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—*Jeff Parker, minister of music, First Baptist Church of Chattanooga*

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“With book three of the Trailblazer trilogy, Lynelle Mason, deftly concludes the story of N.W., a respected doctor and political leader who was instrumental in shaping the early history of the United States. So much of his legacy remains, and now a new generation of readers will be able to place the name of Noble Wimberly Jones alongside George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin.”

—*Laura Backes, founder and publisher, Children’s Book Insider*

“Beginning when the state of Georgia was a Crown colony, Lynelle Mason intertwines the triumphs and tragedies of Dr. Noble Wimberly Jones with events transpiring in Georgia and its sister colonies. Mason makes history come alive as she details how Dr. Jones not only advances the practice of medicine but also, along with family members and friends, contributes to issues such as states’ rights and religious freedom.”

—*Doris Thornton, retired associate professor, University of Tennessee*

“In this concluding volume of the Trailblazer trilogy, N.W. Jones is a young doctor with a growing family. He is deeply involved with the colony of Georgia, its attempt to gain statehood, and its early development as a state. Mason brings these many years of history to vivid life with frequent vignettes of N.W.’s participation in key events. Readers will enjoy the story, while learning much about Georgia’s early history.”

—*Katharine Bruner, retired school librarian*

“Mason is able to personalize history in a gifted, concise way as she blends Noble Wimberly’s life as husband, father, son, medical doctor, and patriot against the backdrop of transpiring events occurring within Georgia and its sister states. Doctor Noble Wimberly Jones is a man for his time and ours.”

—*Martha Killian, retired special education teacher*

# *Trailblazer*

PART THREE

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# Prologue

The Georgia where Noble Wimberly (N.W.) Jones became a resident in 1754 had undergone drastic changes. As a Crown colony, it grew in size, population, trade, and wealth. It also had a form of government controlled by the English Parliament that appointed the governor, paid his salary, and provided him with a handpicked upper council that basically defended his prestige and agreed to all his proposals.

There also was a lower council elected by the citizens of Georgia. It was from this group that N.W. won the title “Morning Star of Liberty.” These men, who gradually became known as the “Sons of Liberty” (also referred to as the Liberty Boys or Liberty Men), strongly resented paying taxes without having the privilege to vote. They sided with leaders from the other 12 American colonies in protesting Britain’s tax measures. When the Revolutionary War broke out, Georgia joined in with her sister colonies.

As *Trailblazer, Part Two* closes, the Jones family is grieving the loss of a newborn son.



Trailblazer, Part Three is dedicated to all the  
Masons, Sweats and Jordans in my family tree and  
especially to my beloved brother, John.