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PHILLIS WHEATLEY *and* THE BOSTON TEA PARTY:

How Books of Poems Started a Literary Tradition While Chests of Tea Started a Revolution

By Guest Author RICHARD KIGEL

WHILE RESEARCHING HIS FORTHCOMING BIOGRAPHY *Snatch'd from Afric's Fancy'd Happy Seat: The Grace and Genius of Phillis Wheatley*, writer Richard Kigel recently uncovered a previously unheralded connection between Phillis Wheatley and the Boston Tea Party, linking two of the most compelling episodes in the storied past of Old South Meeting House. We thank him for generously sharing this aspect of his work here in a brief article.



Author Richard Kigel (right) visited Old South Meeting House, the only existing site related to Phillis Wheatley's story.



Photo by Julie Sterling Photography

In 1761, when she was just seven, Phillis Wheatley was kidnapped

from Africa and sold as a slave to John and Susannah Wheatley of Boston. She was allowed an ambiguous social status in the Wheatley home: owned and defined as property with limited social rights, she was taught to read and write and encouraged to pursue her "astonishing" ability as a poet. She attended church at Old South Meeting House and became a full member of the congregation in 1771. In 1773, she would become famous worldwide as the author of the first book of poetry published by a person of African descent in the English language.

This skilled and celebrated wordsmith was a living witness and chronicler of some of the most definitive moments in colonial American history. Phillis' Boston was a city in tumult; and her church home, Old South Meeting House, was the epicenter of the massive protests against British rule during increasingly tense times. As the flames of revolution ignited around them, colonists gathered at Old South Meeting House and Phillis Wheatley took to the page.

Her book *Poems on Various Subjects* had just rolled off the presses in London yet Phillis Wheatley had not seen any copies. In September of 1773 teenage Phillis was back in Boston after a triumphant visit to England where she had been lauded as an international celebrity for her poetry. She must have been brimming with

excitement as she waited for her books to arrive. Hoping they would reach Boston by late October, she wrote, "I expect my books which are published in London in Capt. Hall, who will be here I believe in 8 or 10 days."

Captain Hall and his ship the *Dartmouth*, a vessel owned by the Rotch family of Nantucket,

did arrive in Boston, not in "8 or 10 days" but nearly six weeks later. Along with Phillis Wheatley's books, the *Dartmouth* was carrying some nefarious cargo—114 chests of East India Company Tea.

Earlier that year, British Parliament passed the Tea Act, giving the East India

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Director's Note

There is so much happening at Old South Meeting House this fall both behind the scenes with needed preservation, capital and infrastructure projects, and publicly with extensive programming, events and educational activities.

In August, we launched a complete redesign of our website at www.osmh.org in order to ensure a more effective experience for our online visitors. A major National Park Service funded rehabilitation project to preserve and paint the exterior windows, 1729 steeple and woodwork is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed later this fall. In addition to this important preservation work, we are thrilled to have been selected to receive a capital grant of \$60,738 from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund to develop and implement much needed improvements in interior lighting, energy conservation and a new digital sound system for programs and performances in Old South Meeting House. We will be working on this major project over the coming year.

While we pursue these important initiatives behind the scenes, our staff welcomes visitors from around the world to Old South Meeting House, and our historic hall is alive with a full schedule of thought-provoking programs for all ages. Browse our calendar and member events in this newsletter or online at www.osmh.org for programs that explore issues and ideas, both contemporary and historic. Hear Mary Bonauto discuss the landmark 2003 case that granted equal marriage rights to same sex couples here at the very place where the decision was celebrated, or delve into the debates that surrounded the institution of slavery in 17th Century Boston. Travel back in time to the high-stakes discussion of taxes and tea at the 240th Anniversary Boston Tea Party Reenactment, in the place where it all began, and march to the waterfront to witness the destruction of the "bainful weed."

We are grateful for your support in so many ways throughout the year – and at this time of year we hope you will take a minute to make an additional contribution to the Old South Meeting House Annual Fund – either online at www.osmh.org, by mail or by phone. Your contribution helps preserve one of our nation's most historic treasures and sustains its rich heritage of education, free speech and expression. On behalf of the entire board and staff, thank you so much for your support and involvement!

Emily Curran, *Executive Director*

General Information

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Adult \$6, Students and Seniors \$5, Children (6-18) \$1

Members and Children under 6, free.

The Freedom Trail Ticket (includes admission to Old South Meeting House, Paul Revere House & the Old State House) Available year round. Adults \$13, Children \$3

The Revolution Brewing Ticket (includes admission to Old South Meeting House and the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum). Available at www.bostonteapartyship.com or by calling (617) 338-1773.

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Open daily.
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Our shop features unique and affordable items for all ages, including books, maps, games, New England-made goods and exclusive Boston Tea Party souvenirs.

EVENT RENTALS

Create your own history at Old South Meeting House, a unique venue for your meeting, party, reception, or wedding, conveniently located in downtown Boston. For more information, please call (617) 482-6439 ext. 15. *Ask about special members' discounts!*

FUNDING

Old South Meeting House is an independent, non-profit museum funded by individuals like you; The Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency; Lowell Institute; Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati; and other public and

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Special Programs for Our Members Only

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:30 AM TO 12 NOON

Bostonians Behaving Badly – A Walking Tour with Boston by Foot

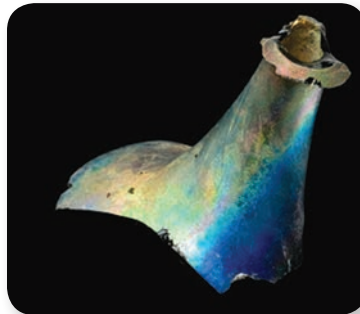


Join us on a fun walking tour that explores four centuries of protests, social violence, and at times, downright bad behavior in Boston! Boston is well known for the Stamp Act protests and the Boston Tea Party; but on this tour, you'll discover many of the city's lesser-known riots and instances of street violence, often fueled by the powerless who sought a voice. From the Boston Bread Riots to the burning of the Ursuline Convent, your knowledgeable guides will explore the explosive displays of discontent by groups who took their grievances, and sometimes their paranoia, to the streets.

\$5 each for OSMH members and one guest

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 10 AM TO 11:30 AM

Digging Veritas: A Behind-the-Scenes and Hands-On Activity Tour at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University



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We're celebrating Massachusetts Archaeology Month with an interactive program at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Join us for a gallery talk by Curator **Patricia Capone** that introduces the temporary exhibition *Digging Veritas*, and explore the exhibition on your own. Learn how student archaeologists unearthed fragments that reveal

social and religious tensions in the colonial Harvard landscape. Finally, get a feel for the archaeologist's process as you try your hand at an artifact analysis workshop, and join us for an optional walking tour of Harvard Yard to learn more about its 17th century character.

\$20 each for OSMH Members and one guest

SPACE IS LIMITED AND FILLS QUICKLY. ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND ADVANCE PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

To reserve, please fill out and mail the form below or call (617) 482-6439 ext. 10. Details on where and when to meet will be given upon confirmation.



Our Members Party for Less...Tea Party, that is!

A special, discounted, OSMH Member ticket price is available for the **240th Anniversary Boston Tea Party Annual Reenactment**. **Just \$12 each—an \$8 savings!** Member rate tickets are available through Brown Paper Tickets only at bostonteaparty2013.bpt.me or (800) 838-3006. Just enter the OSMH Member code!*

* Code is printed on museum membership cards. If you do not have the code, please call us at (617) 482-6439.

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SEPTEMBER

Paul Revere Memorial Association Lecture Series



Photo courtesy
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A War of Divisions: The Impact and Aftermath of the American Civil War

**FREE AND OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**
(Please visit our website
for details.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 6:30 PM

BEVERLY MORGAN WELCH ON

**Freedom Rising: The Emancipation
Proclamation, the 54th Massachusetts
Regiment & Boston's Black Community**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30 PM

KATHRYN TOMASEK ON

**A Grand Tour during the Civil War:
The Wheatons Go to Europe**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6:30 PM

STEPHEN PULEO ON

**The Caning: The Assault that Drove
America to Civil War**

BOOK SALES AND SIGNING TO FOLLOW.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 6:30 PM

NINA ZANNIERI ON

**Revolutionary Memory, Civil War
Sacifice: Pauline Revere Thayer and
Preserving the Revere Legacy**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 9:30 AM TO 5 PM



Boston Charter Day Celebration

**FREE ADMISSION FOR
MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS
IN HONOR OF BOSTON'S
383RD BIRTHDAY!** (Please
visit our website for details.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:30 AM

FOR MEMBERS ONLY:

Bostonians Behaving Badly Walking Tour
(See page 3 for details.)



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Smithsonian Museum Day Live!

FREE ADMISSION FOR TWO at
Old South Meeting House with
required Museum Day registration
and ticket. To print out your Museum Day Ticket,
please visit www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/.

OCTOBER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:30 PM

George Washington, Gentleman Warrior

Learn about American icon George Washington from a uniquely British perspective, as award-winning historian **Stephen Brumwell** discusses his new book, *George Washington: Gentleman Warrior*. Brumwell's book focuses on Washington as a young frontier soldier and forty-something Continental Army commander, illustrating how Washington's reliance on English models of "gentlemanly" behavior and on British military organization, was crucial to his leadership of the fledgling Continental Army. Don't miss this chance to hear from the British historian who last year successfully championed George Washington as "Britain's Greatest Foe"! Book sales and signing to follow. *This program is made possible by funding from the Lowell Institute.* **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 10 AM

FOR MEMBERS ONLY:

**Digging Veritas – Tour at Peabody
Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology,
Harvard University**
(See page 3 for details.)

General Information

- All events take place at Old South Meeting House, unless otherwise noted, 310 Washington Street, at the corner of Washington and Milk Streets, Boston, MA 02108. (617) 482-6439
- Accessible by T. Use State or Downtown Crossing Stops.
- Wheelchair Accessible.
- Open daily. April – October 9:30 – 5:00 PM
November – March 10:00 – 4:00 PM
- Discounted parking is available at several local garages.

NOVEMBER

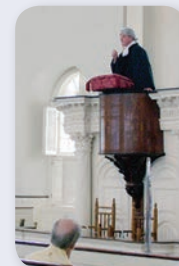
MIDDAYS AT THE MEETING HOUSE POLITICS AND THE PULPIT

Co-sponsored by Boston National Historical Park

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 12:15 PM

Liberty's Pulpits: Boston Churches in the Revolution

Churches preaching politics? Hear the inflammatory language of Boston's Revolutionary preachers in a first-person portrayal by Patrick Jennings of Boston National Historical Park. This program premiered at Harborfest in 2011, and will be presented this November as part of our *Middays* lecture series for the first time. Don't miss this unique opportunity to converse with a Revolutionary-era minister about politics and ministry in 18th century Boston! **\$6; FREE FOR OSMH MEMBERS**



Judge Samuel Sewall
Image courtesy
Massachusetts
Historical Society

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 12:15 PM

"Liberty is in real value next unto Life": Samuel Sewall and The Selling of Joseph

In 1697, Judge Samuel Sewall offered a public apology at Old South Meeting House for his role in the Salem witch trials. Three years later, Sewall wrote *The Selling of Joseph: A Memorial*, the first anti-slavery tract published in New England. The only surviving copy of this pamphlet is housed today at the Massachusetts Historical Society. **Peter Drummey**, the librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, discusses Sewall's use of Biblical text to decry "Man Stealing" as an atrocious crime, and the place of *The Selling of Joseph* in ongoing discussions of slavery in 18th century New England. **\$6; FREE FOR OSMH MEMBERS**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 12:15 PM

"Speaking of Slavery" at the Meeting House

Join us for a premiere performance featuring **Eric Hanson Plass** and **Merrill Kohlhofer** of Boston National Historical Park portraying George Washington Blagden, senior minister of Old South Church from 1836-1872, and Jacob Merrill Manning, associate and then senior minister from 1857-1882. Despite admonitions from Blagden, in 1857 Manning began to speak out publicly on the issue of slavery from the pulpit of this Meeting House. In 1858, after Brown's raid, he declared, "If John Brown had consulted me in regard to inciting a slave insurrection, I would certainly have advised him not to do it, but I am far from regretting that the attempt has been made." This statement begins a conversation between the ministers about slavery, liberty, patriotism and ministry. **\$6; FREE FOR OSMH MEMBERS**



Jacob Merrill Manning
Image courtesy
Boston Public Library
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:30 PM

The Goodridge Decision, 10 Years Out

Co-Sponsored by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)



Don't miss this opportunity to hear from **Mary L. Bonauto**, Civil Rights Project Director at Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) and lead counsel in the landmark 2003 Goodridge v. Department of Public Health decision, which granted marriage rights to same-sex couples in Massachusetts. Bonauto will discuss this Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision and its aftermath in the context of subsequent legal

developments in Massachusetts and the nation, and will consider current and future issues in the areas of marriage equality and civil rights for all. *This program is made possible by funding from the Lowell Institute.* **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 11 AM

Old South Church Founders' Day Service

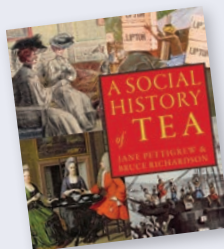
Join the United Church of Christ congregation from Old South Church for "Meeting House Sunday" when they return to the Meeting House, their ancestral home, for a marvelous Thanksgiving worship service featuring majestic music. For more information, please visit Old South Church's website at www.oldsouth.org.

Admission is waived for those attending the service, but museum visitors will be asked to return for touring when the service has ended.

DECEMBER

MIDDAYS AT THE MEETING HOUSE BOSTONIANS AND THEIR TEA!

Co-Presented by Old South Meeting House and The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 12:15 PM Five Teas that Brewed a Revolution

Eighteenth-century Bostonians understood tea not as a foreign curiosity, but as one of many global goods that signaled their participation in a worldly culture modeled after the lifestyles of their English cousins. Considering Bostonians' taste for good teas, King George's worst offense might not have been the tax on tea, but instead his willingness to send us boatloads of stale black and green teas which were past their prime. Join tea historian **Bruce Richardson**, Tea Master for the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum and Contributing Editor for *TeaTime* magazine, as he shares the history of Boston's love affair with tea from his new book, *A Social History of Tea*. **\$6; FREE FOR OSMH MEMBERS. BOOK SIGNING & SALES TO FOLLOW**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 12:15 PM "Resolute Men (Dressed as Mohawks)"

Join historian **Benjamin L. Carp**, author of *Defiance of the Patriots: The Boston Tea Party & the Making of America*, as he discusses Indian disguises amongst the destroyers of the tea at Griffin's Wharf on December 16, 1773. What does historic evidence tell us about these disguises, and what misconceptions linger? Learn why Boston Tea Party participants selected Native American, and specifically Mohawk, disguises, and what this aspect of the Boston Tea Party can tell us about the emerging identity of Anglo-Americans in 18th-century Boston. **\$6; FREE FOR OSMH MEMBERS. BOOK SIGNING & SALES TO FOLLOW**



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Meredith M. Carlson

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 AND SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 7, 10 AM TO 4 PM**

Holiday Open House – A Tea Party Celebration!

A hotbed of rebellion, Old South Meeting House is the place where over 5,000 colonists gathered in 1773 to protest the tax on tea... and started a revolution with the Boston Tea Party. Celebrate the history of this "dissenting meeting house" at our Holiday Open House. Meet colonial characters, enjoy some tea, play colonial games, and discover if you would have been a Patriot or Loyalist in 1773. Visit www.osmh.org for daily schedule. **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The 240th Anniversary Boston Tea Party Annual Reenactment



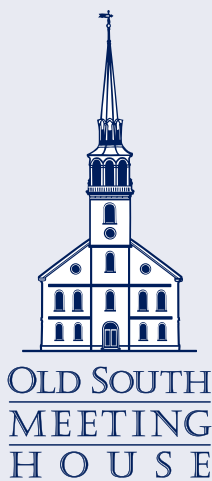
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 – THE ACTUAL
HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY, 6:30 PM**

Presented by Old South Meeting House and the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum

Relive the event that changed American history forever—the Boston Tea Party—in the same place where it all began 240 years ago. Join Samuel Adams, Paul Revere, and John Hancock for a fiery debate about the tea tax. Then, follow the Sons of Liberty on a march to the tea ships in Boston Harbor to make salt water tea for the fishes. *Buy early and save!* Tickets on sale at bostonteatparty2013.bpt.me or by calling (800) 838-3006.



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CALENDAR

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We will remember Frederick A. "Tad" Stahl

Boston lost an esteemed and influential architect, and Old South Meeting House lost an enthusiastic supporter and dedicated Honorary Council member, when Frederick A. "Tad" Stahl died unexpectedly on July 26, 2013, at the age of 82. In a career spanning more than 4 decades, Tad designed some of the city's significant modernist buildings and played a pivotal role in the adaptive reuse of older structures. His achievements include the design of the State Street Bank building (225 Franklin Street), the Dodge Wing of the Peabody Museum, the 1976 restoration of Quincy Market, and the 1997 historic rehabilitation of Old South Meeting House. His creative approach to increase space at Old South Meeting House was to expand underneath the 18th century structure. Living for over 50 years on Beacon Hill, Tad was an actively involved citizen who always believed in the importance of preservation as part of urban development and made a real difference to his community and the entire city. He is deeply missed and we share our heartfelt sympathy with his wife Jane, his family and many friends and colleagues. A gathering in celebration of his life will be held at Old South Meeting House in September.

For information please contact Executive Director Emily Curran at 617-482-6439.

PHILLIS WHEATLEY and THE BOSTON TEA PARTY:

How Books of Poems Started a Literary Tradition While Chests of Tea Started a Revolution

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Company a monopoly on tea sales in the American colonies and requiring a duty paid when the tea was unloaded. The Tea Act sparked great protest. Colonists resolved to refuse the tea and send it back to Britain. In the fall of

1773, seven ships sailed from London bound for Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Charleston, carrying hundreds of chests filled with East India Company tea.

The *Dartmouth* was the first of the tea ships to reach Boston. On November 29, the Boston Gazette reported: "Yesterday morning, Capt. Hall in the ship *Dartmouth* came to anchor near the castle...on board of whom it is said are 114 chests of much detested East India Company's



Phillis Wheatley

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tea, the expected arrival of which pernicious article has for some time past put all these northern colonies in a very great ferment."

The next day, over 2,500 colonists gathered at Old South

Meeting House to express their outrage at the detested tea. The meeting resolved that the tea should not be landed and appointed an armed guard to ensure no merchandise was unloaded from the *Dartmouth*.

Nathaniel Wheatley, the son of John and Susannah Wheatley, had accompanied Phillis on her trip to England and likely made the arrangement with Francis Rotch to transport her books to Boston on his ship. Wheatley and Rotch were both serious players in their respective families' commercial enterprises, and their fathers were business associates and co-owners of the schooner that had carried Nathaniel and Phillis to England.

On December 1, the *Dartmouth* was moved to Griffin's Wharf. There under the watchful eyes of the Town Guard, all the cargo was unloaded—except the tea. Among the merchandise removed from the ship was the barrel containing Phillis Wheatley's books. Phillis took possession of her books just days before December 16, when a group of determined patriots boarded the *Dartmouth* and the other tea ships and dumped all the tea into the harbor in what became known as the Boston Tea Party. Soon after her book was published, her owner John Wheatley gave Phillis her freedom.



Photo by Julie Sterling Photography

That her books and the tea both arrived aboard the *Dartmouth* links Phillis Wheatley to one of the most iconic events in American history. What sublime irony! The exquisite and widely admired poetry of Phillis Wheatley and the despised tea held together in the hold of a ship on a journey across the Atlantic provides a poignant and powerful echo of the horrific middle passage that brought Phillis Wheatley and millions of Africans to America as human cargo. Her poems became the vehicle that carried her to freedom. When she held a copy of her newly published book of poems in her hand, she did it as a free woman.

Phillis Wheatley's books and the English tea made striking companions in the arc of American history. After arriving together on the *Dartmouth*, her books were savored and celebrated, abiding through the centuries to launch an American literary tradition. The tea met a different fate. A hated symbol of British oppression, it was destroyed in an angry rebellion that led to the birth of a nation. The classic poetry of Phillis Wheatley and the shocking vehemence of the Boston Tea Party each had a vital role to play in the growing maturity of the American spirit.

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Your membership will help support the education programs and preservation of this unique landmark.

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- Free admission to Old South Meeting House
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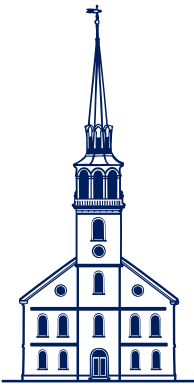
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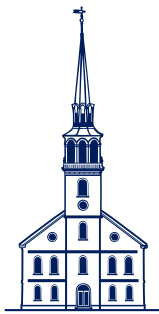
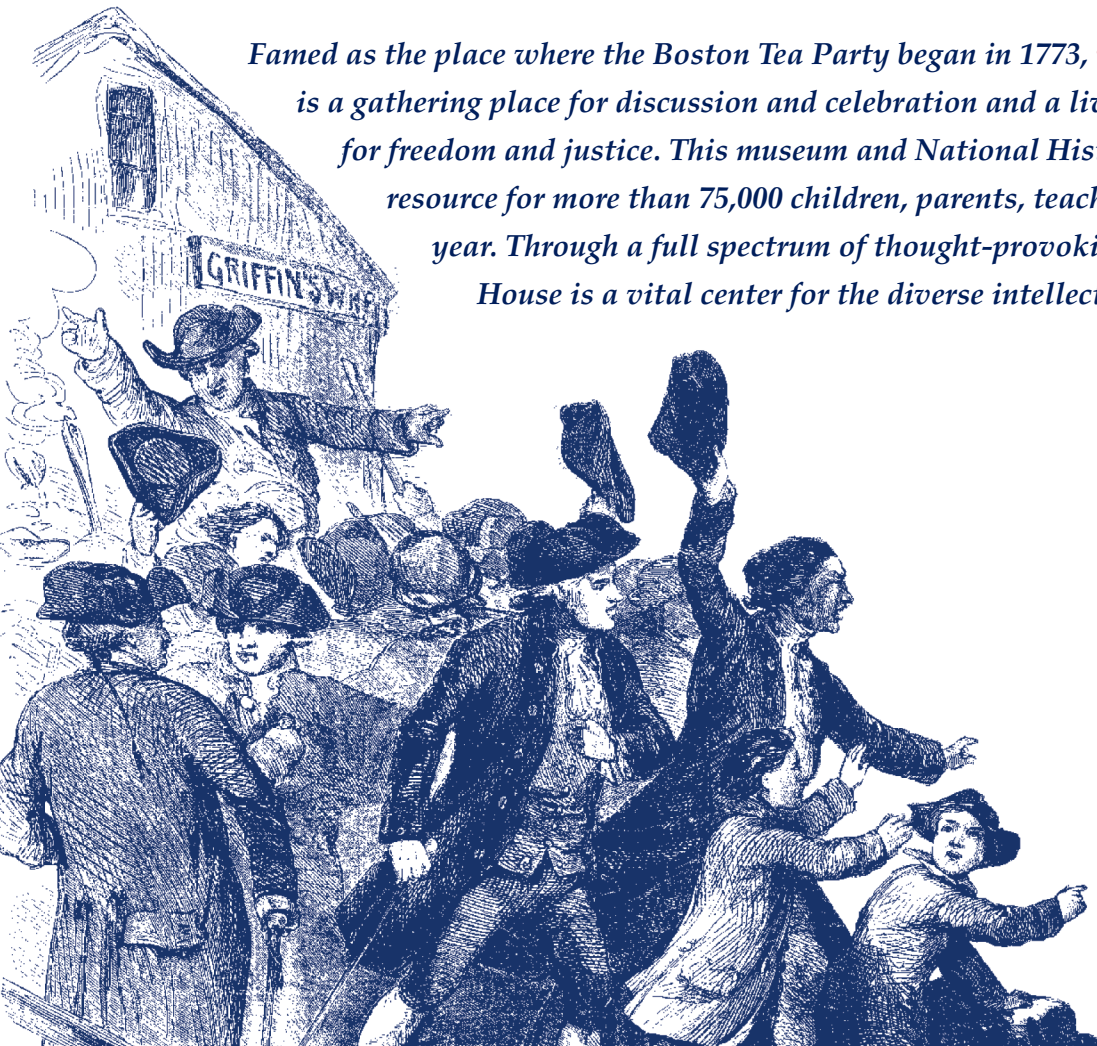
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*Puritans and the Pulpit,
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