

The Families

Discover the stories of five families who lived in the house over 200 years and made history in their kitchens and parlors through everyday choices and personal acts of courage and sacrifice. Learn how their lives reflected the great changes and events in American history, from colonial times, the American Revolution, slavery and abolition, immigration and industrialization, to World War II.



American Colonists - 1757-1772

For Abraham and Sarah Choate, this house was a sign of prosperity in a thriving New England community.



Revolutionaries - 1777 – 1789

The Dodges' household and the nation faced fateful questions about freedom.



Reformers - 1835 – 1865

In the parlor of their home, the Caldwell's joined the battle against slavery.



Immigrants - 1870 – 1890

Irish Immigrants Catherine Lynch and her daughter Mary rented this house as a home and workplace.



Home Front - 1941 - 1945

Mary Scott and her family shared the nation's struggle during World War II.

Activity 1: Visit the “Within These Walls” Online Exhibit

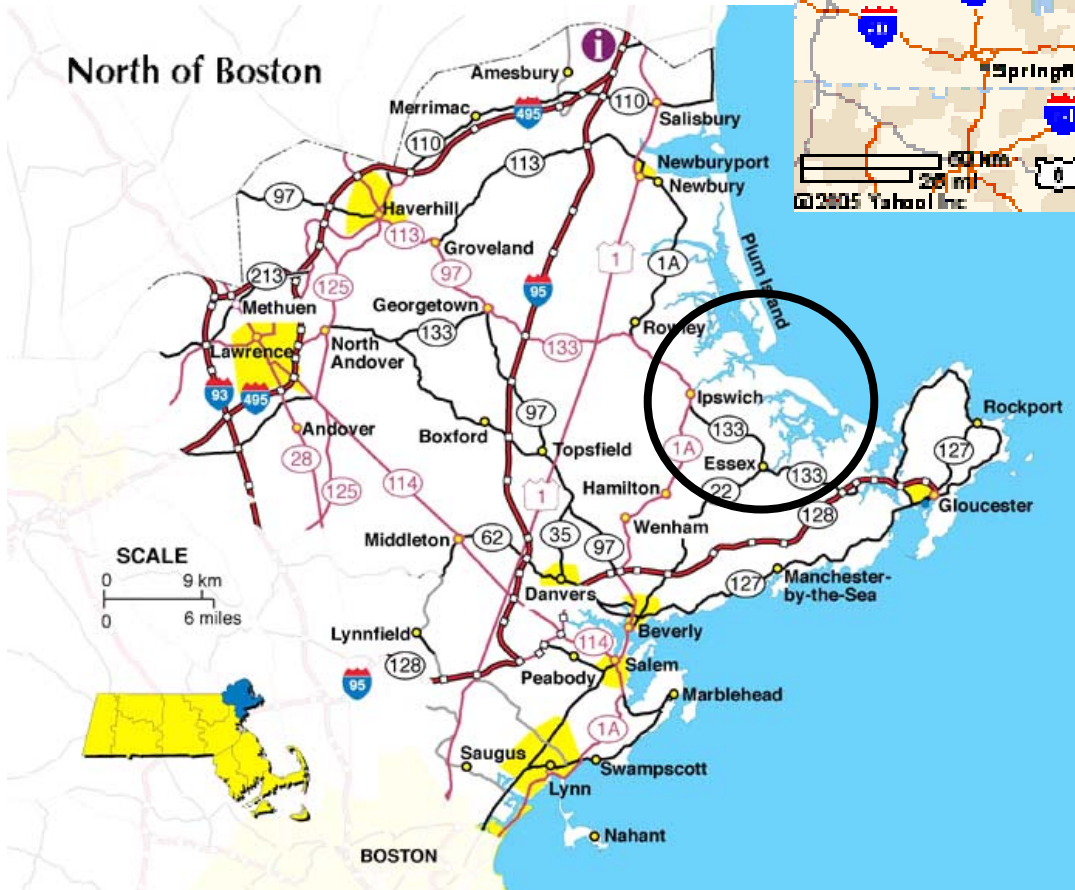
<http://www.americanhistory.si.edu/house/> (Click on non-flash version)

Activity 2: Go Back in Time – Use clues to identify the historic period.

<http://www.americanhistory.si.edu/house/gobackintime/transition.asp>



Located on Massachusetts' North Shore, **Ipswich** is a good place to spend a relaxing day at an Atlantic Ocean sandy beach.



From North Adams to Ipswich
Distance: 161.6 miles
Approximate Travel Time: 3 hours 31 minutes
[Driving Directions](#)