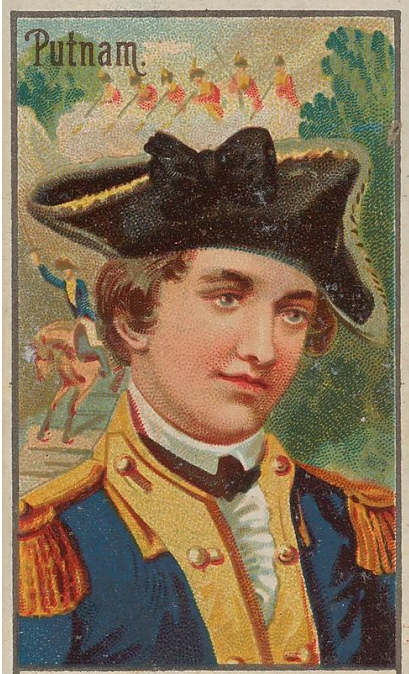




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PUTNAM VALLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

with Putnam Valley Town Historian
Dan Ricci

Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm

While no great armies met here on the farms and dusty lanes of what would become Putnam Valley, the Revolution surrounded the tiny hamlet on the outskirts of Philipstown, enveloped it, and intruded upon the lives of its residents. Colonial soldiers from the larger garrison to the west encamped themselves in our wooded hills where they found a better and easier supply of firewood, water and natural food. The Old Crofts Inn/Tavern at the junction of Church and Oscawana Lake Roads was a major watering hole for both Skinners and Cowboys - considered the worst elements on both sides of the war by some. And let's not forget the smallpox inoculation center located here in the valley - a lovely addition to any community. Grain for the colonial army stationed in Peekskill was milled in nearby Mahopac Falls. And local farmer and militiaman John Paulding - one of the captors of the British Spy, Major John André (who struck a deal with Benedict Arnold) made a house on Mill Street his home. That building still stands and remains a private residence today.



Town Historian Dan Ricci, a lifelong Putnam Valley resident, has also been a fulltime Social Studies teacher at Mahopac High School since 2002. Dan's Grandfather, Fred Schneider, a candy maker from the Bronx, first arrived in Lake Oscawana in 1910, and later enjoyed sharing stories of Putnam Valley's rich history and the interesting people who are a part of our Town's story - from Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig to Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

**This FREE program will be held at the Putnam Valley Library
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