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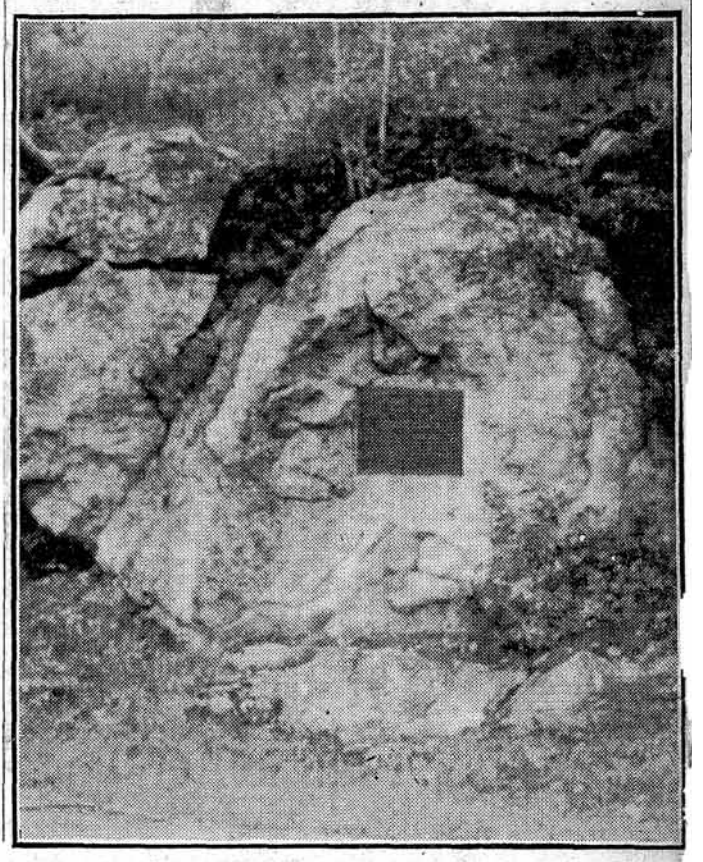
Famous Pelham Landmark



PULPIT ROCK.

Rock Used as First Pulpit in Pelham Is Suitably Inscribed

By E. Harry Crockett

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 man years ago, is clear and it is a re pleasure for those inclined thought and who find romance an delightful diversion in delving in the secrets of a generation lon past, to just stand at a distance an gaze upon the rock, reconstructin the original scene.

The whole story of Pulpit Roc so far as it is known to historian is told in the inscription which t bronze plaque, affixed to the ro in 1932 by the Pelham, N. H. Ladi Club, bears.

The inscription reads: "Pul marks the site where the first s mon preached in what is now P ham, N. H. on a Sunday in Ap 1719, by Rev. James McGregor, w with other pioneers enroute for p manent settlement, stopped here keep the sabbath".

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