

Perambulation of Lines Between Durham and Madbury, New Hampshire

In accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the undersigned selectmen of Madbury and Durham met at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 13, 1976, for the purpose of perambulating the bounds between their Towns and renewing the marks and bounds which define this Town line. The following is a record of our findings:

Beginning at a stone marker on the shore of Little Bay on the Southerly side of Route U. S. #4. This stone is marked "D" (Durham), "M" (Madbury) and "D" (Dover).

Thence -- proceeding on a course of North fifty-two and one-half degrees West, two hundred and fifteen rods to a stone marked "D" and "M" on the West side of the highway leading from Dover to Little Bay (Back River Road). This stone is in the front yard of house formerly owned and occupied by Leon Watson.

Thence -- on the same course two hundred-twelve rods to a ledge outcropping marked "D" and "M". This ledge is located fifteen feet from the North side of Watson Road, which runs from Back River Road in Durham into Jenkins Road in the Town of Madbury.

Thence -- on the same course four hundred rods to the point where The Road to Cochecho formerly crossed Johnson's Creek. This road is closed, subject to gates and bars, and the pre-existing bridge just North of the "Salt Hole" has been destroyed. The description contained in the earlier perambulations indicates that the location of the Town boundaries was in the centerline of the bridge. With the bridge destroyed, obviously no point could be found, nor could we find any indication of a monument in the stream, or otherwise.

Thence -- North sixty-one degrees West, seventy-one rods to a hitching post marked "D" & "M" on the Westerly side of the road leading from Durham to Dover. The hitching post has been placed at the exact location previously marked by a stone carrying the "D" & "M" identification which is buried in the road shoulder.

Thence -- on the same course one-hundred sixty rods to a stone wall marked "D" & "M" on the Easterly side of the road leading from Durham to Madbury known as Canney Road in Durham and Perkins Road in Madbury. This marker is now embedded in the shoulder of the road and a cement marker has been placed directly over this stone.

Thence -- on the same course three hundred and seven rods to a stone post marked "D" & "M" on the Easterly side of the road leading from Durham to Madbury (known as Madbury Road). In 1962 this marker was temporarily moved by

the N. H. Highway Department, but was, to the best of our knowledge, replaced in its original position.

Thence -- on the same course one hundred forty rods to a stone marked "D" and "M" in a stone wall on the Easterly side of the old road leading from Beach Hill to Madbury Corner. This mark was found in 1976 approximately 300 feet North-Northwest of the junction of Beach Hill Road and the road leading to Madbury Corner.

Thence -- on the same course two hundred thirty-one rods to a stone on the Westerly side of Route #155 (running from Lee Five Corners to Madbury Corner). This marker has been lost for several years but is known to have been just south of the culvert under driveway leading to the Robert Lambert property.

Thence -- on the same course one hundred sixteen rods to two stones (four feet apart), both of which are marked "L", "M", "D". This point marks the junction of Towns of Madbury, Durham, and Lee. These markers are approximately 1,000 feet West of Route #155 on the land formerly owned by Harry Hill.

During the 1976 review of these bounds, Orange paint was used to clearly identify the various monuments.

In witness thereof we have hereunto set our hands this 13th day of November, 1976.

Selectmen of Madbury
Joseph Cole
Joseph B Moriarty

Selectmen of Durham
Malcolm J Chase
Owen B Durgin

P.S.

There is an apparent discrepancy on the declination on direction of this bound between Johnson Creek and Dover Road points as described above. All topographic maps show a constant course from the point of the beginning on Little Bay to the Dover Road; whereas, in narrative description in all documents dating back to and including the 1892 perambulation record, show a change in declination at Johnson Creek bridge rather than at the Dover Road monument as indicated on the maps. This discrepancy should be cleared up by research and perhaps further study.

J. C. Chamberlin