

Why did Lafayette visit area?

What famous Frenchman visited Natchez in April of 1825? If you answered The Marquis de Lafayette, you probably aced junior high world history. And you might remember that he was a 19th century superstar, friend of the first six U.S. presidents, known as the "hero of Yorktown" who returned at age 67 to tour the then 24 states of the young country. Ole



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Miss fans might link him to Lafayette County. But, what brought him to Natchez?

On Tuesday evening, the Natchez Historical Society will host Alan Hoffman, translator of the journal of Auguste Levasseur, Lafayette's private secretary during his Farewell Tour of America (1824-25). Hoffman is a graduate of Yale College and earned his law degree from Harvard. This valuable journal translation published in 2007 brings to life the remarkable Frenchman who fought in the American Revolution, was a major force in the French Revolution, and who returned decades later to tour our thriving young county.

Join us for this presentation at the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, 400 Jefferson Davis Blvd. Please note change in usual meeting location. Social hour refreshments will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the program to follow at 7 p.m. As always, the event is free and open to the public.

Come join us on Tuesday and consider joining the Natchez Historical Society if you are not a member.