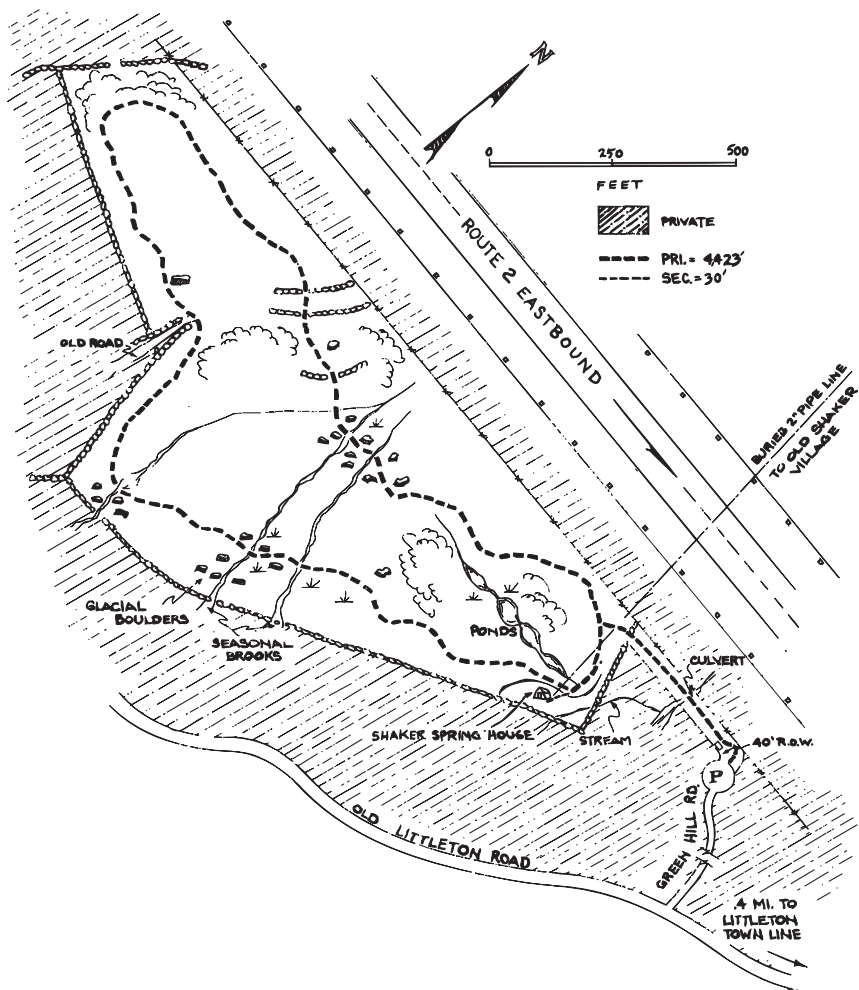


SHAKER SPRING HOUSE



This 16 acre property was acquired by the Conservation Commission from the town in 1983, having originally been taken as tax title land, in order to preserve the Shaker Spring House. The Shaker Spring House and water system was built in 1855 when a drought caused the supply of well water to fail. The Shakers laid an aqueduct about a mile long from the spring to a reservoir in Shaker Village. A slate stone marked each change in direction.

The trail goes through the woods to the Shaker Spring House and continues through wetlands and woods which include four species of birch (yellow, black, white and gray), spice bush, several tupelo, a variety of ferns and several species of oak in the uplands.

Approximate walking time: 45 mins. - moderate, foot traffic only