



Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park

Thames River Quest – June 2, 2018

This quest begins at Thames River Landing located at 301 Thames Street in Groton and proceeds to Fort Griswold. The landing is a stop on the route of the Thames River Heritage Park Water Taxi. Take the water taxi or park at 2 Latham Street for easy access. (You may also park on side streets.)

All participants: please email your name, address and a photo of you with your prize at the end of the Quest to be entered in a drawing for a special gift to: info@thamesriverheritagepark.org

***Our trail begins where some did end.
For from this place Redcoats did send
The prisoners, their spoils of war.
To remember them forever more
A stone wheel stands upon this spot.
For some returned and some did not.***

1. How many prisoners were taken? ____ Add the two digits. ____ Put the corresponding letter of the alphabet in space 19. ____

2. The battle that took place at Fort Griswold is called the Battle of _____. Put the first letter of the first word in space 22. Put the first letter of the second word in space 23.

***Cross the street and up the hill
And there a hallowed home stands still,
Where patriots, wounded, dying,
Were brought from the fort where they were lying -
Here to be sheltered and carefully tended.
For far too many their life here ended.
Round the house to read the signs
For in their words more clues you'll find***

3. What is the most common letter in the original owner's name? ____ Put the letter in space 6.

4. When was the house first constructed? ____ Add the first two numbers and subtract the third number. Put the corresponding letter of the alphabet in space 18. _____

***Now climb the hill and find the tower
That marks the very day and hour
When patriots heard the cannon's warning
And ran to serve that fateful morning
And fell for home and freedom's name
At the hand of he with traitor's fame.***

5. When was the monument constructed? ____ Add the numbers together. Put the corresponding letter of the alphabet in space 13. _____

6. Who commanded the British troops? Put the first letter of his first name in space 16 and the first letter of his last name in space 17. _____

***Now find your way to the battlefield's gates
Where listed are the men whose fates
Were met upon that dreadful day
And are remembered here today.***

7. How many men with the last name "Avery" are on the marker? ____ (Be sure to review the entire marker.) Put the corresponding letter of the alphabet in space 14. _____

8. A member of the Pequot tribe is listed among the names. Put the first letter of his first name in spaces 11, 15, and 24. _____

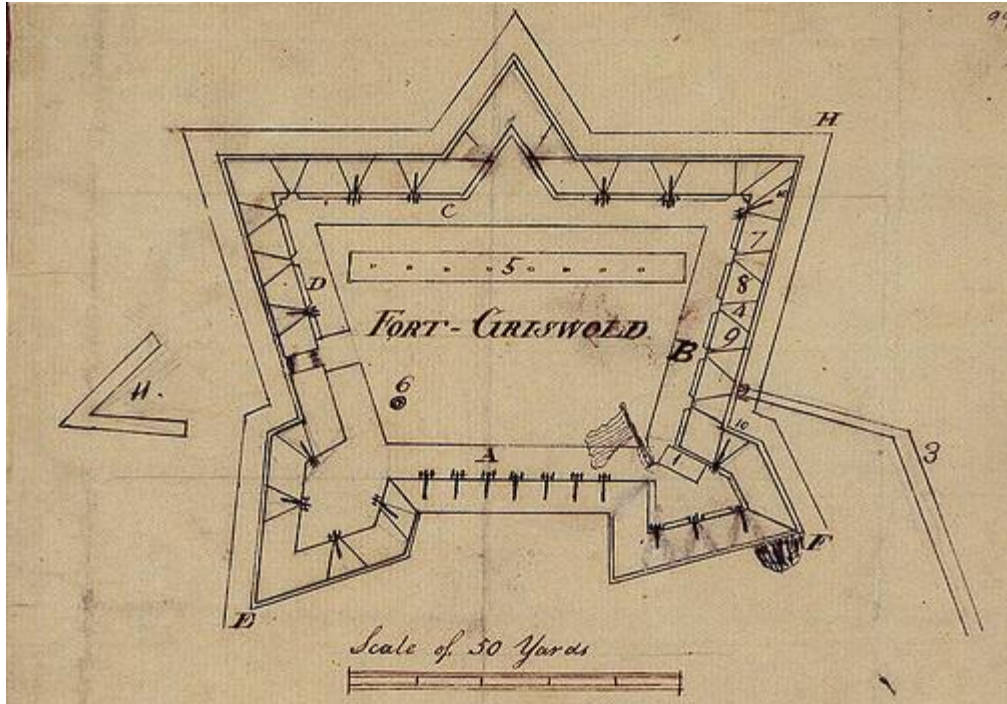
9. Find the two names on the marker that are also names of animals. ____ Take the vowel that comes second in alphabetical order and put it in spaces 1, 4, 8 and 21. _____

***Go through the gates and soon you'll find
Two most explanatory signs.
Read them and you'll shortly learn
What happened here while New London burned.***

10. What was the date of the battle? ____ Put the first letter of the month in spaces 3, 10, and 12. _____

11. In what month of 1775 was Colonel Elderkin directed to consider places that could be used to fortify the harbor against the enemies? ____ Put the first letter of that month in space 2. _____

12. During which war did the Battle of Groton Heights take place? ____ Put the first letter of this war in spaces 9 and 20. _____



Use this map to find locations inside the fort.

1. Magazine
2. Sallee Port
3. Covered Way
4. Embrazine where Maj Montgomery Fell
5. Barracks

*Enter now this hallowed ground
 And take the time to look around.
 Here upon his own sword's blade
 Was Ledyard's sacrifice last paid.
 Here the barracks once were found
 Their outline marked in granite stone.*

*And find to the left of the sallee port
 The spot where Montgomery entered the fort
 And here he met his fateful end
 Felled by the pike in Freeman's hand.*

13. How many British are pictured in the plaque? ____ Put the corresponding letter of the alphabet in space 5. _____

*Now bending head, move through the port
 To find your way outside the fort
 The covered way does twist and wind
 To two more buildings yet to find.
 The first was used to heat the shot
 That sealed the wooden vessels' lot*

14. Part of this building's name refers to a place that is very hot. Put the first letter of that word in space 7. _____

*One building more is yet to see
And at your journey's end you'll be
The magazine will end our quest
Go to the side that's at the west
Use your clues to solve the rest.*

*Reach inside to find your prize
You'll find a box tucked inside side
But here it is, my last request
Return it for a future guest.*

Once you've finished, make sure to take a photo with your treasure and send it to us to enter the drawing.

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