

## RESTORATION OF HISTORIC WALKWAY COMPLETED



June 2105---The restoration of the original walkway leading from the street to the front porch was completed in the spring of 2015, made possible through a grant from the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor with matching funds from the Friends of Hearthside.

Over the years, the walkway stones have been pushed up and the surface made very uneven due to frost heaves and drainage issues, resulting in a very unsafe walking surface. It was also not a very welcoming sight to visitors trying to negotiate their way to our door.



Restoration of the side cobblestone walkway, the excavation and re-building of the stairs as well as the front stonewall, which has been covered by years of the rising of the road surface and debris, were also part of the project. Hearthside's walkway and entrance is now welcoming to museum patrons, having been restored to their original beauty.

