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Source: New England History Teachers Association

The New England History Teachers Association, a regional affiliate of the National Council for the Social Studies, is holding its Fall meeting at Newport, Rhode Island, on the 28th and 29th of September. For the last several years the Association has sponsored a "live-in" type of experience for its membership; for example, at Sturbridge and at the Shaker Settlement in Maine with the intent of familiarizing participants with the teaching-learning experiences possible for young people at such sites as well as providing an excellent historical opportunity.

The Treadway Inn is serving as headquarters for activities and will feature a dinner on Friday night followed by four local musical artists putting on a program of Newport sea songs. On Saturday, the participants will divide into two groups, one will investigate the Gilded Age of Newport commencing with a program at Salve Regina College featuring State Senator Taylor and followed by visits to museums in the care of the Preservation Society. A similar group will be utilizing the facilities of the old Trinity Church for a program with Mrs. Mary Wharton of the Old Port Association looking into colonial Newport and followed by walking tours of the old Center to the Hunter House.

In the afternoon various activities will go on including tours of three colonial houses in different stages of restoration in support of the Newport Restoration Foundation and opportunities to visit historical sites in the community.

It is hoped by the Association that this contact with Newport will encourage teachers throughout the region to utilize the community for field trip experiences for secondary and college young people.

Dr. Robert Jones of the History Faculty of the University of Massachusetts is currently President of the Association and arrangements for the program at Newport has been made by Mr. Henry Hicks, Vice-president, and Director of Social Studies for Needham Public Schools. Marion Mathison of Newport has been instrumental in making most of the local contact and arrangements for the New England History Teachers Association. The excellent and enthusiastic cooperation of the various groups in Newport who are providing facilities and participants is a certain sign of Newport's receptivity to such conferences and the welcome that teachers can expect.

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