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"Before Kentucky: Croghan and the Clarks in the Revolution." Historic Locust Grove, Louisville, Ky., November 11, 2025.
"Pennsylvania Germans in the Virginia Continental Line." Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, Allentown, Pa., October 11, 2025.
"The Hite and Bowman Families in the Virginia Continental Line." Belle Grove Plantation, Middletown, Va., September 14, 2025.

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"Capt. William Croghan's Detachment and the Ten Crucial Days." George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Alexandria, Va., April 10, 2021.
"Peter Muhlenberg and Religious Freedom." Plano, Texas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, March 2, 2021.
"Gen. Peter Muhlenberg in Painting and Sculpture." Eleanor Wilson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D.C., February 20, 2021.
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"From Minutemen to Mountaineers: Culpeper Soldiers in the Revolution." Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Culpeper, Va., September 14, 2020.
"Maj. Peter Helphenstine and the 8th Virginia." James Wood II Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Winchester, Va., June 27, 2020.
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Other Biographical

Senior Advisor, Covington & Burling LLP, 2015-Present.
Board of Directors, United States Capitol Historical Society, 2026-Present.
Board of Directors, Faith & Law, Washington, D.C., 2015-Present.
Congressional Staffer, 1997-2015.
Campaign Consultant, 1994-1997.
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Editor, *The Zephyr*, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1990-1991.
Editor-in-Chief, *The College Reporter*, Franklin & Marshall College, 1989-1990.
Collegiate Correspondent, *The New York Times,* 1989-1990.

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Kimberton Farms School, Kimberton, Pa., 1985.

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