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Witchcraft in Colonial Virginia Subject of Historian Talk at Hampton History Museum on March 2

Hampton, VA—Historian and author Carson Hudson presents “Witchcraft in Colonial Virginia,” an illustrated lecture based on his 2019 book of the same name, as part of the Hampton History Museum’s Port Hampton Lecture Series on Monday, March 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

While the witchcraft mania that swept through Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692 was significant, fascination with it has tended to overshadow the historical records of other persecutions throughout early America. Colonial Virginians shared a common belief in the supernatural with their northern neighbors. The 1626 case of Joan Wright, the first woman to be accused of witchcraft in British North America, began Virginia’s own witch craze. Utilizing surviving records, local historian Carson Hudson narrates these fascinating stories.

After his talk, Carson will sign copies of his book "Witchcraft in Colonial Virginia," available in the museum gift shop for \$21.99. Museum members enjoy a 10% discount.

About the Author

Carson Hudson has been passionate about history since he was a young boy growing up in Virginia, surrounded by Civil War battlefields. He is a practicing military and social

historian, author, Emmy Award–winning screenwriter and circus fire-eater. He lectures regularly at museums and colleges on a wide variety of subjects, but his particular interests are the Civil War and colonial witchcraft. He performs regularly as part of the old-time music duo Hudson & Clark and with the Cigar Box String Band.

The program is free to museum members, \$5 for non-members.

The Hampton History Museum is located at 120 Old Hampton Lane in Downtown Hampton. There is free parking in the garage across the street from the museum. For more information call 757-727-1102 or visit www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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