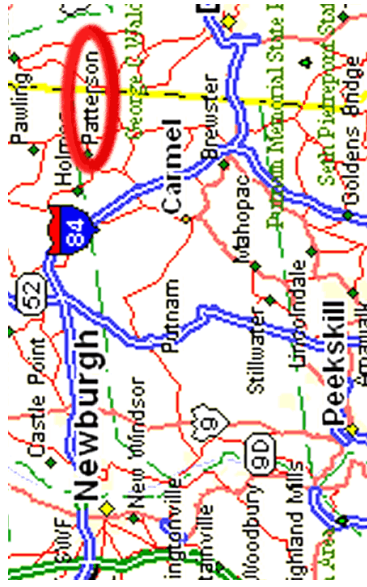


The *Town of Patterson* is situated in the northeast corner of Putnam County, New York. *Patterson*, one of Putnam's six towns, is bordered by Connecticut to the east, Dutchess County, New York to the north, the Town of Kent to the west, and the Town of Southeast to the South.



Putnam County and Vicinity

Patterson is home to many regional attractions, such as the Thunder Ridge Ski Area, Green Chimney's School, Wonder Lake State Park and Cranberry Mt. Wildlife Conservation Area, the Michael Ciaiola Conservation Area, the Great Swamp Watershed, and preserves owned by the Putnam County Land Trust.

Patterson is rich in scenic beauty, and still shows many signs of its Colonial-era roots. The self-guided walking tour of the historic Maple Avenue Cemetery will bring the visitor back to the Colonial and Revolutionary War roots of the Town. Many of the Town's first families are buried here, after whom many of our roads and neighborhoods were named. An interpretive

sign between the Christ Episcopal Church and the Patterson Presbyterian Church along NYS Route 311 explains the history of the two Church graveyards, which eventually became the Maple Avenue Cemetery. While many of the old limestone gravestones are deteriorating, ornate carvings can still be observed on most of them.

Some of the *Patterson* notables are:

1. **Rev. Epinetus P. Benedict** was pastor of the Presbyterian Church from 1827-67, and conducted a well-attended private school. The present church was built during his pastorate.
2. **Rev. David Close** was the Presbyterian pastor from 1768-78. He was originally buried next to the original Presbyterian meeting house at what is now the junction of NYS Routes 292 and 311. His body was reburied in the Maple Avenue Cemetery in 1833.

3. **Samuel Cornwall** was a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church when it was incorporated in 1797. The Cornwall house still stands along nearby Cornwall Hill Road.

4. **Thomas Flemin(g)**'s grave was once thought to be the oldest in the Cemetery, and is noted as such in several historical accounts. But the grave of Alexander Grant, a few stones to the left, appears to be older.

5. **Alexander McPherson Grant** was 4 years, 8 months when he died in 1786. He was the son of James Grant and Christina McPherson Grant.

6. **James Grant** was one of several Scottish officers who fought in the French and Indian War and later settled in the vicinity of Fredricksburg, which included *Patterson*.

7. **Charles Irish** was an elder of the Presbyterian Church and donated its organ.

The Irish home still stands on nearby South Street, and housed the Patterson Library for many years.

8. **Sibbell Ludington** may be the best-known individual interred in the Cemetery. Her famous ride summoned the militia unit that rode to the defense of Danbury, CT, which was being burned by the British.

9. **Col. Henry Ludington**, father of Sibbell, commanded the local militia during the Revolutionary War. Just west of the Presbyterian Church is the Christ Episcopal Church. An interpretive sign explains the history of the Church.

10. **Edward Ogden**, husband of Sibbell, was a lawyer who was also instrumental in starting a school in the area.

11. **John McLean** was another officer in the French and Indian War who later settled in Fredricksburg.

12. **Matthew Paterson**, for whom the Town is named, was a native of Scotland and fought in the French and Indian War. He settled in Fredricksburg in 1770 and became a prominent citizen, serving as justice of the peace and a member of the Assembly for Dutchess County, which included Fredrickburg at the time. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Church.

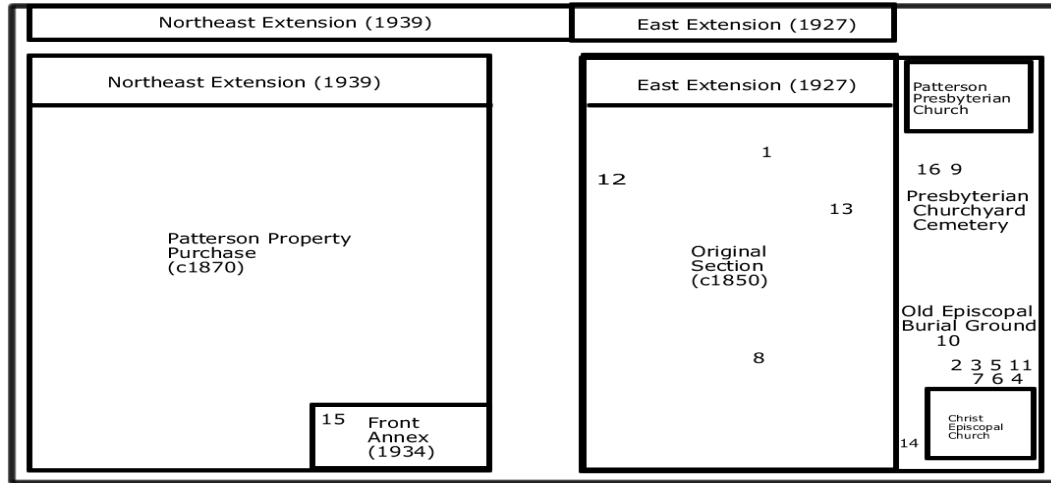
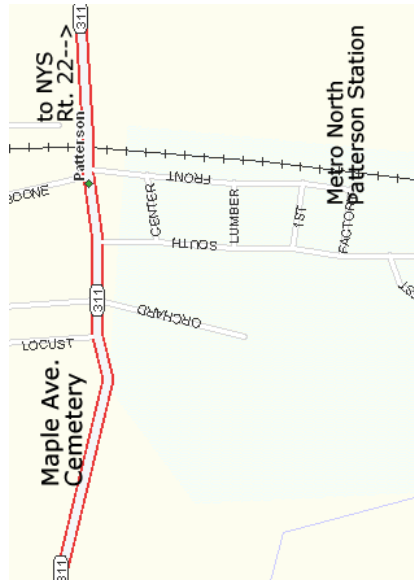
13. **D. Mallory Stevens** was a NYS Assemblyman for more than 25 years. He was a great supporter of the local farmers, and along with Rev. H. Hillery, Presbyterian pastor, did much to care for the poor. His home was on Birch Hill, where the ski area is now.

14. **Darius Stone** became one of the two wardens of the Christ Episcopal Church when it was incorporated in 1797.

15. **Paul W. Townsend** was organist of Christ Episcopal Church for more than 60 years, beginning in 1910.

- 16. Various members of the **Akins** family. The Akins lived in the vicinity of NYS Route 22 and Route 311 ("Akin's Corners"), and owned a store and tin shop in the village of *Patterson*.
- 17. Various members of the **Judd** family. The Judd's owned stores on Front St.

The Hamlet of Patterson is convenient to reach by car or by the Metro North Railroad Patterson Station.



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A Self-Guided Walking Tour of the Maple Avenue Cemetery in Patterson

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