

The E. Otis Dyer, Jr. Research Center is open for student research!

The E. Otis Dyer, Jr. Center at the Carpenter Museum at 4 Locust Avenue is a wonderful space for research. It contains the Robert Sheldon Trim Collection of local genealogy and history.

Robert Trim (1914-1988) lived in Rehoboth almost all of his life. His keen interest in the history of the town and surrounding region led him to spend many hours researching and cataloging information from historical archives, 18th and 19th century newspapers, and gravestones. As a well known genealogist in southeastern Massachusetts, he helped numerous people find information about their ancestors. He was active in many historical groups and was a former president of the Annawan Historical Society.

Rehoboth has a rich, celebratory history of 375 years originating with Rev. Samuel Newman and his followers in 1643.

The research center contains many books, records, and manuscripts for research. There is emphasis on Wampanoag culture, colonial life, historical churches, schools, and homes in Rehoboth. The center provides the researcher with early records of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as well as many of their town histories. There are biographies, genealogy, and vital records containing dates of birth, marriage, and death. Cemetery records in Rehoboth and nearby towns compiled by Mr. Trim are also on the shelves. Mr. Trim has categorically identified veterans from Rehoboth and there exists a number of texts and volumes regarding King Philip's War, the American Revolution, the American Civil War, WWI, and WWII here at the center.

Come visit or begin your research here! There is staff here to assist you. We are presently open for the public Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 pm and every 3rd Saturday 9 am-noon and by appointment.

WiFi available.

The Carpenter Museum and Research Center is also looking for volunteers. If you are interested in transcribing some of Mr. Trim's notes onto the computer, we need you! There are also other opportunities for office work, research, hosting museum events, and for giving tours.

Let us know you are interested!

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