

Southern New England Chapter – Society for Industrial Archeology
Counting House and Warehouse Recording Workshop – Amesbury, MA

Saturday, **June 22, 2019**, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Leaders: Sara Wermiel, construction historian, and John Mayer, Executive Director, Amesbury Carriage Museum

No charge to participate. Limited to 10 participants. Please sign up with Sara Wermiel, swermiel@verizon.net



Join SNEC and the Amesbury Carriage Museum for a recording workshop.

The purpose is to document, and research the history of, a former counting house (mill office) and warehouse in Amesbury, Mass. These buildings, now combined into one at 17 Main St., were among the earliest on the site of the former Salisbury Mills, a 19th-century textile manufacturing company. Both have been extensively altered over time, but retain intriguing remnants of their origins, i.e. a hoist in the warehouse and the roof of the counting house. When and why the buildings changed are among the questions the workshop participants will try to answer.

The workshop will begin with a tour of the millyard and overview of the industrial history of The Mills area; continue with an introduction to the counting house and warehouse, and to recording, and a walk through the buildings; and conclude with research assignments. The research findings may be used in an exhibit about the buildings at the Amesbury Carriage Museum.

Bring what you need for recording: flashlight, measuring tape, notebook and pencil, camera or camera phone. Also bring your own lunch and water; there will be time to eat during the program. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes.

Participants should meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Gateway Arch on Main Street, which adjoins the counting house and is the entrance to the Millyard (5 Market Sq.). For questions about Amesbury, contact John Mayer at (978) 834-5058, jmayer@amesburycarriagemuseum.com

Here's an image of the meeting place:

