

DIRECTIONS TO KIRKIN OF THE TARTAN

The custom of wearing tartan costume to church is relatively recent, a blend of highland pageantry with the hospitality and the caution observed by clans who by turns were sometimes friends and sometimes rivals. Our event is an opportunity for people from all over Vermont to wear their regalia in a magnificent country setting. The service is conducted using Reformed Presbyterian forms, although our “pick-me-up” congregation will not replicate the haunting a cappella four-part harmonies which our ancestors could achieve in the traditional psalter melodies.

Mosquitoville is on the town lines of Barnet and Ryegate, on the historic Bayley Hazen Military Road. Approach from Route 2 to the north, or Route 302 to the south, or from I-91 from the Barnet exit.18. Park as signed at the church.

1) From Rte 2. At Danville Green, take Peacham/Groton Rd. south. At South Peacham, turn east (left) toward Harvey’s Lake. At Harvey’s lake, turn south (right) to follow shore line. Take the second right hand road, a kind of wye turn, up the hill. Church is in about 1 1/2 miles.

2) Take 302 to Groton Village. At the east edge of the village, take an extremely steep turn to north, signed for Peacham. Follow paved road about 6 miles to Mosquitoville Rd on right, just before the last steep pitch on Groton/Peacham highway. Follow Mosquitoville Rd. east for 3 miles, turn left at cemetery to church.

3) From I-91, use the Barnet exit 18 and follow West Barnet Rd. to village, past Presbyterian Church (about 4 1/2 miles). After village at shore of Harvey’s lake, pick up directions from #1 above.



Photograph by C. B. Bliss

THE WALTER HARVEY CHURCH

This picture from the Barnet Town History shows the Meeting house a century ago. You will still recognize it, though the horse shed is long gone.