Leonard Weeks and Descendants in America, Inc. is a non-profit organization of Weeks descendants and friends across the U.S. that owns and maintains the c. 1710 Weeks Brick House situated on the original 33 acres of the family farmstead in Greenland, N.H.

Members of the Weeks family lived in the brick house continuously from 1710 to 1968, when the property was sold out of the family. When the property was again for sale in 1975, a group of friends and descendants formed a non-profit corporation to acquire the house and two acres of land. A year later, they purchased the adjoining 31 acres, making it possible to preserve the original rural setting.

Today the Weeks Brick House and Gardens is pleased to be a valued community asset, with its gardens, walking trails, and conservation land open daily from dawn to dusk. Every year in late summer, the organization’s annual meeting presents educational sessions and opens part of the house for tours. (For both security and income, the house is occupied year-round by a tenant.)

Thanks to the dedication and support of loyal members and volunteers, the organization can look back on a full list of accomplishments in the 35 years since purchasing the Weeks Brick House & farm, and look forward to the challenges of conserving the historic property for future generations.

### A Timeline of Milestones

**1975** - Bought back the Weeks Brick House (on a two-acre lot), which, after being lived in by nine generations of the Weeks family for over 250 years, was sold out of the family in 1968. The house attained designation on the National Register of Historic Places on June 20, 1975, and was also designated a New Hampshire historic site. On September 3, 1975 our organization was incorporated as a New Hampshire non-profit foundation. On December 19, 1975, the organization obtained designation as an exempt organization under IRS code, section 501(c)(3).

**1976** - Bought back the adjoining 31 acres of the original Leonard Weeks farmstead. Commissioned a survey by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA), the regional preservation organization known for its conservation of house museums, now Historic New England.

**1977** - Distinguished the Weeks Brick House further by designing and planting an authentic colonial herb garden and orchard, in collaboration with garden historian Ann Leighton (Isadore Smith).

**1985** - Became a repository for several paintings by the late 19th century painter Edwin Lord Weeks. Received valuable gifts of period furniture.

**1992** - Secured for posterity by a Conservation Easement for approximately 30 of the 33 acres of the original Leonard Weeks farmstead.


**1994** - Retired the mortgage. Created an Endowment Fund to help assure available funds for maintenance, preservation, and restoration. Engaged a preservation consultant for expert advice.

**1997** - Enhanced the rural setting of the house by closing one end of Weeks Avenue from busy Rte. 33 and rerouting the driveway. Received a gift of family furniture and memorabilia from the last resident Weeks family member in the house.

**1998** - Restored the colonial herb garden. Formatted a display in the Weeks Brick House “Great Room.”

**2000** - Repaired and weatherized all 25 windows. Developed walking trails with necessary footbridges on our conservation land for community use.

**2002-2003** - Hired an archaeologist to conduct background research on 300 years of farmstead ownership and land use in preparation for a future archaeological dig. Dr. Neil DePaoli completed *Three-and-One-Half Centuries in Greenland: The Weeks Brick House Farm in Greenland, N.H.*

**2004** - Hired a part-time office administrator.

**2006** - Engaged geologists to survey the property with ground-penetrating radar in preparation for the archaeological dig.

**2007** - Dr. Neil DePaoli conducts the archaeological dig behind the Weeks Brick House, and presents his findings in a series of lectures throughout the region.

**Annually since 1975** - Annual meetings with tours, education sessions, guest speakers, visiting genealogists, and social events.

**Ongoing since 1975** - Consult with preservation carpenters and masons to identify and prioritize maintenance and building conservation.