MISSION

Preserve. Protect. Promote.

The Historic Winslow House c.1699
its grounds and outbuildings as a place of
civic, historic and educational value.

Conserving
artifacts, documents,
maps, photographs,
personal effects and
property related to its history,
and
to present educational exhibits,
publications, programs and
activities for the general public.
The Isaac Winslow House was built circa 1699 for the Hon. Isaac Winslow (1671–1738) at the place named “Care-swell” after their family home “Kerswell” in Worcestershire, England. This was the third house built on land granted to Gov. Edward Winslow (1595–1655) in the 1630s who erected the first homestead.

A Mayflower passenger and major leader in the early years of Plymouth Colony, Edward was three-times governor, intermediary with the Native Americans, as well as ambassador from the colony to England. His son Col. Josiah Winslow (1628–1680) also held the governor’s office, the first native-born to hold it, in addition to leading the Colonial Militia in the 1675 “Great Swamp Fight,” the decisive battle of King Phillip’s War.

Judge Isaac Winslow (1671–1738) was Josiah’s son. He also held many prominent positions in the colony, both military and civil. He was the judge of the Probate Court at Plymouth, chief justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and president of the Council of the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

His house was inherited by son Gen. John Winslow (1703–1774) who had an outstanding military career as a major general in the British service. He participated in several military campaigns, starting with the War of Jenkin’s Ear from 1740–1741. At Nova Scotia (Acadia) from 1742–1755 he assisted the British in the removal of the French Acadians, an event commemorated by Longfellow in his epic poem “Evangeline.” Lastly, at Lake Champlain in 1756, he commanded Fort William Henry.

After the death of John, the estate was divided between his two sons Pelham and Isaac. Dr. Isaac (1739–1819) was a beloved country doctor who built his own house on the family estate about 1/8 of a mile away. He was well known for his work with smallpox inoculations and also embraced the British cause during the American Revolution. He was one of Marshfield’s leading loyalists. Dr. Winslow continued to
oversee the farm and house which he rented to his cousin, Joshua Winslow (1726-1801). Joshua and his wife Anna Green lived here during the war. It is believed that this property was not confiscated as the owner, Dr. Isaac Winslow was so admired by the local townsfolk.

After Dr. Isaac’s death in 1822, to honor debt, the house was put to auction. The property was divided and purchased by local men. Years later, the house and remaining land was purchased by neighbor Daniel Webster, who has been dubbed the “The Farmer of Marshfield.”

Lawyer, statesman, Senator, Secretary of State, Daniel Webster held high respect for the venerable house; he called it the “Winslow Place” and was the first to invest in preserving it. While never living in the house, he had tenant farmers. In the parlor, on September 1, 1848, he spoke to the people of Marshfield, at their request, on the subject of slavery and his opposition to President Martin Van Buren’s position.
DECLARATIONS

OPENING STATEMENT
Annual Meeting

Held each spring, the Historic Winslow House hosts its Annual Meeting to welcome members and non-members for refreshments and to preview the 2019 Calendar of Events, this is our opportunity to get to know you, and invite you to join us as a member, volunteer or sponsor, to meet our Board, and register for programs. Our interns and docents will be on hand, inspiring the many ways you can share your time and talents with our Association and make a difference too!

Following the meet and greet we hold a brief business meeting, followed by a lecture from our key-note speaker. This May, we welcome: Christopher Carter Lee of the Mayflower Society presenting, “The Winslow’s: The Making of Colonial New England Gentry” exploring Edward Winslow’s involvement with London gentlemen, the eventual marriage of his son Josiah to Penelope Pelham and her rise to the family matriarch of the 18thc Winslow family. We will close the day auctioning a private dining experience for 6 at The Turkey Supper. Admission: Free.

CLOSING REMARKS
The Turkey Supper

Held each autumn, this traditional harvest celebration honors our New England heritage and Winslow Family. Catered by The Family Crest, enjoy passed appetizers, our wine and beer selection, a special tour and a brief history on “Sarah Josepha Hale: The Mother of Thanksgiving.” In the Tea Room, find your seat at linen-draped banquet tables. We gather in gratitude and friendship, with family, friends and strangers alike. Enjoy the traditional 19th c. turkey dinner with all the fixings. Followed by coffee or tea and a sweet autumn dessert.

Seating Limited, Advanced Registration required
Fee: members $40/non-members $45

On the Docket

In addition to our in session events, please check our website for our full calendar of events held June-September.
MEMBERSHIP - Amicus Curiae

The Historic Winslow House Association is currently administered by a volunteer Board of Governors and supported by docents, interns, and stewards each dedicated to preserving the House as a historic National Register property. Revenue is used to maintain and conserve the house and property.

With your help, we can continue to keep alive the rich traditions of our past and provide quality educational programs for you and your family and our community. Join today!

With your membership, you’ll receive free tours of the house, discounts on special events and rental, subscription to Careswell Chronicles newsletter and access to onsite research library.

Membership Options:

Senior/Student – $25
Individual – $40
Family – $75
Corporate - Please inquire about our employee benefit programs and sponsorship opportunities.

Membership fees are due annually and runs January 1st through December 31st.

For more details on becoming a member, volunteer, or sponsor, please call or email today:

call 781-837-5753 or email: director@winslowhouse.org
PROPERTY RENTAL

Seasonally, the Winslow House Barn, Tea Room, Patio, and Grounds are available for family reunions, weddings, rehearsal dinners, receptions, parties, showers, classes, or business and corporate meetings. Historic setting, picturesque landscape, location, and ample parking with ample kitchen facilities, make the site an ideal and unique venue for your next special event!

Contact us at 781-837-5753 or email to: rentals@winslowhouse.org to learn more about how together we can make your event at the Winslow House truly memorable.