



Old Colony History Museum

COMPREHENSIVE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



"I believe the OCHM is a historic jewel serving southeastern Massachusetts, with some of the best programs for public outreach engaging the city of Taunton and the surrounding communities."

Jason Roomes

Taunton, MA

Member Since 2023



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WHO WE ARE



The OCHM is where people come to see history in context, to hear and see human stories from a trusted source and learn universal messages of struggle and hope. Encountering history firsthand not only provides us with knowledge of the past, but also helps us to place the trials of our own time in proper perspective.

Old Colony Historical Society

Established in 1853, the Old Colony Historical Society, based in Taunton, Massachusetts, is dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of the Old Colony region through exhibitions, programs, and a vast collection of artifacts.



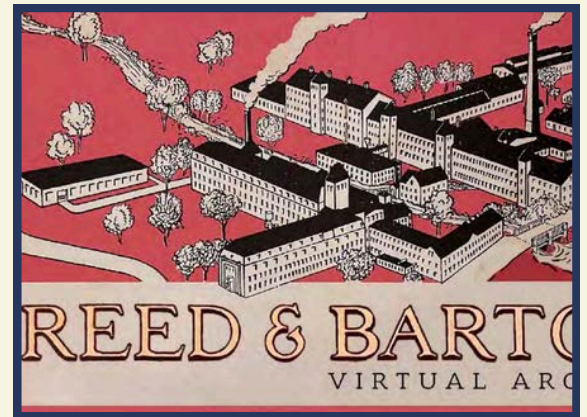
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Rebranded in 2015, the Old Colony History Museum is the physical space where collections, exhibits, and programs bring history to life for the community.



Hurley Library and Digital Archives

Our library and archives preserve both physical and digital primary sources, including books, documents, manuscripts, and photographs. We welcome researchers from across the country and are committed to expanding a growing collection of digital resources accessible worldwide.



A CENTURY ON CHURCH GREEN

Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future.

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As the Old Colony History Museum celebrates its 100th year in our historic Church Green home in 2026, we mark a defining milestone. This moment invites both reflection and renewal—honoring a century of stewardship while looking ahead to the next.



For generations, the museum has served as a civic anchor in Taunton and the surrounding region—a place where history is preserved, interpreted, and shared in ways that connect the past to the present. Today, that role is more important than ever. As our community grows and evolves, so too does the need for accessible education, welcoming public spaces, and thoughtful care of the collections entrusted to us.

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This campaign represents a moment of opportunity. It is a chance to invest in the museum's physical campus, strengthen its educational impact, safeguard its archives, and expand the ways we bring history to life for all who walk through our doors.

A Century on Church Green is more than a milestone. It is a commitment to the future of a place where history and community continue to meet.





PRESERVING A HISTORIC LANDMARK

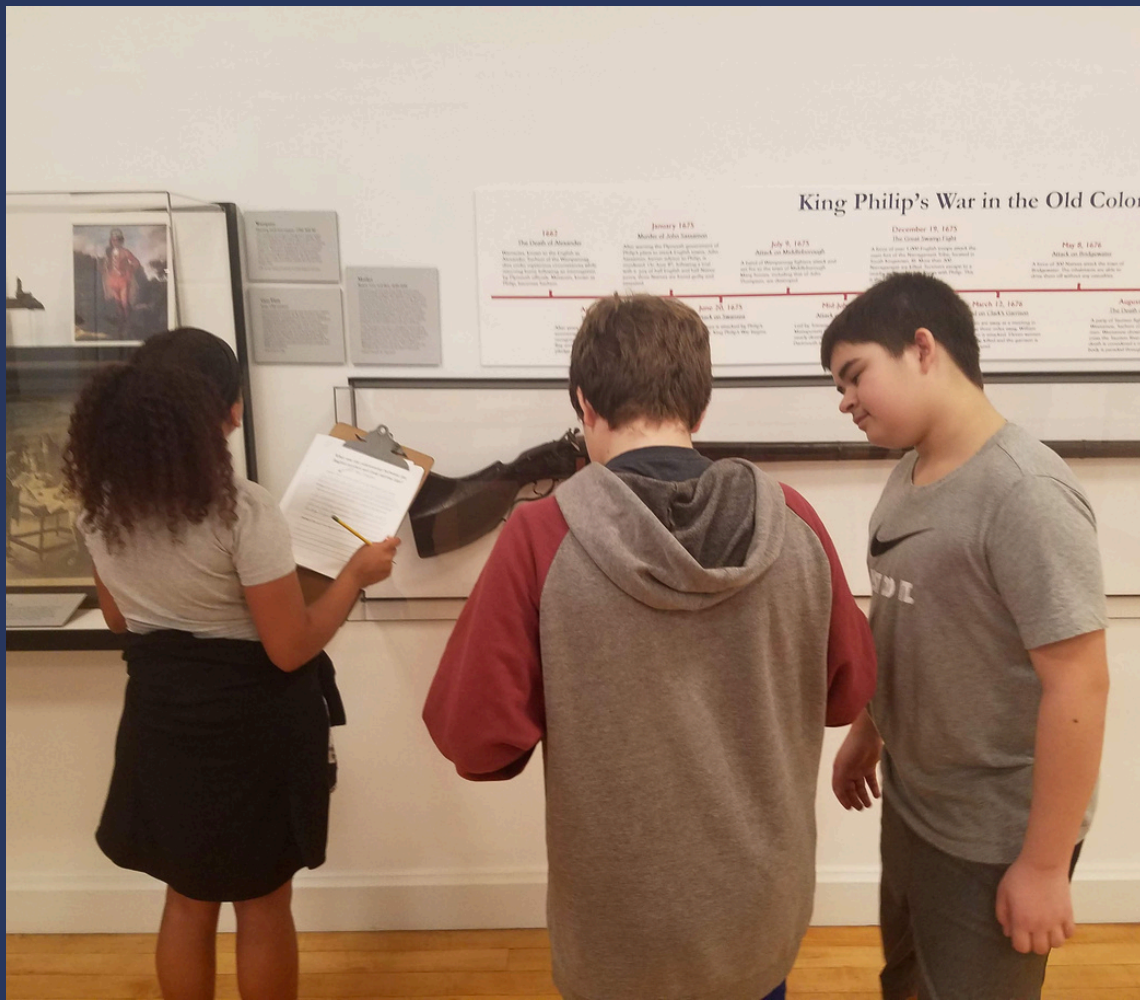
OUR VISION

As the Old Colony History Museum celebrates 100 years in our historic Church Green building in 2026, we are investing in its future. This campaign will preserve and strengthen a treasured community landmark while creating a more welcoming, accessible, and vibrant space for all who gather here. Through thoughtful improvements to the building and grounds, we will enhance accessibility, sustainability, and the long-term care of our collections while ensuring the museum continues to inspire learning, connection, and discovery for generations to come.

Focus:

- Historic preservation
- Accessibility improvements
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Collections storage integrity & longevity





INSPIRING THE NEXT
GENERATION OF
HISTORIANS

OUR VISION

From school groups on field trips to adults exploring local history for the first time, learning happens every day at the OCHM. This campaign will strengthen and expand our educational initiatives by supporting school partnerships, curriculum development, internships, docent training, and engaging public programs that connect people of all ages to the stories that shape our region and our nation. Through these investments, we will make history more accessible, interactive, and meaningful while inspiring future generations to carry these stories forward.

Focus:

- School partnerships
- Adult education
- Curriculum development
- Internships & docent training
- Public programs





SAVING THE STORIES
WE CANNOT AFFORD
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OUR VISION

The Old Colony History Museum's archives and library safeguard the irreplaceable records of our region's past—books, documents, manuscripts, photographs, and objects that connect us to the people and events that shaped our community. This campaign will strengthen our ability to preserve, organize, and share these materials, ensuring they remain accessible to researchers, students, and the public today and for generations to come. By investing in conservation, digitization, and improved storage, we are protecting the stories we cannot afford to lose.

Focus:

- Archival preservation
- Collections care & conservation
- Digitization of materials
- Research access & public use
- Library collection development





BRINGING HISTORY
TO LIFE

OUR VISION

At the Old Colony History Museum, exhibitions and public programs transform objects and archives into meaningful experiences that connect people to the past in dynamic and memorable ways. This campaign will support the development of new exhibitions, rotating displays, and special interpretive experiences that invite visitors to engage with history from multiple perspectives. By investing in flexible exhibition spaces, updated interpretation, and immersive programming, we will ensure that history is not only preserved—but actively experienced.

Focus:

- Exhibition development & design
- Rotating and special exhibitions
- Creating unforgettable museum experiences



WHY THE OLD COLONY HISTORY MUSEUM MATTERS





Housed in a National Register-listed 1852 former school building in the heart of historic downtown Taunton, the Old Colony History Museum sits at the center of the layered stories that helped shape a nation. Its collections, exhibitions, and programs explore the history of southeastern Massachusetts—from Indigenous life and colonial settlement to industrial innovation and civic transformation.

More than a repository of objects, the Museum is a dynamic center for lifelong learning and civic engagement, welcoming visitors of all ages to explore the past through object-based interpretation, community partnerships, and place-based education. It connects history to lived experience, helping people better understand both where we have been and where we are going.

At its core, the Old Colony History Museum is committed to telling the full and inclusive story of the Old Colony, ensuring that local history continues to inform, inspire, and connect generations.

OUR CAPITAL GOAL

\$965,000

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE



\$190,000
Building



\$600,000
Grounds



\$75,000
Education



\$65,000
Archives &
Library



\$35,000
Exhibits &
Experiences

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