



2021 Season A Success

After being closed for over a year, the Moffatt-Ladd House reopened for guided tours. From July 2 through October 18, the Moffatt-Ladd House was open 4 days a week (Friday through Monday), with tours offered every half-hour.

We hope you had a chance to visit the site this year. It has been a great season! We welcomed over 1,600 visitors for tours of the house and garden from all over the world, a number similar to pre-pandemic seasons, demonstrating that people are eager to once again visit museums and learn about local history. Thank you to all our guides and volunteers for making this such a successful season and for keeping the public and staff safe through added safety measures.

Our visitors continue to be impressed when visiting the site. One visitor posted an online review recently, calling it an "amazing and lovely house museum.... I've been to house museums all over England and New England and this one is top of the list."

Now we look forward to next year, and in the meantime will be continuing to care for the house as it "sleeps" this winter!



Moffatt-Ladd House Welcomes New Executive Director



In June, the Moffatt-Ladd House & Garden welcomed Jeff Barraclough as the museum's new Executive Director. Barraclough most recently worked for the Manchester Historic Association and Millyard Museum, where he served as Director of Operations for the past ten years. He has extensive experience in the museum and historical field, having previously worked at the Adams National Historic Park, New England Historic Genealogical Society, and Lee Scouting Museum. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Gordon College and currently serves as president of the New Hampshire Heritage Museum Trail. Jeff lives with his wife and three children in Pelham, NH.



Moffatt Frames Restored



In April, Boston-area frame conservator Wenda Kochanowski came to the museum to conserve two of our 18th century Rococo style frames that hold Greenwood portraits of John and Katharine

Moffatt. This project was funded in part thanks to a Thaxter Foundation grant we received in late fall 2020. The frames had not been conserved in quite some time, if ever, and Wenda did an excellent job cleaning and repairing the frames to help bring them back to their former glory. They now shine (but not too much!) back in their homes, in the parlor, flanking two of their children, Samuel and Katharine. We're grateful to the Thaxter Foundation for funding this important project.



Katharine Moffatt's frame during treatment

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Moffatt-Ladd House Joins NH Museum Trail

The Moffatt-Ladd House & Garden is pleased to announce that they have joined the New Hampshire Heritage Museum Trail. The Trail was formed in 2014 as a way to share resources and better promote their respective collections, programs and events, and now features 21 museums throughout the state.



The Moffatt-Ladd House & Garden is excited to be the newest member of the Trail and looks forward to partnering and collaborating with this great group of museums and historic sites across New Hampshire. To learn more about the Trail, please visit their website: www.nhmuseumtrail.org.

Chestnut Tree Sign

New signs were installed this summer for our 245-year-old horse chestnut tree! This tree is believed to have been planted by Prince Whipple after William Whipple signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Many thanks to the Portsmouth Sign Company for making the new signs and to our Maintenance Committee for getting them made and installed on both the Market Street fence and on a post near the tree.

