

New England Decorated Wall Bibliography

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Historical Resources

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Organizational Resources

Center for Painted Wall Preservation www.pwpcenter.org Organization dedicated to the preservation and documentation of painted plaster from 1790-1860. Register on the website for a monthly e-newsletter. Organization registers murals on their website and offers membership.

Shelburne Museum booklet "A Permanently Beautiful Appearance", Shelburne Museum Inc. 1992 Discussion of the moving and installation of the acquired muralled walls of Captain Dudley Haines House from Readfield, ME

Stencils and Videotapes

MB Historic Décor presents a video documentary of 10 New Hampshire houses depicting 14 rooms of original historic wall murals from the Rufus Porter School of Mural Painting c. 1824-1830... \$29.95 + \$5. ship/handling – see at www.mbhistoricdecor.com or call 1-888-649-1790

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard, Massachusetts 1-978-456-3924 Clara Obscura mural in good condition available for viewing May-October.

Original Painted Walls Open to the Public

The Hancock Inn, 33 Main Street. PO Box 96, Hancock, NH 03449. Call 1-800-525-1789 for best viewing times as this is an operating Inn. Has had major restoration.

Henry Francis duPont Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, DL 1-800-448-3883. Has installed foyer walls attributed to William Price, 1831, from the Carroll House, East Springfield, NY. Call the museum for hours.

Maine State Museum, Augusta, Maine 1-207-287-2301 Entire room original late Porter School mural set up and on permanent display. Call for museum hours and to see if the room is on display.

Boston Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Massachusetts Will have a harbor scene that was in East Jaffrey Prescott Tavern on display when it opened in 2009 (Previously Mural was in the upper lobby of Boston Longwharf Marriott). Call for times and date of opening

Dr. Moses Mason House, Bethel, Maine. Bethel Historical Society 10-14 Broad Street, P.O. Box 12 Bethel, Maine 04217-0012 Call 207-824-2908 / 800-824-2910 Front Hall and up the stairs- wonderful walls in excellent condition.

Old Stonehouse Museum & Historic Village, Brownington, VT

www.oldstonehousmuseum.org Public Museum that has original Porter walls on display that were formerly in the Adams Female Academy, Derry NH.

Reed Mansion, Townsend, Massachusetts 1-978-597-2106 or (Townsend Historical Society, 617-597-5177), Second floor entire room exhibiting pristine example of the Porter School of Landscape painting.- Call for appointment.

Rufus Porter Museum and Cultural Heritage Center

PO Box 544 Bridgton, ME 04009 207-647-2828 www.rufusportermuseum.org

Shelburne Museum, 802-985-3346 U.S. Route 7 PO Box 10, Shelburne, VT 05482.

Walls from Readfield, Maine believed to be the work of Paine and Jonathan Poor; Call museum for hours . One wall was placed on exhibit in 1992. Full installation awaits funding. No date set for completion of project.

Warner House, Portsmouth, NH , 150 Daniel St. Portsmouth, NH 603-431-1066

Murals believed to be oldest colonial wall painting in original house @ 1718 –Predate Porter by 100+years.(See *Early American Homes* August, 2000 pp.44-51)

Weeks Memorial Library, North Reading, Massachusetts 978-664-4942 Porter type mural on display. Call for times open to the public.

Westwood Public Library, Westwood, Massachusetts 781-326-7562 Library has a section of Porter mural that was removed from Westwood home on display in the main lobby. Call for Library hours.