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**UNIQUE WALKING TOUR OFFERS ANCESTRAL EXPERIENCE –
PARTICIPANTS HOLD HISTORY IN THEIR HANDS
Free children’s book on MP3 audio offered as well**

Walking Tours of Historic Boston offers private tours for groups and families given by a children’s book author and relative of Paul Revere. Tour guide Ben Edwards, whose ancestors arrived in Boston more than 300 years ago, introduces walkers to the city’s history in a way that no one else can.

On the walking tour from Boston Common to the North End, participants will have the opportunity to see 14 historic sites along Boston’s Freedom Trail as well as several hidden spots likely never to be found on one’s own. Ben shares photographs, illustrations, engravings and maps as well as original colonial-era newspapers from his personal collection. He also reveals fascinating stories passed down in his family for more than 200 years. Ben's knowledge, enthusiasm and sense of humor make this tour educational and **fun for all ages**.

During the two hour tour, walkers will learn information about Boston's history that Ben discovered while performing research for his children's book, *One April in Boston*. The book tells the tale of several generations of his Edwards ancestors and their connection to famous families and historic events. Every tour participant receives free access to download the 3-hour MP3 audio version of *One April in Boston*, while one CD set is also given per group.

With other walking tours, any MP3 audio element is utilized during the tour itself. With Walking Tours of Historic Boston, the free audio component is for use after the tour, so participants can travel back in time and hear history come alive on the same streets they have just walked through.

Private guided walking tours last 2 hours and are offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 days per week from April 1 to November 30. Advance reservations are required. All tours begin at Boston Common (meet the guide by the Park Street T station).

Private Family Tours (under 10 people) are \$130; and Private Group Tours (10 to 40) people are \$13 for adults and \$10 for children (12 & under).

To book a walking tour, contact author Ben Edwards at 617-670-1888, ext. 1 or complete the convenient tour request form located at www.walkingboston.com/book. For additional information visit www.walkingboston.com.

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