



Copperfield Town Quest

Vershire, Vermont

Physical Difficulty: Easy

Special Features: Historical

Walking Conditions: Natural

Duration: 0:45

Bring: Compass

To get there: Travel on Route 5, I-91, or Route 110 to Route 113. Take 113 into downtown West Fairlee. At the crossroads, turn west onto Beanville Road (also called South Vershire Road). Travel along the brook, and after 1.4 miles you will come to a pull-off on the left. Your Quest starts here.

Clues:

This Quest begins after you park,
Turn left and head north in order to embark.

Please follow the road carefully—
Because of cars that you might see.

On both sides are cellar holes.
These were dug by people, not by moles.

One thousand people lived here
One hundred and twenty years ago.
They had a big coal smelter
And small houses built in rows.

The holes, you see, were houses
Inhabited by people—also by mice.

One hole a church, another a store,
Mr. Ely's mansion and many more.

Pass four telephone poles
Then take twenty paces

And turn left to the cellar hole
With your smiling faces.

Take a look but don't go in
Then back to road and left again!

Across from the fifth pole.
Look for a path
And an old cellarhole.

On the downward path is
a cluster of birches
(Something often found
On Valley Quest searches).

You might see traces of
A beaver or an otter—
Giving you a clue
That you are near to water.

After you have seen our
Splendid, rushing waterfall
Turn back uphill and proceed to
The corner of the "great wall."

Now slowly north along the wall
Eyes open for our box (which is small).

Beneath a tall balsam fir tree
The wall continues—don't you see?
Look in the gaps between the rocks
And if luck would have it, you'll find our box!

This Quest was Created by Barbara Griffin's 2nd and 3rd grade at Vershire
Elementary School in 2000.