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January 2025 Lunch & Learn Presentation
***“The powers of government are wrested out of my hands”:
Governor James Wright
and the Collapse of Royal Government in Georgia, 1774-1776***
by Dr. Greg Brooking

The Georgia Archives Lunch & Learn presentation, “*The powers of government are wrested out of my hands*”: *Governor James Wright and the Collapse of Royal Government in Georgia, 1774-1776* by Dr. Greg Brooking, will be held onsite. The presentation is on Friday, January 10, 2025, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA.

The Lunch and Learn presentation is free, and no registration is required.

Discover how Georgia’s journey to independence unfolded and how Royal Governor James Wright—known for his remarkable political acumen and steadfast loyalty to the Crown—managed to delay the Patriots' efforts longer than any other colonial governor. This fascinating tale of strategy, resistance, and resilience highlights the complex dynamics that shaped Georgia’s role in the fight for independence.

A native Georgian, Dr. Greg Brooking holds a BA from Mercer University, an MA from Georgia College & State University, and a PhD in history from Georgia State University. With over 30 years of teaching experience at both high school and college levels, Dr. Brooking has dedicated his career to inspiring students with his passion for history.

His first book, *From Empire to Revolution: Sir James Wright and the Price of Loyalty in Georgia*, was published by the University of Georgia Press in the summer of 2024. He is currently working on an in-depth biography of Henry Laurens, a prominent figure in South Carolina’s Revolutionary War history.

Dr. Brooking enjoys life with his wife, their blended family of five wonderful children, and one adorable granddaughter.

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