

INTRODUCTION - This section can be taken after **DRIVING TOUR, PART 1**, or separately. Start at Bryant Road, on the North side of Rt. 109, 2.5 mi. East of the junction of Rt. 28 & Rt. 109.

CAUTION - don't slow down or stop on busy roads. Park on shoulders or side roads. Don't go on private property. Do not read these directions while driving.

TURN LEFT on Bryant Rd. This section of the drive is known as Cottonboro, an early settlement. The rambling farmhouses on the road reflect the area's agricultural origins. Building additions were erected as families & fields increased over time. The buildings generally date from the late 1700's into the 1800's. At 0.6 mi. up Bryant Rd., pull over for the:

WHITTON SCHOOL - This one-room schoolhouse, built circa 1854, was used until 1941. In 1933, it had 19 students. Early outbuildings were a woodshed & an outhouse. Heat was provided by a cast iron stove. A single teacher taught all grades at the same time.



CONTINUE UP THE HILL & turn Right on Cotton Valley Rd. Go 1.3 mi. & pull over at the Railroad tracks. This is the site of the:

COTTON VALLEY RR STATION - this is the midpoint of the 12.3 mile RR line from Sanbornville to Wolfeboro & was a small settlement with a country store, post office, tavern (meals & lodging), & later, a sawmill powered by an early Ford gasoline engine.

TURN LEFT & go up the hill, passing a 1795 farmhouse on the left. Turn Right on Stoneham Rd., go 0.8 mi. (scenic views), pull off Right into the parking area for the:

COTTON MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH - this Church was built in 1852, replacing an 1801 building located at the parking area. It served local areas, including nearby Wakefield & Brookfield as well as Wolfeboro, & is still used a few times a year.



TURN BACK West on Stoneham Rd. Passing the junction with Cotton Mt. Road, note the cape cod house on the far right. This was once the Cotton Mountain Schoolhouse.

CONTINUE WEST another 0.7 mi., go Left on Jenness Farm Rd. Note the large 1860 house & barn. Down the hill, go Right on Cotton Valley Rd. for 0.6 mi. & take the First Right on Stoddard Rd., a good gravel road. From this point on, there are no specific stops, but there are many houses from the late 1700's/early 1800's. This area is known as:

NORTH WOLFEBORO - going up the hill, note two large farmhouses on the right, built in the 1780's. Continue to Dimon's Corner, a 4 road junction, which was the center of this self-sufficient agricultural community. The area also once had two country stores (one with an early drug dispensary), four blacksmith shops, a tavern, post office, clothing business (local women made garments at home, paid by the piece), a tannery/bookmaker, & a sawmill & gristmill (powered by Willey's Brook, flowing to Lake Wentworth). Schooling & Churches began in private homes, later in separate buildings. The area was also a Stagecoach hub, with one run following part of the road you're on & the run from Ossipee to Wolfeboro on the right & left. Little of this bustling activity remains today. Go Right & view the area up to the dirt pile by a left turn. The old road to Ossipee is not passable today. Go back to the junction, then go Right on North Wolfeboro Rd. back to Rt. 28. Turn Left to go back to Wolfeboro.