

## FALL 2009 WORKSHOP FOR 5TH - 12TH GRADE TEACHERS

# Struggle towards Freedom: *Slavery and Abolition in Massachusetts*

Presented by the Paul Revere House, Old South Meeting House, Massachusetts Historical Society, and Boston African American National Historic Site.



Elizabeth "Mumbet" Freeman  
From a portrait courtesy of the  
Massachusetts Historical Society.

**Fee:** \$50. Includes course readings, morning snacks and one lunch.

**To Register** send a \$50 check payable to the Revere House to 19 North Sq., Boston, MA 02113 by Sept. 18, 2009. Include your name, grade, home and school addresses and phone numbers, and email address. Please indicate lunch preference for Oct. 3: chicken or vegetarian.

Earn **12 PDPs** by attending the course and writing one lesson plan, or **One Graduate Credit** (equal to 22.5 PDPs) from Framingham State (credit pending) by paying an additional fee of \$65 and completing a more extensive project.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 9:00 – 4:00**

*Paul Revere House*

**Beyond Mark and Phyllis: Massachusetts**

**Slavery:** This lecture will put slavery and abolition in Massachusetts in historical context. How did the institution develop in Massachusetts? How prevalent was slavery? How did it end? Why was it largely forgotten?

**Everyday Reminders:** The first owner of the Paul Revere House, Robert Howard, owned at least one slave, named Samuel. Where would he have worked? Eaten? Slept? Through a tour of the house discover ways that commonplace household objects and spaces can be used to teach about the history of slavery in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

**"Where Mark was Hung in Chains":** Working in groups, participants will study a wide variety of documents and participate in a creative writing exercise that will offer a new perspective on the lives of the African-Americans who lived in Boston in the 18th century.

*Old South Meeting House*

**Slave Life in Colonial Massachusetts:** During archeological excavations and in depth research fascinating details have emerged to flesh out the life experiences of the slaves who served the Royall family in Medford, MA. Learn what clues have been uncovered and what they can teach us about the reality of slavery in Massachusetts.

**Phillis Wheatley:** Kidnapped from Africa and sold into slavery in Boston, Massachusetts, Phillis Wheatley overcame incredible odds to become one of the first African Americans to publish a book. While her poems give us a small glimpse into her life and worldview, her accomplishments and life experiences challenged many Bostonians' views on race. Read selections of her letters and poetry, and explore Old South Meeting House, the only surviving historic site associated with her life.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 9:00 – 4:00**

*Massachusetts Historical Society*

**Tour of Massachusetts Historical Society:** The tour of the Society's Library and Exhibits will feature our on-site resources and collections. Participants will also have an opportunity to preview primary-source-based projects featured on the Society's website.

**Liberty and Equality in the Era of the American Revolution:** How did the American Revolution and the abolition of slavery in Massachusetts affect the lives of African Americans in the colony and commonwealth? Using a variety of documents from the collections of the MHS, participants will have the opportunity to discuss the many ways that African Americans advocated for their liberty as patriots advocated for America's independence.

*Boston African American National Historic Site*

**Black Heritage Trail Tour®:** Learn about the African American community living on the north slope of Beacon Hill in the 19th century. Visit homes where important activists once lived and sites where events took place that affected local and national history. This tour focuses on the Abolition Movement, the Underground Railroad, and the early struggles for equal rights in Boston.



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## APPLICATION

Saturdays, September 26, and October 3, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (preference for 5th - 12th) : \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch preference on October 3:** Chicken  Vegetarian

Please send this form along with a check for \$50 payable to the Paul Revere House to:

Education Department, Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston, MA 02113.

The \$50 fee includes refreshments both mornings, lunch on October 3 (on September 26, participants may either bring lunch or purchase lunch on their way to Old South Meeting House), and readings. Registrations should be received before September 18, 2009.

### Course Requirements:

**READINGS:** Participants will be mailed a packet of materials including an article from the Revere House Gazette and excerpts from *Slavery in the Age of Reason*, by Alexandra Chan, to read in advance of the sessions on September 26. To prepare for the sessions on October 3, you will be asked to review the Massachusetts Historical Society's website on the End of Slavery: <http://www.masshist.org/endofslavery/>

**PROJECTS:** To earn 12 PDPs, teachers must write one lesson plan related to the content of the course. If you opt to take the course for one graduate credit from Framingham State College (equal to 22.5 PDPs), you will need to write five lesson plans or extensive reflections about each session. (Credit is pending.) Projects are due on November 13.

### Fee for Graduate Credit:

If you take the course for credit from Framingham State, you will complete a registration form and pay an additional fee of \$65 on the first day of the course. Please do not send this fee to the Revere House now!

### For Further Information:

Contact Emily Holmes, Education Director at the Paul Revere House: 617-523-2338, or [emily@paulreverehouse.org](mailto:emily@paulreverehouse.org)  
Visit the presenting organizations online at their websites: [www.paulreverehouse.org](http://www.paulreverehouse.org), [www.oldsouthmeetinghouse.org](http://www.oldsouthmeetinghouse.org), [www.masshist.org](http://www.masshist.org), [www.nps.gov/boaf](http://www.nps.gov/boaf), [www.royallhouse.org](http://www.royallhouse.org)

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