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## Summary of Phillip Hamilton's Presentation on Knox Letters, January 13 at Lake George Junior-Senior High School

### Lake George, NY:

Historian-author Phillip Hamilton attracted a crowd of 100 history enthusiasts who braved the aftermath of a sleet storm to Lake George Junior-Senior High School on Saturday (January 13) morning for an hour-long presentation on Henry Knox's letters to his wife, Lucy, during his transport of 60 tons of artillery from Ticonderoga to Boston in the winter of 1775-76.

The program was held at the Lake George Junior-Senior High School auditorium and co-sponsored by the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance and the Warren County Commission for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution.

Hamilton, the author of *The Revolutionary War Lives and Letters of Lucy and Henry Knox* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017), is a Professor of History at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. He is currently writing a full biography of Knox that will feature some recently discovered information about the former Boston bookseller's role as a key advisor to George Washington during the crossing of the Delaware River later in 1776 and in other important moments during the Continental Army's pursuit of American independence.

Not surprisingly, questions from attendees zeroed in on Knox's time at Lake George during the artillery transport, as he repeatedly sought sufficient logistical and financial support and awaited ground conditions that would allow the artillery train's movement forward. Hamilton also addressed the legend of Knox's and British spymaster John Andre's alleged encounter at Fort George in December 1775, five years before Knox presided over Andre's execution for abetting Benedict Arnold's treason.

Photographs from the event (attached to this email notice) are provided courtesy of the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance. A video recording of Phillip Hamilton's presentation will be available on the Alliance's YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/@LakeGeorgeBattlefield>) within the next several days.

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**About the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance:** The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance is a volunteer-driven organization of individuals who have an abiding interest in the Lake George Region's critical role in the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The Alliance manages the Battlefield Park's Visitor Center and sponsors events throughout the year that educate the public about the site and its unique history. For more information, visit [www.lakegeorgebattlefield.org](http://www.lakegeorgebattlefield.org).

**About the Warren County Commission for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution:** Authorized by the Warren County Board of Supervisors in 2022, the Commission is composed of an eclectic group of volunteers whose varying degrees of experience all meld in their love for history and its presentation. Our aim is to show and educate the public on the region's part in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. Our area was indeed the "*Gateway to Independence*". For more information, visit our website at [www.warrenny250.com](http://www.warrenny250.com).