Norwell Historical Society
Publications and Memorabilia

Shipbuilding on the North River — $45
by L. Vernon Briggs
The definitive book on ships built on the North River and the shipyards that lined the shores. Written in 1889. Second reprinting in 1981.

History of South Scituate-Norwell — $25
by Joseph Foster Merritt
A recently re-published history of the town to 1938. A unique narrative considered to be an invaluable account of Norwell prior to WWII.

Historic Homesteads of Norwell — $15
published by NHS, 1992
We are proud of our lovely town. Learn more about our stately houses and the people who lived in them. This book, well-illustrated with drawings, discusses architectural features and includes genealogical information.

Historia — $7.50
A gem of local history for the people of the Norwell/Scituate area. George C. Turner's six pamphlets, written in 1898-99 have been re-printed for our enjoyment. Read about Norwell 100 years ago from the man on the scene.

The Way We Were — $20
by Jeanne Garside
This book is a series of articles written to preview Norwell’s Centennial Celebration in 1888. Read what times were like when Norwell came of age. Illustrated with old photographs.

More Than Just a Cookbook — $5
This book, expectably, is full of time-tested favorite recipes submitted by local people. Beyond the gastronomic delights, we have included historical sketches, interesting narratives and accounts of historic events. It is amply illustrated by local artists.

Henderson Map — $3
Interesting hand-drawn map suitable for framing. It was drawn by Anne Henderson and first issued in 1967 by the NHS. A favorite depiction of the location of historic homes.

To request a publication, mail this form and a check (made payable to NHS) to: NHS, P.O. Box 693, Norwell, MA 02061.

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781-659-1888
The Norwell Historical Society is a private membership organization that works to preserve the artifacts related to the history of Norwell.

The Society maintains and operates a library at the Norwell Middle School on Main Street (behind Sparrell School), oversees the artifacts at the Jacobs Farmhouse, and houses and catalogs historic documents in our archives on the 3rd floor of Sparrell School.

Members of the Norwell Historical Society are invited to attend scheduled programs of historic interest. Social events like the “Christmas at the Farmhouse” party at the Jacobs Homestead, the annual dinner meeting, and the Strawberry Festival allow members to come together and share ideas and memories.

If Norwell is where your home is, where your children are being raised, where your heart is... consider joining the Society. Learn more about the history of your town and help us make that history come alive for your children.

The Norwell Historical Society maintains three locations in Norwell:

The Jacobs Homestead was originally built in 1726. The house was lived in continuously by members of the Jacobs family until 1939 when it was given to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. Since 1953 it has served as a home, library and exhibition area for the Norwell Historical Society. The Town of Norwell assumed care of the buildings and grounds in the late 1980s. The Society side of the Farmhouse is open by appointment only—for information on tours, please call 781-659-1888. It is also open for tours at the annual Strawberry Festival and the “Christmas at the Farmhouse” event.

The Norwell Historical Society Library at the Norwell Middle School (328 Main Street, Route 123, behind Sparrell School) is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays—from 1:30 to 3:30 during the school year, and 10:00 to noon during the summer. The Library houses many books related to Norwell history, various maps, architectural resources, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission-mandated Survey of Historic Resources in Norwell.

The Norwell Historical Society Archives Center on the 3rd floor of the Sparrell School is open by appointment only (please call 781-659-1888). The archives house numerous historic documents and the Maryjane Clark Collection of decorative arts.