



# Park House Review

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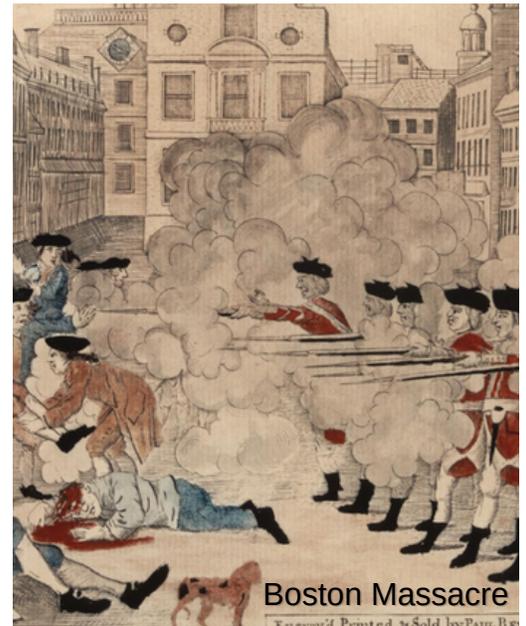
Theodore Park Sr.



OUTLANDER  
AFTERNOON TEA  
RETURNS  
JULY 9TH 2022



NEW ANNE OF  
GREEN GABLES  
AFTERNOON TEA  
AUGUST 20TH 2022



Boston Massacre

## *On the other side of the war*

When talking about the Park Family's connection to the American Revolution we often refer to Mrs. Park's grandfather. Colonel Caldwell was a veteran of the American Revolution and the War of 1812, commander of the Caldwell's Rangers, and founding father of our town, but did you know the Park brothers (Thomas, John, and Theodore) immigrated from an area that was central to the origins of the American Revolution.

The Park brothers' hometown of Framingham, MA is less than 25km from Concord and 27km from Lexington. Their father John Park (Sr) was a private with Capt. David Brewer's 10th company in Col. Perry's regiment. He had enlisted on July 28th, 1780, and marched to Rhode Island on an alarm.

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# *Lexington, Concord, and Paul Revere*

Concord, Massachusetts was the first town established by the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1635. Concord is also the town where the first organized resistance to the British Crown in the Thirteen Colonies began. Lexington, also in Massachusetts, was founded in the early 1640s as a farming settlement to the east of Concord. Some 70 years later, it was incorporated into a town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Not much else happened in these small but growing farming towns, until 1775.

Neither of these two small towns sound like they amount to much in the history of the world. However, they are probably the most influential towns in the United States for one reason. April 19, 1775, was the start of the American Revolutionary War. This war began with the battles of Lexington and Concord. The British sent their military to Lexington, Massachusetts to arrest vocal anti-loyalists, including Samuel Adams and John Hancock. At the same time, the British sent men to destroy or capture a cache of weapons that American sympathizers had stored. While the British marched towards these towns, Paul Revere rode ahead of them, warning of their approach. This gave the Minutemen and other militias the time they needed to organize themselves to stop the British plans. What followed next changed the course of world history forever, as the first shots of the American Revolution were fired.

## *Handmade Reproduction of the Paul Revere Lantern - \$125.00*

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# General John Nixon

John Nixon may have come from humble origins in a small town called Framingham, MA, which is outside of Boston, but the events of his life were anything but ordinary.

Born in 1727 to a farming family, as many colonists were, Nixon rose through the ranks of both the British and American militaries, and retired as a Brigadier General in 1780 to return to a simple life of farming. His first military experience was fighting for the British against the French in Cape Breton Islands, Nova Scotia. Some years later, he participated in the Seven Year's War (French and Indian War), starting as a lieutenant, and was promoted to a Captain before the war was over.

During the American Revolutionary War, he led a militia of Minutemen against the British at Lexington and Concord and participated in much of the fighting until he resigned his commission as a Brigadier General in 1780 for health reasons. Nixon had been wounded multiple times during his career, and his age was beginning to get the better of him. In between the wars, Nixon was a simple farmer. He blended into regular society but was always willing to answer the call when he was needed. He married Thankful Berry in 1754, and they had ten children. Thankful passed away in 1776, and Nixon remarried in 1778 to a widow named Hannah Gleason.

After the Revolutionary War, he moved from Framingham to what is now Weybridge, Vermont to a small farm. Nixon passed away in 1815 and is buried in Weybridge.

For a more in-depth summary of General Nixon's life, please visit:

<https://www.revolutionarywarjournal.com/brigadier-general-john-nixon/>



Afternoon teas returned to the Park house museum after a three-year absence. On May 21, 2022, the Park House Museum returned to hosting afternoon teas with *The Platinum Jubilee 'Royal Tea.'* We would like to thank everyone who came out to the tea. Community support is crucial to our success as a museum.



## Minutemen and Committees of Safety

The Minutemen play an important part in American history. They were militias that were designed to be assembled quickly in times of need. These were the American troops that were called upon at the standoff and subsequent fighting in Lexington and Concord; the start of the Revolutionary War. John Nixon, a Captain at the time, led a company of Minutemen from Sudbury, Massachusetts in 1775, fighting the British as they retreated to Boston. The Minutemen did not see service after the first few battles of the Revolutionary War, as they were dissolved into the newly formed American military.

A Committee of Safety was a different group of American colonists who were not loyal to the British Crown. Their purpose was to wrest control of the Thirteen Colonies away from the British leaders of the time and to ensure the positions were filled during the Revolutionary War. Captain Nixon was recommended to be the leader of a Committee of Safety by George Washington himself, which included a promotion to Brigadier General.

These two groups were essential in the American Revolution as they not only were responsible for starting the revolution, they were the base of the American government that was being built during the war. Their experience was vital in keeping the country together during a pivotal moment in American history. For a more in-depth look visit.

<https://www.ushistory.org/people/minutemen>

*"I am the Committee of  
Safety, Mr. Fraser.  
I have a responsibility  
to the people of these  
parts."*



MR. BROWN, OUTLANDER S6 E8.

Did you  
**KNOW** ?

*that Angus Mackintosh owned the Park House from 1804 until he sold it to Alexander in 1821. Angus Mackintosh returned to Inverness, Scotland to become 26th chieftain of the clan. Angus and his brother's departure from Scotland was fueled by British harassment to and their family's known connection to the Jacobite Uprising and housing the Bonnie Prince Charles prior to the Battle of Culloden.*

*Angus Mackintosh's family tree included Mackenzies, the real Major James Fraser of Castle Leathers among others. This uncanny historical connection to the book series is what inspired our Outlander Afternoon Tea.*



*In case you missed it*



Curator, Stephanie Pouget-Papak, Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and Mayor Aldo DiCarlo at the Platinum Jubilee Tea held at the museum on May 21.

## *What's Happening at the Museum*

Music Off the Back Porch (Weather Permitting)

July 8th at 6:00pm  
 Lauren Baillargeon and the Old Souls & Blue Grass Buffett  
 August 5th - TBA

Hands-on Tin  
 July 3rd - August 14th 2022  
 Sundays 11:00am to 2:00pm  
 Price varies per activity

Anne of Green Gables:  
 An Afternoon Tea  
 August 20th - 1:00pm  
 Ticket Sales open - June 1st  
 Cost \$30.00pp

The Uncommon Experience:  
 Public Paranormal Investigation, Ghost Stories, and Candlelit Dinner  
 Friday September 16th  
 7:00pm to 11:00pm  
 Reservations Required

visit our website [www.parkhousemuseum.com](http://www.parkhousemuseum.com) for more events.

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Visit: 214 Dalhousie St, Amherstburg, ON



**General Amherst students painted a mural in gift shop in April/ May 2022; it's now completed and we love it. Thank you to everyone who helped. If you would like to see the progression of the mural, a video has been posted to our YouTube channel. This becomes a monumental piece of artwork; it is the last mural**

**GAHS students paint before the school's closure later this year.**

**The museum was awarded six summer student positions through the Canada Summer Jobs Grant. We are delighted to be welcoming summer students back to the museum for another summer of learning opportunities. Effective June 21, the museum will be open seven days a week from 10 am to 4 pm. Be sure to pop in to see the mural and say hi to our summer students.**



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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

SENIOR/STUDENT: \$30.00

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### DAILY ADMISSION

ADULT: \$4.00

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CHILD (1 TO 4): FREE

FAMILY: \$12.00

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