

History Hunt with Historic Northampton (Northampton Edition)

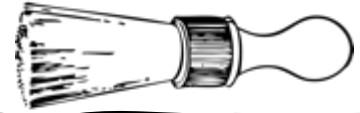
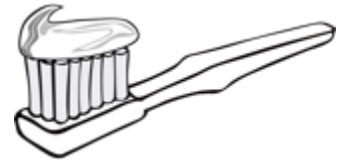
Our history is everywhere! It is in the clothes we wear, the food we eat, and the games we play. Take a look around your house and see if you can find these connections to Northampton's history, then turn to the next page to read more about each object.

**Sewing thread
or silk**



See how many different types of brush you can find!

A Brush



Cane sugar



Image of an elephant

Can you find an actual elephant? You'll never know until you look!



Something made out of an apple



Vegetables



All done but still want more? Make your own scavenger hunt of things that you find in your house and see if your family can solve it! Share your hunts at @HistoricNorthampton on Facebook, @historic.northampton on Instagram and @northamphistory on Twitter.

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Sewing thread



Have you ever seen any of the silk mill buildings? Try doing an online search to find one near you.

Northampton produced silk and silk thread throughout the 1800s and early 1900s. What began as small businesses and utopian communities turned into large mills that supplied customers all over the world.

A Brush

One of the biggest industries in Northampton in the late 1800s and early 1900s was brushes. In 1866, the Florence Manufacturing Company began making hair brushes and in 1885, made the Prophy-lac-tic Tooth Brush. The company became known as Pro Brush and made brushes until the late 1980s. Part of the factory is now the Arts & Industry Building on Pine Street.

Cane sugar

During the 1800s, most sugarcane was farmed by enslaved people. Those opposed to slavery wanted an alternative, and in the late 1830s, David Lee Child moved to Northampton to raise sugarbeets to produce sugar. Soils in Northampton were thought to be the best in the US for sugar beets. Child's business failed, but he won state awards for the sugar he created at his mill in Florence. Today, the US is one of the world's largest producers of sugar from sugar beets.

Image of an elephant

In 1798, one of Northampton's wildest, most exciting entertainment events came to Pomeroy's Tavern on Main St. (where Faces was). It was an elephant, something that few (if any) Northampton residents had ever seen before in their lives. Many crowded in for a chance to take a look.

What kind of animal would you like to see on Main St.?

Something made out of an apple

In the late 1800s, a resident composed a short poem describing Northampton life: "Northampton town doth abound in hasty pudding and cider. Pigeons and shad make them glad and open their mouths the wider."

Do you know what all of those words mean? Try to look up the ones you don't know.

Vegetables

Vegetables were a key piece of the diet proposed by Northampton resident Sylvester Graham as a way for people to live healthier and more stable lives. You might know of Graham because of the cracker named after him, but, since Graham did not love sugar or refined flour, he would probably not be a fan of the modern-day Graham cracker.

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