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### **Rare and Beautiful Maps Document Our Nation's Founding at Greenwich Historical Society**

*Cos Cob, CT, April 4, 2016*--Celebrated filmmaker Ric Burns called *Revolution: Mapping the Road to American Independence, 1755-1783* "a GPS to the American Revolution." On May 3, the book's coauthors Richard H. Brown and Paul E. Cohen will visit the Greenwich Historical Society to talk about how the rare and beautiful maps serve as remarkable documentation of the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. In line with the Greenwich Historical Society's current exhibition *Close to the Wind: Our Maritime History*, the authors will pay particular attention to documents produced by naval powers Britain and France, showing how their surveyors, artists and engravers created a unique record of the conflicts that led ultimately to the founding of the United States.

The program will last roughly 45 minutes and will be followed by a 15-minute Q&A session. The book *Revolution: Mapping the Road to American Independence* will be available for purchase and signing. Attendees may also visit *Close to the Wind: Our Maritime History* in Storehouse Gallery one hour before the lecture begins.

Coauthor Richard H. Brown is a collector of maps and views of the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. He is vice chairman of the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library and serves as a councilor of the American Antiquarian Society. He is also a member of the Madison Council of the Library Committee of the New York Historical Society.

Fellow author Paul E. Cohen is a partner in Cohen & Taliaferro LLC, New York City, dealers in rare books and antique maps. He is also coauthor of *Manhattan in Maps*, which received the New York City Book Award in 1997, coeditor of *American Cities* and author of *Mapping the West*.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

7:00 to 8:00 pm

Greenwich Historical Society, Vanderbilt Education Center

39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807

Members: \$10; nonmembers: \$15

Attendees may also view the exhibition *Close to the Wind: Our Maritime History in Storehouse Gallery* one hour before the lecture starts.

For tickets, visit [www.greenwichhistory.org](http://www.greenwichhistory.org) or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.

