

Housatonic River

Hughes Memorial Library

This was the District #15 School (1845), a classic with one room. Enlarged c. 1900, it became Cornwall's first to have two classrooms with two teachers. It was in use until the opening of the regional Consolidated School in 1940. It later served as a local library.

Site of the Mallinson Shear Shop

Founded about 1860, the company had a large factory powered by water from a weir, a dam that directed the water to the building as a millrace. The main product was nickel-plated steel shears and scissors, but the firm had interest in Union Shear Co. and Gold's Sanitary Heaters (cast iron steam heating devices).

417 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike

Built in 1871, building housed several businesses including an inn, and was known as "The Pink House". Currently under commercial renovation, it sports a new color.

Railroad Station

The railroad reached Cornwall in the 1840s, and with this connection to the wider world, the village's population and economy greatly increased. This station was built in 1890. Passenger service was discontinued in 1972. Today it is privately owned.

Railroad Street

These buildings grouped near the train station included storage sheds, horse barns, and a lumber yard. They were purchased in 1953 as a development project by Mr. and Mrs. George Denny of New York, who formed the Covered Bridge Shopping Area, which included shops for clothing, flowers, rugs, furniture, gifts, as well as restaurants.

Formerly West Cornwall Video and Bate's Meat Market

Fred Bate moved his meat market to this barn after the Hurricane Dora flood of 1955 took out the old market which spanned Mill Brook. The original structure had been built as a residence, then became a millinery shop; c.1870, it was remodeled for a meat market by Robert Cochrane, a cattle dealer. Fred Bate, Sr., took over the meat business in 1927. In 1954 Fred Bate, Jr., bought the market and ran it until 1982 when he retired.

The Covered Bridge

Today's bridge was built in 1864 on the design of Ithiel Town, the architect of the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. The system of truss work employed by Town was very popular in the 19th century, especially for longer bridges. This bridge replaced several earlier bridges and underwent a major reconstruction in 2018.

419 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike

Built in 1854 for the Catholic Mission Church, the building became a private home when the St. Bridget Church in Cornwall Bridge was built in 1882. Owners have often had home businesses here.

The Wish House

This building has housed apartments and businesses since about 1950. Today it is named for its primary tenant, the Wish House, a shop that transcends the description "gift shop." Built as a residence in 1871 by R. R. Pratt, it was subsequently owned by D. L. Smith and Lawrence Sturges, all of whom ran businesses in the village.

Formerly Barbara Farnsworth Bookseller

For 30 years Barbara Farnsworth bought and sold books and prints from this large structure. Built for the Masonic Lodge (1902) it was used for social gatherings. In 1924, it served as an interim post office utilizing postboxes that had been salvaged from the Mansion House conflagration. Before 1850, the site was occupied by woodworking shops, and by the turn of the 20th century, one of the Union Shear Company's shops was on the site. There was an explosion in 1901, and the building burned down.

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Ian Ingersoll Cabinetmaker

A turnpike, by definition, is a toll road, and this house, c.1800, was the toll house for the intersection of Warren Turnpike (River Road) and Sharon-Goshen Turnpike (Route 128), and it still bears the name over the doorway. With additions it has served as private homes and businesses, and is now home to one of the great cabinetmakers in the Shaker tradition.

Covered Bridge Electric Bike, formerly The Wandering Moose Cafe

Built as a storage barn for George Cochrane's business across the street, the building has served various functions over the years, including a package store, a gift and antique shop, a coffee shop and restaurant.

418 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike

Built in 1895 by Theodore Sturges for his tin shop, this building later housed a plumbing business. Today it is a private house.

416 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike

Built c. 1865 by George Cochrane for his extensive general business, which included kerosene and, later, included a gasoline pump. Subsequently Bill Bierce operated a general store here, and later the building was converted to The Deck restaurant. Today it is a private house.

The Cornwall Union/The Local

This building has had many lives. Since the early 1800s, it has housed Pratt & Foster, sellers of farmers' produce, lumber, grain, dry goods; Smith & Sons, building supplies and grain; Sturges & Son, plumbing supplies; Community Service, building supplies, hardware; and, sharing the addition, Cornwall Bridge Pottery, and a beauty shop. Today it offers support for local businesses and a community market.

Rock Cottage

Built c. 1875, this aerie was the home of Arthur D. Warner, who came to read law with Judge Nickerson.

The West Cornwall Post Office, 06796

This building replaced the former post office, which caught fire when the Mansion House hotel burned completely.

Site of the Mansion House

Built as a three-story hotel, the Mansion House was popular with summer visitors and salesmen traveling by train. The hotel and its livery stable burned in 1924. The original post office and law office of Judge Nickerson also were destroyed by the fire, although the Judge's law library and the postboxes were saved.

Formerly Yutzler's Country Store

Built c 1865 as a grocery and drugstore by the Ransom Smith family, it was purchased in 1915 by Arlington Yutzler, Sr. The Yutzler family operated the grocery until 1978. Now a ski/sport shop. For many years it was an artists' studio.

