LEST WE FORGET

A Lesson from Adventist History

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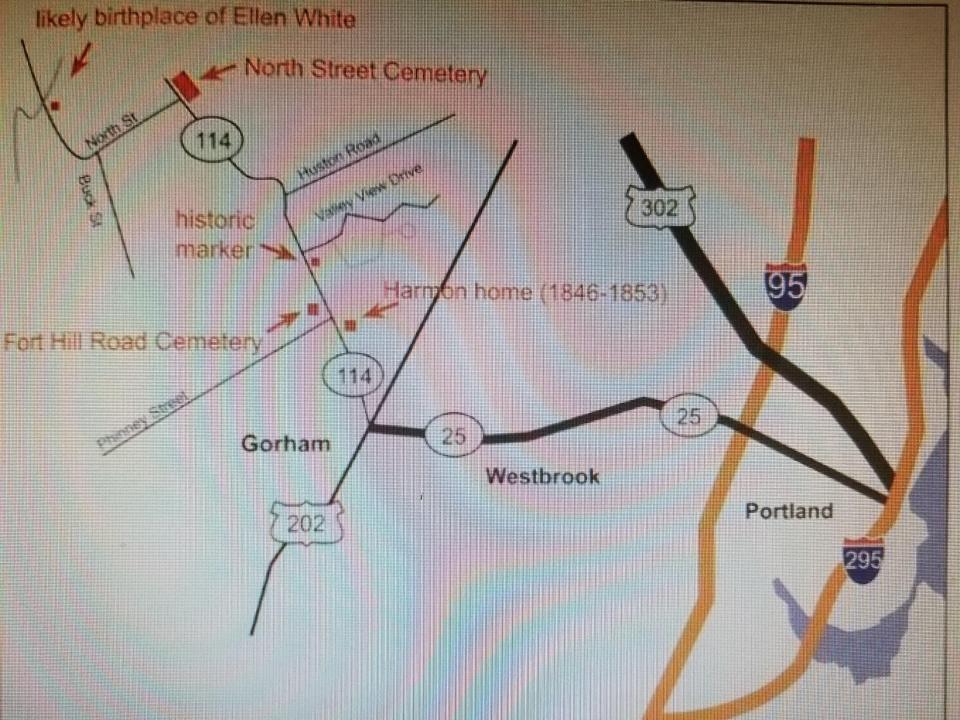
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HE SLEEPS IN JESUS - CEASE THY GRIEF LET THIS AFFORD THEE SWEET RELIEF THAT FREE FROM DEATH'S TRIUMPHANT REIGN IN HEAVEN HE WILL LIVE AGAIN





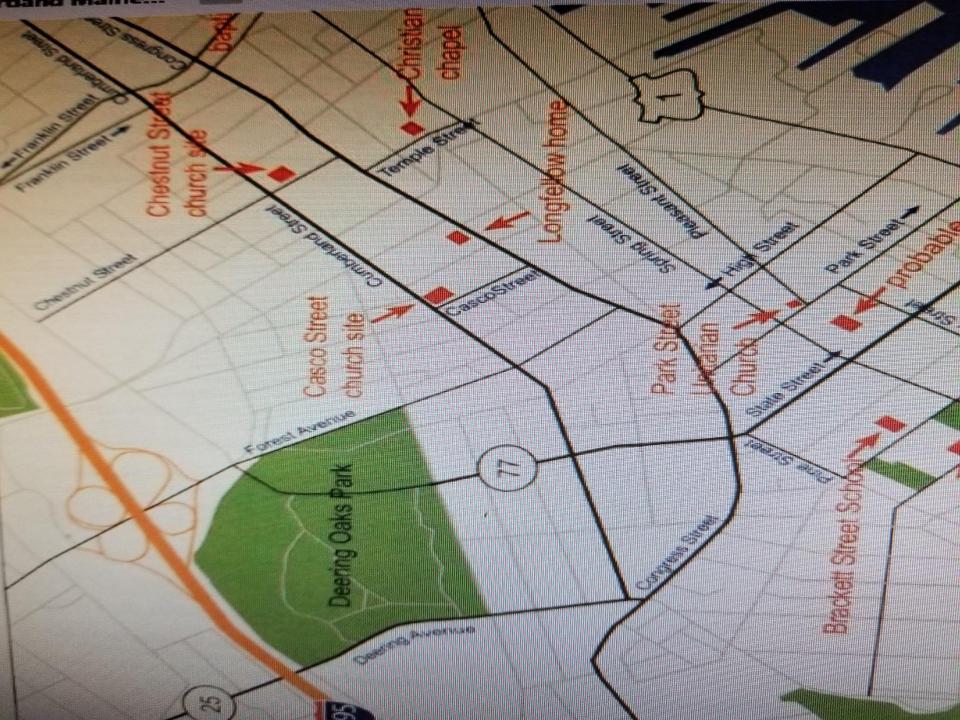


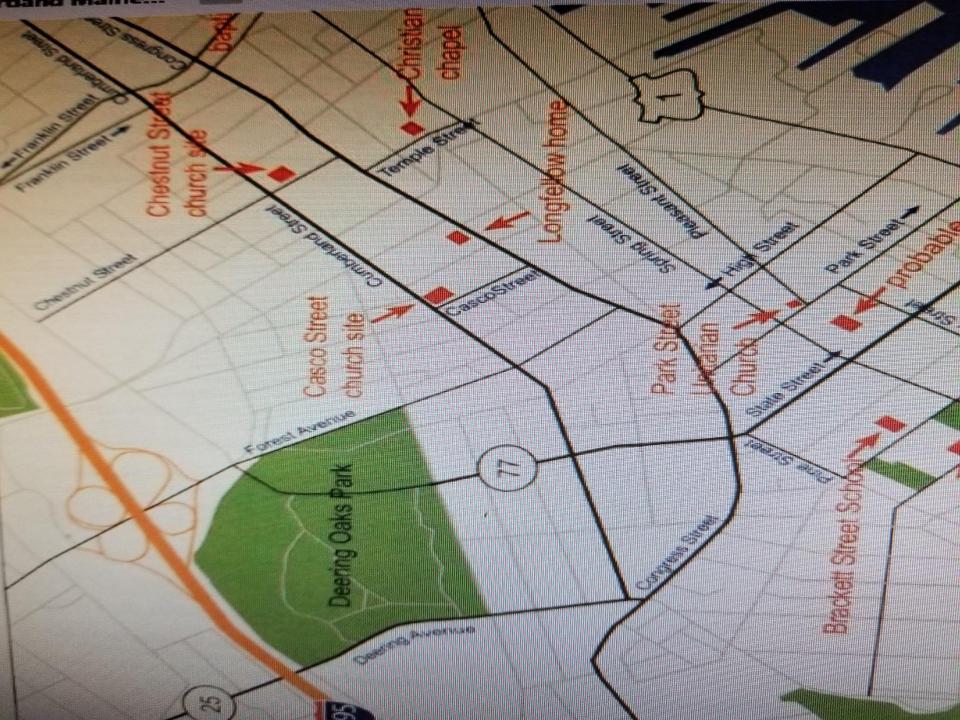






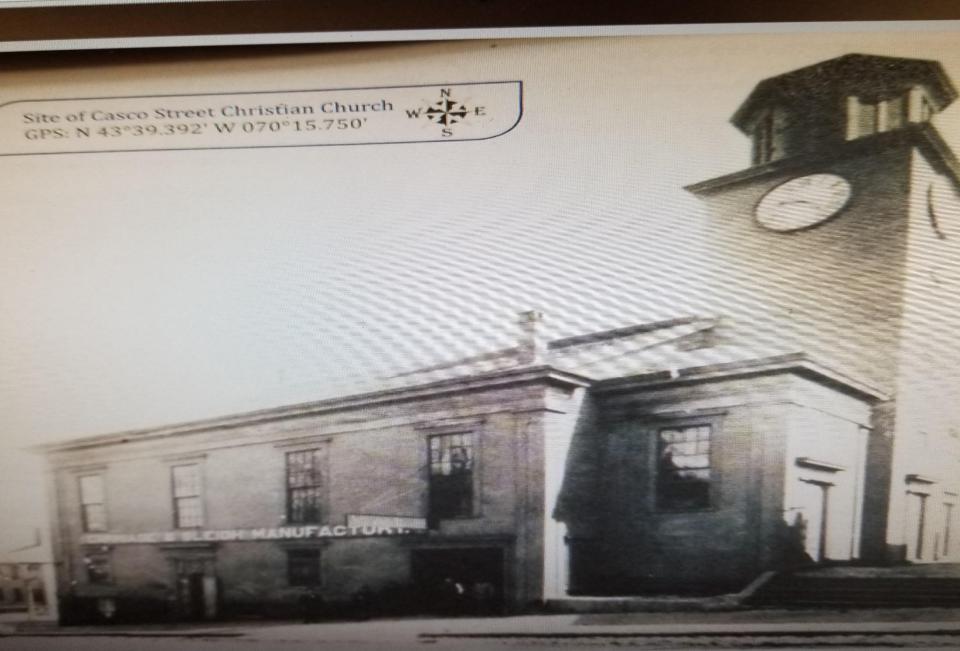








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Casco Street Christian Church after the discontinuance of its use as a church building

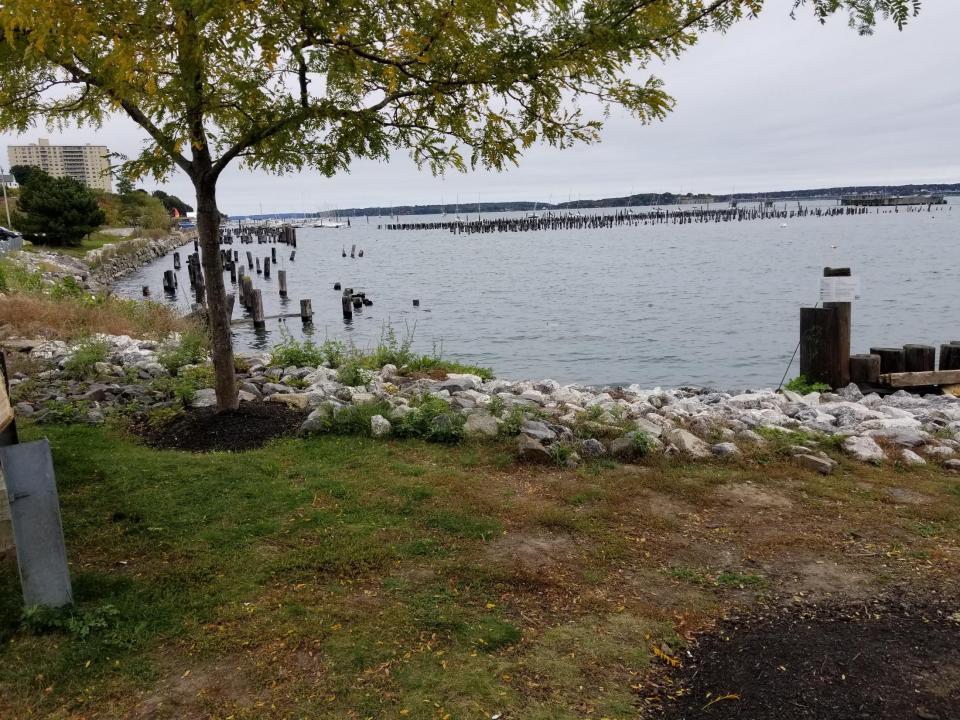


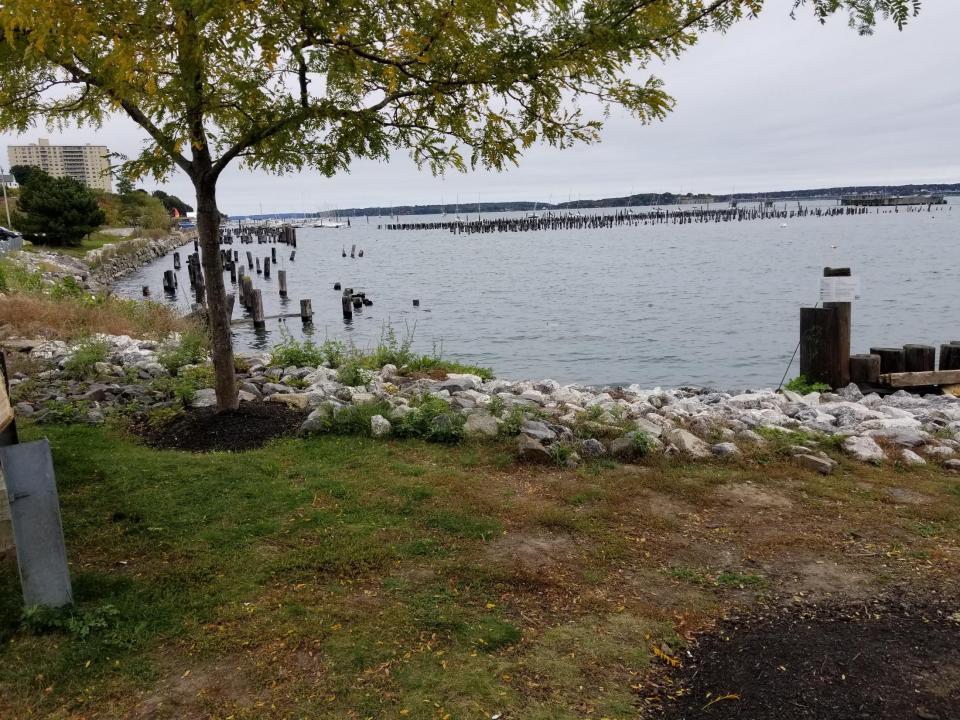


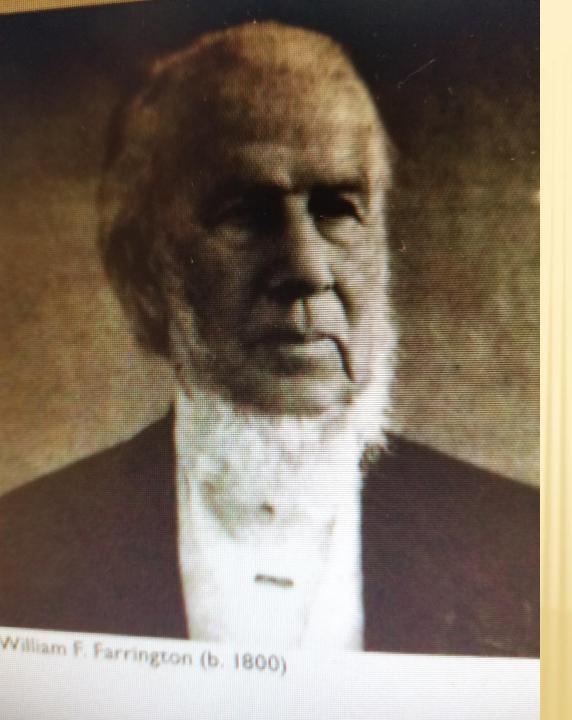












On February 6, 1843 formed a committee of three to deal with the Harmons – they failed to bring back a report

March 27 – created a committee of one – brought back a good report

April 23 – created another committee of three – they did not bring back a report

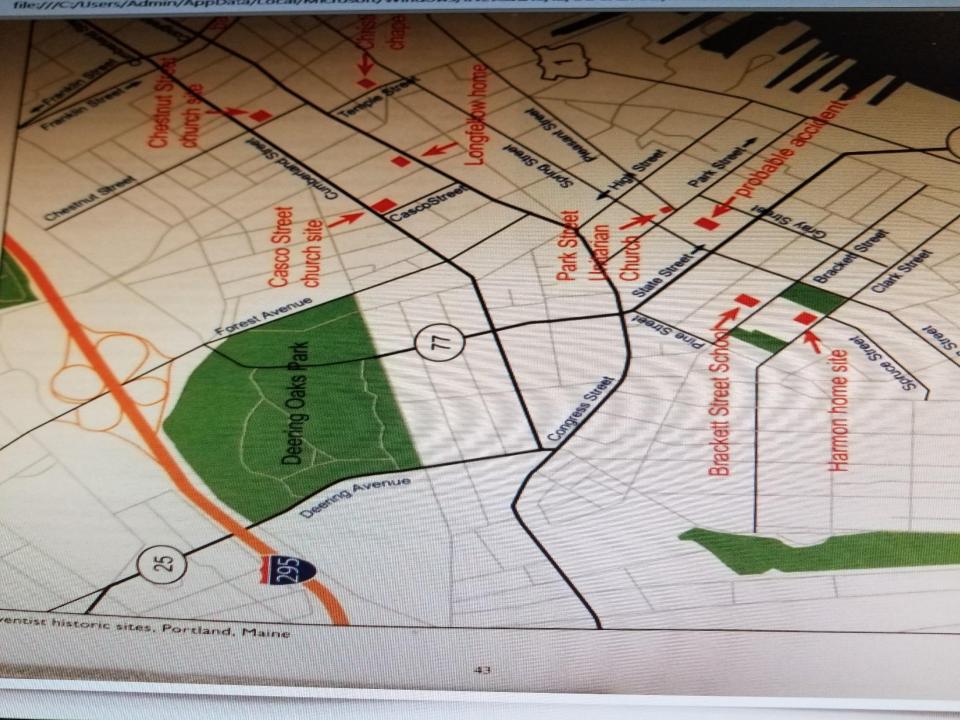
May 29 - created another committee of three -

August 14 – Committee of trial was formed - committee's report accepted

September 2, 1843 – Harmon Family removed from membership















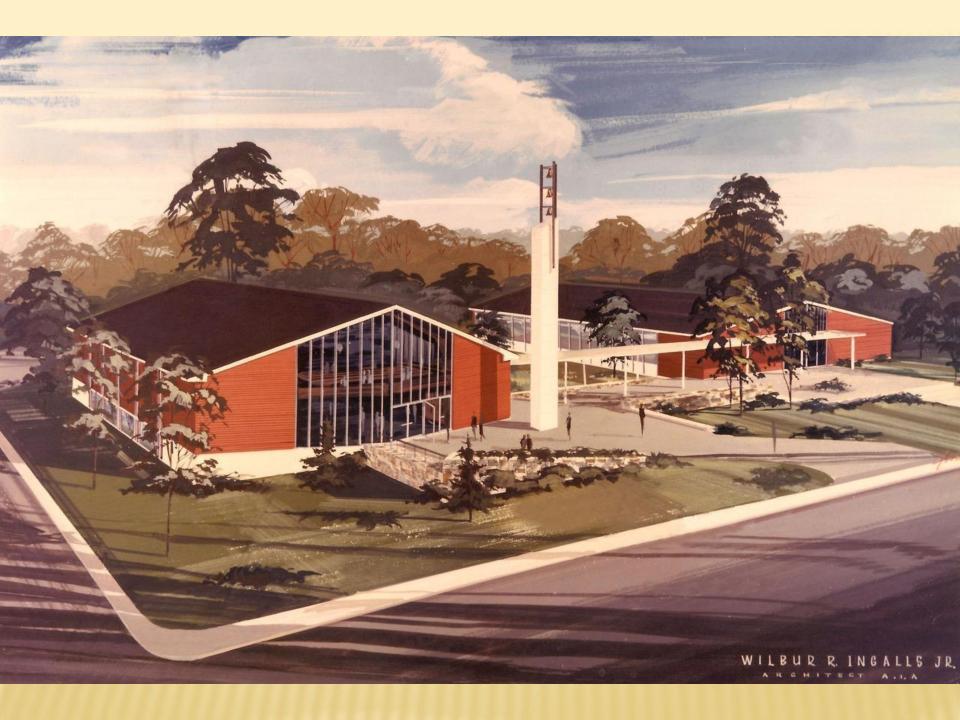














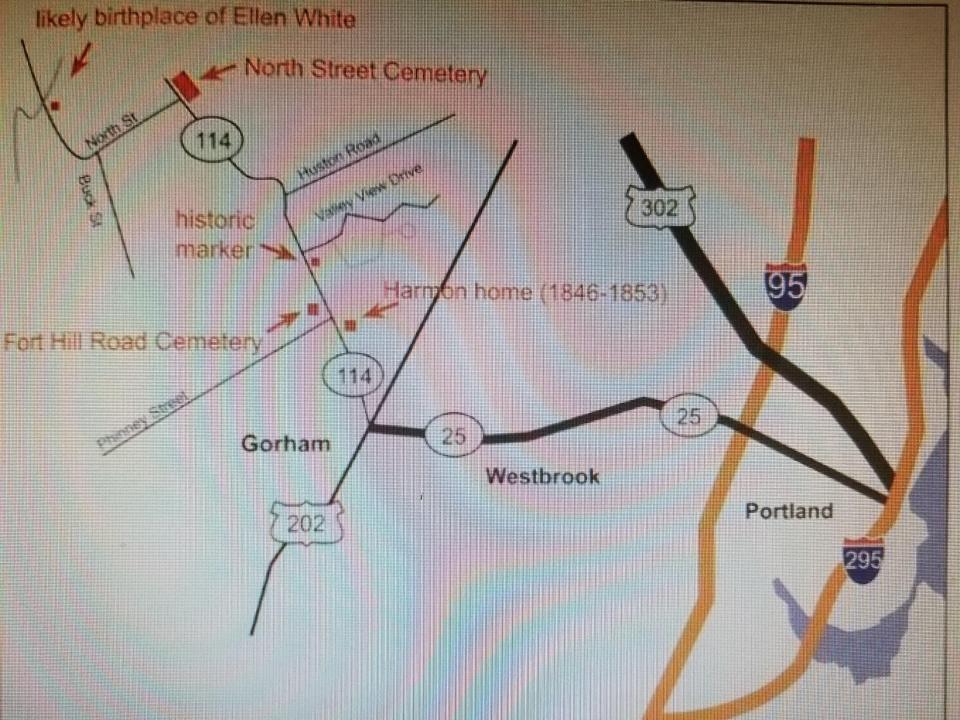


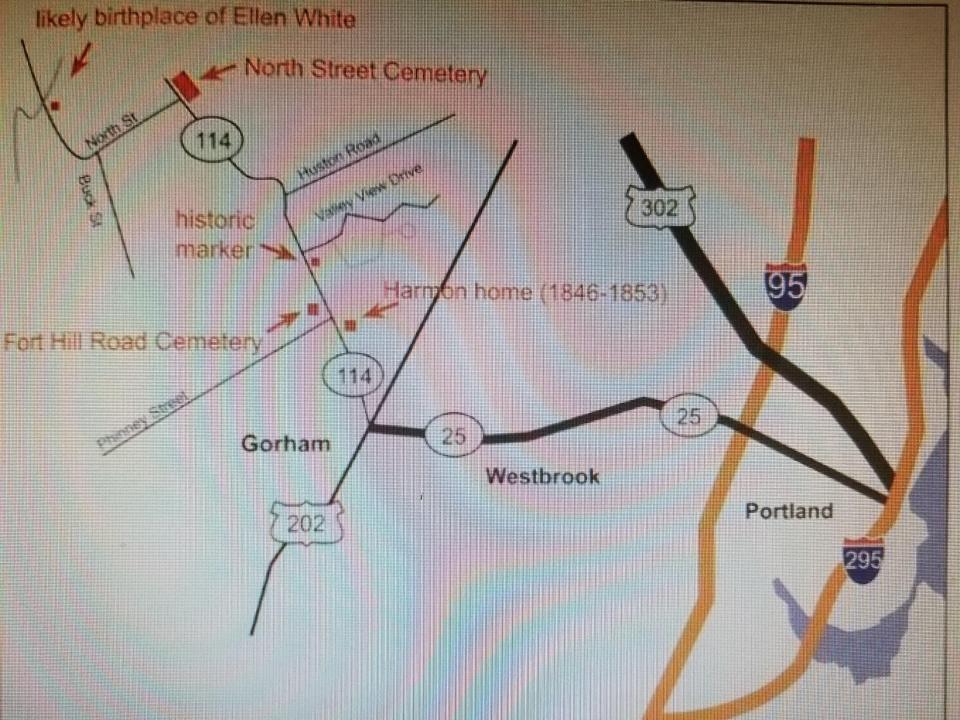


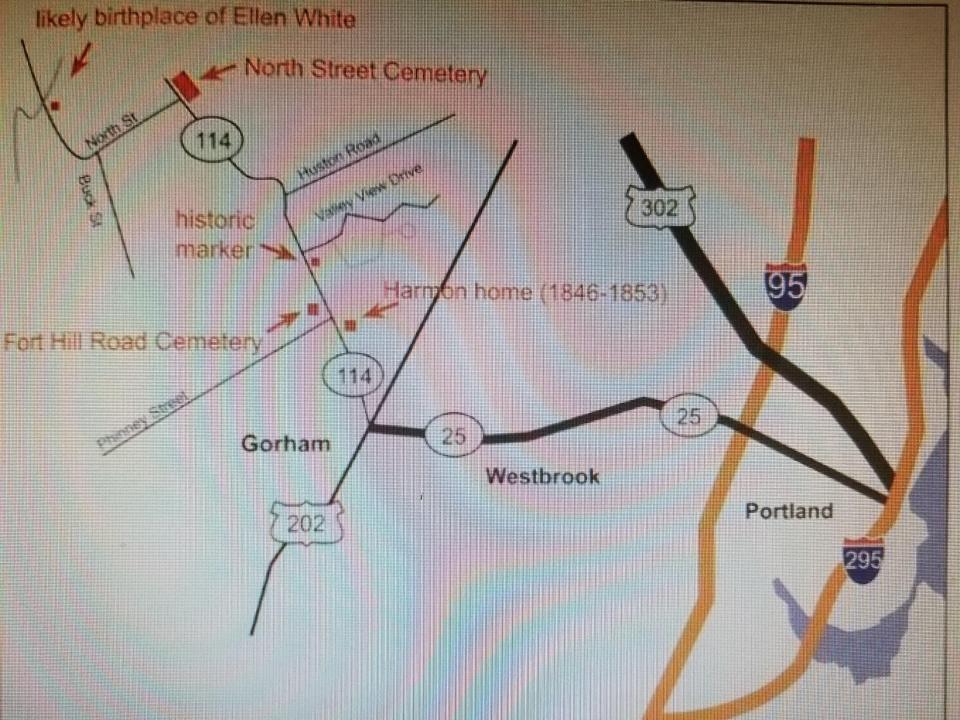




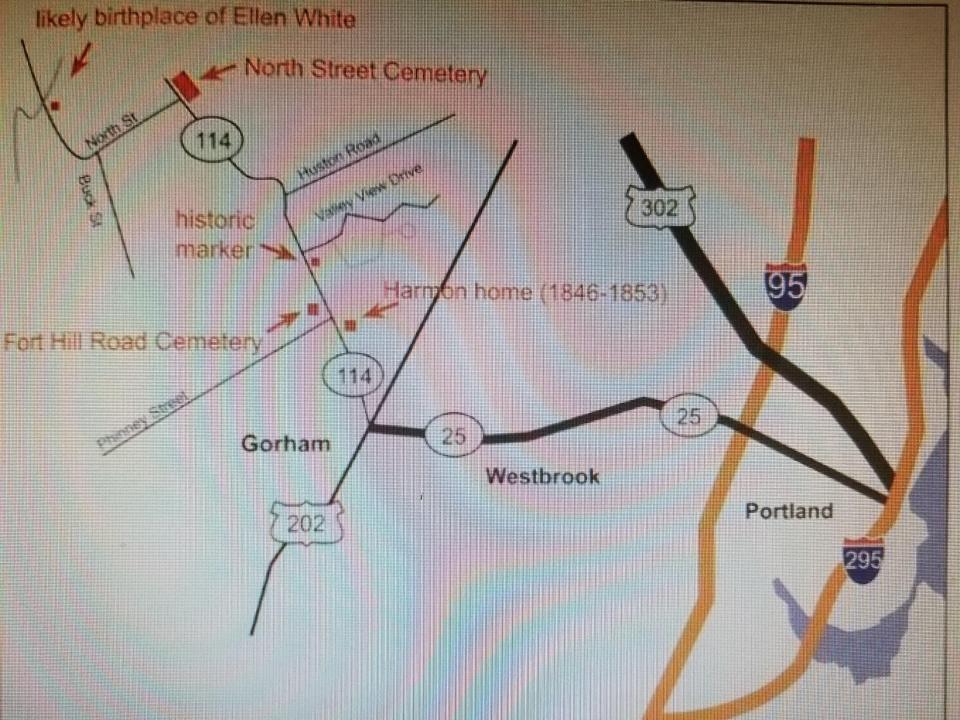
















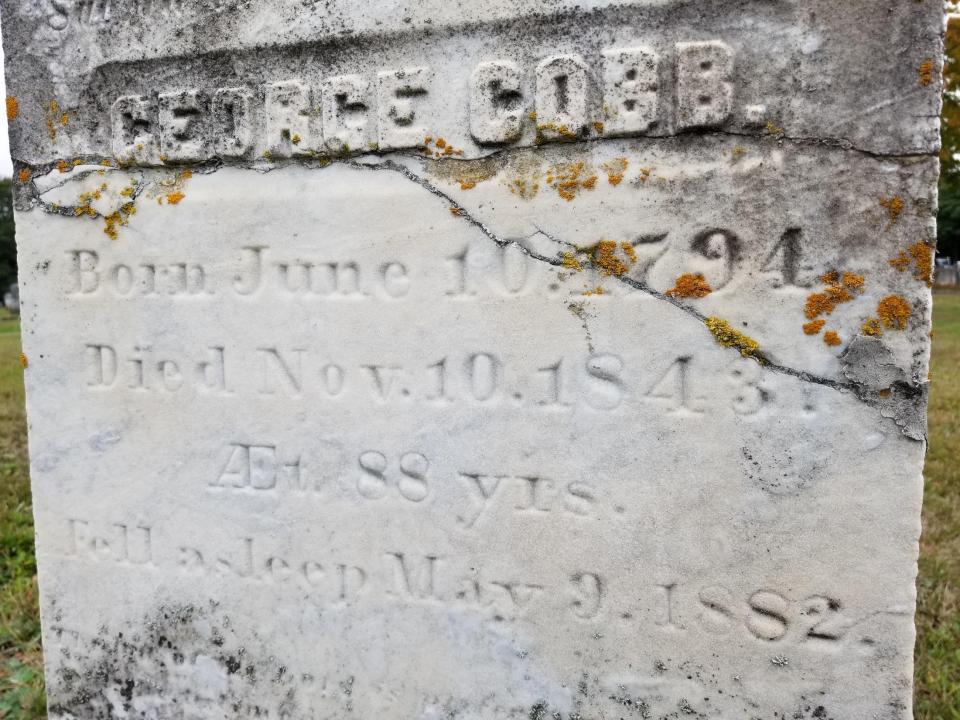
















































































WASHINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

IN APRIL, 1842, A GROUP OF CITIZENS WHOSE FARMS STRETCHED OVER THESE HILLSIDES BANDED TOGETHER TO FORM "THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SOCIETY IN WASHINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE!" BECAUSE THE PLACES WHERE THEY WORSHIPED WERE, AS THEY EXPRESSED IT, TOO "STRAIT FOR THEM" THEY DECIDED TO "ERECT A SMALL, NEAT AND COMMODIOUS HOUSE" TO BE "DEDICATED TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD." PLANS CALLED FOR A BUILDING "30 BY 40 FEET, ONE STORY HIGH, THE POSTS ABOUT 15 FEET."

IN THE ADVENTIST MOVEMENT OF 1842 AND 1843 THE MEMBERS OF THIS "CHRISTIAN SOCIETY" ESPOUSED THE ADVENT HOPE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, RACHEL OAKES, A SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST, MOVED TO THE COMMUNITY, WORSHIPED WITH THE ADVENTISTS, AND DISTRIBUTED TRACTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE SEVENTH DAY AS THE SABBATH. THE RESULT WAS THAT ON A SUNDAY MORNING IN THE AUTUMN OF 1844 WILLIAM FARNSWOR! HAROSE IN THE CONGREGATION AND STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO OBSERVE THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH. HIS WIFE, HIS BROTHER CYRUS, AND ABOUT A DOZEN OTHERS JOINED HIM. ALL WERE DISFELLOWSHIPED FOR THEIR STAND.

IN JANUARY, 1862, THE SABBATHKEEPERS HERE IN WASHINGTON, AFTER MEETING FOR YEARS AS A LOOSELY KNIT COMPANY, ORGANIZED INTO A SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, WITH WILLIAM AND CYRUS FARNSWORTH AS CHARTER MEMBERS. IN THE DECADE THAT FOLLOWED, THE MAJORITY OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIETY GROUP ACCEPTED THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THE CHURCH PROPERTY PASSED TO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CONTROL.

THIS CHURCH IS CONSIDERED THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE FIRST SABBATHKEEPING ADVENTIST CONGREGATION. PIONEER CHURCH LEADERS INCLUDING JOSEPH BATES, JAMES AND ELLEN WHITE, AND J.N. ANDREWS WERE OCCASIONAL VISITORS HERE. THE WORLD-WIDE WORK OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS HAS BEEN ENRICHED BY THE YOUTH OF THIS CHURCH WHO IN DEDICATED SERVICE HAVE FILLED POSITIONS AS MINISTERS, TEACHERS, AND PUBLISHING LEADERS.

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