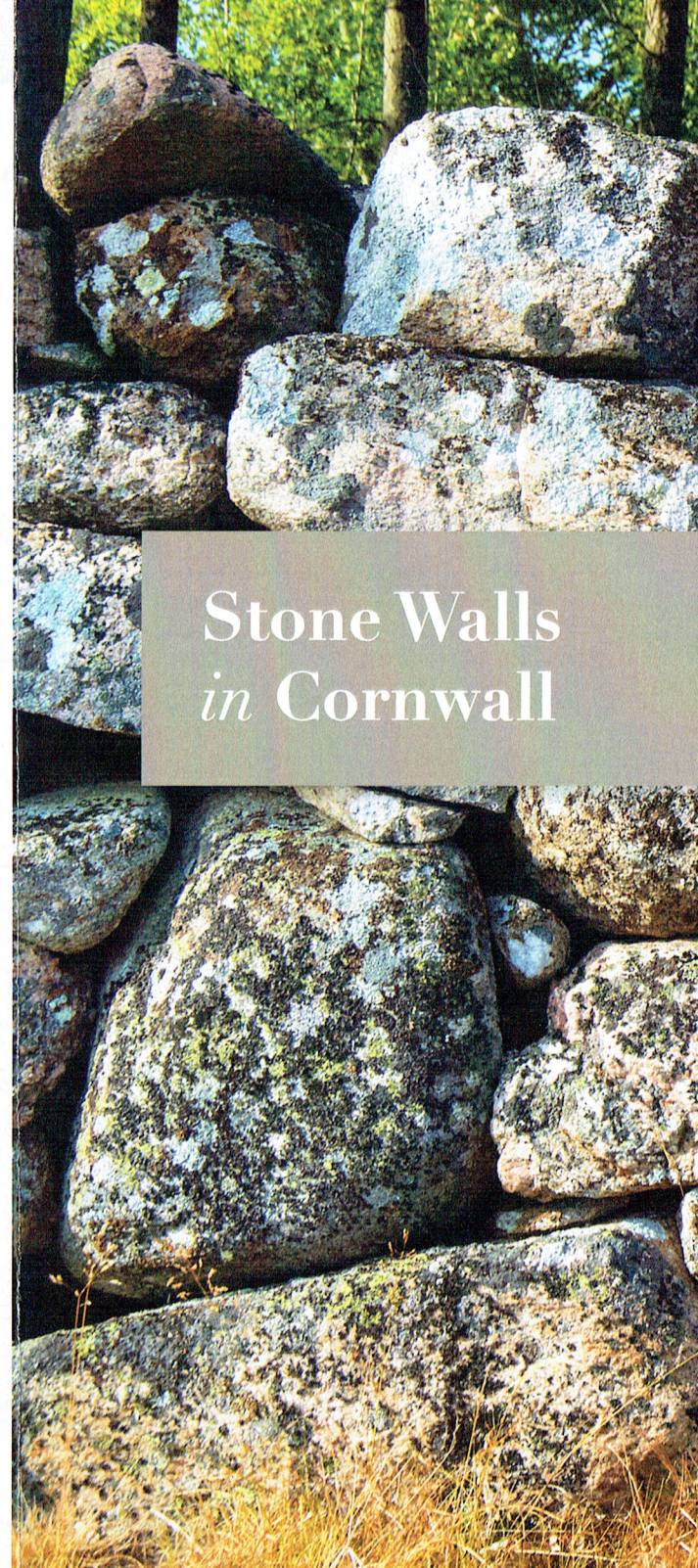


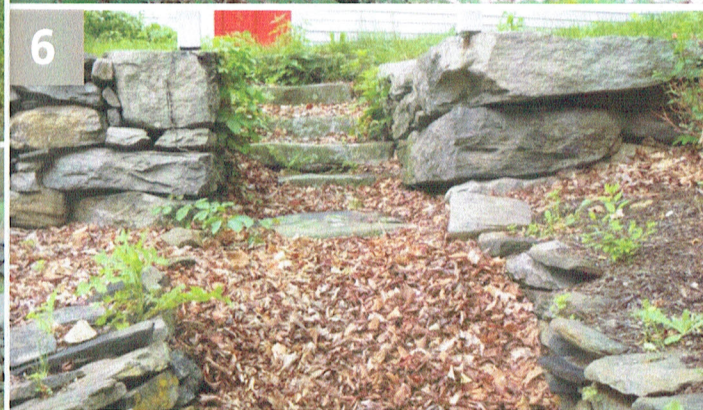
*Stone walls in Cornwall reveal the glacial ecology of the land and the back-breaking work required to clear farms; they are an important part of our history; they beautify our scenic roads and pay tribute to the craftsmen who built them. This is a sampling of the old stone walls along the roadways in Cornwall.*



Cornwall Conservation Commission offers these pictures and snapshots of the history of stone walls to create awareness and advocate for their protection and preservation.



## Stone Walls in Cornwall



1. A beautiful bridge across a small stream on Valley Road was part of the estate of John C. Calhoun who was the first in a long line of Calhouns in the area up to the present time. It was built in the 1860's.

2. This is a view of the Cornwall Cemetery visible from Route 4. Starting with a small parcel in the mid 1700's, the walls probably date to the time when the Cemetery was laid out in 1869 as it stands today. A walk around the grounds will reveal the oldest stone for William Tanner dated 1763, as well as the markers for soldiers who were casualties in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars; about 25 in each conflict.

3a. and 3b. These are two scenes of a rock wall built along Rattlesnake road. The first picture is at the junction of Cogswell road; the second is at its other end, Cream Hill road. Some sections have been rebuilt, but others appear to be original construction. The builder was Nathan Cogswell, part Schaghticoke Indian, who lived in the area in the mid 1800's and built stone walls with his ox.

4. This large wall on Lake Road was probably built around 1800 when the first improvements were put on the property. No other information is available, but it stands as a monument to the builder for all passers by.

5. Swift's Bridge was built in 1807, and it is likely that this wall along Swift's Bridge Road was built at that time. The road is no longer used because the bridge was destroyed by an ice flow in 1936. From this vantage point it was possible to see the 100 car freight and 16 car passenger trains up close, as well as the many fires caused by the iron horse.

6. These stairs lead directly onto Route 7 from what may be the oldest house in Cornwall potentially dating back to the early 1700's. At the time they were built, Route 7 was a narrow dirt road.

7. A stone wall stood here but was removed.