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GPB series being filmed at historical sites

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A film crew has been in Washington’s historical museum filming scenes for an upcoming Georgia Public Broadcasting series on little known stories and people and how rural churches affected their lives.

“*Saving Grace* is about how vital rural churches were to life,” Stephanie Macchia, curator of the Washington Historical Museum said, “and to tell little-known stories like the story of Amanda America Dickson, the daughter of a Hancock County plantation owner and his servant, who was raised and educated as the owner’s own child. He left his huge fortune to Amanda, and when it went to court, white men agreed with the will and she became a very wealthy woman. They found that little-known story here.”

The PBS series debuts this fall, said Brad McColl, CEO of Vizual Methods Productions. “*Saving Grace* tells Georgia history through the eyes of her rural churches, and it grew out of the Historical Rural Churches of Georgia group, which has just come out with a book that goes with this PBS series, telling the stories of lesser-known people and how the churches were so closely tied with rural life.”

One of the stories the series will focus on is that of Sharon’s Locust Grove Catholic Church. “Our portrayal of a Catholic pioneer family traveling from Maryland to Georgia in the late 1700s to settle in the area around what is now Sharon, Georgia. These were the

very first Catholics to settle in Georgia, and we are humbled to bring this moving story to life through *Saving Grace the Show* and Georgia Public Broadcasting,” McColl said.

The production company also focused on other churches. In Darien, Georgia, Saint Cyprian’s Episcopal was built in 1876 by former slaves from the Butler rice plantation, while Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church is located on the banks of the Savannah River about 30 miles above Savannah

At each, costumed re-enactors play important roles in the dramatic action that tells each story, while carefully chosen actors perform speaking roles in each episode. “We couldn’t have done this without the re-enactors,” McColl said.

The possibilities of future use of local historic sites are endless, Macchia said. “He’s quite taken with Washington. He said Washington has everything they need. They’d like to come back in October to work at Callaway Plantation for a month to do the story of Job

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Callaway, how he came down from North Carolina and got his land from his Revolutionary War service, and how he had to cut trees down to build his cabin. So they're working with the city on that."

In addition, Macchia said that when cadaver dogs return this fall to search for more graves of soldiers who died at Kettle Creek in 1779, McColl expressed interest in filming the dogs in action. "This relationship is full of possibilities, and we really look forward to what we can do together."

Other possibilities include filming the costumed re-enactors who bring history alive at the Mule Day Southern Historical Festival. "We have a number of opportunities to work with him in this series, and we're really excited to get Washington and Wilkes County on the screen with such a great production company."

New W-W display welcomes visitors



A new display featuring the historic sights of Washington-Wilkes went up over Labor Day weekend in the Interstate 20 Augusta/South Carolina Welcome Center. Chamber and tourism's John Singleton and Tommy Davis of Boxwood Cottage Mercantile Designs put together the display, which prominently features all three of Washington's museums, the Battle of Kettle Creek, and many of the area's dining and shopping

destinations that visitors will find in Washington-Wilkes. "In addition, we feature our upcoming events including Mule Day, Resthaven Revisited, and the Christmas Tour and Dinner," Singleton said. The centerpiece, he added, was Deborah Rainey's replica of the Tupper Barnett home. "Hundreds of people pass through there every day, and we really expect to see a great return on this effort," he said.

Foundation shows interest in Kettle Creek

Through local residents Carolyn and the late Frank McGaughey, the Kettle Creek Battlefield Park has attracted the interest of the Sara Giles Moore Foundation. The foundation has supported several local community improvement efforts and its continued interests brought the chairman of the board, Sara Hehir, and the executive director, Lisa Williams, both of Atlanta, to the site.

UGA heritage preservation students use Wilkes sites as living classrooms



Post-graduate students visited the North Alexander School (top photo) and War Hill (bottom) among other places last week. The historic sites of Washington Wilkes acted as a living classroom for more than a dozen post-graduate college students last week.

The University of Georgia Masters of Heritage Preservation class and faculty held their second class of the fall semester here

last Tuesday, August 9, allowing students to consider many questions and issues, including the economics of operation of a historic site for tourism; meaningful interpretation of the various sites for all ages; the site as a cultural landscape; and at Kettle Creek, the interpretation of both the battle and grave sites.

Three faculty members and 16 students started early at Kettle Creek Battlefield with military historian Allen Burton giving an overview of the Revolutionary War battle history from War Hill and showing the latest improvements at the site including marked trails and informative displays describing the battle.



The students then drove to Washington through the Rusher and Norman Streets neighborhood to view the results of the \$2.5 million grant-funded projects of affordable housing. Gathering in the restored Fitzpatrick Hotel, Barbara Bacon, the City of Washington's Community Development Manager, discussed the impact of these 2007-2016 projects on the city. CSRA Regional Commission planner Anne Floyd shared her knowledge of available grants for historic preservation projects.

The students enjoyed a lunch break at Talk of the Town located in the street-front shops of the Fitzpatrick Hotel. Betty Slaton recounted the history of the hotel and its rebirth with the 2004 grant money. Both Washington Mayor Ames Barnett and Wilkes County Commission Chairman Sam Moore welcomed the UGA guests and encouraged their interest and ideas for continued restoration and revitalization in the city and county.

The students were then briefed on the progress of the restoration of the North Alexander School using proposed renderings and a master landscape campus plan. With this vision in mind, they were prepared for their after-lunch site visit to the 1897 building.

Moving outside, Main Street Manager

Elizabeth Elliott spoke about downtown development and gave the students historical background on The Square and its monuments along with a map of the city so the visitors could explore.

Later, everyone regrouped at the North Alexander School for Doug Abramson's tour of the school building and an opportunity for the students to assess opportunities for its re-purposing.

Last on the agenda was a tour of "Peacewood," a 1790s plantation plainstyle structure which has evolved to the mature Greek Revival style home of the deGolian family. Many intact outbuildings still remain on the property.

Professor James Reap, his faculty, and the students returned to Athens after a busy day experiencing living historic preservation in the Washington Wilkes community and seeing the many ways that historic preservation can benefit a rural community.

2017 Membership Drive

With the beginning of the Battle of Kettle Creek Celebration the KCBA starts it's annual membership and fund raising drive. Although much has been accomplished since 2011 there is still much more that needs to be done. We need your financial support to continue to develop and preserve this historic battlefield. Remember we currently control only 20% of the core area of the battlefield and 80% remains with private land owners.

You may renew you membership or contribute to the Land Fund on Page #8.

Thank you for your support

Kettle Creek Battlefield Association Annual Banquet Invitation

You are invited to join the
Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution
in celebrating the Battle of Kettle Creek
at the annual KCBA banquet to be held on

Friday, February 10th, 2017

Pope Center
48 Lexington Ave
Washington, GA 30673

Program Speaker will be

Dr. David Noble

“Cutting Edge Science at the Kettle Creek Battlefield”

Dinner Cost: **\$35.00** per individual
Please make your checks payable to KCBA
Cash Bar & Reception 5:00 P.M.
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Mail you check to:

KCBA
P. O. Box 729
Washington, GA 30673

**Please include your email address
Dinner reservation must be received by January 31, 2017
(Contact Walker Chewing at 678-409-4644)**

**NOTE: Those wishing to sit as a group or family please designate
on your RSVP—Tables seat “8” and will be assigned by number.**

Take Notice

**238th Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek
Revolutionary Days
A National Society SAR Historic Site Event Sponsored
by the
Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution
February 10, 11 & 12, 2017
Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia**

Friday—February 10th, 2017

12:00 Noon—4:30 P.M.: Join U.S. Army Military Historian for a walking tour of the Kettle Creek site, 18th century history and Battlefield Relics. Tours start at the Federal Monument on War Hill at 12-noon, 1:30 P. M. and 3:00 P.M...

6:00 P.M.: The Kettle Creek Battlefield Association, Georgia Society SAR and Kettle Creek NSDAR will host a dinner and Revolutionary War program in honor of the Kettle Creek Patriots.

Saturday Morning-February 11th, 2017

9:00 A.M. The Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia Honor Guard with Musket Salutes will raise the 1776 Colors of the Revolutionary War on the Wilkes County Courthouse Flag pole.

9:00 A.M.—12-Noon: Historical performers in the City Square, Georgia Society SAR Living History building with demonstrations, Mary Willis Library period display, Robert Toombs House Historic site with Period performers, Washington City Museum with the Kettle Creek Artifact Room.

10:00 A.M. The Georgia Society SAR combined Color Guard & Militia will gather at the Revolutionary War monument on the Washington City square to Salute and Honor the
Wilkes County Militia - (the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest) and all Revolutionary War Patriots.

**Georgia Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Celebrating the History of the Battle of Kettle Creek
&
Our Heroes of the American Revolution**

Saturday-February 11th, 2017

10:30 A.M. Gather behind the Courthouse for the assembly of the Revolutionary War Parade—ALL the public (Children & Grownups) are welcome to participate in the event as our National Colors and re-enactors lead us around the City square.
Parade STARTS at 10:45 A.M.

11:00 A.M. Georgia Society SAR Elijah Clarke Militia and other re-enactors with black-powder muskets will present a dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek in Fort Washington Park behind the Wilkes County Courthouse.

11:45 A.M. The Georgia Society SAR Color Guard--*Elijah Clarke Militia* and others, will present arms and fire a thunderous musket salute as the Revolutionary War Colors are lowered and our Present-day National Colors are raised on the Square.

2:30 P.M. Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battlefield includes, Continental Army, Georgia Militia, Musket volley salutes, Wreath Presentations, SAR/DAR/CAR, Hereditary Organizations, Local, State & National officials, High School JROTC, students and public, place Wreaths to honor the Heroes of the Hornets' Nest--the Wilkes County Militia for their 1779 Victory at Kettle Creek.

9:00 --- 5:00 P.M. The Robert Toombs Historic Site and the City Museum will remain open for
Visitors. Children & Uniform personnel are welcome Free of Charge.

Sunday-February 12th, 2017

9:00 A.M. Join the Georgia Society SAR and the Local NSDAR Chapter in a Memorial Service Honoring the Wilkes County Militia (Heroes of the Hornets' Nest) and the SC Upper 96 Militia who together defeated the Loyalists at the Battle of Kettle Creek. As

in the past this Memorial Service is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate.

**Phillips Mill Baptist Church, 5479 Greensboro Road, Washington, GA 30673
(706) 678-7825**

“Revolutionary Days”
Celebrating the 238th Anniversary of the
Battle of Kettle Creek

Kettle Creek Battlefield Memorial Ceremony

Saturday, February 11th, 2017 at 2:30 pm

Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia

All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR, other Hereditary Societies and patriotic or historical organizations are invited to attend. Descendants and the public are especially welcome.

**Submit request to participate in the Wreath Presentation no later than
January 31 2017, to assure listing in the Ceremony Program**

Organization: ___

Name of Presenter: ___

Office or Title of Presenter: ___

Will Participate in the Color Guard:

Email Address: ___ Phone: ___

**Mail to: Ed Rigel, Sr., 1504 Berkeley Court, Gainesville, GA 30501-1260; or
Email : compatriotrigel@charter.net**

**Kettle Creek Battlefield Association
Annual Meeting**

Friday, February 10, 2017
4:30 PM—5:30 PM

Edward B Pope Conference Center
48 Lexington Ave

2017 Membership Renewal

Membership Levels

Patriot Membership

- Adult: \$25.00
- Family: \$50.00

Life Membership

- Col. Andrew Pickens Member \$500.00
- Col. John Dooly Member \$1,000.00
- Col. Elijah Clarke Member \$2,500.00
- President George Washington \$5,000.00
- Kettle Creek Battlefield Legacy Member \$25,000.00

Life Members can continue to reach higher levels of membership through cumulative gifting. Additional donations can be made separately or along with the membership renewal.

We need your continuing support in order to preserve the historic Kettle Creek Battlefield

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year*



*from friends of the
Kettle Creek Battlefield*