

Marblehead History & Tours

Marblehead's
fascinating history &
remarkable architecture
come alive
in
walking tours
of the town

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2017 Scheduled Walking Tours

*\$5 voluntary donation toward
educational architecture initiatives*

Marblehead in the 1600s 1st Saturday of the month 9 to 11 am

Walking tour along Marblehead's scenic coastline around Little Harbor

June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7

~ part of the 17th century "First Saturdays" program in Essex County ~

➤ **Meet at corner of Beacon & Norman Streets** (*park on Norman Street*)

*About the way dramatic events in England & New England impacted the
early Marblehead community and its development through the 1600s*

<http://northofboston.org/itineraries/self-guided-tours/17th-century-saturdays/>

✧ Spirit of '76 Walk ✧

Revolution ~ Covert Acts & Resisting Tyranny in 1774 & 1775

Covert actions & secret activities of rebels in Marblehead
including Patriot militia Colonel Jeremiah Lee & others

using writings by & about Lee & other Marbleheaders from that time

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day) 9 to 11 am

➤ **Meet in front of Abbot Hall** 188 Washington Street

➤ **Ends in front of General John Glover's home** 11 Glover Square

↻ *Consider lunch at The Landing Restaurant afterward!* ↻

✧ Marblehead in 1817 ~ "The Great Winter Snow of 1817"

after 1816's "Year Without a Summer"

☞ also, reports of Sea Serpent sightings in 1817 (!) ☛



on each of 5 Fridays in September

(including September 15 & 22 during "Trails & Sails")

9 to 11 am & 5:30 to 7 pm



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How Marblehead's built environment changed
after the Revolution (1775–81) & again after the War of 1812 (1812–15)
and through the changing society & town industry in the 1800s

- ✧ how Marblehead had grown through the 1700s up to the Revolution (1775)
~ and became the 6th largest town in British North America (!)
- ✧ how & why houses changed after the Revolution (in the 1790s to 18-teens)
~ due to national style changes, the economy, and wars in the Atlantic
- ✧ how & why M'hd differed from Salem in its post-Revolution development
- ✧ how & why houses changed in the economic recovery of the 1820s & '30s



1700 to 1775	Colonial / Georgian (classical)
1780 to 1790s	(U.S.) Georgian & Federal
1790 to 1820s	Federal (a lighter classical)
1820s to 1850s	Greek Revival (American)
1860s to 1890s	Victorian (3-D & eclectic)
1890s to 1917	Victorian, Col. & Fed. revivals

Events for "Trails & Sails"

September 15, 16 & 17 & September 22, 23 & 24

For more info, see [www.EssexHeritage.org/ Trails and Sails](http://www.EssexHeritage.org/TrailsandSails)

★ Tour of the King Hooper Mansion ★

Interior, exterior & the women of the Hooper family

Friday, Saturday & Sunday ☞ September 22, 23 & 24 ☞ 1 to 2 pm

➤ At the King Hooper Mansion 8 Hooper Street

Hosted by the *Marblehead Arts Association*



★ Marblehead's 1755 Brick Powder House ★

Open House Saturday, Sept. 23 ☞ 9 to 11 am

GPS ~ 47 Green Street (street parking / no parking lot)

Hosted by *Marblehead Architecture Heritage*

with the Town of Marblehead & M'head Historical Commission

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★ 1,121 Marbleheaders in the War of 1812 ★

when M'hd. was the 10th most populous town in the new U.S.
& Marblehead in 1817 ~ after 1816, “the Year without a Summer”

★ Saturday, September 23 ☞ 4 to 5:30 pm ★



➤ Presentation at Fort Sewall ◀
on the benches to the right after the entrance,
facing into Marblehead Harbor



Street parking on Front Street
(or out on Washington St. or Orne St.
allowing time to walk several blocks)



★ More than 1,000 men & boys served, suffered, & died in the 3-year war,
from a population of 5,600 people (many children) & about 1,000 families

Heroism & drama at sea as the young U. S. fought a naval war with England

- ★ The War was declared by President James Madison on June 18, 1812
- ★ Four townsmen served in high state & national political office during the war
- ★ The USS *Essex* was lost in the Battle of Valparaiso, Chile March 28, 1814
- ★ The USS *Constitution* sought refuge in Marblehead Harbor April 3, 1814
- ★ The White House, new U. S. Capitol, and other government buildings in Washington City were burned by the British on August 24, 1814

- ★ In 1815, nearly 500 men & boys from Marblehead remained imprisoned in England for months after the peace treaty was signed (Dec. 1814 & Feb. '15 U.S.)
- ★ In 1816, the ecumenical & secular *Marblehead Female Humane Society* was established ~ for relief of the town's many women, children, widows & orphans
- ★ In 1816, the entire northern hemisphere suffered a “year without a summer” ~ due in part to the eruption of Mount Tambora, a volcano in Indonesia
- ★ In 1817, the winter brought unprecedented crippling snows, then crop failures
- ★ In 1819, a nation-wide economic “panic” or recession swept the early U.S.