

Divine Intervention

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I received several responses to my article "***The REAL Culprits***" published on July 14th, the day after the attempted assassination of Donald Trump in Butler, PA. Some readers were curious about the brief reference to bullet-holes (*actually, musket-ball holes*) in George Washington's coat, which occurred without injury to him.

Thanks to Sidney Powell's excellent e-newsletter, ***DEFENDING THE REPUBLIC***, I have more details surrounding that historical phenomenon. The incident occurred in 1755 during the *French and Indian War* between Britain and France, when both sides clashed over land along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The early colonists fought alongside the British, and many Indian tribes fought alongside the French.

In an attempt to recapture Fort Duquesne at what is now Pittsburgh, Washington's *Virginia Militia* and 100 Virginia "*Buckskin*" volunteers joined British General Braddock's forces and marched north to recover the fort from the French. On July 9, 1755, seven miles short of the fort, they were ambushed on both flanks by the French and their Indian allies. By the end of the battle, 714 of the 1300 British and Colonial soldiers had been shot, but only about 30 of the French and Indians were shot. British General Braddock was among the many victims.

During the battle, 23 year-old George Washington -- a Colonel in the *Virginia Militia* -- repeatedly rode to the front to deliver British General Braddock's battle-orders to other officers. British and Colonial officers were a prime target of the Indians, a tactic later adopted by Colonials during ***The Revolution***. Of the 86 British and Colonial officers in that battle, sixty-three were casualties, and only Washington was never touched by gunfire.



Washington at the Battle of Monongahela

George Washington was the only officer on horseback who had not been shot, and the only officer remaining on horseback. Following this massacre, Washington's forces retreated to Fort Cumberland in western Maryland, arriving there eight days later on July 17, 1755.

Afterward, Washington penned a letter to his family explaining that when he removed his jacket, he found four musket-balls had penetrated its fabric, but none had ever wounded him. Two horses had been shot from under him, but he was never harmed.

With Christian humility, Washington acknowledged that God's Hand had spared and protected him throughout that battle. He explained: ***"By the all powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation."***

Yet, the story doesn't end there. In 1770, 15 years later, Washington returned to the scene of that battle, which was later designated the ***Battle of Monongahela*** by Historians. An old Indian chief who fought in that battle traveled many miles to meet Washington.

The old chief explained that he had led many braves into that battle, and had ordered them to shoot officers. Washington, in particular had been singled out, and the chief stated that he, himself, had fired at Washington 17 times without result. Eventually, concluding that Washington was protected by *The Great Spirit*, he ordered his braves to fire at Washington no more.

He then told Washington: ***"I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle...I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle."***