



Fearless Fighters Club Quest

Woodstock, Vermont

Easy

Historical

Pavement

1:30

To get there: Take Exit 1 from I-89 and follow Route 4 west for about 10 miles to the village of Woodstock and the Green. Start at the Woodstock Green.

Clues:

1. As you go to the Eastern edge of the Green
Enjoy the beautiful Woodstock scene.
2. Cross the street to the North and turn to the right,
At the corner bear left for a Civil War sight.
3. Past the Town Crier, the Temp and the Clock,
To Gillingham's - where they have lots in stock.
4. Our Woodstock soldiers enlisted here -
The cause to them was very clear.

The 2nd floor of what is now F.H. Gillingham and Sons General Store used to be a recruiting office during the Civil War (1861- 65). The recruiting office was where men would sign up to fight for the Union side. On the 1st floor was a General Store owned by A. Hatch.

5. Cross over the street, towards Bentley's you'll go
Don't stop for an ice cream, or you'll go too slow!
6. Cross the road to the South and you will meet
A fantasy creature with great hooved feet.
7. Above the Unicorn General Washburn sat.
Dispatching his orders and planning combat.

The office that is now run by Michael Ertel of Ertel Associates was used by Peter Washburn (1814 – 1870), the Vermont Adjunct and Inspector General, during the Civil War.

8. Jog East on Route 4, past dogs, streets and phones,
Past the cannon and statue, you will have flown.
9. After Ford Street, between antique shops -
You'll cross to the North - at the brick house you'll stop.
10. "Mellishwood" built in 1832
For our Civil War hero - it was still quite new.

Mellishwood was built in 1832 and lived in by George H. Mellish and his mother, Mary. George served in Company C, Regiment 6 of the 6th Corps. He was a mason, having a membership in the Woodstock lodge.

11. Go West on Pleasant - look left and see
A soldier - Tribou Park he oversees.

The Tribou Park Monument was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1909.

12. Straight ahead you will spot a steepled church
We encourage you to continue your search.
13. Head North on Elm and cross the bridge
Bear left along the river's ridge.
14. Continue west to the burial ground
Where many a story is there to be found.
15. This River Street cemetery has the graves
Of men who helped to free the slaves.

There are about 30 Civil War soldiers buried in the River Street Cemetery. These include, P.T. Washburn, George Mellish and Austin Hazard. Hazard was one of several Woodstock residents who served in the all African-American 54th Massachusetts Regiment.

16. Keep walking West to the intersection
Towards Mountain Ave - that's the direction.
17. Across from the turret is a house that's brick,
Here General Washburn was very sick.

P.T. Washburn's house was built in the brick Greek Revival style in 1841. Other additions were made to the house in later times.

18. Through the bridge, across the Green,
Down Court Street, the Artillery was seen.

19. With two chimneys and two front doors
Civil War weapons this house did store.

The duplex at 6 and 8 Court Street was built in 1861 as an armory for the Vermont Militia. The armory was owned by James Murdock and rented by the Militia. The people in the Civil War kept all their weapons here.

20. For your last destination, walk further along,
Turn right at the "T" - you can hardly go wrong.

21. You're almost done, you're near the end
When you see the place our kids attend.

22. Atop a pedestal an eagle soars
It honors the men who fought in the War.

The monument at Woodstock Elementary School was built in 1907 after a time wide debate over where it should be placed. The back side is in Latin. It says: "Glorious and sweet it is to die for the native land." This monument was built 52 years after the Civil War. Some veterans did not like the monument here, so they made a platform at Tribou Park and tried to move it...but the town said "no!" So they raised money and made another monument (in Tribou Park) in 1909. It stands on the same platform the veterans made.

23. Look to your right and you will see
The loot is hanging in a tree!

24. When you've finished this Quest you can see why we say:
The Civil War is still with us today.