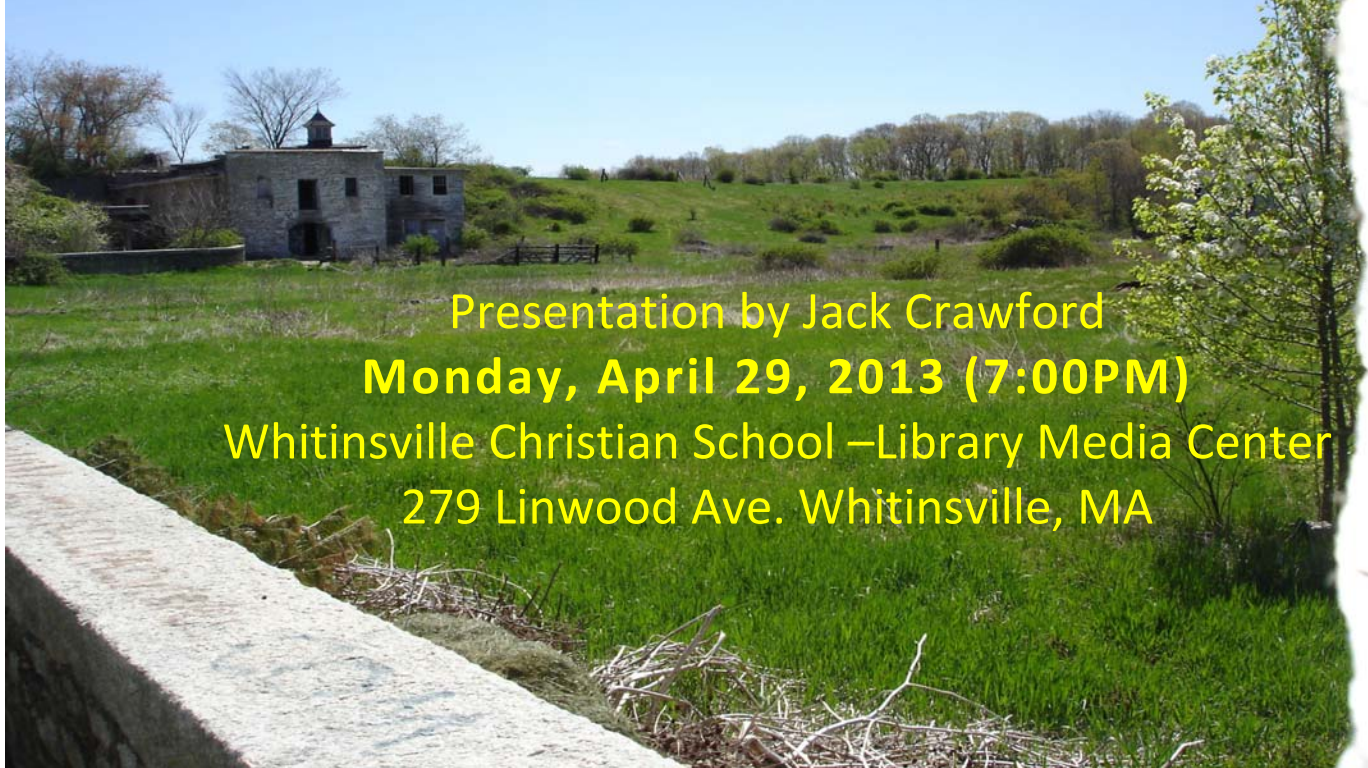


# CASTLE HILL FARM

Northbridge, Massachusetts



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**Castle Hill Farm** is located in the Blackstone River Valley in the Town of Northbridge. It is adjacent to the historic mill village of Whitinsville and is a significant part of the historic landscape and played a crucial role in the nation's industrial development.

The 100 acre Farm, now lying fallow, consists of a mix of fields, woods and wetlands, a stone barn, and an extensive system of large cut stone walls that were constructed after the market panic of 1873 by unemployed textile mill workers of the Whitin Machine Works. The mill hands were put to work by John C. Whitin for three years until work resumed in the mill. The walls are a monument to the enlightened capitalism practiced by the Whitin family in what is a nationally recognized remnant of the industrial revolution in the Blackstone Valley.

The Farm forms the centerpiece of approximately 500 acres of contiguous open space owned by the Towns of Northbridge and Uxbridge, the Whitinsville golf club, and the private owner of the Farm. Preservation of the Farm is the key to preserving the integrity of this large swath of open space.



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Castle Hill Farm has received the following designations that illustrate the need for its preservation:



- Located in the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
- Included in Whitinsville's National Historic Register District designated by the National Park Service
- Targeted by the Town of Northbridge as a Priority Heritage Landscape under Massachusetts' Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Listed as one of Massachusetts' Ten Most Endangered Historic Resources by Preservation Massachusetts (2007)
- Identified as a *high priority preservation site* in the 2012 Blackstone Valley Regional Prioritization Project

Residents of the Blackstone Valley who are interested in preserving this important piece of land have joined together to form the "**Friends of Castle Hill Farm**" and are exploring options and looking for partners who can help keep this space undeveloped for future generations.

For more information or if you are interested in helping please contact *Metacomet Land Trust* officers Lisa Moczyński at 508-341-4876 or Laurie Salmon, Northbridge representative at [lsalmon@wcs.mec.edu](mailto:lsalmon@wcs.mec.edu).

