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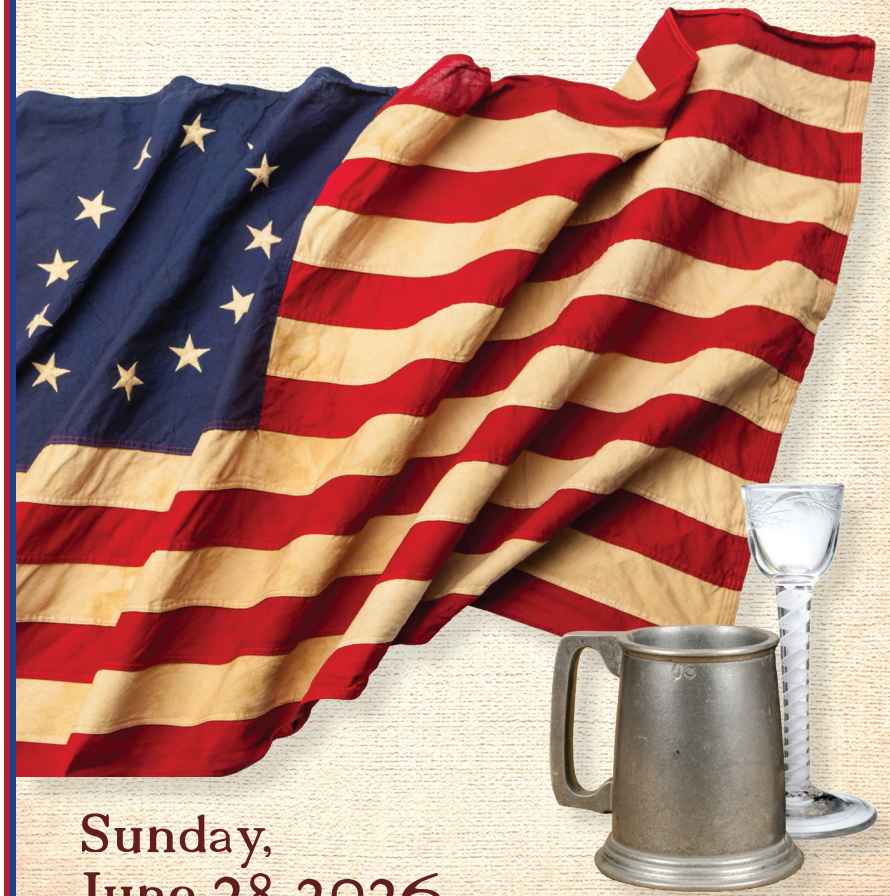
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# PASSPORT TO HISTORY

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Colonial Taverns Day



Sunday,  
June 28, 2026

A Camden County America's 250th Event

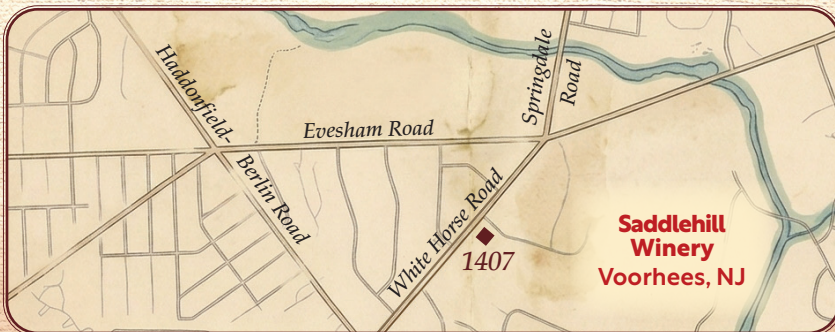
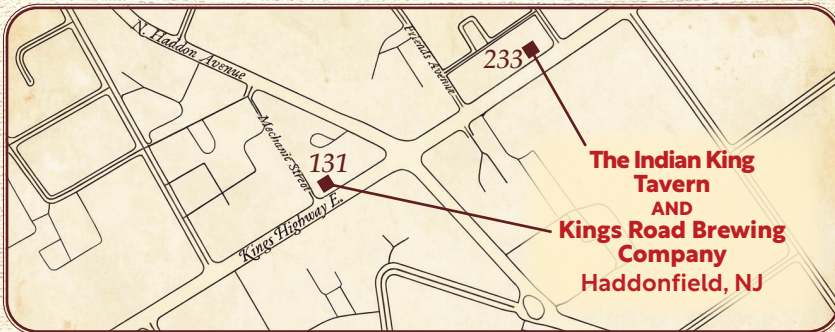
# Colonial Taverns

**Colonial taverns in Southern New Jersey played a vital role during the American Revolution, serving as far more than places for food and drink.**

Taverns functioned as communication hubs for communities, bringing people together from diverse social and economic backgrounds to exchange news, ideas, and opinions. Literate patrons would read newspapers and pamphlets aloud to circulate revolutionary ideas and help shape public attitudes. Others enjoyed the political cartoons and caricatures which printers were beginning to use to poke fun or stoke passion.

These spaces were also centers of political and civic life. Debates over rights, taxation and governance unfolded around shared tables and hearths. Militia recruitment frequently began within tavern walls, while mustering and training occurred outside. In many communities, taverns doubled as courtrooms, assembly halls, polling and meeting places, reflecting their importance as some of the largest and most prominent public buildings in their community.

*Benjamin Cooper Tavern, circa 1900*



# Tavern Talks

at the  
American Revolution Museum  
of Southern New Jersey—  
the restored Benjamin Cooper Tavern

**Sunday, June 28, 2026 • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Experience immersive history at the Historic Benjamin Cooper's Tavern. Join RevolutionNJ, the American Revolution Museum of South Jersey, and King's Road Brewing for an interactive experience exploring the motivations behind the Revolution.

**This is no lecture!** Step into a colonial tavern atmosphere where you'll debate revolutionary ideas with live reenactors. Faced with conflicting ideologies, you must decide: whose side are you on? Engage in back-and-forth discussions to see how past struggles mirror today's community challenges.

**No prior historical knowledge is required.** Grab a brew (for purchase) and discover what happens when a loyalist, patriot, and pacifist walk into a bar.

**To purchase tickets to  
Tavern Talks and for more details,  
please scan the QR code.**



## Meet Michael Gabriele author of *Colonial Taverns in New Jersey*

Join author **Michael Gabriele** as he discusses his fifth book, *Colonial Taverns of New Jersey: Libations, Liberty and Revolution*.



In the early colonies, taverns were essential hubs for soldiers, merchants, and travelers. More than just pit stops, they served as political strongholds and vital community spaces during the American Revolution. Gabriele explores the local haunts that hosted luminaries like Elizabeth Haddon and John Woolman, while revealing where figures like George Washington and Alexander Hamilton actually stayed.

Lifelong New Jersey resident Michael Gabriele, a former Nutley Sun editor and Montclair State graduate, brings 40 years of journalism experience to this presentation. An active member of the New Jersey Folk Festival and Nutley Historical Society, he explores the state's storied past through its most historic watering holes.

### MEET THE AUTHOR SCHEDULE

Gabriel Daveis Tavern - 10 a.m.

Benjamin Cooper Tavern - 2 p.m.

Indian King Tavern - 4 p.m.

# Benjamin Cooper Tavern AS THE American Revolution Museum of Southern New Jersey

## A Revolutionary Seedbed of Liberty

Built in 1734 by the grandson of Camden's founder, the Benjamin Cooper Tavern served as a vital Revolutionary hub and ferry stop on the Delaware River. During the American Revolution, the site—then known as Cooper's Ferry—played a strategic role, serving as a British base from 1777–1778 for attacks on Fort Mercer. Michael Gabriele's research highlights such taverns as "seedbeds" for the political and military strategies of figures like George Washington and Alexander Hamilton. Historians believe the building's upper floors were added shortly after the war. Now restored, the American Revolution Museum of Southern New Jersey will officially open its doors to the public at this historic site on June 20, 2026.



75 Erie Street • Camden, NJ 08102

# The Gabreil Daveis Tavern Museum

## A Georgian Hub of History

Built in 1756, the Gabreil Daveis Tavern is an outstanding example of vernacular Georgian architecture. Originally serving travelers on the "Great Irish Road" and watermen on Timber Creek, it was Gloucester Township's primary communications hub, hosting elections and town meetings from 1757 to 1770.

The building ceased operating as a tavern in 1769 when Gabreil's widow, Sarah, declined to renew the license. Subsequently, it became a residence for prominent Revolutionary War figures.

Today, this historic site serves as a museum, preserving its legacy as a vital center of early community life and American history.



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### Colonial Taverns Day:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Regular Tour Schedule:

- Second & Fourth Sundays, April through November  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- First Two Sundays in December  
1 - 4 pm.
- Winter tours available by appointment.



500 3rd Avenue • Glendora, NJ 08029

# The Indian King Tavern Museum

## A Local Tavern with Statewide Impact

The Indian King Tavern Museum, nearly 300 years old, sits on Haddonfield's historic Kings Highway. As New Jersey's first state-owned historic site, it served as the birthplace of the state's transition from a colony. Crucial laws regarding elections, township governments, and wartime measures supporting the Continental Army were passed in its second-floor meeting room.

Beyond its political significance, the tavern was a social cornerstone where travelers shared ale, stories, and meals by candlelight. For one shilling and six pence, guests bound for Philadelphia or New York enjoyed a fireplace and a shared room. Today, this landmark remains a vital part of our national fabric.

### Colonial Taverns Day:

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Regular Hours:

- Wednesday through Saturday:  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.,  
and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sunday:  
1 p.m. - 4pm



233 Kings Highway E. • Haddonfield, NJ 08033

# King's Road Brewing Company

Haddonfield, New Jersey

Founded in 2016, King's Road Brewing Company ended Haddonfield's 140-year dry spell. Originally located in the 1777 Gibbs Tavern building, the brewery honors the town's pre-Prohibition history. Its



name reflects its home on Kings Highway, America's oldest road, commissioned by Charles II to link Charleston and Boston. In 1681, the New Jersey section was built, connecting Salem to Burlington through Haddonfield.

Today, King's Road continues this legacy of community, using fresh ingredients to craft year-round standards and unique seasonal releases. It remains a premier destination for beer connoisseurs to gather and share their passion for local history and craft brewing.



131 Kings Highway E. • Haddonfield, NJ 08033

# Saddlehill Winery

## A Legacy of Liberty and the Land

Saddlehill is a 70-acre estate in Voorhees, NJ, where history and viticulture meet. Our story began in 1701 with the Matlack family, whose descendant, Timothy Matlack, later famously scribed the Declaration of Independence.



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The land later passed to Lt. John Stafford, a personal guard to General George Washington. His family farmed the property for over 200 years, eventually gaining recognition for breeding and training harness racing horses.

Acquired by Amy and Bill Green in 2021, the estate has been lovingly restored as a premier destination for estate-crafted wines, farm-to-table dining, and community gathering. Today, we invite you to experience this historic oasis—now permanently preserved as a testament to New Jersey’s agricultural heritage.



1407 White Horse Road • Voorhees, NJ 08043

## American Patriot State of New Jersey Loyalty Oath

New Jersey Acts of 1776, Chapter 2, approved 19 September 1776

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do sincerely profess and swear (or, if one of the people called Quakers, affirm) that I do not hold myself bound to bear Allegiance to the King of Great Britain. So, help me God.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do sincerely profess and swear (of, if one of the People called Quakers, affirm) that I do and will bear true Faith and Allegiance to the Government established in this state, under the Authority of the People.

So, help me God.



## British Loyalist Colony of New Jersey Loyalty Oath

“Oath of Allegiance to the King George III,” dated November 1775  
Whereas a set of factious Men under the names of Committees Conventions and Congresses have violently under various pretenses usurped the legislative and executive Powers of Government and are thereby endeavoring to overturn our happy Constitution and have incurred the Guilt of actual Rebellion against our most gracious Sovereign.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do, therefore, Abjure all their Authority and solemnly promise in the presence of Almighty God to bear faith and true Allegiance to his sacred Majesty George the 3rd and Will to the utmost of my power and Ability support maintain and defend his Crown and dignity against all traitorous Attempts and Conspiracies whatsoever.

So, help me God

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