



## Battle of Iron Works Hill Revolutionary War Re-Enactment Mount Holly New Jersey History Event

Event Date	Saturday, December 12, 2009 (the second Saturday in December each year)
Name	Battle of Iron Works Hill Revolutionary War Re-Enactment
Brief Description	After a hiatus of more than 200 years, the King's troops are returning to occupy Mount Holly.
Cost	FREE (though some historic buildings request a donation)
Hours	10 am - 5 pm
Description	<p>"Well, for some reason the Brits like coming here," said Dennis Rizzo, one of the coordinators of the event, now in its sixth year. "I guess it's the warm welcome they receive from our muskets. Or maybe it's the food."</p> <p>Ever since Col. Samuel Griffin diverted Karl Von Donop into town in December of 1776, folks have talked about the <a href="#">Battle of Iron Works Hill</a>. In recent years, there has been debate as to the outcome of Washington's Christmas attack had Griffin's small force not pulled Von Donop too far south to be of help to the Hessians in Trenton.</p> <p>"It was an unfortunate affair," noted Ian Johns. As a member of the <a href="#">Loyal American Regiment</a>, portraying citizens of the Crown who opposed the rebellion, Johns is also co-coordinator of the event. "If our Colonel had stayed in Bordentown, we would probably have universal health care in the colonies now."</p> <p>With the Historic Burlington County Prison Museum as their camp, the Royal Forces will attempt to bring the town back into English rule. Several stalwart members of the South Jersey militia and Continental regulars will defend the town from this incursion. Based on the results of previous attempts, it is assumed by most that the Royal Forces will fail.</p> <p>Alicia McShulkis, the third co-coordinator, believes the event will offer something for everyone, and just in time for Christmas. "The <a href="#">Mill Race Shops</a> and <a href="#">Main Street</a> merchants will be open. Many businesses — such as <a href="#">High Street Grill</a>, <a href="#">Red Carpet Cakes</a>, <a href="#">Pinelands Folk Music &amp; Basketry</a> and <a href="#">Robins Nest</a> — will have specials. There will be activities throughout the day for all ages."</p> <p>Highlights will be the two 18th Century camps at the <a href="#">Burlington County Prison Museum</a> (128 High Street) and behind the <a href="#">Spirit of Christmas</a> shop (14 White Street), plus 18<sup>th</sup> Century vendors, presentations at the <a href="#">Friends Meeting House</a>, the <a href="#">Old School House</a>, the 1796 Court House, <a href="#">Saint Andrew's Church</a> and, of course, the Battle in the Streets. It happens rain, snow, or shine.</p>