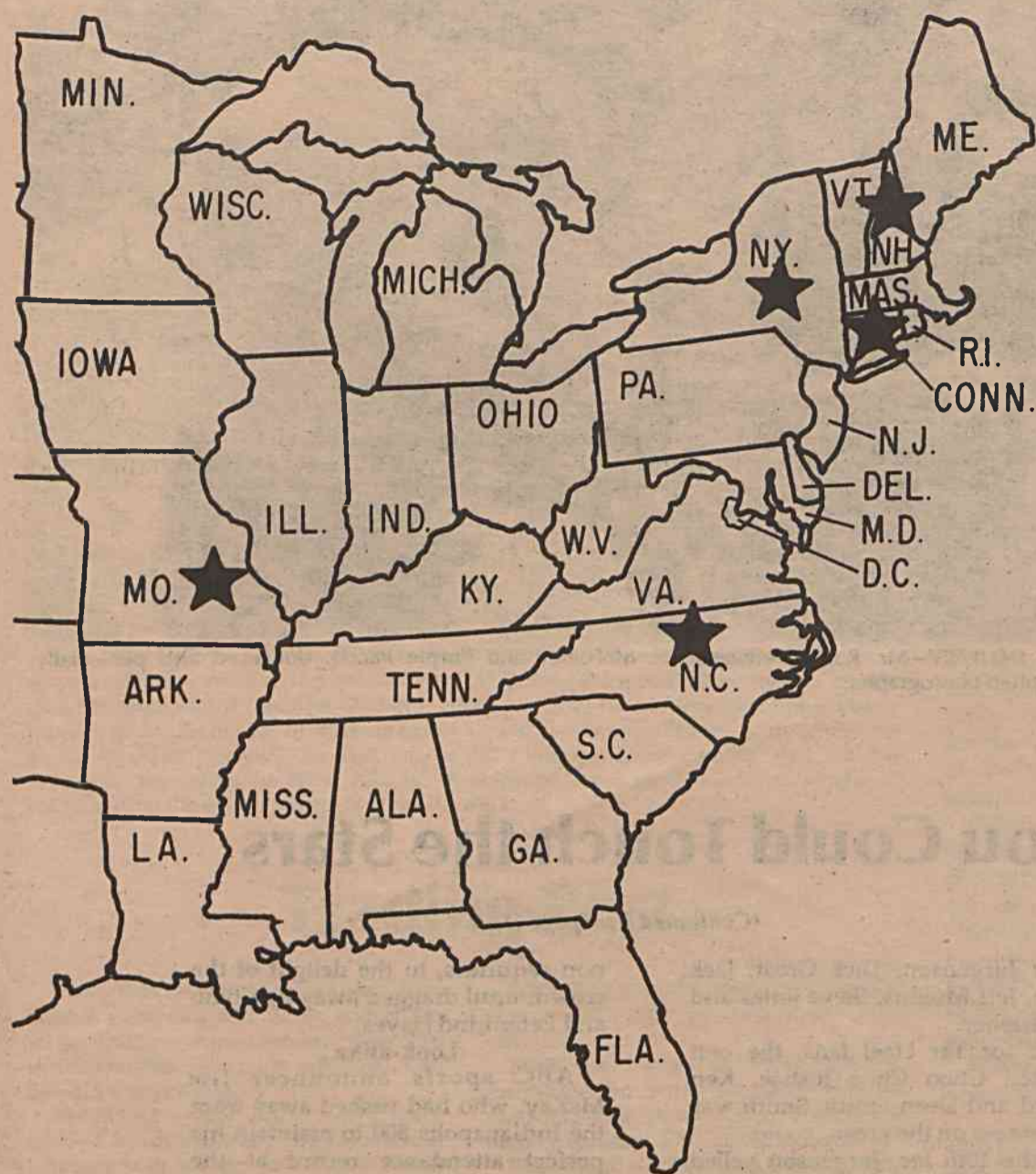


## ★ DURHAMS



# It's Summer Getaway Time

## Prizes Offered for Stories Of Most Unusual Vacation

If a bear steals your dinner while you're camping or if you spend a week as a guest in the White House...

If you win a free trip to Hawaii or if you spend four hours stranded on a broken roller coaster...

Tell us about it.

*Intercom* is holding a contest for descriptions of "The Most Unusual Thing that Happened To Me on My Vacation." Winning entries will be published and winners will receive prizes to be announced later.

The rules are easy:

- All vacations since Jan. 1, 1977, are eligible.
  - Entries must be received by *Intercom*, Box 3354, by Monday, September 12.
  - The word limit is generous, up to 800 words.
  - Typing is not required, but be sure your entry is legible. If we can't read it, we can't judge it.
  - Include your name, title, office address and phone number.
- Have a wonderful vacation!

## Why Don't You Visit Durham This Summer

In case you'd like to visit Durham this summer, you have nine choices.

You could stay right here. If you're like people who live in Washington, D.C., and have never been to the Capitol or who live in New York City and have never visited the Statue of Liberty, you'd probably find a lot of things right here in Durham that tourists visit but you've never bothered to.

Or you could visit one of the other eight Durhams. They're in California, Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. (A person in Durham, N.Y., told us there also is a Durham, Me., but we couldn't find it in the ZIP code directory).

In the interest of helping *Intercom* readers visit another Durham this summer on vacation, we wrote to the mayor or postmaster in each of the Durhams above, sending material about the Duke Medical Center and this Durham.

In return we asked for some information about the other Durhams.

Replies came back from Connecticut, Missouri, New Hampshire and New York, so we're telling you a little bit about what they told us.

If you do visit one of the other Durhams on vacation, get someone to take a picture (black and white is better) of you and your family in front of the town sign or some other landmark, and we'll run it in *Intercom*.

### Pasturable Meadows

The Connecticut town of Durham

is located between Hartford and New Haven, in the south-central part of the state, with convenient access to major shipping routes and traffic arteries. Its area is 23.2 square miles and its population is about 5,000.

Durham was settled in 1698 by men from Guilford, who were attracted by the pasturable meadows. The original name of Coginchaug — a river by that name runs through the town — was changed in 1704 to Durham, a town in the north of England.

Durham's first minister was the Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey, who was the first graduate of Yale. The second minister, the Rev. Elizur Goodrich, prepared Eli Whitney and others for Yale.

The principal industries are the manufacture of metal boxes and cabinets, electrical supplies and tools.

### Rural Hamlet

Durham, Mo., occupies the site of an earlier town, Kennonsville, which was abolished by the legislature in 1861. When Durham was surveyed and laid out in 1872, a notation in the county history book said the site was unfavorable for the building of a town of any size and that its only asset was as a shipping point for railroad ties. It wasn't incorporated until 1913 and no longer is.

Today it's a rural hamlet of about 200 people.

Joseph H. Smith, who has been postmaster there for 26 years, wrote *Intercom* that Durham is located on Rt. 6 about 20 miles west of Quincy, Ill., "where most of the workers commute to work." Kirksville is 55

miles west and Hannibal, the birthplace of Mark Twain, is 35 miles southeast on the Mississippi River.

Smith said that Durham has one grocery and service station, a cafe and pool hall, a bulk gas plant, a tractor sales and service, another garage, a community center building, five acres of land for recreation, two churches — Baptist and Methodist — and a 10-acre cemetery.

For the Bicentennial, the Durham Bicentennial Committee produced an interesting 42-page history with many old photographs and reprints from early newspapers.

### College Town

Durham, N.H., incorporated in 1732, also is a college town — the location of the main campus of the University of New Hampshire which has an enrollment of approximately 10,000, comparable with Duke's enrollment.

Durham is in southeastern New Hampshire, within easy driving range of the beaches, the mountains and Boston. Its total area is 25.5 square miles, 2.2 square miles of which are water. The year-round population, not including the university students, is about 5,000.

Originally called Oyster River Plantation, Durham was at the time part of the township of Dover, which was settled by emigrants from Great Britain just two and a half years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth.

Carol Wilson of the Durham Town Office sent *Intercom* a booklet about Durham's history and its present government.

Durham contributed both men

and money to the Revolutionary War. Following a raid on William and Mary at New Castle, some of the British powder and confiscated by the revolution was hidden in Durham. According to tradition, was used against the redcoats at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

### Quiet Little Town

If you go up into New York and get on the Susquehanna Turnpike, you'll pass through Durham, Durham Center, Durham and West Durham. The only one you'll miss is South Durham. That's all part of 14 townships that make up Greene County, N.Y.

Early settlers, in the late 1700s, came from Durham, Conn., and to that, Durham, England. Cultivating a farming area, the Durham townships now are in the resort business and small industrialization.

Naturalist Vernon Haskins, curator of the Durham County Museum, responded to *Intercom* letter requesting information about Durham, N.Y. The museum boasts, has "one of the top shows in the land," and also has an antique show and gas engine demonstration.

"Durham village itself is a little town," Haskins wrote. "There's a nice country store, a fine little office and a Methodist church. The homes are neat, the grounds are kept."

"The magnificent Catskill Mountains loom against the southern sky," he described, and added: "Come up and see us sometime."