

About The North Reading Historical & Antiquarian Society

The North Reading Historical & Antiquarian Society, Inc. began as the North Reading Antiquarian Club in 1953, the year of the Town's Centennial. In 1961, the 1720 historic Reverend Daniel Putnam homestead was threatened with possible demolition to make way for a gas station on the site. The Antiquarian Club successfully rallied local support to save the house. The Town acquired the property and in 1963 the Club formally incorporated as a local historical society.

The Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all volunteer organization. It has undertaken the restoration and supervision of the historic property at no cost to local taxpayers. The Society raises funds to support its endeavors by hosting events such as the Apple Festival in September and our Ice Cream Social at the Town's July Fourth celebration. Additional funds are realized from the sale of historically themed merchandise such as tee shirts, afghans, coffee mugs, jewelry, maps, and Christmas ornaments that celebrate historic buildings and structures of local interest. The Society has also received generous donations from members, local businesses, and residents.

The Society offers a variety of informative programs throughout the year, focused on local history and antiques. These programs are made possible primarily through membership dues. Additionally, the Putnam House is decorated for a Victorian Christmas party and the Society hosts a Holiday Open House in December, scheduled to coincide with the Christmas Tree Lighting on the Common.

The North Reading Historical & Antiquarian Society is actively seeking new members interested in preserving North Reading's history and sharing its story with the next and future generations! Membership is open to everyone.

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Preserving, Studying, and Interpreting North Reading History since 1961



The Reverend Daniel Putnam House

The North Reading Historical & Antiquarian Society was founded in 1963 to promote the local history and to assure the preservation of the historic Reverend Daniel Putnam House. Over the past decades, the Society has worked on numerous preservation projects in addition to the Putnam House, most notably the Damon Tavern ballroom with its Rufus Porter murals. Working together, the Society and the North Reading Minit & Militia have preserved and/or recreated The West Village School, the Sargent Flint House, The Farm Museum and, most recently, the First Meeting House on the grounds of the Putnam Homestead.

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please circle your level of membership:

Individual \$20	Family/Couple \$25	Senior (65+) \$12	Junior (under 18) \$5
Supporting \$50	Sustaining \$100	Patron \$500	Benefactor \$1,000

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