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From Richmond Lake, flows the southwest tributary of the Housatonic River. It flows through Barkerville and Lower Barkerville, industrial neighborhoods of Pittsfield.

John V. Barker and his brother Charles bought a vacant mill along the river in 1842. Year by year they added new buildings to their business. You can see the buildings, dark rectangles clustered along the river. Their factories would grow to be the largest wool business in Pittsfield. (Dickson.27)

**Thought Question: The Barkers’ building strategy included building houses for their employees to rent and a store for their employees to shop in. Why would it be a good it be a good business practice for the owners to supply homes and a store for their employees?**

This map also lists the names of people who owned their own homes.

**Locate the following homes:**

* **The homes, in Barkerville, of the owners of the Barker Mills**
* **In the southwest quarter of the map, the home of M. Clapp**

Trivia Question: Which public park is now located on land owned by M. Clapp in 1867?

There is one more tributary of the Housatonic River, the east branch. It is not labeled on the map. It joins the main river below the densely populated town.

**Locate the spot where the river and tributary join:**

* **Trace the tributary back to where it enters the town.**
* **Locate the single mill along the river’s course.**

This branch has not been developed as an important industrial area in 1867, but there will be many factories along its banks by 1900.