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18th Century House Joining & Planemaking Demonstration
A History Space Event

Newport, RI – January, 2018 – On Saturday, May 19, 2018, join the Newport Historical Society for the latest History Space event: *18th Century House Joining and Planemaking*. From **10am-2pm** this free, interactive program features house joining demonstrations from expert and historic interpreter Dan Lacroix.

House building in the 18th century was a labor-intensive process that required the skills of many tradesman. While the carpenter hewed and joined the timber frame "bones" of the building, it was the house joiner who crafted the fabric of its interior woodwork. With a basic set of hand tools, the house joiner produced the paneling, wainscoting, decorative moldings, and window sash so familiar in period houses and public buildings. Dan Lacroix makes and uses reproductions of the hand planes and other tools used by the house joiner to demonstrate the process of transforming rough lumber into the elements of a finished 18th century home.

Dan is a lifelong woodworker and has been demonstrating the use of 18th century hand tools since 2004. He has demonstrated at many New England museums and historic house sites including Minuteman National Historical Park.

This program takes place at the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House, 17 Broadway, Newport, RI. Admission is free, donations welcome.

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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