

Johnsburg Historic Markers

1. The Story of Route 28

Called the "Central Adirondack Trail," Route 28 is part of New York State's system of Scenic Byways. It is approximately 140 miles long.

2. History of North River

Now more than 200 years old, the quiet rural hamlet of North River reveals the history of the regions pioneer settlers, the forest industry, garnet mines, and

3. Verplanck Colvin

Verplanck Colvin was a lawyer, but he'd become known as the Great Surveyor of the Adirondacks and was an advocate for the preservation of the six million acres that now make up the Adirondack Park.

4. The Forest Preserve & Adirondack Park

Comprising six million acres, the Adirondack Park contains the largest wilderness area in the eastern United States.

5. North Creek Turntable

Most steam locomotives are designed to operate in the forward direction, although they can operate in reverse at low speed. Diesel locomotives can operate equally well forward or backward, but it is still desirable to orient them in a forward direction.

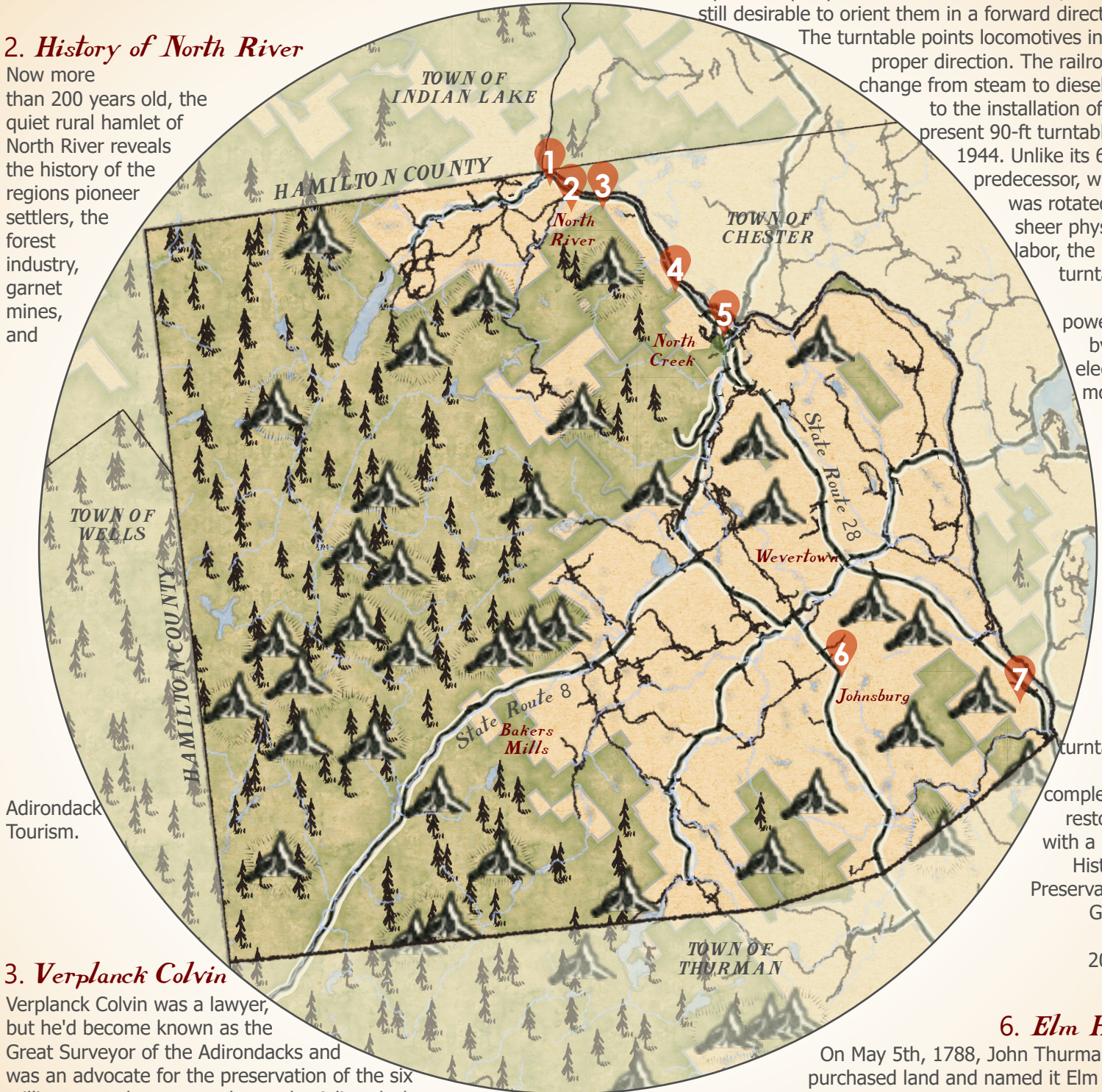
The turntable points locomotives in the proper direction. The railroad's change from steam to diesel led to the installation of the present 90-ft turntable in 1944. Unlike its 60-ft predecessor, which was rotated by sheer physical labor, the new turntable was powered by an electric motor.

6. Elm Hill

On May 5th, 1788, John Thurman Jr. purchased land and named it Elm Hill. He lived here and he was known for bringing industry and farming to the Adirondack region. He died in 1809.

7. Matthew B. Brady

Matthew Brady was an internationally known figure and much of what we know of the Civil War and famous leaders of the 19th Century comes from his photographs.



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The
turntable
was
completely
restored
with a NYS
Historic
Preservation
Grant
in
2003.