



Tour two of Lincoln's great historic houses

Sunday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

[Arnold House](#), 487 Great Road and [Hearthside House](#), 677 Great Road, Lincoln, RI

Explore the history of Lincoln by touring the homes of some of its most prominent families: Arnold House (1693) and Hearthside (1810). Compare and contrast these Rhode Island architectural gems and the lives of the people who called them home.

Tickets: \$10 for joint tour

Registration is required. Please call 401-728-9696 or [buy online](#).

Historic Site Details:

Arnold House (1693): In 1693, Eleazer Arnold, a major landowner, built his house along Great Road, one of the earliest roads in the colonies. Two stories high, with a pilastered chimney, the home so dominated the modest dwellings of nearby farmers that it earned the title "Eleazer's Splendid Mansion." With its massive chimney end wall, the house is a rare survivor of a once-common Rhode Island building type known as a stone-ender. The structure has sustained many alterations over the centuries. Visitors find evidence of seventeenth-century construction methods, eighteenth-century additions, nineteenth-century graffiti, and the twentieth-century approach to preservation that restored the house to its present appearance. Arnold House is located at 487 Great Road. It is open year-round on weekends, with guided tours on the hour from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last tour at 4 p.m.

Hearthside House (1810): At the heart of Great Road is Hearthside House, a well-recognized stone mansion at the intersection of Breakneck Hill Road. Built in 1810 by Stephen Hopkins Smith, a Great Road mill owner as well as being one of the leaders in the development of the Blackstone Canal. According to legend, Smith used \$40,000 in lottery winnings to construct this stately home for a young lady he wished to marry. Hearthside took its name from a well-known hand weaving business which operated in the house in the early 1900s. Hearthside is considered to be one of the finest Federal-style houses in Rhode Island, featuring many unique architectural elements. A residence until 1997, it is now an award-winning house museum, with docents in period costume welcoming visitors to step back in time as they experience what life was like for the families who called Hearthside their home. It is located at 677 Great Road. Hearthside is open each month from March-December for tours and special events on specific dates.