

PREHISTORY IN THE LOWER MERRIMACK VALLEY

The Haverhill Historical Society houses one of the most extensive collections of archaeological material relating to prehistory in the Lower Merrimack Valley.

The artifacts on exhibit range in age from 8,000 years old to the present. They provide evidence of continuous human occupation of the Lower Merrimack Valley for nearly 8,000 years.

The Haverhill Historical Society has a large collection of local Native American artifacts on display



Artifacts include a mortar and pestle used for grinding nuts or grains



A hammerstone used for pounding



Channel gouges for woodworking



Various spear or dart points

Lower right middle point is a Levanna triangular arrowpoint - Woodland era (2000 B.P. to contact)



Plummets or plumb bobs were used to hold fishing nets or lines in place



Mallet heads and spear points were “hafted” or secured to a wooden handle using animal sinew



Stone scrapers were also used in preparing animal hides for use as clothing or bedding.