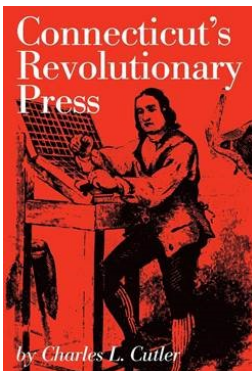


The SHPO is donating books!



The CT State Historic Preservation Office is looking to donate publications from the Connecticut Bicentennial Series, published by Globe Pequot in 1975. Many of the books have multiple boxes of copies, and large quantity donations are encouraged. For a list of books available, or to express interest, please contact Morgan Bengel at Morgan.Bengel@ct.gov.

Recent Grant Awards

The following grants were awarded at the January and February meetings of the Historic Preservation Council:

SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANTS

The **Fairfield Museum and History Center** was awarded \$20,000 for a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) prospection archaeological survey.

The **Town of Essex** was awarded \$20,000 for consulting services of a 36 CFR-qualified Architectural Historian to prepare a National Register Nomination for Essex Village.

The **Haddam Historical Society** was awarded \$10,000 for consulting services of a 36 CFR-qualified Architectural Historian and appropriate team to prepare a State Register nomination for the Dublin Hill/Higganum Cove area.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS - *Municipalities interested in becoming Certified under the National Park Service Program should contact Mary Dunne at mary.dunne@ct.gov*

The **Town of East Hartford** was awarded \$20,000 for consulting services of a CFR-qualified historical architect and appropriate team to prepare a condition assessment of the Makens Bemont House (1761) located in Martin Park, 307 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford

The **Town of Roxbury** was awarded \$20,000 for a small-run reprint of publications for historic preservation public awareness efforts and update,

Completed Rehabilitation Colt Industrial Complex, North Armory, Hartford



Congratulations to Colt Gateway for the completed rehabilitation of the North Armory at the Colt Industrial Complex in Hartford. The rehabilitation created 48 apartment units and over 16,000 SF of nonresidential space.

After years of hard work and commitment, the rehabilitation the Colt Industrial Complex is nearly complete with only a few buildings left for redevelopment.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

North Armory by the numbers:

Total Project Cost: \$23,000,000
Est. Federal Tax Credit: \$4,600,000
State Tax Credit: \$3,601,706

Odds and Ends and Upcoming Events

March 11, 2021 - New England Museum Association (NEMA)'s CT Museums Advocacy Day

Rev Up! New England Museum Week webinar - March 11, 9:30-10:30 am
What's the virtual equivalent of a handshake? Does a Zoom meeting with a legislator or her staff member work the same as an in-person visit? Is anyone in the office still answering the phone? What does 2021 hold for the potential governmental impacts on museums? Register here to get your tips and updates to launch your day of socially-distanced advocacy.

For more information or to register [click here](#).

American Association for State and Local History

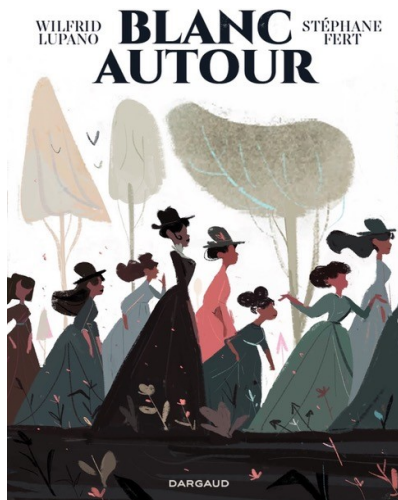
The AASLH is a national association that provides leadership and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to people. The organization's blog just

News From the Museums



Prudence Crandall Museum

The newest book featuring the story of Prudence Crandall's Canterbury Female Boarding School is a graphic novel, in French! Titled "Blanc Autour," (published by Dargaud) this excellent work by French graphic novelist Wilfrid Lupano and illustrated by Stéphane Fert is helping the Museum reach a larger international audience! Published in French, an English edition is being finished (see sample page), with an Italian edition and other languages to follow, published by Europe Comics. Mr. Lupano visited the Museum in 2019 for inspiration, and later asked the Museum Curator to write the book's Afterword, which details the lives of the students after Crandall's school closed.



Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine is continuing to work behind the scenes on projects such as collection management and strategic planning. Of course we occasionally take time to play in the snow; doesn't New-Gate look like a snow fortress in these pictures?



Henry Whitfield State Museum

You never know what you'll find when you're cleaning Connecticut's oldest house! Keen-eyed museum staff member Chris Collins was vacuuming in the Great Hall of the Whitfield House when he spotted a small (only 14mm diameter), flat, circular . . . something. After some internet searching, it turns out to be a silver Elizabeth I halfpenny, made c. 1600 – older than the 1639 house! It features a portcullis gate on one side and a cross with three pellets in each field on the other. How did it end up on the Great Hall floor? Our best guess is that, due to its tiny size, it had gotten wedged into a crack or crevice of one of the 17th-century furniture pieces on exhibit, then finally fallen out centuries later. In any case, we're taking it as a good sign for the museum in 2021!



The Department of Economic and Community Development, including the State Historic Preservation Office continues to work remotely. We will be sure to inform our constituents when we plan to return to the office. In the meantime, staff contact information can be found [here](#).

Department of Economic and
Community Development
State Historic Preservation Office

Connecticut[®]

