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NORTH ANDOVER ★ MA

The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

Three Initiatives from the North Andover Historical Society

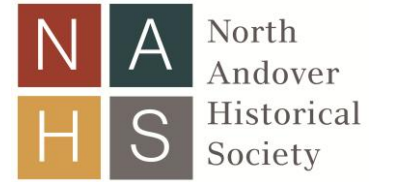
Exhibits

April 19 Revolution History Tour of Old Andover

in collaboration with the Andover Center for History and Culture

Speaking Programs

Join us at the NAHS Stevens Center for a series of
exhibits celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the
American Revolution



The Aspirations

of Ordinary People



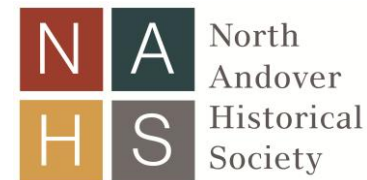


The Aspirations of Ordinary People

The Andover revolutionaries understood that creating a truly free society would take many generations. Their records and artifacts, preserved at the North Andover Historical Society, are here to remind us that history matters. They depict stories of battles won, hardships endured, hometown and battleground heroes, and the start of a long fight for liberty, equality and justice. Their ideals and aspirations are the standards by which we measure our progress today.

These are stories of the American Revolution, from a local perspective.

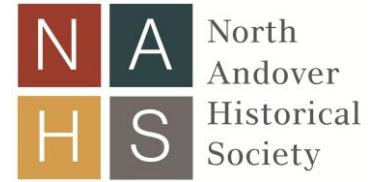
April 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026



Revolution History Tour Shuttle: A Journey Through Time 4/19/25



**Join us on April 19th for the Revolutionary History Tour Shuttle,
a special collaboration between the North Andover Historical
Society and the Andover Center for History and Culture!**



**Embark on an adventure through our shared heritage as we bring our
two towns, once united during the American Revolution, back together
for a day of family-friendly learning and fun.**



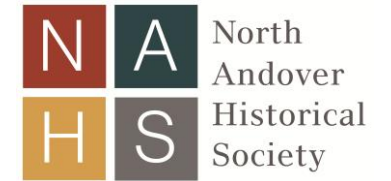
- Learn about historical sites in “old” Andover that stood in 1775 and helped to shape our nation’s journey to independence.
- Our experienced guides will share captivating stories and insights of our local connections to the revolution. As the bus passes more than 20 homes, you will hear the engaging stories and anecdotes about the people who lived in them in the 1775 era. The bus will stop twice for passengers to get off, one in each town:
 - At the Timothy Johnson House, take a short tour of the historic kitchen and dining room and enjoy a glass of lemonade.
 - At the Blanchard Upton House, take a short garden tour and enjoy a glass of cider.
- Connect with your neighbors and foster a sense of pride in our intertwined past and the aspirations of ordinary people in our towns in 1775.

*Look out for lawn signs
outside 1775 historic
sites around town in
April!*

Reserve your spot on one of two shuttles (11am and 1pm)

Please note there is limited seating – tickets available March 14th





BONUS !

Take a tour of the steeple of the North Parish Church and view the original Paul Revere bell.

- Tours will be scheduled to take place before and after the shuttle tour at designated times. Meet at the entrance to the North Parish Church
- Each tour is limited to 10 people who can navigate the steep ladders to the steeple and bell.
- A TV video tour of the steeple will be available to watch at North Parish for those who are unable to climb the ladders.
- These tours will be available on the hour and the half-hour at North Parish Church from 10am to 4pm.

Tour maps will be available for purchase at NAHS after April 19th for your own self-driving tour!





April 19, 2025 SCHEDULE

*All history tours start and end at the NAHS Stevens Center on the North Andover common at the designated times.
North Parish steeple tours start at the entrance to North Parish Church*

	STEEPLE TOUR	EXHIBITS	GUIDED HISTORY TOUR	STEEPLE TOUR and EXHIBITS
	Enjoy a guided tour of the steeple and view the Paul Revere bell at the 1836 Meeting House (North Parish Church), North Andover	Visit the NAHS Rev 250 Exhibit; The Aspirations of Ordinary People at the NAHS Stevens Center museum on the North Andover common	Climb on the bus for the Old Andover Revolution History Tour A collaboration between the North Andover Historical Society and the Andover Center for History and Culture	A second opportunity to take a tour of the steeple and view the Paul Revere bell at the 1836 Meeting House (North Parish Church), or check out the NAHS Rev 250 exhibit, The Aspirations of Ordinary People, at the NAHS Stevens Center museum on the North Andover common.
11am History Tour	10am-10.30am	10.30am-11am	11am-12.30pm	1pm-1.30pm
1pm History Tour	12pm-12.30pm	12.30pm-1pm	1pm-2.30pm	3pm-3.30pm
	Each tour is limited to 10 people at a time who are able to navigate the steep steps. A TV tour video will be available to watch at North Parish church for those unable to climb the staircase. Meet at the entrance to the North Parish Church. Participants in the steeple tour must sign a waiver before the tour	Check out this great new exhibit and enjoy breakfast or coffee at Diane's café on the Common before you get on the bus. Please note there will not be any bathroom stops along the route, please use our Stevens Center facilities before or after the tour. The Stevens Center is the departure point for the shuttle	The bus will pass historic sites and more than 20 homes where you will hear engaging stories and anecdotes about the people who lived in them in the 1775 era. The bus will stop twice for passengers to get off and enjoy a short tour and refreshment, one in each town. At the Timothy Stevens House in North Andover, enjoy a glass of lemonade and tour the historic kitchen and dining room. At the Upton Blanchard House in Andover, enjoy a short garden tour and a glass of cider.	Each steeple tour is limited to 10 people who are able to navigate the steep steps. A TV tour video will be available to watch at North Parish Church for those unable to climb the staircase. Participants in the steeple tour must sign a waiver before the tour. Check out the exhibit and enjoy lunch at Diane's Café on the Common after your tour.



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR GUIDED HISTORY TOUR - SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO NORTHANDOVERHISTORICALSOCIETY.ORG





Register for our speaker programs in the Worden Theater to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in April. All programs start at 6.30pm

- 4/1 Alex Cain – Minute Men of the Merrimack Valley
- 4/8 David Blauvelt – Revolutionary war graves in the First and Second Burial Grounds
- 4/15 Antoine Trombino-Aponte Reconstructing the Voice of James Stevens
- 4/18 Katie Osgood – The Osgood's; 250 Years Ago they Started a Revolution
- 4/22 Jonathan Lane - Vox Populi; Towns of Massachusetts and the American Revolution
- 4/29 Scott Dianis – Old Andover and the American Revolution