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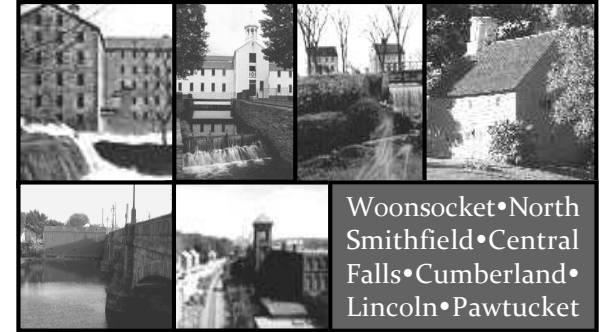
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BLACKSTONE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Overview & Membership



BLACKSTONE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Blackstone Valley Historical Society is dedicated to securing and preserving items related to the history of that area of Rhode Island known as the Blackstone Valley. The Blackstone Valley is comprised of six communities: Pawtucket, Central Falls, Cumberland, North Smithfield, Lincoln and Woonsocket.

North Gate, located on Old Louis- quisset Pike, is the permanent head- quarters of the Society. Originally a toll gate house and later the Lime Rock Hotel, the building eventually became the community center of Lime Rock Grange #22 for 67 years. In 1971, the Society purchased the building from the Grange and shortly after it was placed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

One unique feature of the building, located on the second floor, is an advertising stage curtain dating to 1925.

Also on the second floor is a reproduction of a mid-18th century period room furnished with the Society's collection of antiques. In addition, the Society displays many of its artifacts

from the Valley in changing exhibits. Both the period room and exhibits are open for viewing during regular Society meetings and functions. A library containing books and memorabilia of the Blackstone Valley is maintained by the Society and is available for research by appointment.

A museum, located next door to North Gate in the former **Lime Rock Fire Station**, features items relating to the history of the Lime Rock Grange, Lime Rock Volunteer Fire Department and lime stone industry.



North Gate Toll House

The **Arnold Bakery** was opened in 1874 by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arnold who resided in the Cumberland section of Lonsdale. The one story, one room bakery had one oven and employed only eight people. The bakery became so successful, it eventually employed more than 150 people. Restored by the Blackstone Valley Historical Society, this property now rests at North Gate.



Arnold Bakery

THE SOCIETY SEAL

WATER MILL

The water mill in the center of the seal is typical of those which lined the Blackstone River.

OAK LEAVES WITH ACORNS

The spray of oak leaves with acorns above and below the mill represents the Town of Lonsdale. The "Catholic Oak" stood in Lonsdale and for seventy years it was the neighborhood church.

HAND WROUGHT NAIL

The hand wrought nail in the upper left represents Cumberland where Jeremiah Wilkinson, born July 6, 1741, continued to work the forge established by his grandfather.

HATCHET

The hatchet below the nail represents the Town of Lincoln; the hatchet also appears in Lincoln's town seal.

SCYTHE

Central Falls is identified by the scythe shown in the upper right. Charles Keene, about the end of the Revolutionary War, made scythes and other edge tools in Central falls.

HORSESHOE

Joseph Jenks, Jr., the first settler of Pawtucket, built his forge and saw mill on the south side of the river where he obtained the power needed to run his engines from the force of the river over the falls, hence the horseshoe in the lower right.

Designed by **Mrs. Gladys Barnard, 1960**