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The mission of the Society is to connect people to Coastal Georgia's dynamic history through the stories we share and the collections we preserve.

Spring Program

"From Empire to Revolution: Sir James Wright and the Price of Loyalty in Georgia"

On Thursday, March 20, at 6 p.m., Greg Brooking, Ph.D., will present the Society's Spring Program, based on his book *From Empire to Revolution: Sir James Wright and the Price of Loyalty in Georgia*.

English-born James Wright was raised in Charleston, South Carolina, where his father served as chief justice of the colony. He followed in his father's footsteps, serving South Carolina as attorney general and colonial agent to London before beginning his tenure

as Georgia's third and final royal governor in 1761. *From Empire to Revolution* is the first in-depth biography of Wright, whose life Dr. Brooking uses to better understand the complex struggle for power in colonial Georgia and the wider British Empire.

Greg Brooking is a social studies teacher at North Springs High School in Atlanta. He received his Ph.D. from Georgia State University. Dr. Brooking won the 2024 Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina Fellowship to conduct research on Henry Laurens, a South Carolinian who served as president of the Continental Congress and U.S. Minister to the Netherlands during the Revolutionary War. His publications have appeared in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly* and *General Nathanael Greene and the American Revolution in the South*, among others.

The program will be held at the **A.W. Jones Heritage Center** at 6 p.m. and will be recorded. The lecture is free for Society members and \$10 for non-members. To register, visit coastalgeorgiahistory.org.

