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How to Apply to Hereditary Societies: The Application Process Revealed *Newport Historical Society Hosts April Workshop*

Newport, RI – (March 2010) – This April, the Newport Historical Society is pleased to host a library workshop that details the application process and membership in patriotic and hereditary organizations such as the Sons / Daughters of the American Revolution, The Society of Colonial Dames / Colonial Wars and the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

During the April 8th workshop, which runs from 2pm to 4pm, attendees will learn about the different societies and the varying eligibility requirements and the steps needed to prove direct, lineal descent from Revolutionary soldiers, founders of towns and passengers on the Mayflower, as well as others, such as tavern keepers, colonial clergy and illegitimate royalty. Attendees will also receive an information packet with details to help guide them through the application processes.

Why join a hereditary society? “The numerous hereditary societies and their members share an interest in history and genealogy,” explains the Newport Historical Society’s genealogist and librarian Bert Lippincott, who will run the workshop. “The organizations commemorate historical events and places, contribute to school programs and scholarships, operate house museums and promote patriotism and civic pride.”

Reservations are required as space is limited. Admission costs \$25 per person, \$15 for Newport Historical Society members, and the program will take place at the Newport Historical Society headquarters, 82 Touro Street, Newport, RI. For more information or to register for this program call 401-846-0813 during business hours or visit www.NewportHistory.org.

For additional information and/or to obtain media photos please contact: Elizabeth Sulock, Public Affairs Associate, 401-846-0813 x104, esulock@newporthistorical.org.

About the Newport Historical Society

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit www.newporthistory.org.

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