



Revolutionary Princeton 1774-1783: The Biography of an American Town in the Heart of a Civil War

Thursday, January 21, 2021
7:00 pm Internet Webinar via Zoom
Presented by Larry Kidder
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Larry Kidder is a retired history teacher who taught for 40 years, including 32 years at The Hun School of Princeton. He is a graduate of Allegheny College (BA 1967, MS 1969)

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The story of Princeton between 1774 and 1783 is a microcosm of the struggles faced by ordinary Americans during the Revolution, struggles intensified by Princeton's geographic location within the State which saw more military activity than most and on a road constantly used to move troops and their supplies. Life in Princeton connected to just about every aspect of the Revolution. The stories of people who lived in Princeton, or who spent time there because of the Revolution, helps us better understand the hitherto untold importance of this town beyond the one, well-known, day of battle. This case study of a small New Jersey town located at the crossroads of the Revolution reveals the very human consequences, costs, and benefits of the war experienced by "ordinary" people.

The talk is based on Mr. Kidder's research for his recent book of the same title, *Revolutionary Princeton, 1774-1783: The Biography of an American Town in the Heart of a Civil War* (The Knox Press). Find the book on Amazon.com.

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