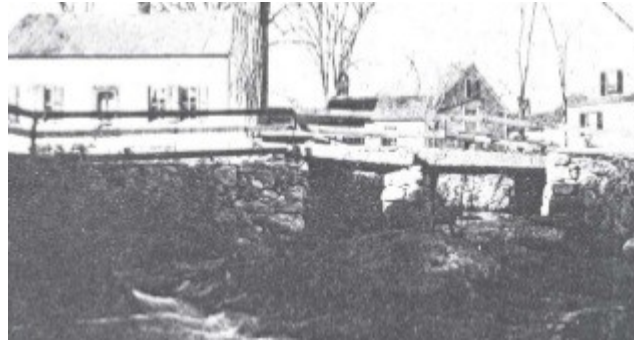


Candia Village

A Walking Tour



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In the mid to late 1800s, the Candia Village, located on the North Branch of the Lamprey River, was an industrially active community.

Its flourishing water-powered complex of grist mill, saw mill, shingle mill, carding mill and tanning operations created a vibrant settlement that encouraged other commercial ventures. There were shoe shops using leather tanned and processed at the mill, a hatting shop, cabinet shops, carriage shops, a coffin maker, a tan yard, a church, schools, a cemetery, several general stores, and a Post Office with an Inn.

There was a blacksmith, millwright, wheelwright, clothiers, a harness maker, a butcher, a mason, a stonecutter, tenement owners, an undertaker and farmers. Villagers served the needs of each other.

It is the intent of the Candia Heritage Commission to celebrate the life of this village, its residents, and the inherited historical impact that we appreciate today. The J. Bailey Moore History (pgs.492-493) and its 1893 map are the reference points of our tour. This map is included in the tour guide.

The tour begins at 105 Deerfield Road, continues on to Old Deerfield Road through the intersection of Old Deerfield Road and New Boston Road, concluding at 96 Old Deerfield Road.

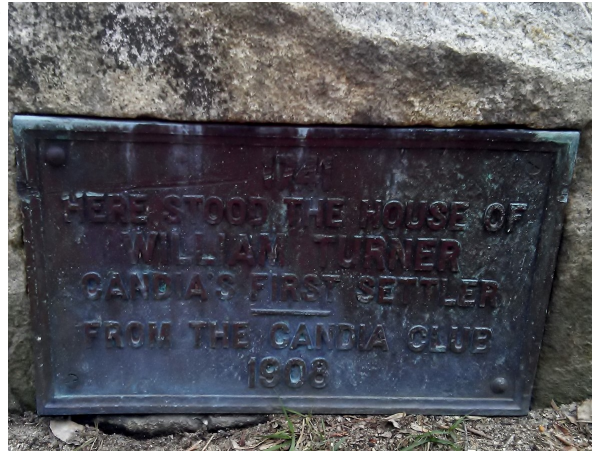
We hope an understanding of the heritage we are blessed with will be passed on to future generations. We hope this walking tour will bring you back in time when the village was a busy and prosperous place; when life was arduous, yet simple, pleasant, but filled with trials and tribulations.

Immerse yourself in the day to day operations and come away with an appreciation of life today, and compare which lifestyle is better.

105 Deerfield Rd.--This home, although not on the 1893 map, and not considered part of the Village, was once the police station/jail for nearby Auburn. (An interesting bit of history) Mrs. Ella Morgan purchased it for \$1 in the late 1950s and the State of New Hampshire covered the \$2,500 cost to move it to its present location, where Mrs. Morgan lived for several years. The house is now home to Candia's building inspector, David Murray, and his family.

143 Deerfield Rd.--

Candia's first settler, carpenter William Turner, is honored by a plaque set in a large boulder (shown here) situated just North of 159 Deerfield Rd.



The monument marks the site of his home, c. 1741. Turner built Candia's first water powered sawmill on the North Branch River located on the southeastern side of Rte. 43.

159 Deerfield Rd.—This c.1862 home was owned by shoemaker Benjamin Dearborn, an early settler. In 1893, the home was owned by farmer William Bullard and its present owner is Howard Call, Jr.

Cemetery—c.1851The Village Cemetery's respectful entrance is flanked by courses of very large cut granite stones leading up to an ornate iron gate. Founded in 1851, its land forms hillocks with

*Village Cemetery's
distinctive main gate.*



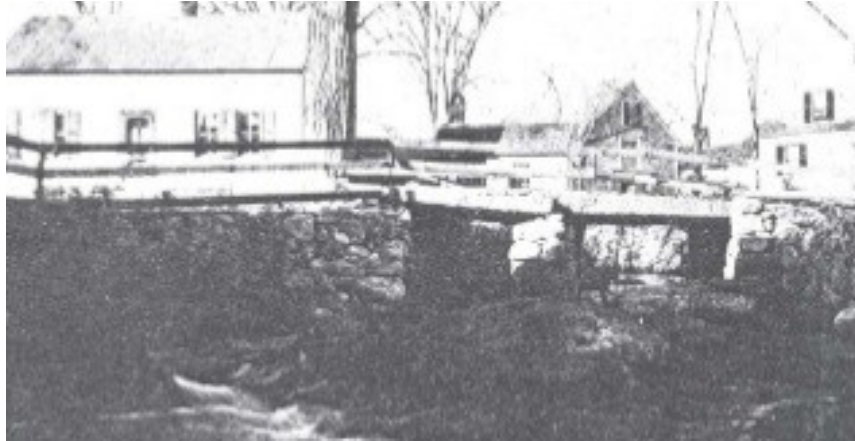
the south and east skirting the North Branch River. Many of our early settlers are buried there. In 1815, a cemetery was built behind the nearby Baptist Church, but it was found to be unsuitable; therefore some of the buried were moved to the Village Cemetery. The cemetery was enlarged in 1880, and early granite gate posts are still visible on the old access road. A concrete foundation of the old pump house and the hand dug well are testimony to the gasoline-driven engine powering an extensive watering system used until 1953.

167 Deerfield Rd.—Harness maker Hiram Clark owned this c.1868 home in 1893. Present owners are William and Evelyn Galloway.

173 Deerfield Rd.--Thomas Robinson, a tanner and mechanic, owned this home, built in 1835. Carpenter Parker Towle was the owner in 1893. It is now the home of James and Nancy Franklin.

174 Deerfield Rd.—Merchant John Moore, Esq., occupied this c.1827 home. J. T. Nichols was the resident in 1893. Walter and Karen Ingaharro now own the property, which in recent years was the site of Walter's auto mechanic garage.

177 Deerfield Rd.--In the mid -19th century, this c.1840 home



Double Arch Stone Bridge, Deerfield Road. Date unknown.

was owned by merchant Plummer Sanborn and in 1893 by trader George E. Kimball. The late Roy Martel and his wife, Marie, operated the Candia General Store on the site for several decades. A major fire temporarily closed the business for repairs in 2013.

178 Deerfield Rd.—Shoemaker Alvan Dudley was the early settler of this home, built around 1840. Peddler George Johnson was the owner in 1893. Its present owners are Roland and Sherry Grimard, who operated a hair salon for a period of time at this location.

179 Deerfield Rd.—Cordwainer Josiah Turner owned this 1815 home, which was used as the Baptist parsonage and owned by the Baptist Church 1868-1952. Concluding funeral services at the Baptist Church, a horse drawn hearse traveled across the road and behind the parsonage to make its way to the Village Cemetery. It is presently a private home owned by Brian Davis.

182 Deerfield Rd.—A home once owned by Carpenter James Batchelder occupied this site in 1893. The present home, owned by Gregory Grimard, was built in 1957; either or both of these

homes once served as a Shell gas station and a store on the lower level with a residence on the upper level.

184 Deerfield Rd.—This 1804 home was owned by early settler, Nicholas French II, a cooper. In 1893, it was owned by grocer Woodbury Dudley and served as a Post Office and was used as a grain store; at one time it was called Dudley’s Store. The upstairs was used as a school (possibly high school grades) and presently exhibits the mounting holes in the floor for desks. It is now a private home owned by Peter Foti and Laura Short.

187 Deerfield Rd.—Merchant Nehemiah Colby, Jr. owned this c.1840 structure, which was later owned by blacksmith E. Frank Maloon, (or Mellon). It is presently owned by Arthur and Jeanne Hebert.

188 Deerfield Rd.—This 1846 property has always been occupied by the Candia Baptist Church. The steeple houses the clock with a welcoming and assuring sign of a viable Christian village. This remarkable antique wooden clock is maintained weekly with the keeper climbing steep stairs to raise its heavy iron weights to wind the clock and adjust the time. Behind the Church there is a steep hill exposing the once very active mill pond where a mill(s) operated for several years. Also in the vicinity lies the original Village Cemetery.

190 Deerfield Rd.--The original owner of this 1830 home was clothier David Bunker. The second residents/store owners were merchants John Moore and brother-in-law Daniel Taylor. In 1847, tanner Samuel Dudley connected the two buildings with a



*Candia Baptist Church,
date unknown.*



Village Upper Pond, date unknown.

tenement block. His son, merchant Woodbury Dudley, owned the place in 1893. Over the years it was used as a rooming house, a mill, a school, shoe store and tannery. Woodbury Dudley also lived here, taking over his father's shoe business. As an entrepreneur, he employed over 40 people and served as a town officer. This home is now owned by Joan Duffy and family.

190 Deerfield Rd.--Prior to the early 1960's, the Grist Mill occupied a piece of the property in the vicinity, but due to reconstruction of the state road, and having been vacant for several years, the building was torn down to allow the road to follow a straighter path, as the old road took a sharp right turn to continue onto the present Old Deerfield Road. When looking



The Village Grist Mill.

at vintage Village Mill pictures from downstream, one can see

the large cut granite structured bridge. It is now constructed with reinforced concrete.

195 Deerfield Rd.—Eleazer Cheeney was the original owner, but Benjamin Taylor Estate is listed as owner in 1893. The present

The Double Arch Stone Bridge, viewed from 3 Old Deerfield Road, as it looks today.



home was built in 1974. Warren Pepper II is the present owner.

206 Deerfield Rd.—Brothers James Critchett, Jr, a wheelwright, and carriage maker Moses Critchett were original occupants of this c.1820 home. Nephew Ira Godfrey, a shoemaker, and his wife, Julia Ann Critchett, added a tenement prior to 1893. This was renovated as a two-family home in the late 1990's and is owned by Gregory and Regina Sanders.

3 Old Deerfield Rd.—This 1840 property is actually two map lots. Butcher Luther Parker, who died in 1824, is referred to as one of the first occupants of the southern-most lot which was owned in the early 1800s by carriage maker Thomas Batchelder. His daughter, Mrs. Josephine Small, owned it in 1893. Below the Batchelder house was the tan yard, originally owned by tanner Elder Moses Bean, and used as a blacksmith shop in 1893. Below

it was a carriage shop occupied in 1893 by Eliza Buswell, daughter of Moses Critchett. The northern most lot (#3) was originally owned by shoemaker Jesse Bean, who later had a hatting shop on the site. Cabinet maker Alexander Gilchrist purchased it in 1833 and referred to it as a cabinet shop on the 1893 map. In 1978, when Donald and Lorraine Briand purchased this land, there were two houses and residents referred to them as the “twin houses.” The Briands tore down the southern-most house (Mrs. Small’s home) as it was in poor condition. These two lots were owned or rented by at least 40 people prior to the Briands’ purchase.

7 Old Deerfield Rd. c.1840—This lot was originally part of the lot at #9 Old Deerfield Road in 1821 when clothier Freeman Parker purchased it from carpenter Moses Turner. Parker sold it all to currier Daniel Bean in 1851. This was a carriage shop on the 1857 map. Bean’s sister, the widow Judith Walker, sold the portion of the lot below the 1847 R/W to carriage maker Carr Haines in



Candia Four Corners
Lumber from Village Mill
Methodist Church
~1910 Walter Brown
courtesy of TheIna Weeks

1865. Cyrus Lane had a grocery store there in the 1870's and blacksmith Leonard Writer is listed as the owner on the 1893 map. This property is presently owned by Barbara and Rick De-sautels.

9 Old Deerfield Rd. —Clothier Freeman Parker and his brother Frederick Parker, a lawyer, bought the lot with the house in 1821 then sold a half interest in 1822 to their Grandma Aiken. Their first cousin, Alexander Gilchrist, boarded with them until he built his house at 12 Old Deerfield Road in 1837. According to Lang's 1899 history of Candia, the house originally was "two stories with a flattish roof" and the "pitched roof was added by Plummer (Batchelder) Walker," a carriage maker. Mrs. H. Walker was the owner in 1893. It is presently owned by George and Louise Comtois.

12 Old Deerfield Rd.—c.1837 Cabinet maker Alexander Gilchrist was the owner in 1893. He built his home and barn in which he housed his horse and carriage for transportation to and from Divine Worship as he was a Deacon in the Congregational Church. At one time he also owned the cabinet shop and carriage shop at #3 Old Deerfield Road. Twelve Old Deerfield Road is now owned by seamstress Mona MacNichol.

15 Old Deerfield Rd.—Shoemaker Phineas Bean was an early settler in this c.1837 home. Shoemaker Jonathan Hobbs and farmer Francis Rowe were the owners in 1893. This home was built as a single resident home, but was converted into a two-family home when two unamicable brothers lived there (time unknown). It was later returned to a single family dwelling by the Sorel family who sold it to the present owners, Rick and Mary Champagne.

18 Old Deerfield Rd.--Blacksmith Thomas Lang, Sr. was an early settler in this c.1823 home. Shoemaker Edwin Godfrey was the owner in 1893. It is now owned by Thomas Sizemore.

22 Old Deerfield Rd.—In the 1830s, saddler Robert Moore, Jr. was the original settler. J. K. Moore is listed on the 1893 map. This structure is now a two-family home owned by Margaret Ramsey.

28 Old Deerfield Rd.--In the mid-19th century, farmer Jason Godfrey was the original settler. Mrs. Jason Godfrey was the owner in 1893 and it remained in the family until 1960. It is presently owned by Paul and Genevieve Svoboda.

29 Old Deerfield Rd.—Also in the mid-19th century carriage maker Carr Haines was an early settler. Undertaker Jesse Young was the owner in 1893. The present owners are James and Maryse Pelchat.

40 Old Deerfield Rd.—Yeoman Joseph Bean was the original settler about 1768. His son, farmer Daniel Bean, owned it when the c.1820 house was built. His son Daniel S. Bean was the owner in 1893. The homestead remained in the family until 1960. Notice the same design as house at 15 Old Deerfield Road and same last name as early settler. It is now owned by June England.

48 Old Deerfield Rd.--Farmer Daniel Bean and Captain William Turner, cordwainer, were the original owners of this lot and c.1820 house which included the land for 54 and 60 Old Deerfield Road. Cyrus Lane was the owner in 1893. This was the home of Mr. Henry Mowles, a Candia tax collector, where he conducted the town tax business in a home office for several years. The present owner is Scott C. Severin.



Schoolhouse No. 9 as it looks today.

54 Old Deerfield Rd.—Mason Joel Smith was an early settler at the c.1860 site. Grocer John Bean was the owner in 1893. The present owners are Stephen and Robin Barwise.

59 Old Deerfield Rd.—Stonecutter Amos Morrison was the original settler in the 1840s. John Fitts was the owner in 1893 and it is now owned by Lucinda Griswold.

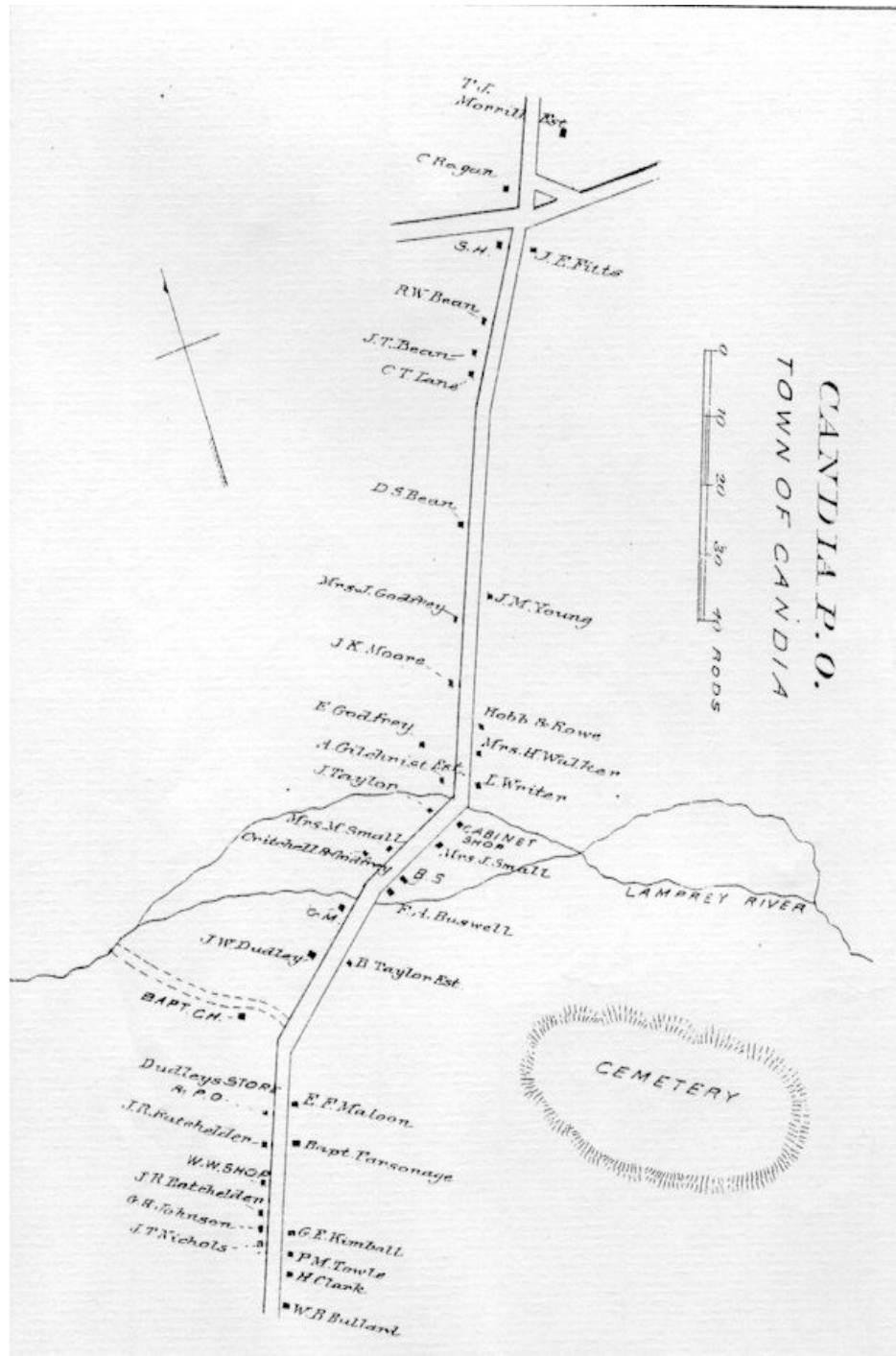
60 Old Deerfield Rd.—Shoemaker Jonathan Bean III was an early settler in the 1830s. His son, Yeoman Richard Bean, owned it in 1893. The front door has an inscription naming it *The Tom Thumb House*. Legend has it that it achieved its name of fame after a visit by the famed performer Tom Thumb. This property is also the home of the Candia Schoolhouse #9 c.1826. The owners Brenda and Charles Wilbert have transformed the schoolhouse into a studio. Brenda is an artist and has held classes and open

houses in the studio. It is closed at this time.

72 Old Deerfield Rd.—Farmer William Clark was the original settler around 1813. Farmer Cornelius Ragan was the owner in 1893. This was the home of former town librarian, Jon Godfrey (head librarian 1987-2014). The present owners are Jon and Christiana Warena.

75 Old Deerfield Rd. —c.1758/1845 Yeoman Josiah Bean, Jr. was the original settler. Farmer Hosea Chase owned it during the 1845 rebuild. It was listed as the Thomas J. Morrill Estate in 1893. Thomas was a shoemaker. It is presently in the Swain Family Trust.

96 Old Deerfield Rd.--This home was built in the 1840s by merchant John Moore, the father of Henry W. Moore for whom the school and Moore Park are named. Day laborer Edwin Clay lived there in 1893. From 1971-1991, this was the home of pewter smith Charles Baroody, who designed, fabricated and sold pewter pieces on these premises through his business Arrow Metal Spinning Co. Mr. Baroody designed the present day town seal by winning a contest sponsored by the Old Home Day committee to celebrate and commemorate Candia's 200th Anniversary. The home is presently owned by Michael Courann.





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