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Doc Holliday's Southern Roots

Morrow, April 3, 2013 - Author Victoria Wilcox will be the guest speaker at the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Initiation at Clayton State University on Friday, April 19th. Wilcox will speak on some unique Southern history in a program entitled "*Gone With the Wind* Goes West: The Surprising Southern Heritage of Doc Holliday." The initiation begins at 7 pm at Clayton State, 2000 Clayton State Blvd., Morrow.

Phi Alpha Theta (ΦΑΘ) is an American honor society for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history. The society has over 350,000 members, with about 9,500 new members joining each year through 860 local chapters.

Wilcox is the author of *Inheritance*, the first book in the historical fiction trilogy, *Southern Son: The Saga of Doc Holliday*, scheduled for official release on May 8th by Knox Robinson Publishing of London and New York. Wilcox lives in Peachtree City.

As founding director of Fayetteville's Holliday-Dorsey-Fife House Museum, Wilcox discovered the story that led to *Southern Son: The Saga of Doc Holliday*. Although the name Doc Holliday conjures images of the Wild West and the shootout at the OK Corral, before he was a Western legend he was a Southern son, born in Griffin in the last days of the Old South with family links to the author of *Gone With the Wind*. The saga begins with *Inheritance*, set during the turbulent times of Civil War and Reconstruction, as young John Henry Holliday faces first love and family tragedy, honor and betrayal, and a violent encounter that changes his life forever.

Wilcox, a member of the Western Writers of America, spent eighteen years researching and writing the *Southern Son* trilogy, becoming a nationally known expert on the life of Doc Holliday. Her book tour for *Inheritance* began with an appearance in Tombstone, Arizona, and will take her across the country to all the places Holliday knew in his adventurous life.

The international release of *Inheritance* will be celebrated with a private book premiere party at the Holliday-Dorsey-Fife House Museum in Fayetteville, followed by a public Book Launch at the Margaret Mitchell House Museum in Atlanta on Saturday, June 1st at 2pm (contact the museum at 404-249-7015). Omega Books at 100 S Peachtree Parkway in Peachtree City will host the Southside book signing on Saturday, June 15th from 1-3pm. Those who can't attend the event but would like a signed copy of the book reserved for them can contact Omega Books at 770-487-3977. *Inheritance* is available from Amazon and other online retailers, and in bookstores everywhere.

Visit the author's website at www.victoriawilcoxbooks.com to explore the world of Doc Holliday, view the trailer, and read a sample chapter.

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