



ROXBURY CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION WEEK WITH A VISIT FROM JOHN ADAMS

After a resounding success in 2021 with a visit from Theodore Roosevelt, the Roxbury Township Public Library, Roxbury Historic Trust and Roxbury Township Historical Society will sponsor a visit from John Adams to celebrate constitution week. Adams will speak on the porch of the King House in the Drakesville Historic District of present-day Ledgewood on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 3 p.m.

The second President's contribution to the Declaration of Independence is well known, in part due to the Broadway musical and motion picture "1776," but his contribution to the US Constitution may not be as widely recognized. This second president was the primary author of the Massachusetts Constitution in 1780. That document had a great influence on the United States Constitution, as did Adams' essay "Thoughts on Government" which was written at the request of the North Carolina Provincial Congress in the spring of 1776 when the Congress was seeking suggestions for establishing a new government. Adams served as the new nation's first Vice President as well as the first ambassador to the Court of St. James's (the Royal Court for the sovereign of the United Kingdom).

Prior to the talk, all three historic museum buildings in the district, the King House, the King Store and the Silas Riggs Saltbox House, will be open for tours from 1 p.m. to approximately 2:45 p.m., when attendees will assemble on the front lawn of the house, bringing their own chairs. Docents will lead guests through the three buildings before the start of the John Adams program at 3:00.

Parking will be on Main Street, near the museums and on the Circle Drive cul-desac. In case of inclement weather, the presentation will be moved to the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, 99 Main Street. Guests are strongly encouraged to register on the Roxbury Public Library website in case they need to be notified of a change in venue. Go to <https://roxburylibrary.org/event/5485492>.