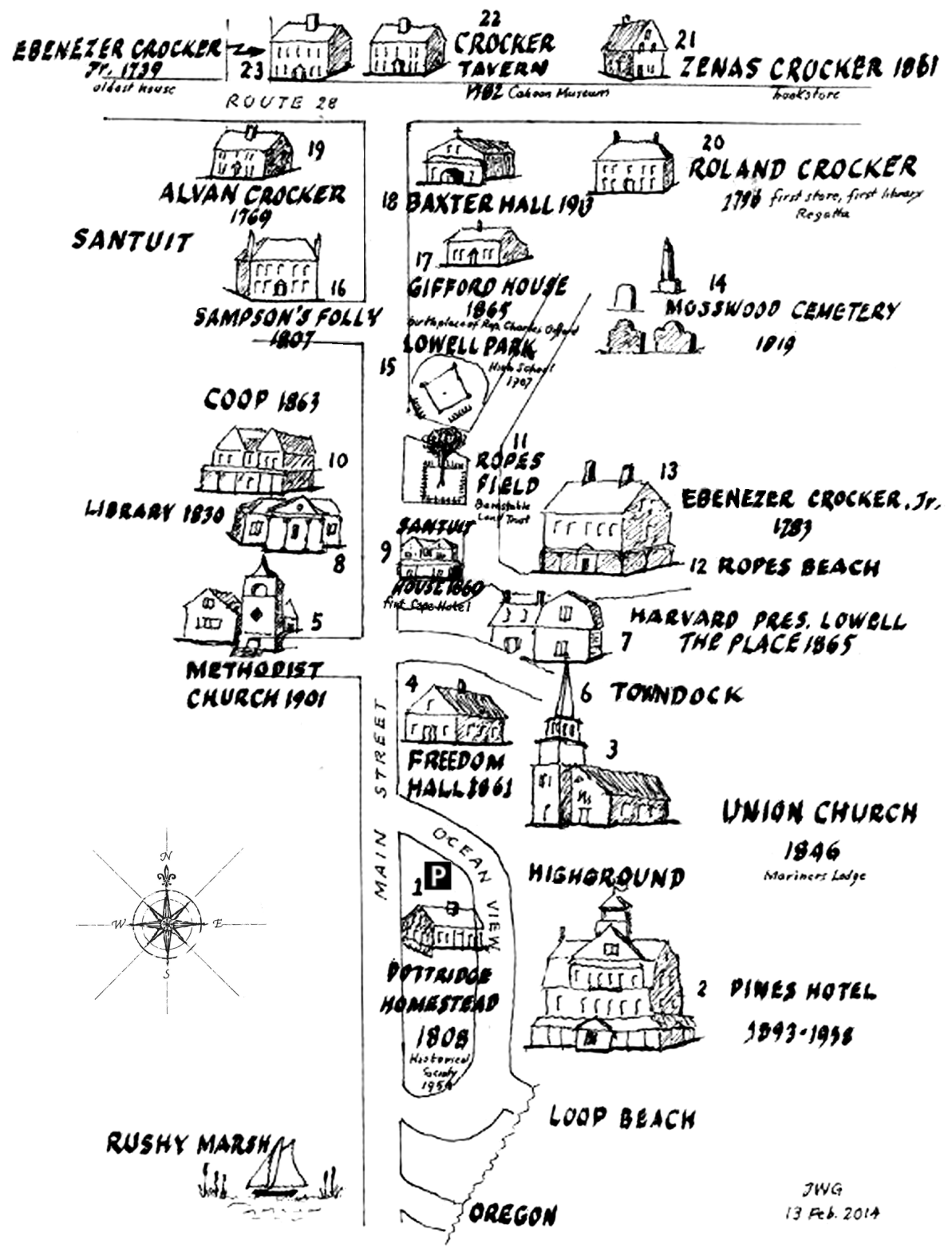


Cotuit Walking Tour



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- 1. Dottridge Homestead**, 1148 Main Street, Cape, built in 1808 by Samuel Dottridge in Brewster and moved here by oxen, is now owned by the Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit along with the Ice House, Fire Museum, and Cotuit Museum and Shop.
- 2. Pines Hotel**, 101 Ocean View Avenue, 1893-1958, was a popular summer hotel with a fine sandy beach, sailing and sports, good food, and an ice cream parlor, but no alcohol.
- 3. Union Church**, 988 Main Street, Greek Revival, 1846, was the first community church in America, uniting Baptists, Methodists and Congregationalists until 1901. It is now the Mariners Lodge.
- 4. Freedom Hall**, 882 Main Street, was built in 1861 in the Greek revival style and used as a community meeting house for voting, dances, suppers, speakers, silent movies and fairs.
- 5. Methodist Church**, 30 School Street, built in the Queen Anne style in 1901, was altered in 1941 to the present classical revival style and has been a Federated Church since 1923.
- 6. Town Dock**, originally "Oyster Place", was a fishermen's beach until 1895 when huge two story coal sheds were built, supplying homes and village gasworks until 1920.
- 7. A. Lawrence Lowell's Mansard** summer place at 880 Main Street was built in 1865 for this Harvard President and political science author who entertained visiting scholar Lord Bryce.
- 8. Cotuit Library**, 871 Main Street, Colonial Revival, built as a schoolhouse in 1830, was a library in 1897, and received a new facade in 1901 by Guy Lowell, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston architect.
- 9. The Santuit House**, 804 Main Street, French Provincial style, was the first resort hotel on Cape Cod in 1860 when Martha and Bradford Coleman expanded their boarding house.
- 10. The Coop**, village grocery store, 775 Main Street, Italianate style, was built in 1863 by housewright, Sheriff and postmaster Charles Bearse, who shortened the name of Cotuitport.
- 11. Ropes Field**, corner of Putnam Avenue and Main Street, a former apple orchard, is preserved by Barnstable Land Trust (www.bl.t.org) and is a safe haven for Cotuit skiffs threatened by hurricanes.
- 12. Ropes Beach** on Old Shore Road, the site of the first wharf and store, is now home of the Cotuit Mosquito Yacht Club, the oldest wooden boat class in America, founded in 1906.
- 13. Ebenezer Crocker Jr. House**, 49 Putnam Avenue, built in 1783, was the first Cape Cod summer home when East Indies merchant Samuel Hooper bought it in 1849.
- 14. Mosswood Cemetery**, 1819, corner of Putnam and Old Post, whose first burial was of Azubah Handy, sea captain's wife. The graves of Congressman Gifford and Reverend Phineas Fish are here.
- 15. Lowell Park** on Lowell Avenue, site of the 2nd town high school from 1906-1936, is home of the Cotuit Kettleers baseball team, 15 time winners of Cape Cod Baseball League Championships.
- 16. Sampson's Folly**, 93 Old Kings Way, is a fine Federal mansion with a ballroom and the first indoor bath, built in 1809 by Josiah Sampson Sr., Esquire, heir to the Crocker estates.
- 17. Gifford House**, 124 Main Street, Cape style, was built in 1865 by a Civil War veteran and was the birthplace of his son Charles L. Gifford, Cape Cod Congressman from 1922-1947.
- 18. Baxter Hall**, 62 Main Street, now St. Michael's Syrian Orthodox Church, was built in 1913 by barrel maker and builder Charles Baxter for a community center.
- 19. Alvan Friday Crocker House**, 4701 Falmouth Road, Colonial Georgian style, was built by the oldest son of Ebenezer Crocker who named all nine children after the weekday that they were born.
- 20. Roland Crocker Store**, 4791 Falmouth Road, Federal style mansion, is now a restaurant. It housed the first store, the first library and the first post office in 1821.
- 21. Zenas Crocker House**, 4632 Falmouth Road, c.1861 Italianate style, was built by the heir to much of the local farmland who made a fortune in the Gold Rush.
- 22. Crocker Tavern**, 4676 Falmouth Road, built in the Georgian style in 1775, now the Cahoon Museum of American Art commemorating artists Ralph and Martha Cahoon, is where Statesman Daniel Webster stayed while fishing in Santuit.
- 23. Georgian style Ebenezer Crocker Jr. House**, 4698 Falmouth Road, the oldest house in Cotuit, was built in West Barnstable and dragged here by a team of 17 oxen in 1739.

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