

## Press Release

### Colonial Reenactors to Host Weekend Tours at Historic Smith-Appleby House Museum in Smithfield

**Smithfield, R.I. – January 18, 2012** — Historical reenactors will host house tours and demonstrations of daily living in the 18<sup>th</sup> century on weekends through April at the Smith-Appleby House Museum in Smithfield.

Volunteer historians in Colonial costume will conduct the tours where visitors can learn about the 316-year history and architecture of the home, the Smith-Appleby family and 18<sup>th</sup> century living in RI; watch demonstrations; examine period furnishings, clothing and household items; and sample hearth-baked goods.

The home was originally constructed as a one-room stone-ender (a house where one wall is a large stone chimney) with a loft. It was built circa 1696 by Elisha Smith, the grandson of John Smith (The Miller), one of Roger Williams' original party of six men who left the Massachusetts Bay Colony and founded Providence.

Over the years, later generations of the family expanded the house, which today totals 12 rooms. It's one of the few remaining 17th century houses in the state, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The tours schedule is:

- **January**
  - Jan. 22, Sunday, 12 pm - 3 pm
  - Jan. 29, Sunday, 12 pm - 3 pm
- **February**
  - Feb. 5, Sunday, 12 pm - 3 pm
  - Feb. 12, Sunday, 12 pm - 3 pm
  - Feb. 18, Saturday, 1 pm - 4 pm
  - Feb. 25, Saturday, 1 pm - 4 pm
- **March**
  - Mar. 4, Sunday, 12 pm - 3 pm
  - Mar. 17, Saturday, 1 pm - 4 pm
  - Mar. 25, Sunday, 12 pm - 3 pm
- **April**
  - Apr. 1, Sunday, 12 pm - 3 pm
  - Apr. 7, Saturday, 1 pm - 4 pm - cancelled
  - Apr. 14, Saturday, 1 pm - 4 pm
  - Apr. 22, Sunday, 12 pm - 3 pm

In addition, school and group tours may be arranged on request.

The Smith-Appleby House is located at 220 Stillwater Rd., just off I-295 (Exit 8-B), in Smithfield, RI. The schedule is weather permitting. In case of snow, call 401-231-7363 to confirm hours. There is a \$5 donation for adults and children are free. No reservations are needed.

The House is headquarters to The Historical Society of Smithfield. For more information, visit the Smith-Appleby House website at <http://www.smithapplebyhouse.org>, email: [contact@smithapplebyhouse.org](mailto:contact@smithapplebyhouse.org) or phone: 401-231-7363. Follow the House on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/SmithApplebyHouse>, on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SmithAppleby>, and on Google+ at <http://gplus.to/SmithApplebyHouse> .

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