16 Pine Hill

Many families in town had one or more wood lots and constructed logging or wood roads to access them. One of the longest of these roads was over Pine Hill, which ran from Exeter Road to Walnut Avenue. Remnants of this road can still be seen between the lots at Pine Hill subdivision. In 1801, only a few stands of virgin forests for ship masts were remaining.

17 Rocky Nook

A convenience store and Jenny Gas Station, operated by John White, were once located at the north corner of the current North Hampton Shopping Center. Pete

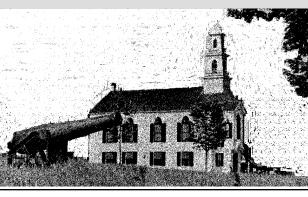
Lamie's miniature steam engine "Smokey Joe" railroad was also located in this area great fun for all.



18 Stage Road—Country Road

Post Road (Hwy 151), probably the oldest road in town, has had many different names. When it was just a horse trail in 1658, it was known as Country Road. 1670, horsemen carried mail between Portsmouth and Newburyport, but not on a regular basis until 1733; monthly service began in 1758. Isaac Marston built the first garrison in 1675. The first Leavitt Tavern opened 1700. By 1761, it was called Stage Road because stage coaches were stopping at Leavitt's Tavern to refresh horses. In 1774, the mile post was put into place along the postal route. Townspeople lined the road in 1789 to see George Washington ride north to Portsmouth. The Dearborn "Half-way Tavern" opened in 1792 on the corner of Exeter Road and Stage Road (half-way between Portland and Boston).

Old Locales of North Hampton



and the Myopía Hunt

Annually, prior to WWII, hunting horses, fox hounds and scarlet-jacketed riders would arrive by train in Hampton. They walked their horses to Ann's Lane and then mounted them for the (fox scent) "drag hunt." Riding up Mill Road to Goose Neck Road (South Road) in North Hamp-

ton, then up Post Road to Moore Place (opposite Centennial Hall), then galloping on through Grandview Terrace (which was then a field), leaping fences and stone

walls on their way though the fields to Cherry Road and Drake's Bridge. Following the cry of the hounds down the hill to Rye and Washington Road, they would finish the hunt in Greenland, then board the train for their return to Hamilton, MA. Follow their North Hampton route (indicated by dots) on the map inside.



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1 Barton's Hill

Winnicut Road to Stratham was a logging road in 1659. Captain Benjamin Thomas built a garrison in 1700 on the south side of Barton's Hill, one of the highest hills in North Hampton. The house at 69 Winnicut Road, once a harness shop purchased for \$20, was moved up hill by 34 yoke of oxen and a pair of horses 500 feet (to its present location).

2 Brumble Hill

Brumble Hill, or Bramble Hill or Brumley Hill, in the area of 65 Walnut Ave., was known for its many bramble bushes. One of the highest points in town, it was a favorite tobogganing and ski slope.

3 Birch Plain

Birch Road, once also known as Cow Lane or Cow "Pat" Alley, was one of the last dirt roads in town. Cattle were herded to pasture to the Dyer's farm along this path, hence it's nickname.

4 Dearborn's Hill

Near the current tennis court (Dearborn Park), Samuel Dearborn built his house in 1688. It was a dairy farm until the 1940's.

5 Keene's Hill

On Post Road (formerly Country Road) was a farmhouse at the top of the hill (close to 70 Post Road), owned by a woman named Keene. This is one of the highest elevations in town, so the hill was named after Ms. Keene.

6 Lobbs' Hole (or Lobbs' Hole Rd.) On Mill Road, east of Pine, there was a boggy area with cranberries and skunk cabbage at the corner of Simon Garland's pasture, referred to as Lobbs' Hole as early as 1814.

7 Drake's Hill

Lafayette Road (Rte 1) and



North Road (also known as Drake's Bridge). 1715: Abraham Drake farm house built; 1777: Col. Abraham Drake raises a regiment to fight the British at Bemis Heights, NY, drawing artillery with oxen from North Hampton to Saratoga, intercepting Gen. Burgoyne. Thomas Leavitt was his quartermaster, Dr. Levi Dearborn (as surgeon) and Capt. Moses Leavitt led the company.

8 Fish Houses

In 1804, a road was petitioned to the fish houses which began to appear along the North Hampton coastline. Fishermen stored their boats and fishing gear in these structures, now used as seaside retreats.



9 Little River

The area east of (Saw) Mill Road to the ocean is the area known as the Little River community. The school house was built in 1759. In 1761, New Cut Road (then called Little River Road, later to become Atlantic Avenue with modifications) connected this area to the North Hill meeting house. The oldest headstone in the cemetery is dated 1796. The Little River Church was constructed in 1832. 40 Atlantic and east became the Little Boar's Head precinct. In 1999, this area was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

10 Mill Pond Area

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The area west of the dam on Mill Road is referred to as the Mill Pond area. Four mills were in this area, with the first operating in 1672. Until the mid-20th century, this was a favorite area for skating and play-

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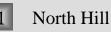
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1677-Four men killed by Indians; **1677-Four men killed by Indians;** 1703-Fortified garrison; 1738-1st meeting house; 1741-1st school house; 1761-2nd meeting house built; feasts/ festivals/athletic competitions held here. 1763-Parsonage moved to hill; 1776-Drum beats war alarm; 1824-Gen. Lafayette received tribute; 1816-Paul Revere Bell rings for the first time (moved later to Town Hall); 1825-Brick school house built; 1876-Centennial Hall built as a school and community center and was the only school between 1940 and 1950 after Little River school closed.

12 Page Town

West end Exeter Road—The David Page House was built in 1762 at 77 Exeter Road, which is one of the oldest homes still standing. Customarily, the first born son would inherit the main house and other offspring would receive lots subdivided from the family farm forming a "town" within the town.

15 Town Pound

Corner of Hobbs Road and

Atlantic Avenue across from

13 Portsmouth Electric Railway

The trolley operated between 1900 and 1926. Much of the gravel used for laying track was hauled over Pond Path, which was a one-lane cart path to the sea until 1970. The trolley route was between Portsmouth and Hampton along the seacoast with a spur along Atlantic Avenue to the railroad station.

14 Railroad Station Area

In 1965, the railroad passenger service through North Hampton ended 125 years of continuous service.

