



# Did George Washington sleep here?

App pinpoints historical sites wherever you are

**H**istory is all around us. The key is knowing where to look. If you have the **History Here** app on your mobile device (iOS or Windows 7), it will tell you where to look.

The app, which was developed by A&E Television's History Channel, is like having your own personal tour guide in your pocket. Using your Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates, or entering any U.S. city or ZIP code into the search field, the app will identify historical landmarks nearby. You can choose how far from your site you want to search, ranging from a one-mile to a 500-mile radius.



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The historical sites are pinned on an interactive Google map. You also can choose to view the sites as a list. Clicking on a pin brings up a description of the site's history. Some sites include photos, links to websites and video. The Empire State Building entry contains some fascinating video of its construction.

The collection of historical sites in the app is by no means complete. Even in areas with lots of history some significant places are not pinned. For instance, in New York City there's a cluster of pins in Manhattan, but the World Trade Center site doesn't have one. According to the iTunes description of the app, new sites are being added all the time. You can even suggest sites

that should be added by emailing [mobilesupport@aetn.com](mailto:mobilesupport@aetn.com).

When I entered downtown Scranton's ZIP code, 18503, the app came up with eight sites within 50 miles:

- **Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces, Scranton**
- **Christy Mathewson Historical Marker at Keystone (College), Factoryville**
- **Sephaniah Reese Marker (inventor of three-wheeled car), Plymouth**
- **Pete Gray Birthplace (one-armed major league baseball player), Nanticoke**
- **Stourbridge Lion Replica, Honesdale**
- **Gifford Pinchot House (former Pennsylvania governor and first director of the U.S. Forest service), Milford**
- **Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Bethel, N.Y.**
- **Martin Guitar factory, Nazareth**

The app features a clean design with simple, intuitive navigation buttons. Icons at the top of each entry allow you to zoom into a street-level view of the location, save it as a favorite, or share it via Facebook, Twitter, or email.

History Here is most useful if you're traveling, or planning to travel, in an area with a lot of historical landmarks. You can easily review brief descriptions of significant sites to help you decide if you want to explore them further. The links to Web sites on the more prominent sites provide even more information and resources to help plan your trip, or enhance your visit.

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