

Day 7: 13th October, Tuesday ~ Shelburne Museum.

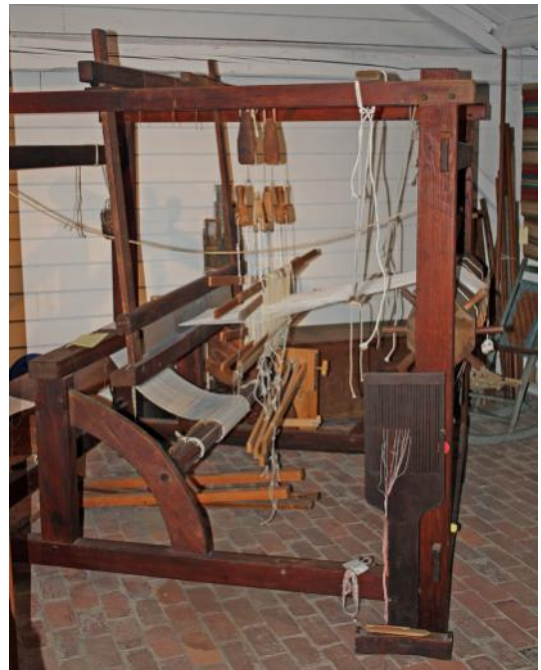
It is raining. A pity because most of today will be spent outside.

Electra Havemeyer Webb married an heir to the Vanderbilt family fortune, James Watson Webb. She was a collector. When one of her homes was closed, she founded the Shelburne museum in 1947.



Rather than confine her collections to a single gallery, she chose to showcase her "collection of collections" in examples of early American homes and public buildings. A general store, meeting house, log cabin, and even a steamship dot the grounds. Some were built on site, others moved here. There is a lot of fast walking for us, this site is 50 acres.





Jacquard loom.



Castleton Jail.



“Stand over there Jan, that’s Castleton Jail.”

We have only two hours here, but manage to enter about two thirds of the buildings. This is a strange but interesting collection of unrelated objects. Several buildings house collections of artwork, paintings, Tiffany glass and woven fabrics. We watch a demonstration of a working Jacquard loom, a blacksmith metal working and a print shop.



Lunch is at Mary's Restaurant in a bed and breakfast in the Inn at Baldwin Creek. Each table has flowers and a small lamp making it cozy.

We return to the Essex mid afternoon and dine later in Butlers.

Baldwin Creek.



Mary's.