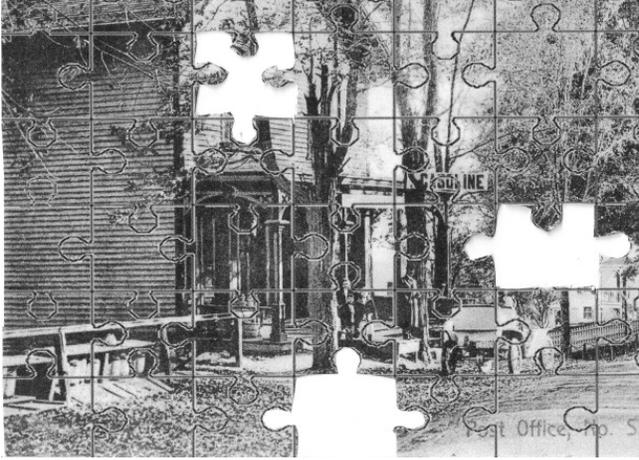


## Backward Glances: Missing Pieces

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History is a lot like a giant jigsaw puzzle with many missing pieces. Sometimes those pieces are apocryphal stories, and documentation will never turn up; sometimes the stories are true but the record has been lost or misplaced. Can you help find some of North Salem's? Do you know or have

- Photos of houses and businesses being moved up the hill from Purdys Station to the new village in 1900
- The whereabouts of the meteorite that landed on Supervisor Albert Lobdell's farm in 1924 and was then stolen from a display case in the Lobdell Store & Post Office
- The location of stills and speakeasies in North Salem during prohibition
- Primary source evidence that Lafayette stopped in North Salem
- An original schedule for the New York - Danbury - Rutland stagecoach
- Photos of Bailey's Tavern and/or a program or menu for an event there
- A map of Upper Salem before the Revolution
- A program or review or other proof that Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale, actually performed at Union Hall
- Memorabilia or photos of the Titicus Club (was south of Mills Road across from reservoir)
- Diary, letter or other contemporary record from a North Salem resident describing Rochambeau's camp here or observations about the French army
- Photos of folks riding bicycles at the track in Purdys
- Posters, tickets, ads, drawings or artifacts from the North Salem circuses not in the Somers museum
- A portrait of Thaddeus Crane
- Photos of the 19<sup>th</sup>- early 20<sup>th</sup> century Peach Lake Hotel, also known as the Peach Lake House, the Pehquenakonck House and Vail's House; and/or photos of the other hotel/boarding house at Peach Lake called Briggs House
- Photos of Maj. Gen. John O'Ryan's cavalry training in North Salem in and around Battery Farm
- Diaries or letters from an Upper Salem soldier who served in the Revolution or letters home from our soldiers in all wars

If you have or have leads to any of these missing pieces, please let me know. If you have other interesting pieces of North Salem's past, please share them. Items will be treated with care, scanned or photographed and returned.