

Purcellville Old Town Quest



To get there: This quest starts at the Gazebo in the Town Parking lot across from the Purcellville Train Station

Please study our map and go to #1.

Then go to each number until you are done.
At each stop collect one or two letters as well,
Fill in the blanks and then see what they spell.

1. Look up to the top to start your tour
You'll see it was built in year 1874.
Mr. Dillon sold fertilizer and lime
To Farmers to help their crops do fine.
A seed company it became in '46
Now it is bicycles you bring here to fix.
Find this business name on the sign
And write it carefully on the line

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2. Two brothers named Baker began this Carriage Works
In 1886 to give Purcellville residents some perks.
Starting in 1913 Mr. Steele sold autos from here
Buicks replaced horse and carriages and all of their gear.
The sign beside the door is what you need
Write it on the line as a good deed
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3. Nick Hampton's stable is this stop on the quest
A salesman could rent a horse, or an out-of-town guest.
The best way to see this is to go around the rear.
The doors are tall enough to imagine a stagecoach will appear.
This stable had horses checking in all day and night
Stable hands often played cards until the morning light.
There is no sign but find this clue
The building is painted a light grayish

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4. Furniture and hardware is what has been sold
Since the 1914 opening so long ago.
It has stayed in the same family all these years
And a most fascinating store—that is clear.
So please step inside and look around
Before you leave write the sign name that is found

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5. Asa Moore Janney sold clothes for men and boys
Next door John B. Nichols clothing gave girls and women joy
Pancoast Brothers opened their shop here in 1944
Which until 1986 was known at the Pancoast Brothers Store
Look at the top and you will see Pancoast 1909
Write what occupies this space now on the line
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6. Built for Nick Hampton in 1908
In 1921 it sold ice-cream that was great.
If you wanted to see movies; this was the place you would seek
A few years later it became known as "The Greeks."
The oldest restaurant in Loudoun County
The people who owned it sure made a bounty.
You can find it with balls on the roof
There is even logical proof
So if you want to see our best waitress Alice,
Come and dine at the

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7. For our veterans, it is shaped like a tear
There is also a commemorative plaque here
It is called Bethany Circle and is near a place where you can dine
But there is another name used, write it on the line.

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8. Built in 1904 for religious reasons
It is open all seasons
First service held in August 1929
People there were dressed so fine
The Dalton Family donated the land
All of Purcellville thought it was grand
William Baker laid the stone
Townpeople had "arrived" in the place of their own.
Write the name of the building here
The sign with the name is very clear

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9. A break-away church in 1924
helped the congregation through these doors.
In 1935 when Polio came around
Purcellville was upside-down
During this time Purcellville Baptist did not hold a service
The spread of disease made all townsfolk nervous
The town elders bought the building in 2008
To become our town hub, another relocate
Many places it has occupied
Through this quest you should be edified
Look above the columns to see
The name to write to solve the key

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10. Many came here to listen to famous speakers
Especially religious or temperance seekers.
Built in 1904
3000 people it could store
The 4H Fair was first held here.
The 50s brought Patsy Cline's performance for all to endear.
A skating rink since 1939
All of Purcellville think this place is just fine.
Write the name of the building on the line

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11. This monument is to those who help everyday
This beam represents many who were taken away
A piece of Tower II from New York was put here
A tribute to those that protect us, so we don't have to fear
The stone is from a Pennsylvania barn near Shanksville, we're told
Where hijacked Flight 93 crashed after brave men said, "Let's Roll."
On September 11, 2011 this monument was dedicated
From the Pentagon, a flag was celebrated
All three tragedies are represented from that day long ago
We will all remember and tell those who don't know
We thank the responders in our town
This monument is to them, they will never back down
On the dotted line write this name, it is a proper noun



12. The house is white
And it's by a light.
As a hotel this used to be busy
But now helps house hunters all in a tizzy.
Hatcher and Main create the border
Of this lovely historical corner.
Samuel Purcell owned this,
But buying it was Nick Hampton's wish
Purcell's stagecoach ride would wait
In the year of 1838.
A different business is located here now
Write the name in the space allowed

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13. Valentine Purcell started the name
With his Purcell's store that garnered fame.
It held many conveniences and stamps to post
All sorts of mail from those townies who boast
The name was changed in 1852
To Purcellville to all who knew
The Virginia General Assembly incorporated the town
When the fine year of 1908 came around
Then the store became town hall
Along with the Police and all
All the way until--
1991 in the town of Purcellville.
A different kind of store is here
Write what is sold, when fired they are loud to the ears.

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14. It was built in 1915 to be our national bank
It was fire-proof and robber-proof and as sturdy as a tank.
The old bank was ashes due to a fire's fault
The new one still stands and resembles a vault
We hope you are enjoying your tour of the town.
Please put the business name on the line, it is a proper noun

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15. This place was known as the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company store.
It sold foods, tea, and much, much more!
Among all the food a man was there,
Busily working and always aware.
He was Elmer McDonald and yes, that was his name.
He was the man who changed it to Mac's Market -- the domain.
But now the products sold is not the same.
Write what it is to continue the game.

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16. This is a mill where farmers brought grain
They put it on the W&OD train.
The mill was made fire resistant
So it would be safe for every shipment
This is the main mill
In our town of Purcellville
Now it is a restaurant.
Stop in for a bite and write it non-chalant

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17. There is a path you should know
From VA to DC is where the train used to go
This structure was built in 1904,
And there was a mill next door.

Farmers came here to ship their milk
Passengers rode as smooth as silk.
Some arrived for vacation
Others awaited trains in the station
It brought people to Purcellville,
On the W&OD; such a thrill.
Your quest is at an end, your treasure is near
Go around the building, you will find it here.
One last clue includes all that you have learned
Put them in order and the treasure you will earn.

5 3 10 13 15 11 2 1 4 7 6 8 12 9 14

Map

