



Chelsea Shiretown Quest

Chelsea, Vermont

Physical Difficulty: Easy
 Special Features: Historical, Architectural
 Walking Conditions: Pavement
 Duration: 1:00
 Bring: compass, money for a creamie!

To get there: *You can reach Chelsea via Vermont Route 110 (heading north from South Royalton) or Vermont Route 113 (traveling northwest from Thetford). The Quest begins on Chelsea’s South Green, in front of the Court House. To complete this Quest, you must finish up sometime between 7am and 9pm Sunday through Thursday, and 8am until 10pm on Friday and Saturday.*

Clues

Chelsea Shiretown has secrets to share with you.
 To start our quest on this fine day
 Travel to the south green I say
 And arrive at the court to solve your first clue.

On the South Common look up and you will see
 A golden dome shining like the sun
 Making us the Shiretown, a special one.
 Judicial sessions keep us so safe and free.

Look for the letter that appears in each word. Write it here: _____
1

Turn southwest to a house once famed for its gardens.
 It was built by Hall in Eighteen Thirty.
 See what markers frame the driveway?
 Hall rounded Cape Horn, farmed here, and raised hens.

What is to the right of the stone markers? Stone _____
2

Proceed to the fanciest porch on Main Street.
How many acorns are found in each arch?
Sitting here you could see the school band march.
Built in Eighteen thirty-two this home is so sweet.

The covered sitting place is called a _____
3

Walk south, some “fans” to cool you down? Not this kind in Chelsea town!
Look for this “fan” over a brick house’s doorway.
This fine homestead was built in 1832 they say.
Two beautiful elm trees that sat in the front yard were cut down.

The place you are at is called the _____
4

“Turn and walk north,” the Chelsea fifth graders sung.
On your right still can be seen
This Shiretown’s South Green
And where Rebecca Peake was never hung.

In front of Bacon and Hall you should now be.
Once burned by flames, but again like new.
It was rebuilt in eighteen ninety-two.
Bacon financed this building. Look up to see!

The machine that flows with dough is called a _____. _____. _____.
6

Now cross over Route One Thirteen to the north green.
Don’t take the sidewalk—meander towards the clock.
To where the eagle perches please continue to walk.
On top of Eighteen twelve this “pointer” can be seen.
A pointer like this is called a _____
7

On the corner’s a place where we check out books.
Round on two corners, it’s plain to see.
When you are here, you must whisper quietly.
A sign above the front door is where you should look.

The 1st letter of the 5th word: _____

Next door, the second floor, is the Masonic Lodge.
It was built in 1919.
Dixie's next door is a great scene.
Beautiful red bricks with inlaid arches...quite odd.

Letters on the lodge are the color of _____
9

Two houses beyond, there I am with white waves.
Behind me is where we go to get grain.
I once sold gas, but no more, it's a shame.
Across the road, do you see the house for the aged?

Keep pacing north to the mills where grist was ground.
In 1927 the flood blew through—
It took the mill works with it too.
Collect the letter that repeats thrice, it's easily found: _____
10

Turn around and skip down to Will's store.
This was the place to go when you were sick!
Will's was built out of old school brick,
And we hope this Quest wasn't a big bore.

Go in to the store and then say...
"I'm feeling quite ill..."

I need some
_____ , _____
7 1 1 9 2

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
2 6 3 2 6 8 6 3 4 10 10 6

And your Quest is done for the day!

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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