



ANDOVER  
CENTER  
FOR  
HISTORY  
& CULTURE

97 Main Street, Andover, MA  
AndoverHistoryandCulture.org

# CONNECTIONS

*Connecting you with the Andover stories you help save*



**Without YOU,  
History Doesn't  
Stand a Chance**

**History can disappear  
in the \*blink\* of an eye.**

**THANKS TO YOU, ANDOVER'S HISTORY LIVES**

**Inside Your Fall 2018 Newsletter**

**Saving Your Family Photos  
Why I Give**

**Fast Facts: School Programs  
Events & Programs for You!**



**Thank  
YOU!**

# You Help Preserve Family Stories

Here's how you can keep your family's history alive

**Family photographs**, whether in the history center collection or in your home, are often pasted or glued to black paper, or sandwiched between sheets of cardboard.

**You might think** that the best way to preserve the photographs is to remove the photographs from the paper and albums. But that's not always the case. Many times the risk of tearing or damaging the photograph is too great.

**The best way to preserve your old photo albums** is by storing them in acid-free boxes and wrappers.

**The best way to preserve your family photos** is to scan and save them to a computer or online photo service.

**Here are some tips to get you started.** Need help? Call us at 978-475-2236! We're happy to answer your questions.

*Thanks to you, thousands of historic photos in the collection have been scanned and saved! Thousands more still need scanning. With your help, these precious memories will be saved!*

**Would you like to see how historic photographs are stored in the history center archives? Join a Behind the Scenes tour (more on page 4). Or call us for a special visit - our thank you to you!**

## The Thomson Family

The Thomson family has a long history in Andover. One of the most well-known is Abby Locke Thomson. In 1866-1867, when she was 16 years old, Abby kept a daily diary that's now in the history center collection. Abby left behind a snapshot of post-Civil War Andover. She also wrote about clothes, boys, parties, and school. Not much has changed!

Abby was a grandmother by the time the girls in the photos here spent a day hamming it up for the camera at the Thomson family homestead on Abbot Street.

Generations later, the Thomson family created the printed photo album shown below with each family member identified and placed in the family tree.

## Tips for Saving Your Digital Photos

- Download photos from your phone or camera to a computer.
- Back up. Back up. Back up. Upload images to a photo sharing service.
- Delete bad, blurry, and duplicate images.
- Identify or group your photos with dates. Add numbers because you will probably have more than one! Like this AuntMaryThanksgiving2018-1.jpg
- Print out your best photographs because sometimes the old-fashioned way is still the best!
- Use an online book tool and print a family photo album like this one.







## Why I Give...My Time

### Andover at Work Volunteer

#### Jim Redmond

"I always look forward to the spring field trips when 3rd grade students come in to *Andover at Work*. This year's stories included Pompey and Rose Lovejoy, and house-keeper Ann Wood.



"They represent parts of the Andover population we hadn't included before. Kids and chaperones had jaw-dropping moments when they learned that enslaved people, like Rose and Pompey, lived in Andover, "Slavery? In Andover?" Then we talked with the kids about slavery and the Underground Railroad. It was eye-opening!

"Andover at Work is such a positive experience for volunteers, students, and chaperones. If you like working with kids this might be the volunteer experience for you!"

**Would you like to be part of the education team?  
Call Lauren Kosky-Stamm at 978-475-2236 to learn  
more about volunteering for school programs!**

#### FAST FACTS

##### VOLUNTEERS & ANDOVER AT WORK

Number of volunteers: 15  
Number of volunteer hours: 300  
Number of students: 600+  
Number of schools: 6  
Year Andover at Work started: 1982!

**Thank YOU for supporting  
school education programs!**

**WITH YOUR HELP, each year 600 3rd graders  
experience Andover at Work in the 1820s.**



**Mom says, "He couldn't wait to come back  
to show his little sister what he learned!"**



### Join a Behind the Scenes tour!

Put on your white curatorial gloves, grab your flashlight, and let your curiosity get the best of you.

**See first-hand how your contributions help preserve Andover's stories. New stories are added regularly!**

*Tuesday, September 18, 10:00am*

*Thursday, October 25, 5:00pm*

*Tuesday, November 13, 10:00am*

*Wednesday, December 12, 7:00pm*

Call 978-475-2236, or sign up online  
[AndoverHistoryandCulture.org/Behind-the-Scenes](http://AndoverHistoryandCulture.org/Behind-the-Scenes).

**What will you find Behind the Scenes?**

### Are you looking for a meaningful way to memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special date?

Contact us about a custom commemorative brick for the Centennial Walkway.

#### Need some ideas? Try one of these:

Family names, favorite pets, birthdays, anniversaries, graduating class years, street names, famous Andoverites, popular hotspots, and school tributes.

#### What will your brick say?

Call 978-475-2236, or learn more online  
[AndoverHistoryandCulture.org/Bricks](http://AndoverHistoryandCulture.org/Bricks)



*This unusual oil lamp featuring the Greek God Atlas will be one of the treasures at Be Giving. We hope to see you there!*

### You're Invited!

Discover new Andover stories at the  
**3rd annual Be Giving Gala October 11 ~ 6:00-8:00pm**  
Historic Stevens Estate, North Andover

**Be Giving is a fun evening event supporting community education, preservation, and connections**

You'll find new treasures from the collection, along with storytellers who will entertain you with stories and tales from Andover's past.

*And yes, Atlas will be there too!*

While you're discovering new stories, you can enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine.

Plus live, silent, and fund-a-need auctions.

**Be Giving is right around the corner! Purchase your ticket today at [AndoverHistoryandCulture.org/Be-Giving](http://AndoverHistoryandCulture.org/Be-Giving).**

#### You Can Save the Past by Ensuring Its Future

Once your family has been provided for, a gift in your will is a wonderful way to leave a legacy and help preserve Andover's history.

**Please consider adding a small (or large!) gift in your will for the Andover Center for History & Culture.**

~ Marilyn Helmers, Director of Donor Relations, 978-475-2236