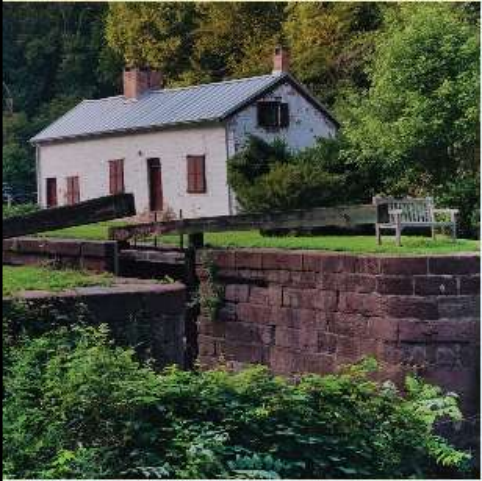


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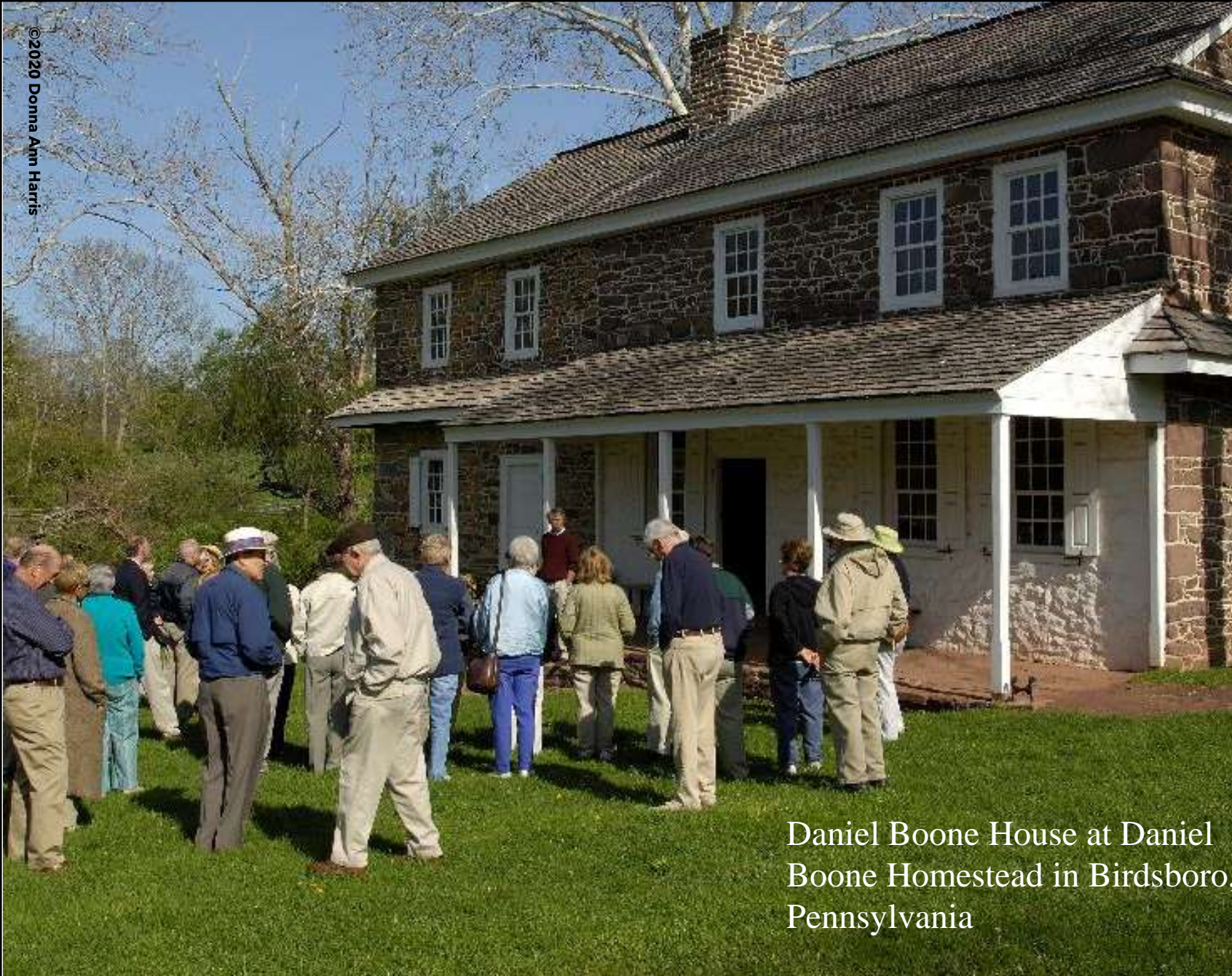
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UPDATING NEW SOLUTIONS FOR HOUSE MUSEUMS: LESSONS LEARNED

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Daniel Boone House at Daniel Boone Homestead in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania

AGENDA

- Why a second edition of *New Solutions for House Museums*?
- What new uses or new users worked best?
- Major changes ?
- Any real failures?
- What made sites more sustainable?



Elfreth's Alley
Philadelphia PA

WHY A SECOND EDITION?

- Continuing concerns about house museum financial sustainability
 - A best seller!
 - Historic sites need more help than ever due to pandemic closures
 - New historic sites being created almost daily
 - What lessons for new sites? Especially diverse house museums?

A photograph of a two-story brick house with a concrete driveway and a lawn. The house has a mix of brick and siding. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**WHAT I HOPED TO LEARN
FROM THIS NEW RESEARCH**

Adel Historical Society
Adel Iowa

A photograph of the Margaret Mitchell House in Atlanta, Georgia. The house is a three-story red brick building with a prominent front porch supported by white columns. A large bay window is visible on the second floor. In the background, a modern multi-story office building is visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds. A black street lamp stands in the foreground near the porch.

WHAT NEW SOLUTIONS WORKED WELL?

Margaret Mitchell House,
Atlanta GA

STUDY HOUSES: HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND



Swett-Ilsley House,
Newbury, Massachusetts

**REPROGRAM
FOR A MISSION
BASED USE:
1800 HOUSE
NANTUCKET MA**

1800 House
Nantucket MA

CO-STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENTS: DEADWOOD HISTORY INC. DEADWOOD SD

Historic Adams House
Deadwood SD

Adams


A photograph of the Bathey House in Philadelphia, PA. The building is a two-story brick structure with a central red double door and arched windows. A sign above the door reads "Bathey House". The foreground features a concrete walkway, two red benches, and some landscaping. The sky is blue with some clouds.



LONG TERM LEASES BATHEY HOUSE PHILADELPHIA PA

Bathey House,
Philadelphia PA

LONG TERM LEASES HISTORIC CURATORSHIP PROGRAM: MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Superintendent's House ,
Princeton MA

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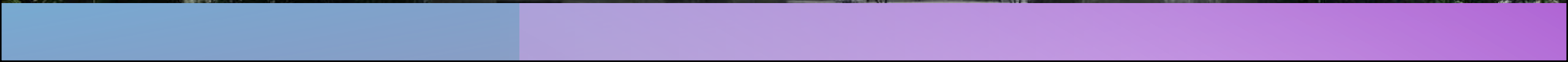
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Mt. Wachusett State Reservation, Princeton

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WHAT NEW SOLUTIONS HAD MIXED RESULTS?

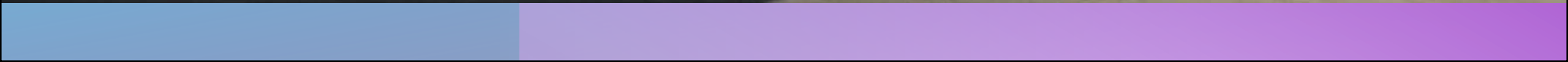
Emily Carr House
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OTHER LESSONS LEARNED



**LESSONS LEARNED
FROM
DIVERSE HISTORIC SITES**

1800 House
Nantucket MA

DIVERSE REVENUE STREAMS

Alice Paul Birthplace
Mt. Laurel NJ





Emmett Till Interpretive e Center,
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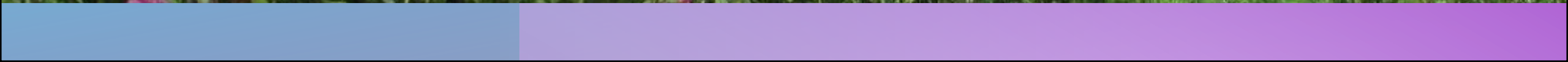
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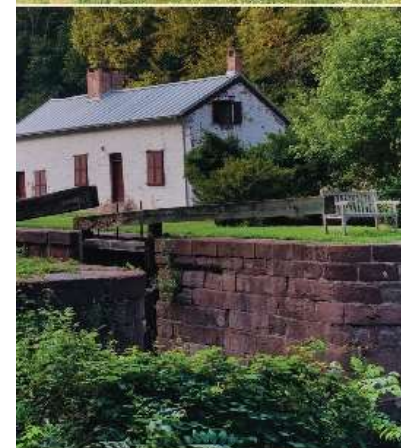
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Seven new case studies have been added for the second edition. The new case studies reinforce the book's central argument that not every historic house museum, whether founded 100 years ago or last month, can be sustained long-term. New interviews have been conducted with the ten existing case studies from the first edition to bring them up to date. The new edition adds two new reuse options to the eight introduced in the first edition. This chapter describes how to identify and implement a reuse decision, costs and advisors needed, and tips on decision making. There is a new chapter-long interview with Tom Mayes, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, on recent legal and ethical issues facing historic sites. Another new chapter provides advice on the essential role of the historic site's Board of Directors as the decision maker for any reuse exploration.

About the Author

Donna Ann Harris has worked in the historic preservation field for 35 years. Since 2004, her firm Heritage Consulting Inc. has provided training, research, and consulting services for historic sites and historic commercial districts on volunteer management, fundraising, heritage tourism development, and organizational development activities.

Praise for the book

"Donna Harris has made a tremendous contribution to the ways in which we preserve and engage with our history through her work to support and encourage the re-imagining of historic sites and house museums to sustain themselves both culturally and financially. The second edition of *New Solutions for House Museums* will continue this in even more impactful and dynamic ways." — **Katherine Malone-France, Chief Preservation Officer, National Trust for Historic Preservation**