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The 8th Virginia Regiment (1775-1778)

Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the Frontier in the Revolutionary War Era



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Books

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Speeches, Interviews & Presentations

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- “Bowman on the Frontier.” *The Kentucky History Channel*, May 14, 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.
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- “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.
- “From Minutemen to Mountaineers: Culpeper Soldiers in the Revolution.” Culpeper Minutemen Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Culpeper, Va., September 14, 2020.
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- “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, and Media

- Randy Walker, “A Time to Pray and a Time to Fight.” *Cardinal News*, December 12, 2023.
- Journal of the American Revolution* Book Award Committee. 2021-Present.
- Hardy County, W.V. Convention and Visitors Bureau. On utilization of the Capt. Robert Higgins log house as a regional museum space. Beginning 2020. (West Virginia Humanities Council grant awarded 2021).
- Town of Woodstock, Va. On use of Court Square to memorialize the 8th Virginia Regiment. 2018-2020.

Other Biographical

Senior Advisor, Covington & Burling LLP, 2015-Present.
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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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