

GOMEZ MILL HOUSE c.1714

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MARY MCTAMANEY AND RICHIE ROSENCRANS PRESENT FINDINGS ON NEWBURGH REVOLUTIONARY LEADER, CIVIL SERVANT, AND ENTREPRENEUR: WOLVERT ACKER

July, 29 2012 at 1pm, *Sunday at Mill House* offers *The Public Life of Wolvert Acker, Gomez Mill House Owner, 1772-1799* presentation by Newburgh Historian Mary McTamaneay and Gomez Mill House Visitor Program Coordinator, Richie Rosencrans.

Highlights include Newburgh's American Revolution era social/political culture and the physical, social and economic development of the town while Acker was its Supervisor during the late 1770s. Also included will be info on Wolvert's son, William Acker: GMH owner 1800-1827, War of 1812 Cavalry Colonel, and NYS Legislator.

Newburgh City Historian Mary McTamaneay, a 4th-generation Newburgher, has been a librarian and library administrator in the region for 33 years, and serves on numerous non-profit boards such as the Newburgh Historical Society, the Lower Hudson Conference of Museums, and the Newburgh Waterfront Advisory Committee. She also writes a column in the Mid-Hudson Times on Newburgh history. In addition to her role as City Historian, Mrs. McTamaneay directs the Newburgh Heritage Center. Operating under the non-profit Newburgh Preservation Assoc., the Heritage Center presents local history exhibits providing space for researchers viewing the City's history collection.

Richie Rosencrans, also a native Newburgher, has been on staff with the Gomez Mill House since 2009. In addition to his other responsibilities as Program Coordinator, he has conducted in-depth research into the history of the House and region to prepare public information and updates for docents conducted tours of the site.

Sunday at Mill House programs begin at 1pm and are free to the public unless otherwise noted. Programs are subject to change. Please check the Gomez Mill House website at www.gomez.org or call the museum office at 845-236-3126 to confirm the current schedule.

Gomez Foundation for Mill House is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) established to support the preservation, conservation, and public programs of the Gomez Mill House Historic Site.

Gomez Mill House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the oldest existing Jewish built dwelling in North America and the oldest historic residence in Orange County.