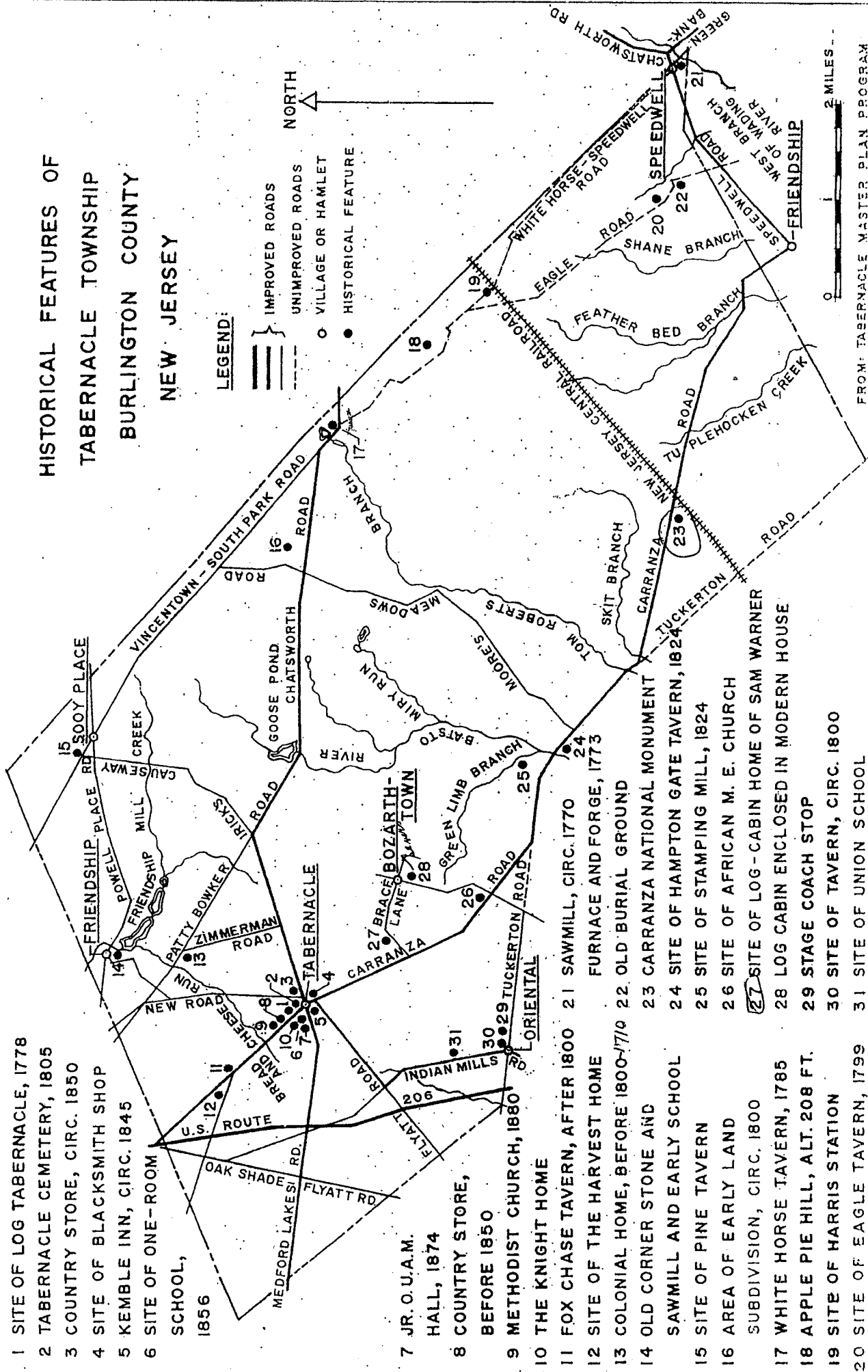


HISTORICAL FEATURES OF TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP BURLINGTON COUNTY NEW JERSEY



FROM: TABERNACLE MASTER PLAN PROGRAM

- 1 SITE OF LOG TABERNACLE, 1778
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- 6 SITE OF ONE-ROOM SCHOOL, 1856

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Tabernacle Historical Society

AN AUTOMOTIVE PATH TO A TOUR OF OUR LOCAL HISTORY SITES

This tour route will guide you to the marked and unmarked historical sites of our town. In this hand-out the site numbers may seem out of sequence, but it is made to follow the easiest route. You will be able to visit all the sites. The GPS coordinates will guide you to the exact spot. The individual historical site markers give a brief history. The story behind each location is in our pamphlet, "Notable Historic Sites of Tabernacle Township."

After parking your car at Town Hall (the corner of Rte 532 and Carranza Road), enjoy the first ten of our historic sites with a short stroll around the area. The blue signs will describe what once stood (or still stands) in the core area of our "Gateway to the Pines." Please refer to the map for exact locations.

Let's begin...

#1 Log Church - Site of the "Tabernacle in the Wilderness" Church GPS: (N39.84437, W074.71099)

#2 Old Tabernacle Cemetery GPS: (N39.84422, W074.71089)

#3 Henry Peters Store (Nixon's today) at Rte 532 and New Road GPS: (N39.84426, W074.70944)

#4 Site of Blacksmith Shop at Carranza Road south across the street from the Kemble Inn GPS: (N39.84358, W074.71054)

#5 Kemble Inn. Private home. GPS: (N39.84361, W074.71069)

#6 Site of 1856 and 1910 schoolhouses GPS: (N39.84417, W074.71115)

#7 Jr. O.U.A.M. or Junior Mechanics Hall, now Tabernacle Township Municipal Building GPS: (N39.84408, W074.71132)

#8 Site of Richard Haines Store at Carranza Road north, next to the Old Tabernacle Cemetery GPS: (N39.84463, W074.71132)

#9 Methodist Church GPS: (N39.84502, W074.71165)

#10 Home of Gilbert Knight, also referred as the Knight-Pepper House or the Pepper House across from the Methodist Church. GPS: (N39.84511, W074.71188)

Before returning to your car, give yourself a moment to envision life here in the 1890's. Many more buildings were standing. The Junior Mechanics Hall was a local gathering spot, the Haines store sold groceries and the Cemetery was actively in use.

Travel north (0.9 M) on Carranza Road to where it intersects with Hawkin Road. Located just about where the Seneca High School tennis courts are stood the Fox Chase Tavern. Across the street was the picnic area for the annual Harvest Home dinners. Neither site has an historic marker.

#11 Site of Fox Chase Tavern. GPS: (N39.85656, W074.72127)

#12 Site of Harvest Home picnics GPS: (N39.85673, W074.72185)

Return south on Carranza Road and turn left at the cemetery to Route 532. Go one short block and turn left (at Nixon's) on New Road. The next intersection (1.3 M) will be with Friendship Road. Turn right and follow the twisty road (0.6 M) to Site #14.

#14 Friendship – "Hamlet" or area with saw mill, schoolhouse, cranberry packing house and private home. Cornerstone boundary of four early townships.
GPS: (N39.86938, W074.69572)

Continue in the same direction (0.1 M) to the stop sign. Turn right onto Powell Place Road and drive (2.4 M) to the intersection with Sooy Place Road. Right in front of you will be the location of the former Pine Tavern.

#15 Site of Pine Tavern. GPS: (N39.86780, W074.65254)

Return in the direction from where you came, turning left on Friendship Road until you reach the intersection (3.0 M) with Patty Bowker Road. Turn left and proceed to the intersection with Zimmerman Road (0.4 M).

#13 Colonial Home of Isaiah Bowker in 1800. Private home. GPS: (N39.86115, W074.69752)

Next turn right and follow Zimmerman Road (1.0 M) to Chatsworth Road (Rte 532). Turn right, go (0.8 M) to Carranza Road (at Russo's Farm Market) and turn left. Make a quick right on Flyatt Road. Proceed to Old Indian Mills Road (1.1 M) where you should turn left. After traveling 0.8 miles you will reach Site #31.

#31 Site of Union School GPS: (N39.82301, W074.72713)

Continue to Tuckerton Road (0.5 M) by way of Old Indian Mills Road and turn left.

#30 Site of an early Tuckerton Road Tavern at Naylor's Corner. GPS: (N39.81558, W074.72693)

Follow Tuckerton Road (0.1 M) to the former stage coach stop and post office.

#29 Stage Coach stop. Private home. GPS: (N39.81500, W074.72466)

Stay with Tuckerton Road to Dingtletown Road (1.2 M). Turn left and then right onto Carranza Road (0.4 M). Just ahead (1.4 M) is the site of a "stamping mill."

#25 Site of Stamping Mill GPS: (N39.80249, W074.67469)

After another 0.20 miles on Carranza Road you will arrive at the Hampton Gate site. No longer any tolls here! And no historic sign is posted.

#24 Site of Hampton Gate Tavern. GPS: (N39.80033, W074.67194)

Follow Carranza Road to the Carranza Monument (2.9 M) on the right hand side of the road.

#23 Carranza Monument GPS: (N39.77757, W074.63236)

Continue down Carranza (3.2 M) (it becomes a gravel road) until it intersects with Speedwell Road. The former hamlet of Friendship was located here and was the original home of "our" one-room schoolhouse.

Follow Speedwell Road (a left turn off Carranza) (1.1 M) to an unmarked sand road on your left. Turn left and locate the old burial ground on your left (0.2 M).

#22 Old Burial Ground - Charles Wills grave-site (1839). Look for "C W" on tombstone. GPS: (N39.76381, W074.56689)

If you continue up this sand road, (0.3 M) you will come to the site of the Eagle Hotel. However, the road may be very sandy. Use caution.

#20 Site of Old Eagle Tavern. GPS: (N39.76728, W074.56902)

Back on Speedwell Road, drive east (1.2 M) to the next location in Speedwell.

#21 Speedwell, location of an iron furnace and sawmill. GPS: (N39.76421, W074.54459)

As Speedwell Road reaches Route 563, turn left, or north. Pass through Chatsworth and then turn left (after 3.7 M) on Route 532. Access to two sites will soon arise (3.6 M). They are not reachable unless one has four-wheel drive.

Turn left on the road just west of Bordentown Gun Club. Use this GPS coordinate to locate the road. GPS: (N39.82319, W074.60174). Travel 1.1 miles on the sand road and make a left turn. This likewise sand road will take you to the parking area (about 0.25 M) for Apple Pie Hill. There is no historic marker here.

#18 Apple Pie Hill. GPS: (N39.80803, W074.58928) location takes you to the parking lot.

Return via the same route to where you made the left hand turn. Instead of turning right to get back to route 532, turn left. After one mile, you will arrive at the railroad tracks. This is the site of Harris Station.

#19 Site of Harris Station GPS: (N39.79673, W074.58147)

Return to route 532. If you look directly across the road, you will see the sight of the White Horse Tavern. No historic marker is present.

#17 Site of White Horse Tavern GPS: (N39.82370, W074.60179)

Continue west on route 532 for (1.3 M) and reach the next location at Site #16. No sign is present so you need to use the GPS coordinates. If you reach Moore's Meadow Road, you have gone too far.

#16 Site of Paisley Land Swindle. GPS: (N39.83193, W074.62558)

Follow route 532 to Carranza Road. Turn left and travel 2.1 miles to the next Site #26.

#26 Site of African M.E. Church & Burial Ground. GPS: (N39.81486, W074.69790)

Continue on Carranza Road (0.1 M) and turn left on Bozarthtown (pronounced as Boozertown) Road. After 0.8 miles arrive at the first of two log cabin locations. There is no sign here as requested by the current owners. The GPS coordinates will spotlight the location.

#28 Early Severs' Log Cabin Site. Private home. Cabin is inside house. GPS: (N39.82489, W074.69130)

Follow Bozarthtown to Brace Road (0.1 M). Turn left. Travel 0.5 miles to your next location.

#27 Log Cabin Home of John Warner Site GPS: (N39.82977, W074.69850)

Follow Brace Road (0.4 M) back to Carranza Road. Turn right. Drive to the former Sequoia High School (1.0 M). Across from Flyatt Road is the 1890 Friendship Schoolhouse located on the Tabernacle School District property. A sign on the fence tells about the schoolhouse.

#32 Site of 1890 Friendship Schoolhouse GPS: (N39.84215, W074.70999)

Return to the center of town at Carranza Road and Route 532.

As you tour these sites, try to imagine life in the area over a hundred years ago. Today's Tabernacle population of 7,000 is eight or nine times as much as it used to be. Roads were all sand and maybe a little gravel here and there. The forest was everywhere. Farms dominated the area. Tabernacle's downtown core area was like the "hole in a doughnut". The outer core was either farmland or heavy, thick woods.

Crops had to be planted and harvested, wood collected for fuel, animals maintained for food and labor and local herbs and balms found for illnesses. People preserved their fruits and vegetables for the winter. They sewed their own clothes and made whatever they needed for their everyday living.

Children attended the one-room schoolhouses for just a few years. There certainly was no high school nearby and even attendance at the one-room schools with grades one to eight was sporadic. Later the children were transported to Mt. Holly for their high school education.

Ah yes, the good old days!