



THE REVOLUTIONARY WORLD OF A FREE BLACK MAN: JACOB FRANCIS, 1754-1836

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 23, 2024
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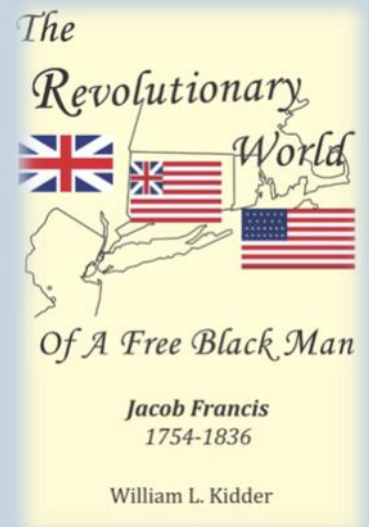
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The Readington Museums will host author, Larry Kidder, for a program on his newest book, *The Revolutionary World of a Free Black Man: Jacob Francis: 1754-1836*. Kidder will share his findings about the life of Jacob Francis, a free Black man from Amwell and then Flemington who fought in the Continental Army and the NJ militia.

Francis was a fascinating person who struggled against the racism of his time to be a successful, land-owning farmer. He married and freed an enslaved woman, raised nine children, and saw them educated. A historical marker for Francis and his family was recently placed in Flemington near his grave by the SAR/SR/DAR.

William L. (Larry) Kidder received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Allegheny College and is a retired high school history teacher of forty years. He served four years of active duty in the US Navy. Kidder is a volunteer at the Howell Living History Farm and has served as a historian, interpreter, and draft horse teamster. Investigating the Revolutionary activities of the residents of the Howell Living Farm drew Larry into his research and writing on the Revolution.



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