

WELCOME TO THE BOROUGH OF STONINGTON

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Our one-mile walking tour begins at the Library on **Wadawanuck Square**, follows Water Street to the Point, and returns by way of Main Street. Many buildings along the route have plaques giving dates, original owners' names and other information. **The Library**, opened in 1900, stands on the site of the luxurious Wadawanuck Hotel, erected in 1837 to house summer visitors and travelers. The hotel was demolished in 1891, but many of its timbers still survive in the frames of Stonington houses. The elegant homes around the square were built in the 1840's and 50's by prosperous residents with interests in railroads, shipping and finance. Stroll down High Street to the **Town Dock**, home port to Connecticut's only fishing fleet. In the mid 19th century

large steamboats met the railroad from Boston and carried passengers overnight to and from New York. The Stonington Shipyards built several large vessels nearby during World War I.

Back on Water Street, note the commercial buildings that were raised up to add stores on the ground level and observe the 18th century Colonial doorways with their "lights" or small panes above the entrances. A commemorative plaque marks the location at 107 Water St. of the **Merrill House**, which was the home of the late, renowned poet, James Merrill. It is now used primarily as the residence and working environment for the 'Writers-In-Residence Program'. At the west end of Union Street walk through the brick arches of the old Masonic building to **Wayland's Wharf**, now the public pier. Farther down Water Street you will see the **Arcade Building** with its eight-column facade built in 1836 to house shops. It is now owned by the Stonington Historical Society. Beyond the Arcade is **Cannon Square**. The village's first house was built here in 1753 by Edward Denison, who bought the land from Elihu Chesebrough. Opposite the Greek Revival **Ocean Bank Building**, erected in 1852, are the two, 18-pound, cannon (originally cast at Salisbury, Connecticut in 1783) used to repel British troops.

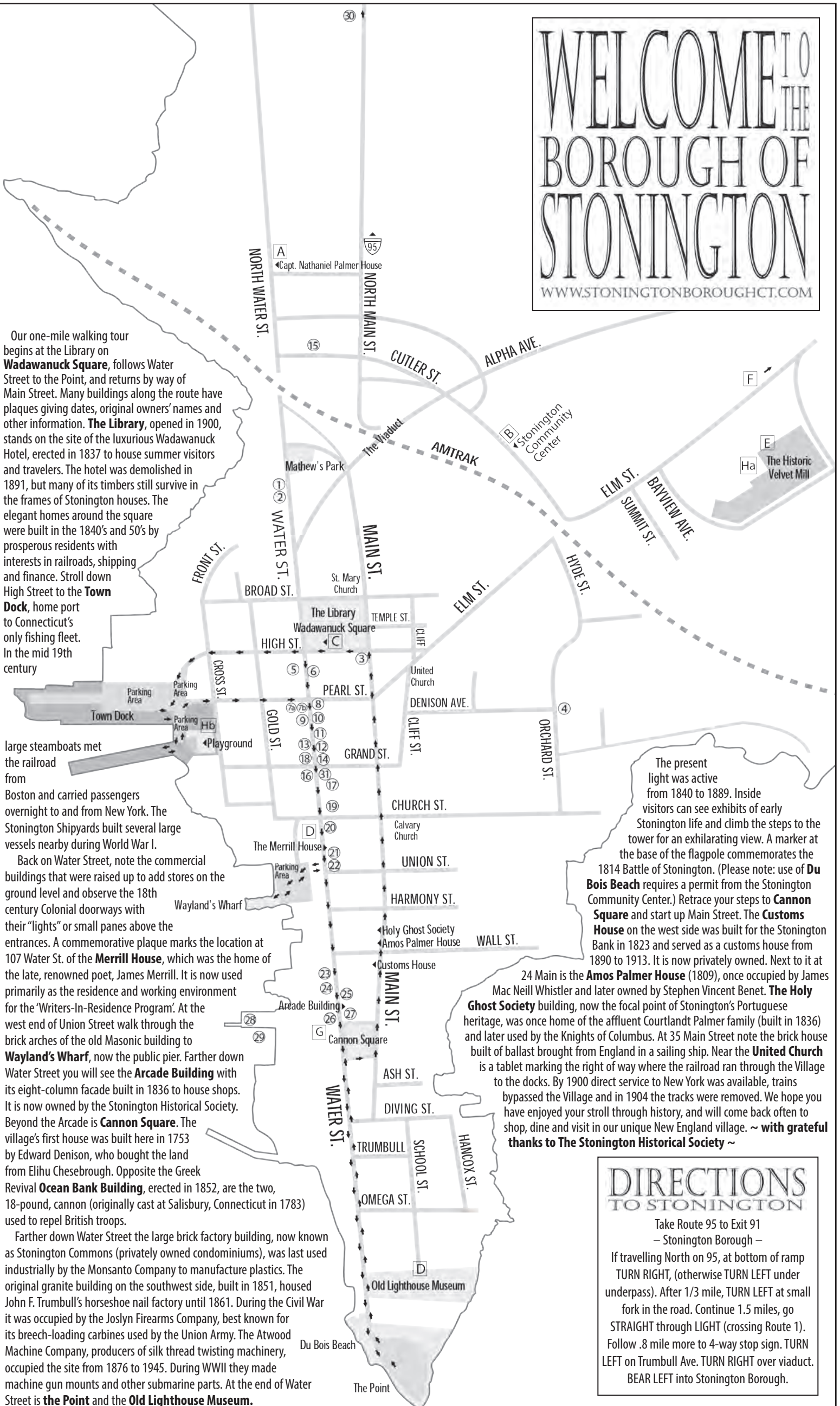
Farther down Water Street the large brick factory building, now known as Stonington Commons (privately owned condominiums), was last used industrially by the Monsanto Company to manufacture plastics. The original granite building on the southwest side, built in 1851, housed John F. Trumbull's horseshoe nail factory until 1861. During the Civil War it was occupied by the Joslyn Firearms Company, best known for its breech-loading carbines used by the Union Army. The Atwood Machine Company, producers of silk thread twisting machinery, occupied the site from 1876 to 1945. During WWII they made machine gun mounts and other submarine parts. At the end of Water Street is **the Point** and the **Old Lighthouse Museum**.

The present light was active from 1840 to 1889. Inside visitors can see exhibits of early Stonington life and climb the steps to the tower for an exhilarating view. A marker at the base of the flagpole commemorates the 1814 Battle of Stonington. (Please note: use of **Du Bois Beach** requires a permit from the Stonington Community Center.) Retrace your steps to **Cannon Square** and start up Main Street. The **Customs House** on the west side was built for the Stonington Bank in 1823 and served as a customs house from 1890 to 1913. It is now privately owned. Next to it at

24 Main is the **Amos Palmer House** (1809), once occupied by James Mac Neill Whistler and later owned by Stephen Vincent Benet. **The Holy Ghost Society** building, now the focal point of Stonington's Portuguese heritage, was once home of the affluent Courtlandt Palmer family (built in 1836) and later used by the Knights of Columbus. At 35 Main Street note the brick house built of ballast brought from England in a sailing ship. Near the **United Church** is a tablet marking the right of way where the railroad ran through the Village to the docks. By 1900 direct service to New York was available, trains bypassed the Village and in 1904 the tracks were removed. We hope you have enjoyed your stroll through history, and will come back often to shop, dine and visit in our unique New England village. ~ with grateful thanks to **The Stonington Historical Society** ~

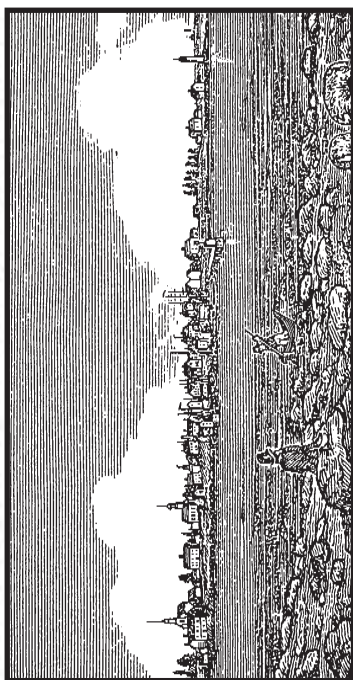
DIRECTIONS TO STONINGTON

Take Route 95 to Exit 91
 – Stonington Borough –
 If travelling North on 95, at bottom of ramp
 TURN RIGHT, (otherwise TURN LEFT under
 underpass). After 1/3 mile, TURN LEFT at small
 fork in the road. Continue 1.5 miles, go
 STRAIGHT through LIGHT (crossing Route 1).
 Follow .8 mile more to 4-way stop sign. TURN
 LEFT on Trumbull Ave. TURN RIGHT over viaduct.
 BEAR LEFT into Stonington Borough.



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