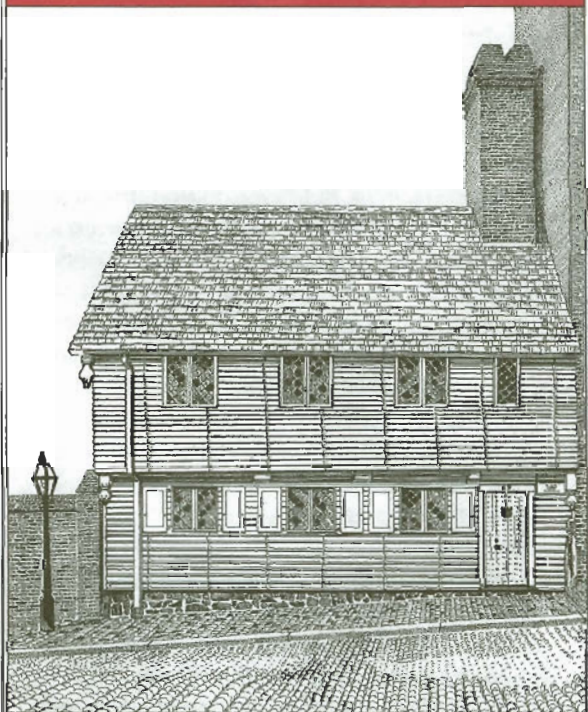


# THE PAUL REVERE HOUSE



*Built c. 1680. Owned by Paul Revere 1770-1800.*

*Restored 1907-08 by the  
Paul Revere Memorial Association.*

*If Paul Revere were alive today,  
he'd still have a home in Boston.*



*Paul Revere at  
age 65, by the  
French artist  
Saint-Mémin.  
Paul Revere  
Memorial  
Association.*

## **BOSTON'S PAUL REVERE**

**O**n April 18, 1775, a Boston silversmith named Paul Revere left his North Square home, slipped out of the city in a row-boat, borrowed a horse in Charlestown, and began riding. His mission: to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock in Lexington that British troops were marching from Boston to arrest them and to seize munitions hidden in Concord.

An active Son of Liberty, Revere undertook many other missions for the Revolutionary cause. From 1773 to 1775 he was employed to carry dispatches as far as Philadelphia. He used his talents as an engraver to express radical views of Britain's relationship with the colonies. He also served as Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery at Castle Island in Boston harbor and campaigned in Rhode Island and Maine.

After the Revolution, Revere expanded his business interests. He opened a bell and cannon foundry in Boston in 1788, and in 1801 he established the first successful copper rolling mill in the United States. In later life he served as an appointed public official, was an active Freemason, and devoted himself to his family.

Paul Revere died in 1818, aged 83, having contributed not only to the cause of American liberty, but also to the cultural and industrial independence of the new nation.

*Paul Revere's Ride, postcard, c. 1900.*

*Paul Revere Memorial Association.*

## THE PAUL REVERE HOUSE THROUGH TIME

**I**n the fall of 1770, silversmith and engraver Paul Revere and his family moved into their newly purchased home on North Square, in Boston's North End. Although comfortable and spacious by 18th-century standards, the house was by no means new, having been built about 1680 as a rich man's dwelling. The first owner, Robert Howard, was a wealthy Puritan merchant. By the time Paul Revere bought the house, it had been altered several times, and was no longer fashionable, but the high ceilings and relatively large rooms demonstrated it had once been an elegant residence.

Paul Revere owned the house for 30 years, until 1800, but he and his family may not have lived here at some periods during the 1780s and 90s. After Revere sold the building, it soon became a tenement, and the ground floor was remodeled for use as shops. Throughout the 19th century, hundreds of immigrant families made the former Paul Revere House their home.

In 1902, Paul Revere's great-grandson, John P. Reynolds, Jr. purchased the building to insure that it would not be demolished. Over the next few years money was raised, and the Paul Revere Memorial Association was formed to preserve and renovate the building. Restoration work began in the fall of 1907 under the direction of architect Joseph Chandler, and in April 1908 the Paul Revere House opened its doors to the public.



The Paul Revere House today is a rare example of 17th-century urban architecture. One room in the house is furnished with artifacts from the time of the first owner, while the three other historic rooms contain artifacts from Revere's era, including Revere family furniture and silver made in the Revere shop. The only home located on Boston's Freedom Trail, the Revere House is an ideal place for visitors to experience what everyday life was like for our colonial ancestors.

## THE PIERCE/HICHBORN HOUSE

**T**he Pierce/Hichborn House is one of Boston's few remaining examples of early 18th-century brick architecture. The house was built about 1711 for Moses Pierce, a glazier (windowmaker) and later owned by Nathaniel Hichborn, a boatbuilder and Paul Revere's first

cousin. The Pierce/Hichborn House incorporated many features of the then new English Renaissance (Georgian) architectural style, such as brick belt courses between floors, shallow arches over the windows and doors, and a low hipped roof. Noticeable interior features include a handsome original staircase, unusual painted fireplaces, and heavy beaded framing.



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The Paul Revere Memorial Association, a private, non-profit organization, operates both the Paul Revere and Pierce/Hichborn Houses.

### PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

<i>April</i>	Special programs for Patriot's Day
<i>May-October</i>	Saturday living history programs
<i>September</i>	Fall Lecture Series
<i>December</i>	Holiday tours on the first weekend

The Paul Revere House offers a variety of interactive educational programs, special tours, outreach programs for school children, and adult lectures. Call for further information and a schedule of upcoming events.



## HOURS AND ADMISSIONS

**T**he Paul Revere House and the adjacent Pierce/Hichborn House are open year-round. Varying admission prices are offered for adults,

senior citizens, college students, and children.

Combination tickets for both houses are available when Hichborn House tours are offered. Group visits must be arranged at least two weeks in advance to obtain reduced rates.

Revere House tours are self-guided, complemented by illustrated text panels and museum interpreters. The Pierce/Hichborn House is shown by guided tour only. Please call the museum for current Hichborn House tour schedules.

*November 1-April 14* 9:30 am-4:15 pm  
*April 15-October 31* 9:30 am-5:15 pm

Both houses are closed Mondays in January, February, and March and on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

The first floors and program areas of our buildings are wheelchair accessible. Talking brochure (cassette tape) available. Call for additional information on access and programs for visitors with disabilities.

The Paul Revere Memorial Association receives operating support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency, and the National Park Service. Accredited by the American Association of Museums.

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**By Foot:** On the Freedom Trail (---) in Boston's North End. Follow the signs and the red line on the sidewalks. Ten minutes from Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market.

**By MBTA:** Green Line to Government Center or Haymarket stations; Blue Line to Government Center or Aquarium stations; Orange Line to State or Haymarket stations.

**By Car:** FROM NORTH: Expressway (Rt. 93) to Callahan Tunnel/Dock Square exit. Immediate left onto North Street. Stay left, follow signs into North End. FROM WEST: Mass Pike (Rt. 90) to Expressway (Rt. 93 N) to Exit 23 Government Center. Take a right at the light onto North Street. FROM SOUTH: Expressway (Rt. 93 N) to Exit 23 Government Center. Take a right at the light onto North Street.

**Parking:** Street parking near the Revere House is very limited. Try to park in the lots located along Atlantic Avenue (marked P on the map).

