

2022

The Green Tour
Saturday, April 30, 2022
10 to 4pm

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Roxbury Historic Trust, Inc. The 1820s King Store & 1870s King House Museum



209-211 Main Street
Ledgewood, New Jersey 07852

Event Information:

VIEW:

- One of two most intact general stores that served passing Morris Canal boat crews.
- A recreation c.1901, of a one-room school classroom in store owner's house.
- A Victorian girl's bedroom featuring how a girl grew up in the late 1800s.
- An English artist's oil painted pastoral mural decorating the dining room.

Ample parking available in front of the museums on both sides of Main Street

The King Store is a unique opportunity to tour a remarkably preserved time capsule of a late nineteenth-century/turn of the 20th century general store and post office. It is one of two best-preserved mercantile establishments that served passing Morris Canal boaters. Its stone entry threshold and floors are worn by the rugged boots of canal boat captains and their crews, who came to the King Store to re-provision as they navigated their way across northern New Jersey. The 2½ story stone store, built in the mid-1820s, was in business for 100 years during the entire operation of the Morris Canal. It features period merchandise on its shelves, a built-in ice box to preserve perishables and a rope-operated wooden hoisting wheel to move heavy goods in and out of the store from any of its various stories.

Adjacent to the store is the c.1878 King Homestead. Graced by a number of porches, a second story turret and a round office addition, the King Homestead welcomes visitors to a Victorian/Queen Ann residence, which features period furnished rooms and special exhibit rooms. Of particular interest is a recreated c.1901 one room school room with period desks and slates. Visitors can sit in the desks and imagine attending a one room school. Upstairs is a recreated Victorian girl's bedroom with an exhibit illustrating a late nineteenth century girl's life from birth to marriage. Downstairs the formal dining room is graced with a pastoral landscape mural painted by an itinerant English artist.

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