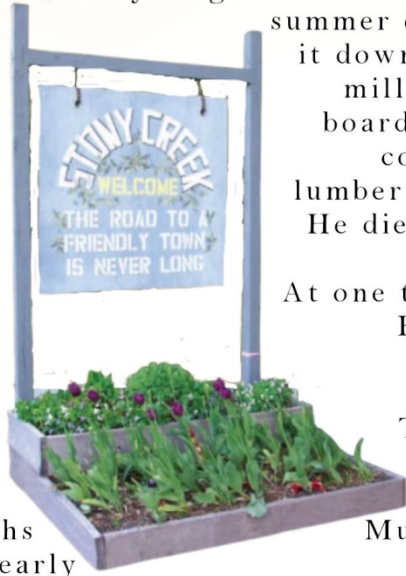


Town of Stony Creek Fun Facts

- 1** At one time there were 5 churches, 3 post offices and a general store.
- 2** In January 1852, John P. Bowman, a tanner, moved to Stony Creek from Vermont, established a tannery and put our town on the map.
- 3** The "P" in Bowman's name stands for Porter.
- 4** There were 10 school districts in Stony Creek. District #4 was unique because it was a two-story, one room schoolhouse.
- 5** The bell of the Stony Creek United Methodist Church weighs 457 pounds and can be heard nearly a mile away. The bell cost \$200.
- 6** The Stony Creek Free Library was founded in 1916.



7 Christopher Columbus Gill, an early settler, (1809-1884) planted a birch tree on his property when he was a young man. He cared for it until the summer of 1883 when he cut it down, took it to the saw mill and converted it to boards. He then had two coffins made with the lumber for he and his wife. He died in March of 1884.

8 At one time, the 13 Lanfear Road property was a chicken farm.

9 The pond located on the trail system on the east side of Murray Road is named Wickens Pond.

10 The last steam train left Stony Creek Depot in September 1948 heading southbound. D & H continued regular train activity until the 1980s.

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- Stony Creek Free Library
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Stony Creek is more than the four corners, or Creek Center. There is a lot happening on "The Other Side of the Creek," including hiking trails and local history. It is the intention of the committee to help point out Stony Creek history and all that is happening away from the four corners. The master plan calls for a bridge to connect the park to the trails in the back.

Our hope is that this history day will become a yearly event and grow bigger and better each year.

Dean Farm Trails

1. Meadow Ramble West:

ADA accessible
length: 0.36 mile
surface: crushed stone/boardwalk
difficulty: easy

2. Picnic Point:

ADA accessible
length: 0.17 mile
surface: crushed stone
difficulty: moderate

3. Woods and Water:

ADA accessible
length: 0.23 mile
surface: crushed stone
difficulty: easy

3 A. Evergreen Alley

ADA accessible
length: 0.1 mile
surface: crushed stone
difficulty: easy

3 B. Deer Run:

ADA accessible
length: 0.1 mile
surface: crushed stone
difficulty: easy

4. Barn Yard:

ADA accessible
length: 0.07 mile
surface: crushed stone
difficulty: easy

5. Homestead:

ADA accessible
length: 0.03 mile
surface: crushed stone
difficulty: easy

6. Meadow Ramble East:

length: 0.36 mile
surface: crushed stone/boardwalk
difficulty: easy

6 A. Sled Hill:

length: 0.06 mile
surface: crushed stone/unimproved
difficulty: moderate

6 B. Bald Head

View:
length: 0.1 mile
surface: unimproved
difficulty: moderate

7. Stream-side:

length: 0.27 mile
surface: unimproved
difficulty: moderate

8. Woodland Loop:

length: 1.08 mile
surface: unimproved/boardwalk
difficulty: moderate

9. Enchanted Forest:

length: 0.57 mile
surface: unimproved
difficulty: moderate

10. New Trail:

length: 0.37 mile
surface: crushed stone
difficulty: easy



1"=500'

Stony Creek Cemeteries to Explore

1. McDonald:

1000 ft east of intersection of States and Lens Lake Rds on south side of road.
350 ft south in the woods.

2. Porter:

On Lens Lake Rd, 1.1 miles from intersection with States Rd, on the right, 150 feet west in the woods.

3. Fuller:

On Lens Lake Rd, northeast corner of intersection with Fisher Rd, visible from the road.

4. Weaver:

700' northwest on States Rd from intersection with Lens Lake Rd. Due north 350' in the woods.

5. Burt:

2000' north on States Rd E, in woods behind log cabin on east side. Currently inaccessible.

6. Goodnow:

On States Rd, 1.5 miles from intersection with Harrisburg Rd, on north side of road, visible from the road

7. Dean:

2.4 miles south of Stony Creek Center on east side of Hadley Rd. Look for Dean Cemetery Access Rd.

8. Henry Wait:

2 miles south on Hadley Rd from Stony Creek Center. 600 feet on Hill Rd, then 200 feet north in the woods.

9. Harris:

1.7 miles south on Hadley Rd from Stony Creek Center. On the west side, visible from the road.

10. Wheeler:

0.8 mile south on Warrensburg Rd from Stony Creek Center to Cudney Hill Rd. Cemetery on east side.

11. Gill:

Just northwest of Stony Creek Center on Harrisburg Rd. Up the hill behind 30 Harrisburg Rd.

12. Van Auker:

3.3 miles on Harrisburg Rd from Stony Creek Center. Up Carberry Rd on the right, at the end of the road on north side.

13. Dingman:

2.1 miles on Hadley Rd from Stony Creek Center to Riley Hill Rd. 0.6 mile on Riley Hill Rd, on south side of road, 300 feet in the woods.

14. Glassbrook:

5.7 miles on Harrisburg Rd from Stony Creek Center. At intersection of Glassbrook Rd, next to church.

15. Van Dusen:

0.5 mile on Harrisburg Rd past Church to Darling Rd. Right on Darling Rd, 800 feet north, then 650 feet northeast in the woods.

16. Scofield:

0.7 mile west of church on Harrisburg Rd. Visible from the road.

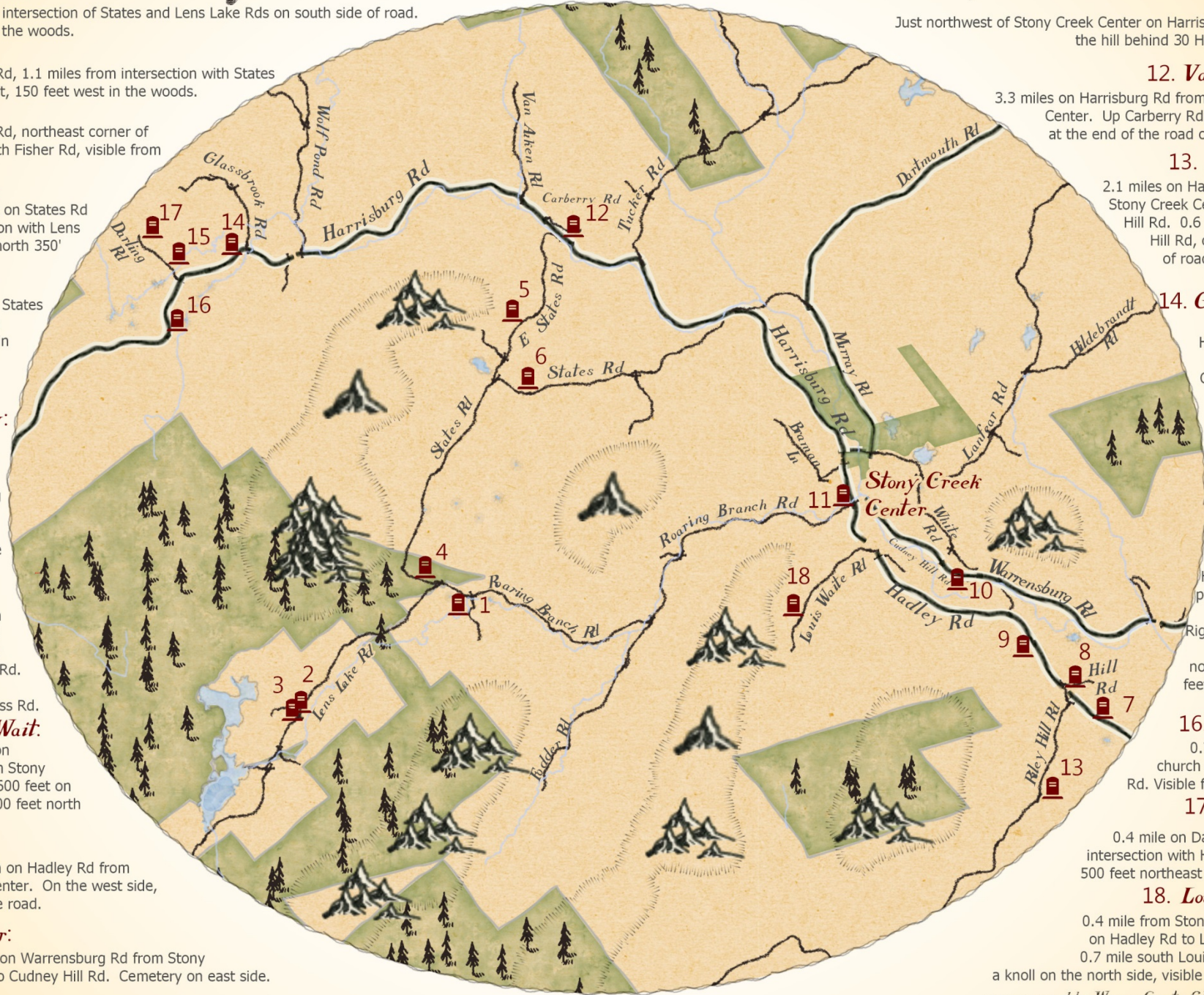
17. Darling:

0.4 mile on Darling Rd from intersection with Harrisburg Rd. 500 feet northeast in the woods.

18. Louis Waite:

0.4 mile from Stony Creek Center on Hadley Rd to Louis Waite Rd. 0.7 mile south Louis Waite Rd, on a knoll on the north side, visible from the road.

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Stony Creek Historic Markers

1. Stony Creek Dude Ranch:

10.4 miles on Harrisburg Rd from Stony Creek Center. The Stony Creek Dude Ranch was started by Earl Woodward in 1935. He came from Forest Lake, Ohio. Earl purchased the site from Jack Arehart who had conducted the Stony Creek Country Club and earlier the Lake House. Also located here was District #10 school, post office, general store, hotel and cottages. This area was known as West Stony Creek, later changed to Harrisburg.

2. Gristmill:

On Harrisburg Rd, across from States Rd. This building was first operated as a blacksmith shop and once as a saloon. When run as a gristmill by Melvin Winslow, it generated waterpower from the adjacent creek.

3. Tannery:

Next to the Laundromat on Warrensburg Rd. In 1852, John P. Bowman purchased an incomplete tannery which stood on this site. He finished the tannery and built additions to it until it had a capacity of 40,000 hides per year. Men came from other states to work in the tannery and many townspeople were also employed there. After the death of Mr. Bowman in 1891, the tannery operated sporadically until 1905. It was demolished in 1921.

4. Dean Farm Heritage Trail:

At Dean Farm on Murray Rd. The John Dean family first appeared in the 1820 census. John and his wife had 13 children, including Francis Dean, born in 1824. In 1871, Francis and his wife built the Dean Farm homestead, which is now a museum.

5. John P. Bowman:

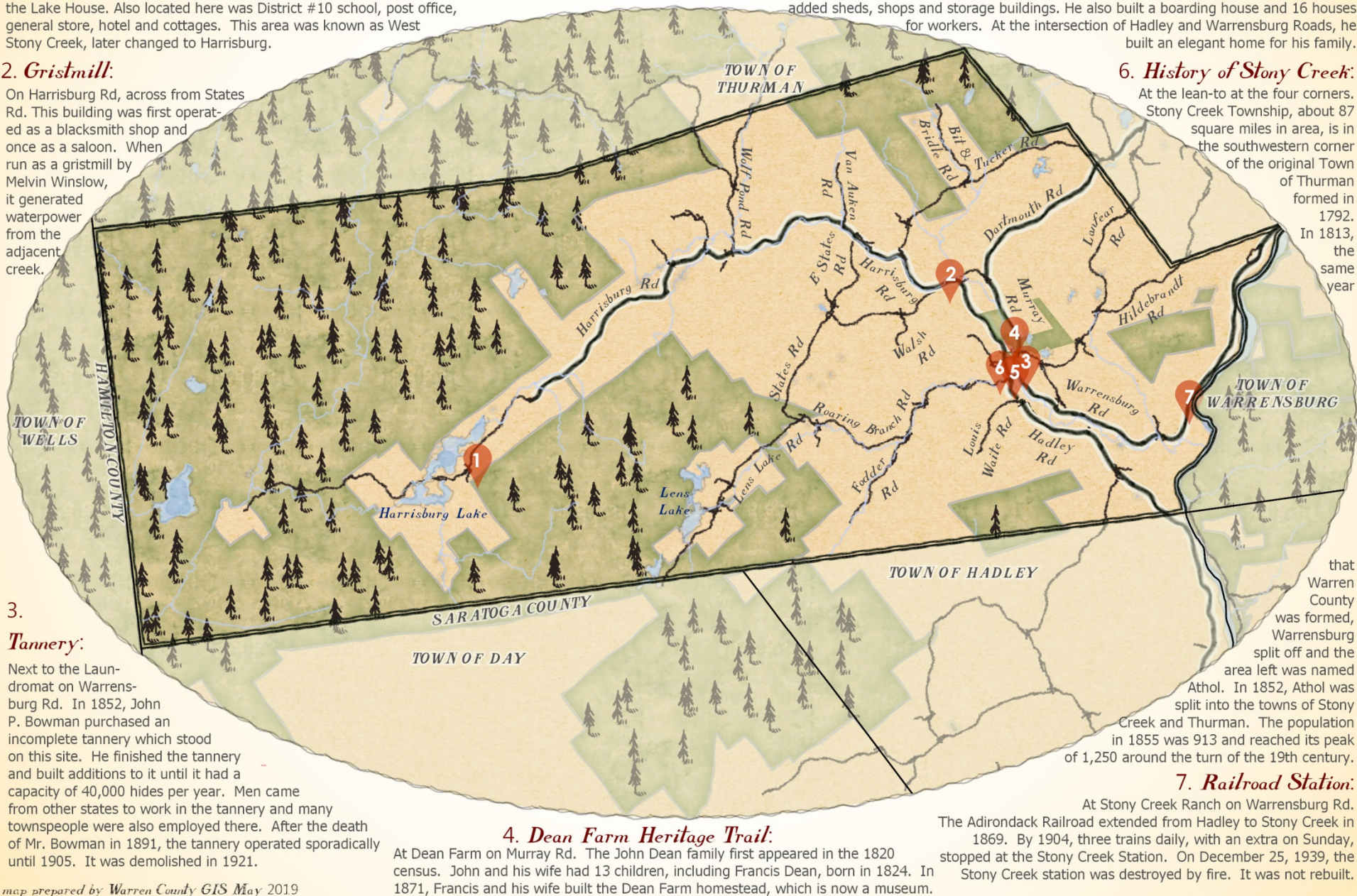
Two markers next to the Post Office. John P. Bowman, a well-known businessman from Cuttingsville, VT, moved to Stony Creek in 1852. He purchased an incomplete tannery, which, with a sawmill and three houses, were the only structures in the village of Creek Center. He completed the tannery and added sheds, shops and storage buildings. He also built a boarding house and 16 houses for workers. At the intersection of Hadley and Warrensburg Roads, he built an elegant home for his family.

6. History of Stony Creek:

At the lean-to at the four corners. Stony Creek Township, about 87 square miles in area, is in the southwestern corner of the original Town of Thurman formed in 1792. In 1813, the same year

7. Railroad Station:

At Stony Creek Ranch on Warrensburg Rd. The Adirondack Railroad extended from Hadley to Stony Creek in 1869. By 1904, three trains daily, with an extra on Sunday, stopped at the Stony Creek Station. On December 25, 1939, the Stony Creek station was destroyed by fire. It was not rebuilt.



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