

MCHA's Newest Exhibit / K-12 Program:

# *CHOICES*

## at Covenhoven House

Discover colonial life in this 1752 historic house through the true story of Mrs. Covenhoven and the choices our local ancestors were faced with during the Revolution.



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# Award-winning exhibits. Impactful education.



## Free Digital Education Resources

MCHA offers curriculum-based digital companions to accompany our award-winning exhibit, *Beneath the Floorboards: Whispers of the Enslaved at Marlpit Hall*, in Middletown, NJ. Approved by the New Jersey Historical Commission, the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies, and Monmouth University's

School of Education, these resources are grade-banded for Upper Elementary and Middle/High School students, serving as an effective teaching tool for all levels. Students will have an opportunity to "meet" seven of the enslaved individuals who once resided at Marlpit Hall, and learn about what their lives may have been like based on primary source documentation. Content-based questions and activities are included, along with an answer key for educators.  
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## On-Site Student Tour and Primary Source Experience

Students grades 3-12 are welcomed to this c. 1762 historic house museum, where the program is tailored to their level. After meeting the individuals highlighted during the tour, Upper Elementary students act as young historians to investigate the primary sources used to build the biographies of the enslaved, thereby gaining an understanding of basic historical research. Middle through High School students engage in a **Primary Source Workshop**, where runaway ads, sale ads, and other archival documents are analyzed and discussed.

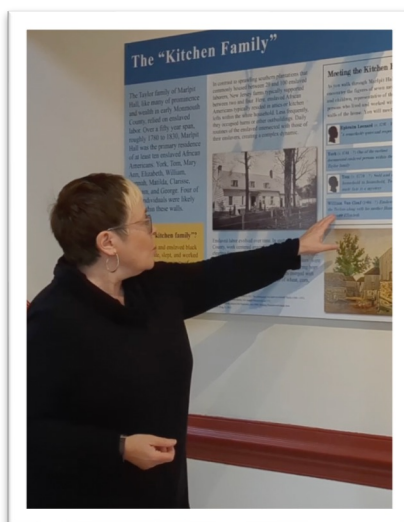
**\$10 per student; approx. 90 min program**



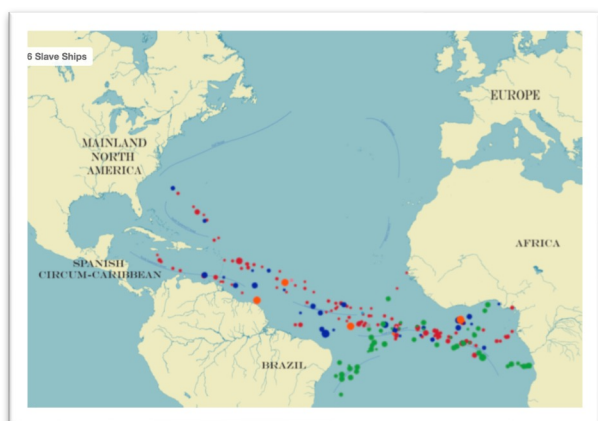
## Hybrid Virtual Program

Let MCHA bring our exhibit to your students via this convenient webinar package! Students will receive a special in-depth video tour of Marlpit Hall. Grades 7-12 will additionally be guided through the Primary Source Workshop, in which the skills to critically analyze archival primary source documents are developed. An educator will be available after the presentation for a live Q&A.

- All grades receive professional lesson plans and activities with this package
- Students are encouraged to explore the free digital education pages as a post-tour activity
- Additionally, MCHA educators are always happy to respond via email to answer any questions, so always feel free to reach out!



**\$100 per class grades 3-6 / \$150 grades 7-12**



## Professional Development for Educators

MCHA offers a 2-hour professional development course for educators to increase their knowledge base, pedagogy, and comfort level when teaching the topic of slavery.

Educators will acquire or enhance skills necessary to understand the use and analysis of primary source

materials. This workshop is beneficial for elementary teachers with or without a Social Studies background, middle and high school Social Studies teachers, ELA teachers, and administrators. Onsite or virtual options; please inquire to discuss.

**\$250 for Monmouth and Ocean County Schools**

For more information, please contact  
Onsite Education Coordinator  
Patricia Skea at :

[education@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:education@monmouthhistory.org)



**Scan to access the free digital education resources**

*\* Currently the general Monmouth County History page is the only one available for mobile viewing - all others are available for laptop viewing*



# 90-MINUTE TRIP TO MARLPIT HALL

Monmouth County Historical Association

## LOCATION:

Marlpit Hall  
137 Kings Hwy  
Middletown, NJ 07748

## ITINERARY:

### ★ Class 1 (9:30am-11:00am)

- Introduction (Foyer): Brief introduction to the home and its construction, the Taylors of Middletown, Edward Taylor's house arrest due to Loyalist spy activities; slavery in New Jersey is introduced and discussed. (15-20 minutes)
- Students are introduced to seven of the at least 12 known enslaved individuals that once resided at Marlpit Hall; students are guided through the house, where each room has a theme and a representation of one of the enslaved in historically accurate clothing. Themes discussed include daily life, abolition, and resistance. (30-35 minutes)
- **Grades 3-6** are given a folder with a person to research using the primary source information in the exhibit panels. They will also engage in a spy code-cracking activity. (20-25 minutes)
- **Grades 7-12** are guided through the house tour and then brought next door to historic Taylor-Butler House, where they will participate in a Primary Source Workshop. A selection of archival documents used to build the exhibit is analyzed and discussed. An activity using local runaway ads engages the students in breaking down the information in these ads into a graphic organizer to demonstrate the breadth of details included and how they were used. (30 minutes)

- ★ If participating in the combination trip with Murray Farmhouse (see attached itinerary/information), students will board the bus to the farmhouse for lunch

### ★ Class 2 (12pm-1:30pm)

- Repeat morning itinerary

## PROGRAM NOTES:

**Program content:** The team of historians and educators at Marlpit Hall recognize the delicate subject matter and the importance of imparting the information to students in an age-appropriate way. This program moves beyond the textbook term "slavery" to introduce students to the humanity - and personal stories - of those who lived it. This two-time award-winning exhibit and highly rated education program is supported by the

New Jersey Council for the Social Studies, the School of Education at Monmouth University, and the New Jersey Historical Commission.

**Cost:**

\$10 per student for a 90-minute program at Marpit Hall only; \$195 per class at Murray Farmhouse. No charge for teachers and chaperones. A single payment for the combination trip can be made to the Murray Farmhouse.

**Transportation:** When pairing this trip with the Murray Farmhouse, teachers will coordinate with their bus driver to ensure the bus has students where they need to be to maximize programs at both locations.

**Weather:** Both Marlpit Hall and Taylor Butler House have heat and air conditioning. Grades 7-12 will make a short two-minute walk to Taylor-Butler House next door for the Primary Source Workshop, so please wear appropriate clothing.

**Snow Day:** A make-up day must be selected in case of snow. If operational constraints prevent both days, a full refund will be given.

**Lunch:** Marlpit Hall and Taylor-Butler are historic house museums, therefore food is prohibited to minimize damage and/or pests.

**Questions:** The team at Marlpit Hall is happy to address any questions or concerns. Please contact Dana Howell at [dhowell@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:dhowell@monmouthhistory.org) to discuss!

**To Book:**

Marlpit Hall only: [Education@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:Education@monmouthhistory.org)

Combination trip with the Murray Farmhouse: [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org)

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# 90-MINUTE TRIP TO MURRAY FARMHOUSE

## MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

### LOCATION:

#### Murray Farmhouse at Poricy Park

345 Oak Hill Road  
Red Bank, NJ 07748

### TIMING:

- **Class 1 (9:45a-11:15a)**
  - Introduction (Blue Parlor): Brief history of farmhouse and Joseph Murray (15 minutes).
  - Session A (Kitchen): Half class visits the hearth kitchen to see how food was made, hands on activities are churning butter, making sparks with flint and steel, and grinding spices with mortar and pestle (35 minutes)
  - Session B (Upstairs Rooms): Half class visits classroom to write with quills, then visit the other rooms of the house to see how children lived (35 minutes)
  - Conclusion (Outdoors): After both halves have done both sessions, rejoin together outside to point out other buildings on property. Sample churned butter on saltines (5 minutes).
- **Lunch Break (11:15a-11:45p)**
  - Class 1 (after finishing at Murray Farmhouse) will walk up hill to Nature Center to use restrooms and have lunch at outdoor picnic tables. At conclusion of lunch, they will board bus to go to Marlpit Hall for their afternoon program.
  - Class 2 (Coming from Marlpit Hall for AM session) will arrive to eat lunch outside at picnic tables. Then will walk down the hill to the Murray Farmhouse for afternoon program.
- **Class 2 (11:45p-1:15p)**
  - Introduction (Blue Parlor): Brief history of farmhouse and Joseph Murray (15 minutes).
  - Session A (Kitchen): Half class visits the hearth kitchen to see how food was made, hands on activities of churning butter, making sparks with flint and steel, and grinding spices with mortar and pestle (35 minutes)
  - Session B (Upstairs Rooms): Half class visits classroom to write with quills, then visit the other rooms of the house to see how children lived (35 minutes)
  - Conclusion (Outdoors): After both halves have done both sessions, rejoin together outside to point out other buildings on property. Sample churned butter on saltines (5 minutes).

### NOTES:

Program – Introduction will emphasize Joseph’s role in Militia and “civil war” of Middletown to contrast with the Taylors of Marlpit Hall. Class will be split to allow for participation in hands-on activities. Upstairs portion will not include using horn books, but these can be substituted for the writing with quills or the tour of the upstairs room, if teacher prefers.

Transportation – With an abbreviated schedule, every minute counts! Teachers will coordinate with their bus driver to ensure the bus has students where they need to be to maximize programs at both locations.

Weather – The farmhouse is heated in upstairs rooms with radiators. The hearth kitchen is only heated with fireplace (which instructors will have burning). There is no air conditioning. Program runs rain or shine. Lunch space inside the Poricy Park Nature Center can be provided if weather requires it. Snow or heavy ice on the ground would require a reschedule – bus and instructors need to be able to drive down a gravel road. If operational constraints prevent the program, a full refund will be given.

Schedule includes no time for Poricy Gift Shop.

CONTACT DETAILS:

732-615-2260 || [recreation@middletownnj.org](mailto:recreation@middletownnj.org) || [www.middletownnj.org/recreation](http://www.middletownnj.org/recreation) || Facebook @MiddletownRec



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COMBINED PROGRAM BUS SCHEDULE:

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| 9:30a  | Bus drops off Class 2 at Marlpit Hall   |
| 9:45a  | Bus drops off Class 1 at Murray Farmhouse.<br>Bus returns to Marlpit Hall.                    |
| 11:00a | Bus picks up Class 2 from Marlpit Hall and brings them to Murray Farmhouse for lunch.         |
| 11:45a | Bus drives Class 1 from Murray Farmhouse to Marlpit Hall.<br>Bus returns to Murray Farmhouse. |
| 1:15p  | Bus picks up Class 2 from Murray Farmhouse.   |
| 1:30p  | Bus picks up Class 1 from Marlpit Hall.   |

# *Looking for a Day Trip?*

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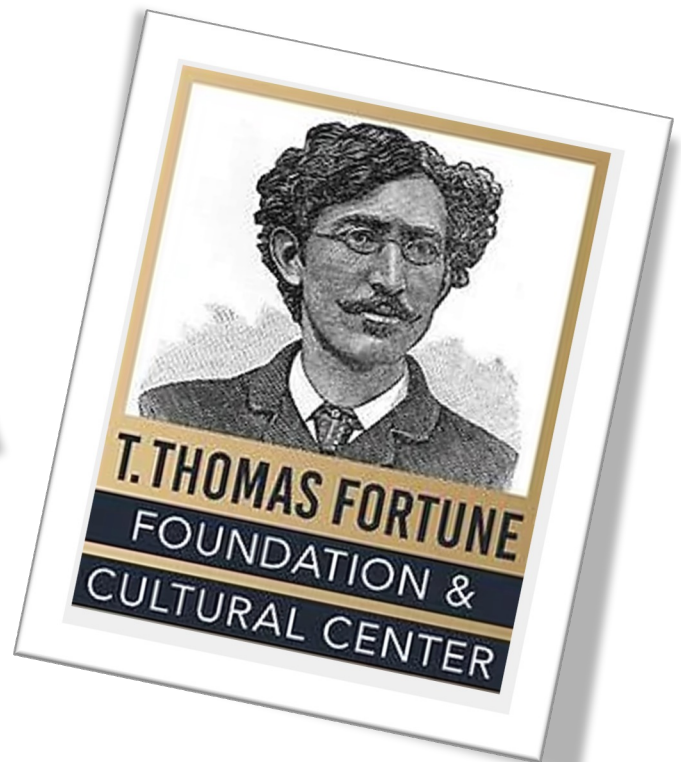
Extend the class trip beyond Marlpit Hall and continue on to the historic T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center in nearby Red Bank, New Jersey. This blend of programs gives students a fuller understanding of the journey of African Americans from enslavement through to their many proud successes and contributions to American culture.



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T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center  
94 Drs. James Parker Blvd.

Red Bank, NJ 07701

[TThomasFortuneCulturalCenter.org](http://TThomasFortuneCulturalCenter.org)

Dual program available Thursdays and Fridays from 10-2

Contact Patricia Skea at [education@monmouthhistory.org](mailto:education@monmouthhistory.org) to book