



## 150 YEAR COMMEMORATION

The sudden collapse of the Williamsburg dam in western Massachusetts let loose a flood that swept away parts of Williamsburg, Skinnerville, Haydenville, and Leeds. It killed 139 people, all within an hour.

## EVENT SCHEDULE 2024

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

### CASCADE OF BELLS

May 16, starting at 12:10 p.m.  
Various Valley Churches

### THE 1874 MILL RIVER FLOOD

Talk by Eric Weber  
May 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
Williamsburg Congregational Church,  
Social Hall

### COMMEMORATION OF THE MILL RIVER FLOOD

May 18 at 2:00  
Williamsburg Congregational Church  
This will be in person and live-streamed.  
For link: [historicnorthampton.org](https://historicnorthampton.org)

### LEEDS COMMEMORATION GATHERING

May 19 at 1:00 p.m.  
Leeds Chapel, Main St., Leeds

### WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILL RIVER DISASTER?

May 31 at 7:00,  
June 1 at 1:00 and 4:00  
Register here: [historicnorthampton.org](https://historicnorthampton.org)

### PAINTINGS BY FRANCES KIDDER MILL RIVER DISASTER OF 1874

May 1 - May 31  
Talk by Frances Kidder, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.  
Meekins Library, Williamsburg

### ARTWORK AND POETRY EXHIBIT BY DUNPHY SCHOOL 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS

Curated by Nancy Meagher  
May 1 - May 31  
Meekins Library, Williamsburg

### VIDEOS ABOUT THE FLOOD

May and June  
Historic Northampton, during open hours

### FLOOD MEMORIAL TREE PROJECT

May 2024 - 2029  
For more information:  
[info@millrivergreenway.org](mailto:info@millrivergreenway.org)

### FOLLOW THE FLOOD: INTERACTIVE STORY-MAP & SELF GUIDED TOURS

May and June  
Use the QR code to link to 76 Commemorative  
historical markers in Williamsburg, Haydenville,  
Leeds, Florence, and Northampton.



### EVENTS DESIGNED BY THESE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

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