

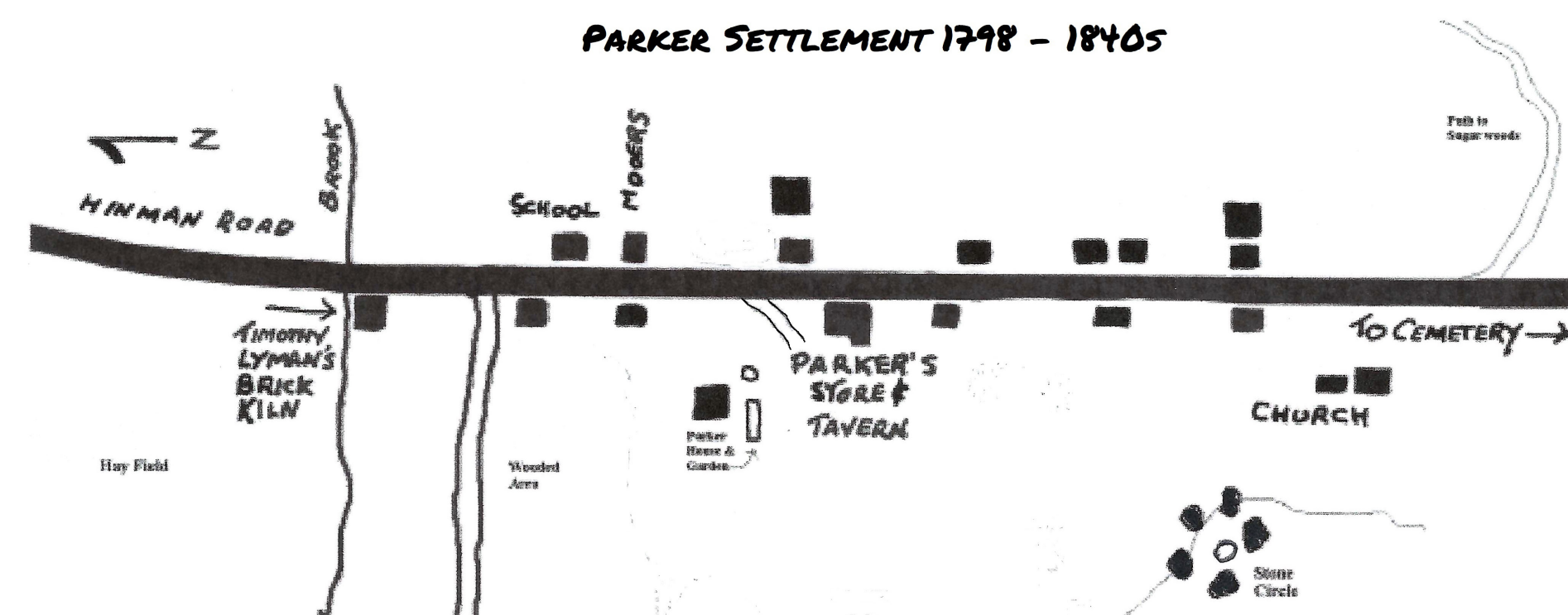
# PARKER SETTLEMENT

In 1798 Ralph Parker, land agent for General John Glover and his associates, who had been granted the 6 mile by 6 mile township of Glover in 1783, moved to the **Parker Settlement** to sell land parcels to settlers. At its high point in 1838 there were 12 households living here.

A church was build in 1832, but by 1840 most households had relocated to **Boardman Hollow** (now **West Glover Village**) to take advantage of the water power produced by Roaring Brook, the outlet of Lake Parker. Boardman Hollow was named after the Boardman family, who settled there around 1800.

The community continued to attend church at the settlement until 1850, when they decided to move the building down the Hinman Road closer to the new village.

The church was jacked up, rolled onto logs, and pulled down the Hinman Road on skids by teams of oxen to Bean Hill Road, where it stands today.



This map was drawn by Shirley Barber, who grew up in West Glover Village. She explored the old settlement site and located many cellar holes. Foundations of the school, tavern and church can still be seen. Campers at Glover Pioneer Day Camp have carefully dug in some areas to reveal the stone foundations and have found bits of pottery and brick, hardware, tobacco pipe stems and other items.