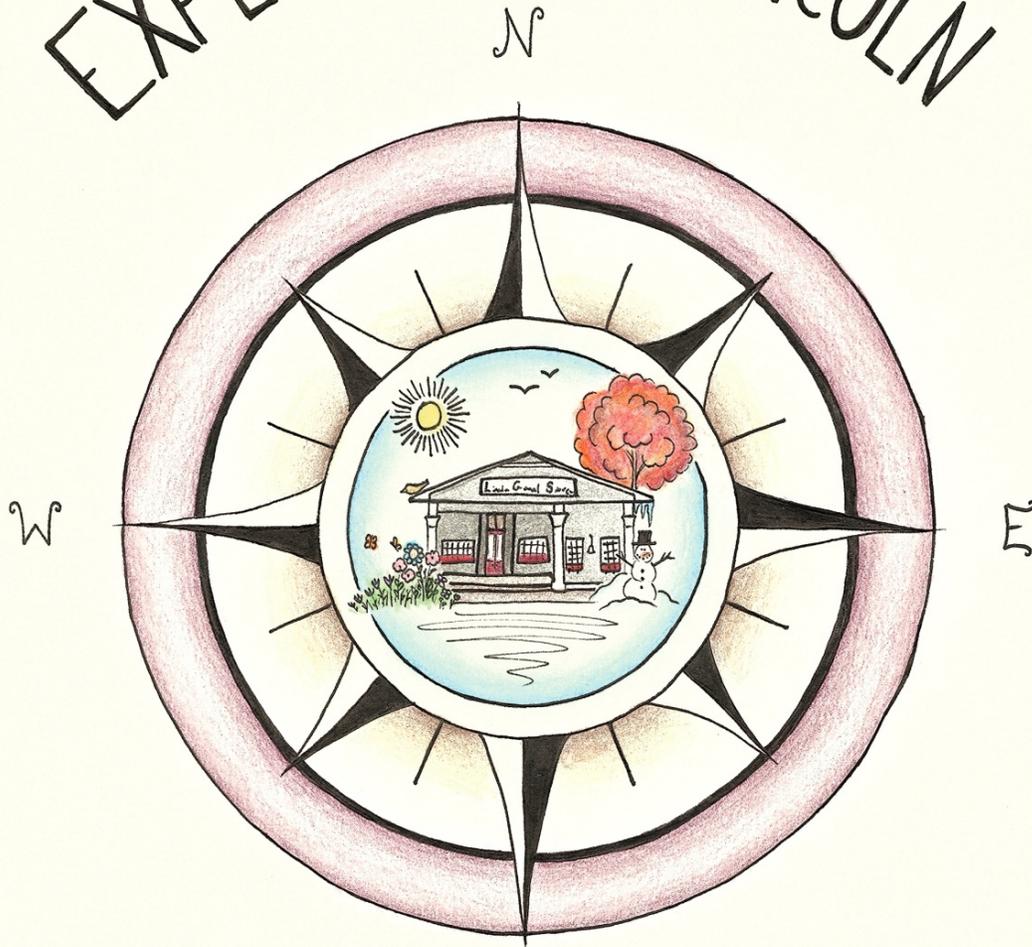


EXPLORING LINCOLN



BY: THE LINCOLN LIBRARY

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CONTACT AND VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

It takes a village... to run a village! Volunteer opportunities abound, and we hope you'll be inspired to lend your time and talents to keeping the Lincoln community vibrant and thriving.

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Inquire at the Town Offices (62 Quaker St.) for opportunities in all our municipal offices and organizations:

Town Governance:

- Board of Civil Authority
- Board of Listers
- Conservation Commission
- Justices of the Peace
- Planning Commission
- Schoolboard
- Selectboard
- Town Report Committee
- Treasurer
- Zoning Administrator and Board
- ...and more!

Public Health & Safety:

- Animal Control Officer
- Bristol Rescue Squad
- Dog Warden
- Health Officers
- Lincoln Constables
- Lincoln First Response
- Lincoln Volunteer Fire Company
- Neighborhood Watch
- Tree Warden
- Weathervane United, Inc. Elderly Housing
- ...and more!

"You don't have to like everyone, but you do have to help everyone"

~Mark Benz passed on this old-timer wisdom from a friend

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This booklet is dedicated to Linda Norton, who served the community in so many ways during her lifetime, and continues to be an inspiration for us all. Twenty years ago, she edited the Hill Country Hunt with an acknowledgment of Lincoln's vital community spirit and all the volunteers who make it possible. We are honored to offer this booklet in the same spirit.

The Lincoln Library is a nonprofit 501(c)3 dedicated to promoting positive growth in our community by providing free access to Library materials, resources, programs and services for people of all ages for their personal enrichment, self-education and leisure. We are funded through a combination of sources and welcome interested volunteers in every aspect of our operations.

This special project, *Exploring Lincoln*, was supported by a grant from the American Libraries Association, through "Libraries Transforming Communities" with the idea of exploring and celebrating what is working well in our town and further encouraging volunteerism by residents of our community.

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LINCOLN COMMUNITY SCHOOL HAIKU* QUEST

...To explore the outdoor learning areas that make our school so special!

Starting point: Stand in the Outdoor Pavilion near the side parking lot and garden, next to the greenhouse.

Magical garden,
restore, explore, awaken.
We learn together.

In groups we gather.
Digging, growing, climbing, fun,
hammocks sway gently.

Follow the gravel path along the river. Notice peace rocks & bluebird boxes. When the fence ends and you see "Whale Rock" on your right, you turn left onto a dirt path. After ~15 steps turn left again, down to the stony beach along the river.

Welcome to Stone Beach.
Hear the New Haven River
flow to Otter Creek.

Healthy habitat.
Fishing, swimming, rock skipping.
Raging and peaceful.

Retrace your steps to the path, turn left & walk next to the river upstream to the stone fire circle.

River bench sits still,
Pines, tarps protect dry learners.
Fire makes light and sweet.

Find your balance here

Beneath magical hemlocks
Shared with birds, beaver.

*a Haiku has 5, 7, 5 syllables in its lines
Enjoy writing them yourself!

Journey path-wise upstream. Whale rock emerges, hike up and steer toward the wood castle.

Strength, balance, chase, climb,
double dragon tongue race slide
twisty wood, rope web.

Wood winged pavilion
Students dig ditch climb dirt knob
Roof water fills ditch.

Follow the path through 4 Squares and the Basketball Courts. Seek 5 tall posts and a welcoming circle.

Post, Post, Post, Post, Post
Stumps guard the crescent wood stage
Slide down to exit.

Head towards the flagpole. Turn left onto the sidewalk. Walk safely to your final destination: the mosaic wall.

The Warmth of the Sun.
find: bear, mountain, fish and fowl
Moon, bat, heavens shine.

In closings there are
Openings to where you've been
Feel it all sink in.

LINCOLN LIBRARY LIMERICK QUEST

This quest will take you around to different areas of the library, just ask at the circulation desk (the 'circ' desk, or front desk) if you have any questions. Takes ~30 minutes.

There was an old lady from Lincoln
At the circ desk she just sat a thinkin'
There's a clue around here
Just not sure if its near
She went back to the tea she was drinkin'.

But there in her cup was a rhyme and a song
the name of a book, now where does it belong?
A computer is the right track
And a walk to the stack
I hope you found it, without getting it wrong.

There in the book you just found
Is a post-it on the last page that's bound
It has your second clue
And what you should do
Can you find it without making a sound?



There's a color in this author's name
And others do share in this fame
In YA you can find
The color of leaves on a vine
And an author whose name is the same.

Next to his book a clue's stuck to the shelf
Taking you 'round the corner by a cute little elf
To find, if you're able
A Dictionary of Fable

And inside a secret spot - surprise yourself!
Books coming back drop in here
Anytime of the day or the year
Oversize, travel and guides
Amaze you and open your eyes
All found in this corner so near.



At the top left of Shakespeare's whole shelf
Is a case, reach up and help yourself
Find a secret place
To a clue in a space
And directions to the Vermont bookshelf.

Lots of books with green tape in neat rows
Each author wrote interesting prose
About Vermont history
Adventure and mystery
In this collection our Vermont love shows.

Above the games on the bottom, far right
Is a book that's big and surely not light
A green herbal squished right in
Next to a green metal tin
Hidden inside it - our stamp, out of sight.



We hope you enjoyed your tour of the Library. Ask us if you would like to make your own stamp booklet. And continue to explore and take out a few books!

A LONG-LOST TALE ~ THE QUEST FOR BURNHAM HALL

Once upon a time... in a village by a river, in a valley under the mountains, there was a beautiful red stone palace. It rose up next to the river with beautiful gleaming white crystal columns. The roof was made of precious stones and round windows let sunshine into the beautiful rooms within. These rooms were decorated with intricately designed tin walls that shone in their magnificence. And the exterior red rocks had been handmade to fit perfectly together. The King and Queen were so proud of their castle and generous with the space that it was their pleasure to invite the townsfolk in for music, plays, and dinners. After a time, they made the palace larger, adding a special raised platform called a stage, so that the performances could be seen even better by the townspeople watching. And the townspeople thanked the King by having a likeness of him made by the magician, which he hung on the wall.

But in those days, there were some ghoulish monsters that roamed the land and were always looking to destroy the good things that people made, so everyone had to be on their guard. One day the scouts found a fire monster roaming. It came closer and closer until it had burned down the building right next to the palace. Only the red stones had saved the beautiful building. Because they had been handmade nearby of the local clays and did not burn. The stone roof held against the flying sparks, too. But the fire did leave some patches of soot on the palace, that is how close it was!

Sometime later the water monster, with his gaping mouth spewing endless water, threatened to flood the whole village. The water rose and rose through the night until part of the palace was underwater and mud came gushing in. The next day the good people came to clean up and saved as many of the books from the royal library as they could. The water receded, but the people made a plan. They devised a magical system of flood gates that flew into place when the water monster threatened. And the next time he came by, those gates kept the palace dry.

But one day another kind of monster came by. It wasn't huge, or wet or burning like those others. It was tricky. It cast a spell that pulled a veil across the eyes of people, and suddenly they couldn't see the beautiful palace anymore. Instead they barely noticed the building, hardly turning their heads to look. The red stone, the stone roof, a few round windows, the stage and ornate tin walls were still there to see for those who looked with the right spirit. But sadly, most people never even bothered to look, and the veil disguised their view.

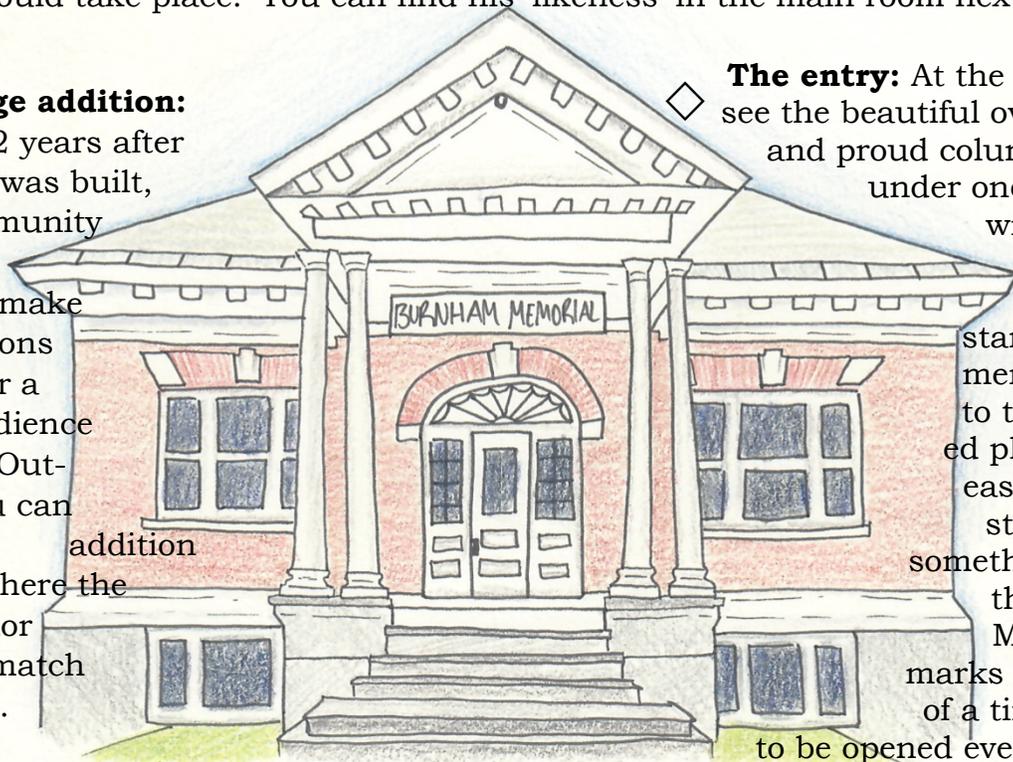


Although the veil may never let us see the palace quite like it was in that magical long-ago time, you will find all the parts of the story there at Burnham Hall if you really look. And in the right spirit, the veil may almost lift from your eyes, and then you too will see the palace right here in Lincoln!

Burnham Hall Points of Interest: Explore the parts of the story while you explore the building. Check each off feature as you find it.

- ◇ **Red handmade walls and stone roof:** This building was constructed of brick in 1920, when the other buildings in town were mostly all made of wood (an abundant resource in Lincoln). The bricks came from the Drury Brick & Tile Co. of Essex Junction VT, founded in 1867, and are made of local material. These bricks saved the Hall from burning in 1924 when three others were not so lucky. From the 1850's onward, Vermont slate was mined in the Poultney area, dubbed 'Slate Valley' - the likely source of the Hall's roof.
- ◇ **Likeness of the King:** Although Walter Burnham was not a king, he was most definitely a very generous philanthropist. He grew up in West Lincoln, the son of a successful ironworker there. Later in life, having made his fortune in the west, he left his money to a place he loved, Lincoln, and directed the funds to be: "...expended for a. Educational, charitable and musical activities; b. Clean and wholesome athletic sports; and, c. rewards of merit to School Children." The townspeople felt that the best way to meet this challenge was by building a community building where these events could take place. You can find his 'likeness' in the main room next to the stage.

◇ **The stage addition:** About 12 years after the Hall was built, the community added a stage to make productions easier for a large audience to view. Outside, you can find the addition line, where the brick color did not match perfectly.



◇ **The entry:** At the Hall's front, see the beautiful oval windows and proud columns. Inside, under one of the oval windows, you will find a box with a stamp to document your visit to this treasured place. On the east side of the stairway, find something special: the outline of Mt. Abraham marks the location of a time capsule, to be opened every 25 years.

- ◇ **Flood of 1998:** On the night of June 26th, the river water rose quickly and steadily until it reached about 5 feet in the back, on the first level; you can see the high water mark delineated there. This destroyed the library that operated out of that space. Afterwards the Burnham Hall Committee researched flood control measures and had a system of window flood gates and a below ground pumping system installed. Although it requires an engaged and responsive team to install (doesn't magically fly into place!) it has saved the interior of the building from further damage by the Storm Irene in 2011. Link to the full story: <https://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/CPR-VERI-Toolkit-Floodproofing-CaseStudies.pdf>

art by Vivian Sigfried

GOING ON A HUNT AT THE LINCOLN GENERAL STORE

Over the years, Lincoln has been served by several general stores, in West, South, and Central Lincoln. The one we know today was first opened in 1843. The store you enter now is what remains after two fires – these old photos show the attached boarding house and second story that used to be there. This store has been a place where people from town have come to purchase items for almost 200 years... and you will find that there are a lot of old and interesting things in here!



Let's go on a "hunt" in the store!

Starting in the front of the store.... Can you find the following things?

- Deer antlers - how many?
- A glass Clorox bottle
- A Birds Eye match box
- Old bottles - how many?
- The cost of Clark's candy marked on a box
- Compound White Pine syrup



Continue around the store, and don't forget to go into the other two rooms.
Can you find...?

- Somewhere it says "Worms live here"
- A very old-time scale hanging up
- A 10-compartment metal candy holder
- Items made in Vermont - how many different items?
- "Peace" and "Love"
- Tree trunks with letters carved in them
- A seasonal display
- Greeting cards with owls
- Clothing with 'Lincoln, VT' written on it
- A clock

Name as many people as you can that work at the store:

Introduce yourself and thank them for all they do for our town! Politely ask if they have a stamp for your quest booklet.



CEMETERY QUEST: MAPLE AND LEE CEMETERIES

Bring a compass if you have one. Estimated walking time: ~ an hour. Starting at the library, use the clues below to find letters to spell the word that answers this sentence:

What should you bring to the cemetery?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

The sidewalk is the place to start,
Next to where the cars are parked.
After the bridge, take a left turn,
A path goes up by a big patch of fern.
Onto a wide grassy path, then bear right,
up the incline, Lee's Cemetery is in sight.

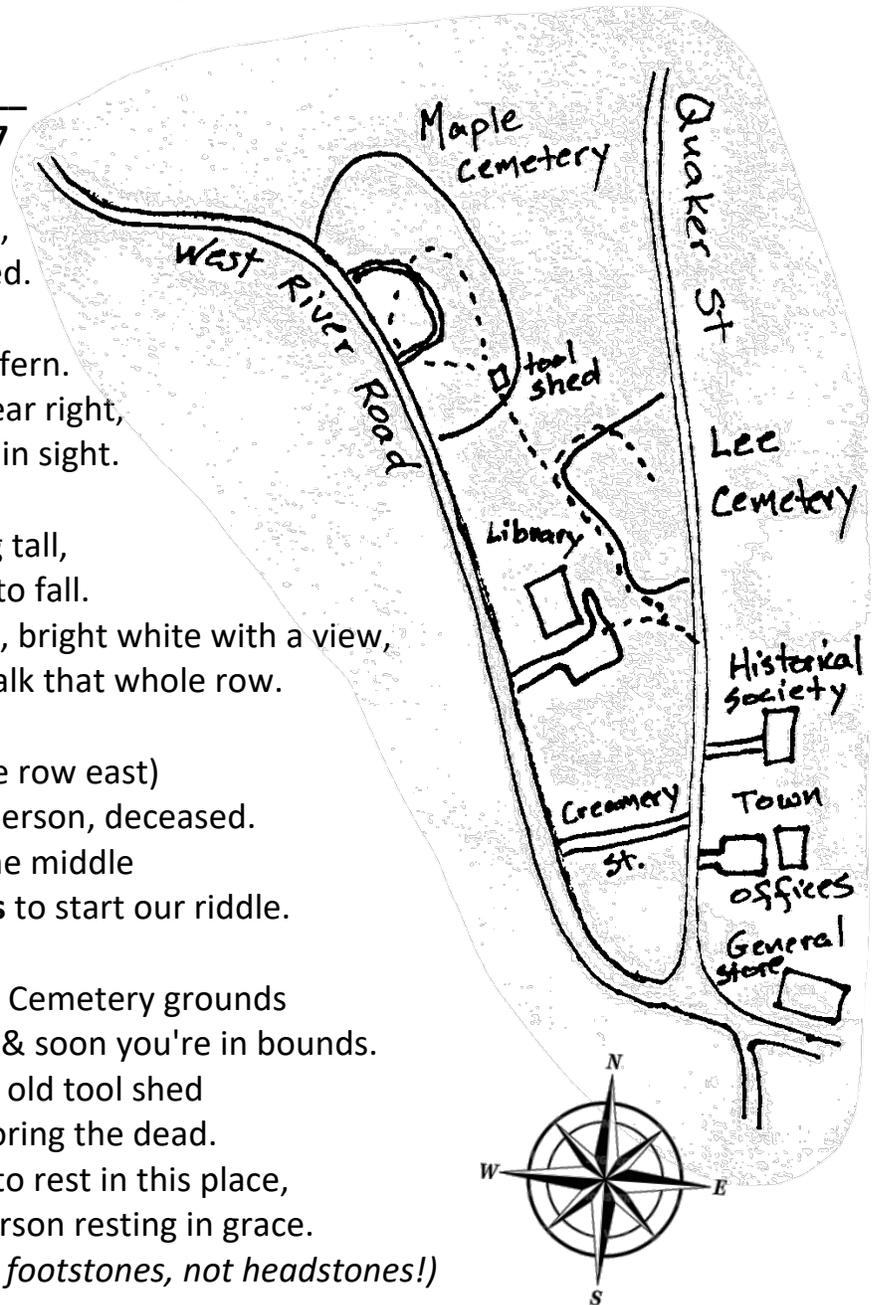
Peaceful rows of stones standing tall,
though some are leaning, ready to fall.
Head to the southernmost stone, bright white with a view,
Turn around to the North and walk that whole row.

On a stone near the end (but one row east)
The last name is a color, of this person, deceased.
Take the 2nd & 3rd letter out of the middle
Make them your **first two letters** to start our riddle.

Begin your descent to the Maple Cemetery grounds
Past the old stairs, a sharp right, & soon you're in bounds.
You are entering the back by the old tool shed
To an even larger cemetery honoring the dead.
They've come and they've gone to rest in this place,
Each footstone marks a loved person resting in grace.

(These are footstones, not headstones!)

We are looking for letters and need not go far,
West from the shed door there's the grave of Eubar.
Mr. Eubar, who died in 1942 - his first name's 3rd letter is our **third letter**, too.





Toward the row of maples, giving this cemetery its name,
 See the curving road, up the next hill, which way to aim?
 Head downhill and along the road edge fence,
 Look around and you'll find a nice reddish bench.
 It welcomes friends to come and sit -
 Now take a moment; do you have a favorite?

Further North you'll see a black bench without a back
 Nearby an Arborvitae tree and from there, engraved ducks that quack.
 You need two letters from Charlotte and Erich (#5 and #6 in their last name)
 To put into spots **#4 and #5** in our word game.

A pyramid, engravings, owls and birdhouses
 Families and strangers, soldiers and their spouses.
 Gardens and quotes, stories and more
 Take a stroll around the cemetery and time to explore.



After looking around, head back to the shed,
 nearby is a tall monument, kind of red.
 The 6th letter of that last name is our last letter too (**#7**),
 and Helen's middle initial (look left) is our final letter clue (**#6**).

Annette Thayer Morgan who rests right here
 Was a founder of our library, which we hold so dear.
 Before you leave, see a slatted bench by the trees
 Find a stamp and sign a guestbook before you leave.



Annette Thayer Morgan

Congratulations!
 You have finished the Cemetery quest.

Thank you: Mary Lou Harding, Evelyn Sprague, Lucy Lawson, Ari Lipkin, Wiley Hanf, Laura, Ellie and Robby Newman, Deb Heleba and Emilia Colo and others who all worked to create this Quest.

Special Thanks to the Lincoln Cemetery Association for taking care of this special resting place for so many loved ones. Volunteers and donations are always welcome - see Judy Brown (453-4563) for more details.

FOUR CORNERS OF LINCOLN HISTORICAL TOUR

Start & End Point: Lincoln Center. Time: 1 hr by car; 1.5-2 hrs by bike. Distance: 16.5 mi.

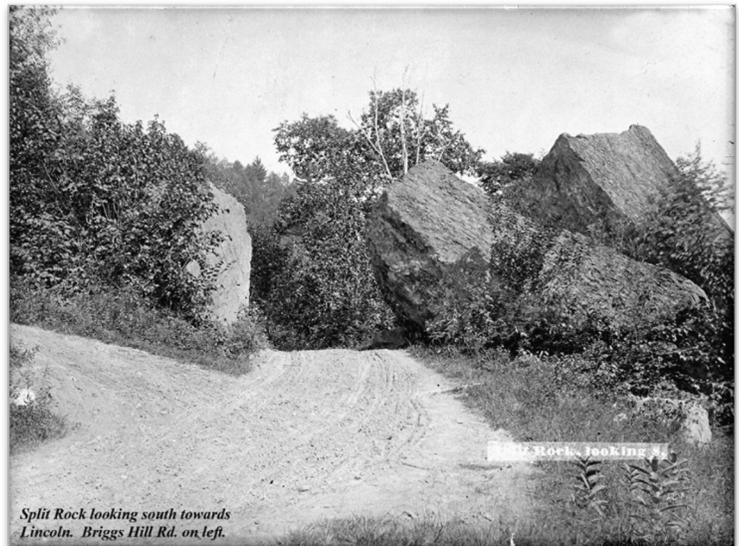
★ *Nice places to stop are marked with a star here and on the map on page 13.*

Head North on Quaker Street, the oldest street in town, named for the many Quakers who were its first settlers. As you climb up the dirt road and approach the intersection with ★ Isham Hollow Road, look on the right for a round **Monument** set in a fenced lawn. This is your first stop (~ 150 yards before the intersection). It was erected by descendants of Chase Purinton in 1903 celebrating Chase and his family settling there in 1803. The first Quaker Meeting House was built in 1810, .2 mile up the road; its cemetery remains in the field's SE corner. Chase shod his cattle for the long and difficult walk from New Hampshire when he brought his family here. He and his sons built the town's first grist mill and the monument is built of grist mill stones. The Purinton descendants continue to live in this area, and all over the country, and hold reunions annually, occasionally here in Lincoln.

Head up to the corner and turn left (west) onto Isham Hollow Road and follow down the hill past where its name changes to Colby Hill Road (a neighborhood formerly known as Keeseville), and then to Briggs Hill Road. This was **the original entrance to Lincoln**, opened in the 1820s, and the settlers had to walk or ride this steep route to get anything they could not make or grow! Notice the old **Briggs Hill Cemetery** on your right as you proceed to the bottom of Briggs Hill.

At the bottom, take a hard left and pull into the big lot on the river side of the road. ★

The Lincoln "old-timers" call this corner **Split Rock Bend**, and here starts the second road forged between Bristol & Lincoln. The road's original route was much closer to the river, where the parking lot is now. Split Rock was a ledge that largely blocked the route we know today, but for a narrow passage that at first was just big enough to fit a horse and buggy. In 1932 the state helped with the job of straightening and widening the road, and then in 1963-64 the rock on the left in this photo was blasted even more, creating this parking area for the popular Bartlett Falls swimming spot. Can you see the remains of the rock ledge formation, shown above on the right? Hint: look between the parking lot and the river.



Proceed up River Road, following the New Haven River upstream into **West Lincoln Village** – this cluster of houses and a school was the second area of Lincoln to be developed and once served the workers of the nearby mills and forges, including Burnham Iron Works.

Take the bridge on the right leading up to York Hill. The first farm on the left is the scenic York/James/Parker Farm, birth-place of Bristol's Bill James who celebrated his 110th

★ birthday July 9th 2021. Continue in the southerly direction, and onto West Hill Road. At the intersection with Browns Road there is an expansive view of Mt. Abraham (4,006'; formerly Potato Hill), named for Abraham Lincoln and part of the Green Mountain National Forest, which surrounds Lincoln on three sides. The forest was designated in 1932, and has been expanded several times over the years.

Continue south on the West Hill Road to the intersection with Ripton Road; turn left

★ downhill into **South Lincoln**. Take the second right – Mill Road. Several mills were here, and as you enjoy this nice little road along the river, pause as you head left across the bridge

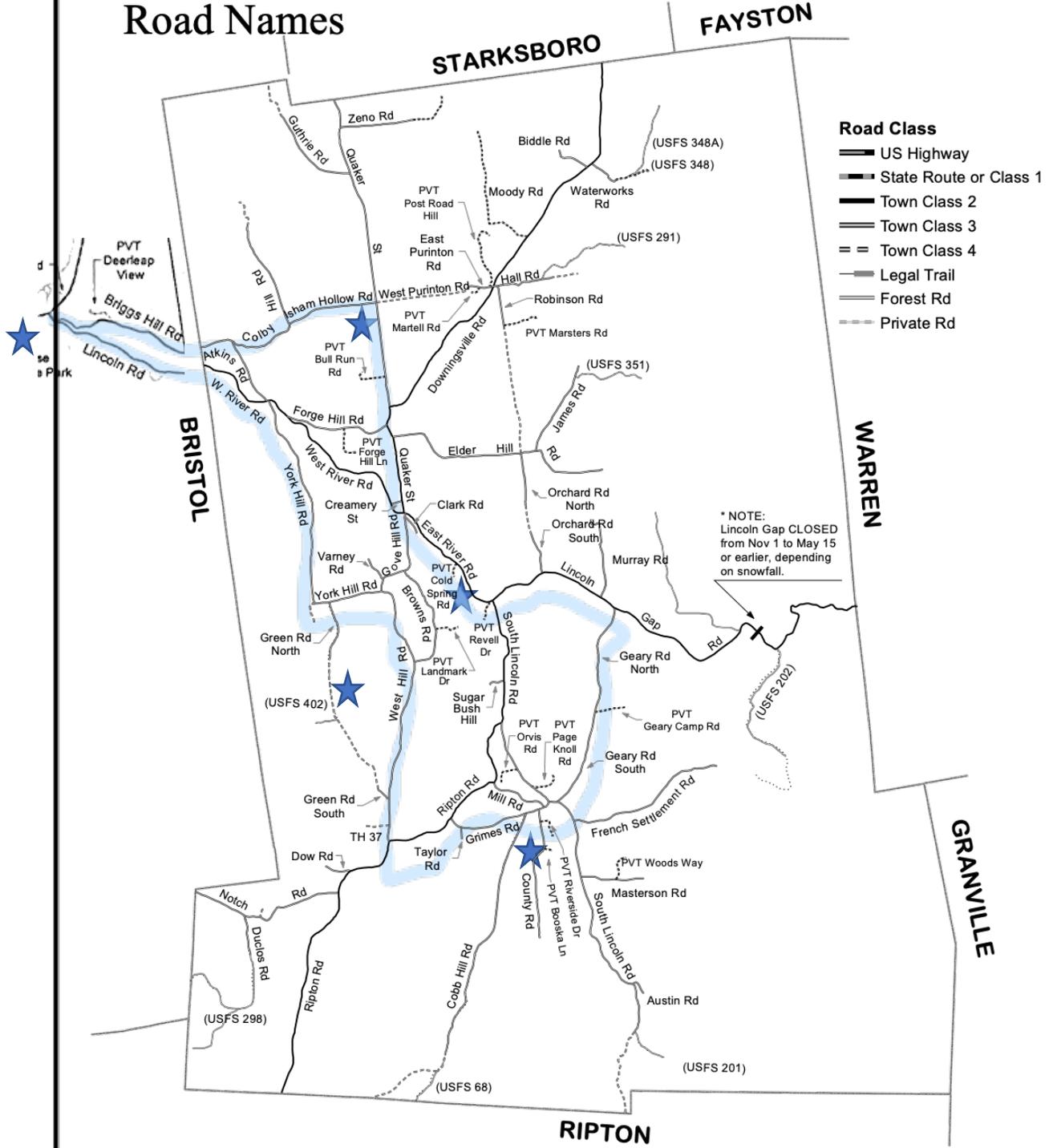
to look down into the gorge, then continue up the rise to the South Lincoln Road. This village once had its own store (the building still stands to the left, but is now a home) and many mills. In 1875 there were 16 mills in all of Lincoln, turning out wooden goods including shingles and clapboards, barrel staves, butter tubs, and boxes. South of here, the roads lead into an area known as the Big Basin, and the remaining peaks of Vermont's Presidential range: Mounts Grant, Cleveland, Roosevelt, and Wilson.

We will turn right (south) and then an almost immediate left onto Geary Road, and follow it to its end at the Lincoln Gap Road, just below the Goodyear Farm. This road provides a more modern way to access the gap, a popular recreation spot; the original route having been up French Settlement Rd. To close our loop, take a left (west) downhill and continue across

★ **Garland's Bridge**, a favorite swimming spot, onto East River Road. Continue into town and notice the **old 'Center Mill' property** on the left, which once made butter tubs and bobbins and later, pallets. It was a major employer in town from its opening in 1890 through its close in 2007. It is now a property services business, behind which you can take a dip on a hot day (parking area to the far right). This area became Lincoln's main hub in the 1860s, with the establishment of the post office and churches here. Lincoln's current population of 1,323 (2020 census) is nearly what it was at its peak in 1880 (1,368). For more on the town center's buildings and former residents, see the two Lincoln Walking Tour booklets available around town. Find a quest stamp hidden on the front porch of the Lincoln Historical Society building, next to the Town Office.

Thank you to Rhonda Hutchins of the Lincoln Historical Society (LHS) and Reggie Dearborn of the Bristol Historical Society. If you find local history interesting, stop by the LHS, visit: www.lincolnvthistory.org, or stop by the Library. Special thanks also to our route testers: Harriet Szanto and Alan Pistorious.

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Lincoln Sports Ramble

Let's take a walk over the bridge across from the  , and behind the fire station.

If it's late Spring, you may find a  game in progress, or a family or group enjoying games and a  under the pavilion.

Now, if you've brought your ball, you can wander down the field to shoot some  the court.

Camp meets here in Summer! Lincoln Sports Camp is relaxing and fun, and can include hiking, kickball, tennis, pickle ball,  in the river or local lakes, and crafts.

Or if it's a Fall afternoon, the field might be home to fierce  competition between local elementary school students.

Let's head up to the  and pickle ball courts! Continue up the road past a couple of houses and look to the right. You can start up a game with equipment from the box!

Need an activity for a Winter day? Hike or drive to the top of the  , the southern boundary of the Lincoln Sports, Inc. property. We call it the ski tow hill, because it was on this hill in the 60s that an enterprising group of Lincolnites first erected a rope tow for skiing, and started Lincoln Sports, Inc! The ski tow is, unfortunately, long gone, but you'll still find folks  when there is snow. Bring yours and enjoy the ride!

Special event! Each February, LSI hosts the annual Hill Country Holiday. During this Winter carnival, you'll find community  , lunches and dinners, a.....

Parade, and a variety  extraordinaire with music and laughs!

Other activities can include a snow sculpture contest,  , a bonfire - fun for all ages!

Really, it's easy to participate in all the  , and continue the LSI traditions!

To add your own  , just contact one of our members or come to a meeting. Contact info: Christie Sumner, luvskater@yahoo.com or 453-3231.

So, enjoy your visit! A  for your quest booklet can be found in the pavilion.

Special thanks to Christie Sumner and Laura Newman for helping create this ramble!

PASSPORT PAGE

At the end of each Quest, put your stamp here!

<p>Quester, what is your name?</p> 	<p>Lincoln Community School Haiku Quest:</p>
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