

Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts





The “Haystack Prayer Meeting” monument:

- *“On this site, in the shelter of a haystack during a summer storm in 1806, five Williams College students dedicated their lives to the service of the Church around the globe. Out of their decision grew the American Foreign Mission movement.”*

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Application

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