

**THE GROVELAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 Is Pleased To Present  
**The Opening Event & Dedication**  
 OF  
**WASHINGTON HALL**  
 101 Washington Street, Groveland, MA  
**Sunday, December 13, 2015 from 1 - 3 PM**




Built 1874                      Present 2015

Come and learn the history of your town and visit  
 the newly restored Washington Hall!

# 1874 Groveland building restored

## Washington Hall, built by Haverhill man, reopens to public

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GROVELAND — The Groveland Historical Society now has a place to house its museum, while the public welcomes the return of one of its most historic buildings.

Washington Hall, which is believed to be one of the first community centers in the United States, is about to reopen after years of renovation.

The building will be used for offices of the Groveland Historical Society and the

Groveland Historical Commission. It will also house a museum featuring historical items from the town's past, provide educational and social programs, and be available for general meetings.

Until now, the Historical Society was housed at the Knox Building at the edge of Shanahan Field on Main Street, while the Historical Commission was housed at Town Hall.

Members of both organizations will celebrate the

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**OLD:** An early photo of Washington Hall.



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**NEW:** The renovated Washington Hall.