

## New Hampshire Historical Society Presents Spring Lecture Series

### History of Portsmouth's Moffatt-Ladd House Showcased

Portsmouth's Moffatt-Ladd House is among the best-preserved and finest Georgian mansions in all of the United States. How this house, built in 1760s, survived and witnessed history is a tale that is being told in [\*Women of the Moffatt-Ladd House\*](#), an exhibition on view at the New Hampshire Historical Society's museum.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the New Hampshire Historical Society will present a four-part lecture series. The lectures will be held on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m., April 6 through April 27, at the Society's library, located at 30 Park Street, Concord. Admission to the lectures is free for New Hampshire Historical Society members; \$5 for nonmembers.

Lecture Series Schedule:

**Sunday, April 6 – “Circumstances of Imperious Consequence”: Insecurity, Independence, and History in the lives of the Women of the Moffatt-Ladd House, 1763-2007” by Barbara McLean Ward.**

Barbara McLean Ward holds a Ph.D. from Boston University in American and New England Studies. She has served as curatorial assistant and exhibition coordinator in American Art at the Yale University Art Gallery, assistant professor in the Winterthur Program in Early American Culture at the Winterthur Museum, director of Interpretation and Publications at the Essex Institute (now part of the Peabody Essex Museum), and project director at the Strawberry Banke Museum. She is now director/curator of the Moffatt-Ladd House and Garden in Portsmouth, NH.

**Sunday, April 13 – “Portsmouth Possessions: Furniture from the Moffatt-Ladd House” by Gerald W. R. Ward.**

Gerald W.R. Ward is the Katharine Lane Weems Senior Curator of Decorative Arts and Sculpture, Art of the Americas, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. A graduate of Harvard College, Ward received his Ph.D. in American and New England Studies from Boston University. He has served as the assistant curator of the Garvan and Related Collections of American Art at the Yale University Art Gallery; as an editor at the Winterthur Museum; and as curator of Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH. He joined the Museum of Fine Arts in 1992.

**Sunday, April 20 – “Moffatt-Ladd: Grandest of the Grand Houses of the 1760s” by James L. Garvin.**

James L. Garvin has served as the State Architectural Historian, New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, since 1987. He is the co-author with Donna-Belle Garvin of *On the Road North of Boston: New Hampshire Taverns and Turnpikes, 1700-1900*, and author of *A Building History of Northern New England*. He supervised the restoration of several 18th-century structures while curator of Strawberry Banke. Garvin has studied the region's historic building during 35 years of curatorship, writing, and editing almost 200 National Register nominations, and preparing over 150 reports on historic buildings.

**Sunday, April 27 – “When Shipping Was King: Portsmouth and the Atlantic World in the 18th Century” by W. Jeffrey Bolster.**

W. Jeffrey Bolster holds the James H. Hayes and Claire Short Hayes Chair in the Humanities at the University of New Hampshire, where he is an associate professor of history. He is the author of *Black Jacks: African American Seamen in the Age of Sail* and editor of *Cross-Grained and Wily Waters: A Guide to the Piscataqua Maritime Region*.

## **New Hampshire Historical Society & New England Historic Genealogical Society Present: New Hampshire Genealogy Seminar**

Whether you are just a beginner or are much further along in your family sleuthing, you won't want to miss this opportunity!

The Society is very fortunate to have David C. Dearborn visiting our library as the main presenter at a one-day seminar on April 5. Mr. Dearborn is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and has been a staff member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society for over 30 years, where he has specialized in northern New England family research. Pauline Cusson, Editor of *The American-Canadian Genealogist* and a board member of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society will also be speaking, along with our own Librarian Bill Copeley.

Please contact the New Hampshire Historical Society's Librarian Bill Copeley at 603/856-0641 or [bcopeley@nhhistory.org](mailto:bcopeley@nhhistory.org).