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☐ I would like to make a one-time donation
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Are you interested in volunteering? If yes,
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- ☐ Newsletter
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- ☐ Board Member
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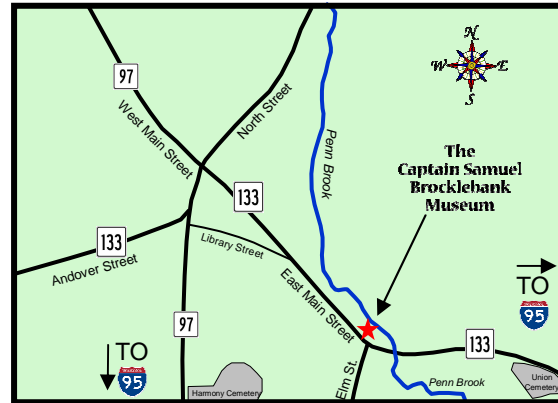
Please make checks payable to:

Georgetown Historical Society

Mail to: PO Box 376, Georgetown, MA 01833

Contributions are tax-deductible.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MUSEUM:



108 East Main Street (Route 133), Georgetown,
MA. Take exit 54 off Route 95 to 133W.
The museum is at the intersection of East Main and
Elm Streets at the flashing light.

HOURS AND ADMISSION

The Brocklebank Museum is open Sunday
afternoons from 2:00 - 5:00 from late June to early
October, and other days and times by appointment.
Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and
seniors (65+).

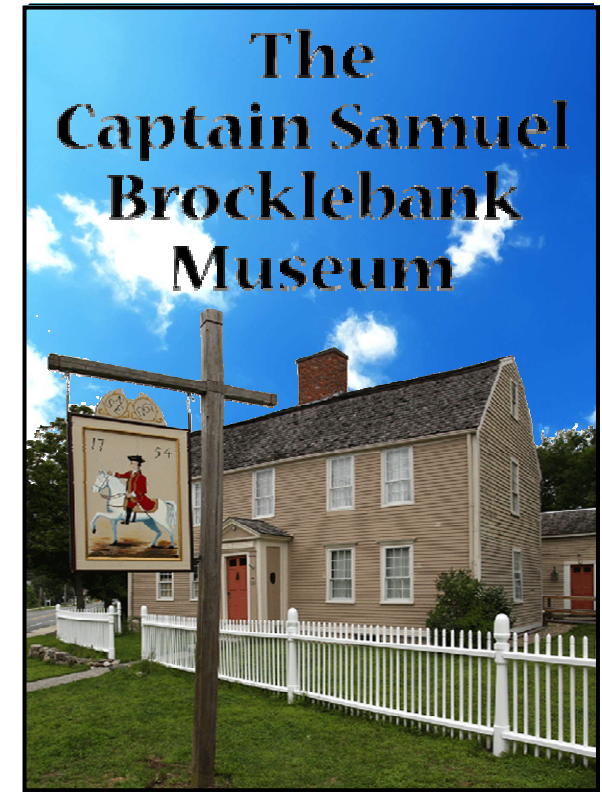
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HISTORY

The Captain Samuel Brocklebank House was originally built in the late 1600s. The land on which the house stands was granted in 1661 to Samuel Brocklebank who, with his widowed mother and brother, was among the original settlers of Rowley in 1639. Captain Brocklebank and twenty-seven other militia men were killed in Sudbury in 1676 when ambushed by Indians during King Philip's War.

The house remained in the Brocklebank family until 1755, when it was acquired by Dudley Tyler for use as a tavern. Solomon Nelson, who purchased the property in 1765, also kept a tavern here for many years and made substantial additions and renovations to the house. Solomon's son, Major Paul Nelson, acquired the property in 1811 and kept a store and shoe shop on the premises.

In 1858 the house was purchased by Reverend Charles Beecher, brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe and a controversial figure in his own right. An ardent abolitionist, he was the pastor of the Old South Congregational Church where, in 1863, he was tried and convicted of heresy.

In 1869, Reverend Beecher sold the house to Melvin G. Spofford. It was purchased in 1931 by Everett Spaulding (a Brocklebank descendant) and his wife, Mary, whose heirs sold the property to the Georgetown Historical Society in 1975 for use as a museum.

DISCOVER THE TREASURES OF GEORGETOWN'S PAST, INCLUDING...



- **The original pre-revolutionary tavern sign with a ghostly face peering from beneath the painting's bullet-pierced wood**
 - **The legendary Haunted Meal Chest (learn about the mystery surrounding it!)**
 - **One of the largest fireplaces in Essex County**
 - **Collections of antique dolls, toys, clothing and quilts**
 - **Antique weapons**
 - **Artifacts and photographs from the early railroad and local businesses**
-and much, much more!**

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Georgetown Historical Society is a 501c3 non-profit corporation that was established in 1962 for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and displaying significant antiques and artifacts pertaining to Georgetown's history. The Society is run by an enthusiastic group of volunteers dedicated to preserving and promoting Georgetown's history for people of all ages to learn from and enjoy.

GHS researchers are available to answer questions and offer assistance to those wishing to learn more about local history, genealogy, and historic properties.

In addition to guided tours of the museum, the Society offers historical talks, cemetery tours, and other special events throughout the year.

The Georgetown Historical Society depends upon the generous support of its members and friends. ***Please help support the Georgetown Historical Society by donating or becoming a member today!***

GIFT SHOP



The Society offers a variety of historical books, maps and postcards, as well as decorative house blocks, for sale at the museum and through the online Gift Shop at the GHS website.