



The *William Trent*
HOUSE *Since 1719*

Connecting the past with today and tomorrow

August 2025

Go back in time to Trenton, 1781

In late August/early September 1781, thousands of soldiers and their followers along with cannon, wagons, oxen, and horses were in camps in and around Trenton, then a town of about 500 residents.

These were the armies of Generals Washington and Rochambeau on their march from New England to confront the British at Yorktown where they achieved victory, securing America's independence.

**Visit the Trent House to Experience
Army & Town Life
in Those Turbulent Times**

**August 23, 2025 - 10 am to 4 pm
Free for All - Families & Children Welcome**



THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Learn about army life from:
Soldiers of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment
General Rochambeau & Captain Lauberdier of the French Army
A Continental Army surgeon

Hear the music of fifes and drums

Sample herbal teas that Patriotic ladies served
Make a favorite dessert of the time - "Berry Fool"

Visit a blacksmith at his forge
Watch petticoats being sewn by hand
See what was grown in kitchen gardens
Learn about pottery making of the time

CHILDREN CAN COMPLETE A SCAVANGER HUNT FOR PRIZES

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

10:20 am in the Visitor Center

Talk on colonial containers, pottery, & silver
David Bosted

10:40 am in the Visitor Center

Preview of poster of the route from Princeton
to Trenton & the crossing of the Delaware
David Bosted and John Gummere

11:30 am in the Visitor Center

General Rochambeau Exercises the Troops:
The French in Rhode Island

12:45 pm in the Courtyard

Remembering Algernon Ward, Jr.
Historian and Re-enactor

1:15 pm in the Historic House

Talk with General Rochambeau & his aide-de-camp Captain Lauberdier as they
discuss plans
after crossing the Delaware

2:15 pm in the Visitor Center

Mapping the March through New Jersey:
Then and Today
Paul Larson

Buy a book and have it signed by author Norman Desmarais

Copies of these books will be available:

*The Guide to the American Revolutionary War in New Jersey:
Battles, Raids, and Skirmishes*

*The Road to Yorktown : The French Campaigns
in the American Revolution, 1780-1783*

America's First Ally: France in the Revolutionary War

*Journal of a French Quartermaster
on the March to Yorktown June 16—October 6, 1781*

*Washington's Engineer: Louis Duportail
and the Creation of an Army Corps*

*The Guide to the American Revolutionary War in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland,
Virginia and North Carolina:
Battles, Raids, and Skirmishes*



The 1719 William Trent House is in the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area and on the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.

Stop at the Welcome Table to get your program or your National Park Service passport stamped.

the 1719 William Trent House Museum,
the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie,
Lawrence Historical Society,
the Old Barracks Museum, and
the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association-NJ.

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The 1719 William Trent House Museum is open for guided public tours **Weds. - Sun. from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm** (closed municipal holidays) and by appointment for school and group tours.

Free parking is available behind the Museum property in the lot off William Trent Place.



The handicapped lift to the main floor of the Museum is in operation.

A video of the 2nd floor and basement rooms is available for viewing in the Visitor Center.

Exhibits and programs in the Visitor Center are fully accessible.

Our Sponsors



The William Trent House Museum is a National Historic Landmark in the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area and on the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. The Museum is dedicated to sharing the authentic history of the house, property, and people with our communities, connecting the past with today and tomorrow. Owned by the City of Trenton, it is operated by the Trent House Association, which is supported by the generosity of its members and donors; by grants from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, the New Jersey Cultural Trust, the New Jersey Historic Trust, the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission with funding from the New Jersey Historical Commission, the New Jersey Arts & Culture Renewal Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation; the Bunbury Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation; and by contributions from NJM Group and Orion General Contractors. For more information, visit <https://williamtrenthouse.org>.



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