



Map Activity: General and Mrs. Tom Thumb visit P. T. Barnum

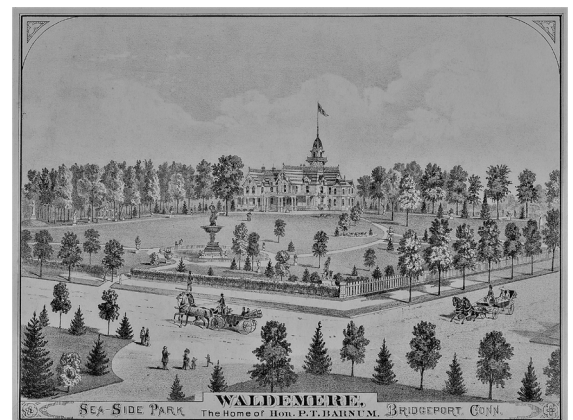
Help General and Mrs. Tom Thumb find their way to P. T. Barnum's house by using the map of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Use the compass rose to fill in the blanks below with the correct cardinal direction (North, South, East, or West). *Hint: If you are traveling from the top of the map to the bottom, you are heading south.*

One fine summer day in 1870, Charles and Lavinia Stratton (General and Mrs. Tom Thumb) were invited to have dinner with their friend P.T. Barnum at his grand home in Bridgeport. Charles and Lavinia also lived in Bridgeport, on the northern city line at the intersection of Main Street and _____ Avenue. Can you find it on the map? (*Hint – look for a star.*) P.T. Barnum lived at the opposite, or _____, end of Bridgeport on Waldemere Street, named after his home. Can you find it on the map?

Charles and Lavinia decided to drive through the downtown shopping area because they had important errands to do on the way. They climbed into their two-person open carriage called a pony phaeton (pronounced FAY-ten), and set out. To start, they headed _____ on Main Street. Their first stop was at Sammis & Fairchild Clothing Shop on Main Street to pick up a new silk cravat, or tie, for Charles. He wanted to look stylish for the dinner party! Is Sammis & Fairchild east or west of Main Street? _____

The second errand was picking up a special package sent from Tiffany's jewelry shop in New York City! It had come by train so they needed to go to the Bridgeport Train Station. Should they travel east or south from the clothing shop? _____ (*Hint—Look for the railroad tracks next to Water Street, which runs along the river and harbor.*) Once they got to Water Street, Charles and Lavinia headed _____ towards the train station. The package from Tiffany's contained a beautiful necklace that Lavinia wanted to wear to the dinner party. Now they both looked stylish!

With their errands done, they headed to Barnum's home by traveling one block _____ to Main Street, and then south on Main Street to Park Place. At Park Place, they went _____ and drove until they reached Waldemere. They turned in on the curved driveway and pulled up to the fancy front door where their friend, the great showman, was there to greet them.



Answers: (1) North, (2) South, (3) South, (4) West, (5) East, (6) South, (7) West, (8) West

Draw Charles & Lavinia Stratton's trip to PT Barnum's house on the map!

Charles and Lavinia Stratton's Home

North Avenue

Main Street

Sammis & Fairchild Clothing

Water Street

Bridgeport Train Station

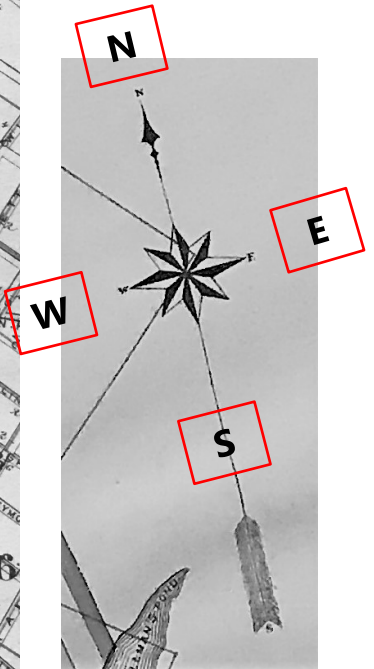
Main Street

Waldemere
P. T. Barnum's Home

Park Place



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