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Town of Plymouth
*Birthplace of the American
Industrial Revolution*

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Passport to Plymouth

The Town of Plymouth was incorporated on May 14, 1795.

To celebrate Plymouth's 225th anniversary, in 2020 the Plymouth Historical Society created this Passport to Plymouth, your guide to the fascinating sites in our town.

The Passport will bring you to places you probably never knew existed, or if you knew about them, have never seen. Many sites are within walking distance of each other. They can be visited in any order. It's a fun way for family and friends to learn about our history. Think of it as a townwide scavenger hunt!

There is an address or GPS coordinates shown for each site. The coordinates can be entered in Google Maps. For example, entering N41.670850, W73.059269 brings you to West Cemetery on Carter Road.

For each location, there is a description of its importance, along with questions for each site. Visit them all and fill in the answers!

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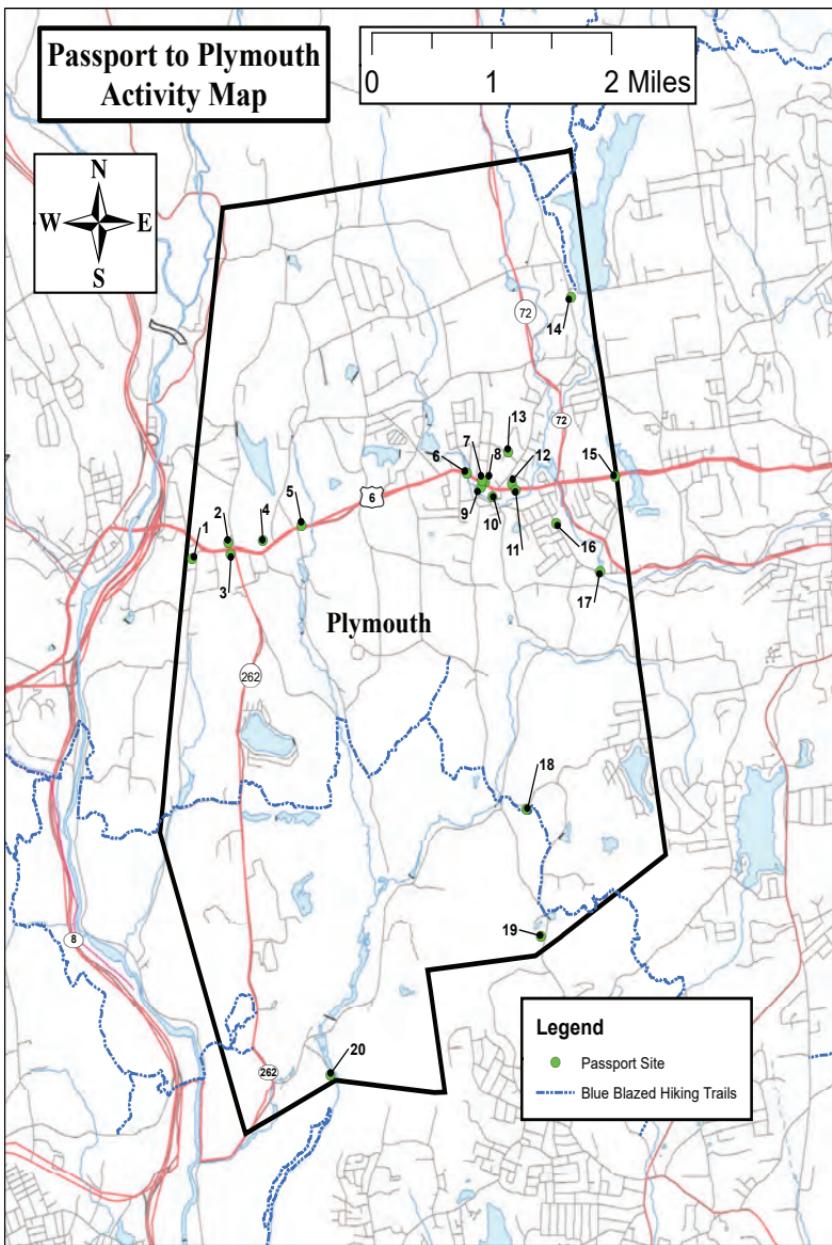
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Passport to Plymouth Activity Map

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1. West Cemetery

Location: Carter Road, Plymouth, Coordinates N41.670850, W73.059269

Description: Many prominent citizens of Plymouth from the 1800s are buried here. Immediately as you enter, on the left side of the road, are the monuments of Augustus Shelton and Byron Tuttle, who owned the Shelton & Tuttle Carriage Manufacturers. Continuing up the hill on the right side is the monument of Silas Hoadley and his wife. It has a rectangular marble tablet inserted into a brownstone column. Silas Hoadley was a carpenter, first employed by Eli Terry at his clock factory at Greystone Falls. In 1810, he and Seth Thomas bought out Terry's business. Hoadley continued making clocks until 1849. He also served in the Connecticut legislature.

Question: What was the first name of Silas Hoadley's wife? _____

Nearby is a brownstone monument dedicated to the Blakeslee family. The names of two brothers, Edward and Henry, who both died in the Civil War, are carved into this stone. The inscription states that Edward was mortally wounded while storming a Confederate fort.

Question: What was the name of the fort? _____

Question: Where did Edward Blakeslee die? _____

Did you know? This battle was featured in the movie "Glory".



On the left side of the road is the obelisk of the Henry Terry family. Henry Terry was a son of Eli Terry. He started out as a clock maker and later owned the Plymouth Woolen Mills, in what is now Reynolds Bridge in Thomaston. According to the monument, Henry Terry had a daughter named Julia.

Question: Where did Julia die? _____



2. Plymouth Center

Location: 10 Park Street, Plymouth (park here to see sites 2,3, and 4).

Description: The village of Plymouth Center is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is where the Town of Plymouth originated. The Plymouth Green was acquired in 1747 by the Ecclesiastical Society of Northbury for three reasons: to build a church, to create a Burying Ground, and to provide a place for the local militia to train against a potential Indian attack.

In the Burying Ground, on the left side as you enter, look for the double gravestone of Ebenezer and Sarah Darrow.

Question: According to the gravestone, how many husbands did Sarah Darrow bury? _____

Look for the brownstone table monument.

Question: Who is buried here? _____

Which war did he serve in? _____

Did you know? At the end of the second row, near the church, is the gravestone of Amos Bronson, the great grandfather of Louisa May Alcott.

Look for the gravestone below:



Question: Who is buried here? _____

Question: How old was he when he died? _____

In front of the Congregational Church is an informational sign.

Question: What year was the present church built? _____

On the southwest side of the church, near the sidewalk on Main Street, is a big tree with a stone monument in front of it.

Question: What is the name of the tree? _____

When was it planted? _____

On the northeast corner of the Green, near the intersection of Park Street and North Street, is a sign and a boulder with a plaque.

Question: What year is inscribed on the boulder, just above ground level?

Did you know? Across the street from the boulder, up on the hill, is the Henry Terry House. It was a stop on the Underground Railroad for slaves escaping to freedom in the early 1800s.

On the east side of North Street is a beautiful church made of stone. Look for the blue plaque next to the datestone.

Question: What is written on the blue plaque? _____

3. **First Plymouth Town Hall**

Location: 703 Main Street, Plymouth

Description: This little brick building was Plymouth's first Town Hall, and later a fire house.

Question: Who saved it from destruction? _____

4. **Shelton Tuttle Carriage Factory site on the Plymouth Land Trust property**

Location: Main Street, across from Maple Avenue

N41.672186, W73.047278

There is no parking at this site. From the Plymouth Green, walk eastward up Main Street for 0.3 miles to the trail entrance, where you will see a brown sign. The Land Trust's website is www.plymouthlandtrust.org

Description: The stone foundations of the Shelton Tuttle Carriage Factory are a short walk up the white-blazed Carriage Shop Trail. Follow the trail for about 500' to an informational sign.

Question: The Shelton Tuttle Carriage Manufacturers had warehouses in which three American cities?



You can return to the Plymouth Green and go to #5 at the Plymouth Historical Society.

5. **The Toll House at the Plymouth Historical Society**

Location: 572 Main Street, Plymouth

Description: In 1834, Main Street was a toll road called the Middle Turnpike. The toll keeper lived in this house. A wooden pole, or pike, was placed across the road. When the traveler paid the toll, the pike was swung open, hence the name "turnpike". The 1852 Woodruff and Beach steam engine that ran the Shelton Tuttle Carriage Factory is stored in the Toll House. The engine runs several times a year when the Historical Society has an open house.

www.plymouthhistoricalsociety.org

Question: What was the toll for sheep and swine to pass by on the road?

6. **Eli Terry, Jr. Water Wheel (*Sites 6-13 are within walking distance of each other, see map on the next page*)**

Location: Corner of Main Street and Benedict Street, Terryville

Description: The Water Wheel first powered Eli Terry, Jr.'s clock factory and later the Eagle Lock Company. Water was released to the top of the wheel, turning it clockwise when viewed from Benedict Street. The iron teeth on the wheel engaged the smaller gear behind it, which connected to a spinning iron rod that ran the machines inside the factory. The Water Wheel is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is owned by the Plymouth Historical Society. Look on the back of the information sign for the next answer.

Question: How many iron teeth are on the circumference of the Water Wheel? _____

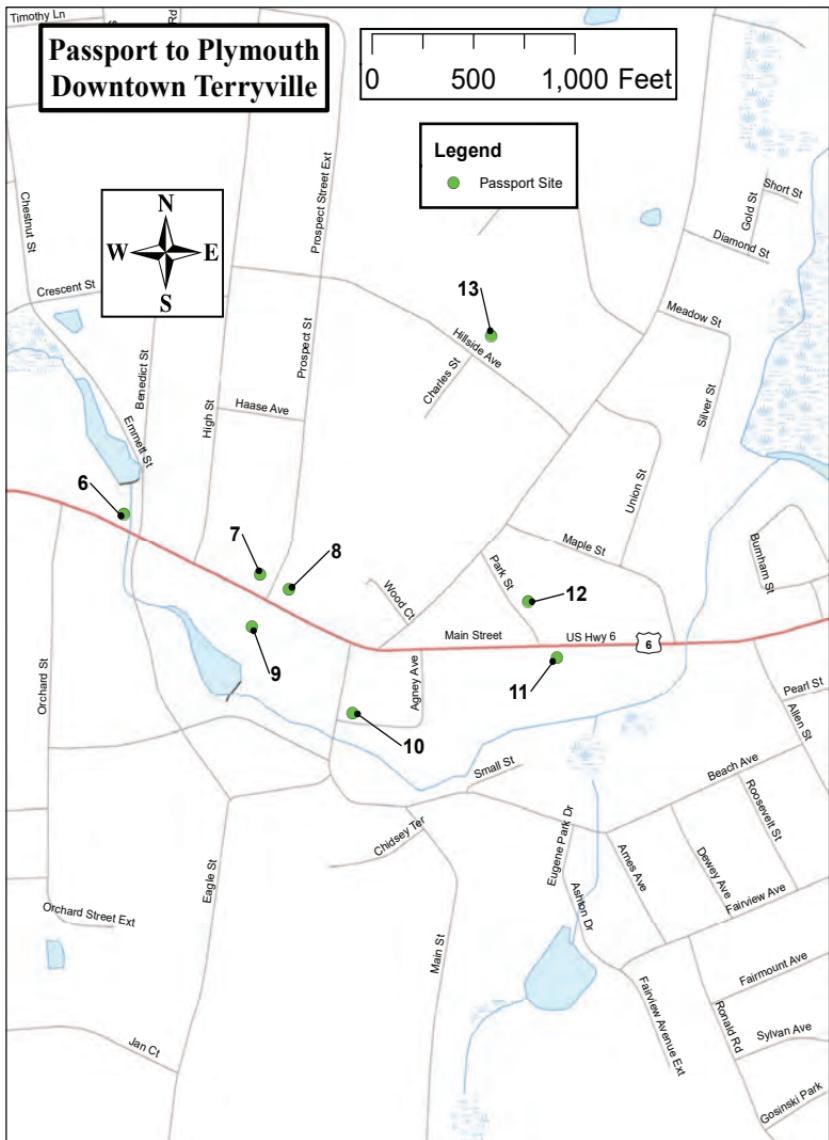


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7. “A Time in History” Mural at the Terryville Library

Location: 238 Main Street, Terryville

Description: The mural illustrates Plymouth’s heritage. A sign lists the symbols. The library has more detailed background information. Ask at the front desk!

Question: What hot air balloonist from Plymouth is featured in the mural?

Did you know? It took 2,400 pounds of sulfuric acid, 2,000 pounds of iron filings, 5,000 gallons of water, and 2,000 pounds of ice to produce the hydrogen gas needed to fill his balloons!

You’ll have to go inside the Library to answer the next question.

Answer: _____

8. Lock Museum of America

Location: 230 Main Street, Terryville

Description: The Lock Museum is on the site of the original Eagle Lock Company headquarters. The Museum was created in 1972 to honor the lock making heritage of Terryville. It celebrates the ingenuity of lock makers in keeping our possessions safe from crooks and thieves.

(www.lockmuseumofamerica.org).

Question: Whose name is on the side of the brickwork that supports the date stone of the former Eagle Lock Company headquarters? _____



9. Terryville Congregational Church

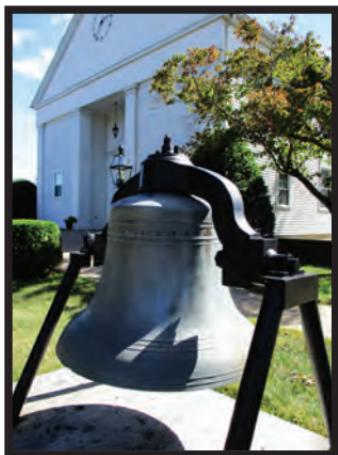
Location: 233 Main Street, Terryville

Description: The original church was constructed in 1838. Eli Terry built the wooden gears for the steeple clock. Unfortunately, the church burned down in 1967, but the original bell was preserved and is displayed out front. A close inspection of the bell reveals several inscriptions on the top.

Question: What was the name of the company that cast the bell and where was it located? _____

What year was the bell created? _____

How much does it weigh? _____



10. Old Terryville Cemetery

Location: South Main Street, corner of Agney Avenue

Description: Many clock and lock makers are buried here, including Eli Terry, Eli Terry, Jr., and James Terry (son of Eli Terry, Jr., and grandson of Eli Terry). The gravestone of Eli Terry, Jr. is located near the iron fence along Agney Avenue. The name of the stone carver is inscribed on the lower right side of the stone, near the ground.

Question: Who carved the gravestone of Eli Terry, Jr.? _____



Did you know? AE is an abbreviation for the Latin word *Aetatis*. It means "at the age of".

To the left of Eli Terry, Jr.'s stone is that of his wife.

Question: What was her name? _____

Next to her stone is that of Eli Terry.

Question: How old was Eli Terry when he died?

The tallest monument is a brownstone obelisk dedicated to the family of the founder of the Eagle Lock Company, James Terry.

Question: What was the name of James Terry's first wife? (she died in 1852) _____

11. 225th Anniversary Mural

Location: Lee Hardware Building, 171 Main St., Terryville

Description: The mural was painted in 2019 by volunteers using a grant from the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation. Many important people, places, and events in Plymouth's history are portrayed.

Question: How many bears are in the mural? _____

Question: The name of a famous fashion designer from Terryville is shown painted inside a shoe. What is the name? _____

Question: What year is inscribed in the arch of the Terryville Tunnel? _____

Did you know? There are 10 hidden keyholes in the mural. How many can you find?



12. Dorence Atwater monument

Location: Baldwin Park Lane

Description: Dorence Atwater has been called “the most important enlisted man in the Union Army” for his efforts to document the names of 13,000 Union soldiers who died at the Confederate prisoner of war camp at Andersonville, GA.

Question: What was the name of the woman who partnered with Atwater in identifying the graves of the Union dead at Andersonville?

Question: Where was Atwater buried? _____

Question: The Tahitian word TUPUATAAROA is inscribed on his gravestone. What does it mean? _____



13. Hillside Cemetery

Location: Hillside Avenue, across from Charles Street, Terryville

Description: One of the gravestones is that of David Cooper. It is on a knoll across from Charles Street. The epitaph states that he was an inventor. His invention originally was manufactured in Pequabuck.

Question: What was his invention? _____

Question: Look for the Soldiers monument. How and where did Capt. Edward Mix die? _____

14. St. Matthew Cemetery

Location: East Plymouth Road, just south of Marsh Road
N41.698729, W72.998739

Description: The village of East Plymouth, originally called East Church, was home to Loyalists (Tories) who supported their mother country of England during the Revolutionary War. The cemetery dates to 1796 and was next to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (now a private residence). The village is on the National Register of Historic Places. From here, you can hike the Blue-Blazed trail to Tory Den, a cave where the Loyalists would hide when their village was raided by the Sons of Liberty. It was also used as a shelter by The Leatherman on his monthly walking route around western Connecticut in the 1880s.

The gravestones of Stephen and Ruth Graves, both Loyalists, are in the front row of the cemetery.

Question: How old was Stephen Graves when he died? _____

Question: What was Constant L. Tuttle's middle name? _____

Question: Peter Primus, an enslaved person, is buried here. What was he sold for? _____

Look for the gravestone below:



Question: Who is buried here? _____

15. Turnpike Mileage Marker

Location: Corner of Main Street and Bushnell Street, at the Plymouth-Bristol town line

Description: This brownstone monument marks the location of a tollgate on the Middle Turnpike. The inscription reads: **19 Miles to Hartford**
13 Miles to Litchfield

There is also a year carved into the stone.

Question: What is the year? _____

16. St. Casimir and St. Michael Churches

Location: 17 Allen Street and 35 Allen Street, Terryville

Description: These churches symbolize the many places of worship in Plymouth founded by immigrants who came to this country for a better life and to escape religious persecution. Many of these people worked in factories and foundries in town. Look for the datestones on the two churches.

Question: When were St. Casimir's and St. Michael's built?

17. Horseshoe Falls

Location: Canal Street, Pequabuck N41.669803, W72.993964

Description: Horseshoe Falls was created in 1850 when Eli Terry built a dam on the Pequabuck River to provide water for the Terryville Manufacturing Company. Clocks designed by his son, Silas Burnham Terry, were made here. Water from the pond flowed down a canal to a water wheel which powered the machinery in the factory.

Question: A plaque depicting a famous actor is attached to the bridge. He grew up nearby on Allen Street. What is his name? _____



18. Buttermilk Falls

Location: Lane Hill Road, Terryville N41.644847, W73.007475

Description: A Blue-Blazed trail starts at Lane Hill Road and takes you to the falls. Look for the remains of a stone dam at the top. It formed a pond to power the sawmill of Lamberton Tolles in the early 1800s.

Read the yellow signs on the trees along Lane Hill Road.

Question: Who owns Buttermilk Falls? _____

19. Allentown Cemetery

Location: Wolcott Road, near the Plymouth-Wolcott town line

N41.631186, W73.002577

Description: This is one of the oldest yet least known cemeteries in town.

Question: What is the name of the Revolutionary War soldier buried here?



20. Greystone Falls

Location: Greystone Road Extension N41.615617, W 73.036169

Description: Near the end of Greystone Road Extension is an information sign at the bridge that crosses over Hancock Brook. In 1806, Eli Terry used the water flowing over the steep ledge to power his clock factory. He built 4,000 clocks in only three years by designing machines to mass produce the wooden gears used in the clocks. Because the gears were uniformly made, they were interchangeable; **the first time there was mass production of interchangeable parts in America**. It has been argued that this site is the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution.

The waterfalls are on private property. Do not climb the rocks and do not trespass.

Question: When trains used to stop here, what was the name of the station? _____



