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Madden to Speak on Civil War at “Come Home to History” Fair October 9

James M. Madden, a contributor to *New Jersey Goes to War*, an official publication of the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association Sesquicentennial Committee, will bring to life some of the book’s portrayals of soldiers, civilians, heroes (including a heroic horse), and scoundrels at the Hudson County History Fair on Saturday, October 9. His talk begins at 2:45 pm.

Madden, a marketing professional and political consultant, is the treasurer of the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association, a member of its Sesquicentennial Committee, and a trustee of both the Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery and the Jerramiah T. Healy Charitable Foundation. He grew up in Jersey City Heights, and is a graduate of Saint Peter’s Preparatory School and Saint Peter’s College. He has written, researched, and contributed to dozens of books, articles, and videos about the Civil War, specializing in Hudson County history.

Madden is currently working on a publication, due out in 2011, that will include more Civil War stories related to Hudson County. These include the murder of the Hudson City Mayor at the hands of Union Soldiers and a scare involving the Confederate Navy coming up the Hudson River.

“Come Home to History: Celebrating 350 Years of Hudson County Heritage” features more than 30 exhibitors, plus a full day of illustrated talks, films, workshops, children’s activities, and a tour. It observes the 350th anniversary of the founding of the town of Bergen, now Jersey City, by the New Netherland colony led by Peter Stuyvesant.

“Come Home to History” is sponsored by Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise; Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Hudson County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and Tourism; City of Jersey City, Jerramiah T. Healy, Mayor; Jersey City Municipal Council; Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs; Hudson County Community College; Hudson County History Advocates; and the Jersey City Historical Project.

For a schedule and updates, see www.hudsoncountynjgenealogy.org/historyfair2010.

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