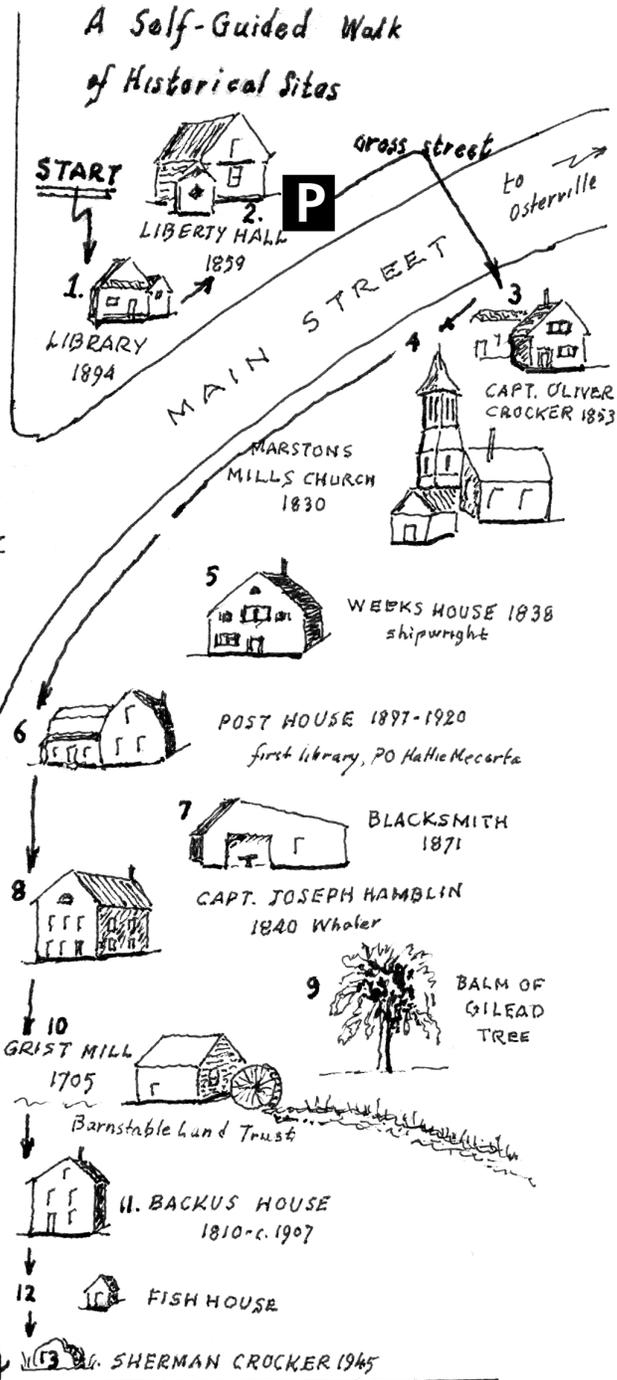
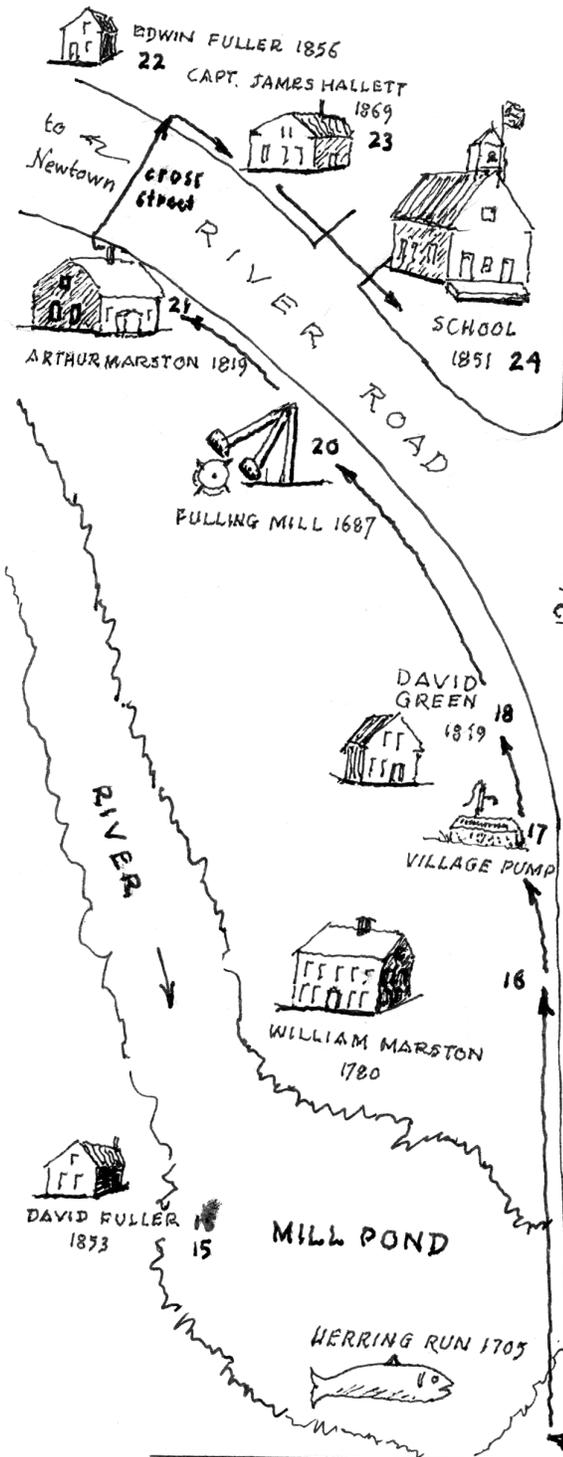
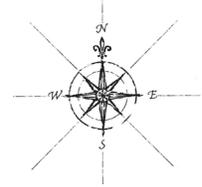


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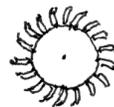


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Marstons Mills Walking Tour Historic Structures

- 1. Library.** The intellectual center of the Village. Built in 1893. 1981 addition on left came from Osterville TV store.
- 2. Liberty Hall** 1859. Our community center for voting, plays, musicals, suppers, concerts.
- 3. Captain Oliver Crocker Home** 1853. Whaling captain's Greek Revival house, at the back of which was a saltwater dock.
- 4. Marstons Mills Church.** Methodists moved it eight miles by ox team from Yarmouthport in 1830.
- 5. Weeks House** built by shipwright 1838; longtime home of Village's singing blacksmith Robinson Weeks.
- 6. Post House** built 1897 by the first woman postmistress, Hattie Mecarta, who served 35 years. She sold "notions" (sewing supplies, souvenirs, etc.) and began the library here.
- 7. Blacksmith Shop** 1871 shoed horses, repaired wagons and buggies, fixed farm and mill machinery.
- 8. Captain Joseph Hamblin House** built 1840 for captain of whaling ship *Phenix* of Nantucket.
- 9. Balm of Gilead Tree** in front of Hamblin house, famed for fragrant blossoms in springtime.
- 10. Grist Mill**, the first in the Village, 1705, grinding corn and wheat until 1916. Now in ruin, but site is protected by the Barnstable Land Trust.
- 11. Backus House** 1810-1907. Home of cloth dyer, once housed the first Northern captives of Civil War who were caught off the Carolinas by Confederate "pirates" and later released to Nova Scotia.
- 12.** Fish House for the most productive **Herring Run** in the town; it goes under the highway from the Mill Pond, since 1705.
- 13. Sherman Crocker Memorial** to Air Force Captain whose bomber was shot down in Germany 1945; he was son of the County Sheriff who lived nearby.
- 14.** On the far side of the highway, **David Leland's Hydroelectric Plant** was built during WW II.
- 15. Captain David Fuller House** at the far side of the pond, built in 1853; he and his son were discovered dead at sea aboard their drifting schooner, having caught Yellow Fever in Cuba.
- 16. William Marston House**, built in 1780, was the classical Federal style home of the storekeeper, and later of Village physician, Dr. J. Hayden Higgins, owner of first motorcycle on Cape Cod.
- 17. Village Pump & Watering Trough**, next to memorials for Village soldiers who served in two World Wars.
- 18. Arthur Marston House** 1849. Once had a hardware store in front run by mechanic Foster Crocker, who sold sewing machines, haymowers, stoves.
- 19. Cash Market** in the heart of the Village since 1881, was built by Loring Jones in 1924 from locally made cement blocks.
- 20.** On the river at the foot of Mill Lane were huge twin hammers of the **Fulling Mill**, commissioned by the Town in 1687 to clean the wool of Town citizens; expanded by the Marstons to dye and weave cloth.
- 21. Arthur Marston House** 1819. Home of co-owner of the Fulling Mill which lay below on the river. Later it was the Village doctor's office.
- 22. Edwin Fuller House** 1856. Most endangered historic house in the village, home of mariner who retired here to become a painter and decorator of houses.
- 23. Captain James Hallett House** 1869. Site of home of sea captain who died from fall into elevator shaft while he was Christmas shopping in Boston.
- 24. One Room Schoolhouse** 1851. Enlarged in 1915, the Village school stood here until 1936 when it was moved to the top of the hill.

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