

We've been challenged . . . and need your help.



HISTORY & HERITAGE FUND

An anonymous donor has pledged \$25,000 to create this matching challenge in order to develop the Thomas Clarke House as a first-class historic museum and a destination point for heritage tourism. What a great opportunity for American history and Princeton's heritage!

Our challenge is to match this generous donation by December 31.

The History & Heritage Fund is our response to an earlier challenge, one that affected the display of weapons in the Clarke House. It occurred when the owners of weapons on-loan and displayed for many years, decided to sell them at auction - - fifty-one pieces in all. Display cases were suddenly empty. The impact was devastating. But the story didn't end here.

This challenge turned into a fabulous opportunity for us to create a first-class, living museum both inside and outside the Thomas Clarke House by expanding its educational and interpretive focus. It became our opportunity to tell unique American Revolutionary War stories by spotlighting the Battle of Princeton and its impact on the soldiers and civilians caught up in the fighting and its aftermath. For example, we will create more effective presentations on all aspects of the Battle, including the soldiers, their weapons, equipment, and uniforms. We also will focus on how the House served as a hospital after the Battle and how it was the home of a typical Quaker farming family - - all additional opportunities to interpret American history for a wider public audience of families and school-age children, historians, teachers, and to increased numbers of visitors!

Our dream is to create a new, exciting Clarke House and Museum. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity created by our benefactor's \$25,000 pledge. You can join him by helping us reach a challenge goal of \$25,000 by December 31. Please do it today and become a part of our dream. Our strategy, with the State's involvement and support, is to seek professional expertise to guide us in presenting and interpreting what happened on this land and in this House in 1777. Our goal is to tell an American story, to

become a premier historic museum, and to be a destination for public education and understanding of our American Revolution. Will you join us in making this dream happen?

Please send your donation today and help us double this \$25,000. You and your support are the keys to our success in turning the Thomas Clarke House into a first-class historic museum. Dream with us, please!

THANK YOU!

Jerry Harwitz, President, and the Trustees of the Princeton Battlefield Society

The Princeton Battlefield Society (PBS) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, and the only Officially Recognized Friends Organization (ORFO) of Princeton Battlefield State Park. Its mission is to promote, interpret, conserve and protect Princeton Battlefield State Park and areas of the battlefield outside the Park. The Park is administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, State Park Service, for the people of New Jersey and other visitors.

Yes, I would like to join the cause and support the History and Heritage Fund! Please accept my tax-deductible contribution for:

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