

The 21st Summer Meeting of the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society
June 2-5, 2016
[The Stoweflake Inn](#), Stowe, Vermont

During an extended period of self-imposed isolation following his graduation from Bowdoin, Hawthorne embarked on a tour of New England and the Hudson Valley. In 1832, he visited Burlington, Vermont, where he enjoyed the town square and Lake Champlain, and made observations about the locals, especially the Irish laborers. In the December 9, 1835 edition of *New England Magazine*, Hawthorne published an anonymous account of his visit to Burlington, titled "[The Inland Port.](#)" In the following years, he would make several more references to Vermont in various sketches. Pursuing these lesser-known but fruitful connections, the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society is pleased to host its next summer meeting in Stowe, Vermont.

While we eagerly welcome papers inspired by or in the spirit of this tour, we also invite proposals for papers on any topic related to Hawthorne and his circle. Fully developed sessions, with three speakers and their abstracts and a chair, may also be submitted. Below are some suggested subjects:

- Immigration and Emigration
- Early American Nationalism and Nation-building
- Travel, Tourism and Transportation
- New England
- Ethnicity and Race
- The Irish
- Gender and Sexuality
- Isolation
- Anonymity
- Nature Writing and The Environment
- 19th-century American Periodicals
- The Family
- Religion
- Crime
- Transatlanticism
- Reading
- Literary Influence
- Early Hawthorne (Hawthorne in the 1830s, *Fanshawe*, published work that predates *Twice-Told Tales*)
- Approaches to Teaching Hawthorne (we will hold a roundtable)

We would also like to encourage faculty to consider submitting proposals that include qualified undergraduate scholars.

You need not be a member of the NHS to submit a proposal, but all presenters must be members of the society.

Send proposals to Sam Coale at samcoale@cox.net by December 11, 2015.