



Monday October 16, 2023 at 7:00

"Macabre Attractions: The Willey Slide and Disaster Tourism "

Presented by: Marcia Schmidt Blaine

Just under 200 years ago, Polly and Samuel Willey and their family were killed in a landslide in Crawford Notch. In a bizarre twist, their house was left standing, untouched amidst the destruction in the Notch. When news of the macabre event reached the world beyond New Hampshire, people flocked to see the site, opening the White Mountains to tourism. Marcia Schmidt Blaine, professor emerita of History at Plymouth State University, explores the history of the Willey Slide and its impact in creating the White Mountains National Forest.

Marcia Schmidt Blaine is a professor emerita of history. She earned her B.A. from the College of William and Mary, a Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire, and served a variety of roles at Plymouth State University before her retirement. Along with following her main academic pursuits as a professor, Blaine also worked as Executive Director of the Museum of the White Mountains and of Government Relations for the University. She now continues her research and writing and serves on the board for NH Humanities and the Program Committee for Plymouth



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