

Williamsburg-Yorktown American Revolution Round Table

"From a Plan Drawn on the Spot": William Faden and the Battle of Brandywine

Yorktown, VA, June 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.: Join the Williamsburg-Yorktown American Revolutionary Round Table, at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown (200 Water St, Yorktown, VA), for its third in the 2023 speakers' series. Andrew Outten will tell us about British cartographer William Faden who is well known for his maps depicting major battles and events of the American Revolution. Following the Battle of Brandywine, fought on September 11, 1777, Faden used his vast network of engineers and surveyors in the British army to produce a commemorative map celebrating the important British victory, in April 1778. Six years later, in 1784, Faden unusually produced a second version of his map of Brandywine—a version that contained significant revisions, alterations, and differences compared to his original edition. Drawing from his research surrounding both the 1778 and 1784 versions of the maps that are housed in the library collections of the Society of the Cincinnati in Washington, D.C., historian Andrew Outten conducts a thorough examination of the Battle of Brandywine while discussing the differences and similarities between the two maps, the recent discovery of the sources that influenced them, and the reasoning behind Faden's extensive corrections.



Andrew Outten is the historical programs manager of the Society of the Cincinnati and its American Revolution Institute in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining the professional staff of the Society of the Cincinnati in October 2021, he held the position of Director of Education and Museum Services for the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates in Chadds Ford, Pa., for nearly a decade. Throughout that time, he contributed to various preservation projects and interpretive studies within the Brandywine battlefield landscape as the chairman of the Brandywine Battlefield Task Force, an ad-hoc group of municipal, state, and federal organizations, along with other non-profit

institutions, dedicated to preserving and interpreting the Brandywine Battlefield National Historic Landmark area. For these efforts, he was one of twelve recipients in the nation to be awarded the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Medal in September 2021.

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About the *Williamsburg-Yorktown American Revolution Round Table* (WYARRT): the Round Table was established to study all aspects of our American Revolution (1763-1789). It is open to all individuals who have an interest in this period of history, the Round Table frequently augments its Speaker Program with local tours or special educational programs for its members and the general public. https://wyarrt.org/

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