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Evenings at Hale Series Continues

Where Have all the Soldiers Gone?

Coventry, CT – On Friday, July 2nd, the *Evenings at Hale* series will continue at Connecticut Landmarks' Nathan Hale Homestead with *Where Have all the Soldiers Gone?* The Homestead will host two candlelight house tours, at 6 pm and 8 pm, focusing on the lives and stories of the patriotic Hale family during the American Revolution. Nathan Hale and five of his brothers served during the war. The evening will also include hearth cooking, tasty treats, good conversation and beer from Willimantic Brewing Company, the official beer sponsor of the *Evenings at Hale* series.

Join staff on August 6th for *Bundling, Brides and Babies: A Peek into Romance, Courtship, Passion and Practices of the Bedroom*, which will feature the love affairs of the Hale family. Lastly, on October 8th, *Things That Go Bump in the Night* will highlight “ghost stories,” with staff sharing the unexplained sounds and happenings at the Hale Homestead.

There will be two tours each evening, the first beginning at 6 pm and the second at 8 pm. The admission is \$25 each, or \$20 each for CTL members. Reservations are required, as space is limited. Call the Hale Homestead at (860) 742-6917 to register.

The Nathan Hale Homestead is located at 2299 South Street in Coventry, CT 06238. The Homestead is open for regular tours from Memorial Day Weekend through October 31st. Hours are: June – August: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12 pm – 4 pm & Sunday 11 am – 4

pm; September – October: Friday, Saturday 12 pm – 4 pm & Sunday 11 am – 4 pm. Open on Monday Holidays – Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for students, teachers and seniors; \$4 for children age 6-18; children under 6 and CTL members are free. Families - 2 adults with children - are \$15; groups of 10 or more are \$5 per person. For school groups and special curriculum-based programming, please call Beverly York, Site Administrator, at (860) 742-6917 or email, hale@ctlandmarks.org.

About the Nathan Hale Homestead

The Hale Homestead is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the birthplace of Connecticut's State Hero, Nathan Hale. The house, built in 1776, belonged to Nathan Hale's parents and family, and is located on the only site he ever called home. Nathan was one of twelve children born to Richard and Elizabeth Hale.

Nathan Hale was a Yale-educated school teacher and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Continental Army in 1775. A year later he volunteered to go behind British lines on Long Island to gather military intelligence desperately needed by General George Washington, but the British captured Hale and, when they discovered he was a spy, hanged him. He was only 21. He is famous for his alleged last words, "*I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.*"

In 1776 Hale's father, Deacon Richard Hale built the new home on the family homestead which has changed little since. It's situated on 17 acres, adjoining the 1500-acre Nathan Hale State Forest. Its furnishings include several Hale family possessions and other collections amassed by pioneer Connecticut antiquarian George Dudley Seymour, who purchased the homestead in 1914 and began a program of restoration and furnishing that is largely preserved today.

About Connecticut Landmarks

Founded in 1936 as the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Connecticut Landmarks is the largest statewide heritage museum organization in Connecticut. The historic landmark properties span four centuries of Connecticut history and include: the Amasa Day House, Moodus; the Amos Bull House, Hartford; the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, Bethlehem; the Butler-McCook House & Garden and Main Street History Center, Hartford; the Buttolph-Williams House, Wethersfield; the Hempsted Houses, New London; the Isham-Terry House, Hartford; the Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry; the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden, Suffield.

Connecticut Landmarks' mission is to inspire interest and encourage learning about the American past by preserving selected historic properties, collections and stories and presenting programs that meaningfully engage the public and our communities. For more information, please visit www.ctlandmarks.org.

Evenings at Hale Calendar

Friday, July 2, 6 pm & 8 pm

Where Have All the Soldiers Gone?

\$25/\$20 for CTL members.

Friday, August 6, 6 pm & 8 pm

Bundling, Brides and Babies:

A Peek into Romance, Courtship, Passion and Practices of the Bedroom

\$25/\$20 for CTL members.

Friday, October 8, 6 pm & 8 pm

Things That Go Bump in the Night

\$25/\$20 for CTL members.

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