

Map 51

“Over the River” 1698 to 1830 Brookfield, Mass.

Map 51 shows the development of the independent Hamlet. This Hamlet is located across the Quaboag River from the Brookfield center. Following what we now know as Route 148 to the intersection of Long Hill Road. The layout of this Hamlet consisted of houses, a blacksmith shop and a general store. Traveling up Long Hill Road and then following Martin Road you will find the oldest remaining house in Greater Brookfield. This was a Fortified house during 1698-1702. This houses purpose was to give citizens protection in case of an Indian invasion. Old Road, which forks off of Martin road, travels across two beautiful stone slab bridges. These bridges cross the fork in the Salmon Brook. Above the label Salmon Brook you will see a detailed illustration of these stone bridges.

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