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NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WELCOMES HON. DAVID H. SOUTER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES; SOCIETY ALSO TO RECEIVE SOUTER'S PAPERS

CONCORD, NH—Retired United States Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter has agreed to join the board of trustees of the New Hampshire Historical Society and has made arrangements to donate his personal and professional papers to the Society's archives collection.

A member of the New Hampshire Historical Society since 1971, Justice Souter's first encounters with the Society were much earlier as a young boy when he would delight in visiting its library to admire the memorabilia, relics, and period rooms then on display. In 1976, Souter was invited to join the Society's board of trustees, accepted, and served until 1985, the last five years of which he was its vice president. Although he has always been passionate about the full range of the Society's programs and services, it was the school programs for young children that were among his priorities as a trustee. During his tenure as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Souter periodically took time from his busy schedule to write notes to the Society's staff expressing encouragement or congratulations for its accomplishments. He was particularly thrilled when the Society wrote and published the K – 12 history curriculum for the state's public schools in 1998.

Souter's personal and professional papers will soon become part of the Society's archives collection, where they will be securely stored and eventually cataloged. According to the terms of the donation, and as is customary, the papers will neither be available to the public nor the Society's staff for research for a period of years. The papers span Souter's life and career to date.

David Souter graduated from Harvard College *magna cum laude* in 1961. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and studied jurisprudence at Oxford University, England, graduating in 1963. In 1966 he received a degree from Harvard Law School. Souter was named Assistant Attorney General of New Hampshire in 1968, rising to Deputy Attorney General three years later. He served in that capacity until

his appointment as Attorney General in 1976. He was named Associate Justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire in 1978; Associate Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court in 1983; and judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in May 1990. In October 1990, Souter was appointed by President George H. W. Bush Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He retired in June 2009.

Founded in 1823, the New Hampshire Historical Society is the independent nonprofit that saves, preserves, and shares New Hampshire history. The Society serves thousands of children and adults each year through its museum, library, educational programs, publications, and outreach programs. The Society is not a state-funded agency. All of its programs and services are made possible by membership dues and contributions. For more information about the Society and the benefits of membership, visit nhhistory.org or call 603-228-6688.

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