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**“Knoxville’s Colonel John Williams and the War of 1812”  
A Brown Bag Lecture by Alex Brandau**

**PROGRAM:** “Knoxville’s Colonel John Williams and the War of 1812”  
A Brown Bag Lecture by Alex Brandau

**DATE:** Noon, Wednesday, May 15, 2013

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center  
601 South Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**ADMISSION:** FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch

When war was declared against Great Britain in 1812, Colonel John Williams (1778-1837) of Knoxville raised a company of volunteers and marched them 600 miles to Georgia to offer their service against the Seminole. The East Tennessee troops represented themselves and the region well and were discharged by the commanding general in February, 1813. Col Williams later served as a colonel under General Andrew Jackson against the Creek Indians in Alabama and the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. Although serving together in the war, Jackson and Williams later became bitter political enemies.

Alex Brandau, a descendent of Williams, will discuss Colonel Williams’ War of 1812 career, the Williams family, and the 39<sup>th</sup> U.S. Regiment’s War of 1812 battle flag, hand-stitched by Polly McClung and now on display in the Museum of East Tennessee History.

The program is sponsored by the Harriet Z. Albers Memorial Fund, and free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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