



**The Archive of History and Art-The War Archive**

Invites you to a presentation via Zoom

On Saturday 24 April 2021 at 19.00 on

The anniversary of the Exodus of Missolonghi and the celebrations of the  
200th anniversary of

The 1821

Revolution and Independence of Greece on the topic of

**The lost West-Roumeliot fighters of the Exodus of Missolonghi live  
again**

**Presented by Kostas Tzavellas**

The presentation will be in Greek

**By way of introduction**

In 1833 King Otto of Greece formed a commission to examine and resolve the issue of compensation to the widows and orphans of the fallen fighters of the war of independence and also pensions for the surviving veterans. Applications were invited from the interested parties but their validity was testified by local veterans of high standing who signed off the

applications only if they were certain of their truth. In addition to the applications from the relatives of the dead veterans and those from survivors, applications were also received from the hundreds of women and their children who, after the fall of Missolonghi, were sold off as slaves by the Turks who captured them. They were later bought back by the Greek state but were, of course, completely destitute. This incredibly valuable trove of biographies and life stories occupied more than 5,000 files and were brought to light and published thanks to the monumental efforts of the historian G. Tsatsanis (1914-2005).

During the presentation, which focuses on the lives and experiences contained in these files, if there are any attendees who believe that their great-great-grandparents might have been involved in the battles for Missolonghi, they can offer their names and we will access on the spot data bases of these names to see if there is any potential links. We hope that there might be, thus bringing back to life these lost voices of this tragic but heroic period of Greece's road to statehood and independence.

The presenter **Kostas Tzavellas** is a direct descendant of the Tzavellas family who made major contributions to Greece's war of independence.