

# Alton Historical Quest

Alton, New Hampshire

**Type of Quest:** Historical\*

**Walking Conditions:** Pavement\*\*

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**To get there:**

The Quest begins in downtown Alton, NH  
 23 miles east of Tilton, NH; exit 20 from I-93  
 GPS Coordinates: 43°27'15" N, 71°13'11" W

\*Bring along a writing implement to complete the word scramble.

\*\* Please look carefully when crossing the street.

**You are about to begin the Alton Quest.  
 Follow the cryptic clues to the treasure chest.**

**Before you begin you must know  
 Please watch out wherever you go.  
 Our roads are busy with cars and trucks  
 Look both ways so you don't get struck.**

*Stand in the center where the green grass grows.*

*It's an island in town, this we all know.*

*How many evergreens were once planted there?*

*Write down the number in the following square.*

People would gather in this central place even though it didn't have a lot of space.

A statue for people who went before, who gave their lives while away at War.

*Face the man and look to your right.*

*Head straight ahead to find your next site.*

*There are 8 windows bigger than you.*

*Stand in front and read your next clue.*

Back then this place was an old-fashioned Wal-Mart  
 And the supplies came from Dover by ox cart.  
 Even though it has been painted it is still the same sign  
 From when the mail was carried up by pulley line.

*This time go left and look for granite posts.*

*They surround the building for horses at most.*

*Count them all and don't skip one.*

*Write down the sum \_\_\_\_\_; now on with your fun.*

This once was an inn where a guest to town  
 Would carefully lay their tired self down.  
 Colonel Savage the keeper and old Tom, his horse  
 Rest in the cemetery on Main Street of course.

*Cross the busy street where you find white lines.  
 Walk to your right and this building you'll find.*

*There's a path of red bricks with a building big and tall  
 You'll notice a big window on the front facing wall.*

This building used to be a Grange,

But over time it's made a change.

At social gatherings local farmers would meet  
 To help the economy so people could eat.

*Retrace your steps, but don't cross the street.*

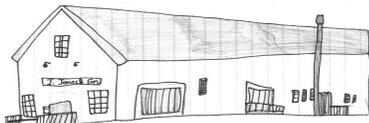
*Look for a balcony then stop with two feet.*

*There are big pillars that you'll find;  
 Read the next clue, if you don't mind.*

It was a corkscrew factory at one time.

Established four years before 1879.

A tool for all bottles for a while  
 Until bottle caps came into style.



*It's time to go left past the tall brown poles  
 When you see the green sign, stop with your soles.  
 Look for numbers on the museum sign  
 Please write them down on the following line \_\_\_\_\_*

*A long time ago a factory was here.  
 It made 10,000 pairs of shoes each year.  
 When it burned down it made so much heat  
 It broke the windows across the street.*

*Skip the next building but stop at the third  
 It's time for a break before moving onward.  
 Notice the glass that goes down to the floor  
 How many windows are on the front door? \_\_\_\_\_*

*A delicious HEALTHY soda drink  
 That is pretty weird, don't you think?  
 Here in a pharmacy it was found  
 A happy place to gather around.*

*Look for white stripes and carefully cross the road  
 Go to the clock and move faster than a toad  
 When did we dedicate this public place?  
 Record the year, here in this space \_\_\_\_\_.*

*For many reasons towns people would come here to meet  
 And the fire and police stations were under their feet.  
 Above your head stands a giant clock tower,  
 It struck for years every hour on the hour.*

*Go down the hill and look for the gate  
 Back in time you'd find a ride if you weren't late  
 Stop at the long building with the big wooden door  
 Read your last clue while facing the big porch floor*

*When the train replaced the oxen  
 This building was built for boxen.  
 It held supplies for the general store.  
 You are finally at the end of your tour.*

You are almost finished with the quest.  
 Now it's time to find the treasure chest.

Look back through the clues and collect six underlined numbers.  
 This process is sure to help you no longer wonder.

Each number has it's very own line  
 But it must be spelled out so the letters align.

You'll unveil the location of the hidden box.  
 It's spelled below in the vertical blocks.

To the right of the puzzle there's empty space  
 For you to stamp so you remember this place.

We hope you enjoyed exploring our town!  
 Please be sure to spread the word around  
 About this quest that we designed  
 For a project in school with you in mind.

