



# Call for Videos

## Attn: Citizen Historians!

In association with the *New England Journal of History*, the “History in Your Backyard” project invites you to join us to explore and share the histories that you encounter as you go about your daily lives in your communities. We aren’t looking for professional historians; we’re looking for engaged citizen historians.

### How to join in the project:

- choose a historical place, person, or object in your daily life or community
- research the topic: local historical society websites are a great place to start! (who, what, when, where, and why?)
- write and practice a script
- go to the location associated with the topic and film a short digital video of yourself discussing its history – **steady and high-quality quality smartphone films are welcome too!**
- collect public domain or Creative Commons licensed photos, music, and/or sound effects to use in the video as B-roll and soundtrack
- please use standard digital video file types: .mp4, .mov, .wmv, .avi (we can use them if they can be uploaded to YouTube)
- contact *NEJH* Digital Editor, David Dennis ([ddennis@dean.edu](mailto:ddennis@dean.edu)), for further instructions on how to submit your video and other materials
- videos will be reviewed by the editorial board for quality and accuracy
- approved videos will be published (with your permission) on the Public History pages of the *NEJH* website.

### Video format and style:

- introduce yourself and your topic in the opening lines
- describe the context: who, what, when, where, and why?
- don’t worry about perfection – have fun and be passionate!
- videos should be no longer than 10 minutes