

THE STORY OF THE NIMHAMS

Chief Nimham was a key player in the 1700s. He contested the Phillipse's deed to the Phillipsburg Manor, led a group with Roger's Rangers during the French and Indian War and traveled to England to argue against some of the land grants. His son was a captain of a company with the Continental Army.

On August 31, 1778, the Nimhams and fifty of their fellow Wappingers were surrounded then killed by Loyalist, British Dragoons and Hessian Soldiers under the command of Lt. Colonel Simcoe, the villain of TV's "Turn" series, in the Battle of Kingsbridge Cortlandt Ridge in what is now Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

"The Story of the Nimhams" will be presented by Alfred (Stone-Heart) and Edward (Wolf) Conley. The brothers are descendants of Chief Daniel Nimham and are members of the Schanghticoke First Nation. November is Native American month.