



## Littleton's Historic Main Street Quest

### Littleton, New Hampshire

Easy

Architectural, Historical

Pavement

2:00

Bring: Money, Pencil

*To get there: Take Exit 41 off Interstate 93 to Main Street Littleton. Take the second left on Main Street onto Mill Street. Take a quick right behind the Littleton Village Bookstore. A left at the stop sign will lead to parking spots along the Ammonoosuc River and the Mural. This Quest takes 1 hour and 45 minutes if you stop to read the plaques and browse. Please note that the Grist Mill is only open Wednesday through Saturday from 10am until 5pm.*

#### Clues:

*Welcome to our Main Street Quest.*

*Come and try it, be our guest.*

*To find the place we hid the treasure,*

*It's not hard. We did not measure.*

*Just unscramble the letters to find the space.*

*Where we hid the box in its special place!*

*Put your letters in the box labeled key*

*It will make it easier for you to see.*

*Welcome to the Mill Street/River Walk part of town.*

*Watch for the new-covered foot bridge to walk around.*

*With the mural to your left, walk down the Mill Street hill.*

*In your sight should be the old, red Grist Mill.*

*It used the river as a source of its power.*

*It turned the Grist Mill Wheel to grind grain into flour.*

*Solomon Mann opened his business in 1798.*

*His business grew and others came too, to make it first rate.*

*This area became the center of the village, a place to meet.*

*This part of town was the original "main" street.  
This working mill has been restored. Please take the tour.  
Go inside to shop, see the mill work, and learn much more.*

You've seen the Grist Mill now step out the door.  
Continue on the quest to find some more.  
Climb up the hill and stop at the top.  
When you get there you'll notice a shop.  
Main Street's oldest building is here.  
Turn right, your next destination is very near!  
Now you're going to visit the world's longest candy  
counter.  
Go right inside and take a look around.  
This building is one of the favorites in town.  
Take the first and the last letters from Mike and Ike.  
And then you can buy anything you like!



1. \_\_\_\_\_

You are standing out upon the street.  
The sound of music moves your feet.  
Chutter's candy is dandy, we all agree,  
But there is another building you need to see.  
Facing the street, move to your right and pass Harrington  
Block.  
It will be well worth your walk.  
The first brass plaque that you can see,  
Tells of the Tilton Opera Block's history.  
Henry Tilton, Gold Rush bound,  
Came here four years later to our hometown.  
He opened a building, the one right here.  
1881 was the year.



Tilton Opera Block, since days of old,  
Has always housed six shops, I'm told.  
Apartments, offices and mercantile  
Have been in this building for quite a while.  
The name and the date of this building are found  
At its center near the top, not near the ground.  
The letter you need is right at the start  
Of the scrambled word, this is a big part.  
In 1945, Littleton's stamp and coin began on the second floor.  
It's now located in the Industrial Park, if you want a tour.  
Today, the brick building of Tilton's name,  
While old, its use is really the same.

A yarn shop, a bookshop, a florist, and food.  
Live weekend music will set the mood.  
Now know as the Arts District of town,  
For fun and entertainment, come on down!

2. \_\_\_\_\_

To your back is the Tilton Block.  
Turn to the right and check the clock  
Given as a gift from Benjamin Kilburn,  
These hands of time continue to turn.  
Cross and go north on 116, take a short walk.  
Go to the building as white as chalk.  
Visit inside the Opera House, if you have time,  
Before finding your letters to complete this rhyme.  
This town building was built in 1895.  
Since then, several community services have kept it alive.  
A court room, a library, a police station, and jail,  
It's time to find your letters and you mustn't fail.  
Look for the wooden sign hanging over the door.  
Keep the third letter of the third word. You'll still need one more.  
For the next letter, look up high.  
You need the third letter of where birds fly.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

We hope you like the focal point of our town.  
Face the street that's the way you are bound.  
Now go to the walk light and push the button to cross.  
Take charge of the cars. You are the boss.  
Cross the street to the sign that has two spires.  
Turn left and there's a building with money for eager buyers.  
Go to the welcome rock but keep going past.  
Your next stop is coming up fast.  
You're coming to the church that had the first spire in town.  
Please read the plaque with a smile, not a frown.  
Over the door find the fourth word, third letter.  
Write it down so you'll remember better.

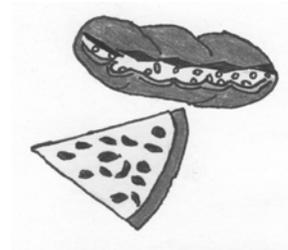
You're coming to the corner of Pleasant and Main.  
Bette Davis made this fun building have fame.  
Premiere Theater was built here in 1926.  
Eight hundred seats and eight bowling alleys, what  
a mix!  
After a second fire burnt the theater down,



At the sight a sign was immediately found.  
It said, "Watch this corner grow.  
NH's finest theater to be built here." So....  
Jax Jr. Cinemas are what you now see here.  
For Eames' "can-do" spirit, we all give a cheer!  
On the historical plaque, find the name of the place where stars live and act.  
In that word, write the letter that appears the most; you'll need it, that's a fact!

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Whether you watched a movie or not,  
Leave Jax Jr. and face Harrington Block.  
Turn to your right and walk, walk, walk.  
Stop at Jackson Street, now take two steps back.  
Look to your right and read the plaque.  
Now cross Jackson Street, look both ways.  
Keep going straight. This isn't a maze.  
If you need the ATM, the bank is right here.  
Your next stop is very near.  
For selling fruits and vegetables this building was bought.  
Go inside, there are pictures that can teach you a lot.  
The first independent wine was sold here in 1979.  
The brick front renovated in 1920 still looks fine.  
Run and operated by several Porfido's generations.  
Try their pizzas, subs, soups or any combination.  
Now exit through the front door.  
We're not done yet, we still have more.  
Read the plaque that's next to the door.



Eleanor, born in 1868  
Founded Pollyanna the great.  
Use the first letter of her third name given,  
Hopefully, it is not too hidden.



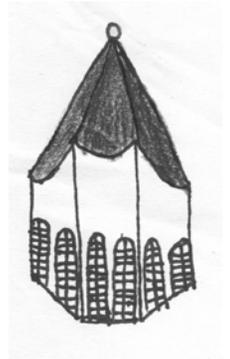
5. \_\_\_\_\_

You've has some fun at Porfido's Market and Deli.  
Hope you had time to fill your belly.  
Now take a short walk to the right and up the stairs.  
Read the plaque and forget all your cares.  
You will see Pollyanna "so glad."  
Take a picture you won't be sad.

Eleanor Porter, the author of this book,  
Would have loved her home's new look.  
She lived on this very special location.  
Were not done yet, We still have more.  
Read the plaque that's next to the door.  
Eleanor, born in 1868,  
Founded Pollyanna, the great.  
Use the first letter of her 3rd name given;  
hopefully it's not too hidden.

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Your time at the library was fun  
Wave goodbye to Pollyanna, go down the steps, all twenty-one.  
Cross the street on a diagonal to your right.  
Proceed to the four stately columns, tall and white.  
Read all three plaques.  
Please don't slack.  
This extravagant White Mountain hotel was established in 1843.  
Its front porches have since showcased many famous people for us to see.  
It started as a hotel for passengers on a train.  
Visit the cupola and look down on the street we call Main.  
The building's architecture and history have made it a landmark. It's true.  
It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.  
The Lamberts were appointed innkeepers in 1985.  
Keep the first letter of Mrs. Lambert's first name to keep this quest alive!



7. \_\_\_\_\_

Face the Thayer's Inn building, turn to your right.  
Laconia Bank should be in sight.  
Shuffle forward don't miss a beat.  
You will soon see Ammonoosuc Street.  
The next lodge was named for Dr. Burns.  
It was also the village's first tavern.

This building's symmetry set the pace.  
For the Post Office and Library's future face.  
Take the fifth letter of the building's first name.  
You will need it to unscramble at the end of our game.

8. \_\_\_\_\_

At the Masonic Temple you should be,  
With the diner on your left, that's the key.  
Look up toward the sky,  
A green steeple you should spy.  
Travel on to that spot.  
Once you're there, you will learn a lot.  
This church was built with fifteen windows of stained glass.  
It was given the English Gothic style for added class.  
In 1874, major renovations took place.  
Two tall steeples were built to give it grace.  
Take the fifth letter of Meetinghouse Hill.  
You're almost done, what a thrill!



9. \_\_\_\_\_

With the First Congregational Church at your back,  
Cross the street, then you'll need to keep track.  
Count the squares made of unfinished stone like the first sidewalks.  
In the row across the top, there should be 64 large stone blocks.  
Now you're in front of New Hampshire's oldest motel.  
Keep going past. The hot coffee smells swell.  
At the corner of Maple and Main St., please cross.  
If you don't stop, it will be your loss.  
This marble building was built in 1933.  
In the Georgian Revival style with glee.  
It has housed a federal court, a district court, and a post office as well.  
This building was planned for here, not Mass., like the stories tell.  
Take the first number in our zip code and use it for your letter.  
We hope this helps make your unscrambling better!

10. \_\_\_\_\_

At this point, you have the letters you need,  
Unscramble then and you will succeed.

KEY

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*The end is now within close distance.  
You're looking for an old coach entrance.  
For the treasure box, it's time to search.  
It's one with nature. Don't look for a birch.  
We hope you learned a lot and enjoyed our quest,  
Of this small town main street, we love best.  
Use our stamp before you go.  
Please sign our book for all to know.*