

# Perambulations of the New Hartford and Barkhamsted Town Line

**1812: October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>**

We the subscribers met at the monument, a large heap of stones the trees near there much marked, one birch tree of about 1 foot diameter standing westward from said bounds about 8 feet we now marked NH 1812, this monument having been long admitted to be the northwest corner of New Hartford and southwest corner of Barkhamsted and also the northeast corner of Torrington and southeast corner of Winchester and as we could not find any record in either of the said towns of any Perambulation heretofore made as the boundary line we proceeded to run a line as we judged the true course would bear, but found no measurement which we could depend on until we had proceeded 4 miles 3 quarters and between 10 and 11 rods, here we found a heap of stones which had been long known and admitted to be on the true bounds between said towns, and as the northeast corner of New Hartford had not been ascertained since the town of Canton was established which enclosed a part of said New Hartford as originally granted and as we learned that the southeast corner of Barkhamsted had no monument which could possibly be found, we therefore agreed to, and did proceed to erect the course of the boundary line direct from the said first monument to the bounds found here, and so to correct it on eastward as far as the said towns bounds together, and so found that corner to bear east and thirty eight minutes of a degree south, E. 38' S. We then proceeded to erect monuments on said line at the end of each twenty chains distance (except where a different distance is mentioned) by setting a stake in the ground with the number marked thereon and laid a considerable heap of stones around it and faced the trees which stand near around each monument on the side next thereto and also marked the trees each way on the line where they could be seen thereon from the monuments. The following is a more particular description of each monument.

**No. Distance: Remarks**

1. 20 chains: On thick woods, swamp ground marked as above.
2. 20 chains: At 65 links eastward of an old field in the wood set among young poplars marked as above.

3. 20 chains: At 80 links westward from high water mark on the westward bank of Wonksunkamug Pond being among a thicket of Ivies at 20 links northwest from the center of a high hemlock root turned up marked as above.
4. 20 chains: On very rocky pasture ground at 6 chains, 12 links east of the east bank of the Pond at 56 links north from a large rock marked as above.
5. 20 chains: On stony and bushy ground at 63 links north of a fence on the side of meadowland marked as above.
6. 20 chains: Among a thicket of Ivies in the woods at 4 links southeast of two Rock Oaks on 1 root the largest a remarkable straight tree and high, of 10 inches diameter marked as above.
7. 20 chains: In the woods on a west side hill, near the top 1 chain after leaving a swamp—marked as above.
8. 20 chains: At 23 links into the woods south of Hubbard Hotchkiss' field marked as above.
9. 20 chains: On Hubbard Hotchkiss' field at 1 chain, 50 links north of his fence and at 39 links eastward of a large flat rock (its center) marked as above.
10. 20 chains: On the top of a swell of good land, Oak and Chestnut timber marked as above.
11. 20 chains: Good flat stones at 63 links east of a ledge of rocks marked as above.
12. 20 chains: Good flat stones at 19 links into a field north of a log fence marked as above described.
13. 20 chains: At 4 links north of an old decayed stump in an extraordinary thicket of Hemlock and Ivies marked as above.
14. 20 chains: In a mighty thicket of young growth at about 2 rods into the woods east of a field and at 2 chains, 50 links west of the center of the path of travel on the new turnpike road marked as above.
15. 20 chains: At 20 links east of the path of travel on the old turnpike road in the Mast Swamp (so called) and at about 6 chains, 50 links west of the west bank of Farmington Main River, marked as above.
16. 20 chains: On Peletiah Allyn's field among young Walnut staddles marked as above described.
17. 20 chains: At one rod west of the path travel on the road running by the house of Peletiah Allyn E? and at 2 links east of his stone wall west of said road, marked as above.

18. 20 chains: At the southwest foot of a hill and at 6 links south of a very old White Pine stump faced and 20 links east of a small run of water marked as above.
19. 20 chains: On the north declivity of hill, being between a field north and woodland south and at 2 chains, 68 links west from the amount. Monument now used as a point to connect this line by ?, as is above stated stake number ?.
20. 20 chains: At 30 links east from the center of the path of travel on the road by Ashbell Mose's house and at 9 links west from a point on this line 3 links north of said Mose's well south of his house being at 4 chains, 75 links from the center of the East River.
21. 17 chains: On the west side of large rock nearly perpendicular being on the west side of the mountain, marked as above.
22. 23 chains: On very rocky land in something of a valley on the east side the mountain marked as above.
23. 20 chains: In a valley on a field at about 50 links north of the fence next the woods.
24. 8 chains, 20 links: To the northeast corner of New Hartford where the 8<sup>th</sup> highway the eastward line of it joins this line, and there erected a monument, a stake and large stones, one stone facing southwest marked NH at about 2 rods north of fence.

Total of distance: 5 miles, 3 quarters, 32 rods, 20 links.

Completed this sixth day of November, 1812.

Byus Joseph Wells, Selectman of New Hartford  
 Col. Martin Driggs, Selectman of Barkhamsted  
 Mr. Henry Taintor, Chairman  
 Nathaniel Spencer, Surveyor

We the subscribers concur in the above Perambulation:

Levi Watson, Selectman of New Hartford  
 Ashbel Spencer, Selectman of New Hartford  
 Robert Willcox, Selectman of Barkhamsted  
 Paul Roberts Jr., Selectman of Barkhamsted

## 1849: June

Beginning at the monument, a large heap of stones admitted to be the northwest corner of New Hartford, southwest corner of Barkhamsted, the northeast corner

of Torrington, and southeast corner of Winchester, thence S.  $85\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to the first monument, a heap of stones in thick woods low ground with ancient and modern marks on trees about it. Thence S.  $87\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones among second growth timber. Thence S.  $85\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 18 chains to a heap of stones 25 links westward of Wonksunkamug Pond, so called. Thence S.  $85\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. across said Pond by estimation 20 chains to a heap of stones on very rocky and stony ground 6 chains, 12 links east of the east bank of said Pond. Thence N.  $89\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones in the woods northward of a fence about 60 links on the north side of pasture ground with trees having ancient and modern marks. Thence S.  $87\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones among a thicket of Ivies in the woods near two Rock Oak trees on one root marked both ancient and modern. Thence S.  $87\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones on west side hill near the top at one chain after leaving a swamp with trees about it marked as above. Thence S.  $86\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones in the woods 25 links south of cleared land with trees marked as above. Thence S.  $87\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones on Pepe Dutton's land 39 links eastward of the center of a flat rock. Thence S.  $86\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones in the line of a newly made fence eastward of a deep ravine. Thence S.  $87\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones 63 links east of a ledge of rocks with trees marked as above. Thence S.  $86^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones east side hill. 15 links southwest of a marked Butternut tree. Thence S.  $87\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones 4 links west of a Pine stump with a Yellow Birch sapling growing on the base of the same. Thence S.  $87\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones in the woods westerly 2 chains, 25 links from the travel path of the Greenwoods Turnpike Road. Thence same course 20 chains; this bound is in the Factory Pond. Thence same course 20 chains to a heap of stones on land of Hiram Bushnell. Thence same course 20 chains to a heap of stones near the stone wall on the west side of highway passing said Bushnell's House. Thence same course 20 chains to a heap of stones a few links south of a pine stump marked with notches cut in the same. Thence S.  $85\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to stones on a rock marked T.N.R. Local attraction at the west end of the line. Thence S.  $87\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a point 90 links westward of Enoch Gain's well near the traveled path of road passing said Gain's house. Thence S.  $86\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 20 chains to a heap of stones about 31 links south of a boulder with stones upon it on the mountain. Thence same course 22 chains, 50 links to heap of stones in the line of a newly made rail fence. Thence same course 20 chains to a heap of stones near a large stone heap. Thence S.  $86\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 8 chains, 32 links to the monument at the northeast corner of New Hartford, a heap of stones marked N.W.

Distance: 5 miles, 3 quarters, 32 rods.

Abiram Chamberlain, appointed by W.B. Spring of New Hartford  
Pepe Dutton, Barkhamsted

## 1860: October 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of the towns of New Hartford and Barkhamsted, and Henry Norton of Goshen, County Surveyor and Deputy State Surveyor for Litchfield County, appointed by both towns, having examined the record of both towns, have perambulated said line, and the following is a record of our doings. We find the west end of the line described on page 125<sup>th</sup> of Proprietors Records in Barkhamsted, which description is the same as on the old Colonial Records at Hartford. And we find a record of a perambulation 48 years ago on the 18<sup>th</sup> page of a small book in the New Hartford Records, with a paper cover, marked II. And also a record of a similar perambulation eleven years ago, recorded in New Hartford Books Vol. 18<sup>th</sup> Page 266. The west end of the line is a great heap of stones in clear Land, west of the old Shawtown Road, with a great flat stone on the top; several ancient marks are on the under side, and the top is marked thus,  $\frac{W. | B.}{T. | N.H.}$ . On a small stone is this ancient mark  $\triangleleft \nabla$ .

Thence from this monument we ran by the magnetic needle, which at this time points 8 degrees west of north.

1. E. 4°30' S. 20 chains, 30 links to an old heap of stones, in the east edge of a narrow swamp, one stone of which we have now marked B NH, and have marked every monument on the line in the same manner. For convenience the distances are all taken surface measure, with no allowance for hill.
2. E. 4° S. 20 chains to an old heap of stones, on smooth Land, descending west.
3. E. 5° S. 17 chains, 70 links, old heap of stones, 25 links west of high water mark on Wonksunkamug Pond.
4. E. 5° S. 20 chains, old heap of stones in very rocky land, exactly 6 chains, 12 links east of an old heap of stones on east bank of Pond, where we have marked a rock 4 feet high.
5. E. 2°45' S. 20 chains to an old heap of stones, 33 links south of the ancient fence.
6. E. 1°45' S. 20 chains to an old heap of stones in the Ivies, 4 links east of two tall Rock Oak trees, growing from one root, and marked.
7. E. 3°45' S. 20 chains, to an old heap of stones on west side of the hill, 1 chain east of wet land, with a small stream running through it.
8. E. 3°45' S. 20 chains to an old heap of stones, on level land, southwest of Henry Dutton's house, 31 links south of an old fence, and 1 chain, 4 links north of an ancient heap of stones, said to be a highway monument in New Hartford.
9. E. 3° S. 19 chains, 83 links to an old heap of stones 39 links east of a large flat rock, southeast of said Dutton's house, in a meadow descending east.

10. E. 4° S. 20 chains, 25 links to an old heap of stones, on top of a hill east of a deep ravine, in south line of Jesse Dutton's Land.
11. E. 3°45' S. 20 chains, 18 links, old heap of flat stones, 63 links east east of a high ledge of rocks in the woods.
12. E. 4°30' S. 20 chains, 32 links to an old heap of stones, on east side of steep hill, east of the ancient road where General Burgoyne's army was marched prisoners of war, (in the revolutions,) towards Boston.
13. E. 3°30' S. 20 chains to an old heap of stones in the fence, 4 links north of an old Pine stump, mentioned in the Survey of 1812.
14. E. 3°30' S. 20 chains to an heap of stones, on East Side Hill, 2 chains, 50 links west of middle of traveled path on Greenwoods Turnpike. One of the selectmen marked this monument thus B NH ∞.
15. E. 3° S. 20 chains to a monument near Farmington River, in the great Factory Pond.
16. E. 3° S. 20 chains to an old heap of stones, on west side of a hill among Walnut trees, on land of John Cruise.
17. E. 3° S. 20 chains, 34 links to an old heap of stones, on west side of road south of J. Cruise's house, about 40 rods west of Indian Rock.
18. E. 3° S. 20 chains, 90 links, old heap of stones, at south side of a high knoll, 6 links south of a very large Pine stump with old notches in it and 20 links east of a small brook, with an old Chestnut stake in it, having 18 notches cut in it, being the 18<sup>th</sup> station in the Survey of 1812.
19. E. 3°45' S. 20 chains to an old heap of stones, on a rock which has an ancient T. on it and now marked B NH on land descending northeast, belonging to the Sterling Driggs farm.
20. E. 3°30' S. 20 chains to a marked stone now sunk in the ground in front of the gate, by Enoch Gaines' house, 90 links west of a point 3 links north of said Gaines' well, south of his old house.
21. E. 3°30' S. 20 chains, 50 links to an old heap of stones on the west side of the tremendous mountain east of the East River, just west of a high ledge, steeper than the roof of a house, now marked B NH 1860 E.J.Y.
22. E. 3°30' S. 22 chains, 50 links to an old heap of stones in a small valley, east of the 1<sup>st</sup> ridge east of the swamp, southwest of a ledge 5 feet high.
23. E. 3°30' S. 20 chains, 25 links to an old heap of stones in the fence, in a small, smooth hard valley.

24. E.  $3^{\circ}30'$  S. 8 chains, 25 links to an old heap of stones, 2 chains, 79 links east of traveled road, the corner of New Hartford and Canton, with an ancient marked stone NH. We have also marked another thus  $\frac{B.}{N.H. | C.}$ .

Whole distance: 471 chains, 32 links or  $5\frac{3}{4}$  miles, 4.5 rods, 7 links.

Henry Norton, County Surveyor, and Deputy State Surveyor.

Wm Watson, Selectman of New Hartford

?M. Burwell, Selectman of New Hartford

H.H. Stone, Selectman of New Hartford

E.J. Youngs, Selectman of Barkhamsted

Charles Moore, Selectman of Barkhamsted

Jonah M. Atwater, Selectman of Barkhamsted

Received for record November 6, 1860.

## 1914: November 30<sup>th</sup>

This is to certify that we, the selectmen of the Town of New Hartford and Barkhamsted Conn., have this day completed a resurvey of the north line of said New Hartford, the same being a portion of the south line of Barkhamsted. We followed the survey of 1860 made by Henry Norton, County Surveyor and found most of the bounds described in the record thereof, reestablishing the old bounds and erecting and making such new ones as was by us deemed necessary or advisable.

Commencing at the northwest corner of New Hartford being the corner of 4 towns at a pile of stones with a great flat stone marked  $\frac{W. | B.}{T. | N.H.}$  and otherwise marked and described in various records from thence running S.  $83^{\circ}$  E. 1342 feet to an old bound in the east edge of a narrow swamp, and marked B. (N.H.) as are all the bounds on the line unless otherwise described, Thence S.  $81\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 1310 feet to an old bound in flat land. Thence about S.  $80^{\circ}$  E. 1168 feet to an old bound below high water mark in Lake Wonksunkamug, here we have erected a new bound 40 feet westerly from the old one and marked a small ledge of boulder a few feet west of high water mark of the pond, making this last course about 1120 feet to the new bound.

Thence S.  $82^{\circ}$  E. about 1000 feet across the pond to a point under the northwest corner of a cottage and 3 feet south of a letter B cut in a solid stone. Thence same course 332 feet to an old bound in very rocky land south of N. Dew's house. Thence S.  $81\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 1317 feet to an old bound on land descending slightly north. Thence S.  $83\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 1320 feet to an old bound in Ivies on land descending west. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 1330 feet to an old bound in the fence about 100 feet east of small brook.

Thence S.  $83\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  E. 1325 feet to an old bound in the fence southwest of Frank Dutton's house, and 70 feet north of a pile of stones said to be a highway bound in New Hartford. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. 1283 feet to an old bound southeast of said

Dutton's house, on land descending east. Thence S.  $82^\circ$  E. 1345 feet to an old bound on a hill east of a deep gorge. Thence S.  $82^\circ$  E. 1320 feet to an old bound about 40 feet east of a ledge of rocks. Thence S.  $82\frac{3}{4}^\circ$  E. 1341 feet to a new bound placed and marked this day by us on a steep slope descending east.

Thence S.  $82\frac{3}{4}^\circ$  E. 1303 feet to an old bound in the fence. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  E. 1320 feet to a new bound on land descending east. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  E. 525 feet to a cut stone set in the ground, on the west side of main road from New Hartford to Winsted said post marked B. on the north side, N.H. on the south side and 1914 on the east side. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  E. 112 feet to a new cut stone on bank of the great pond and marked as above described. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  E. across said pond about 1500 feet to another cut stone set in the ground on the bank east of the pond, and marked as next above described. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  E. 542 feet to an old bound on the west side of the hill. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  E. 1343 feet to a cut stone post set in the ground on the west side of the road and marked B. on the north side, N.H. on the south side, and 1914 on the east side.

Thence S.  $83^\circ$  E. 1360 ft. to an old bound 15 feet east of a small brook and south of a steep high knoll. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  E. 1328 feet to an old bound, a stone marked T and also marked in the regular way on land descending northeast. Thence S.  $83\frac{3}{4}^\circ$  E. 1344 feet to a stone set in the ground in Warner's driveway on east line of public road east of "East Branch". We have also set a stone and marked the same, on the east side of the road west of "East Branch". Thence from the old bound in Warner's drive S.  $83\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  E. 1400 feet to an old bound on the west side of a tremendous mountain, marked (B. N.H.) 1860 E.J.Y. Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  E. 1460 feet to an old bound in the fence about 2 rods southwest of a ledge 5 feet high. Thence S.  $82^\circ$  E. 1337 feet to an old bound in the fence in a smooth hard valley.

Thence S.  $82\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  E. 545 feet to the northeast corner of the Town of New Hartford at a stone marked  $\frac{B.}{N.H. | C.}$  also at the corner of Canton on the south line of Barkhamsted 180 feet east of the middle of traveled road. All the foregoing bearings are given with reference to the magnetic meridian in 1914 and are calculated to the nearest quarter degree. Along the westerly half of the line there is much local disturbance and bearings are calculated as closely as conditions will permit it being understood that the true town line is a continuous line and straight from each bound to the next succeeding or adjacent bound. All measurements are taken along the surface no allowance being made for hill at any place.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1914.

H.J. Stanclift, Selectman of New Hartford  
Fredrick Fredsall, Selectman of New Hartford  
Olin W. Murphy, Selectman of New Hartford

Delos O. Hart, Selectman of Barkhamsted  
Wm. J. Martin, Selectman of Barkhamsted  
P. A. Doyle, Selectman of Barkhamsted



Fred N. Moore, Surveyor

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