

## Fort Griswold, Groton Quest

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.)**

*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.

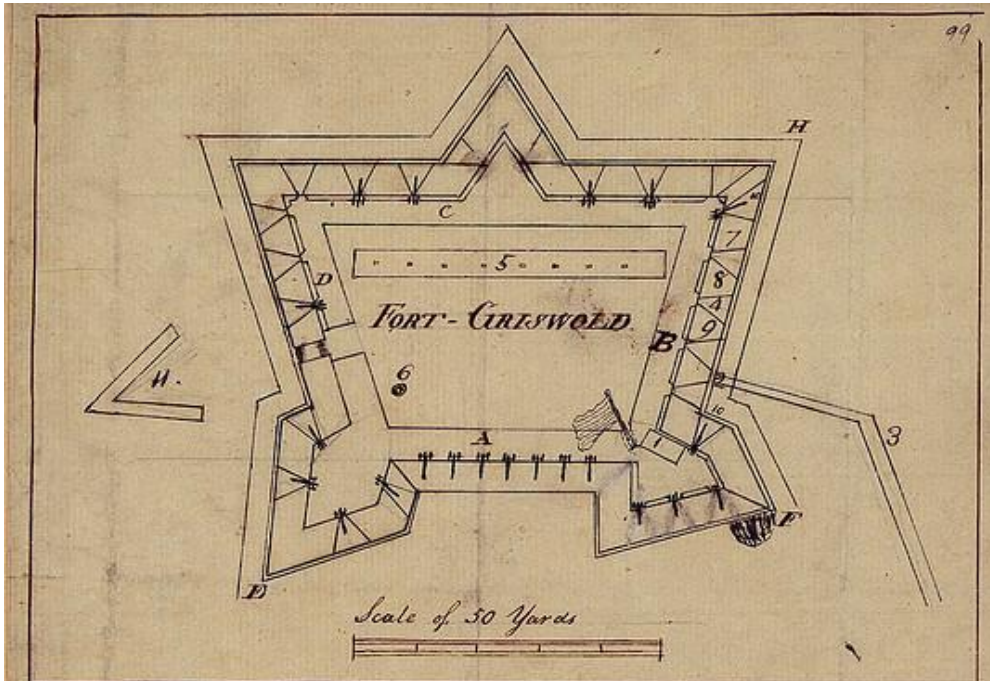
*Now climb the hill and find the tower  
That marks the very day and hour  
When patriots heard the cannon's warning  
And ran to serve that fateful morning  
And fell for home and freedom's name  
At the hand of he with traitor's fame.*

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? 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.

**Use this map to find locations inside the fort.**



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

*Go through the gates and soon you'll find  
A most explanatory sign  
Read it 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.

*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 it tucked into the side  
But here it is, my last request  
Return it for a future guest.*

