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When writer Victoria Wilcox set out to save a Georgia landmark and bring history back to life, she didn't know that her own life would be forever changed. But something about the plantation style white-columned house on a sleepy town square spoke to her.

"I didn't even know it was historic," she says of her introduction to what turned out to be the home of the uncle of the legendary Doc Holliday. "But I knew from first glance that I would have something to do with it."

The 1851 Holliday House was one of a handful of unrestored antebellum homes remaining in Georgia, but was being considered for demolition to make way for a parking lot when Wilcox formed a community action group, and later a non-profit corporation, to save it. Her only goal was to turn the Greek Revival beauty into a museum of local history -- until she discovered a bit of history she had never heard before.

"Doc Holliday was kin to Margaret Mitchell, author of *Gone with the Wind*, who modeled her heroine Melanie on Doc's cousin and first love, Mattie Holliday. It was an amazing meeting of history, legend, and literature. I knew I had to tell the story, one way or another. I started out to write a traditional biography, but decided that a tale that sweeps from the Old South to the Wild West was better suited to historical fiction."

The story is now complete in a trilogy of historical novels entitled *Southern Son: The Saga of Doc Holliday*. The first book is *Inheritance*, coming May of 2013 from Knox Robinson Publishing, London.

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