

## MILL ROAD

May 21, 1821

[The following description is from the Selectmen's Report on the laying out of a road.]

Beginning at a stake standing on the southwesterly side line of the Town road (Blanchard Road) leading by Ebenezer Blanchard's house and within one (1) rod of the northwesterly side line of the one hundred (100) acre Lot No. 77, from said stake south 45 degrees west forty-two (42) rods; thence south 48½ degrees west eighteen (18) rods and fifteen (15) links;

Thence south 45 degrees west 12 rods through land owned by Cyrus Blanchard and widow Deborah Whitney to the rangeway;

Thence south 57 degrees west 84 rods;

Thence south 84 degrees west 12 rods;

Thence north 87 degrees west 14 rods;

Thence south 59 degrees west 40 rods;

Thence south 64 degrees west 16 rods;

Thence south 82½ degrees west 136 rods;

Thence south 64 degrees west 16 rods;

Thence south 82½ degrees west 136 rods;

Thence south 64 degrees west 64 rods to the Town road leading to the Methodist Meeting House in said Town (Methodist Road);

Said road is laid four (4) rods in width, 2 rods on each side of the above mentioned courses.

We have estimated for land and damages by said road as follows, Viz: To Cyrus Blanchard, for one acre and thirty-six rods (36) of land, twenty-five (\$25.) dollars when the rangeway is called for by the Town; to Deborah Whitney, for ninety-four (94) rods of land, twenty-five (\$25.) dollars making in the whole fifty (\$50.) dollars.

All of which is humbly submitted.

David Prince, William Buxton, Beza Blanchard - Selectmen  
James Prince, Surveyor

May 28, 1821

Town Meeting Voted to accept a road laid out by the Selectmen leading by Pride's Mill.

May 6, 1822

Town Meeting Voted that Ebenezer Blanchard and Cyrus Blanchard have leave to withdraw their request respecting a road leading through their land.

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March 29, 1824

Warrant, 13th Article: Request of George Hicks relative to opening a road accepted by the Town May, 1821, from Pride's Mills to the Town road leading to the Methodist Meeting-House.

[No action on this Article reported at Town Meeting]

May 8, 1826

Town Meeting Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen altering a Town road by the request of George Hicks and all as follows, viz:

Beginning in the middle of the Town road at the westerly side of a small bridge opposite of Adam Purvis' mill dam running south 76 degrees west 32 rods to the middle of the old road.

August 17, 1829

Warrant, 7th Article: To see if the Town will open and make passable the road from Pride's Mills to the northwest road leading to the Methodist Meeting House in this Town (Methodist Road).

[No action on Article 7 at Town Meeting]

February 19, 1831

To the Selectmen of the Town of Cumberland:

Gentlemen:

We, the Subscribers, would respectfully represent that several years since there was a road laid out by the Selectmen, and accepted by the Town commencing at the Town road near the house of Cyrus Blanchard (Blanchard Road) and running southwesterly near "Pride's Mill", to the Range Road near the Methodist Meeting House (Methodist Road), and that said road had been opened and made passable only from said Blanchard's to the southwest line of John Pride's land; and we would further represent that the convenience of many of the citizens of this town, as well as others, requires that the said road should be opened from the said Pride's land through the lands of Cyrus Wilson and Ephraim Morrison to the New County Road (New Gray Road) or that all that part of said road southwest of said Pride's land should be discontinued, and a road laid out from said Pride's land southwesterly to the New County Road in such place as will best subserve the interest of the Town and the public; wherefore, we request you to examine the premises and report thereon that the same may come before the Town at the next annual meeting.

Daniel Leighton and others

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Warrant, 6th Article: Request of Daniel Leighton and others relative to opening, discontinuing or laying out a road in the southwest of the Town; and hear the report of the Selectmen relative to their doing thereon; and act thereon as may be thought best; also to hear and act upon the request of John Pride for allowance for damages on account of a Town Road.

[No action at Town Meeting on this article]

April 18, 1831

Warrant, 19th Article: Request of Daniel Leighton and others relative to opening the Town road from John Pride's land to the new County Road and act thereon as may be thought proper.

[No action at Town Meeting on Article 19]

August 22, 1831

Warrant, 2nd Article: Request of Ephraim Morrison for an increase of damages for the road laid through his land and accepted by the Town in May last and take such measures thereon as may then be thought proper.

September 12, 1831

Town Meeting Voted to award Ephraim Morrison twenty (\$20.) in addition to the sum of seventy-one (\$71.) dollars awarded him by the Selectmen and that the same be paid one half the first day of November and the other half the first day of May, 1832.

March 12, 1832

Town Meeting Voted that the Town pay Ephraim Morrison the sum of twenty (\$20.) dollars in addition to the sum heretofore voted him for damages that he sustained by a Town Road passing through his land.

May 14, 1832

Town Meeting Voted to allow Ephraim Morrison the sum of twenty (\$20.) for damages for Town Road passing through his land.

April 2, 1842

Warrant, 14th Article: Request of Joseph Pride and others for an alteration of the Town road near the lower saw mill and act thereon.

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April 18, 1842

Town Meeting Voted that the Selectmen be directed to locate the road according to Mr. Pride's request.

February 22, 1884

Warrant, 10th Article: To see if the Town will discontinue the road from James N. Leighton's house to the point of intersection with the new road.

March 3, 1884

Town Meeting Voted to dismiss Article No. 10.

February 20, 1885

Warrant 11th Article: To see if the Town will discontinue the road from James N. Leighton's house to the old Rufus Morrison house.

[Note: These houses were located on either side of the stream where it crosses Mill Road. See the 1857 and the 1871 Atlas.]

March 2, 1885

Town Meeting Voted to discontinue the road leading from James N. Leighton's house to the old Rufus Morrison house.

February 22, 1912

Warrant, 38th Article: To see if Town will vote to cut down the grade of the hill between E.P. and H.W. Russell's and Mountfort's Mill and raise money for the same.

March 5, 1912

Warrant, 30th Article: To see if Town will vote to raise money to rebuild culvert on Mill Road, so called, over stream crossing said road near farm of C.H. Prince.

Town Meeting Voted to cut down the grade of hill between C.P. & H.W. Russell and Mountfort's Mill and raise three hundred (\$300.) dollars for same.

[Note: The Portland Suburban Directory lists the house of H.W. and C.P. Russell and Mountfort's Sawmill as being located on Mill Road.]

Town Meeting Voted to dismiss Article 30.

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February 18, 1916

Warrant, 35th Article: To see if the Town will vote to rebuild the bridge at Mountfort's Mill and appropriate money for the same.

March 7, 1916

Town Meeting Voted to raise one hundred twenty-five (\$125.) dollars to rebuild the bridge at Mountfort's Mill.

February 28, 1927

Warrant, 42nd Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of two hundred fifty (\$250.) dollars to be expended to remove the ledge from the highway near the residence of C. R. Mountfort.

March 8, 1927

Town Meeting Voted to raise two hundred fifty (\$250.) dollars to be expended to remove the ledge in highway near the residence of C.R. Mountfort.

[Note: Charles R. Mountfort had a residence on Mill Road in 1927.]

1946 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bushes cut on part of Mountfort's Mill Road.

1947 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bridge near Mountfort's Mill rebuilt.

1953 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported culverts replaced and guardrailings.

1955 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported Mill Road ditched and graveled and two new culverts installed.

March 5, 1956

Town Meeting Voted money to surface and tar Mill Road.

1956 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported Mill Road resurfaced and tarred and ledge blasted out.

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1957 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bridge replanked.

September 23, 1965

Special Town Meeting Voted portion of abandoned Mill Road from existing Mill Road east six-hundred fifty (650') feet or so to westerly side of Piscataqua River discontinued.

1968 Annual Report

Road Commissioner reported bridge rebuilt.

1969 Annual Report

Selectmen reported Mill Road rebuilt and surfaced in for several hundred feet from Gray Road.