

## Volunteer opportunities

### As A Docent

Help guide visitors through our house using our unique collection to tell the story of the historic Groton Bank Neighborhood.

### At Special Events

Join in and help the museum with the many community events we take part in such as CT Open House Day, walking tours, and water taxi tours.

### In Our Archives

Assist in the care and organizing of our vast collection that includes letters, photos and documents.

### In Our Gardens

Help tend our beautiful flowers as well as our historic herb gardens.

### Learn more about us:

For additional information visit our website, [www.averycoppouse.org](http://www.averycoppouse.org),  
To learn about future events, and explore our virtual tour.



Visit our YouTube Channel, **Avery-Copp House**, to see additional short films featuring Mrs. Sullivan and Annie



# Thames River Heritage Park Docent Academy

## Welcome to the Avery-Copp House Museum



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## Welcome Docent Academy!

Today you will:

Get a peak at our Irish Immigrant Living History Program and meet the servants of the Avery-Copp House.

While our house is over 200 years old, the time period that we interpret here is from 1890-1930. At that time the majority of middle and upper class houses employed live-in domestic servants. These women, often immigrants, worked behind the scenes to run the household. Learn about the lives of the Irish Immigrant women who earned a living in homes like ours. See the house from the point of view of the cook, Mrs. Maggie Sullivan, and Annie Murphy, a maid of all work.

Today you are seeing a glimpse of the living history program that we use to help students understand the story of the immigrant experience. This program is also used as a resource for college-level museum studies students to learn how to teach with first-person interpretation.



Join us on this journey as together we climb up the same back stairs as those who were new to this country a hundred years ago.



## About the Avery-Copp House

The Avery Copp House was built c. 1800 on the banks of the Thames River in Groton, Connecticut. The house passed from generation to generation of the same family, and is a wonderful time capsule of local history.

The objects and artifacts within tell the story of life in this lovely Groton neighborhood focusing on the early 1900s. The turn of the century brought with it changes both technological and social, and even changes in demographics as new people joined the community with the rise of mass immigration. See how these changes impacted the lives of people in the past and evolved to our lives in the present.

The museum is located on three acres of terraced grounds overlooking the river with beautiful gazebos and a Carriage House that now contains our archive storage facility.

