

Killingworth's Rich History

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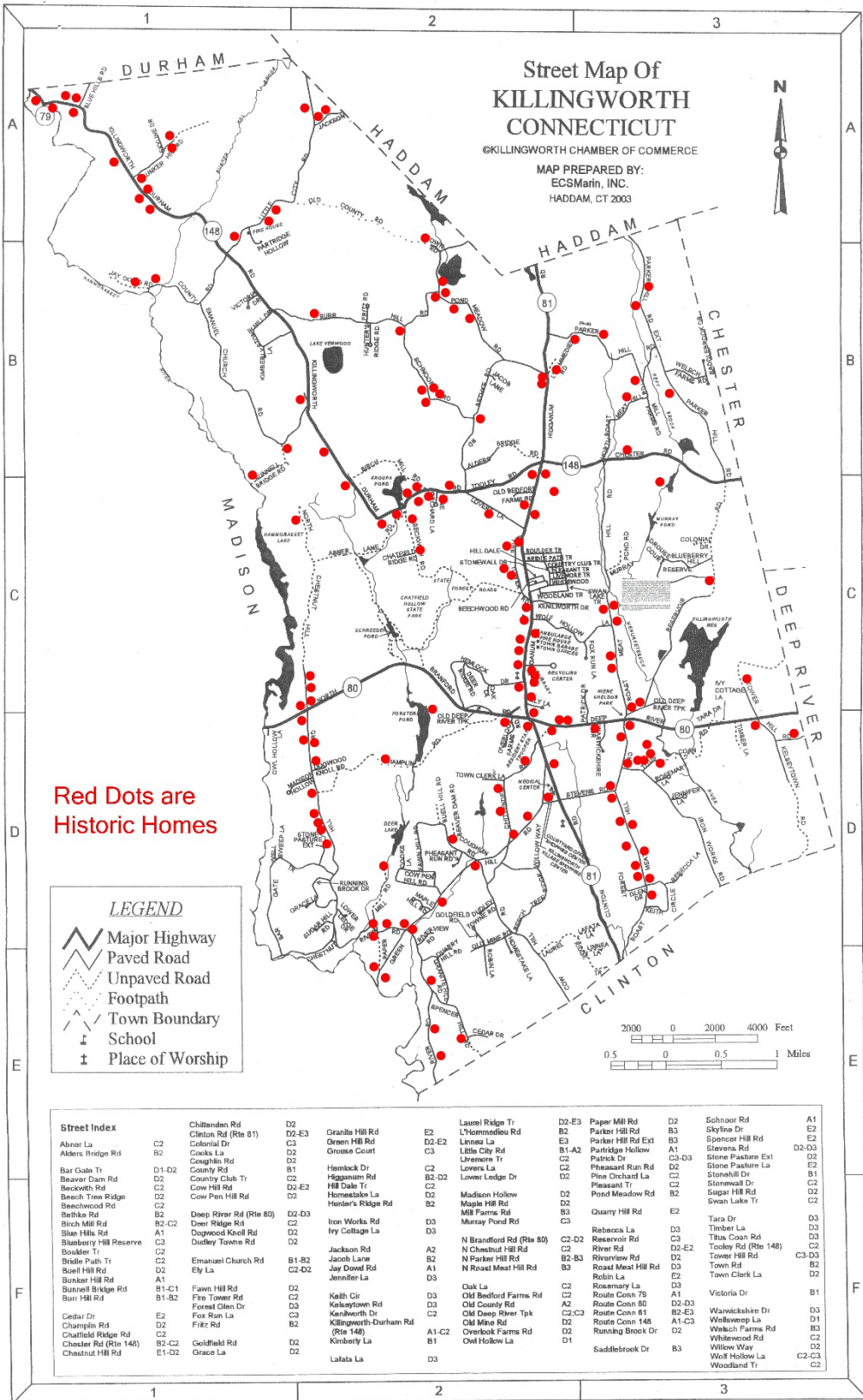
In 1663, thirty-six English settlers founded a town on the shoreline where Clinton stands today. It was called Homonoscitt. In 1667, the general assembly at Hartford renamed it Kenilworth after the English town of that name. This was the same year that England's King Charles granted a charter establishing the colonies of Rhode Island and Carolina. Kenilworth was part of the large Homonoscitt Plantation, which included all the land between Guilford and Saybrook. As the eighteenth century began, descendants of those first settlers built more houses further north. A dividing line was drawn in 1718 between the original town and the northern settlement. The first schoolhouse was built north of that dividing line in 1733. The state legislature declared Killingworth to be two separate towns in 1838 and they changed the name of the shoreline town to Clinton.



Painting of Kroupa pond by Milomir Kaplan

Killingworth's Inventory of Historic Homes

The population of Killingworth peaked in the first half of the 19th Century but then declined as residents began to move to mid-western states like Ohio, where farmland was more plentiful. In the late 19th Century, European immigrants arrived, acquiring the old farms and mills and restoring the population. Today in Killingworth, we still enjoy over one hundred and forty original homes, as well as many farm buildings, and stone walls built by the early settlers. For comparison, in Virginia's Colonial Williamsburg, only eighty-eight original buildings still survive.



Red Dots are Historic Homes

LEGEND

- Major Highway
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Footpath
- Town Boundary
- School
- Place of Worship

Street Index		Chittenden Rd		D2		D2-E3		D2-E2		D2-E1		D2-E2		D2-E3		D2-E4		D2-E5		D2-E6					
Albion La	C2	Clinton Rd (Rte 81)	D2	Granite Hill Rd	E2	Lanes La	E2	Laurel Ridge Tr	D2-E3	Paper Mill Rd	D2	Schnoor Rd	A1	Albion La	C2	Colonial Dr	D2	Green Hill Rd	E2	Limes La	E2	Parter Hill Rd	B3	Skyline Dr	E2
Alders Bridge Rd	B2	Cooks La	D2	Grosses Court	C3	Little City Rd	C3	Lynwood Tr	B1-A2	Partridge Hollow	A1	Spencer Hill Rd	D2-D3	Bar Gale Tr	D1-D2	Coughlin Rd	D2	Hornbeck Dr	C2	Lower Lodge Dr	C2	Patrick Dr	D2	Stevens Rd	D2
Beaver Dam Rd	D2	Country Club Tr	C2	Hill Dale Tr	D2-E2	Lovers La	B2-D2	Madison Hollow	D2	Pleasant Run Rd	D2	Stone Pasture Ext	D2	Beckwith Rd	C2	Country Rd	D2	Hunter's Ridge Rd	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Pine Orchard La	C2	Stone Pasture La	E2
Beech Tree Ridge	D2	Deep River Rd (Rte 80)	D2-D3	Iron Works Rd	D3	Murray Pond Rd	D3	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Pond Meadow Rd	B2	Sugar Hill Rd	C2	Beechwood Rd	C2	Cow Pen Hill Rd	D2	Jacob Lane	B2	N Parter Hill Rd	B2	Stonewall Dr	B2	Swan Lake Tr	C2
Bethko Rd	B2	Deep River Rd (Rte 80)	D2-D3	Jackson Rd	A2	Old Bedford Farms Rd	D2	N Parter Hill Rd	B2	Road Meat Hill Rd	B3	Town Rd	B2	Birch Mill Rd	B2-C2	Deep Ridge Rd	D2	Jay Dowd Rd	A1	N Road Meat Hill Rd	B3	Town Clark La	D2	Tara Dr	D3
Blue Hills Rd	A1	Dudley Towne Rd	D2	Jennifer La	D3	Old County Rd	D2	N Road Meat Hill Rd	B3	Roblin La	E2	Town Clark La	D2	Blushberry Hill Reserve	C3	Emanuel Church Rd	C2-D2	Jennifer La	D3	Old County Rd	D2	Victoria Dr	B1	Timber La	D3
Boulder Tr	C2	Fawn Hill Rd	D2	Kath Cir	D2	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Oak La	C2	Rosemary La	D3	Victoria Dr	B1	Bushberry Hill Reserve	C3	Forest Glen Dr	D2	Kelleytown Rd	C2	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Wanickshire Dr	D3	Trus Conn Rd	D3
Bridle Path Tr	C2	Forest Glen Dr	D2	Kimberly La	A1-C2	Overlook Farms Rd	D2	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Route Conn 79	A1	Wanickshire Dr	D3	Burr Hill Rd	B1-B2	Fox Ran La	B2	Kimberly La	A1-C2	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Route Conn 81	B2-E3	Wanickshire La	D3
Bunsell Bldg Rd	A1	Fritz Rd	B2	Lafata La	D3	Owl Hollow La	B1	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Route Conn 148	A1-C3	Whiteoak Rd	C2	Burr Hill Rd	B1-B2	Goldfield Rd	D2	Lafata La	D3	Overlook Farms Rd	D2	Route Conn 148	A1-C3	Whiteoak Rd	C2
Cedar Dr	E2	Grace La	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Saddlebrook Dr	B3	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Running Brook Dr	D1	Whiteoak Rd	C2	Chattfield Ridge Rd	C2	Grace La	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Overlook Farms Rd	D2	Running Brook Dr	D1	Whiteoak Rd	C2
Champion Rd	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Wooland Tr	D2	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Saddlebrook Dr	B3	Wooland Tr	D2	Cedar Dr	E2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Overlook Farms Rd	D2	Saddlebrook Dr	B3	Wooland Tr	D2
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Chester Rd (Rte 148)	B2-C2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Wooland Tr	D2	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Wooland Tr	D2	Wooland Tr	D2	Chattfield Ridge Rd	C2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Overlook Farms Rd	D2	Saddlebrook Dr	B3	Wooland Tr	D2
Chestnut Hill Rd	E1-D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Wooland Tr	D2	Old Deep River Tpk	C2-C3	Wooland Tr	D2	Wooland Tr	D2	Chattfield Ridge Rd	C2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Maple Hill Rd	D2	Overlook Farms Rd	D2	Saddlebrook Dr	B3	Wooland Tr	D2

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Ongoing Preservation Efforts

The history and character of our venerable structures is a defining element our town and our state. Killingworth's historic review committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, is charged with encouraging the preservation of our historic buildings. To this end, the committee reviews requests for permits to demolish old structures, and advises the Building Official on the issuance of those permits under Killingworth's demolition delay ordinance.