

# PRESERVATION WEEK 2022



NEWBURYPORT PRESERVATION TRUST  
*Linking the past with the present and future*  
NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS, USA

## The Mills of Newburyport

*The Dream That Ran Out of Steam*

From 19th-Century Speculation ... to 21st-Century Preservation

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY  
May 20-21-22, 2022

*A story of  
Technology & Innovation  
Entrepreneurial Spirit  
Immigrant Opportunity  
Mill Neighborhoods  
Economic Change  
Reclamation & Adaptation*

### Friday, May 20

**Keynote Presentation:**  
*The Mills of Newburyport –  
The Dream That Ran Out of Steam*  
Custom House Maritime Museum (indoor event)  
25 Water Street, Newburyport  
7:00 p.m. reception; 7:30 p.m. illustrated lecture.  
Admission: Free; online registration required (pg. 2).

### Saturday, May 21

**Guided Walking Tour:**  
**Ocean Mills (1846 textile mill)**  
Park and meet at the north end of Cushing Park,  
Kent Street, Newburyport.  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.  
Admission: Free.

**Guided Walking Tour:**  
**Globe Steam Mill Site (1845; razed in 1940)**  
Meet at The Tannery parking lot,  
75 Water Street, Newburyport.  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Admission: Free.

### Saturday, continued ...

**Self-Guided Exterior Walkabout:**  
**James Steam Mill (1843 textile mill)**  
1 Charles Street, Newburyport.  
(Exterior-only perimeter sidewalk tour of former  
mill building now adapted for residential use.)  
All day public sidewalk access only. Please respect  
tenant privacy.  
(See other side for helpful interpretive graphics.)  
Admission: Free.

**Self-Guided Exterior Walkabout:**  
**Merrimac Arms (1866)**  
**Towle Silversmith Building (1883-1990)**  
260 Merrimac Street, Newburyport.  
(Interpretive panels located off the Merrimac  
Street sidewalk at the west end of the building.)  
All day public sidewalk access only. Please respect  
commercial/professional operations.  
(See other side for helpful interpretive graphics.)  
Admission: Free.

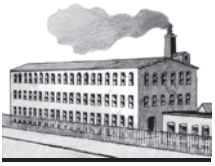
### Sunday, May 22

**Open House & Tours:**  
**Powder House Park & Learning Center**  
(Interpretive panels on the grounds;  
guided tours of the 1822 powder house.)  
Godfrey's Hill  
57 Low Street, Newburyport  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Admission: Free.

**Preservation Week  
IN PERSON – is back!**

**One indoor event  
for essential context.  
All other events outdoors.**

**For complete schedule details,  
SEE OTHER SIDE!**



# The Mills of Newburyport

## The Dream That Ran Out of Steam



NEWBURYPORT PRESERVATION TRUST  
PRESERVATION WEEK 2022

Friday-Saturday-Sunday • May 20-22, 2022 • Illustrated Lecture, Guided & Self-Guided Tours

### Complete schedule details for our ALL-FREE events

FRIDAY, MAY 20

#### Keynote Presentation:

*The Mills of Newburyport – The Dream That Ran Out of Steam – From 19th-Century Speculation to 21st-Century Preservation*

A lively presentation of illustrated context of the city's mill buildings and industrial history – micro for local details, and macro for broader understanding – by author, historian, and museum professional R.W. Bacon.

Custom House Maritime Museum  
25 Water Street, Newburyport

7:00 p.m. reception;

7:30 p.m. illustrated lecture.

Admission: Free; online registration required.

[Click here to register at Eventbrite:](#)

[millsnewburyport.eventbrite.com](http://millsnewburyport.eventbrite.com)

SATURDAY, MAY 21

#### Guided Walking Tour:

**Ocean Mills (1846 textile mill)**

A fresh-air guided walking tour of the Ocean Mills complex presented by Newburyport Preservation Trust board members Rita Mihalek and Bronson de Stadler.

Park and meet at the north end of Cushing Park, Kent Street, Newburyport.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Admission: Free.

#### Guided Walking Tour:

**Globe Steam Mill Site (1845; razed 1940)**

A fresh-air guided walking tour of the Globe Steam Mill site – and the later tannery site – and its adaptation as the Tannery Marketplace, presented by architect and NPT founder Linda Miller.

Meet at The Tannery parking lot, 75 Water Street, Newburyport.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Admission: Free.

#### Self-Guided Exterior Walkabout:

**James Steam Mill (1843 textile mill)**

1 Charles Street, Newburyport.

An exterior-only perimeter sidewalk observation of the former mill building now adapted for residential use.

All day public sidewalk access only. Please respect tenant privacy.

Admission: Free.

#### Self-Guided Exterior Walkabout:

**Merrimac Arms (1866)**

**Towle Silversmith Building (1883-1990)**

260 Merrimac Street, Newburyport.

An exterior-only perimeter observation of the Merrimac Arms / Towle Building. Interpretive panels are located adjacent to the Merrimac Street sidewalk at the west end of the building.

All day public sidewalk access only. Please respect commercial/professional operations.

Admission: Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

#### Open House & Tours:

**Powder House Park & Learning Center**

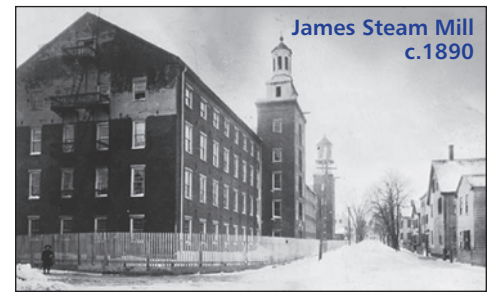
Enjoy a guided tour of Newburyport's 1822 powder house, restored by the Newburyport Preservation Trust, led by trust co-president Tom Kolterjahn, who guided the multi-year preservation/restoration project.

Godfrey's Hill

57 Low Street, Newburyport

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Admission: Free.



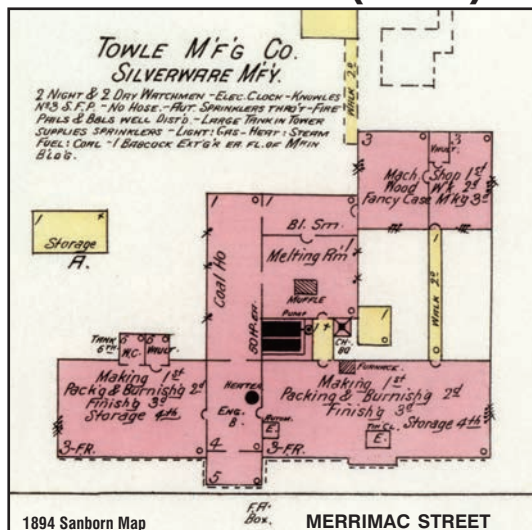
James Steam Mill  
c.1890

Preservation Week is an annual community-wide event sponsored by the Newburyport Preservation Trust to celebrate Newburyport's historic character and unique architectural legacy. We thank this year's Preservation Week Partner, the Custom House Maritime Museum, the venue for this year's illustrated lecture presentation.

The Newburyport Preservation Trust was formed to raise public awareness and to advocate for local historic preservation, and is an all-volunteer, registered 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. Join us! To learn more, visit [www.NbptPreservationTrust.org](http://www.NbptPreservationTrust.org).

— Save this background information for your 'walkabout' explorations —

### Merrimac Arms (1866)



**Merrimac Arms (1866)** (a.k.a. "Towle Building")  
**Towle Manufacturing Co. (occupied 1883-1990)**  
260 Merrimac Street

**1866:** Factory built by Merrimac Arms Mfg. Co.

**1873:** Merrimac Arms bankruptcy; building refit for yarn-making and other industrial tenants.

**1883:** Towle Mfg., manufacturer of silverware formed in 1857, purchases building; mansard roof removed c.1905; five additions between 1894 and 1947.

**1990:** Towle operations cease; building sold in 1997.

**1998:** Adapted for office use.

**James Steam Mill (1843)** 1 Charles Street

**Original Investors:** Robert Bayley, Charles T. James, Philip Johnson, Mark Symonds, and others.

**1869:** Company dissolved; sold & renamed "Masconomet Mills" in 1871.

**1876:** Reorganized as "Victoria Mills."

**1897:** Sold to the "Victoria Mills Corp."

**1899:** Sold to Peabody Mfg. & leased.

**1938:** Sold to Mayfair (Kent) Shoe Corp.

**1954-1980s:** Sold in 1954; then occupied by various tenants for light industrial use.

**1984:** Adapted for residences.

### James Steam Mill (1843)

