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Did your family live in Gloucester during the Revolutionary War?

Gloucester County is seeking information from local historians or residents who have roots back to the colonial days in Gloucester. Residents whose family lived in Gloucester during the Revolutionary War may have vital information for a historical project the County is working on in conjunction with a consultant, according to Katey Legg, director of Gloucester's Parks, Recreation and Tourism department.

South River Heritage Consulting (SRHC) is working with Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism on a grant-funded project through the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program. The project will include inventory research and documentation to identify probable locations of the engagements and sites related to the Battle of the Hook at Gloucester Point, Virginia. Through a survey of historical documents and cultural landscape resources, South River Heritage Consulting hopes to provide a strategy for preservation planning.

As a part of this research, South River Heritage Consulting is interested in hearing from citizens with family records that date back to the Revolutionary War. The consultants are specifically targeting families with clear roots back to the era that know specifically where in the county that those family members lived. They are also seeking residents with any documentation to that effect.

Part of this research includes damage claims from the war and assessing the toll the war took on family lands, supplies and property. If you or someone you know has information that might be helpful, let SRHC know via email at wadecatts@gmail.com.

The next public meeting is scheduled for April, with a final report on findings ready in June. For more information on the overall project, contact Legg at klegg@gloucesterva.info or 804-693-2355.