

WÁZOWATEGÓK (The Missisquoi River)

SITE OF EARLY TANNERY

SITE OF GRISTMILL AND SAWMILL



BRIDGES

**Play our Richford Historical Marker
 “Wild and Scenic River Trail”
 Game!**

**Visit all 11 signs to learn about
 Richford history and people’s
 interactions with our federally
 designated Wild and Scenic
 Missisquoi River!**



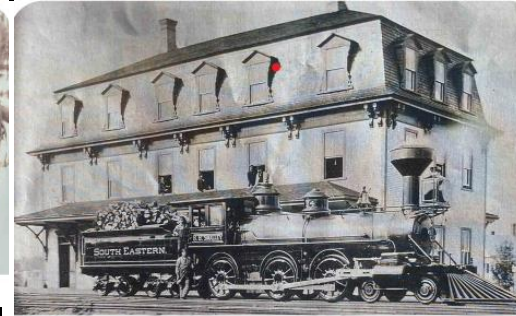
THE FLOOD OF 1927



MISSISQUOI RAILROAD



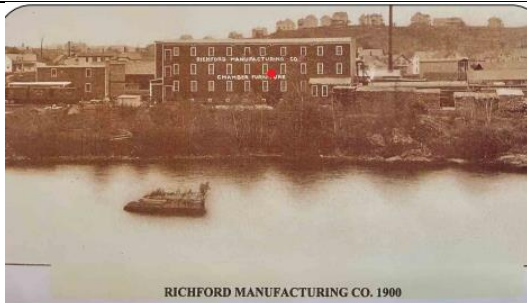
STEVENS MILLS AND EAST RICHFORD



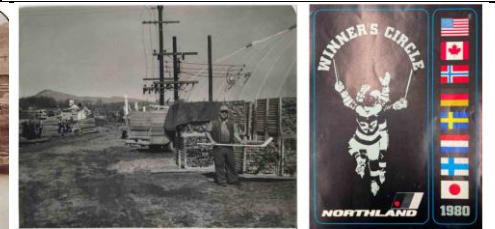
SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD DEPOT



**BIG ISLAND AND
 ISLAND PARK**



ATLAS PLYWOOD CORPORATION



HOCKEY STICK PRODUCTION

How to play: Visit all 11 signs and solve the clues in each puzzle for a word. Once you have all 11 eleven words, use them to complete this sentence about Richford!

_____ is a _____ whose _____ a _____
 the Wild and Scenic _____, a _____ of power and inspiration!

When you think you have the complete sentence, write it on a piece of paper along with your name and contact information (phone number and/or email address) and drop it off at the Town Hall or at the Arvin A. Brown Public Library. You can put it in the book return box when these buildings are closed. **The deadline for entries is December 31st, 2021.** We will pull names from the correct responses for several prizes and let you know if you are a lucky winner!

CLUES ARE ON THE BACK!

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Davis Park

Abenaki sign: The first people to enjoy and make use of the river created a strong _____. (Third word in second sentence.)

Baseball sign: We all know that Richford is a _____ place. (The word before “rules” of the game between the Fats and the Leans!)

Main St. Bridge

Bridges sign: We all need a bridge to cross the _____. (The third word in the first paragraph.)

Flood of 1927 sign: Sometimes natural events like floods cause rivers to reshape what _____ have worked hard to establish. (The second word of the first sentence.)

Gristmill and sawmill sign: Many mills were _____ at the site of the falls in the center of town. (Third word in the first sentence.)

Province St.

Southeastern Railroad Taking a train on this railroad, you could enjoy an evening in Montreal or an outing to Newport for a cruise _____ the shores of Lake Memphremagog! (Ninth word in the second sentence.)

Eastern Ave.

Tannery sign: Richford is a _____ whose history is intertwined with its river. We continue to enjoy the Missisquoi River’s recreational opportunities and natural beauty. It is a crucial ecosystem important to wildlife in our area, as well as further downstream to the health of Lake Champlain. (Last word in the title of Jack Salisbury’s book about the history of Richford, VT.)

Troy St.

Atlas Plywood sign: Nobody knows exactly why our town is called _____. (Second word in last sentence of first paragraph.)

Missisquoi Railroad: You could hop on a train from this railroad company and view the wild and scenic _____ River while traveling from Richford to St. Albans. (Seventh word in first sentence.)

Hockey stick factory: Richford’s numerous ash trees provided a _____ of wood for the manufacturing of hockey sticks. Now those ash trees are vulnerable to the approach of an invasive insect species called the Emerald Ash Borer. Please email richfordconservation@gmail.com if you spot evidence of one! (Ninth word in last sentence.)

Junction of Route 105 and 105A

Stevens Mills sign: There were _____ logging mills in Stevens Mills in the early twentieth century. They even had their own post office! (The word before “mills” in second sentence.)

Fill in the words to this sentence!

_____ is a _____ whose _____ a _____
_____ the Wild and Scenic _____, a _____ of power and inspiration!

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