

Site of the Old Powder House

Marked today by a large stone and inscribed bronze tablet on the north side of Newton Centre Common, the Old Powder House once stood as storage for gunpowder for the town militia. It was located away from other structures in case of an explosion.

Land for the Newton Centre Common is thought to have been a gift from the Hyde and Wiswall families to the town after the Meeting House was moved in the 1720s. Residents built the Powder House and a militia training field there, as well two “noon-houses” used by parishioners who lived far from the Meeting House as places for their Sunday noon meals. On May 21, 1849, the town voted to sell the Powder House and its contents. Today, none of these structures remain.





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MARKS THE SITE OF THE
OLD POWDER HOUSE
AND
TRAINING FIELD OF THE
TOWN OF NEWTON

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