

Milestone and Guideposts of Massachusetts and Southeastern New Hampshire

Updates and Additions

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Haverhill, MA

Milestone 3 - Corner of 725 Broadway Street & Lela Ave (old Dodge Street)

This milestone was in damaged condition as 1971. It is currently in poor condition having broken into at least two pieces. Only the top line of the letter "B" can be seen one of the pieces.



Scan of 1971 slide by Dave Fletcher of Milestone 3



2019 photographs by James Gage (arrow points top of the letter “B”)

Milestone 4 - Formerly located at 1111 Broadway Street

*The stone was rescued in 1972 from demolition by construction work and relocated to a private residence in the neighborhood. The current "owner" hopes to have it restored to its original location.

H.B. stands for Haverhill Bridge which was located in the general area of the current Basiliere Bridge.

The section of Broadway Street on which both milestones were found along was built after 1795. The 1795 Haverhill map shows Broadway ending at a parish meeting house about where Interstate 95 crosses the street. No road is shown between the interstate and the New Hampshire border. This section of the street first appears on 1832 Haverhill map. It is labeled the "Salem Road". The milestones therefore post-date 1795.



Scan of 1971 slide by Dave Fletcher of Milestone 4 in its original location prior to being rescued in 1972 by a local citizen from demolition.



2019 photography by James Gage



2019 photography by James Gage (top down view)

Acushnet, MA Milestones 3, 6, 7, 8

These photographs are courtesy of Steve DiMarzo. Milestone 6, 7 & 8 are located along Main Street. Only the stub of milestone 8 survives. "FH" stands for Fairhaven. Milestones 6 & 7 were carved by the same stone carver. The stones appear to be part a series.









Note: The two drill holes suggest the top of this milestone was split off for unknown reasons

Rochester, MA - Milestone 9

This is a continuation of the Fairhaven milestone series in Acushnet. It is located on Main Street (Route 105) 500 feet north of the junction of Cedar Hill Dr. & Main Street



Photo courtesy of Steve DiMarzo

Guidepost - Rochester Center



Photo courtesy of Steve DiMarzo

Sturbridge, MA

Bob Brier and Walter Hersee believe they have relocated the “missing” milestone 67 shown in a 1904 photograph. Efforts are underway to have the milestone professionally cleaned to make a positive identification. The exact location to be announce by the Sturbridge Historical Commission at future date.



January 2024 photo - courtesy of Walter Hersee