

# A B C's



**As you EXPLORE this exhibit ~ be a *Detective*, DISCOVER and *Imagine!***

This A through Z exhibit provides a glimpse into the rich heritage of our community. It showcases 26 objects and images along with captivating stories that represent more than three centuries of history and tradition, passed down through many generations.

Colchester's motto, "Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow," acknowledges both our deep-rooted past and our forward-thinking vision. We learn valuable lessons about our community and the way it has changed over time.

Local establishments provided essential goods and services. Discover places like Cutler's Grain Store, Earl Holmes Drug Store, Ye Olde Well, Gregory's Soda Shop, the North Westchester Post Office, Levine and Levine, the old telephone switchboard, and Sam Stern's Store. They shaped our community and were gathering places for residents to socialize and connect.

Imagine what it was like to visit these places, to see the bustling activity, and hear the lively conversations. These establishments may be gone now, but their impact is still felt.

But being a detective isn't just about uncovering the past. It is also about looking towards the future. As you imagine yourself living in Colchester many years ago, think about what the traditions of tomorrow might be. How will technology continue to shape our lives? What new businesses and establishments will leave their mark on our community? Will our motto, Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow, continue to hold true?

But don't stop there. Use your detective skills to imagine the daily lives of the people who lived here, the challenges they faced, and the triumphs they achieved. Some of those individuals left a mark on Colchester.

Discover the stories of Owaneco, Nathaniel Foote, Lyman Trumbull, James Quash, Dr. Myron Robinson, Annie O'Connell, Earl Holmes, Dr. Cyrus Pendleton, William J, Johnston, Dave Shea, and the Zagray family.

As you explore the A B C's of Colchester history, let your imagination run wild. Be a detective, and imagine the possibilities. Colchester's heritage is rich and diverse, and it is up to you to uncover its secrets and envision its future. Happy investigating!

