



HUB History Podcast Facts

A downloadable press kit including a PDF fact sheet, cover art, headshots, and sample episodes is available at HUBhistory.com/press-kit

Synopsis: HUB History is a weekly audio podcast. In each episode, hosts Jake and Nikki go far beyond the Freedom Trail to share a story from the history of Boston, the Hub of the Universe.

Host: Jake Sconyers (co-host emerita Nikki Stewart)

Schedule: New episodes publish every other Sunday at about 6pm (EST/EDT)

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Format: Usually a scripted historical narrative, with occasional interviews with historians and authors

Availability: Subscribe on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), and most popular podcast apps. Listen to episodes and review show notes at HUBhistory.com. Stream the show every Sunday at 8pm on bostonfreeradio.com.

Branding: We always write the word "HUB" in all caps.

- When writing out the show title, we also capitalize the second H: "HUB History"
- When the title appears in a URL or handle, we do not capitalize the second h: "facebook.com/HUBhistory" or "HUBhistory.com" or "[@HUBhistory](https://twitter.com/HUBhistory)"

Description

There's a lot more to the Hub of the Universe than the Freedom Trail and the Tea Party. Every week, HUB History hosts Jake and Nikki share a fascinating story from the long history of Boston. Sometimes, there are uplifting stories, like the life of [Dr. Rebecca Crumpler](#), who became America's first black female doctor, or [Isaiah Thomas](#), who published the newspaper that helped inspire our Revolution. And sometimes the stories are depressing, like the tragic [Cocoanut Grove nightclub fire](#) and [the origins of African slavery](#) in 17th century Boston.

From the serial killer who called himself [The Giggler](#) to the [brutal pirate](#) whose exploits helped Benjamin Franklin make his name as a printer, and from the [African American writer](#) who inspired the abolition movement to the [eccentric gay architect](#) who laid the groundwork for Boston Pride, HUB History unearths forgotten stories and marginalized people.

Jake and Nikki dig up unknown stories about our founding fathers, like the time the children of John and Abigail Adams took part in a [Thanksgiving day riot](#), or the time [Paul Revere was court martialed](#) for cowardice. And they recover forgotten stories from Boston's 20th century history, like how the so-called "[Spanish flu](#)" first reared its deadly head in Boston, or the running gun battles fought between police and [radical anarchists in Jamaica Plain](#).

Join Jake for a new episode every other Sunday at about 6pm (EST/EDT), then check the show notes for each episode at HUBhistory.com for historic images, maps, and primary sources.

About the hosts

Jake Sconyers has been a Boston tour guide, a volunteer docent at Roxbury's Shirley-Eustis House, and an organizer of History Camp Boston. He is also a runner and an avid photographer.

Nikki Stewart has been a tour company founder and guide in Boston and a volunteer docent at Roxbury's Shirley-Eustis House. Nikki is a drummer and an award-winning apple pie baker. Nikki departed the show in June 2020.

More details

Crowdfunding: patreon.com/HUBhistory

Listeners can support HUB History by contributing as little as \$2 per month to offset the costs that go into creating the show. Everyone who supports the show will get a HUB History sticker. There are special rewards at the \$5 and \$10 monthly levels, including private video chats with the creators and even a host-led tour of the Back Bay.

Production history: One day, Jake and Nikki were working a volunteer shift as docents at a local historic site, and they started trying to one-up each other with obscure stories about Boston history. At that moment, they realized they should start a podcast about Boston history, and they were shocked to discover that none existed already. The first episode of HUB History aired on October 30, 2016. Since then, the show has been downloaded over 350,000 times. During the first year, the show included a "This Week in Boston History" segment, which was replaced in the second year by a "Featured Historic Site" segment. Until October 2020, there was a "Boston Book Club" entry and an "Upcoming Historic Event" in each episode. Nikki departed from the show in June 2020.

Additional Credits

- Episodes are written by Jake Sconyers or Nikki Stewart.
- All episodes are produced and edited by Jake Sconyers.

Honors and Awards



HUB History [was honored](#) with a Preservation Achievement Award in 2020.

Bestowed annually since 1988, the [Preservation Achievement Awards](#) honor outstanding achievements in historic preservation and compatible new construction in Boston. Celebrated for their positive impact on the city's built environment, winning projects are looked upon as models for future preservation work.

Boston Preservation Alliance Executive Director Greg Galer says, "The means to engage people with the history of Boston have grown dramatically, and the Hub History podcast is a wonderful way to expand the connection of the broader public to our pas. The more people who are informed and enthusiastically connected to the stories of the places and people of Boston, the more engagement we have with the desire to preserve these places for future generations. To understand a historic place and the events that happened there is to recognize its value and its connections to lessons valuable to us today."

Reviews/Comments

MassRides/Patrick Higgins

Podcasts to Help You Power Through

(<https://commute.com/blog/podcasts-to-help-you-power-through/>)

Love Massachusetts history but tired of the Boston Tea Party? HUB History is the podcast for you. This hour-long, weekly podcast tells the tales of the Commonwealth's lesser-known-but-equally-important history. My favorite is "Boston's Wild West" (episode 99) as it details Brighton's history as the region's stockyard. Summed up, if you like history and live inside the 128 corridor, this is a podcast for you.

Apple Podcasts/podcadtian-domo

Like milk and a cookie and a shot of rum

For some reason I just feel better after listening to these podcasts. . I don't care if it's tidal mill ponds or pirates, Its like hearing stories from your cool but approachable friends. I practically live on the Jubilee site. I had no idea. I thought I knew it all. Nope!

Apple Podcasts/LTCRyan

Fascinating history

I suggested to my stepdad that he listen to one: we listened for 2288 miles round trip to Alabama! Thanks so much!

Apple Podcasts/kamackin

Boston history's greatest hits

This podcast very thorough and thoughtful. I'm a nonnative resident of Greater Boston, and I really enjoy learning about the history of my new home, and the hosts ability to link events and places let me feel grounded in this city and see how the history impacts the present.

Apple Podcasts/HistoryBill

Wonderful for New England history buffs!

I've listening to this podcast on a weekly basis for quite a while now. Good when it first started and keeps getting better over time. A lot of work on the part of the hosts clearly goes into each episode. Also, I appreciate the diversity of topics covered.

Apple Podcasts/AudreyOWhatever

Bravo! BOSTON!

I really enjoy this podcast. I'm a Boston native and really like Bowery Boys cast about NYC history, so am "wicked glad" there's something along those lines for Boston.

Apple Podcasts/Anonymous User

Highlight of My Week

Love this podcast. I live for my weekly history lesson on Mondays. Both hosts present topics objectively and what really stands out is their variety. While there are plenty of stories about well known figures, they also cover the marginalized people. The Brighton Stockyards episode is my favorite.

Apple Podcasts/Sachem user

Excellent treasure trove of Boston history

Just discovered this podcast recently Didn't take long to realize that they do an amazing job of digging into some of Boston's many, many interesting chapters. Love the interviews and the deep research.