



Colonial Claremont Quest Claremont, NH

To get there: From Interstate 91, take exit 8 for Vermont 131. Turn left at Route 131/Vermont 131, continue to follow Main St./NH-103/NH-12. After you have traveled in NH for 1.6 miles, turn right on Plains Road. After .2 of a mile, take a slight left at Old Church Road. You will need to take a right to stay on Old Church Road; your destination will be on the left. This Quest begins in front of the Union Church.

For this Quest you should bring your compass! The clues in *italics* are the movement clues and will direct you around this Quest. The clues not in italic are your teaching clues and will tell you facts about Colonial Claremont.

Tall and white,
It's part of Claremont's history
From the time of a great fight.
What was once a muster ground,
Is now a good place to fly your kite
around.
Union Church
Stands surrounded by white birch.
Built in 1773,
It's still as beautiful as can be.
Here's where Tories used to pray,
And others worship to this day.

In a few years, Claremont will be 250,
Isn't that nifty?
Claremont is named for the Duke of
Newcastle's house,
Not after his pet mouse.

*1. With your back to the Church door
And your feet on the floor
Walk to the plaque
On the big rock that's black.*

Don't stare at the moss,
Look at the cross.
The words are in gold.

From them, you'll learn about a NH
governor of old.

Benning Wentworth got to be
NH's governor while it was still a
colony.
From 1741-1766, he made the rules
Setting aside land for homes and
schools.
The plan for this church came from him,
But he never delivered the glass
to go inside the windows' trim.

*2. Cross the street
And stay left with your feet
What you have found
Will tell you about the burial ground.*

Two Acres the settlers did take,
So this cemetery they could make.

*3. Look right
To the next sight
Where you see a patch of grass
There's a list of people from the past.*

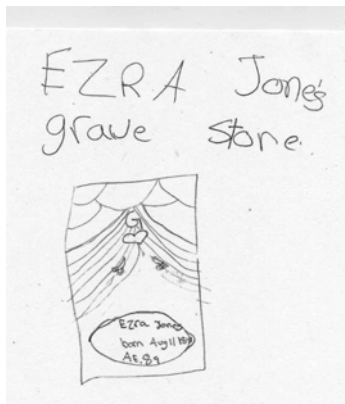
34 Claremont men went off to war,
Not one less, not one more.

4. From the plaque look for a bush that has flowers in May.
 To find Christopher York, it won't take all day.
 Find the big pine tree to your right, Christopher York is within sight.
 Near his grave there stand two flags.
 In a stiff breeze, they won't sag.
 They stand tall and proud
 Above the crowd.

Christopher York is buried here.
 He was one of the first settlers to hold Claremont dear.
 We don't know much about his family.
 He died 5 years after age 63.

5. Turn left not right
 Take 14 steps to the obelisk that's white
 Another left turn
 And you will learn
 25 steps more
 To where the second obelisk soars
 You've found the last home
 Of Charles Jones
 But now turn to your right
 Here lies Ezra Jones, in plain sight.

He fought in the Revolutionary War,
 But wait there's more.
 He had a family of five
 While he was alive
 Now he lies buried beside his bride.



6. Put your back to Ezra's stone.
 About 30 steps straight ahead
 Will take you to where Ichabod
 Hitchcock lies dead.
 His family's buried in a line of nine
 Between where two trees grow, they're
 both white pine.

Rebeckah was Ichabod's wife.
 She lived a good long life.
 Kids they had = 11
 At this cemetery though, there lie only 7.
 Being a Mason,
 He worked with stone.
 He died at 89, but not alone.
 7. Look at Ichabod, then turn right
 And walk to the giant tree that you see.
 Then turn to the right again.
 And take 20 steps straight ahead
 You will pass a grave split in half
 That lies in your path.
 Turn to the left
 Walk 12 more steps forward
 There you'll discover Benjamin Sumner.

He worked as a clerk
 And may have done it with a smirk
 Married his dear Prudence Hubbard
 She helped keep a full cupboard.
 The Declaration of Independence, he
 refused to sign
 Anywhere on the fine line.

8. Put your back to Mr. Sumner's stone,
 Now walk diagonally to the right to find
 A slate just one row further from the
 gate.
 It's Barnabas Ellis who's buried where
 the grass has grown.

On July 28, 1745, Barnabas Ellis was born.
 He came to Claremont in the spring of 1767 and started planting corn.
 He served at Ticonderoga and Crown Point with General Stark –

As a soldier and constable he made his mark.
He died on June 26, 1838 at age 93,
Taking his place in history.

9. Put your right shoulder to Mr. Ellis' stone.

Facing northwest, walk two stones ahead.

You'll end up where Beverly lies dead.

Facing the Beverly's place, turn right from her slate and

Walk to the stone with the metal plate.

Sanford Kingsbury, he was so great
Now he lies beneath a cracked slate.
His wife was nice
And they had a good life.
Kids, they had six
And that he couldn't fix.
Now he lies dead,
This broken stone at his head.

10. Cross the road

Don't be as slow as a toad.

Then turn left, not right

Look out for sunlight.

Take 12 steps forward,

Don't be a coward.

It's the second grave in from the path,

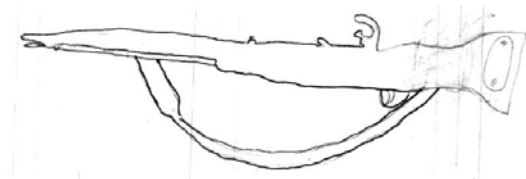
You do the math.

In Deerfield, Mass, Samuel Ashley was born.

A revolutionary patriot, to the cause of liberty he was sworn.

He fought in the Battle of Bennington,
Which the colonists won.

Now he's known in our community
Because of the landing named for his family.



*11. You're standing at the grave
Of someone brave.*

From Samuel Ashley

Face the tree.

Then take 14 steps diagonally.

Leaning there you'll see

A stone that's embedded in the tree.

Read closely,

Zenis Hitchcock's name on it will be.

12. Zenis is on one side of the tree.

Go to the opposite side to find the key.

Take 27 steps diagonally

To the right to Lucy

Go 4 graves forward slightly right diagonally

To see Asa Jones and his family

Asa Jones was a lieutenant

And he had many descendants

He died at 66 years

Amid many tears

He died June 15th, 1810

And was buried here behind the gate.

*13. About 20 steps northeast heel-to-toe
You must now go.*

Find the stones that gaze

At the biggest obelisk in the haze

Benjamin Tyler was known for his mill

Near where the Sugar River runs, still.

You can find him in the church,

But you don't need to lurch.

He's got a plaque,

Your attention it must not lack.



If you found the treasure box, that is fine
Now in our book, you need to sign.
Collect an impression from our stamp,
we don't mind.
Please just re-hide the box for the next
determined Quester to find!

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*14. See the bushes directly ahead?
Go towards them, you're not made of
lead.
Are you in between?
It's quite a scene.
Now go towards the wall.
You won't fall.
Take seven steps north.
In the wall, look for a mouth.*

