

Old Meeting House Museum of Wilbraham

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The Antheneum Society of Wilbraham was incorporated in 1963 as a non-profit organization by a group of concerned townspeople. Their purpose was to form a permanent local group to preserve artifacts and memorabilia relating to the people and history of Wilbraham.

The operation of our organization is funded entirely by dues, gifts, and activities of our membership, which is open to all interested persons from Wilbraham and other communities.

The Old Meeting House, which is our museum, was built in 1793 and is one of the oldest standing in New England. It was the home of Wilbraham's Methodist until the congregation outgrew the building in 1835. In that year, it reverted to the Bruuer family who converted it into a two-family dwelling. The Society also maintains the old Hearse House that was built circa 1870. Both buildings are located at 450 Main Street in Wilbraham, Massachusetts.

For more history on the buildings and our Society, Please visit Wilbraham Historical Tidbits <https://david-bourcier.wixsite.com/wilbraham-tidbits/post/the-athenaeum-society-of-wilbraham-and-it-s-meeting-house>



Hampden Historical Society Museum

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The Hampden Historical Society hopes you will enjoy your visit to Academy Hall. This building houses our museums. It is a Grecian pillared building constructed about 1850 as a school. Nineteen leading citizens, known as the South Wilbraham; Education Society, financed the project because they were concerned for the higher education of their young people.

After the school closed in 1879, Academy Hall was used for Town Meetings, Catholic Masses, a Town Library, Kick-a-poo Indian shows, Grange Meetings, dances, scout Meetings, Town Offices, and the Highway Department.

When, as time passed, it became evident that the building was in dire need of repairs, some people suggested that Academy Hall be demolished. But a group of interested Hampden citizens formed the Hampden Historical Society and pressed for "Restoration not Demolition"! A plan was organized to bring the Community together to do it. It took eight years of volunteer effort, labor, and fund raising. The Restoration dedication took place in 1976 as Hampden's part in the celebration of our country's 200th birthday.

Hampden families and friends have generously donated the numerous Hampden related artifacts, including diaries, photographs, paintings, maps, furniture, quilts, clothing, and other memorabilia.



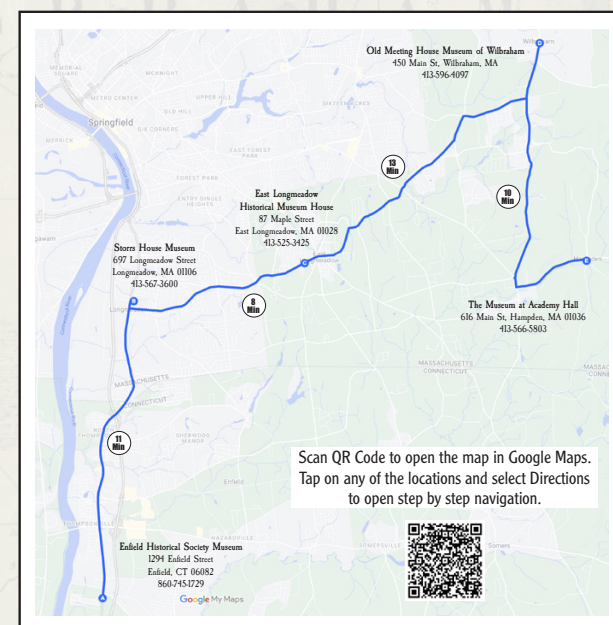
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Changing Boundries Trail Historical Museum Tour

August 19, 2023

Noon - 5:00pm

**Enfield, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow,
Wilbraham, Hampden Massachusetts**



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Enfield HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Enfield Historical Society is a non-profit all-volunteer organization. Our mission is to preserve the history of Enfield, Connecticut and to educate the public about our town's history. To achieve these goals we operate museums, collect artifacts and information pertaining to the Enfield's history, and conduct demonstrations, tours, regular meetings and other special events.

The Old Town Hall Museum is the Enfield Historical Society's flagship museum. Here you will find three floors of exhibits telling Enfield's story from the days of dinosaurs to today. Thousands of artifacts, photographs, and documents are on display or are in our publicly accessible archives for you to see. Our friendly volunteers are here to answer your questions and help you find what you are looking for, whether you are here for a relaxing visit, or are researching some part of local or family history. You will be surprised at how much there is to see, so plan to spend at least an hour.



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The Longmeadow Historical Society was founded in 1899. It operates the Storrs House Museum. The Storrs House was built in 1786 for the Reverend Richard Salter Storrs and his wife Sarah (Sally) Williston Storrs. The last member of the Storrs family to live in the house was Sarah Williams Storrs (1832-1907). Deaf due to a childhood illness, Sarah was educated, and later taught at the American Asylum at Hartford for the Education of the Deaf (now called the American School for the Deaf), alongside her brother, the Professor Richard Salter Storrs (known as "Salter").

In addition to several period rooms, the Storrs House Museum features changing exhibits. Currently the exhibits include; early photography, gravestone carving, Longmeadow's first art teacher, early spectacle making, Stephen Williams (the "boy captive of old Deerfield"), early medical providers, and more.

The Storrs House Museum collections include textiles, decorative arts, furniture, ceramics, objects of everyday life, and extensive archives.

Open on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of each month, as well as by appointment. See our website for more information and to sign up for our weekly History Notes.



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Only a few steps from the Center of town, stands our Historical Headquarters/Museum. Owned by the town, it became the official home of all collected artifacts when it was offered to the Historical Commission by the Selectmen in 1972.

The building was built by Edward Pratt in 1852, it was sold to quarry stone cutter John Peasley in 1863. Later occupied by George W. Masury. Believed to have been the youngest Civil War drummer in the Union Army, he was the last East Longmeadow Civil War Veterans when he died in 1932 at the age of 84. Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, with a full military funeral, his flag remains at the Historical Headquarters.

Historical artifacts included are tools of the quarrying industry, period costumes, maps and furniture, most of which was originally owned by the late Raymond A. Denslow, former Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector for 27 years.

Open Museum is open the third Saturday of the month, September through June, and by appointment.

The historical gardens are planted and maintained by Sherry & Doug McKeon.

Virtual tour available for accessibility.

