



By the Numbers Quest

White River Junction, Vermont

Moderate

Architectural, Historical

Pavement

: 20

Bring: Pencil

To get there: Take Exit 11 off of Rte. 91 and travel north on Rte. 5 down the hill toward the village of White River Junction. Continue straight through the second set of lights. Rte. 5 turns left, but you should continue straight on North Main Street to the stop sign. Continue for one block, go straight across the railroad tracks and turn right into the parking lot for the Court House and the Train Station. The Quest begins at the Vermont Welcome Center.

Overview: Stroll around the village of White River Junction and collect some dates of historic places.

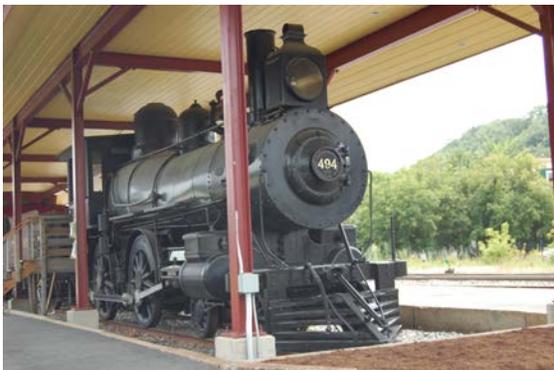
Clues:

Walk straight out the door

To where the tracks end

Then follow to the nose

Of 494, friend.



Turning around, way up in the sky

The words Gates Block do fly.
Beneath them spy a Golden Train—
Heading there, you're on your way again.

Along your route find 5 stone blocks
The search the park for a square-ish rock
Placed here in honor of Frederick Briggs
Who did much for his town—small & big!

Next, as Gates Block on your left does pass
I ask of you an important task:

This building has a special number—
Record it in the space right under.

— — — —

Cross the Street, a "Polka Dot" Diner
The food couldn't be finer
Go to where the bricks end,
Take some steps, how about 10?

Look West—you'll see a Steeple.
Stretching up even higher
Than New England Telephone's wire!
Taking care—please go to the steeple, good people.

Along your way collect the date for the Gates Library — — — —
Take it slow; there is no need to hurry!

A building on the right—it's made from bricks all red.
A close look will reveal that here they once baked bread!

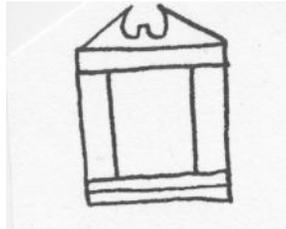
The next street is named so well
And turning left here you can tell
The Year of the Garden: — — — — and
The Year of the Corner Stone: — — — —

At the green sign—with a recurring name—
Make a left turn on your way back to the train.
A white building you will see
And on it the number for the Phone Company: — — — —

Diagonally across is now Northern Stage.
Great local theater company, they are all the rage.

In 1997, the company was established
Many great productions have been staged for us.

Across from here is Artist's Row
And real cool things, so take it slow.
Passing eight that look like me:



Cross the street at the corner and you shall see:



The Bank Building is a bank no more,
Collect the date ___ __ __ __ , it's the last one to be sure

Add up the last digits of the numbers you've collected

Then cross the street to the old post office made of brick & marble
Now home to the Center for Cartoon Studies, a real marvel.

Afront a frame, speckled rock beneath you will turn gray,
Stop here, and hear the last words I shall say:

"Counting your steps is now what you should do.
The number? If the sum of your addition is true
Leads to a door—behind which lies a counter—
And if you ask there, the treasure you'll encounter."

This Quest was created by Steve Glazer, Byron Hathorn and David Briggs in 2000.