

PILGRIM SOCIETY & PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM



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Free Admission and Rare Photographs on Pilgrim Hall Museum's 190th Birthday

On September 1, 2014, Pilgrim Hall Museum will celebrate its 190th birthday. A historic Plymouth landmark, Pilgrim Hall was constructed in 1824 as the headquarters of the Pilgrim Society which was founded in 1820. The building was designed primarily to serve as a meeting hall—a place for lectures and dinners. The architect was Alexander Parris who was fond of the Greek Revival style and best known for designing Quincy Market in Boston. Pilgrim Hall also originally included two anterooms for a small library and museum collection.

Today, Pilgrim Hall Museum has been greatly expanded and houses America's largest collection of Pilgrim possessions as well as a rotating exhibition gallery. It is the oldest continuously operating public museum in the country.

In celebration of the 190th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of Pilgrim Hall, the museum will be open for free from 9:30 to 4:30. There will be birthday cake for all guests. A special collection of rare historic photographs depicting Pilgrim Hall over the centuries will be on display.

Pilgrim Hall Museum's Birthday celebration is sponsored by Newfield House.

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Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court Street (Route 3A), Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360.

Information: 508-746-1620; Web site: www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and the month of January.

Admission: Adults \$8.00; seniors (62+) \$7.00 and AAA members \$6.00; Children (5-17) \$5.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) \$25.00. Pilgrim Society members and Plymouth residents are admitted free.