

# TREASURE HUNTERS

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*Celebrating 100 Years of Somerville*

# DESTINATION: SOMERVILLE

SOMERVILLE CENTENNIAL  
1909  2009



Explore the town in this  
**Scavenger Hunt  
Game**



## What You Need To Do:

*Have some fun as we celebrate our town's centennial. Yes, the **Borough of Somerville is 100 years old**, so there's a lot of history here.*

*Walk around town with your friends or family and see if you can spot these famous and not-so-famous places and things. All answers can be found through observation.*

*When you have completed your "Somerville Centennial Scavenger Hunt," bring it to the Somerville Public Library to enter the contest.*

*On September 12, 2009, at the Community Picnic, winners will be chosen at random from all of the valid entries. Five of the winners will have the privilege of choosing something to be placed into the new time capsule on June 12, 2010. Other prizes will also be awarded.*

*Have fun and discover the many hidden treasures of Somerville!*

23. At the Lord Memorial Fountain, what inscription and date do you see?
24. What animal adorns the fountain on both sides?
25. At the September 11th Memorial, how many names are listed on the plaque?
- 26.. Near the curb next to the memorial is a red firebox. To whom is it dedicated?
27. When was the post office built?
28. Whose bicycle is in the case at the Somerville Senior Housing?
29. What small structure is in the back yard of the Wallace House?
30. Look at the first floor front windows of the Old Dutch Parsonage. Now many small panes are in each window?

***Finished? Then complete page 8, hurry to the Somerville Public Library and leave this booklet with any staff member to enter the contest. Deadline: September 8, 2009.***

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17. Look at the stone near the front sidewalk. What group of soldiers presented the plaque?
  
  18. Where can you find a weathervane in the shape of a rooster?
  
  19. What is the two-foot granite marker with a circular top, standing near the sidewalk that leads to the court house? Just for fun, look for its twin nearby.
  
  20. What is inscribed (written) above the columns of the court house and what date is above the door?
  
  21. What three places are listed on the plaque designating the Court House Green as a National Register of Historic Places site?
    - a.
    - b.
    - c.
  
  22. What is written on the stone along the Grove Street side?

**TRIVIA**

When George Washington stayed at the Wallace House, future Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton was one of his aides.

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**START HERE!**

1. Where can you find a mounting block, used in the horse-and-wagon days to help passengers step up into a carriage?
  
2. Find one or more hitching posts that were used to tie up horses in the early days. Give the location of all that you find.
  
3. Who was Somerville's first mayor? (Hint: you can look inside the Borough Hall on the 2nd floor landing or in the new book, *Remembering Somerville*.)
  
4. Go to the bank on the corner of Main and Bridge streets. Find out when that structure was built.
  
5. What is the date on the cornerstone of St. John's Episcopal Church?

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6. Visit the walkway that connects Main Street with the parking lot off South Street. For whom is that walkway named?
  
  7. What dancer performed in the theater on the top floor of the building that now houses Alfonso's Trattoria? (Look for the plaque.)
  
  8. In the small cemetery at the end of Hamilton Street, find the names of five early settlers of Somerville.
    - a.
    - b.
    - c.
    - d.
    - e.
  
  9. Look at the firefighter statue in front of Borough Hall. What animal is the child holding?
  
  10. In the New Cemetery, find the graves of two people for whom Somerville streets were named.
    - a.
    - b.

**TRIVIA**

Did you know that the dogwood is Somerville's town flower?

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11. Go to the park at the corner of Mercer and Green streets. For whom is the park named?
  
  12. Visit the park at the corner of William Street and North Bridge. For whom are the gardens named?
  
  13. In Children's Park on Davenport Street, next to Peter's Brook, there are four gigantic baby blocks. Why were they put there?
  
  14. One block of Davenport Street is named for a famous former resident. Who is he?
- Visit the Court House Green and examine the stones and markers.  
Then answer these questions:
15. Where on the Court House Green can you see a cornerstone with the dates "1699/1896"?
  
  16. Describe what you see on top of the historic court house.