

Old Planters Reunion

September 29 - October 2, 2022



Are you descended from one of Beverly's 17th century families? Are you interested in Early American history? Please attend this very special conference and explore that history with us. Choose from a variety of programs, tour our two first period houses, and experience our exhibits on Beverly. Take advantage of the research time provided with your registration to learn more about your Beverly connections.

Thursday, September 29

10:00 am Registration opens

7:00 pm

New Wayfinding Map of Abbott Street Cemetery*

Audrey Aristeo spent a year constructing an accurate, up-to-date inventory and new wayfinding map of the Abbott Street Cemetery through field research, online investigation and research within the Historic Beverly files and vital records of Massachusetts. She will discuss the steps she took and resources used to understand the burial ground, its inhabitants, and how the landscape has changed over time, and to create a map to navigate a site that has historically been disorganized and undocumented to the point of desecration.

Friday, September 30

Balch House open 11- 3

Cabot House Museum and Library/Archive open 9:30 - 4

Registration open at Cabot House 9:30 - 4

10:00 am Balch Family Longcase Clock

Antique clock restorer and scholar Bob Frishman, owner of Bell-Time Clocks will talk about the clock, about his and Alfred Adam's comprehensive restoration work on it, and about timekeeping in New England during the Colonial and Federal periods. There were Balch-family clockmakers at the time, but the makers of this clock movement, painted dial, and wood case are unknown. They are fine examples of the clockmaking being done in this area in the early 1800s.

1:00 pm Researching the History of Your House

Learn ways to research Beverly's older homes, many of which were once owned by the Old Planters or their descendants. These skills are also useful for other locations.

2:30 pm Tour of Abbot Street Cemetery

Sometimes called the Ancient Cemetery, recent research has uncovered a lot more about this important place. Names include Woodberry, Herrick, and Trask; it is also the site of the Hale family plot.

6:00 pm “Ten Footers - History and Living Traditions”

Networking Dinner

Bootmaker and Artist Sarah Madeleine T. Guerin will discuss her work as an artisanal Keeper of Tradition in Massachusetts and a working artist. With a thorough knowledge of traditional Western bootmaking, Sarah researches and analyses the connections between evolving methods of footwear making craft of the 1800s in Massachusetts - with an architectural focus on vernacular Ten Footer Shoe Shops - to the stability of a contemporary art practice heavily based in handmade footwear techniques and skills.

\$45 register by 9/23, includes 1 drink ticket. Cash bar

Saturday, October 1

Hale Farm open 11-3

Balch House open after the Balch Family Meeting

Cabot House Library/archive open 9-12 and 1-4

Coffee and Registration open at Cabot House 9:30 - 4

9:00 am Conant Street Walking Tour

Conant Street is rich in history with the Conant Street Burial Ground, the North Meeting House and dozens of homes of the Batchelder, Dodge, Conant, and Woodberry families all in the mix. This brand new, short but dense walking tour will take you back over 300 years to explore an area of the city that has deep roots in the growth and history of Beverly.

11:00 am Balch and Woodbury Family Meeting

Balch Family Associates, descendants of Woodbury and other Old Planter families, and friends will gather for the biennial meeting.

Join us for:

- Tribute to Nancy Peabody Hood
- Updates on continuing preservation work at our properties
- News from Robin Balch Hodgkins, author of *Descendants of John Balch*.

House tours after the meeting

Free and open to all, preregistration is required.

Optional lunch, \$15 (must be ordered by 9/16)

Balch House, 448 Cabot Street.



2:30 pm Step Back in Time

Visit a privately-owned First Period residence. (Limited capacity) Choose one of the following:

- **Jeffrey Thissell house, c. 1668**
- **Deacon Samuel Balch House c. 1685**

Sunday, October 2

Hale Farm open by appointment

10:00 am Boat Tour of Beverly's Coast

Experience the coastline the way the early settlers did, including views of the shoreline that are impossible to see from land. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a sweater/coat. Boat departs from Glover's Wharf promptly, returning at noon. \$50/\$40 members

NEW!

Virtual registration includes real-time remote access to the following:

Thursday: New Wayfinding Map

Friday: Balch Clock, Researching House History

Saturday: Family Meetings

When available, link to the virtual walking tour of Conant Street

Note that registrations aren't transferable and applicants will need to log on with their names to be admitted

Research Assistance Scheduling

The library and archives will be open daily during the conference, from 10 am – 4 pm. Access to the library is free with registration. Please note that usage of some collections, as well as staff assistance, requires an additional fee; more information is available at www.historicbeverly.net. Registration includes ½ hour of assisted research, which must be scheduled in advance.

Preference given in order of response; place requests early to schedule the time most convenient for you by calling us at 978-922-11876 x 202 or research@historicbeverly.net

Please consult registration form for other scheduled activities

Accommodations

The Cabot Lodge is right down the street! They're happy to offer a 15% discount if you book with them directly. Contact them at welcome@thecabotlodge.com or 978-998-4460, and mention the reunion.

There are also some lovely Beverly places available on Airbnb and other booking sites.

Please send a separate form for each attendee, and include research form.

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Registration fee _____ Early registration sent previously

_____ \$ 140 _____ \$100 (HB member) _____ \$ 75 Virtual (see last page)

Ticketed events; limited capacity.

Advance registration required.

Fees nonrefundable after 9/14.

_____ **\$45** Friday, 9/30 Networking dinner

_____ **\$15** Optional lunch for family meetings _____ vegetarian

_____ **\$50** boat tour _____ **\$45** member boat tour

_____ Total enclosed

Free, but advance registration required

_____ Friday, 9/30 Researching History of your House

_____ Saturday, 10/1 Balch Family Meeting

_____ Saturday, 10/1 Woodbury Family Meeting

Choose one. Register early to ensure your first choice.

_____ Jeffrey Thissell house _____ Deacon Samuel Balch House

_____ Check to Historic Beverly _____ Charge my credit card

Name _____

Billing Address _____

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____