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HISTORY MATTERS

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Message from the President...

We all need guardian angels in our lives. Recently, I had three guardian angels who very likely saved mine. On this occasion, Jennifer Boren, Kim Zane, and Jackie Angel were those angels.

A little over a month ago, while I was home alone, I had a stroke. I fell down my stairs, ended up on the floor, and couldn't get up. My phone wasn't nearby and the battery eventually died. My memory of the situation is hazy at best, but I've been told what happened next.



Jennifer had called me on Saturday morning. When the call went to voicemail, she left a message asking me to return her call. By Sunday morning, when I hadn't called back, she called again and left another message. On Monday morning, when she still hadn't heard from me, she called one last time. When it went to voicemail again, she hung up and called Jackie. She told her, "This doesn't feel right. Pat *always* calls back. I'm very concerned something's not right." Jennifer had a hunch, a feeling, that something was wrong.

Jackie offered to go to my house, but knew it would take her at least forty-five minutes to get there, and she didn't have a key in case she couldn't get in. Jennifer wasn't close by either. Then Jackie remembered something I had told her before—that Kim Zane had checked on me in the past and how appreciative I'd been. Jackie suggested that Jennifer call Kim, who works in Alpharetta and could get there much faster than either of them.

Jennifer hung up and immediately called Kim, who came right over. When there was no answer at my door, Kim looked through a window and saw me on the floor. Thankfully, I had given Kim my garage code previously, so she was able to get into the house. She called 911, accompanied the ambulance to the hospital, and after charging my phone was also able to get in touch with my son, Kirk.

If not for Jennifer acting on her gut instinct, Jackie's good memory, and Kim's quick action, I would have been on that floor much longer and might not be able to be sending this message today. They truly were my guardian angels that weekend.

As for the stroke, it has affected the entire left side of my body. There are things I've always known how to do that I no longer can—like walk. I'm so thankful for all the visits, texts, calls, goodies, and flowers I've received, but please forgive me if you don't get a handwritten thank-you note. I can't write. But I do receive daily therapy—three types, actually: physical, occupational, and speech.

My sister, Jerri, and my son, Kirk, have been with me constantly. Kirk has been wonderful. I'm sure the nurses will be nominating him for "Son of the Year" any day now!

As a longtime member of multiple historical societies, I've spent most of my adult life taking care of old things. I never really thought that one day I might be one of those old things myself. But my spirits are high, and I've been deeply inspired by how many people have reached out to me. When I moved to North Fulton, I knew I had found "my tribe." The kindness that has been shown to me has certainly confirmed that.

We all need guardian angels. And we all need to remember to *be* a guardian angel. We all need people to help us, and we all need to be the ones giving help when it's needed. We all need a Kim, a Jennifer, and a Jackie in our lives.

Pat

~Pat Miller

*Editor's note: If you'd like to send Pat a card, please email (Jackie) at miltonangel100@gmail.com for Pat's mailing address.

Upcoming Membership Programs

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. One of the ways the Historical Society is celebrating is through our monthly programs. We're teaming up with the Milton Historical Society and the Milton Public Library to host programs around the 250th anniversary theme. Meetings will alternate between the Mansell House and the Milton Public Library.

Tuesday 4/14/26, 6:30-7:30pm, Milton Public Library: *The American Revolution: A Watershed for Women?*
Dr. Mary Cain, Associate Professor of History, Agnes Scott College, Presenter

Thursday 5/21/26, 6:30-7:30pm, The Mansell House: *General George Washington: A Brief Study in Command*
Col. Curtis Boren, U.S. Army, Retired and Social Security Administrative Law Judge, Retired
Presenter

Sunday, 6/7/26: Annual membership picnic and AOMCHS Board/Officers installation at the historic Mansell House

Happy Birthday!

APRIL

4/4 Bill Haynie
4/4 Jean Marks
4/6 Brenda Reavis
4/7 Joseph Roddy
4/10 Jennifer Boren

MAY

5/1 Lynne Latham
5/3 Josephine Dufresne
5/9 Jane Mashburn
5/12 Linda Meyers
5/14 Doyle Tatum
5/15 Linda Stovall
5/19 LaVerne Hilder
5/19 Laura Keck
5/22 Jerry Keck

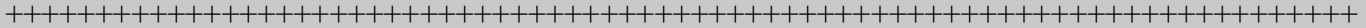
JUNE

6/8 Earle Cadwell
6/11 Nelda Berry
6/17 Linda Martin
6/21 Bonnie Steadman
6/30 MaryJo Malowney

Welcome New Members

Angie Archer
Cheryl Hanley
Savannah Troncoso

We love new members! Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join. A membership form can be found at www.aomchs.org



Out and About in Alpharetta with Ben Hollingsworth

I'm on the Board of Arts Alpharetta, a non-profit group that is an agent for the City of Alpharetta. We arrange exhibitions at the Arts Center, provide art supplies for underserved students, curate public artworks, and other things related to the Arts. There is free, public art all around Alpharetta. My "Out and About" question last quarter was:



Can someone tell me where the piece of sculpture seen at left is located?
Send me the location and you are a winner!

No one answered my question last quarter. This sculpture is titled *Tangent Circles* by Mary Ruden. It's part of the city of Alpharetta's public art. It can be seen behind City Hall and the Alpharetta-Fulton Public Library close to Haynes Bridge Road.



This quarter's question: *Our American Legion Post is 201.*
Where does the number "201" come from?



Send your answer to Ben at bhollyart@comcast.net
Let's hear from a lot of you!

~Ben Hollingsworth

From the Archives

Archives Department Hours

Tuesday/Thursday: 10:30AM - 2:30PM

Kim Woods, our Archives staff member, is on extended leave due to a back injury and surgery. During this time, we're asking that all visits and requests for research assistance be by appointment only. We are happy to assist with research, based on our availability. We can be contacted at:

aomchsarchives@gmail.com

Phone #: 770-231-7158



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Archives Volunteers Needed

We are down to one part-time volunteer in addition to board member and archivist Marie Andersson, who volunteers when she has availability on weekends.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am-2:30 pm (or just one of those days) please let us know. We are grateful for any who can join us.

We have a lot of fun AND do important work preserving our community's past.

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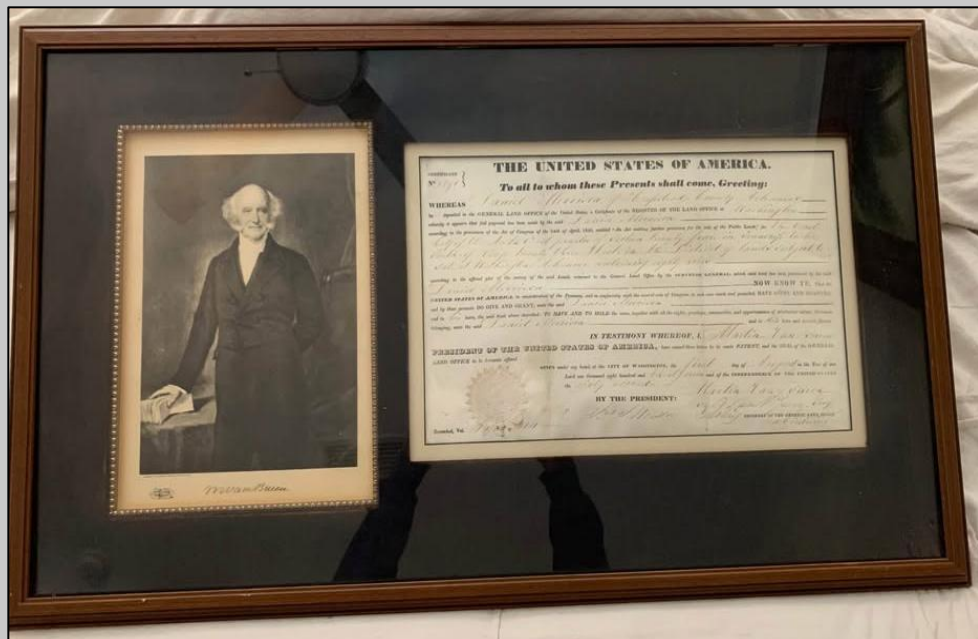
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President Martin Van Buren Signature Signed 1838 Land Grant

I have had this unique document in my collection for several years. It was originally given to my father by a client who, unable to pay in cash, offered this land grant instead. In memory of our past president Ed Malowney—fondly remembered as our Society's “land, lot, and title expert”—it seemed like the right time to donate it to the Historical Society.

I don't know its exact value or authenticity, although I have seen similar pieces advertised for around \$750. I'm hopeful that our archivists will have the opportunity to research it and shed more light on its history.

~Shack Lewis



Donated to the AOMCHS Archives by Shack Lewis

Looking Back with Historian Connie Mashburn

Airport Scare in North Fulton?



In January 1970, residents of North Fulton received news that threatened to change their communities forever. Sam Massell, then mayor of Atlanta, publicly announced that the city intended to construct a second major airport. Two locations were under consideration: McDonough and North Fulton County.

For those living in what was then rural northern Alpharetta and the area that would later become the city of Milton, the implications were staggering. Plans indicated that the proposed site would cover large portions of northern Alpharetta and surrounding farmland. One runway alone was projected to cross Freemanville, Summit, Brittle, Bethany, and Hopewell roads, cutting through quiet neighborhoods and long-established family properties.

Within days of the announcement, Mayor Massell stated that he, Atlanta's city Aldermen, and the airlines had selected North Fulton as the preferred site. What

might have seemed to city planners like a practical decision immediately ignited concern among local residents. For north Fulton residents, the issue was not simply about noise or traffic, it was about preserving the rural character, property rights, and way of life that defined their communities.

Opposition formed quickly and with remarkable organization. Highly respected attorney Alford Wall was hired to help coordinate the effort. A planning meeting at the Roswell gymnasium drew nearly seven hundred residents in an extraordinary turnout that signaled both concern and resolve. Committees were established on the spot and campaigns began immediately. Letters and telephone calls poured into the offices of elected officials and civic leaders.

The movement gained traction. Members of the Fulton County Commission joined the opposition, as did several legislators in the Georgia General Assembly. Anti-airport rallies were held in churches and community centers across north Fulton. "No Airport in North Fulton!" signs lined



roadways and bumper stickers carried the message far beyond the immediate area. What had begun as a defensive reaction evolved into a disciplined county wide citizens' campaign.

After several months of mounting resistance, the city of Atlanta withdrew North Fulton from consideration, citing higher projected costs associated with developing the site. While financial factors were presented as the determining issue, many North Fulton residents believed those cost concerns had existed from the beginning. In their view, the decisive factor was sustained and unified citizen action.

The issue left a lasting imprint on North Fulton's community identity. It demonstrated that even in the face of decisions made by a major metropolitan government, organized local communities could influence the outcome. The airport proposal of 1970 is remembered not merely as a planning dispute, but as a defining moment when North Fulton residents, working together, asserted their voice and preserved the character of the place they called home.

~Connie Mashburn

America 250 Celebration


 Celebrating America 250!
 American History Author panel and book signing
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Dr. Greg Brooking, PhD and Perrie Patterson



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Celebrate America's 250th birthday with an unforgettable afternoon honoring our nation's rich history and enduring spirit. Hosted by The Daughters of the American Revolution and Poe and Company Bookstore.

Join us for a special author panel featuring five acclaimed writers:

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Together, the authors will explore the stories, struggles, and triumphs that shaped America's journey over the past 250 years.

The afternoon will also feature special guests, Mayor **Peyton Jamison** and panel moderator **Dr. Greg Brooking**, who will guide an engaging and thought-provoking discussion.

Supported by five outstanding sponsors: *Milton Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society, and Total Joint Specialists.*

Guests will enjoy patriotic coffee sampling and wine tasting as we come together in celebration of America's past, present, and future. It's an afternoon of history, conversation, and community you won't want to miss!

Ticket Options (use QR code above--point your camera at the code then click the browser link to be taken to the ticketing website):

Adult: \$10

Children (under 12): free

Member Spotlight – Earle Cadwell

This quarter, we spotlight Earle Cadwell, a valued member of the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society, who brings with him a lifelong appreciation for history, craftsmanship, and the stories behind everyday objects.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Garden City on Long Island, Earle grew up around boating and sailing. He hoped to make a career in the boating industry but quickly found out the economic realities of making your hobby your source of income. A neighbor working in insurance suggested he explore marine insurance instead. That suggestion led to a remarkably long and successful career.

Earle graduated from the University of Michigan in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and soon began his professional career with Chubb Insurance. Over the course of a 46-year career, he has specialized as an underwriter in marine insurance, focusing particularly on the coverage of cargo—goods transported around the world. Earle began his career working in Manhattan before transferring to Atlanta in 1984, where he has remained ever since.

While still living in New York, Earle met his wife, Margy. The couple has been married for 42 years and are proud parents of a son. Their growing family now includes a two-year-old granddaughter, with another granddaughter expected in September.

Earle is an active member of Faith Community Church in Woodstock, where he serves on the greeting team.

Earle enjoys maintaining his home and yard—though he admits he is beginning to scale back some of that work as he approaches 70. His hobbies reflect a deep appreciation for the past. Many society members will recognize his passion for historical artifacts from his engaging presentations on oil lamps and antique tools. Earle has developed a keen interest in objects from earlier eras and maintains a collection of historical items. Though he acknowledges he already has more than he needs, he still keeps an eye out for interesting artifacts with stories to tell. He’s also looking forward to getting back to other interests in retirement when time permits.



Earle first discovered the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society somewhat by chance. One day, while on his way to work, he stopped at the Log Cabin to browse at our rummage sale. There he met longtime member Pat Miller and several others, and the welcoming atmosphere convinced him that it was an organization where he could both contribute and connect with others who share an appreciation for local history.

Since joining, Earle has enjoyed getting to know fellow members and participating in society events. He believes strongly in the importance of preserving the history of the places we live, especially in a community experiencing rapid growth and development such as Alpharetta. Looking ahead, he is eager to remain involved with the Society and looks forward to the additional time retirement will bring—though he expects his grandchildren will soon take center stage in that next chapter.

~Jackie Angel

Cemetery News

Alpharetta's Revolutionary War Soldier: John T. Maxwell



Alpharetta's only known Revolutionary War soldier is John T. Maxwell (1763-1840). He is buried in the Maxwell cemetery on Westside Parkway next to Fire Station #83.

His family lived in Virginia when he enlisted at age 14. He was a Private in the Culpeper County Militia of Virginia. His father, Thomas Maxwell Jr. (1742-1837), also served in the war.

Shortly after John enlisted, the Maxwell family moved to Elbert County, located on the northeast edge of the Georgia Colony, which at the time was Cherokee Indian territory.

In 1792, after the war, John married Agatha Agnes Henry (1770-1851) in Virginia and moved to Elbert County to be closer to his family. He reportedly received land, now known as Alpharetta, for his military service. He and Agatha had 9 children, settled here, and became founding pioneers. John donated the land for the Maxwell cemetery and was the first person buried there.

John Maxwell passed away in 1840 at the age of 77. The Sons of the American Revolution, Piedmont Chapter, originally marked the grave on August 10, 1996. Unfortunately, this marker was stolen. However, on April 12, 2003, there was a rededication ceremony with some of John's descendants in attendance, and the grave marker was replaced.

References: July 16, 2024 Appen Media article "The Maxwell Family, early North Fulton Pioneers" by Bob Meyers, and Find a Grave website

Did you know? In 2025, our AOMCHS Board members contributed 2,516 volunteer hours to the community on various projects such as maintaining three historic homes and the Log Cabin, serving as docents at the Alpharetta History Museum, working on several Bailey-Johnson projects, providing stimulating monthly programs for our members, participating in Wreaths Across America, providing research on request from our Archives, and much more on our mission to "preserve the past, in the present, for the future."



~Lynna Lee
AOMCHS Cemetery Chair

We Need You!

The Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society is seeking volunteers to serve on our Board in several key roles: **Trustee, Vice President, and Membership Chair.**

There are other positions also on committees / teams open to volunteers with specific interests and skills (ex. IT, marketing, fundraising, archiving, researching, property management, and other areas.)

If you can contribute to any of these areas, **WE NEED YOU!**

These positions are vital to our mission which will help us continue preserving and sharing our community's history. If you have an interest in local history and are looking for a way to volunteer for your community, we'd love to have you on our team!

For more information or to express interest, please contact our acting President Shack Lewis at shack@LewisGroupHomes.com

Member Programs Winter Recap

January 2026

John and Abigail Adams: A Revolutionary Power Couple

Presenter: Dr. Marianne Holdzkom, Professor of History, Kennesaw State University

On January 13, 2026, as the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society began its year-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the community gathered for an exciting beginning to the Alpharetta/Milton America 250 Lecture Series.

Todd Williamson, Library Manager at the Milton Public Library, welcomed 73 attendees to the opening program, co-sponsored by the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society and the Milton Historical Society. Pat Miller, President of AOMCHS, and Carl Jackson of the Milton Historical Society, also greeted the crowd before introducing the first speaker in the series, Dr. Marianne Holdzkom, professor of history at Kennesaw State University. Dr. Holdzkom's lecture, "John and Abigail Adams: A Revolutionary Power Couple," set the tone for an engaging commemorative year.



Dr. Holdzkom brought to life the remarkable partnership between John Adams and Abigail Adams, two pivotal figures of the American Revolution whose marriage, correspondence, and shared convictions helped shape the founding era.

Both born in Massachusetts, John and Abigail met in the summer of 1759. It was not love at first sight, but as Dr. Holdzkom noted, “things changed.” What followed was one of the most intellectually and emotionally revealing correspondences in American history. Historians are aware of approximately 1,100 letters exchanged between the couple. John first addressed her as “Miss Adorable,” and they later adopted the nicknames “Lysander” and “Diana” for each other. From the start, John admired Abigail’s intellect—she was an avid reader who could discuss books and ideas with an intellectualism equal to him.



They married in 1764, the same year Parliament passed the Sugar Act—the first act of taxation without representation. Their early years of marriage unfolded alongside the early years of revolution. As a lawyer, John often “rode the circuit,” leaving Abigail to manage the household and parent their six children—four of whom survived to adulthood. Their separations grew longer in 1774 when John attended the Continental Congresses, resulting in the extraordinary volume of letters that today provide insight into their private thoughts and convictions.

The couple never owned slaves, a notable stance in their era. Even in the darkest days of the Revolution, at least one letter revealed hope. On July 3, 1776, after the resolution on independence was adopted 12–0 (with New York abstaining), John wrote to Abigail, “Through the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory.”

While John was often away from home, Abigail remained behind to manage the family farm—often demonstrating stronger financial skills than her husband. Later, when John was appointed the first American ambassador to Great Britain, Abigail became not merely the “ambassador’s wife,” but his trusted advisor and confidante.

Upon their return home, the newly ratified Constitution had reshaped the nation’s government. John was named the first Vice President of the United States, a position he famously disliked, remarking that he felt he could accomplish nothing in the role. In 1796, he was elected the second President of the United States. In 1800, the Adamses became the first residents of the White House—then known as the President’s House or Executive Mansion.

Abigail’s voice remains one of the most powerful from the founding generation. In a March 31, 1776 letter, she urged her husband to “Remember the ladies. Be more favorable to them than your ancestors,” and also, “Remember, all men would be tyrants, if they could.” That she spoke so boldly was extraordinary for a woman of the 18th century, when wives rarely addressed their husbands in such direct terms.

Abigail died in 1818 of typhoid fever. In his grief, John wrote, “I wish I could lie down beside her and die too.” In an unusual act for her time, Abigail left a will directing that her “nest egg”—money and jewelry of her own—be distributed to her daughters and granddaughter. At that time, women rarely had money considered their own. John Adams died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Dr. Holdzkom’s lecture explored not only the public achievements of John and Abigail Adams, but the extraordinary partnership that sustained them. Their enduring marriage, political influence, and powerful correspondence provide rare and invaluable insight into the founding of our nation.

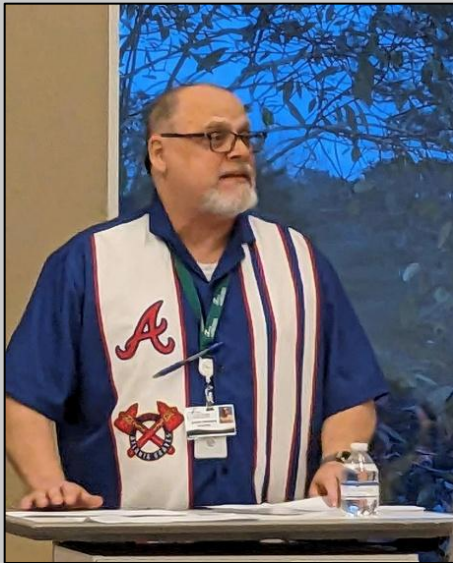
The night was a compelling beginning to the Alpharetta/Milton America 250 Lecture Series, reminding all in attendance that the story of American independence is not only one of battles and declarations, but also of ideas, partnership, sacrifice, and unwavering conviction.

~Jackie Angel

February 2026

Georgia and the Revolution

Presenter: Dr. Greg Brooking, History Teacher, N. Springs High School



On February 10, 2026, the Alpharetta and Old Milton County Historical Society, in cooperation with the Milton Historical Society, continued its America 250 Lecture Series with a second program at the Milton Public Library. Approximately 80 attendees gathered to hear Dr. Greg Brooking, author and history teacher at North Springs High School in Sandy Springs, explore Georgia’s role in the Revolutionary era.

In his lecture, Dr. Brooking examined Georgia’s political divisions, military vulnerabilities, and frontier realities, offering a perspective on how the Revolution unfolded in the southernmost colony. In 1776, Georgia was the youngest and most remote of the thirteen colonies. Sparsely populated and geographically isolated, it nevertheless faced the same rising calls for liberty and self-determination reverberating throughout the colonies.

Quoting John Adams, Dr. Brooking noted that the colonial population before the Revolution could be loosely described as “one-third Patriots, one-third Loyalists, and one-third those who simply wanted to be left alone.” That final group—those wary of political upheaval and more concerned with survival on the frontier—was particularly significant in Georgia. However, Georgia had one of the strongest Loyalist presences in the colonies, rivaled primarily by New York.

In the 1770s, most of Georgia’s population lived along the coast, particularly in and around Savannah. Augusta was considered the “backcountry,” and vast stretches of land remained unsettled. With limited infrastructure and few defensive resources, the colony was vulnerable. Royal Governor James Wright frequently expressed concern about frontier tensions with Native American tribes and warned British authorities of Georgia’s precarious position.

Georgia was one of the last colonies to break formally with Great Britain. Yet revolutionary sentiment had been building steadily. A full twelve months before the Revolution, Patriot leaders had begun to assume control of local governance, even before independence was declared. In January 1776, amid mounting unrest, Governor Wright was arrested by Patriot forces, effectively ending royal authority in Georgia.

Dr. Brooking emphasized that Georgia’s Revolutionary experience differed markedly from that of New England. The war in Georgia was often a brutal civil conflict between neighbors—Patriot and Loyalist—fought across farms, coastal towns, and frontier settlements. The colony’s divided loyalties, sparse population, and exposed frontier made the struggle especially complex.

The lecture provided attendees with a deeper understanding of Georgia’s strategic importance and internal challenges during the Revolution. Dr. Brooking reminded us that the story of independence was not uniform across the colonies. On the southern frontier, the path to liberty was shaped by geography, divided loyalties, and the difficult realities of life in a young and developing colony.

~Jackie Angel

March 2026

American Revolution: Women and Folklore

Presenter: Dr. Heather Hollimon, Ph.D, Department of Political Science, Brenau University



The America 250 lecture series continued on March 10th at the Milton Public Library with a lecture on women and folklore during the American Revolution. Dr. Heather Hollimon of Brenau University explored the vital role of women in American folklore and the nation’s founding story. She highlighted legendary figures such as Molly Pitcher and Betsy Ross, examining how their stories emerged, what they reveal about women’s contributions during the Revolutionary era, and how folklore has shaped our understanding of American Revolutionary history. She invited the community to reflect on the intersection of myth, memory, and women’s lived experiences in America’s early years.

Re-enactors from the Robert Forsyth Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution attended the lectures at the library.

Photo courtesy of Jackie Angel



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story Map.

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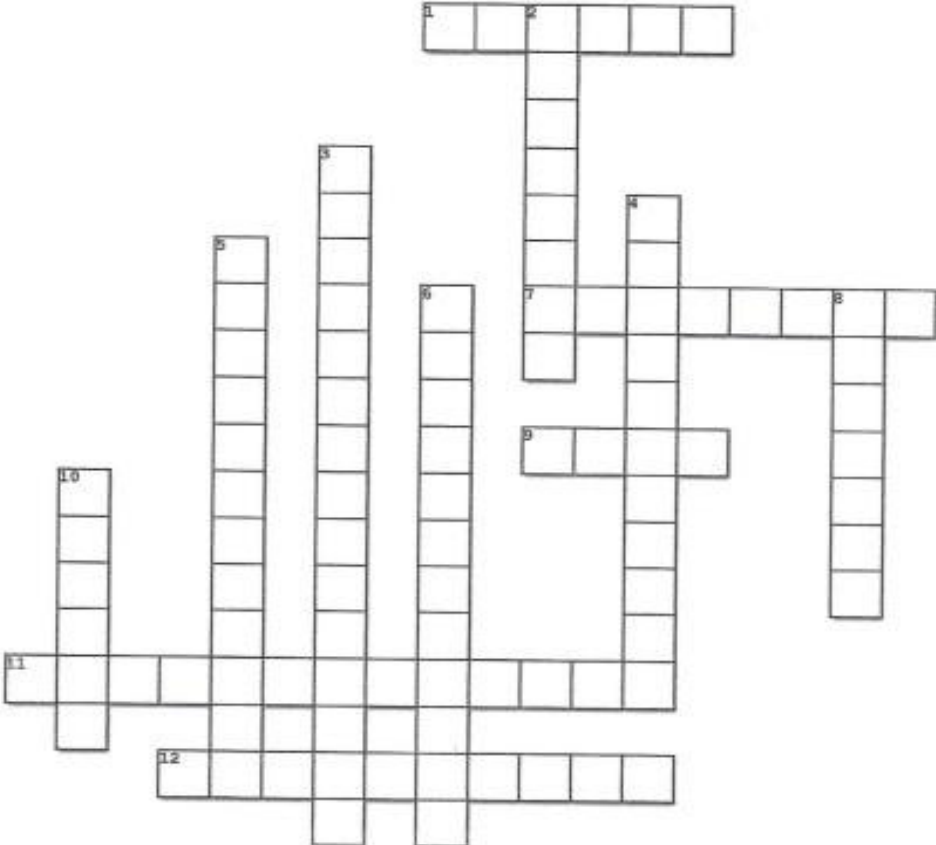
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FUN and GAMES with Shack

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! Using the picture clues on the following page, fill out the puzzle below. The solution will be in our next issue with the winner listed. First person to send the solution to Shack wins a prize (yet to be determined!) If you can't get ALL the answers, send in what you can complete. It's challenging! The person with the most correct answers will win. 😊 Send your puzzle solution to Shack at shack@LewisGroupHomes.com

Historic Objects
Complete the crossword puzzle below



Across

1. picture #5
7. picture #3
9. picture #11
11. picture #7
12. picture #1

Down

2. picture #2
3. picture #12
4. picture #4
5. picture #10
6. picture #8
8. picture #9
10. picture #6

**Picture clues of the historic objects on the following page.*

Print this page to complete by hand. You can scan or take a picture of your puzzle with answers to send to Shack.

What are each of these items? Put your answers in the crossword puzzle.

Historic Objects Crossword Puzzle Clues

Picture #1 / 12. Across



Picture #2 / 2. Down



Picture #3 / 7. Across



Picture #4 / 4. Down



Picture #5 / 1. Across



Picture #6 / 10. Down



Picture #7 / 11. Across



Picture #8 / 6. Down



Picture #9 / 8. Down



Picture #10 / 5. Down



Picture #11 / 9. Across



Picture #12 / 3. Down





The city of Alpharetta Cultural Services Department has a wealth of information about local history. Be sure to check it out!

- Historical Online Tour Story Map of Alpharetta History – take a look at Alpharetta’s History and Historical Markers through an online interactive story map at:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/f37f45610ba94828a4029e81f3e92462>
- Much more Alpharetta history can be found at:
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services/alpharetta-history>
- The Cultural Services Department and AOMCHS are looking to add to the Story Map tour and are looking for help gathering any information on the following. Anything that the public has to share would be greatly appreciated. The locations are:
 - Pineview Cemetery
 - The Spence House
 - Old Milton courthouse
 - Any other historical information or photos about any/all of the sites listed on the online tour (see link above) would be greatly appreciated.

If you have information on any of the above to share, please email shack@LewisGroupHomes.com

Classes at the Log Cabin

Class registration can be found here: <https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/publications/recreation-parks-activity-guides>

CAMP CREATIVE at the FFA Log Cabin (Full Day Camps)

CAMP CREATIVE | AGES 7–12

Kids can explore their creative side in this full day art camp at the charming and historic FFA Log Cabin. Cost includes optional Early Drop-Off and Extended Care Pick-Up.

Full day camps include:

8am-9am: Early Drop off

4:30pm – 6pm. Extended care pick-up (Check class activity online for refund policy)

Location: FFA Log Cabin, 200 Milton Avenue

Session 1: Jun 1–5 M–F 9am–4:30pm \$200/300NR \$100 fee #36867

AM Class: NATURE’S ART CAMP with Ashley King

PM Class: ANCIENT LATIN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION ART with Shreya Saha

Session 2: Jun 8–12 M–F 9am–4:30pm \$200/300NR \$100 fee #36868
AM Class: PAPER PLAYGROUND with Greg Stone
PM Class: ART JOURNALING with Libby Dunkin

Session 3: Jun 15–19 M–F 9am–4:30pm \$200/300NR \$100 fee #36869
AM Class: WILD INSPIRATIONS: ART IN THE OUTDOORS with Sonia Emore
PM Class: POETRY PLAY LAB: NATURE HAIKUS AND MORE with Sabrina Cleary

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Location: FFA Log Cabin, 200 Milton Avenue

May 26–29 Tu–F 9am–12pm \$225/337.50NR #36821

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Location: FFA Log Cabin, 200 Milton Avenue

Jun 22–26 M–F 9am–12pm \$265/397.50NR #36820



MEMBERSHIP DUES

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AOMCHS Treasurer/Kim Roddy
Mansell House
1835 Old Milton Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30009

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