



Thetford Academy Quest

Thetford, Vermont

Easy

Architectural, Historical

Pavement

1:00

Bring: Compass

To get there: From Interstate 91 take the Thetford Exit, #14, proceed west on Route 113 to Thetford Hill. At the top of hill, turn left at the green onto Academy Road. Travel one third of a mile to Thetford Academy on your right. Park your vehicle and walk to the front lawn of the white building. Look for the stone plaque on the front lawn, (near the road).

Clues:

1. Perched on a hill is good ol' TA
Rebuilt in 1950, it stands to this day.
Go in front of the school to a large, stone plaque,
On it you will find many a fact.
Once you have read all of the words on the plaque,
Walk northward up Academy Road to stay on track.

2. Heman Hosford was the one
Who built the Slade house in 1821.
This red brick house has green shutters and trim.
It was 1837 when the Slades moved in.

To this day the house is owned by the Slades.
Throughout the years, there've been minor upgrades.
The Slades don't live here – Barbara Wyman now rents.
Surrounding this house is a split rail fence.
Continue along the Slade house stone wall
And walk northward two houses – to Slafter Hall.

3. In '42, this TA building survived the fire.

Today, after a day's work, the principals here retire.
Donated by Reverend Slafter (for the school to run),
It once had two chimneys; now, just one.
Move north along Academy Road
To the next scene – another abode.

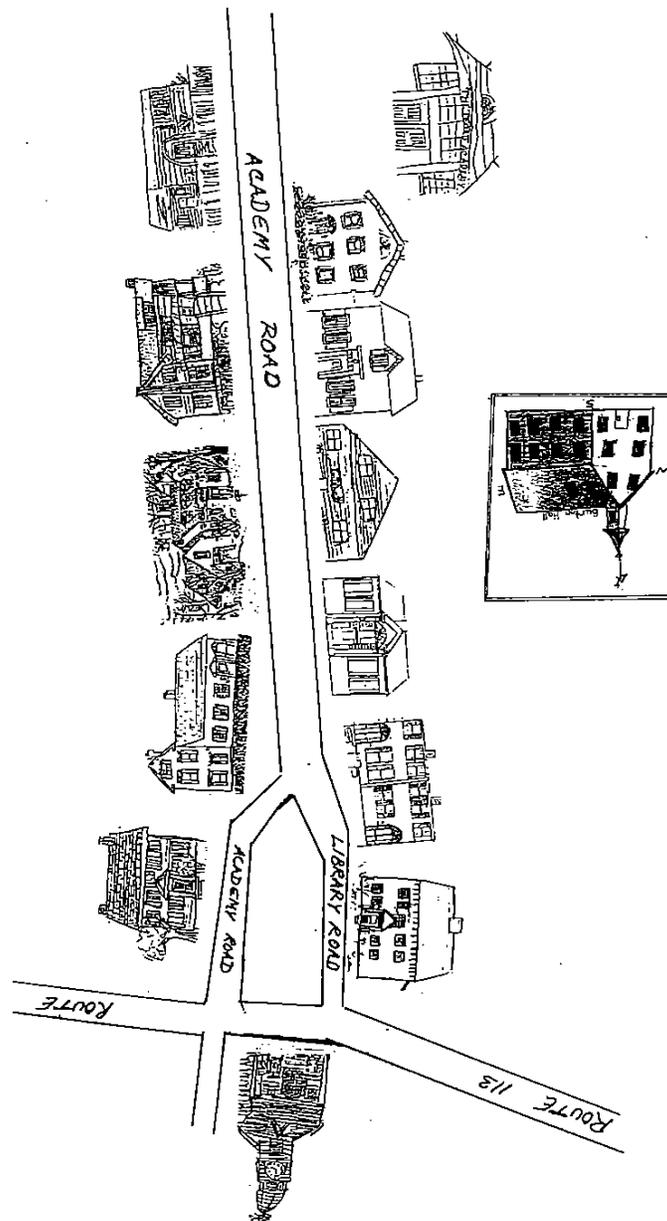
4. A sign that "GODDARD," sits above the front door.
This old TA dormitory has an uneven floor.
This house was moved across the road – roof, foundation, and sides.
Now TA's Dean of Students here resides.
Head north up Academy Road to a brick foundation.
Once there, you'll have reached your next destination.

5. The house was built in 1808.
Don't the fans above the doors look great?
Judge Short lived here 'till he passed away.
He was a founding father of TA.
Take a walk from the Judge's abode,
And proceed farther down the road.
Stay to the left or you may get in trouble.
Continue toward the next house – it's a double.

6. The Double House is now quite near
With its two doors and green shutters, it may seem queer.
Built three years before 1820,
This house has windows aplenty.
The green fans set over the doors
Remind me of shells found on seashores.
Now continue heading north, then take a left.
You'll pass a house, and find Rik Fowle's nest.

7. Judge Reed was a fairly respected fellow.
He lived in this house which once was yellow.
A founder of TA who lived here around the year 1-8-4-0,
In dispensing justice, he dealt a swift but firm blow.
Continue down the street until its end.
There'll be a church with a large clock on which you can depend.

8. The church was built in 1787.
Its big bell tower reaches high toward heaven.
It was moved here in 1830.
Though the walls may be cracked, the church is clearly sturdy.
Cut across the green to the big evergreen tree
Then move south past the maples of three.



9. In this house, the parson used to dwell.
 Today, the building's roof isn't doing so well.
 However, overall the house looks quite nice.
 This parsonage was rebuilt in 1927 – after it had burned twice.
 Two brick chimneys extend from the roof.
 Take a look – don't be aloof.
 Now that you have seen this sweet abode,
 Hop just five more steps down the road.

10. 85-1 is set upon the second door.
 A Palladian window is on the second floor

The ell of the house was used in 1920
By Clara Sipprell who sold pictures for lots of money.
A fence once stood out front
For this house to sit behind.

Now let's continue with this quest
To the next house you should find.
There's a white house near, for which you should search;
On Academy Road, it's the 7th building south from the church.

11. In summers an inn, during winters a TA dormitory
Until this house burned and became his-tory.
Now, rebuilt, this new house is where Nancy King does dwell.
Twin shrubs guard the front door.

Now let's advance to the building next-door.
If you look to your right
There lies an old site,
The old Eclipse Grange
Is just in range.

12. On top of the Grange are three chimneys of brick.
In front, there's a garden of flowers – but they're not to be picked.
The Parish Players now use this building to put on plays,
But it belonged to Camp Hanoum in its early days.
Classes were held in this building until the school was built anew.

Turn south and continue down the street.
If you pass the Slade House, you must retreat.
To your left will be a cottage that's small.
It's right across the road from Slafter Hall.

13. Protruding from the yard of this house is an Ornamental Maple Tree.
This tree, along with the house, has stood here since at least 1933.
Carl Anderson who once lived here,
Served as headmaster for 30 -odd year.
Now turn southeast and keep walking that way.
Soon you should be in front of TA.

Finally, you have made it back!
Now line yourself up with the TA stone plaque
Walk the hill to the stump of the pine
You should be headed east
Once there, feel free to recline,
Your Quest is over, you've tamed the beast!