

HOMESTEAD VISIT

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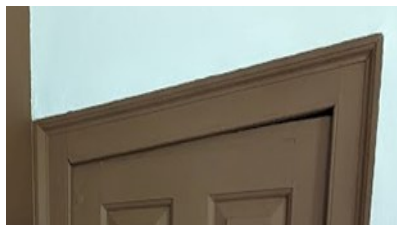
At the end of April me and my dad when to Nathanael Greene's homestead to do research for my character portrayal & writing the Epic Story of America series. We were on the second tour of the year and found ourselves absorbing so much information that we forgot to take photos and so we found ourselves going through one more time as the third tour. Mind you the normal guided tour is 1 hour but together between both tours we took 4-1/2 hours. The staff where all very knowledgeable on the items on display and on the grounds, we explored what remained of the forge foundations and the family cemetery.

But the main point I want to get across is the importance of visiting historical places in person, seeing what they saw. IE Greene's front lawn has a serious problem with geese. Also

you are able to getting a bearing on distances, realizing how far they would have to walk (the forge was just a few 100 yards from his doorstep), to see the items even if we *couldn't sit in them!* You also can find facts at these museums' that you can't anywhere else such as Greene's fireplaces were built too high thus all the breezeway doors are slanted.



Ms. Jenny proof Remember don't sit on the artifacts!"





(Nathanael Greene's homestead)



WHAT I LEARNED

This experience has been valuable in many ways to me, growing the knowledge of my character that I both portray as a first person reenactor and as an author. My favorite fact that I have taken away from this is that Greene, in order to raise money for his books would produce small boat anchors as Rhode Island souvenirs. Henry Knox a close friend of Greene's is



actually known to have one of these when he died. Another surprise was a Research library that the staff have started with donations, there is a large amount of information with books like "life of Major General Nathanael Greene" that I have



added to my wish list I like to use the rest of this article to thank the staff of the Nathaniel Greene homestead for the timely spend shortness around I highly recommend visiting Greene home even a special trip has there are many facts that I could not even possibly begin to fit in this article.

