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Books

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Published Essays

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- “Robert Higgins and the 8th Virginia Regiment.” *History Speaks*, Moorefield, Va., April 12, 2026.
- “Strasburg at War for Liberty.” The Strasburg Museum, Strasburg Va., April 10, 2026.
- “The Soldiers of 1776: Virginia’s Second Force Authorization.” George Washington American Revolution Round Table of the District of Columbia, Mount Vernon, Va., April 7, 2026.
- “Winchester in the Revolutionary War.” Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, January 10, 2026.
- “Andrew Lewis & the 8th Virginia.” *The Shenandoah Valley Radio Program* (podcast), January 8, 2026.
- “Glorious Soldiers: The 8th Virginia Regiment.” *Prime and Load*, November 28, 2025.
- “The 8th Virginia & Kentucky.” *The Kentucky History Channel*, November 23, 2025.

- “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.
- “Author Talk: The Last Men Standing: The 8th Virginia Regiment in the American Revolution.” American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati. August 26, 2025.
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- “Bowman on the Frontier.” *The Kentucky History Channel*, May 7, 2023.
- “James Knox & the 8th Virginia.” *The Kentucky History Channel*, April 23, 2023.
- “Col. Abraham Bowman of Strasburg.” Strasburg Museum Annual Dinner, April 14, 2023.
- “William Darke: 18th Century Warrior of Four Conflicts.” Shepherd’s Center of Richmond, March 23, 2023.
- “The Amazing Life of Abraham Bowman.” Strasburg Heritage Association, June 5, 2022.
- “Virginia’s Own Revolution.” *Revolution Road with the Journal of the American Revolution* (Sirius-XM Radio), June 3, 2022.
- “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.
- “The Grim Days of 1791: Col. William Darke at Cincinnati.” Cincinnati Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, September 16, 2020.
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- “An Evening with General Muhlenberg.” *Rev War Revelry*. Emerging Revolutionary War Era. Online panel discussion, August 2, 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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- Dispatches: The Podcast of the Journal of the American Revolution*. October 5, 2019. (The Clove Road.)
- “Germanna and the 8th Virginia Regiment.” Hitt Archeology Center. Germanna Foundation. Locust Grove, Va., September 12, 2019.
- “Maxwell’s Light Infantry and the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge.” Cooch’s Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the America Revolution. Wilmington Del., November 17, 2018.
- “The 8th Virginia Regiment and the Great Wagon Road.” Public Hearing on use of Courthouse Square. Woodstock Va., September 29, 2018.

“Jonathan Grant and the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge.” Pencader Heritage Museum. Newark Del., September 9, 2017.

“The Tragedy of Henry Laurens.” Faith and Law. Washington D.C., May 16, 2014.

“Peter Muhlenberg and Christian Leadership.” Lancaster County Action. Lancaster Pa., July 13, 2013.

Service, Consulting & Media

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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.

Pennsylvania General Assembly Staffer, 1992-1994.

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.

Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., BA in Government, 1990.

Kimberton Farms School, Kimberton, Pa., 1985.

Descendant of Lt. Absalom Autry (Fanning’s Rangers, a North Carolina Loyalist unit).

Descendant of Jonathan Grant (Croghan’s Company, 8th Virginia Regiment).

Descendant of Lt. Solomon Middaugh (Sussex Co., New Jersey Militia).

Descendant of John Nevill (Maryland Flying Camp).