

### National Historic Register Districts:

A **Osborn-Bennet**, (1137, 1148, 1168, 1188 Main Rd.) This district consists of four houses and approximately 19 acres of agricultural land surrounding 1148 Main Road and abutting Route 24. The oldest house is 1168 (c. 1790), followed by 1137 (c. 1822), with the other two built around 1845.

B **Tiverton Four Corners**, (3736 to 3988 Main Rd) This district consists of 17 historic buildings, ranging in age from c. 1730 to c. 1876), some of which are detailed below.

C **Cook-Bateman Farm**, (958 Neck Rd) This is a 63-acre property, with the main house built around 1730.

### Historic Sites Around Tiverton:

1 **Near Old Stone Bridge**, Main Rd. Point of embarkation of Continental Troops (1777 and 1778) in unsuccessful attempts to retake Rhode Island (a.k.a. Aquidneck Island) from the British. Also former Howland's Ferry site.

2 **Fort Barton – Revolutionary War Redoubt**, Highland Rd. Constructed in June of 1777, Tiverton Heights Fort was renamed in honor of Lt. Colonel William Barton, who, with 40 men, captured Brigadier General Richard Prescott, Commander of the 5000 British troops occupying Rhode/Aquidneck Island. [Marker – Open daily, sunrise to sunset] National Register of Historic Places site

3 **Sin & Flesh Brook**. In the spring of 1676, a Quaker named Zoeth Howland was ambushed

and murdered by Indians on his way to Newport. His mutilated body was thrown into the brook at this spot, hence the intriguing name.

4 **Lafayette House/Abraham Brown House**, 3118 Main Rd. The northern part was built in 1765, and quartered Marquis de Lafayette during the 1778 Battle of Rhode Island. The southern part was built in 1812. [Private home]

5 **Capt. Robert Gray House**, 3622 Main Rd. Built around 1754 by Gray's father, William. Robert served as a privateer under General George Washington. After the War, Gray was the first American to circumnavigate the globe, and discovered the Columbia River bordering Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, naming it for his ship. [Marker - Private home]

6 **Soule-Seabury House**, 3852 Main Rd., Tiverton 4 Corners. Built by Abner Soule in 1770, he left it to his son Cornelius who remodeled it in 1809 in the Federal style. Cornelius was in the China Trade and sold his house to his merchant cousin, Cornelius Seabury, in 1816. [Marker - Private business]

7 **Chace-Cory House**, 3908 Main Rd., Tiverton 4 Corners. Built around 1730 by Chace, it was home to Cornelius Seabury who sold it to Andrew Cory in 1816. House museum & gift shop; Headquarters of the Tiverton Historical Society. [Marker – Open Sundays, June through Labor Day, 2-4:30 PM; Preservation fee]

8 **Sakonnet River, west of Fogland Beach**. Site where three British Man-of-War ships were scuttled in July Of 1778: *Alarm* Galley (10

guns), *Spitfire* Galley (8 guns), and *Kingfisher* Sloop (18 guns).

9 **Fish Road**. Originally part of Eight Rod Highway that was laid out as the eastern border of the Great Lots between Little Compton and Fall River, Massachusetts.

10 **Eagleville Village**, near Old Eagleville Road. This was the site of a saw mill and grist mill, later replaced by a cotton mill and woolen mill and a general store in the early 1800's.

11 **Fort Point**, south of Old Stone Bridge at Grinnell's Beach. This was the site of a Revolutionary War fort with four 9-pounders.

12 **Site of the first Indian Reservation**, upper Stafford Rd. This was part of the Second Division 14th Lot purchased by Daniel Wilcox, later owned by Capt. Benjamin Church who gave the land to the Pokanoket Indians as the first Reservation in the country in 1707.

13 **Site of Battle of Pocasset Swamp**, off Fish Rd., between the Fall River, MA border, Sucker Brook, Eagleville Road, and Fish Road. On July 18, 1675, King Philip and Sachem Weetamoo ambushed colonial troops, the last battle of an 18-day conflict. During the night, Philip and Weetamoo and some warriors escaped, but left 100 wetus (Wampanoag dwellings) and other warriors who were captured. The Indians had heavy losses and 16 colonists were killed.

14 **Site of a vertical sawmill**, Eight Rod Highway, Weetamoo Woods. The mill pond to the north is overgrown, but the sluice and stone foundation of the early 1800's sawmill remain.

15 **Bourne Mill**, 844 State St. Only four buildings remain of the 25-building cotton mill complex, the earliest constructed in 1881. Restored for use of an apartment complex in 2009, it is on the National Register of Historic Places.

16 **The Gut**, lower Highland Rd. No original buildings exist, but this site first held the Isaac Barker Homestead, used as a hospital for French soldiers during the American Revolution. Farther east, it was the site of a saw and grist mill, later replaced by a thread mill and ice house at upper Sin and Flesh Brook.

17 **Site of Almy's Pea Field**, between Neck Rd. and the Sakonnet River, north of Fogland Rd. This was the one of the first battles in King Philip's War, on July 8, 1675, when Col. Benjamin Church and his men held off a force of Indians 20 times larger, escaping to the River where a sloop rescued them.

18 **Site of Old Crump's Tavern**, 1106 Main Rd. Built in the 1700's, it was the only tavern in the area, where stagecoaches stopped on their way between Newport and Fall River and Boston. It was demolished in 1901.

19 **Grist Mill and Wheelwright Shop**, 3948 & 3949 Main Rd., Tiverton 4 Corners. William Pitt Bateman built the grist mill and wheelwright shop just before 1850. Due to this industrial revival, the area was known as Pittsville. The properties were sold to brothers Charles and A.P. White in 1866. [Markers – Private business and home]

20 **Site of Joseph Church & Sons Fish Factory**, Bridgeport, Main Road and Bridgeport Road. The Tiverton Town Seal has a fishing net due, in part, to this family of 7 brothers and their father in the mid-1800's. The stone foundations of the original Seine House and Church house remain along the south side of Bridgeport Rd. Their fertilizer and fish oil business thrived not only in Tiverton, but also in Portsmouth in Common Fence Point across the Sakonnet River.

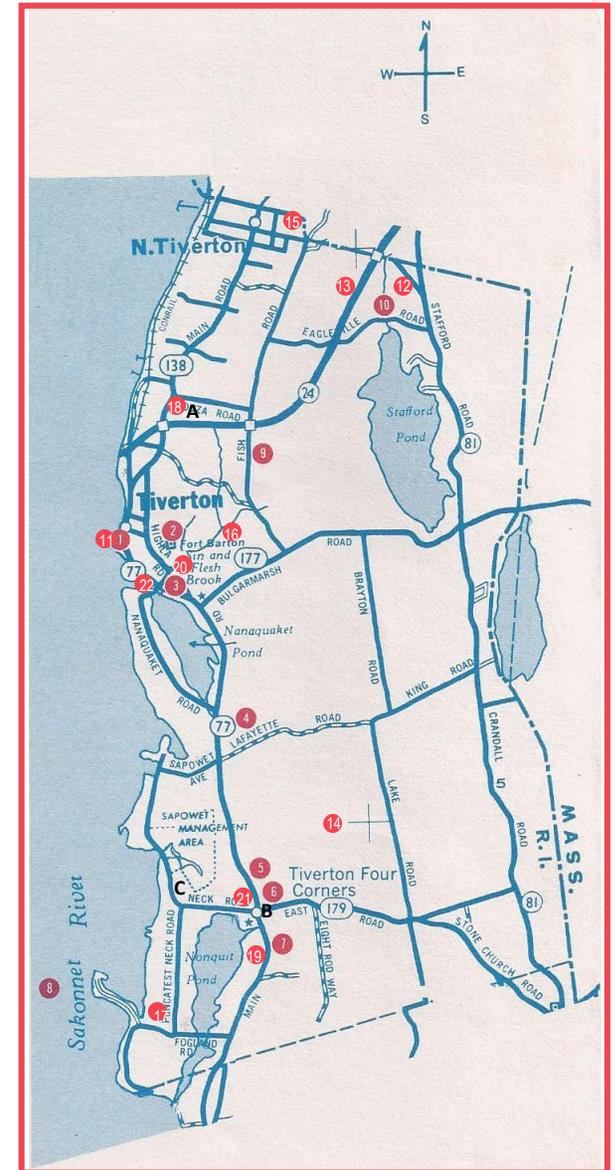
21 **A.P. White Store**, 3883 Main Rd. Built in 1876 by Andrew P. White as a general store, it also housed a post office. He also ran the grist mill and an ice house south of this site at Pittsville (see #19).

22 **The Bridgeport Block / Manchester Seafood**, 2139 Main Rd. Built in the early 1800's, this was one of the first stores in Tiverton and had apartments above. There is a long dock at the rear where fishing boats tie up and unload their catch. The landing is a very old site and may have been the site of Joseph Wanton's shipyard.



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## HISTORIC SITES MAP



**TIVERTON**  
**RHODE ISLAND**