridge

**The Landmark:** Colonel Theunis Dey completes construction of the historic Dey Mansion at the base of the ridge.

**The Impact:** Built with local valley brownstone, this architectural marvel firmly cements the "Dey" family name into Passaic County history.

## 1780 | Washington's Strategic Vantage Point

**The History:** General George Washington establishes his official wartime military headquarters here from July to November.

**The Impact:** Thousands of Continental troops camp across the valley, utilizing the high volcanic traprock elevations of Dey Hill as a natural lookout point to monitor British troop movements.

## 1972 | The Birth of "Dey Hill Farms"

**The Shift:** After nearly 200 years as pristine orchard and livestock farmland, the ridge undergoes its modern transformation.

**The Impact:** Visionary developers subdivide the historic high ground to lay the groundwork for an exclusive, master-planned residential community.

## 1973 – Present | An Exclusive Modern Enclave

**The Evolution:** Peak construction shapes the ridge into a neighborhood of custom, sprawling executive estates.

**The Present:** Today, Dey Hill stands as one of Totowa's most prestigious addresses—offering homeowners timeless luxury on the very same historic high ground that once guarded the Continental Army.

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