

# “MAPPING THE BACKCOUNTRY before THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION”

One-hour visual exploration of the region's history via Zoom

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*The young George Washington's military and diplomatic mission into the colonial backcountry in the early 1750s took him into a world highly contested by British, French, and Native peoples. As they competed for control of the region, cartography became a crucial means by which European powers in particular laid claim to the land, envisioned what it might become, and communicated ideas about America to audiences across the Atlantic. This presentation will explore the history of the backcountry before the War for Independence using maps from the Washington Library's Richard H. Brown Revolutionary War Map Collection. Explore western Pennsylvania's history and how imperial powers used maps to inscribe meaning on the American landscape.*

**Limited to 100 registrants. Pre-registration required.  
Deadline to register—October 5.**

Send name & email address to [leigh@visitbutlercounty.com](mailto:leigh@visitbutlercounty.com) with “WT1753” in the subject line. Registrants will receive an email from Leigh with the Zoom meeting invitation.

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