

Cornwall Letter Box Location Trivia

Evergreen Cemetery

- Spend a moment here to honor those who came before us. A few notable persons buried here are:
- **Abram William Foote** who was a former Vermont Lieutenant Governor.
- **Ralph Albert Foote** who was the grandson of Abram William Foote, also former Vermont Lieutenant Governor.
- **Anna Julia Stowell Bingham** who the Cornwall Elementary School was named after.
- **Joey Rourke** An actor and stuntman who is the half-brother of actor Mickey Rourke.
- **Many veterans** *who served our country with honor and bravery over the past few centuries.*

DAR Building

- The Samson Memorial Building was dedicated in 1915, a gift of Martha Elizabeth Samson Porter to the Mary Baker Allen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This gift was in memory of William Samson, one of the earliest settlers of Cornwall. This iconic building was constructed of red brick, white woodwork, Vermont Marble and Vermont green slate roofing. The interior was designed with library space, a meeting room, a fireplace, a serving room and a kitchen in the lower level. It was one of the finest buildings for its purpose in Vermont at that time.

William Slade

- William Slade was born in Cornwall, attended local public schools, and graduated from Middlebury College. As well as serving as our 17th governor, he was Vermont Secretary of State, Judge of Addison county court and a U.S. Representative from Vermont 1831-1843 where he was an outspoken opponent of slavery. He was interred at West Cemetery in Middlebury, VT.

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD)

- The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1951 when the group purchased their first two fire trucks. At that time, this West Cornwall building was the only fire station in town. It also served as the town garage (until the current town garage was built in late 1973-1974). The town vault and other important town items were also housed at this location. CVFD used the #5 Schoolhouse on South Bingham Street for their meetings starting in 1961. This station remained the only fire station in town until the late 1980's when a town wide fundraising effort provided enough funds for CVFD to purchase and renovate the #2 Schoolhouse on Rte. 30. That building currently serves as the main fire station and meeting location. The West Cornwall building serves as an auxiliary fire station at this time.

Lemon Fair Wildlife Management Area or River

- Native Americans frequented the low-lying and placid flowing Lemon Fair River. A good portion of the Lemon Fair flood plains were probably originally covered with Champlain Valley clayplain forest; but during European-American settlement the land was cleared for agriculture. The Lemon Fair arises in Orwell and flows north along Cornwall's western edges to Weybridge where it empties into the Otter Creek.
- As you drive west on Route 125 a view of the Lemon Fair will be on the north side of the road near the bridge beyond the sharp turn. This time of the year the water is obstructed by the leaves on the trees. A drive over the bridge allows a glimpse at the water as it is traveling from Bridport through Cornwall. In some wetter times the view from West Street can show the "Fair Flats" covered with water or ice.

Swamp Road Fishing Access

- The Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife maintains more than 180 developed fishing access areas throughout the state, providing public access for boat launching and shore fishing. Cornwall is lucky to have one access on Swamp Road. If you like to catch Bullhead, Carp, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Panfish, Smallmouth Bass or Yellow Perch, get your fishing license from Sue Johnson at the Town Hall and cast your line at this beautiful spot. The covered bridge at this site burned down in September 2016. It was replaced by a steel girder bridge. The covered bridge also had 4 names. It was

known as: Creek Road Bridge, Cedar Swamp Bridge, Salisbury Station Bridge, and Station Bridge.

Cornwall Baseball Field - Peet Road

- Baseball became popular in Cornwall and Addison County after the Civil War, as it did in the rest of the United States. Many towns constructed baseball fields that were enjoyed by citizens of all ages. Middlebury College, Norwich University and the University of Vermont were in-state rivals, as they played in the Vermont Intercollegiate Baseball League in the late 1800's. This site has been recently used by the *Addison County Men's Softball League*. It is available for "pick-up" games with friends and family. If the snow flies and the moon is bright, this land is a delightful location for a moonlight ski on a winter evening.

Cornwall Park - opposite the Town Hall on Route 30

- Judge Joel Linsley gave the park to the town. For many years a board fence enclosed the park, but the fence fell apart and has never been replaced. Look closely to find a few picnic tables inviting people to stop to enjoy a snack or a rest. The planting of the trees in the park must have been by donation, for there were elms, maples - both soft and sugar - cedars, spruce, locust and hardhack. Can you find which types of trees are still there today? In 1868 a group of Cornwall residents decided to locate the Civil War Monument on the highest rise of ground in the park, an ideal location. The granite shaft bears the words, "Cornwall Remembers." On the sides are listed the names of those Cornwall residents who lost their lives in the Civil War and World War I.