ISRAEL PUTNAM WOLF DEN
Pomfret, CT

HRC Photo, 10/84
Negative filed with Conn.
Hist. Comm., Hartford

Entrance to wolf den, view north

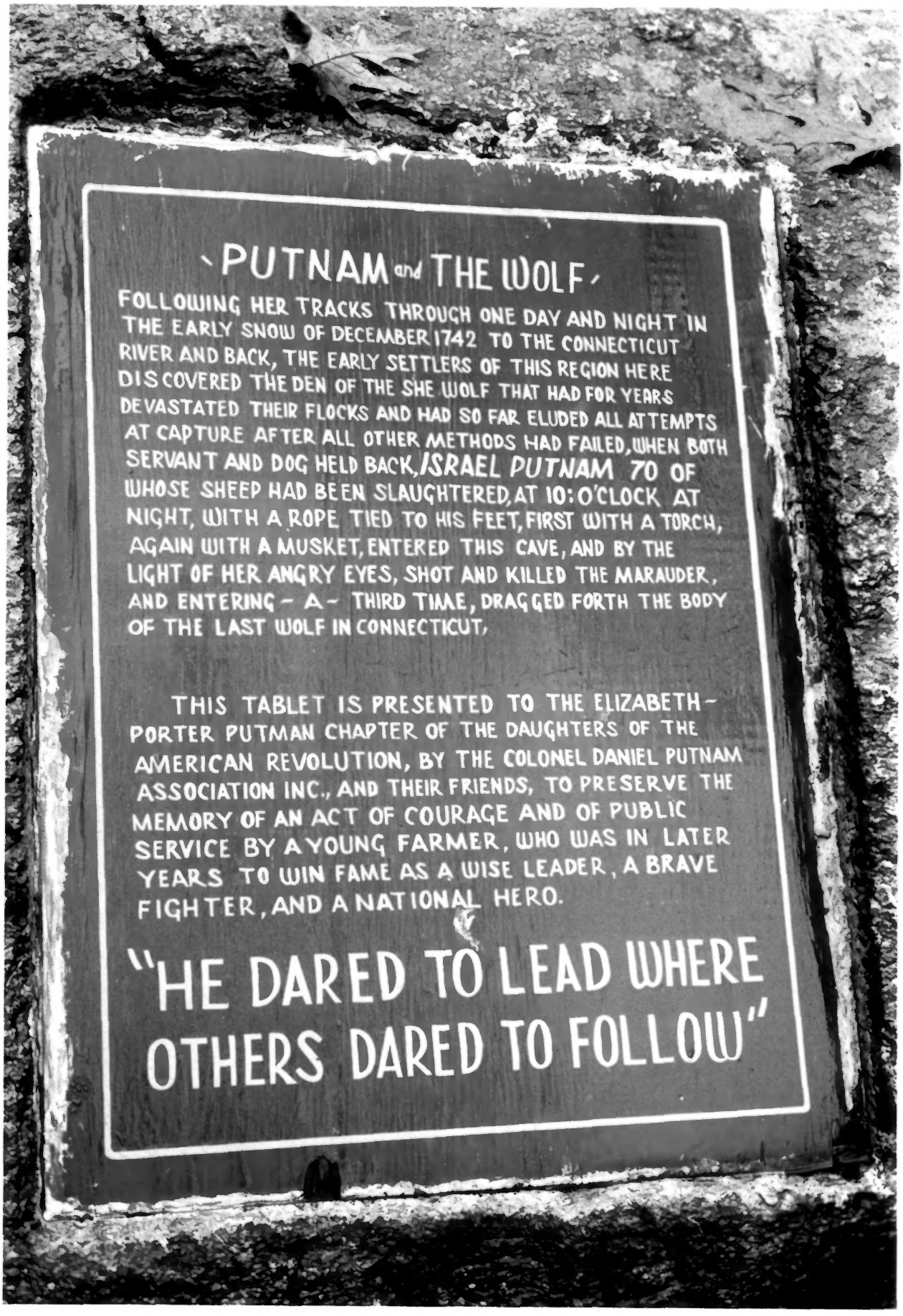
1

ISRAEL PUTNAM WOLF DEN
Pomfret, CT

HRC Photo, 10/84
Negative filed with Conn.
Hist. Comm., Hartford

Interior, view north

2


PUTNAM and THE WOLF
FOLLOWING HER TRACKS THROUGH ONE DAY AND NIGHT IN THE EARLY SNOW OF DECEMBER 1742 TO THE CONNECTICUT RIVER AND BACK, THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS REGION HERE DISCOVERED THE DEN OF THE SHE WOLF THAT HAD FOR YEARS DEVASTATED THEIR FLOCKS AND HAD SO FAR ELUDED ALL ATTEMPTS AT CAPTURE AFTER ALL OTHER METHODS HAD FAILED, WHEN BOTH SERVANT AND DOG HELD BACK, ISRAEL PUTNAM 70 OF WHOSE SHEEP HAD BEEN SLAUGHTERED, AT 10:0'CLOCK AT NIGHT, WITH A ROPE TIED TO HIS FEET, FIRST WITH A TORCH, AGAIN WITH A MUSKET, ENTERED THIS CAVE, AND BY THE LIGHT OF HER ANGRY EYES, SHOT AND KILLED THE MARAUDER, AND ENTERING - A - THIRD TIME, DRAGGED FORTH THE BODY OF THE LAST WOLF IN CONNECTICUT,
THIS TABLET IS PRESENTED TO THE ELIZABETH-PORTER PUTMAN CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, BY THE COLONEL DANIEL PUTNAM ASSOCIATION INC., AND THEIR FRIENDS, TO PRESERVE THE MEMORY OF AN ACT OF COURAGE AND OF PUBLIC SERVICE BY A YOUNG FARMER, WHO WAS IN LATER YEARS TO WIN FAME AS A WISE LEADER, A BRAVE FIGHTER, AND A NATIONAL HERO.
"HE DARED TO LEAD WHERE OTHERS DARED TO FOLLOW"

ISRAEL PUTNAM WOLF DEN
Pomfret, CT

HRC Photo, 10/84
Negative filed with Conn.
Hist. Comm., Hartford

Plaque on boulder, on right of
entrance, view north

3

ISRAEL PUTNAM WOLF DEN
Pomfret, CT

HRC Photo, 10/84
Negative filed with Conn.
Hist. Comm., Hartford

Engraving from Barber's
Connecticut Historical
Collections (1838) # 4