

THE BOARD OF HISTORIC HUDSON  
INVITES YOU TO THE  
SIXTH ANNUAL OLD HOUSE TOUR  
A HUDSON REVIVAL

Seven houses dating from 1785 to 1835, when the city of Hudson was a prosperous maritime community, are featured on this year's Historic Hudson Old House Tour. Several houses on the tour belonged to descendants of the Proprietors, settlers from Nantucket who founded the city, and it includes many fine examples of Federal and Greek Revival residential architecture. All the houses are located within a six block area straddling lower Warren Street known for its rich history, its architectural heritage, and more recently for its restaurants, antiques and design shops.

As Hudson's fortunes waxed and waned, most of these houses fell into disrepair. Many were carved up into multi-family dwellings. Some houses on the tour are scrupulously restored while others reveal the ongoing process of historically sensitive preservation work.

All of the houses on the tour are associated in some way with the original Proprietors, whose determination and enterprise created Hudson. This year's tour celebrates the achievement of those original Proprietors but also celebrates the more recent inhabitants of these houses, the new Proprietors. Their energy, ingenuity and passion for historic architecture are creating a new Hudson.

HOUSES ON THE TOUR



LABAN PADDOCK HOUSE

This brick Federal style house was built in the 1790s for Laban Paddock, one of the settlers who followed the original Proprietors from Nantucket to Hudson. Once the captain of whaling ships, Paddock became the owner, in the early years of the nineteenth century, of sloops that carried passengers between Hudson and New York City. During Paddock's

lifetime, there was a wooden tower in the backyard from which he kept track of his ships on the river



AARON C. MACY HOUSE

This Greek Revival clapboard townhouse, built in 1831, was originally the home of Aaron C. Macy, his wife, and their eleven children. The Italianate door surround at the front entrance and the addition to the house that faces Second Street were added in 1877, when the seventeen-room house was transformed into a multi-family dwelling. The current

owner purchased the house in 2000 and is gradually restoring it to its original status as an elegant residence.

PHEBE BEEKMAN HOUSE

Built in 1810, this Federal house was very likely built by a son of one of the original Proprietors, and was later owned by the Beekman family. It is one of the few Federal houses of this era that retains the simplicity of its original design and was not enhanced with Italianate details in the later 19th century. The previous owner of the house was for many years the artist Edward Avedisian. The current owner has preserved many of Avedisian's eccentric paintings on the doors and moldings



JARED COFFIN HOUSE

This is one of the early houses built by the Proprietors and is believed to have been built by Jared Coffin around 1784. It is contemporary with the adjoining house, which was owned by Alexander Coffin. The fate of this simple pine clapboard Federal style house parallels the fortunes of Hudson itself. A brothel in the early 20th century, divided up into

welfare apartments in the late 20th century, the house today has been lavishly restored.

HOLLENBECK-FOSDICK HOUSE

This Federal townhouse was built in 1807 for William D. Hollenbeck and his wife, Mary Fosdick. The Fosdicks were a prominent Quaker family from Guilford, Connecticut, and Mary's marriage to William Hollenbeck is an unusual instance of a Dutch-Quaker marriage. The house contains many very early interior details and is currently undergoing a painstakingly meticulous restoration, including the reproduction of millwork using salvaged old-growth wood.



JOSEPH BARNARD HOUSE

According to an 1862 history of Hudson, one of the first houses built on Hudson's main street—now Warren Street—was built on this site, probably in 1784, by the Proprietor Joseph Barnard. Since that time, the building has evolved. It acquired a storefront, which was originally a butcher shop and is now an antiques shop selling an eclectic collection of furniture and

collectibles. The spirit of the shop is reflected in the equally eclectic décor of the rooms upstairs.

ROBERT JENKINS HOUSE

This brick Federal style house was built in 1811 by Robert Jenkins, who designed it himself, and features delicate tracery in the Palladian window and in the door surround. It is the companion to 115 Warren Street, the house of Robert's brother Seth. Both were sons of the original Proprietor Seth Jenkins. The house remained in the Jenkins family until 1900, when Frances Chester White Hartley, the granddaughter of Robert Jenkins, gave it to the local Daughters of the American Revolution to use as their Chapter House.



HISTORIC HUDSON  
PRESENTS  
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HISTORIC HUDSON OLD HOUSE TOUR

OCTOBER 1, 2011

TICKETS AND INFORMATION

House Tour 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	\$ 40.00
Benefit Reception 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	\$ 75.00
Tickets for both events	\$100.00

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BENEFIT RECEPTION

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



CYRUS CURTISS HOUSE

This substantial house, which was completed circa 1834, originally belonged to Cyrus Curtiss, who owned a profitable whale oil and candle manufactory in Hudson, and served as Hudson's mayor from 1844 to 1846. Its design is a variant of Greek Revival style, with an octagonal cupola, or "widow's walk," that affords a commanding view of Hudson, South Bay, and the Hudson River. A pair of Doric columns flanks the front door, and another larger pair supports the portico. Elaborate scrollwork grilles cover the windows in the frieze and the transom over the door. This gloriously restored house bears a strong resemblance to the Jared Coffin House in Nantucket and is evidence of Hudson's early connection with Nantucket.

Reservation for both events may also be made by email at [historichudson@verizon.net](mailto:historichudson@verizon.net)

All tickets will be available for pick up on the day of the tour at the Hudson Opera House, 327 Warren Street, Hudson from 10:30 a.m. onwards

For further information call 518-828-1785

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HISTORIC HUDSON'S MISSION

Historic Hudson is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1996 to promote the preservation of the unique architectural heritage of the City of Hudson, New York. Comprising a remarkable collection of largely intact 18th-, 19th-, and early 20th-century buildings, Hudson is considered by many to be a veritable dictionary of American architectural style. It is the mission of Historic Hudson to preserve that heritage, which it achieves through advocacy and public events and programs that disseminate information about the city's history and foster appreciation for its historic architecture.

Proceeds from this year's tour will support the ongoing work of Historic Hudson.  
Thank you for your continued support.