

## **Map 40**

### **Garrison and Fortified Houses – Greater Brookfield – 1660 to 1704**

Map number 40 illustrates Greater Brookfield with the location of Fortified houses or Garrisons. The Fortified houses are labeled with red dots. Two of these houses are the Banister Fortified house on Main Street and the Joseph Walker Fortified House on Martin Road. A Fortified house was a safe location, where the people would travel to if there was any kind of invasion or attack by the Indians. These houses were equipped with supplies such as ammunition and food to survive a siege for a long period of time. The way these houses were build was very strategic. The bottom three feet of the house was lined with six-inch logs instead of studs. These logs stood up right, face and back alternately to match by overlapping the edges. This gave protection from rifle fire for people lying on the floor during combat. Another feature to this map is the twin stone bridges on Martin Road, which was the old road around the swamp off of Long Hill Road. Also labeled, are the town boundary lines with a pink dashed line.

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