

- 28. Lorenzo Maynard House—147 Main St.
Built in 1873, Italianate style detail. Lorenzo, son of Amory Maynard, later moved to Dartmouth Street and then removed to Winchester after the 1899 failure of the mill.
- 29. Amory Maynard House—145 Main St.
Built in 1850. Amory lived here until 1873 when he built a house on Dartmouth Street.
- 30. Maynard Post Office—143 Main St.
Former site of Assabet & Middlesex Boarding House—39 rooms, 4 tubs, and 12 toilets. Purchased in 1934 for Maynard's first town hall. Post office building dates back to 1963.
- 31. Amory Maynard Block
133-137 Main Street
Meeting rooms on upper level used by many fraternal groups, including the VFW and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. Built by the mill in 1892. Lower level was used for retail, including a fruit and confectionary store.

MILL FACTS

1,100,000 square feet of space. Oldest building (#3) built in 1859. Newest building (#5) built in 1918. Once the largest woolen mill in the world in terms of loom capacity. First powered by water diverted from the river via a canal above the Ben Smith Dam.

- 32. Riverside Hall—117 Main Street
Built by the Maynard family in the late 1860s. Site of the first town meeting. Used for many decades for public gatherings. Operated by Alfred T. Haynes in 1893 as a general merchandise store. Purchased by the Gruber brothers in 1917. Fire later destroyed the upper level of the building.

- 33. Boston Clothing Company Store
4-12 Nason Street
Built in 1912 and occupied by various businesses over the years.
- 34. People's Theater—14 Nason St.
Opened in 1921 with James Ledgard, manager. Later run by Burt Coughlan until the early 1950s when it was converted to retail use. Vintage photos on exhibit on 2nd floor.
- 35. Assabet Institution for Savings
17 Nason St
Assabet Bank organized in 1904 and moved here in 1929 (see both dates on front of building). Now Middlesex Savings Bank, the result of several bank mergers over the years. Classical Revival style.
- 36. William B. Case Block—24 Nason Street and Case Annex—28-30 Nason Street
Built in 1900. Annex added in 1897 when a small building was moved to the property and added to the existing structure. Retains original tin ceilings. One of the last remaining early wooden buildings in town. Wood floors and vestiges of grocery storage bins were discovered in the annex.
- 37. Knights of Columbus Hall
40-54 Nason Street
Formerly Riverside Co-operative Block, built in 1882 and destroyed by fire in 1936. Original building was four stories tall. Site of the public library from 1885-1918.
- 38. Retail Building—33-41 Nason Street
Built about 1869 as a mill worker row tenement. Originally part of a row of six two-story dwellings. Later changed to retail use, with a dramatic alteration of building size.



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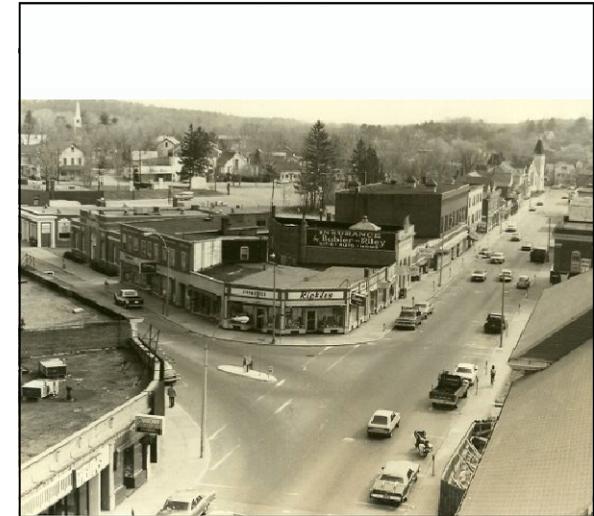
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MAIN STREET & THE MILL

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR #1

DISTANCE: 2 miles
TIME: 1 - 1/4 hours



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1. Memorial Park—Summer Street
Site of Glendale House (1867), later the Maynard Hotel, until destroyed by fire in 1921. The first veteran monument was dedicated in 1925 and a bronze Honor Roll was added in 1930. The park was expanded to its present size in 1964.
2. Fine Arts Theatre
17-19-21 Summer Street
Theater opened by Burt Coughlan in 1949 on the site of his father's former livery stable (1897) and garage (1911). Expanded to its present size in 1969.
3. Lorenzo Maynard Horse Watering Trough—front of Fire Station
First erected in 1888 at Nason and Main St. Moved to Walnut St. in 1915. In storage from 1951-1969. Placed at intersection of Summer, Acton, and Main on June 25, 1969.
4. Methodist Episcopal Church
1 Summer St.
Built in 1865. Bell tower is 130 feet tall.
5. Clary House—26-28 Main St.
Built about 1889 on land owned by Mrs. Clary. Operated as a lodging house in 1926.
6. Private Residence—30 Main Street
Built in 1889. House retains original footprint and is without major alterations.
7. Frank Vodoklys Grocery Store
27-29 Main Street
Built about 1910 with housing above. Operated as Stretch's Tavern from 1934-2004.

8. Cleary and Williams Dry Goods and Millinery Store—32-36 Main Street
Built about 1899. Early tenants included Jersey Butter Company (1915) and Arena and Sons Grocery (1926). Pleasant Cafe since 1945.
9. Somerset Hotel—40-44 Main St.
Built in 1909. Site of Maynard's first drug store (1865) run by Thomas Wouldhave. Location of First National Co-operative Association from 1920-1941 with forty-two Finnish charter members.
10. Wm F. Cannon Block
54-58 Main Street
Built in 1906. Early use of brick for commercial building. Meeting place for Ancient Order of Hibernians through the early 1920s. Once the Kaleva/United Cooperative Society, in existence from 1921-early 1980s. Later site of Lerer's Clothing Store.
11. Colonial Hall—63-73 Main Street
Opened in 1914. Site for dances, moving pictures (Strand Theater), graduations and political rallies. Later purchased by F.W. Woolworth Company who operated a first-floor store from the 1950s-70s.
12. Fowler Block—74-76 Main Street
Replaced the Naylor Block which was destroyed by fire in 1917. Site of the telephone exchange until 1955.
13. Maynard Trust Company Building
81 Main Street
Built in 1925. Sold to Bubier-Riley Insurance Co. in 1965 when the bank merged with Middlesex County National Bank (now Middlesex Bank). Masonry over brick façade has classical details.

14. Union Congregational Church & public drinking fountain—80 Main Street
Original meeting house built in 1853 and enlarged in 1866. Bell (1855), pipe organ (1888), vestibule (1889), connecting chapel (1892-93). Spire blew down in 1909, replaced in 1920. Drinking fountain at sidewalk donated in 1911 by the widow of Luke S. Brooks (1847-1910).
15. Masonic Building—100 Main St.
Built in 1888 by Lorenzo Maynard. Formerly home to various town offices and the post office. Purchased by the Masonic Lodge in 1922.
16. Main Street Bridge
Original wooden bridge built in 1849 at a cost of \$1,310. Replaced with iron bridge in 1872. Present concrete bridge built in 1922.
17. Clock Tower
Donated to the town by Lorenzo Maynard in 1892. Clock made by E. Howard Co. of Waltham. Still a hand-operated mechanism.
18. American Woolen Company Paymaster House—146 Main Street
Built in 1905. Original safe is still in cellar.
19. Mill Pond
Dug from a swampy hollow in the 1840s to power the mill. Fed by a canal from the Assabet River. Temporarily drained in 1916 to allow further mill construction. Partially infilled in 1957 for additional parking space.
20. Rafferty Ball water trough—corner of Main and Sudbury Street
Donated in 1894 to the town by Thomas H. Rafferty in honor of his father who fought in the Civil War.

21. American Woolen Company worker housing—185-187 Main Street
Later known as Central House, a boarding house run by Mrs. Hillis for many years. Built 1875. Original use was a livery stable.
22. American Woolen Company building
183 Main St.
Present structure dates back to 1931 (former building altered beyond recognition). Ray & Sons Cycle Shop since 1969.
23. Minto Boarding House Annex
179 Main St.
Also known as West End House. Part of the reconstruction of the Minto House after the 1939 fire. Once site of Buscemi's Market.
24. Minto & Oxford Boarding House
171 Main St.
Established in 1902 as a company boarding house with 32 rooms. Also known as the Lakeview House. Rebuilt after a 1939 fire.
25. Assabet Mill storage building
165 Main St.
Site of woolen mill storage building in 1855. Converted to a boardinghouse by 1900.
26. Assabet Manufacturing Co. worker housing—155 Main Street
Built in 1899 for both retail and residential use. Once occupied by a neighborhood grocery.
27. Site of former Boston & Maine Railroad station—151 Main St.
Railway station house demolished in 1960. Later site of a gas station and a dry cleaning business before falling vacant.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Concord, Maynard, and Hudson Street Railway, an electric trolley service, once ran the length of Main Street from 1901-1923.