Historic Speedwell Mad-Lib

This National Historic Landmark Site _______(verb) part of the Homestead Estate of Stephen Vail, ___________(Occupation)and proprietor of the Speedwell Ironworks from the early to mid-1800s. Among the restored buildings is the Factory, where his son, Alfred, and Samuel F.B. Morse first publicly _______(verb) the telegraph in January, 1838. Also on site are three historic homes moved from central ______________(Name of a Town)in the 1960s.

The Speedwell Ironworks, a small industrial complex in Morristown, NJ, is unique as it played a _______(adjective)role in two landmark developments in the history of transportation and communication. In 1818, the works manufactured the engine, paddle wheels, and some other _______(noun)for the SS Savannah. The Savannah was the first ship to cross the ___________(Body of Water)propelled or aided by steam. Another development, possibly of even greater importance, occurred there ______(Number)years later when Samuel F.B. Morse and Alfred Vail, with _______(noun)assistance of Stephen and George Vail, succeeded in perfecting the electromagnetic ___________(Invention).

Of considerable importance was Speedwell's proximity to an extensive ______(noun) network, which connected it to the mines and New York Harbor, fewer than thirty miles away. In addition to being a fine _________(Occupation), Stephen Vail was also an inventor and a designer of considerable ability. Nothing is left of the ______(noun), the workman's cottages, and the workshops but a few _________(Building Material)walls near Speedwell Lake. The preservation and restoration at Speedwell is an ______(adjective)example of what can be done when ______(noun)of an area decide to ______(verb)and work together to preserve their past.