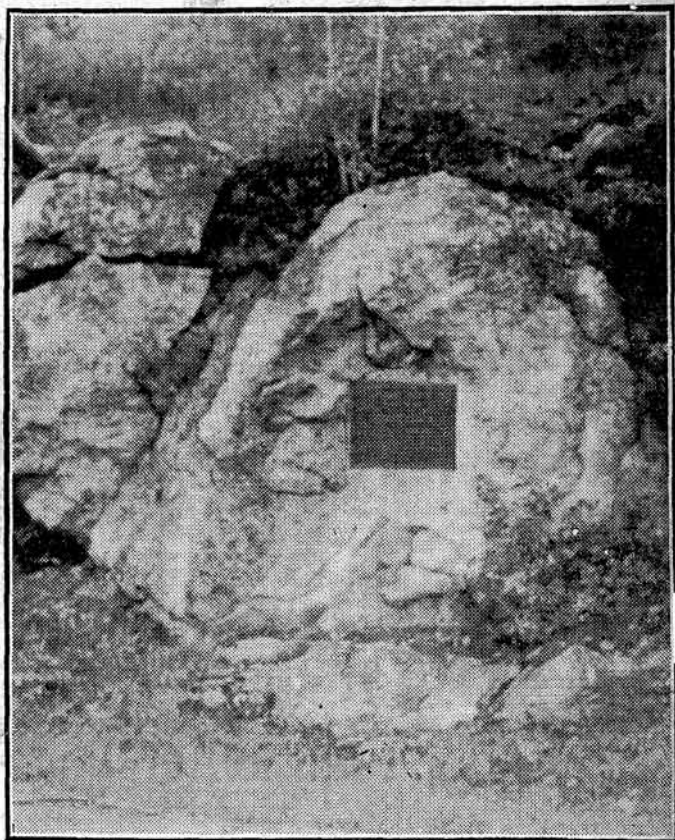


Famous Pelham Landmark



PULPIT ROCK.

Rock Used as First Pulpit in Pelham Is Suitably Inscribed

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Perhaps one of the most obvious and yet least known spots along the old Bridge street route to Pelham, N. H., is the ancient "Pulpit Rock", Heading towards Pelham, the rock, with a duly engraved bronze plaque, is on the right hand side of the road, perhaps a mile and a half on the Lowell side of Pelham Centre.

The ancient and weather-beaten lump of granite, when viewed from a distance has the general appearance of a natural pulpit. Gazing upon it from below the turn in the road, one can well visualize an early pioneer preacher selecting it as the most appropriate place to stop and from which to preach his sabbath sermon to his stout hearted followers.

In one's mind, the incident which

gave the rock its name so many years ago, is clear and it is a real pleasure for those inclined to thought and who find romance an delightful diversion in delving into the secrets of a generation long past, to just stand at a distance and gaze upon the rock, reconstructing the original scene.

The whole story of Pulpit Rock so far as it is known to historians is told in the inscription which the bronze plaque, affixed to the rock in 1932 by the Pelham, N. H. Ladies Club, bears.

The inscription reads: "Pulpit marks the site where the first sermon preached in what is now Pelham, N. H. on a Sunday in April 1719, by Rev. James McGregor, with other pioneers enroute for permanent settlement, stopped here to keep the sabbath".