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## Enfield Shaker Museum Wins Barn Preservation Grant

The Enfield Shaker Museum has been awarded a barn preservation grant by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. This grant provides funds to assess the condition, identify and prioritize stabilization and repair needs, and analyze potential interpretive strategies for the barn which was erected in 1856 by the Church Family of the community of Shakers in Enfield, New Hampshire. Known as the West Meadow Barn, the structure probably was erected to house the Shakers' horses. The West Meadow Barn is on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Enfield Shaker Historic District. The Enfield Shaker Museum acquired it in 1993 through the State of New Hampshire's Land Conservation Investment Program.

"The Board of the Enfield Shaker Museum is extremely pleased that the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance is assisting us to preserve and restore this historic structure," said Dr. William D. Moore, Executive Director of the Enfield Shaker Museum. "This humble barn can provide visitors to our site with important insights about agricultural history both within the Shaker community and in the region as a whole."

"Barns are disappearing at an alarming rate in New Hampshire," noted Jennifer Goodman, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance. "We hope that this program can help owners find effective ways to save their barns for future generations."

The Enfield Shaker Museum's grant is part of a multi-faceted program sponsored by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance in cooperation with the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, and the Historic Agriculture Structures Advisory Board. Other components of the program include a statewide survey of historic agricultural structures, research on tax-related disincentives to barn preservation and a how-to publication on barn repair.

Founded in 1985, the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance works to preserve the state's historic buildings, landscapes, and communities through leadership, advocacy, and education. The barn grant program is made possible by generous support from The Mosaic Fund, the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation and anonymous donors.



*The West Meadow Barn shown in an historic view.*

*Photo: Enfield Shaker Museum*

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