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NEW DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH SHORE HISTORICAL MUSEUM ASSUMES POSITION



Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, new Director of the North Shore Historical Museum. Photos courtesy North Shore Historical Museum

Growing up in North Carolina, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews spent his summer mornings working in tobacco fields and his afternoons as a sales clerk in a men's clothing store. But it was his lunch hours, spent listening to stories told by his grandmother, Annie Culbreth Gaitley, that helped shape a lifelong appreciation for history.

His grandmother, who attended Flora MacDonald College in 1907 and later worked as an accountant for the railroad, shared stories of family, Scottish ancestry and generations past. Those conversations instilled in Gaitley an understanding that history is not simply about dates and events,

but about the people and experiences that shape our communities. More than half a century later, that early fascination with history has come full circle as Stevenson-Mathews assumes the position of director of the North Shore Historical Museum in Glen Cove.

"We are delighted to welcome Gaitley as our new director," said Georgie Connett, President of the museum's board of trustees. "His experience in nonprofit leadership, communications and historic preservation, together with his longstanding commitment to our community, makes him an excellent choice to help guide the museum into its next chapter. We look forward to the energy, creativity and enthusiasm he brings to this position."

Stevenson-Mathews is no stranger to the North Shore Historical Museum. A lifetime member and former member of its board of trustees, he has devoted many years to the museum as a volunteer, supporting its programs, fundraising efforts and community outreach.

His appointment as the museum's director marks a meaningful new chapter in his longstanding commitment to preserving and sharing local history. A Glen Cove resident since 2007, Stevenson-Mathews has been actively involved in the civic and cultural life of the community. A former member of the Glen Cove City Council, he serves on the boards of the Glen Cove SAGE Foundation, Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce and Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016. He is also a community ambassador for the Comité Cívico Argentino and founder and president of the Tribute and Honor Foundation, which honors military veterans and provides scholarships to graduating high school students who choose to enter military service.



George Connett, president of the North Shore Historical Museum's Board of Trustees, with the Museum's new Director, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews.

"When I moved to Glen Cove in 2007, one of the first things I did was begin learning about the city's history," Stevenson-Mathews recalled. "I've always believed that understanding the history of a place helps you become part of its community. To now have the opportunity to serve as Director of the Museum is both an honor and a responsibility I take very seriously."

As director, Stevenson-Mathews hopes to expand community partnerships, strengthen educational programming and encourage greater public engagement with the Museum.

"A museum should be more than a place to view artifacts," he said. "It should be a gathering place where people discover, learn and share the stories that connect us. I am particularly fortunate to be joining an organization with such a dedicated board of trustees and volunteers, whose commitment has sustained the museum over the years. I look forward to working alongside them as we build upon the Museum's mission of Preserving Yesterday for Tomorrow."

The museum's board of trustees will host a welcome reception for Stevenson-Mathews on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m., at the museum. The public is invited to attend.



A young Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews with his grandmother, Annie Culbreth Gaitley, proudly holding his Sunday School perfect attendance certificate.