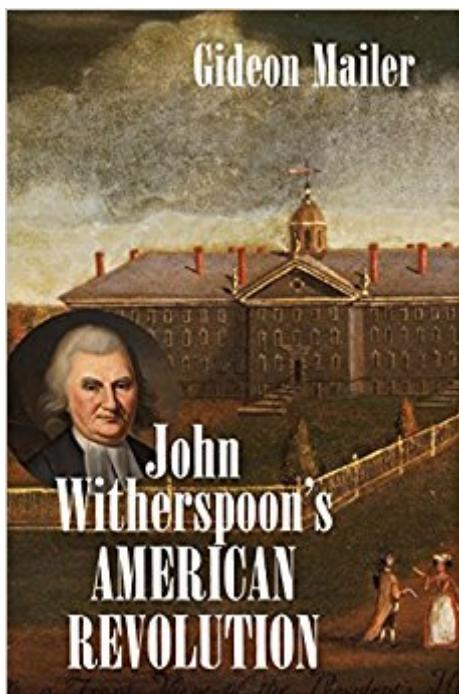


The book was found

John Witherspoon's American Revolution: Enlightenment And Religion From The Creation Of Britain To The Founding Of The United States (Published By The ... And The University Of North Carolina Press)



Synopsis

In 1768, John Witherspoon, Presbyterian leader of the evangelical Popular party faction in the Scottish Kirk, became the College of New Jersey's sixth president. At Princeton, he mentored constitutional architect James Madison; as a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress, he was the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence. Although Witherspoon is often thought to be the chief conduit of moral sense philosophy in America, Mailer's comprehensive analysis of this founding father's writings demonstrates the resilience of his evangelical beliefs. Witherspoon's Presbyterian evangelicism competed with, combined with, and even superseded the civic influence of Scottish Enlightenment thought in the British Atlantic world. John Witherspoon's American Revolution examines the connection between patriot discourse and long-standing debates--already central to the 1707 Act of Union--about the relationship among piety, moral philosophy, and political unionism. In Witherspoon's mind, Americans became different from other British subjects because more of them had been awakened to the sin they shared with all people. Paradoxically, acute consciousness of their moral depravity legitimized their move to independence by making it a concerted moral action urged by the Holy Spirit. Mailer's exploration of Witherspoon's thought and influence suggests that, for the founders in his circle, civic virtue rested on personal religious awakening.

Book Information

Series: Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press

Hardcover: 440 pages

Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press; 1 edition (January 16, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 146962818X

ISBN-13: 978-1469628189

Product Dimensions: 6 x 2 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.7 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #700,111 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #60 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Leaders & Notable People > Presidents & Heads of State > U.K. Prime Ministers #162 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Christian Denominations & Sects > Protestantism > Presbyterian #588 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > United States > American

Revolution

Customer Reviews

This thoroughly researched work is best suited for scholars of Enlightenment history and the American Revolution.--Library Journal

In this fresh biography of John Witherspoon, Mailer explores the rich philosophical origins of the Revolutionary War, American education, and the United States's distinctive civil religion. Mailer skillfully integrates intellectual and religious narratives to demonstrate how evangelicalism, presbyterianism, and Scottish history formed the new American Republic. This work transforms our understanding of the only minister to sign the Declaration of Independence and his most influential student, James Madison."â "Kate Carte Engel, Southern Methodist UniversityA valuable and ambitious work on the life, thought, and career of the minister, educator, and Revolutionary political leader John Witherspoon.Â Mailer revises portrayals of Witherspoon's principal significance as that of purveyor of Enlightenment philosophy rather than religious leader and uncovers a specifically Scots Presbyterian dimension to the political and moral culture of Revolutionary America.--Ned Landsman, Stony Brook UniversityMailer's tour de force of research has produced a cornucopia of insights into a key but underappreciated leader of the eighteenth-century Atlantic world. With careful probing of Witherspoon's Scottish career and painstaking examination of his central role in the colonial break from Britain, Mailer corrects what other historians, including myself, have written about this influential minister, educator, and public servant. A special contribution is Mailer's demonstration that Witherspoon, although with some ambiguity, sustained foundational evangelical convictions in his career on both sides of the Atlantic."â "Mark A. Noll, University of Notre Dame

Dr. Gideon Mailer, an acquaintance of mine, has done a masterful job on John Witherspoon's life and contribution to our nation. I would like to provide a more detailed review of this outstanding book at a later time, when I am free to do so.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

John Witherspoon's American Revolution: Enlightenment and Religion from the Creation of Britain to the Founding of the United States (Published by the ... and the University of North Carolina Press) The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press) Town House: Architecture and Material Life in the Early American City, 1780-1830

(Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press) Contact Points: American Frontiers from the Mohawk Valley to the Mississippi, 1750-1830 (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American ... and the University of North Carolina Press) Bonds of Alliance: Indigenous and Atlantic Slaveries in New France (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press) Pirate Nests and the Rise of the British Empire, 1570-1740 (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press) The Indiansâ™ New World: Catawbas and Their Neighbors from European Contact through the Era of Removal (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American ... and the University of North Carolina Press) Strangers Within the Realm: Cultural Margins of the First British Empire (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press) Sugar and Slaves: The Rise of the Planter Class in the English West Indies, 1624-1713 (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History ... and the University of North Carolina Press) Warring for America: Cultural Contests in the Era of 1812 (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press) Wilmington, North Carolina: Including its History, Bellamy Mansion, the USS North Carolina, the North Carolina Azalea Festival, Independence Mall, and More Good Wives, Nasty Wenches, and Anxious Patriarchs: Gender, Race, and Power in Colonial Virginia (Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early ... and the University of North Carolina Press) Darkness Falls on the Land of Light: Experiencing Religious Awakenings in Eighteenth-Century New England (Published by the Omohundro Institute of ... and the University of North Carolina Press) American Map North Carolina State Road Atlas (American Map Regional Atlas: North Carolina State Road) Managing Tourette Syndrome: A Behavioral Intervention Workbook, Parent Workbook (Treatments That Work) 1st (first) Edition by Woods, Douglas W., Piacentini, John, Chang, Susanna, Deckers published by Oxford University Press, USA (2008) Carolina Cookbook: A Southern Cookbook with Authentic North Carolina Recipes and South Carolina Recipes for Easy Southern Cooking Great Britain: A Travelerâ™s Guide to the Must-See Cities in Great Britain (London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Birmingham, Liverpool, Bath, Manchester, York, Cardiff, Leeds, Great Britain Travel Guide) Great Britain: Where To Go, What To See - A Great Britain Travel Guide (Great Britain, London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool, Bristol, Manchester) (Volume 1) Great Britain: Where To Go, What To See - A Great Britain Travel Guide (Great Britain, London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool, Bristol, Manchester Book 1) Great Britain Travel Guide: 101 Coolest Things to Do in Great Britain (UK Travel Guide, England Travel Guide, Wales

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)