

**ROAD SURVEYS FROM JOHN THURMAN  
TOWN RECORDS BOOK #1**

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period. Wakely/Wakley Kenwill/Kenwell Dunklee/Dunkley

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**Surveyors:**

Robert Moxham

John Richards - 1795

Henry Hendrix - 1809

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Chain = 66 feet = 100 links

link = 7.92"

Rod = 25 links = 16.5 feet

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**A road leading from near John Noble's house on lot #7 to intersect the Bowen Road.**

**1793** - A road laid out, beginning at Richardson Thurman's grist mill thence north to Patterson's Brook thence to Elm Hill at Gideon Potters.

**1793 (Probably)** - Road laid out - Beginning at the house of Richardson Thurman, Esq. went northley parallel with the Hudson River until it comes to the new bridge that crosses Pattyson's Brook a little west of the Widow Pattyson's house, then keeps nearly the course of the river to the house of John McDonald, from thence about a half a mile northerly along said river, then turns North-West a little to the South-West side of Benjamin Potter's house thence turns nearly east to the house of Gideon Potter, then takes nearly the course of the river by the house of Stokes Potter thence to David Kibby's, then to Moses Leonard's to the house of Jonathan Pride, from thence to Stephen Scripture's, then to the bridge that crosses Stony Book near Ephraim Tolman's house, then to Benjah Putnam's, then to William Vaughn's,

then to Henry Vaughn's, then leaves the old road and goes a course about 70 degrees West to Daniel Stratton's, then marked a new road to the house of — Bennett then crossed Sir Johns Brook, then up the Z hill then nearly a west course, to the east corner of Robert Waddell's farm known by lot #1 of the fifty acre lots in Elm Hill, then south fifty eight degrees thirty minutes west, sixty chains to the south corner of Robert Waddell's farm, then north thirty-one degrees thirty minutes west seventy chains to the bridge near the Grist Mill belonging to John Thurman, Esq. This seventy chains is intended to be three chains wide.

**1794** - A road laid out from Elm Hill Mill to the parting of the road on the hill, then the west road where it now runs till it passes a great black oak stump west of the road, then in about ten rods turn out to the west to a line of marked trees till it comes to the old road, then in the west road to a birch tree marked H, then west of James Parker's house to William Johnson's corner near the road that's now cleared to the river.

**1795** - A road laid out beginning in Elm Hill west road on last line of David Cook's farm then southwest by said Cook's to the head of said Cook's line then to William Cameron's.

**1795** - A road laid out. Beginning at the south corner of lot #1 of the fifty acre lots belonging to Robert Waddell and went in a straight course from there to the South-West end of the barn on the Elm Hill farm, then by the North-East end of the Hill farm house, continued a straight course about 10 chains below the house, then nearly south to a hemlock tree marked with an H about 3 chains east of the north corner of lot 17 in the South Gore, then west by south to the north corner of lot 17 in said gore, then over the new bridge on Stoney brook near the house of Samuel Barber then across the old road nearly south until it fell into the old established road near the house of James Parker

**1795** - A road laid out from the bridge near Elm Hill Grist Mill, Continued the road north 31 degrees 30 minutes west to south side of the burying ground, this road is to be three chains wide, then went about north 30 degrees east to the house of Enos Grover then north 31 degrees 30' west to the half mile stake on the line that divides lot 16 and 17 which said stake is about 16 chains east of Jeremiah Herrington's house then returned to the burying ground and went west to east corner of lot 5 one of the 6 acre lots the said lot 5 is on the

South West side of Mill Street or Mechanic's row, here the road divides again, one road north 50 degrees west leads to Daniel Barker's house thence south 70 degrees west to Isaac Darrow's and from the north corner of Isaac Darrow's farm runs north 31 degrees 30' west 82 chains to the house of Moses Bump which road passes by John Olmstead's and Abner Gruns, thence north 58 degrees 30' east to the house of Samuel Ross then same course to Patrick Dawtin's, then return to east corner of said lot 5 one of the six acre lots, then south 58 degrees 30' west to the south corner of said lot, thence nearly west to the house of John Wilkinson, then nearly a south course to Levi Hitchcock, then south 58 degrees W 75 chains to the house of David Kibby and the northerly line that divides No. 11 and 12th twp in Jessup's Great Patten (Goodman road & road to Sodom)

**1799** - A road laid out 2 rods wide from David Noble's running a northley direction to the established road leading from John Thurmans mills to David Kibby's.

**1799** - A road laid out 2 rods wide. Beginning at a small brook westerly of James McCally's along Moxhom road line leading to the back township, so running a southerly direction thru the settlement till the north east corner of Andrus Wever's lot, being #90 where it joins the old established road leading to Mr. Thurman's mills. The road laid out by Archibald Noble and John Cameron.

**1800** - A road laid out. Beginning at the corner of 50 acre lot on side of highway leading from Thurman's mill to David Kibby's running on the line between Timothy Johnsons lot and said 50 acre lot north 31 degrees 30' west all along as far as John Ward's house, this road to be 4 rods wide.

**1801** - A road laid out - Beginning at James Walker's south-east corner to run along the line to a little brook, then runs to the south side of said line about 2 rods, then turns on the line about 22 chains South-West of James Moxham's north corner then turns North-West to South-East side of John Bates clearing. This road to be 2 rods wide. John Cameron & Archibald Noble, Comm. of Highways

**1802 - September 29** - A survey of a highway leading from David Kibby's land the division line of the 11th & 12th twp in Jessup purchase to David Stratton's

house. Beginning at a stake & stones on said division line marked 86 & 87 where it intersects the 12 rod road.

**1805 - April** - Began at the house of Silas Sheffield to laid out a road to the North brook.

**1805 or 1806** - Began to lay out road from the school house on James Parker's land to David Kenyon's. 1805 or 1806 By J. Richards

**1805 - July 12** - Began to lay out road leading from John Ward Sr. to Jeremiah Harringtons. Laid out July 12, 1805. John Richards, Surveyor

**1805 - July 12** - Began to lay the road leading from John Ward, Sr. to Jeremiah Harrington's beginning at north end of a bridge by said Wards then north 32 degrees east 8 chains to a birch stump below John Ward, Jr. and Jeremiah Harrington, Jr. Surveyed by John Richards. Laid out July 12, 1805 Recorded Feb. 28, 1806

**1805 - July 13** - Began to lay out the Kenyon town road starting at the south corner of the Hill Farm thence south 32 degrees east 10 chains to a stake & stones then south 32 degrees 7 chains to the line of Hyde. July 13, 1805 John Richards, Surveyor

Began to lay out a road to the house of Norris Hopkins on the highway leading from N. (Nehemiah) Grover's to Daniel Stratton's at or near the Mill brook, thence from here laid out the road to S. ??? house thence through his clearing to where the road intersects the road leading from Elm Hill to Daniel Stratton's.

A road laid out 2 rods wide, beginning at the North-West corner of the Elm Hill farm running across the corner of Norman Trumble's lot to the west side of said line to a little swamp, there it inclines a little to the east to a hemlock tree opposite Nathaniel Trumble's from thence runs on a south course to George Babcock's west line opposite his house and so on to Joseph Houlderis clearing about 4 rods off his corner then turns south-west to the brook north of Samuel Barber's.

**1809 - December 6** - A survey of the road from Daniel Strattons to Jesse Gages. Began at a stake and stones fifty links north west of Daniel Strattons sign post, running thence south twenty six degrees and west eight chains to a

stake and stones. Thence south eighty three, west, two chains and fifty four links to a stake and stones. Thence south fifty seven degrees, west three chains and forty eight links to a hemlock tree thence south forty three degrees west, four chains to a stake and stones thence south fifty five degrees west three chain and thirty three links to a stake and stones thence south forty three degrees west three chains and sixty eight links to a hemlock tree thence south forty seven degrees west three chains and eighty five links to a Basswood tree thence south sixty two degrees west four chains and twenty five links to a beach tree, thence south fifty seven degrees west five chains and thirty four links to a maple tree thence fifty eight degrees west nine chains to a stake and stones thence south forty six west nine chains and fifty six links to a stake and stones thence south forty seven degrees west two chains to the center of the road opposite the dwelling house of Jesse Gage the above lines was run for the center of the road. Surveyed by Harry Hendrix December 6, 1809 Recorded Dec \_\_ 1809 Commissioners of Highway Thomas Somerville, Job Wood Archibald Noble Town Clerk (copied from records book by Joann Morehouse typed by Jo A Smith Historian March 2015)

**ROAD SURVEY 1812** - Began to lay out the highway leading from the already laid out highway opposite the school house at the corner of a six acre lot belonging to Archibald Somerville. Running from the corner of the said six acre lot opposite the school house 30 degrees east 7 chains 45 links, thence south 60 degrees west 12 chains on the line between the lands of said Archibald Somerville and the land held in possession by Benjamin L. Thompson the said road to be 50 links wide. - Surveyed by John Richards by order of: Archibald Washburn Thomas Somerville, Jr. Comm. of Highways - Recorded March 22, 1813 Archibald Noble, Town Clerk.

**1817 - June 16** - Began to lay out a highway at the most easterly corner of lot #68 in the 12th township of Totten & Crossfield Purchase. Running thence north fifty eight degrees thirty minutes east, thirty-two chains and fifty links to a beech tree marked H on two sides. Thence north seventy degrees east twelve chains and fifty links to a large maple tree marked H on two sides. Thence north forty-five degrees thirty minutes chains to a stake and stones thence north fifty eight degree thirty minutes east eight chains fifty links to intersect the already laid out highway from the Elm Hill farm to the house of Robert Waddell in Johnsburg. - Dated June 16, 1817 Surveyed by John Richards

Recorded May 5, 1818 - Samuel Harnden James Parker Isaiah Wilcox Comm. of Highways

1822 - June 7 - Survey of the highway from Betsey Hills to Levi Hitchcocks. Begun to lay out the highway from the last line of Levi Hitchcocks land begining at the stone wall on the south side of the highway. Running thence North 60 degrees; 10' east 4 chains 50 links to a beech tree, that is four links to the north of the said tree thence north 63 degrees 30' east 23 chains 91 links thence N. 81 degrees, 15' east 8 chains 94 links to the corner in front of the School House. Thence north 71 dregrees, 60' east 12 chains thence south 58 degrees 10' east 3 chains 39 links thence south 80 degrees east 6 chains 88 links then south 72 degrees east 20 chains 25 links thence north 694 degrees east 5 chains thence north 614 degrees east 24 chains 30 links to the center of the highway leading from Betsey Hills to Roosevelts Sawmill. Surveyed by John Richards this 7th of June 1822 / Recorded 7th June 1822 by Archibald Noble T. Clk

### **BOUNDS OF ROAD DISTRICTS**

**Beet #4** - First we dis-annual Dist. #10 and annex it to Dist. #4.

District #4 now begins at the four corners nigh Betsy Hills Inn in Johnsburg from thence northerly as the road is laid out until it intersects the marked road nigh Ashel Hitchcocks now dwelling house from thence following the lay of the marked road until it intersects the road that passes Elijah Ross's from thence following the Ross road until it intersects road District #18 at the four corners nigh the School House in District #6. - Feb. 29, 1820

**Beet #18** - Road District #18 Begins at John Ward, Jr.'s now dwelling house in Johnsburg from thence southerly as the road is now laid and traveled until even with the north line of Samuel Somerville also a short piece of road west of the main road running westerly as it is laid till opposite William Morehouse dwelling house in said town. Feb. 29, 1820 (Note: School District #6 - Set off from Dist. #3 April 28, 1819 as the Sodom Dist. Located on the four corners at Sodom. Doris Patton)

### **BOUNDS OF HIGHWAY BEETS**

**Beet #8** - Begins at the four corners near Samuel Morehouse Inn in Johnsbury from thence as the roads are laid out with their turns and windings to David Kibbys most easterly line thence northerly as the road is laid out to a birch tree marked H. (Note: Samuel Morehouse dwelling at Sodom Corners)

**Beet #5** - Begins at the four corners near Samuel Morehouse Inn from thence as the road is laid out to the end of the stone wall on the most easterly side of the road to the south east side of the grist and saw mill.

**Beet #7** - Begins between John Jones plank house in Johnsbury and the Wilson house from thence as the road is laid out with its turns and windings until it intersects the road leading from Samuel Morehouse to David Kibbys in township #11. (Note: David Kibby dwelling in Twp #11, now Bakers Mills) - Oct. 1, 1816 - Recorded Mar. 5, 1817 - Archibald Noble, Town Clerk - Samuel Harnden & Martin Gillet, Comm. of Highways

We have discontinued **Beet #11** and **#13** and added them to **#5**. Beginning at the corners at Betsy Hills and running as the road is laid out to the foot of the hill formerly called Stratton Hill. Johnsbury Feb. 19, 1822 Recorded Mar. 1, 1822 Archibald Noble, Clerk - Thomas Somerville Nathaniel Trumble Joseph Hopper - Comm. of Highways - (Note: Dist. #5 was set off from Dist. #3 May 1, 1818 and was known as the Elm Hill School. A house on the Elm Hill Farm was used first. In 1822 Robert and Ann Waddell deeded the trustees of Dist. #5 land opposite the Hodgson Street turn and a frame school was built. Doris Patton)