

## HOUSE HOURS:

Putnam Elms is open July thru October on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 pm. A \$4.00 DONATION IS SUGGESTED.  
CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE.

## 2003 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:



- June 29 - Civil-War Presentation
- July 26 - CDPA meeting
- October 18 - Harvest Festival
- November 1 - CDPA meeting

## GETTING TO PUTNAM ELMS

*Putnam Elms is located at 191 Church Street, just north of route 6 in Brooklyn, Connecticut.*

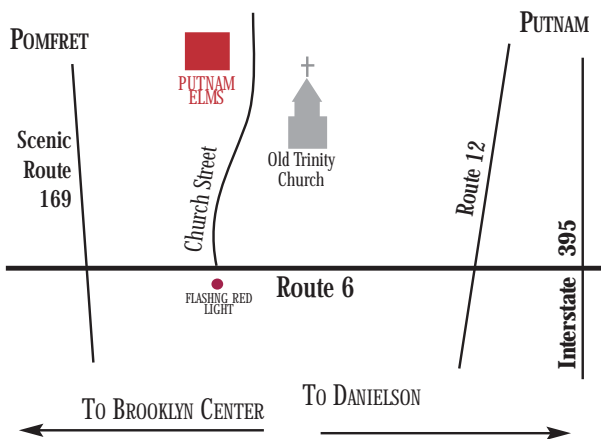
*From route 169 (north or south) –*

In Brooklyn Center take Route 6 East. Follow Route 6 for just over a mile. Turn left onto Church Street at blinking light. The driveway to Putnam Elms is approximately one mile on the left.

*From route 12 or 395 (north or south) –*

Exit onto Route 6 heading West. Follow Route 6 just over 2 miles. Turn right onto Church Street at blinking light. The driveway to Putnam Elms is approximately one mile on the left.

For seasonal schedule and more information  
visit our web site [www.PutnamElms.org](http://www.PutnamElms.org)  
or call (860)774.1567



*The historic home of  
Colonel Daniel Putnam  
and his descendants*

THE PUTNAM

*Elms*

191 Church Street, Brooklyn, CT  
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## Putnam Elms over time

- 1784-1786, Col. Godfrey Malbone Jr. and his brother-in-law Nathaniel Brinley build the center portion of the house.
- 1791, Col. Daniel Putnam buys and moves into the house with his wife, Catharine Hutchinson, who was raised by her uncle, Godfrey Malbone. They add on the north section of the house.
- 1831, Col. Putnam dies and the house is rented to Joseph Head.
- 1844, Emily Putnam, Col. Putnam's daughter, moves into the house with her husband James Brown.
- 1869, James Brown builds the south wing onto house when his son, John Brown marries Eliza Putnam Day.
- 1906, Emily Malbone Morgan purchases Putnam Elms from her cousins after John Brown dies. Miss Morgan is the granddaughter of Catharine Putnam and George Brinley and the great granddaughter of Colonel Daniel Putnam.
- 1938, the Colonel Daniel Putnam Association becomes owner of the house.
- 2003, the Colonel Daniel Putnam Association continues to maintain Putnam Elms, while the doors of the house remain open to the public.



A unique piece of history in  
the Quiet Corner...

*" I have recently heard that the John Browns are thinking of selling their farm. Is it true? ... If it is because of its traditions I would purchase it."*

Emily Malbone Morgan wrote these words to her cousins in 1906 on hearing that the Putnam Elms house was to be sold.



Emily Malbone Morgan

Miss Morgan's desire was to keep the house as it always had been, in the possession of family members. With great foresight, Miss Morgan not only purchased the house, but established a trust to insure its security.

**IT WAS GODFREY MALBONE** who built the central portion of Putnam Elms in 1785 for his brother-in-law, Nathaniel Brinley. Malbone had also built Old Trinity Church in Brooklyn, not far from Putnam Elms.

In 1791 it became home to its namesake, Colonel Daniel Putnam, son of Revolutionary War General, Israel Putnam.

Daniel Putnam had married Godfrey Malbone's niece, Catharine Hutchinson.

The marriage united these families, and established the longstanding tradition of family ownership that Putnam Elms still claims today.

For more than a century Putnam Elms was a family farm. The family was prosperous and from all accounts busy.

*"When, too, the cares of a family devolved upon me and their future support and respectability were left... to the work of my own hands, in conjunction with those of a loving mother, little time was left for literary pursuits of any kind and still less for amusing speculations."*

COLONEL DANIEL PUTNAM, 1814

It was Colonel Putnam who planted numerous elm trees around the property, giving the house its title. Putnam Elms is still home to a few of these precious trees, although most have been lost to Dutch elm disease.

Today Putnam Elms holds the stories and possessions of its numerous family members.

Generations of births, marriages and deaths have all been noted under its roof.



Colonel Daniel Putnam

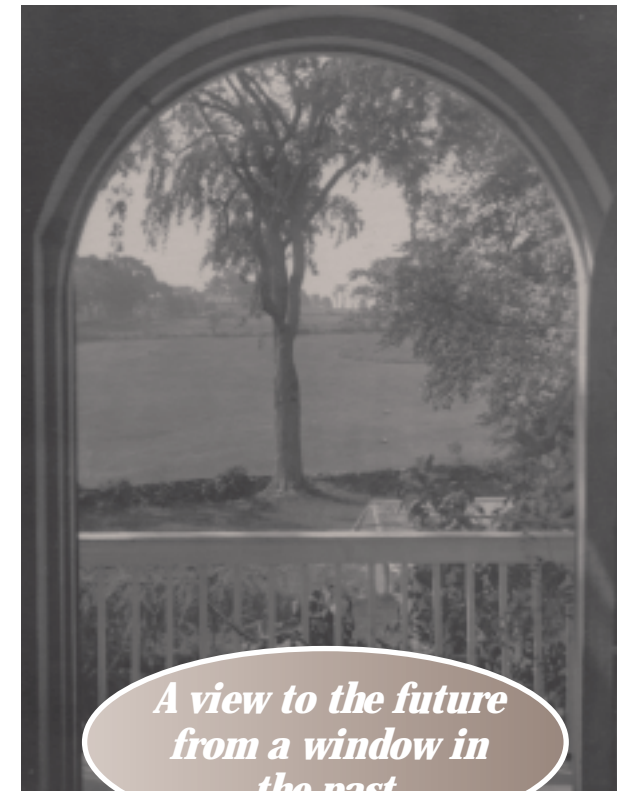
*"April 30th, 1805 an event occurred never to be obliterated from my memory – my marriage with Col. Putnam's eldest daughter Catharine. It took place in the west parlor."*

GEORGE BRINLEY, 1814

The house is still owned by family members today. It is maintained by the Colonel Daniel Putnam Association (CDPA), which was founded at the turn of the twentieth century.

The story of Putnam Elms spans more than two hundred years of American history. Built when our country was in its infancy, it represents a homestead with an unbroken lineage of descendants.

Discover a unique piece of history. Come learn the story of a true New England family at Putnam Elms.



*A view to the future from a window in the past.*