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**Pierce Brigade Hosts 19<sup>th</sup> Century Formal Tea:** *First Lady Jane Pierce to discuss the story of tea and tea customs at Pleasant View Retirement*

CONCORD, NH: The Pierce Brigade is hosting a Nineteenth Century Formal Tea on Thursday, August 6, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Pleasant View Retirement in Concord, New Hampshire. The afternoon will include a program about the history of tea and tea customs, a formal tea service with fine refreshments and a raffle drawing.

The program will feature First Lady Jane Pierce, portrayed by Pierce Brigade Member Virginia Gerseny, discussing how Pierce would have enjoyed tea in the White House.

Admission is \$15.00 and includes refreshments. Advance guest reservations are required. Proceeds will benefit the preservation of the Pierce Manse, home of the 14<sup>th</sup> President.

"Tea was an important part of American social life during the Pierce's time at the White House," commented Joan Woodhead, President of the Pierce Brigade and Political Library Board Member. "Virginia's portrayal of Jane Pierce will be a wonderful way to bring this aspect of our history to life."

For reservations or for more information, please call (603) 225-4617, extension 16. Reservations should be made by Thursday, July 30, 2009.

#### **About the Pierce Brigade**

The Pierce Brigade is the membership organization dedicated to preserving the home and legacy of President Franklin Pierce. The Pierce Manse is located in Concord, New Hampshire and is operated in partnership with the Political Library. For more information, visit [www.piercemanse.org](http://www.piercemanse.org).

#### **About The Political Library**

The Political Library is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to increase civic engagement in the democratic process by promoting and preserving the state's unique political traditions and ensuring these traditions are passed on to future generations. The Political Library offers onsite educational programs and tours for students and the public at the Pierce Manse and administers Kids Voting New Hampshire programs in communities across the Granite State.

The Political Library also maintains the only comprehensive collection of election campaign papers and memorabilia from over half a century and provides forums for voters and community leaders to meet Presidential candidates.

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