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# Hale & Hearty Hearth Cooking Programs at the Nathan Hale Homestead



**Coventry, CT** – Connecticut Landmarks' Nathan Hale Homestead will offer two Hearth Cooking Programs this fall, featuring the interpretation and preparation of a seasonal colonial meal cooked over an open hearth using traditional 18<sup>th</sup> - century methods. On Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, *Hale Harvest, Apples & Corn* will teach participants how to press cider, make cornbread, and churn butter. Guests will learn how to prepare food on the open hearth, and then eat a hearty meal which will include corn chowder and apple pie.

Then on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, *Bounty of the Harvest, A Time of Plenty* will instruct participants on how to prepare a full farmhouse meal, from soup to dessert, while teaching students to use a reflector oven, make sausage and bake using a Dutch oven. Recipes will utilize foods and cooking methods familiar to the Hale family and include the wonderful bounty of a farm harvest. Both classes run from 1 to 5 pm and are \$60 each or \$50 each for Connecticut

Landmarks members. Registration is required as space is limited, please call (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 31<sup>st</sup>. Hours are: September-October: Friday, Saturday 12 pm – 4 pm & Sunday 11 am – 4 pm. Open on Monday Holidays – 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](mailto: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.

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