

*The Manchester Historical Society*

# Open House at Manchester Green Woodbridge Barn & Grounds

The Manchester Historical Society welcomes the public to its free open houses of the restored eighteenth-century barn, downstairs rooms of the 1830s-era farmhouse, and the grounds of its Woodbridge farmstead. Donations welcome.

**12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, May to October.**

The Farmstead is located at Manchester Green at 495 East Middle Turnpike, near its intersection with Woodbridge Street. The barn, located behind (north of) the house, was restored with funds from the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office, the SBM Charitable Foundation, Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, and individual donors. Visitors can park on the property by entering from Woodbridge Street near Lawton Road – the gate will be open to vehicles; or park at the municipal lot behind the Senior Center, or along the street between the Senior Center and the farmstead itself. From the street, walk to the backyard using the grass driveway between the house and Woodbridge Pizza. The Woodbridge farmstead is on the National Register of Historic Places. There are displays of farm tools and equipment. More information about local history at [www.manchesterhistory.org](http://www.manchesterhistory.org)



The Woodbridge house, in the Greek revival style, dates from 1830. The Farmstead was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.



The barn was part of Meadowbrook dairy farm, closed in 1949. Ray and Thelma Woodbridge donated the property to the Society in 1998.



Early 1900s postcard of The Green section of Manchester. Note trolley to right of green.



C. 1900, Joseph Woodbridge supervising the potato harvest. Note back of farmstead at right of picture.