



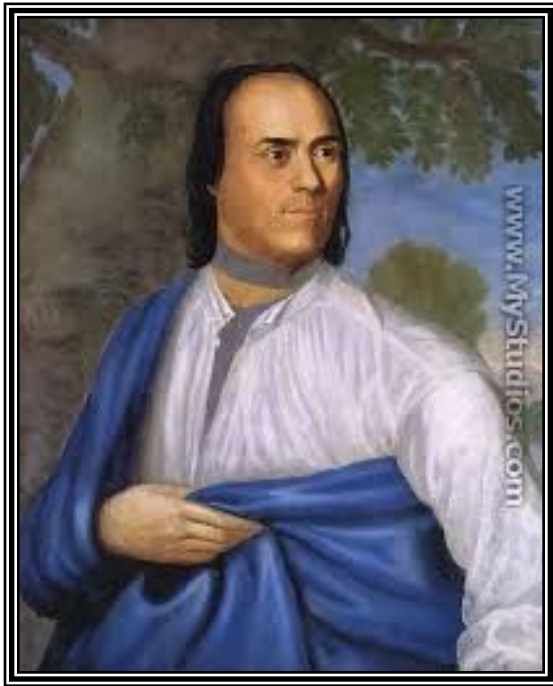
*"Discovering History, Pride
of Place and Community"*

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Discovering, Collecting & Preserving

The History of Columbia

March 2019



**Please join us on March 31
at 2:00 at Yeomans Hall
where Tom Berrill will
discuss how Samson
Occom helped to make
Columbia what it is today.**

This eloquent Minister preached Christianity to thousands in New England and New York, as well as England. He was a member of the Mohegan nation and was exemplar in his loving attitude towards all including his prejudicial detractors.

Samson Occom (1723-1792) was descended from Sachem Uncas. At the young age of 19, in 1742, he converted to Christianity while working with Reverend James Davenport. He lived with Mr. Wheelock and his wife Sarah for 4 years from 1743-1747. Mr. Occom's academic success inspired Mr. Wheelock to establish the Indian Charity School in Lebanon Crank. After completing the education in the Latin School, Mr. Occom studied with Reverend Benjamin Pomeroy in Hebron and in 1749 established a school Montauk, L.I.

Mr. Occom accomplished a lot in his life. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister on 8/29/1759 at Montauk, LI and was a missionary to the Oneida Nation in New York. He was also a preacher at the Mohegan Nation and travelled to England with Reverend Nathaniel Whitaker to solicit funds for the Indian Charity School. His persuasive skills served him well and were instrumental in securing enough funds from the Earl of Dartmouth to establish Dartmouth College.

**The event is free to the public with a good will donation
of your choice.**