Roxana’s Quest

Peacham, Vermont
Moderate
Architectural, Historical
Pavement
:45

To get there: Travel north on I-91 to the Barnet exit. Take a left and travel west approximately 7 miles to Peacham. In South Peacham, you will make a right turn to go uphill into Peacham (opposite the Bayley Hazen Country store). Take the second right turn (NOT Mill Trace Road) and park in the Peacham School parking lot. The Quest begins behind the school.

Clues:
On this Quest you will learn
About Roxana’s family as you twist and turn.
Find the map outside the door
Up above the pavement floor.

Walk in rods and you will see
The next leg of this mystery.
Follow the driveway round the bend
You'll find two houses but that’s not the end.

Stand with your back to the signs

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Commented [21]: What if people do not know what rods are?
Cross over the road between the lines.
Up the path, to the west, count white houses 1 – 5.
Stop before the Post Office drive.

This marks the spot
Where education was important to Roxana Watts.
In this building they did teach
Chastina, Lyman, and Alice, each.

Find the first letter, first row on the sign ___
Then go to the 10th letter, on the second line, ___
Find the O in the state you are in ___
Then find any A and continue then ___
Next, the last letter in the FIRST is cool, ___
Finally, the 5th letter in the name of the Grammar School. ___

Now add this name to the word INN
Where Chastina and Alfred Rix of Roxanna’s kin
Lived in this house across the street
Look for eight front windows lined up neat.

North of this house look next to the door
For 6 times 100 + 24,
This marks where Roxana’s grandson began his life
Delivered by Dr. Farr on a wintry December night.

Commented [22]: This clue is confusing—is it 6 times the sum of 100+24 or six times 100, then add 24?
Around the corner there’s a picket fence.
Go to the house with the little green bench.
In this house lived Isaac’s widow Ellen
With her young daughter by the name of Helen.

At the end of the fence, up towards the hill, count 1 – 11
Sidewalk sections until
You are done and you look up on high
At a time-teller up in the sky.
And there beneath you will find a design
That will say when the church was organized.
Attend did Roxana’s own Lyman, Isaac, Alice and Ella
And it was here that Chastina married her fella.
Go up the hill like Jill and Jack
Passing on the left the Blacksmith Shack.
Then you will see the Historical House, run by
Lorna Quimby.
There at the top of the hill will be
A sign with outstretched arms like a tree.
Go straight to the monument across the green
Where dead soldiers will not be seen.
Dedicated by Roxana’s child, Isaac Watts,
Who read the names of those who were lost.
Gone from this world during the Civil War,
Where life and blood dropped on the floor.

Cross the road to the white fence
Guarding the graves
Of many folks that have passed this way.
Follow the cemetery road down to the bend
Then go straight forward and comprehend
Those folks from Peacham who have passed
Sometimes slow, sometimes fast.

At the iron fence so near
Follow it back to the rear.
Then go left behind,
See the rock with Martin’s name near the top.
Look to the side and you will see
Roxana’s home for eternity.
This includes the graves of the “stay-at-homes”
Where they lie near their mother under
The grassy loam.

Behind the stone, here ends the Quest
With a small box called a treasure chest.
Here also concludes this wonderful story
Of a Peacham family in all its glory.