

THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE, THE BATTLE OF THE BRANDYWINE AND SAVING OUR HISTORIC SITES- LECTURE SUMMARY

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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. 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 11th, 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 grew up in Wynnewood on the Main Line outside Philadelphia. After graduation from Bucknell University, he went to graduate school at The University of Texas at Austin earning a Master's Degree in Petroleum Geology and later at San Diego State University, getting an MBA Finance. Gene is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and a Certified Financial Planner (CFP), having worked as an energy analyst and a portfolio manager for 24 years. He retired from the investment industry in 2010 to pursue his writing career and lecture series. Gene is a member of the Chadds Ford Historical Society, American Friends of Lafayette, Friends of Brandywine Battlefield and is an approved speaker for the Delaware Humanities Forum. A lifelong history buff, he has traveled to many [historic sites](#), including Gettysburg and the 'liberty trails' of Boston and Philadelphia. Gene is married and lives in Kennett Square, Pa.

Gene's new book "Lafayette's Gold- The Lost Brandywine Treasure" is an historical novel about Washington, Lafayette and the Battle of the Brandywine. Set in bucolic Chadds Ford, Pa., this book continues the mystery thriller started in his first novel "Vineyard Days".

