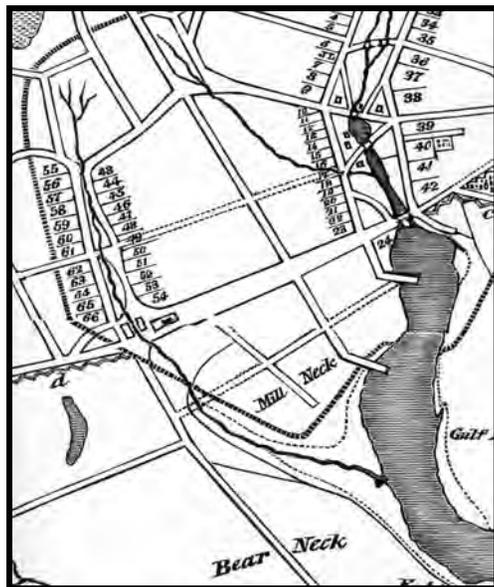
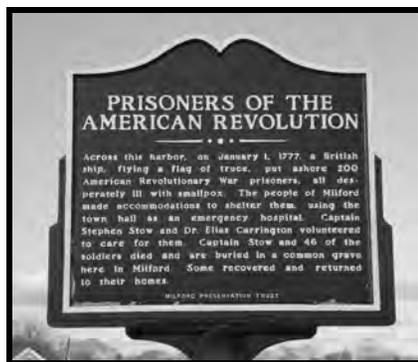


**Historic Milford, Connecticut,
settled in 1639**

Milford, as one of the first sites of European settlement in Connecticut, is among the oldest towns in the country. Although the modern city can be identified in the 17th century map, little evidence of the earliest buildings remains. But there are still 18th and 19th century structures that must be protected.



Milford c. 1640



**History of the Milford
Preservation Trust**

The Milford Preservation Trust was created in response to a threat to demolish the John Downs House, one of the most important historic structures in Milford.

A developer had submitted plans to replace the house with six new homes, a move that would have changed the fabric of Milford's downtown historic district. The Trust, in conjunction with the City of Milford, helped secure a state grant to purchase the house from the owner and prevent demolition. Later, the taxpayers were repaid by selling part of the property to Milford Hospital, retaining the historic house for the people of Milford.

The Trust has placed informational signs memorializing people and places that contributed to Milford's history, including the site where 200 American prisoners were put ashore by the British on New Year's Day 1777, the John Downs House where Downs kept his diary for 47 years, and the presumed burial site of explorer Peter Pond, a hero of early Canada.

The Trust also monitors building proposals that might negatively affect the city's historic buildings, including the successful opposition to plans to demolish the unique Sanford-Bristol House .

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John Downs House c.1790



**Saved by the Milford Preservation
Trust and the City of Milford**

Our mission

First and foremost among the goals of the Milford Preservation Trust is the protection of the historic structures in the city of Milford. We also support state and local agencies and groups that work to protect and preserve historic sites and structures.



Hearth of the Clark Tavern, where George Washington paid a visit. Demolished 1949.

Preservation education

Many of the historic structures lost over the past century might still be standing if buyers, sellers, neighbors, and government leaders had better understood their importance and the alternatives to their demolition. A goal of the Milford Preservation Trust is education about historic preservation and the available help from national and state agencies and preservation groups.



Sanford-Bristol House, c. 1790, saved 2013 by the Milford Preservation Trust and the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation

Membership helps save Milford history

Your membership or donation will be used to further the Trust's mission of protecting and publicizing Milford's historic buildings. Please mail the enclosed application or send an email for further information to:

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The Milford Preservation Trust is a 501-C-3 organization and donations are tax deductible.

Join with us to save Milford's history

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