Welcome to the Bidwell House Museum Heritage Garden! This garden was created using seeds and methods similar to those used by the Bidwell family over 250 years ago.

A garden of this proportion would not have been large enough to feed a family the size of Reverend Bidwell's, but it allows our visitors to see the types of vegetables and fruits that would have been grown in 18th century New England.

In response to the pandemic, the Bidwell House Museum is adapting the Heritage Garden to also serve as a community food garden. Head Gardner Ruth Green and volunteers are using compost and mulch to make this a productive space. Like the plant varieties in this garden, these organic gardening tools were available to help the 18th century residents of the Berkshires. Gardening this way shows what a food garden might have looked like for the Bidwells and helps us produce enough food to donate to food banks in Berkshire County.

Above is a map of the current garden layout.