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Mr. Robert Weathers

Historic Interpreter portraying George Wythe

Robert Weathers has been performing as a character interpreter for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation since January 2008 and currently performs as George Wythe. A titan of the American Revolution and Early Republic, George Wythe is most commonly known as the man who instructed Thomas Jefferson in the law. However, Mr. Wythe also made his mark on history as teacher to Henry Clay, John Marshall, and St. George Tucker, and through milestone cases such as *Commonwealth v. Caton*, in which Judge Wythe introduced the concept of judicial review in Virginia, and *Pleasants v. Pleasants* and *Hudgens v. Wrights* where he attempted to stand against the perpetuation of slavery in Virginia. As Mr. Wythe, Robert enjoys focusing on 18th century law, philosophy, education, religion, and the natural sciences, especially astronomy. An Atlanta native, Robert graduated from Young Harris College in 2004 with an AFA concentration in theatre, and Valdosta State University in 2007 with a BFA in theatrical performance. When not wearing breeches, he spends his free time with his beautiful and hilarious wife, Kaitlyn, his son, Forrest, tending to Hortus Mortis (their carnivorous plant garden), and snuggling their favorite kittens and puppies: Leo, Olive, Knox, and Gil.

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