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Sherwood, New York	Howland Stone Store Museum (HSSM)	Opendore (Isabel Howland House)
1827 Emily Howland born	1837 Slocum Howland builds the Stone Store.	1837 James Davis, a blacksmith, builds the house.
1840 Underground Railroad ticket	1840's Abolitionist Slocum employs fugitive slave Herman Phillips in the Stone Store.	18?? Purchased by Henry Fisher
1859 Isabel Howland born	1845 Slocum's son William becomes partner in Stone Store.	1851 Purchased by William Howland.
1881 Slocum Howland passes	1881 William takes over the Stone Store.	
1881 Isabel graduates from Cornell University	1883 William builds The Block commercial building next to the Stone Store which is then used for storage.	
	1883 In The Block, Isabel Howland and Hannah Letchworth Howland (William's wife) create Sherwood's first Reading Room and Museum of Curiosities from the world travels of Emily, Isabel, and others.	1888 William enlarges house, names it Shade Lawn.
1891 Emily & Hannah Howland organize the Sherwood Equal Rights Association		
1904 William Howland passes.	1904 Isabel & Herbert inherit the Stone Store and The Block.	1905 Inherited by Isabel & Herbert Howland.
1917 Woman Suffrage in NYS		1910 Isabel significantly expands and remodels house; names it Opendore.
1918 Woman Suffrage Amendment passes US House of Representatives		
1919 Woman Suffrage Amendment passes US Senate		
1920 Majority of states ratify 19th Amendment which beomes law		
1926 Emily receives Honorary Doctor of Letters degree for her contributions to the field of education by the University of the State of New York at Albany		1926 Herbert conveys his partial ownership to Isabel.
1929 Emily Howland passes		
1942 Isabel Howland passes	1942 Charles and Alice Koon inherit the Stone Store and The Block which they renovate to accommodate the Library and Museum of Curiosities in The Block. Until 1955, Alice Koon oversees the Library and Museum.	1942 Acquired by Laura C. Cleveland.

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| | | 1953 | Sold to Albert (Laura's son) and Lucille Cleveland. |
| | | 1961 | Sold to Edwin & Eleanor Cleaveland. |
| | | 1965 | Sold to William & Betty Blair. |
| | | 1970 | Sold to E. & T. Deschl. |
| 1966 | Mrs. Koon transfers ownership of the Stone Store and its contents and donates \$20,000 for the Stone Store's endowment to the Cayuga Museum of Auburn, NY with the stipulation the building remain open as the Isabel Howland Museum . However, it eventually closes. | | |
| 1987 | The Board of the Cayuga Museum decides to divest itself of the Stone Store. Area residents meet with the Board which votes to give the building, its contents, items that had been taken from the Stone Store to the Cayuga Museum, and \$10,000 from Mrs. Koon's endowment to the residents who form a <i>pro temp</i> board. | | |
| 1988 | Area residents incorporate the Friends of the Howland Stone Store and formalize an agreement with the Cayuga Museum. | | |
| 1989 | The Friends of Howland Stone Store receives its provisional charter. | | |
| 1991 | The Friends of the Howland Stone Store officially takes possession of the Stone Store. | | |
| 1994 | New York lists the Howland Stone Store Museum on the State Register of Historic Places . | | |
| 1950 | Library and Museum move from The Block to the Stone Store. (Approximate year) | | |
| 1994 | U.S. Dept. of Interior lists the Howland Stone Store Museum on National Register of Historic Places . | | |
| 1995 | Many library books are removed from the Stone Store leaving mostly the historical collection. | | |
| 1995 | The Friends of the Howland Stone Store submits petition for an Absolute Charter and requests name change to the Howland Stone Store Museum . | | |
| 1996 | The New York State Board of Regents grants an Absolute Charter to the Howland Stone Store Museum . | | |

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	1999	\$7500 Member Item grant: secured by Assemblyman Dan Fessenden. Used to replace roof.	
	2002	\$2000 Cayuga County College Foundation grant: used for CCC faculty members Maryanne Felter and Daniel Schultz to research and catalog suffrage materials and books in the Museum.	
	2002	\$5500 Member Item grant: secured by Assemblyman Gary Finch. Used to repair HSSM shed behind the Museum.	
	2004	Heritage New York designates the HSSM site on the state's Underground Railroad Heritage Trail .	
	2005	\$710 Lower Hudson Conservation Treatment grant: used for preservation of Museum's Underground Railroad Ticket.	
2006			The Preservation League of New York State names Sherwood to its annual "Seven to Save" list of structures, properties and areas with historical significance that tie in with the state's past. It is the first property in Cayuga County so designated.
	2006	\$5560 Preserve New York award (Preservation League of NYS): HSSM match was in-kind services. Used for research, photography, and documentation by consultant Judy Wellman to prepare draft nomination of the <i>Hamlet of Sherwood</i> for The National Register of Historic Places .	
	2006	Volunteers begin accessioning HSSM collection.	
	2006	Donation of nearly 5500 Howland papers: purchased on ebay by local donors.	
	2006	\$2500 Emerson Foundation gift: used as matching part of 2007 Heritage New York grant.	
	2007	\$36,750 Heritage New York grant: 75/25 matching grant. Used for significant structural and cobblestone repair, plus installation of HVAC. UV storm windows, and handicap accessibility.	
2008			The National Register of Historic Places lists the Sherwood Equal Rights Historic District comprised of 27 properties.
	2008	\$25,000 National Underground Railroad Network To Freedom grant (National Park Service): 50/50 matching award. Used to match 2007 NYS Heritage grant for preservation/restoration of building.	2008 Cayuga County asks the HSSM Board to consider taking ownership of the Isabel Howland House with payment of due taxes. The HSSM Board takes ownership with the hope of finding a buyer to restore the house. No buyer is found.

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	2009	\$5,000 Member Item grant: secured by Assemblyman Gary Finch. Used for archival supplies and operating expenses.	2009	Isabel Howland House Ad Hoc Committee is created by HSSM Board to provide guidance on the deteriorating house and how it can best meet the interests of both the Museum and the larger community while preserving local, state and national history. The committee includes an architect, structural engineer, banker/financial expert, local resident active on numerous boards and community organizations, and a liaison from the HSSM Board. Over fifteen months, the committee holds discussions with representatives from the NYS Preservation League, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board.
	2009	HSSM Board creates Strategic Planning Committee to focus on the care of the collection, enhanced programming, improved governance, and fiscal growth. (The issue of the IHH is temporarily put aside as the IHH Ad Hoc Committee pursues its work.)		
	2009	\$2994 Upstate History Alliance Grant: used to create a Strategic Plan with museum consultant Joann Lindstrom of SUNY Binghamton's Center for Applied Community Research & Development.		
	2010	The Strategic Planning Committee submits report to the HSSM Board. Report includes formal Mission and Vision Statements. Board adopts the Strategic Plan, the Vision Statement, and the revised Mission Statement. At the annual meeting, the HSSM members vote to amend the Constitution to include the Vision Statement and revised Mission Statement.		
	2010	HSSM Board creates Collections Committee.		
	2010	\$2990 Museumwise Get Set Collections Management grant: used to hire consultant Peter Wisbey, former curator of Seward House, to help the Collections Committee and the Board evaluate and improve collections procedures. During the grant, the committee (a) outlines emergency procedures and contacts, (b) creates docent handbook materials, (c) re-writes Collections Management Policy to define museum procedures and provide needed forms, (d) plans a new grant application to hire a conservator so HSSM may define specific priorities and practices in further collection care. Report is submitted to HSSM Board.		
2011		HSSM collaborates with the staff of the Emily Howland Elementary School which will be closing in June 2012.	2011	The Isabel Howland House Ad Hoc Committee submits report to the HSSM Board which votes to seek funds to pursue the report's recommendations.

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	2011	Collections Care and Management Needs Assessment conducted by Erin Richardson, Director of Collections for the Cooperstown Farmers Museum and Fenimore Art Museum. Erin's services are provided by the NYS Documentary Heritage Program . Her report helps guide the on-going work of the Collections Committee.	2011	\$5000 National Trust for Historic Preservation grant: matched with equal funds from the HSSM. Through a collaborative effort among local and state agencies and organizations, the grant is used in support of an engineering investigation and development of a possible Rehabilitation Plan for the house. Crawford & Stearns preservation architects along with a structural engineer and a hazardous material expert handle a prescribed evaluation of Opendore.
	2011	Digitizing accession records of the HSSM collection begins.	2011	After reviewing the Rehabilitation Plan and discussing the issue with its authors, the HSSM Board votes to pursue the restoration/revitalization of Opendore.
			2011	An Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for Historic Preservation grant application is written by Jeanie Gleisner of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board and submitted to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) .
			2011	\$400,000 Environmental Protection Fund for Historic Preservation grant: 50/50 reimbursement grant. To be used for the estimated \$800,000 restoration/revitalization of the house under the supervision of OPRHP and SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) . The project includes (a) removal of portions of the house considered beyond salvage, (b) restoration and development of a saved portion to meet the needs of the Museum, and (c) new construction attached to the restored structure, the latter to contain lift and stair access to the three levels of the building, as well as heat, water, and public restrooms. (\$400,000 is the maximum grant available for individual projects.)
2012		The Emily Howland Elementary School in Sherwood closes.	2012	The HSSM Board creates a Fund Raising Committee comprised of seven members from the community and Board.
	2012	While detailed accessioning continues, Collections Committee members conduct a general inventory of those portions of the collection not yet accessioned. Committee members work on the issue of defining and identifying what materials should be formally accessioned and which should not.	2012	\$3000 Museumwise Get Set grant: used to hire professional fund raising consultant Paula J. Peter of the Solstice Group to train the Fund Raising Committee.

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- 2012 The HSSM Board accepts the Fund Raising Committee's recommendation to hold a **\$600,000 capital campaign**.
- 2012 HSSM Board signs \$5000 contract with Jeanie Gleisner of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board for required **Cultural Landscape Survey**.
- 2012 HSSM Board hires Francis Cariccilo as **Grant Administrator**.
- 2012 HSSM Board hires **Crawford & Stearns** to be project architect.