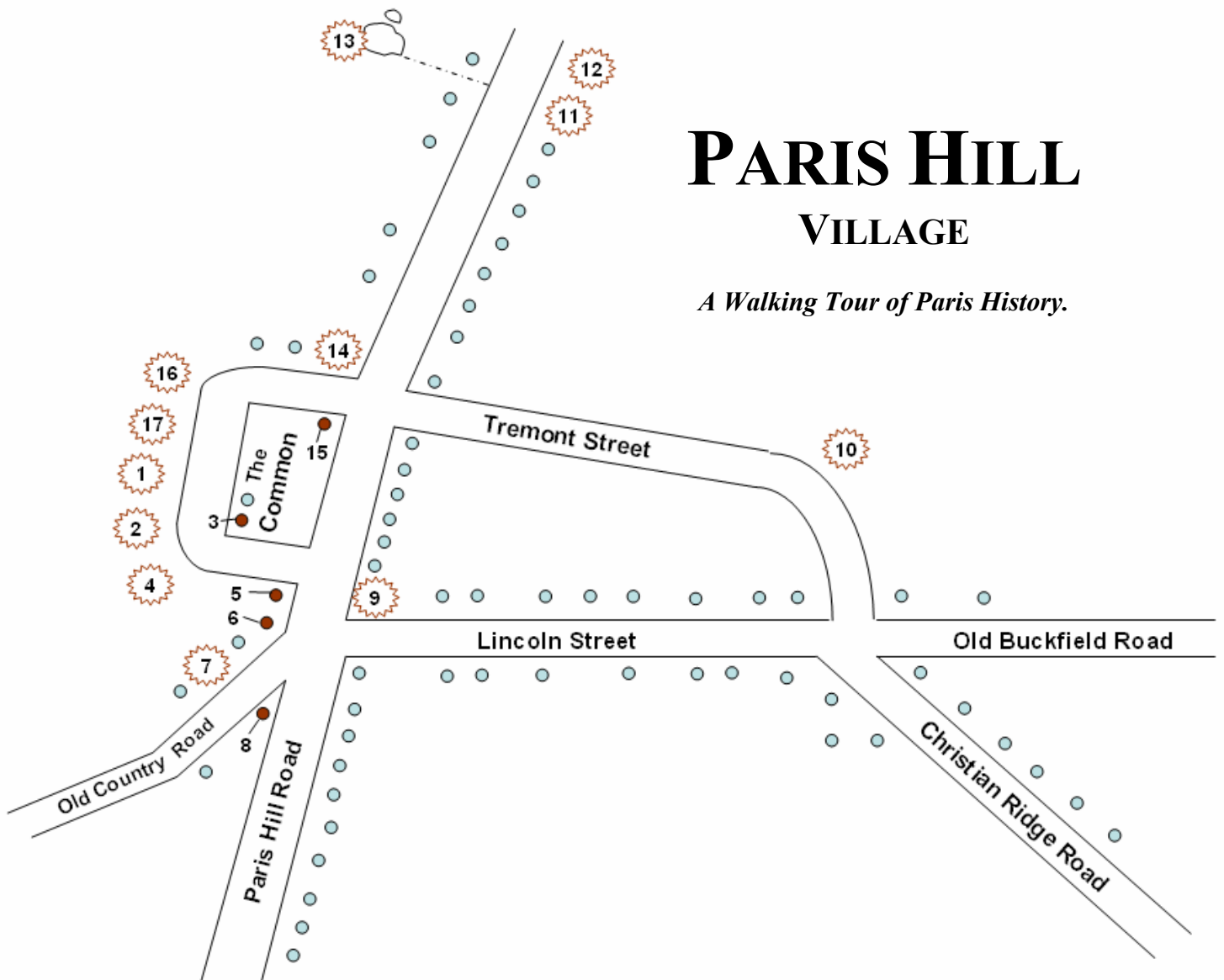


PARIS HILL VILLAGE

A Walking Tour of Paris History.



Paris Hill Tour Stops:

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5. "Cross Roads"
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14. "Lyonsden"
15. First Baptist Church of Paris
16. "Williscroft"
17. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin House

Details for the Tour Map of Paris Hill:

1. **Old Oxford County Jail:** built in 1822; used as a jail through 1895.
2. **Jailer's House:** built 1822; wife prepared prisoners' meals.
3. **The Registry:** built 1826; storage of wills and deeds and other court papers.
4. **Oxford County Court House:** built 1815, Oxford County Court – Paris was the Shire Town; cannon on lawn, German mortar WWI.
5. **“Cross Roads”:** built 1814; Judge Stephen Emery House; Hannibal Hamlin was married twice here, both daughters of Judge Emery.
6. **The Old Printing Office:** built 1815; several newspapers published here – One of earliest, 1827, The Jeffersonian started by Han. Hamlin, age 18, and friend Horatio King; Soon after that, under different management, the Oxford Democrat was published until late 1890's, then moved down to S. Paris, and by 1933 had merged with the Norway Advertiser. (*)
7. **Paris Hill Academy:** built 1856; operated as secondary school until 1901. Excellent stage and acoustics on the second floor, and used currently by local community theatre group; building maintained by Paris Hill Community Club. (*)
8. **Persis Sibley Andrews Black House:** built in 1830's; Persis came to live here on her second marriage in 1855. She kept a well written and fascinating diary account of life in early Paris, excerpts of which are in the Hamlin Library. (*)
9. **The Crocker House:** built 1807 by Thomas Crocker, early political figure, state as well as local; portrait at Hamlin Library.
10. **Paris Manufacturing Company Site:** this house built on the site of several early Paris businesses, including PMfgCo 1869-1883 (then moved to S. Paris); best known for sleds, but many fine examples of furniture around – some at Hamlin Library. (*)
11. **Lemuel Jackson House:** built 1789 by the man noted as the town's first settler; said to be first frame house built on the Hill.
12. **“Old Brick”:** built 1813 by Capt. Samuel Rawson, bricks made on site; later owned by Kimball family that included very notable military and political figures; NOTE: 3rd floor windows designed smaller to make the whole house appear taller.
13. **Pioneer Cemetery:** burial plot for many of the earliest town settlers.(e.g. Lemuel Jackson) (*)
14. **“Lyonsden”:** built 1807 by Jesse Cummings; late 1890's to Admiral Harry Lyons, later his son Capt. Harry Lyons, navigating officer of airplane on first trans-Pacific flight to Australia in 1928. (*)
15. **First Baptist Church of Paris:** first structure 1803, present structure completed 1838; bell cast in Paul Revere Foundry by Paul's son, 1821; clock gift of family of Hannibal Hamlin in 1883.
16. **“Williscroft”:** built in 1810 by Deacon John Willis and his wife, daughter of Lemuel Jackson (above); later summer home of Emily Bissell, founder of the Christmas Seal program. (*)
17. **Dr. Cyrus Hamlin House:** built 1806 as simple but elegant farm house by father of Hannibal; Hannibal Hamlin, Vice President under Abraham Lincoln born and grew up here, (then law practice in Hampden, and buried near there); After 1860 Chase Family and then Atwood family, when fancier architectural details were added. (See early photographs at Hamlin Library). (*)

(*) means specific additional information at Hamlin Memorial Library and Museum