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TOWN & VILLAGE MAP

ENOSBURG

ENOSBURG FALLS, VT



KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE

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ENOSBURGH'S SPAVIN CURE ERA

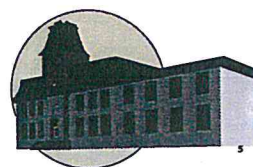
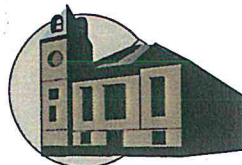
During the 1870's, Dr. Burney J. Kendall of Enosburg Falls owned a drug store on Main Street. After much experimenting he developed a formula to cure spavins, an equine disease of the bone of the hind hock or ankle joint. Named Kendall's Spavin Cure, this liniment was marketed as far west as the Rockies. Kendall Company booklets covering the common ailments of horses were given out free of charge and were printed in English, French, German and Spanish. They were highly sought by horse owners across the country.

Twenty-two teams of two persons covered 3,000 miles a season by horse drawn wagon to distribute the booklets and to paste brightly colored posters extolling the product's effectiveness on the walls of barns, bridges, stables and shops. They did not peddle their product.

The growth of the Kendall Company era heralded the growth of the Town of Enosburgh from a population of 2079 in 1870(300 in the village) to 2299 in 1890. Many of the buildings constructed during the Spavin Cure's heyday still stand. Stroll our streets and drift back to a period when horses were the main mode of transportation and when the obscure little village of Enosburg Falls progressed to become one of the finest villages in the state. The B.J. Kendall Company was sold in 1957 when the formula was manufactured under the name "Super K Formula".

The walking tour takes about one hour & covers 2.2 miles

- 1. The Enosburgh Historical Museum** is housed in the former freight office of the Central Vermont Railroad built c.1871. The Railroad was built on the Plank Road from St. Albans to Richford, following the Missisquoi River. It was used for passengers, milk, and freight. The freight depot was a hub of activity, with supplies arriving by train and then delivered by horse-drawn wagon to the stores. All freight transportation came to an end in 1930, but passenger travel continued until 1938.
2. Beside the museum is the **Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail**, a year-round recreational path opened in 1996, on the bed of the former



3. On the other side of the Rail Trail from the museum is the **American Legion** (108 Depot Street). This building was the former passenger depot.
4. Facing the American Legion is the **Opera House**. It was built in 1892 by the Kendall Company at a cost of \$10,000, primarily to hold town meetings. John Souza's band is said to have played here. The Opera House still functions as a performing arts and community center.
5. The Quincy Hotel (formerly the Somerset Inn), built in the 1870's, hosted railway travelers for more than a century and is considered one of the oldest hotels in the state. It was partially rebuilt after a fire in the 1920s, and currently is undergoing restoration so it can resume its role serving the community.
6. At Main St. turn right. The 6th house on the right (552 Main St.) is the **former residence of Carmi Marsh**, a Franklin farmer and Civil War veteran.
7. Two buildings further on Main St. (at the head of W. Berkshire Road.) is the **Spavin Cure** building. It was constructed in 1880 to manufacture horse liniment and other popular medicines which made Enosburgh an important town. 'Spavin Cure Water' came from a reservoir behind the building and was distributed to about 100 families (for a fee) by wooden pipes.
8. Cross Main St. and head back toward the village center. 527 Main St. is the former Moses P. Perley Residence. Built in 1906, it is currently **The 1906 House Bed and Breakfast**, and event center. Mr. Perley, a partner in the B.J. Kendall Company, served as its secretary.
9. Beside the 1906 house is the former residence of **B. J. Kendall** founder and President of the B.J. Kendall Company, which manufactured "Spavin Cure" horse liniment.
10. Behind the Kendall residence is the barn where Dr. Kendall first manufactured his "Spavin Cure."
11. Continue on Main St. and turn right on Orchard St. 178 Orchard Street was the residence of **Olin Merrill**, treasurer and business manager of the B.J. Kendall Company, who built the house as a wedding present to his wife c. 1890. Note that the barn behind the house bears a striking resemblance to the 1906 House barn.

12. Head back to Main St. and turn right. At the corner of Bismark St. is the **Billado block** (371 Main St.) built in 1885 and which had a dry goods store on the ground floor. It is now the Merchants Bank.
13. Cross Bismark St. On the other side of Main St. is **The Perley Block** identified by the sign still visible along the top of the building. The original structure housed one of the largest general merchandise businesses in northern Vermont. It burned in 1908 and was rebuilt the following year.
14. Beside the Perley Block is the **Aseltine-Greenwood Block** (342 Main St.) Built circa 1890, the building housed a grocer, dry goods, clothing store and a dentist's office. The store's advertisements are still visible on its outside walls. This is now the home of The Flying Disc and Wood Meadow Market.
15. Continue west on Main St. On your right, the red building is the **Merrill Block**. Built in 1898 it formerly housed a drug store, a printing company and a bank. A Flower Shop is now in this location.
16. Continue further west. At 261 Main St. is Cold Hollow Computing, housed in the **former Dr. Gordon Abell residence**, built c 1857. This country doctor made house calls by horse and buggy or sleigh.
17. Continuing along Main St., cross Pearl St. and turning left at St. Albans St. to cross the VT 108 Bridge. On your right is the **Bridge of Flowers and Light**. It was built in 1915 to replace an 1840 wooden covered bridge and was still in use until 1969. The covered bridge is where the St. Albans Raiders crossed on their escape to Canada after robbing the bank in St. Albans to finance the Confederacy during the Civil War. The present bridge has a unique 100 foot arch construction and footings filled with sand. During the 1927 flood it narrowly missed being damaged when the North Enosburg covered bridge was dislodged and swept downstream. In 1999 the bridge was restored with period lighting and flower beds. From the Bridge of Flowers and Light you can see the falls. Known for a time as The Great Falls; the current dam was built in the early 1800's. As early as 1806



18. Continue on Duffy Hill Road following to **Island View Park**. Here you have a view of the waterfalls framed by the land and island. This recently conserved park allows access to the river for fishing and boating.
19. Retrace your steps along Main Street towards the village center. The building corner of Main and School Streets was built in 1873 and housed the **Jenne Hardware and Tin Shop**. It has since served as a post office, antique store and present Park Side Restaurant. To the right of this building is Dr. B.J. Kendall's original drug store where he made and sold his first 'Spavin Cure'. It is now attached to the corner building to see two distinct buildings.
20. Cross Main Street onto School Street. On the left is **Lincoln Park**. The land was turned into park in the late 1880's by the Ladies Vermont Improvement Society. Across the park see the **Masonic Lodge** with its clock tower. It was built as the Baptist church in 1890. The doughboy monument and horse were erected in honor of Enosburgh veterans by the American Legion. Also note the monument honoring baseball star Larry Gardner. Park is the site of the Vermont Dairy Festival every June. There is a public water fountain located here.
21. Turn left at the southern end of Lincoln onto Stebbins St. **Abe's Cabin** (on your right) was discovered hidden under clapboard siding. It is now a museum which is open on Tuesday evenings during the summer.
22. Turn right on Missisquoi St, then, half a block later turn left onto Archambault St. A corner of Archambault and Depot St. is the former **H.B. Jones Stove House & Foundry** built prior to 1882. The Mighty Oak is located here.
23. Turn right at Railroad St. to return to the Enosburgh Historical Museum.