



## THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE, THE BATTLE OF THE BRANDYWINE AND SAVING OUR HISTORIC SITES

The lecture highlights the little known role that the Marquis de Lafayette played in America's war for independence, including his participation at the Battle of the Brandywine on September 11, 1777. His ongoing support, both monetary and political, helped win the war against Great Britain and earns him recognition as a "Founding Son" of the Revolutionary War. The lecture series was inspired by a visit to Brandywine Battlefield Park- which along with other historic parks is in danger of being closed. Gene is helping to support Brandywine Battlefield Park through sales of his book "Lafayette's Gold- The Lost Brandywine Treasure".

### Lecture outline:

- General Washington could use some assistance
- Lafayette- a young man on a noble quest
- Gold is good- and the army needed it
- The Battle of the Brandywine- September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1777
- A defeat- but also a beginning for two new friends- Washington and Lafayette
- Victories to come- and the man from France becomes a hero in two countries
- Lafayette goes back home- then later returns to see "that great hall of independence"
- Buried with the soil of two republics
- Saving our historic parks- the "Soul of America".

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Gene is an historical mystery writer from the Main Line outside Philadelphia. An avid history buff, he started writing novels after 30 years in the energy and investment industry. He holds a Master's Degree in Petroleum Geology and an MBA Finance. Gene is a member of the Chester County Historical Society, Chadds Ford Historical Society, American Friends of Lafayette, Friends of Brandywine Battlefield and is an approved speaker for the Delaware Humanities Forum. He has published three novels, conducts an ongoing lecture series on historical topics and is available for book signings. Gene and his wife Phyllis live in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania with their three cats. He has traveled extensively to many historic sites, including Gettysburg and the 'liberty trails' of Boston and Philadelphia.

Gene's book "Lafayette's Gold- The Lost Brandywine Treasure" is an historical novel set in the beautiful Brandywine Valley outside Philadelphia. "Lafayette's Gold" is a mystery thriller about the Battle of the Brandywine which occurred on September 11, 1777. The story highlights George Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette (a 'Founding Son' of the American Revolution), weaving in a modern day mystery involving shady antiquities dealers and hidden treasure. The book should appeal to history buffs, mystery lovers and all those who want to learn more about our heritage.

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