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The PVHN formed in 2006 from an informal gathering of people connected with the historical institutions -- the museums, libraries, historical sites, and societies -- of the Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts. The organization formed to help promote local history and tourism among the various historical locations in the region. For more information, visit our website: www.pioneervalleyhistorynetwork.org



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Agawam Historical & Firehouse Museum

35 Elm St
Agawam, MA, 01001
[/www.Agawam-history.org](http://www.Agawam-history.org)
413-789-4631

2nd Sun-
day of each
month, May-
December,
1-4pm

Agawam is a town rich in history - from its founding in 1636, to its incorporation in 1855, to having the first Zip Code in the United States. The Agawam Historical Association collects and preserves that history. The Fire House Museum was built as a Fire Station in 1918 and was converted to a Museum by Association members and volunteer firemen after the Town built a new station nearby. The first floor contains antique fire engines and apparatus and the second floor (with elevator access) is a display area.



Ashfield Historical Society

Main St
Ashfield, MA
www.ashfieldhistorical.org
413-628-4541

Saturdays,
10am-1pm or by
appointment

Ashfield is one of Massachusetts' hilltowns, a number of small communities nestled in the rolling hills between the Connecticut River and the Berkshire Mountains.

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Amherst History Museum



67 Amity St
Amherst, MA, 01002
<http://www.amhersthistory.org>
413-256-0678

Wednesdays
and Saturdays,
12-4pm, May to
October

The Amherst History Museum opened in 1916 and is governed by the Amherst Historical Society, which was founded in 1899. Housed in the 1750-era Strong House, the Amherst History Museum takes visitors on a journey from the town's colonial past, through its industrial age and into the computer-driven present. Handicapped Accessible: No

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Buckland Historical Society



32 Upper St.
Buckland, MA

This museum building was originally a school house built around 1855. The second floor was known as "Band Hall" and was used solely for band practice for 30 years until 1888. The building served as a school house for about 100 years. Now it houses the Historical Society's collection of artifacts, memorabilia and displays.



Connecticut Valley Historical Museum & Genealogy Library

The Quadrangle 220 State St.
Springfield, MA, 01103
www.springfieldmuseums.org
413-263-6800

Closed until Oc-
tober 10th, while
we move into the
new Museum of
Springfield
History

Learn more about the history and traditions of the Connecticut River Valley through our permanent and changing exhibits that tell the story of the region from 1636 to the present through the Museum's collection of handcrafted furniture and silver by local craftsmen, motorcycles and antique autos made in Springfield, industrial objects from the region's factories, and historical firearms from the area's gun industry, including selected revolvers from a premier Smith & Wesson collection.



Forbes Library

20 West St.
Northampton, MA, 01060
<http://www.forbeslibrary.org>
413-587-1011

A complete renovation of the interior was finished in 2001 accentuating many of the Forbes unique features such as the glass mezzanine floors, expansive spaces, and the Guastavino arches which actually support the second floor. Forbes Library's special collections include the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library & Museum and the Hampshire Room for Local History.
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Conway Historical Society



50 Main St
Conway, MA, 01341

Sundays, 2-4pm,
July and August
or by appoint-
ment

Assorted collection of Conway historical artifacts and records.
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Hadley Farm Museum



Rte 9 and Rte 47
Hadley, MA

Housed in a restored 1782 barn, this museum contains exhibits such as a 15 seat stagecoach, an oxcart, a peddler's wagon, early broom-making machinery and household and farm implements.



Hatfield Farm Museum

Billings Way
Hatfield, MA
413-247-9349

Sundays,
2-4pm, from
May 30 to
October 15

The Hatfield Farm Museum is an early farmer's tobacco shed, filled with old farm tools - mostly from the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Museum also contains items relating to the history of our volunteer fire company, ice harvesting, and farm and domestic life.

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Historic Deerfield

80 Old Main St
Deerfield, MA
<http://www.historic-deerfield.org>

Step into Early New England! Explore 11 museum houses with trained guides, world-class collections of antiques, special exhibitions, and an outdoor Cooks' Garden and Meadow Walk (seasonal). Experience early American life from the 1704 Deerfield Raid and the French and Indian War, to the American Revolution and the first decades of the new Republic. Enjoy family programs and hands-on activities, events, shopping, and lunch in a 330-year-old village.

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Hatikvah Holocaust Center



1160 Dickinson St
Springfield, MA
<http://www.hatikvah-center.org>

Hatikvah Holocaust Education Center serves Western New England and beyond as an educational and teaching facility and is a living memorial to both the victims and the survivors of the Holocaust. We believe that by educating current and future generations we can help eliminate prejudice, hatred, bigotry and discrimination in our world.

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Historic Northampton



46 Bridge St
Northampton, MA, 01060
www.historic-northampton.org
413-584-6011

Mon.-Sat.
10am-5pm;
Sun., 12-5pm;
Closed on holidays

Historic Northampton is a museum of local history in the heart of the Connecticut River Valley. Its collection of approximately 50,000 objects and three historic buildings is the repository of Northampton and Connecticut Valley history from the pre-contact era to the present. The museum maintains a permanent exhibit chronicling the rich history of Northampton in its main gallery and features changing exhibitions in its rotating exhibit space.



Jewish Historical Society of Western Massachusetts

7 Sugarloaf St
 (in the Old Firehouse)
 South Deerfield, MA, 01373
<http://www.jhswm.org>
 413-665-0066

Monday-Friday,
 10am-5pm and
 Sundays by
 appointment

The Jewish Historical Society provides a resource facility for research on Jewish life and activities in Western Massachusetts* by collecting and archiving papers, photographs, tapes, ephemera and/or items of material culture related to regional Jews* and by recording oral histories and cultural events. The society enhances Jewish cultural life in Western Massachusetts* through exhibitions, trainings, outreach, and other educational events.
 Handicapped Accessible: Yes



Leverett Historical Society

1 Shutesbury Road
 Leverett, MA, 01054
www.leveretthistorical.org

Saturdays,
 10-12pm
 (Family Museum)
 Sundays, 2-4pm,
 May-November
 (Historical Society)

The Leverett Historical Society includes the Field Family Museum and the Leverett Schoolhouse. The Leverett Family Museum includes antiques donated by Leverett families, the history of mills on Roaring Brook, and artifacts of the Beaman Frary Box Shop. The museum also includes some works by folk artist, Erastus Salisbury Field who was a resident of Leverett.

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Jones Library Special Collections



43 Amity St
 Amherst
<http://www.joneslibrary.org/specialcollections/>

Special Collections at the Jones Library houses extensive collections that focus on the history of Amherst and the surrounding Pioneer Valley. It is designed to be both a scholarly research center and a popular reading and exhibit space for the general public. Visitors come from around the world to view the library's Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost Exhibit Room. The library's Dickinson and Frost Collections are rich in original manuscripts, editions, and secondary research materials.

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Longmeadow Historical Society



697 Longmeadow St.
 Longmeadow, MA
<http://longmeadow.org>
 413-567-3600

3rd Sundays,
 June-September
 and by appointment

Home of Richard Salter Storrs, second minister of Longmeadow; built in 1786. The collection includes many artifacts from first minister Stephen Williams, aka "boy captive of Deerfield." Special and Annual Events: Longmeadow Days are hosted annually on the second weekend in May. The Historical Society also hosts a Graveyard Event on the Friday before Halloween. Annual meeting is in October.
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