

The independent nonprofit that saves, preserves, and shares New Hampshire history.

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Join the Celebration of 200 Years!

CONCORD, NH—We love New Hampshire, and we've been saving its history for 200 years. Since 1823, the New Hampshire Historical Society has been preserving our state's past and telling its stories to each generation.

The New Hampshire Historical Society is the fifth oldest state historical society in the nation and one of the oldest nonprofits in the state. Its storied history captures nearly every aspect of New Hampshire's past. The New Hampshire state flag Alan Shepard took to the moon? Check. Daniel Webster's high chair? Check. A rare portrait of an enslaved woman in New Hampshire? Check. The papers of President Franklin Pierce and Supreme Court Justice David Souter? Check and



check. Nowhere will you find more extensive collections of archives and objects related to New Hampshire's history.

In 2023, the New Hampshire Historical Society hosts a year-long celebration with a series of programs, special events, and publications that help us understand who we are and why New Hampshire is a place like no other.

More information about anniversary activities can be found on the New Hampshire Historical Society's website (nhhistory.org), including lectures, tours, family fun days, an ice cream social, and special issues of the Society's magazine, Historical New Hampshire. Many of these events are open to both members and nonmembers—although there's never been a better time to become a member with all that's going on.

In July, the Society invites all Granite Staters to join the 603 History Hunt, a statewide scavenger hunt that tests your knowledge of the Granite State and takes



you on the road to complete a series of challenges. Visit the world's longest candy counter, locate a scene from the movie Jumanji, or find an 8,000-year-old summer camp—all of which are located right here in the Granite State. Choose which challenges to accept based on your own interests and abilities, with hundreds of challenges to choose from. It's a great activity for families, friends, couples, or on your own, as people can participate as a team or as individuals. The 603 History Hunt is free and open to the general public. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories.

The New Hampshire Historical Society is also partnering with New Hampshire Humanities to offer a new program in the popular Humanities to Go series. Called "Granite State Stories," the program will allow audiences to pick from a list of six stories that capture the iconic spirit of New Hampshire. "Granite State Stories" will be available for booking at local libraries, historical societies, and other public venues in the spring through the Humanities to Go [website](#).



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Founded in 1823, the New Hampshire Historical Society is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving, preserving, and sharing New Hampshire history. Nowhere will you find a more extensive collection of objects and archives related to New Hampshire's history. The Society shares these vast collections through its library, museum, websites, publications, exhibitions, and youth and adult educational 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.