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### VISITOR INFORMATION

The Oliver Ellsworth Homestead and Museum is open seasonally, mid-May through mid-October, on most Fridays and Saturdays.

Special arrangements for tours can be made with prior notice.

School group tours and other group tours are encouraged. To schedule a tour, please call or 860-688-8717 or email: [info@EllsworthHomesteadDAR.org](mailto:info@EllsworthHomesteadDAR.org).

### ADMISSION

The admission is \$5 for adults, children under 14 free when accompanied by an adult.

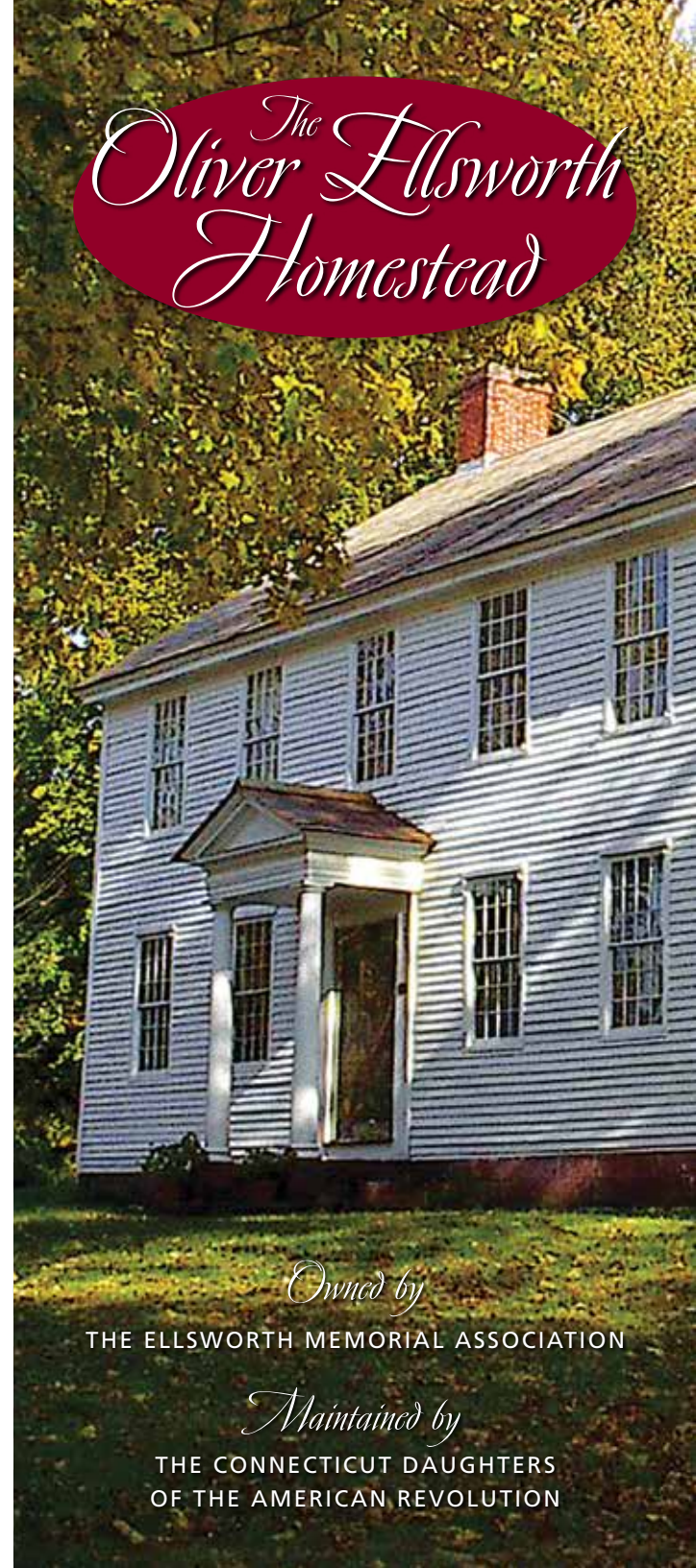
### DIRECTIONS

#### From Hartford, Connecticut:

Take I-91 North to Exit 39 (Kennedy Road), at the end of the exit ramp turn right. Take the first left onto Basswood Road (which becomes Macktown Road). Follow road to the end. Take a right onto Palisado Avenue. The Oliver Ellsworth Homestead is the first house on the left.

#### From Springfield, Massachusetts:

Take I-91 South to Exit 39 (Kennedy Road), at the end of exit ramp turn left. Take the first left onto Basswood Road (which becomes Macktown Road). Follow road to the end. Take a right onto Palisado Avenue. The Oliver Ellsworth Homestead is the first house on the left.



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# The Oliver Ellsworth Homestead

"ELMWOOD"  
BUILT 1781  
WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT



*J. Oliver Ellsworth*



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## OLIVER ELLSWORTH THE PATRIARCH

Born in Windsor on April 29, 1745, Oliver Ellsworth was one of the framers of the United States Constitution, Connecticut's first Senator, and the author of the Judiciary Act, which forms the basis of our present day federal judicial system.

Ellsworth and his wife, Abigail Wolcott, returned to live at the Homestead in 1782, where they remained until his death in 1807. While living at the Homestead, Ellsworth was visited by President George Washington in 1789, and by President John Adams in 1799.



Ellsworth once said, "I have visited several countries and I like my own the best. I have been in all the States of the Union, and Connecticut is the best State. Windsor is the pleasantest town in the State, and I have the pleasantest place in the the town of Windsor. I am content – perfectly content to die on the banks of the Connecticut River."

Today, the Ellsworth Homestead serves as a museum and is operated by the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution. Visitors touring the house will find many of Ellsworth's personal heirlooms, including a letter to him from George Washington, and a square of Gobelin tapestry presented to him by Napoleon Bonaparte.