



The Erie County Historical Society & Museums was created by the merger in 2000 of the Erie County Historical Society and the Erie Historical Museum and Planetarium. Its purpose is to promote an interest in, and an appreciation of, the heritage of Erie County and the surrounding region. To that end the organization maintains a library and archives, operates the Cashiers House (1839), the Watson-Curtze Mansion (1891) and the Battles Museums of Rural Life. It also offers educational programs and publications for both specific and general audiences and engages in a wide variety of activities which encourage the preservation of information, objects, architecture and historic sites in both the public and private sectors. The organization is headquartered in an 1840 building in Erie's historic commercial district.