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Local History Organizations Partner to Present the Inaugural American Revolution on the Tennessee Frontier Symposium

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The East Tennessee Historical Society, the University of Tennessee History Department, Blount Mansion, and Marble Springs State Historic Site are partnering to present a free symposium on the American Revolution on the Tennessee Frontier.



The April 21 event will feature a variety of scholars exploring how Tennessee's rich history is linked to the Revolutionary founding of our nation. Access to frontier lands and control over Appalachian territories were key factors that caused the Revolution. The Battle of Kings Mountain involved prominent frontier settlers such as John Sevier. The peace treaty that ended the war also paved the way for Tennessee to become the 16th state in 1796.

The event will take place Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Speakers from the East Tennessee Historical Society, the University of Tennessee History Department, Marble Springs State Historic Site, the home of Tennessee's first governor John Sevier, and Blount Mansion, William Blount's home and territorial capital, will discuss the Battle of Kings Mountain, John Sevier, William Blount, the Cherokee, and much more. For a full program schedule please visit the ETHS website www.easttnhistory.org.

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The symposium is free and open to the public. Food and drinks will be served. This event is sponsored by the Blount Mansion, the East Tennessee Historical Society, the Marble Springs State Historic Site, and the UTK History Department.

About the University of Tennessee History Department:

The Department of History at the University of Tennessee provides an engaged and exciting place to learn about the past. They have an award-winning faculty that provides a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum. The History Department offers graduate programs in Modern Europe; American history, with special emphasis on Atlantic and transnational history, 19th century history, religious history, southern history, and African-American history; and, Medieval and Renaissance history, with particular strengths in Muslim-Christian relations, the Crusades, and Mediterranean-facing Europe. The Department houses editorial projects on the presidential papers of Andrew Jackson and James Polk. They also work closely with interdisciplinary institutes and centers on campus, most importantly the Marco Institute and the Center for the Study of War and Society. For more information on the Department of History visit history.utk.edu.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming, teacher and student education, and exhibitions. For 184 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage -- recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

The historical society pursues its educational mission through publications, lectures, conferences, school programs, museum exhibits, and heritage programs such as the popular "First Families of Tennessee" and "Civil War Families of Tennessee." The East Tennessee Historical Society and Museum are housed in the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville, across from the Tennessee Theatre. Also located in the center are the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection and the Knox County Archives.

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