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**Family Program – An Immigrant’s Journey**

**Wilmington, DE** – Between 1892 and 1954 twelve million immigrants entered the U.S. through Ellis Island alone. Today, descendants of those immigrants account for almost half of the population of the U.S.

On Saturday, June 17, 2017, the Delaware History Museum invites families to envision the lives of 19<sup>th</sup>-century immigrants. The family program, *An Immigrant’s Journey*, asks guests to contemplate what it must have been like for immigrants to leave their homes and make a long journey by sea to a different country where the language and customs were new.

Three hands-on stations allow participants to consider what 19<sup>th</sup>-century immigrants would pack in a bag for a long voyage and to identify everyday objects that would help a newcomer to better understand American culture versus objects that represent Old World customs and traditions.

Participants are welcome to tour *Delaware: One State, Many Stories*, a comprehensive exhibition presented in a complementary dual format. *Discover Delaware* introduces a general overview of the state’s history from the 1600s to the present. *Journey to Freedom* features the history of African Americans from the first known African brought to Delaware by the Swedes in the 1600s called “Black Anthony,” to Delaware Poets Laureate, brothers Nnamdi Chukwuocha and Al Mills.

Program fee is included with museum admission. [ADD FEES]

**About the Delaware Historical Society**

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, a National Historic Landmark. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email [deinfo@dehistory.org](mailto:deinfo@dehistory.org), or visit [www.dehistory.org](http://www.dehistory.org).

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