

Help Support Our Mission - To Build a New History Museum at Historic New Bridge Landing in Bergen County, NJ

The Historic New Bridge Experience Will Begin at the new History Museum!

Announcing the new museum building Capital Campaign - a thrilling, once-in-a-lifetime campaign to build a new 3,750 sf museum building at Historic New Bridge Landing. The new museum building will transform our ability to share New Jersey's unique heritage.

Our plan calls for the new building to be completed before our county's 250th (Semiquincentennial) on July 4th, 2026



Your Donation Matters

At Historic New Bridge Landing in River Edge, history isn't just preserved - it's brought to life. From our site's Revolutionary War landmarks to restored 18th century homes, this site is an extraordinary resource that tells America's and New Jersey's story.

Your support is essential. This project relies on the generosity of individuals, businesses and foundations that share our commitment to preserving New Jersey's history. Whether you're passionate about education, historical preservation, or building a vibrant community, your support will ensure the museum becomes a lasting resource for generations to come.

Why a New Museum?

With increased space, state-of-the-art exhibits, and expanded programming, our new museum will allow us to preserve more artifacts, welcome larger groups, and create dynamic, interactive experiences for all ages.



Bergen County

250th

**of American
Revolution**

**Remembering the
People & Places
that Shaped a Country**



HISTORIC NEW BRIDGE LANDING

The new museum building will be located at Historic New Bridge Landing Park, the 13-acre historical landmark vista located in River Edge, NJ - the heart of Bergen County. The sacred parcel of land has been preserved as a slice of Dutch countryside at the narrows of the Hackensack River. Famed for its role during the American Revolution and George Washington's headquarters in 1780, the hallowed ground has survived development by the preservation efforts of the Bergen County Historical Society and our partners.

Our site tells the compelling story from Native Americans to European colonization to a playing a strategic role serving as battleground, military headquarters and intelligence gathering post in every year of the American Revolution.

The 3,750 sf new museum building will be a hub for learning, exploration, and celebration, offering modern amenities while honoring our past.

Establishing this permanent building will create a space for collections and exhibits, creating an unforgettable platform, leaving an indelible mark on thousands of visitors. Your donation will be instrumental in realizing our vision, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of New Jersey's rich history.

*Dynamic
New Exhibits*

K-12 Educational Learning

Every donation makes a difference. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization the Bergen County Historical Society relies on donations to support it's mission to build the new Museum Building.



Let's Build Something Lasting Together. To Help us make history at Historic New Bridge Landing. By supporting this campaign, you're helping to create a space where history is not only remembered but felt and experience.

Together we can build a museum that honors the past, enriches the present, and inspires the future.

Suggested Donation Levels:

- Philanthopist - \$1,000
- Society Collections - \$5,000 & Up
- Friend of the Museum - \$10,000 & Up
- Give In Memory Donations
- Long Term Donation Plans
- Donor Advised Funds (DAF)



MAKE A DONATION:

<https://www.bergencountyhistory.org/donate>

For more information on donating or to set up a site visit, please contact:
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Giving by US mail:
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 BCHS can be forwarded to:
 BCHS, PO Box 55, River Edge, NJ 07661-0055

Who we are:

The Bergen County Historical Society is a 501(c) non-profit, volunteer organization.

100% of tax-deductible donations go to fulfilling our mission.



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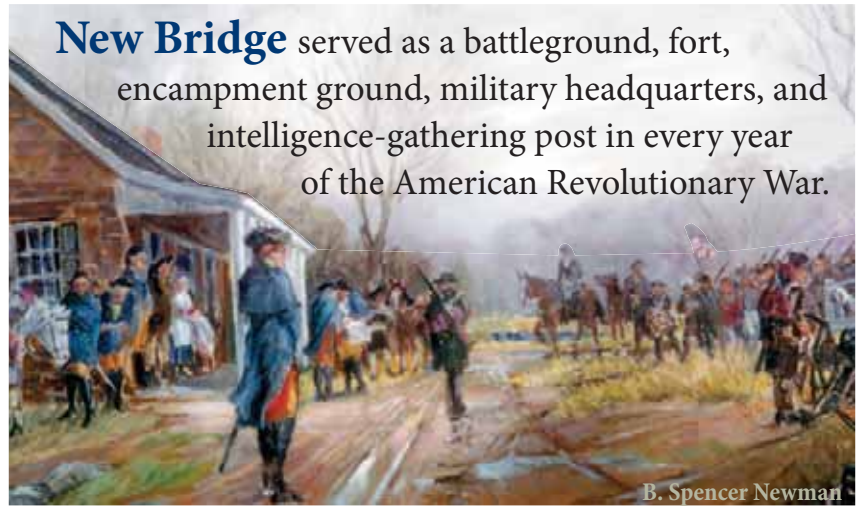
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New Bridge: Battleground in the American Revolution

Historic New Bridge Landing is the perfect place for the "new" New Jersey history museum! HNBL is significant for its pivotal role in the American Revolution and its preservation of Dutch colonial history.

While a constant arena for conflict, the following significant Revolutionary War events are associated with New Bridge:

- Pamphleteer Thomas Paine describes the events of Nov 20, 1776 in *The American Crisis* (5th paragraph) when Washington meets General Greene at the Liberty Pole in Englewood to lead the 2,500- 3,000 troops across the bridge who were almost entrapped by the 5,000 British troops who had scaled the Jersey Palisades in pursuit.
- The next day, British troops under Major General Vaughan attacked the American rear guard on November 21, 1776, and seized the New Bridge, which American engineers were dismantling.
- British and Loyalist troops under command of Captain Patrick Ferguson attacked about 40 Bergen militiamen at New Bridge on May 18, 1779.
- Major Henry Lee led American troops from New Bridge, August 18, 1779, to attack the British earthworks at Paulus Hook (Jersey City).
- A force of Bergen Militia and Continental troops attacked 600 British troops and German auxiliaries at New Bridge on their retreat from Hackensack & Paramus on March 23, 1780, during the 2 hours it took for the British to repair and cross the New Bridge.
- A body of 312 British, Loyalist and German infantry attacked and overwhelmed an American outpost at New Bridge commanded by Lieutenant Bryson on April 15, 1780.
- Eight British soldiers were killed and several wounded by friendly fire when British troops attempted to attack a body of Bergen Militia in the Zabriskie-Steuben House at New Bridge on May 30, 1780.
- Brigadier General Anthony Wayne led American troops from New Bridge on a raid against the Bull's Ferry Blockhouse on July 20, 1780.
- General Washington made his headquarters in the Zabriskie-Steuben House during the Steenrapie Encampment (along Kinderkamack Rd) of the Continental Army, encompassing 14,000 men, September 4-20, 1780.



New Bridge served as a battleground, fort, encampment ground, military headquarters, and intelligence-gathering post in every year of the American Revolutionary War.

Famous Faces of New Bridge during the American Revolution:



Who was Steuben?

Major General Baron von Steuben is best remembered for organizing and training the Continental troops at Valley Forge. The State of New Jersey gifts the confiscated Zabriskie (Steuben) House to him in 1783. Steuben restores the war damaged house.

Historic New Bridge Landing

11 Engagements Took Place Here

Who was Paine?
Thomas Paine "Our first object was to secure the bridge over the Hackensack, which laid up the river between the enemy and us..."
The American Crisis, 1776
November 20, 1776

HNBL has 3 Jersey-Dutch Sandstone Houses:
a type of architecture found nowhere else in the world.

SITE OPEN FOR EVENTS
GROUNDS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK TO PUBLIC