



## The Cornish Flat Village Quest

### Cornish, New Hampshire

Physical Difficulty: Easy  
Special Features: Historical  
Duration: 1:00  
Bring: compass!

*To get there: From the Lebanon Green head south on Route 120 until you come to the village of Cornish Flat. Your Quest begins at the Cornish General Store, located on the west side of Route 120—and adjacent to the Green at the heart of this village. The General Store marks the location of the old Cornish Inn. Park there and begin your Quest!*



### Super Quest 2019: Gateway to Summer Fun

This quest is one of 25 featured in this year's Super Quest challenge to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vital Communities. For the rest of your adventure: [vitalcommunities.org/superquest](http://vitalcommunities.org/superquest)

Now that you're here...

Make sure to check out the CREA Natural Communities Quest as it's also on the Super Quest list! If you're lucky, you may be able to spot many animals that live in the area.

**Clues:**

The Cornish Inn

In this Inn of a few buildings  
28 rooms were for guests  
Part was used for dances,  
Where people were especially dressed.  
Sadly in 1927- it burned to the ground...  
The trucks took too long to get around.

Walk north on 120,  
Then turn left on Stage Road.  
When you get to the church,  
You can put down your load.

The Meeting House/Baptist Church

An old building built in 1789  
and it is still standing fine.  
The bell rings every hour  
in a high, high, tiled tower.

The church is old, very old,  
and it has lots of mold.  
In the summer there are sales  
People buy vegies by the pails.

We love this place and you will too.  
So hop in the car with your jolly crew.

Drive towards the man standing on stone,  
Cross a busy road, but don't go alone.

The old Thornton Store is very near,  
Pretty soon you'll be there.  
Drive towards the green sign  
and a STOP facing east.

At the corner, turn left  
and look up School Street.  
Look ahead to a maple and 10 cedars tall  
The yellow house to your left is the old Thornton Store!

The Thornton Store

In this store was a chessboard  
where townsfolk did play.  
By an old heating stove they sat  
part of the day.

Old Corb, the grocer, sold groceries and grain,  
Equipment and tools in the sun and the rain.  
He came to your home to see what you'd need  
and return Tuesday noon, his cart loaded with feed .

At the steps of the store  
You might want to explore  
At the turn-around go left  
and a few steps more.

Look both ways and go east  
as your cross School Street  
A granite stepped building is what you will meet!

### George Stowell Library

This building has stood for many years.  
When you walk by, it just appears.  
On the wall inside is a serious face  
of the famous Judge Samuel Chase.  
George Stowell gave money for this place of books,  
Right next door is the place for crooks!

To get from books to the place of crooks,  
Turn right, walk ahead 25 steps.  
A golden doorknob you will see,  
More granite and curved windows three.

### The Selectmen's Building and Old Jail

Only one person arrested could dwell  
In the old iron jailhouse cell.

The office was built in 1888.  
It also had a big, steam fire proof safe.

Then the jail was added on,  
For people who were punished  
and let out at dawn.

Look up School Street and head towards the hill  
Count 123 steps and then stand still.

Look up and see a big letter, G.  
In front of the old schoolhouse you will surely be.

## The Mason Hall / Old Schoolhouse #6

The big G out front has many lights  
The children there learned and reached new heights.  
Many children sat inside,  
A place to learn, a place to strive.

The schoolhouse bell no longer tolls,  
For now this is the Mason Hall.

The Masons have owned it entirely  
Since the mid 20th century.  
The G stands for God and Geometry,  
the noblest of sciences and deity.

Go north from the steps, 23 giant steps  
To the road, look both ways,  
see the giant archway.

12 more giant steps and you will most likely be  
at the old Cornish Flat Cemetery.

## The Cornish Flat Cemetery

Big gate, white paint, 338 stones  
Sally Thomas stands out--  
Here rest her bones.  
She worked for 500 dollars  
Through thick and thin,  
And her house was close to the Cornish Inn.

She was a servant and very young,  
Not aware that her life had just begun.  
Many years later, she was 44 years old,  
I hope she died peacefully in her Cornish home.

Start at the gate, head for a large tree.  
21 steps is what it will be.  
Step right of the tree,  
Walk diagonally (northeast).

26 steps to Heath and G.A.R.  
Keep heading northeast, but not too far.  
A split tree in the distance  
Is what you will see.  
Standing just to the right

of the potato chip cherry.  
It takes 32 steps to the stone marked, Electa.  
She was the good wife of a man named, Elisha.  
Go along the stone wall another 12 steps  
to the stone marked, Thomson (Elizabeth).

Go ahead 5 steps, turn left, down your shoulder,  
you should see a large cracked boulder.  
The treasure beneath it you should view  
Inside is more learning for you to do!  
Congratulations on finishing this quest.  
We worked hard and did our best!

**Please be a good steward of the land: leave it better than you found it and pack out any trash you find.**



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Have a suggestion, question, comment, or idea for us? We'd love to hear from you. Reach us at [valleyquest@vitalcommunities.org](mailto:valleyquest@vitalcommunities.org) or 802-291-9100.