



Learn the fascinating story of local history during the American Revolution ...

Ryan Radice ~ "A Nest of American Hornets: New Jersey's Forage War of 1777"

at the Abraham Staats House

17 von Steuben Lane, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

Sat., March 9, 2024 * 2:30PM ~ 5PM * In person & via Zoom
\$10 pp w adv. reservation/\$15 at door



"A Map containing part of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, 1781"
Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division.

While 18th century armies typically ceased fighting during the winter, that would not be the case in New Jersey during the winter of 1777. Instead, following Washington's victories at Trenton and Princeton, a violent "petit guerre" characterized by foraging raids, skirmishing, and guerilla-style warfare was waged on the plain below the Watchung mountains.

Mr. Radice will examine this period, known as the "Forage War," through the personal experiences of Continentals, Militia, British and Hessian soldiers, as well as civilians. From these primary sources we can understand how the Crown went from chasing Washington out of New Jersey at the end of 1776, to being driven out of the state themselves only six months later.

Ryan Radice is a professional historian and graduate of Monmouth University (M.A. 2021). His research interests include immigration history, the American Revolution and early Republic, and the history/archaeology of NJ cemeteries and military encampments. His research can be found in the Journal of New Jersey Studies, in articles about Ellis Island during WWI, the Vermeule Militia post and forage war period, and the Union Camp, Alexander Hamilton's forgotten winter cantonment of 1799-1800 in Plainfield.



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House opens: 2:30PM for seating; presentation at 3PM.

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