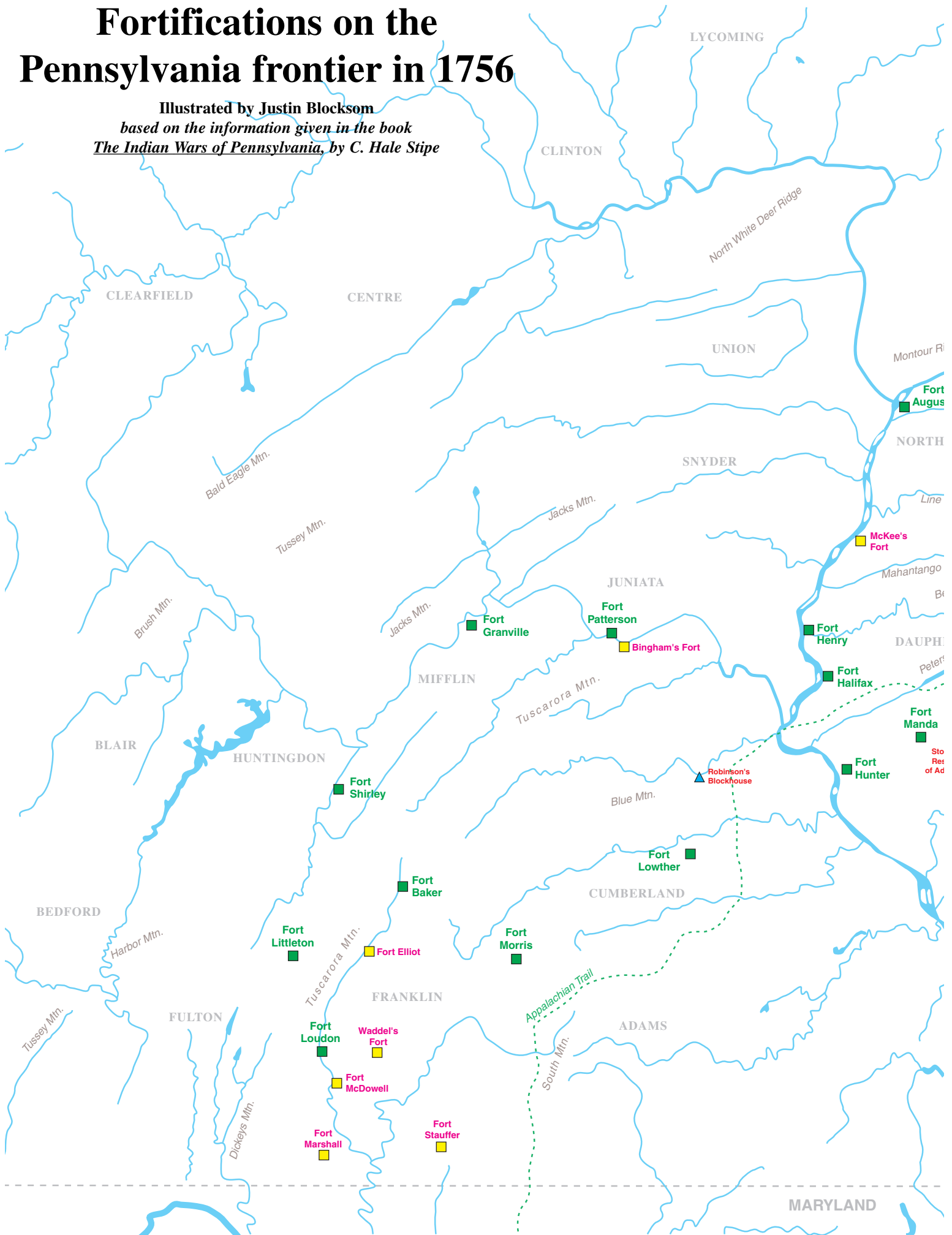
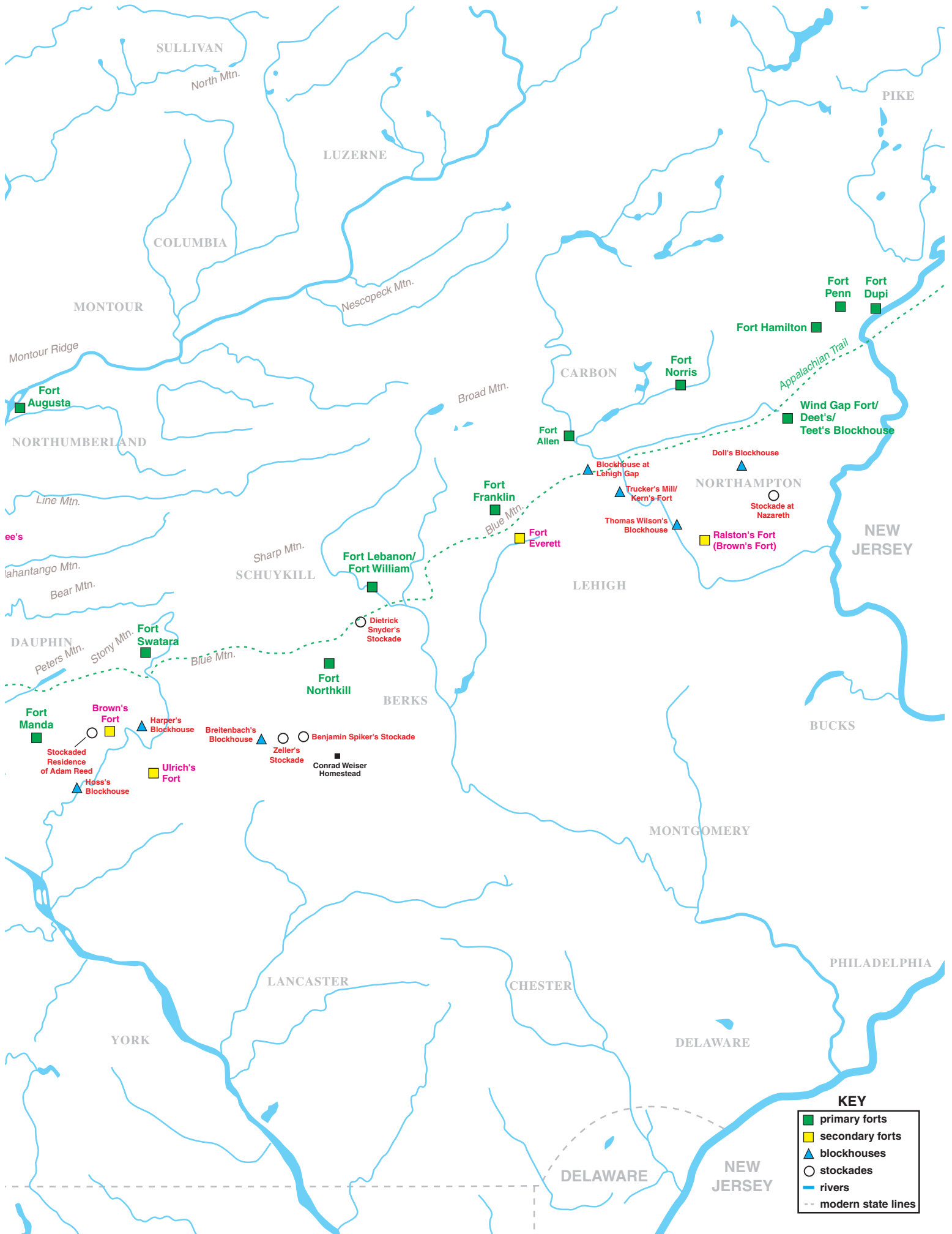


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Primary Forts (west to east)

Fort Loudon - near present day Markes
Fort Lyttleton - at sugar cabins in the northeastern part of Fulton county
Fort Morris - near present day Shippensburg
Fort Baker - near present day Dry Run
Fort Shirley - near present day Shirleysburg
Fort Lowther - near present day Carlisle
Fort Granville - near present day Lewiston
Fort Patterson - near present day Mexico
Fort Augusta - near present day Sunbury
Fort Henry - near present day Millersburg, sometimes called "Busse's Fort" from it's commanding officer, and also the "Fort at Dietrick Six's"
Fort Halifax - near present day Halifax
Fort Hunter - on the east bank of the Susquehanna River, at the mouth of Fishing Creek
Fort Manda - at Manda Gap, Dauphin County
Fort Swatara - at Swatara Gap or Tolihaio Gap, Lebanon County
Fort Northkill - near present day Strausstown
Fort Lebanon/Fort William - near present day Auburn
Fort Franklin - near present day Snydersville
Fort Allen - near present day Lehigh
Fort Norris - near present day Kresgeville
Wind Gap Fort/Deet's (or Teet's) Blockhouse - near present day Wind Gap
Fort Hamilton - near present day Straudsburg
Fort Penn - near present day East Straudsburg
Fort Dupi - near present day Shawnee

Secondary Forts (west to east)

Fort Marshall - near present day Claylick
Fort Stauffer - near present day Shady Grove (Limestone walls are still standing)
Fort McDowell - near present day Markes
Waddell's Fort - near present day St. Thomas
Fort Elliott - near present day Springtown, about a mile north of Fayetteburg
Bingham's Fort - near present day Tuscarora
McKee's Fort - on the east shore of the Susquehanna, in the southern part of Northumberland County
Brown's Fort - near present day East Hanover
Ulrich's Fort - near present day Annville
Fort Everett - near present day Lynnport
Ralston's Fort (Brown's Fort) - listed as being in the "Irish settlement" in Northampton County

Stockades/Blockhouses (west to east)

Robinson's Blockhouse - near present day Sherman's Dale
Hoss's Blockhouse - near present day Union
Stockaded Residence of Adam Reed - near present day East Hanover
Harper's Blockhouse - near present day Harper Tavern
Breitenbach's Blockhouse - near present day Myerstown
Zeller's Stockade - near present day Millersville
Benjamin Spykens Stockade - near present day Millersville
Dietrick Snyders Stockade - erected around his residence in Berks County, on the road leading from the vicinity of Fort Northkill
Blockhouse at Lehigh Gap - near present day Lehigh Gap
Trucker's Mill/Kern's Fort - near present day Slatington
Thomas Wilson's Blockhouse - near present day Northampton
Doll's Blockhouse - near present day Moorestown
Stockade at Nazereth - near present day Nazereth

"A final word as to the distinction between the various places of defense and refuge. Reference is made in all chronicles dating with the boarder wars in Pennsylvania to "forts", "blockhouses", and "stations". A "fort", especially the forts erected by the Colony of Pennsylvania, was a strong place of defense and refuge, stockaded and embracing cabins for the accommodation of the garrison and of families who sought refuge there. A "station" was a parallelogram of cabins so united by palisades as to present a continued wall on the outer side. A "blockhouse" was a strong, square, two-storied structure, having the upper story projecting over the lower about two feet, so that the inhabitants could shoot from above upon the Indians attempting to fire the building, to burst open the door or to climb it's walls. Many stations & blockhouses were erected by the harassed settlers at their own expense and by their own labors."