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Lachlan McIntosh Papers documents Georgia's history during the early Revolutionary War period through the experiences of General Lachlan McIntosh, a prominent Scottish American political and military leader. These papers provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse into political decisions and military movements throughout the first two years of the war. This collection illuminates McIntosh's instrumental role in the events of the early Revolutionary War period through his correspondence, from reports to new commander in

chief George Washington to various letters with other military and political leaders of the time. The Georgia Open History Library has been made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy demands wisdom. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this collection, do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

This collection of essays grew out of a symposium commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of Georgia. The con-

tributors are authorities in their respective fields and their efforts represent not only the fruits of long careers but also the observations and insights of some of the most promising young scholars. Forty Years of Diversity sheds new light on the social, political, religious, and ethnic diversity of colonial Georgia.

History and legends of MacDonald and Mackintosh clan members in the Scottish Highlands and their descendants in the United States during the period 1715 to 1791, with emphasis on the Jacobite Risings and the American Revolution. De-

scribes the settlement of Darien, Georgia, by Mackintosh/ McIntosh clan members, and the struggle between Spanish colonists in Florida and British colonists in Georgia and South Carolina. Emphasis on people named in subtitle: General Lachlan McIntosh emigrated with his father John Mackintosh Mor from Scotland to the settlement at Darien, Georgia, served in Oglethorpe's regiment at Fort Frederica, and held important commands in the Continental Army during the American Revolution; Flora MacDonald rescued Bonnie Prince Charlie after the Jacobite Rising of 1745, emigrated to North Carolina before the American Revolution, lost her plantation because she, her husband and their sons remained loyal to the king, and returned to Scotland; Roderick "Rory" McIntosh, a grandson of Brigadier William Mackintosh of Borlum, grew up in Scotland, emigrated to Darien with his family, and served in the British army during the American Revolution; Aeneas the 22nd Chief of Clan Mackintosh served as a ranger in colonial South Carolina, returned to Scotland before the Rising of 1745, and remained loyal to the government; "Colonel Anne" Mackintosh married the 22nd Chief of Clan

Mackintosh and brought out the clan for Bonnie Prince Charlie in the Rising of 1745; Continental Colonel John McIntosh defiantly defended Sunbury, Georgia, and was taken prisoner at Brier Creek; John Mackintosh Mor fought in the Rising of 1715, led the Scots who settled Darien, Georgia, and was taken prisoner in the Battle of Mosa; Aeneas the 23rd Chief of Clan Mackintosh served as a captain in the 71st Highlanders throughout the American Revolution; Brigadier William Mackintosh of Borlum led Jacobite forces in the Rising of 1715 and also participated in the Rising of 1719; Alexander McDonald was born in the Scottish Highlands and emigrated to Georgia as a recruit for the regiment at Fort Frederica; His son Sergeant Alexander McDonald served in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment under the command of Francis Marion in the American Revolution; Allen McDonald performed heroic feats in Marion's Brigade during the American Revolution. This book is a collection of legends. Legends are neither fiction nor nonfiction; they are based on historical events and feature historical people, but they intertwine mythology, folklore, and creative storytelling with historical facts. I did not in-

vent any of these legends; they have all been published before. I have focused on legends involving Clan Mackintosh in Scotland and its McIntosh progeny in America. I also have included information on my immigrant ancestor Alexander McDonald, who was among the Highlanders who founded Darien, Georgia, and information on his son - known in my family as Alexander McDonald Jr. - who served in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment in the American Revolution. I have included good stories about legendary characters who share my family name, including Flora MacDonald - who witnessed both the Jacobite Rising of 1745 in Scotland and the Revolution in America - and the remarkable "Serjt. M'Donald" of Francis Marion's backcountry brigade. I have combined the various legends into a single narrative told in chronological order. Most of the legends are combat tales, and most of the characters are men. The narrative begins with the adventures of John Mackintosh Mor in the Jacobite Rising of 1715. It then follows the lives of John Mor's children (including Continental General Lachlan McIntosh), John Mor's grandchildren (including Colonel John McIntosh), and the descendants (in-

cluding Rory McIntosh) of John Mor's uncle, Brigadier William Mackintosh from Borlum. Meanwhile, the adventures of several chiefs of Clan Mackintosh intermingle with the adventures of John Mor's family in Scotland and America.

Nonfiction narrative account of Continental General Lachlan McIntosh, his brothers and sister, and his wife and children during the American Revolution. While he served in Georgia, Valley Forge, Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) and South Carolina, his wife and younger children became refugees and wandered the south seeking shelter.

Between 1735 and 1748 hundreds of young men and their families emigrated from the Scottish Highlands to the Georgia coast to settle and protect the new British colony. These men were recruited by the trustees of the colony and military governor James Oglethorpe, who wanted settlers who were accustomed to hardship, militant in nature, and willing to become frontier farmer-soldiers. In this respect, the Highlanders fit the bill perfectly through training and tradition. Recruiting and settling the Scottish Highlanders as the first line of defense on the southern

frontier in Georgia was an important decision on the part of the trustees and crucial for the survival of the colony, but this portion of Georgia's history has been sadly neglected until now. By focusing on the Scots themselves, Anthony W. Parker explains what factors motivated the Highlanders to leave their native glens of Scotland for the pine barrens of Georgia and attempts to account for the reasons their cultural distinctiveness and "old world" experience aptly prepared them to play a vital role in the survival of Georgia in this early and precarious moment in its history.

In *Travels*, the celebrated 1791 account of the "Old Southwest," William Bartram recorded the natural world he saw around him but, rather incredibly, omitted any reference to the epochal events of the American Revolution. Edward J. Cashin places Bartram in the context of his times and explains his conspicuous avoidance of people, places, and events embroiled in revolutionary fervor. Cashin suggests that while Bartram documented the natural world for plant collector John Fothergill, he wrote *Travels* for an entirely different audience. Convinced that Providence directed events for the betterment of mankind and that

the Constitutional Convention would produce a political model for the rest of the world, Bartram offered *Travels* as a means of shaping the new country. Cashin illuminates the convictions that motivated Bartram—that if Americans lived in communion with nature, heeded the moral law, and treated the people of the interior with respect, then America would be blessed with greatness.

Brigadier William Mackintosh of Borlum commanded a Jacobite army in the Rising of 1715 in Britain and also participated in the Rising of 1719. His nephew John – who was distinguished from the many other clansmen with the same name by the Gaelic word "mor," meaning big, and whose name was often written John McIntosh Mohr – went with him in the Jacobite Rising of 1715. As an adult, John Mackintosh Mor led the Highlanders who settled at Darien, Georgia. The Highlanders were greeted by Aeneas Mackintosh, who served in a ranger troop that protected his relatives in the settlements of coastal Georgia. Aeneas Mackintosh returned to Scotland and became the 22nd Chief of Clan Mackintosh. John Mackintosh Mor was taken prisoner in

the Battle of Mosa near St. Augustine and held in a Spanish jail. His teenage son William escaped from Mosa and fought in the Battle of Bloody Marsh on St. Simons Island. Another son, Lachlan, served in the regiment on St. Simons. In the Jacobite Rising of 1745 in Scotland, Aeneas Mackintosh remained loyal to the government while his wife earned the nickname Colonel Anne for rallying the clan in support of Bonnie Prince Charlie. John Mackintosh Mor was released in a prisoner of war exchange and returned to his family in Georgia. His family played a leading role in the campaign for independence from Great Britain.

First published in 1992 and now available in paperback in three volumes, Paul Rahe's ambitious and provocative book bridges the gap between political theory, comparative history and government, and constitutional prudence. Rahe challenges prevailing interpretations of ancient Greek republicanism, early modern political thought, and the founding of the American republic. '[An] extraordinary book. . . . It is a great achievement and will stay as a landmark.'--The Spectator (London) 'This is the first, comprehensive study of republi-

canism, ancient and modern, written for our time.'--Harvey Mansfield, Harvard University 'A stunning feat of scholarship, presented with uncommon grace and ease--the sort of big, important book that comes along a few times in a generation. In an age of narrow specialists, it ranges through the centuries from classical Greece to the new American Republic, unfolding a coherent new interpretation of the rise of modern republicanism. . . . World-class, and sure to have a quite extraordinary impact.'--Lance Banning, University of Kentucky Volume I: The Ancient Regime in Classical Greece Where social scientists and many ancient historians tend to follow Max Weber or Karl Marx in asserting the centrality of status or class, Rahe's depiction of the illiberal, martial republics of classical Hellas vindicates Aristotle's insistence on the determinative influence of the political regime and brings back to life a world in which virtue is pursued as an end, politics is given primacy, and socioeconomic concerns are subordinated to grand political ambition. Volume II: New Modes and Orders in Early Modern Political Thought Where many intellectual historians discern a revival of the classical

spirit in the political speculation of the age stretching from Machiavelli to Adam Smith, Rahe brings to light a self-conscious repudiation of the theory and practice of ancient self-government and an inclination to restrict the scope of politics, to place greater reliance on institutions than on virtuous restraint, and to give free rein to the human's capacities as a tool-making animal. Volume III: Inventions of Prudence: Constituting the American Regime Where students of the American founding are inclined to dispute whether the Revolution was liberal, republican, or merely confused, Rahe demonstrates that the American regime embodies an uneasy, fragile, and carefully worked-out compromise between the enlightened despotism espoused by Thomas Hobbes and the classical republicanism defended by Pericles and Demosthenes.

George R. Lamplugh, a historian of Georgia and the South, explores some of his home state's most fascinating historical events, beginning with the American Revolution and continuing through the 1850s, in this well-researched collection of essays. He covers political factionalism dur-

ing the American Revolution; the development of political parties in Georgia (which was different from the process in other states); and the impact of the Yazoo Land Fraud on Georgia's political development. Some of the most fascinating essays focus on the maneuverings of individual politicians, such as William Few, who was determined to exert local influence after the American Revolution by having the Richmond County courthouse and jail, and hence the county polling place, constructed in the settlement of Brownsborough rather than in Augusta. More complex issues get equal treatment, such as how after the War of 1812, political parties in Georgia began to slowly adopt policies that were popular in other states—even though that meant hurting Creeks, Cherokees, and slaves. While Georgia didn't always live up to democratic ideals, its political history teaches us a lot about our past and possible future.

Lachlan McIntosh (1728-1806) was a prominent Georgia planter, patriarch of his Highland Scots clan in America, and the ranking general from Georgia in the Continental army. Often, however, he is known simply as the man who, in a duel, mortally

wounded Button Gwinnett, one of Georgia's signers of the Declaration of Independence. This biography fleshes out McIntosh considerably and, just as important, uses his life as a springboard for discussing the rapidly shifting political, social, and economic forces at work during a crucial period of Georgia's history.

Presents profiles and writings of prominent Antifederalists, including Samuel Adams, Mercy Otis Warren, and James Monroe.

An alternative history of the American Revolution; the colonists were empire-building conquerors not democratic revolutionaries.

Examines the persistence and ultimate collapse of Georgia's plantation-oriented colonial society and the emergence of a modern state with greater urbanization, industrialization, and diversification

At the outbreak of the American Revolution in 1775, the colonies faced the daunting task of creating the first American army, and its requisite leadership, capable of combating a global superpower whose standing army and general ship were among the finest in the world. Built largely from state and local militias, the colonial army performed surprisingly well and pro-

duced a number of fine generals. Some were experienced before the war, like George Washington of the Virginia Militia and the British-born Horatio Gates, while others were as green as the soldiers they led. This book presents basic biographical information about America's first generals in the Revolutionary War. Included are all generals of the Continental Army, along with those commissioned in the colonies' militias. Drawn from primary sources, including death and census records, records of the Continental Congress, and contemporary writings, each biographical sketch provides date and place of birth, prewar education and occupation, wartime service, date and place of death, and place of burial. Portraits of each general are included where available, and appendices display important statistics, including comparative ages; occupations; officers lost by death, resignation, murder or changing loyalty; and states or countries of origin.

"This is a collection of 283 genealogies which I have compiled over a period of twenty years as a professional genealogist. ... While I have dealt with some of Oglethorpe's settlers, the vast majority of

the genealogies included in this collection deal with Georgians who descend from settlers from other states."--Note to the Reader.

Lachlan McIntosh suffered setbacks to his military strategies and smears to his reputation throughout the American Revolution, all the while worried about the welfare of his wife, children, brothers and sister. Yet he persevered. McIntosh established a string of forts to protect Georgia's southern border, but British, loyalist and Indian opponents overran the forts and raided into Georgia. Plantations belonging to McIntosh families were trampled by British and American troops. When Button Gwinnett arrested Lachlan's younger brother George for treason, Lachlan killed Gwinnett in a duel. Gwinnett's supporters called for Lachlan to be removed from command, and he transferred to George Washington's army. While with Washington, he endured the terrible winter at Valley Forge. Washington then assigned McIntosh command of the Western Department. After the British captured Savannah, McIntosh returned to the South in an unsuccessful attempt to extricate his family from behind enemy lines. His wife and children

huddled in basements while artillery bombarded the town. When his wife and children were released after the Siege of Savannah, McIntosh escorted them to the backcountry. He became a prisoner when Charleston fell to British besiegers. His family fled across the South and found refuge in Virginia. Yet Lachlan McIntosh persevered.

By considering in detail ideology, sectionalism, social tensions, personalities, and land hunger as factors in Georgia politics, this study sheds new light on party formation in the early American republic. Illustrated.

This third edition of Historical Dictionary of the American Revolution contains a chronology, an introduction, appendixes, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 1,000 cross-referenced entries on the politics, battles, weaponry, and major personalities of the war.

This history of the American Revolution in Georgia offers a thorough examination of how landownership issues complicated and challenged colonists' loyalties. Despite underdevelopment and isolation,

eighteenth-century Georgia was an alluring place, for it promised settlers of all social classes the prospect of affordable land--and the status that went with ownership. Then came the Revolution and its many threats to the orderly systems by which property was acquired and protected. As rebel and royal leaders vied for the support of Georgia's citizens, says Leslie Hall, allegiance became a prime commodity, with property and the preservation of owners' rights the requisite currency for securing it. As Hall shows, however, the war's progress in Georgia was indeterminate; in fact, Georgia was the only colony in which British civil government was reestablished during the war. In the face of continued uncertainties--plundering, confiscation, and evacuation--many landowners' desires for a strong, consistent civil authority ultimately transcended whatever political leanings they might have had. The historical irony here, Hall's study shows, is that the most successful regime of Georgia's Revolutionary period was arguably that of royalist governor James Wright. Land and Allegiance in Revolutionary Georgia is a revealing study of the self-interest and practical motivations in

competition with a period's idealism and rhetoric.