



The Stone House

This Federal style home was built in 1827 as a wedding present for one of the wealthier town landowner's daughter. The home is furnished to look as though a family lived here from the 1840's to the 1890's. Nine rooms are open to the public, one of which is the special exhibit room. Exhibits there are thematic and change every two years.

The property is also the home of the original Belchertown Sentinel building and a carriage barn appropriately named the Ford Annex because it was built with money donated by Henry Ford I. There is a lovely flower-filled Remembrance Garden, as well as a traditional kitchen garden.



The Ford Annex, in addition to housing our carriages and sleighs, also has a broad selection of farm tools, cobbler tools, spinning wheels, looms, ice cutters and many other interesting and usual machines and tools that might have been housed in anyone's barn at the time.

Pottery and Ceramics

The museum displays a strong collection of 18th and 19th Century ceramics; Staffordshire, Bennington, Wedgwood and Chinese export are just some of the makes of ceramics on display.



Most things in the house and barn were owned by Belchertown residents and/or made by Belchertown residents.

Typical of the times, are the many quilts and woven blankets in the museum collection. Below is an example of a woven blanket on a Greek revival smoke finish bed.



Belchertown carriages were prized for their fine craftsmanship both in this country and abroad. The museum collection includes a stagecoach, a hearse and many examples of smaller carriages and sleighs.



Statues by John Rogers



A Civil War era wedding dress

The Stone House museum keeps Belchertown history alive. The museum has many events and participates in town activities.



There is a new special exhibit every two years. This was the Belchertown/China Connection.



Volunteers plant and maintain our historic kitchen garden.



Regularly scheduled lectures entertain and inform.



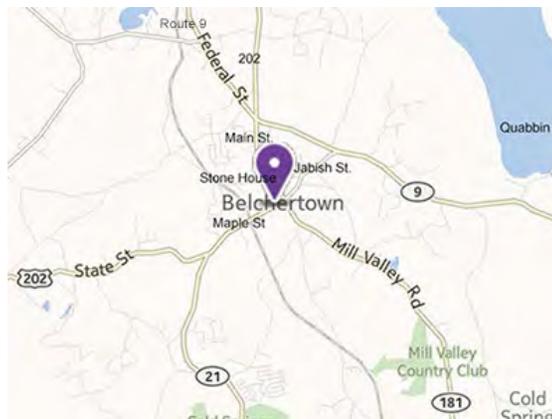
Group tours are given during the week by appointment.

Belcher's Town

This town was settled in 1731 and is the second largest town, covering nearly 60 square miles, in area in Massachusetts,

Named to honor Colonial Governor Jonathan Belcher, Belchertown, incorporated in 1761, developed around a beautiful classic common surrounded by maple trees and fine colonial homes. The town was world known for its carriage production. Between 1800 and 1850, ten manufacturers produced carriages, sleighs and buggies of excellent quality.

Belchertown hosts a great town fair every September, which has been in existence for almost 160 years. It is also the gateway to the Quabbin Reservoir, the water supply for the Boston area. The reserve features magnificent views and hiking trails, which attract over 300,000 visitors each year



General Information

The Stone House, owned and operated by the Belchertown Historical Association, is open on Saturdays from mid-May to mid-October. Our archivist is available to help with your family research for a small fee. We are also open for **special tours and group tours by appointment all year.**

May - October * Saturdays 2 - 5 *

\$5.00 adults / \$2.00 children / \$4.00 seniors

Members always FREE!

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THE STONE HOUSE MUSEUM



A gracious 1827 home, print shop and stone carriage barn

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