

HOOVER HISTORICAL CENTER

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The Hoover Historical Center, a complex of four buildings that presents sweeper and vacuum history, is an active participant in the communities of Walsh University and North Canton. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the mission of the museum is to collect, preserve, and educate the public on Hoover Company history from the birth of its founder in 1849 until 2008 when the company left North Canton. The historic house museum, located on the north side of Maple Street, provides free, seasonal, guided tours. The Hoover Historical Center serves as an integral part of the Museum Studies Program as the place where practicum students learn the basics of giving tours, cataloguing objects, caring for collections, and organizing public events. Students in Museum Studies and other academic programs gain real-world experience by being actively involved in museum operations. Museum visitors can learn about Hoover history through displays that highlight floor care and other household products, innovations in engineering, advertising, and artwork related to The Hoover Company. Public programming includes the Hoover Park Festival, a free community event held in July, children's storytelling in the gardens behind the museum in August, and Christmas on Hoover Farm in December.