

17. Benjamin Conant Family—Sec. 3-Old Conant made the first perpetual care payment to the town for care of his grave lot, \$250 in 1880.

18. Shattuck Family Memorial—Sec. 3-Old Levi Shattuck served with 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine Volunteers. Brother Sidney was a local contractor. Eight burials under the ivy covered memorial rock.

19. Unmarked Graves—Sec. 7-Old North portion was used for mass graves during a smallpox epidemic in 1885 and believed later for victims of the 1918 Spanish influenza.

20. Baker Bridge Train Wreck—Sec. 8-Old Andrew Carlson and wife Josephine, two of four Maynard victims, 17 total fatalities. Accident occurred near Lincoln in 1905. Train was struck by an express train on Thanksgiving Eve.

21. Immigrants—Sec. 10 & 11-Old Sections 8 -11 laid out in 1881 and contain many Russian Orthodox crosses. Ethnic backgrounds represented in Glenwood are mostly English, Scottish, Russian, Polish, Finnish, and Swedish. A large majority were woolen mill workers.

22. Grave of Timothy Minko—Sec. 11-Old Oldest burial in Glenwood at 107 years of age.

Take a short side excursion to the POND & the LOWER CEMETERY, built in the 1930s by the W.P.A. (red dots on the map—ramp to lower area)

23. Carter Sisters-in-Law—Sec. 23-Old Sisters-in-law Lillian Carter French and Winifred French Carter, both 105 years old.

24. Knights of Pythias Lodge—Sec. 28-Old Several fraternal organizations own burial lots, including the Masonic Lodge and Odd Fellows.

25. Whitney Family Lot—Sec. 18-Old Glenwood's earliest documented burial was John Marble (1750-1820), husband of Lois Whitney, in the Whitney family lot.

26. Haynes Family Lot—Sec. 16-Old Ruthie Haynes, age one, drowned in 1868. Sisters Bertha and Hattie May, and brother Bertie, contracted scarlet fever and died within two weeks of each other in 1882. Child-sized stones.

27. Cheney Monument—Sec. 15-Old A good example of a zinc monument. Unusual zinc flat markers. Ralph Cheney, a WWI veteran.

28. Noble Clark—Sec. 17-Old Marble lamb is for Noble Lyman Clark, who died of diphtheria at age seven. Son of Lorenzo Clark, a foreman at the Assabet Woolen Mill.

29. Higgins Brothers—Area B2 and B4-Old Behind the receiving tomb. Records are unclear. Higgins brothers were said to be U.S. envoys. Both died in 1916. Natural stone monument.

30. Receiving Tomb—along Parker Street Built in 1888 for \$700 by the North Acton Granite Company. No longer in use. Previously a holding tomb for out-of-town burials or during severe winter weather.

31. Gutteridge Family Lot—Sec. 13-Old Mary Gutteridge wound the first bobbin for the Assabet Mill. Son William H. Gutteridge wrote the first history of Maynard, published in 1921.

### GLENWOOD CEMETERY HISTORY

Glenwood was one of the first civic improvements made after the town of Maynard was established in 1871. It was previously a private burial ground and part of the town of Sudbury.

**Both the old (upper) and new (lower) cemetery sections of Glenwood feature a geometric circular grid layout known as a “garden cemetery”, once viewed as a public park and a burial ground. Sunday picnics and carriage rides were common.**

The hurricane of 1938 destroyed 78 spruce trees. They were replaced with sugar maples which still provide us with exceptionally spectacular autumn foliage.

### NUMBERS

- There are about 6,800 burials on 23 acres of land.
- **Interments in 1872 cost \$4 per adult and \$3 per child.**
- Eighteen centenarians are buried in Glenwood: fifteen women and three men.
- **54 Civil War veterans are commemorated here.**
- Construction of the lower cemetery roadways, the pond, and the fence was completed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930s. The original iron fence, erected in 1935, was historically replicated and replaced in 2014.
- **The land for the cemetery was once heavily covered in trees. As the trees were cut and removed in 1890, the wood was sold at auction for \$2.25 per cord (compared to \$300+ per cord today). The American Powder Mill bought the remainder of the wood to power its mills.**
- A hearse was purchased in 1872 but the hearse house was appropriated in 1904 for housing cholera patients. It was replaced twice (last after a fire in 1925). Currently still in use as a maintenance building. It contains two fireproof safes for the storage of original burial records. Many older burial records were consumed in the 1925 fire. Reconstruction and computerizing of those records is an ongoing project.

### GOOD NEIGHBORS

Adjacent is St. Bridget's, a private Catholic cemetery, laid out in 1869. The stone entrance was built in 1900. First official burial was Civil War veteran James Heffernan in 1870, just back from the war.

Please respect private property while viewing historic points of interest.

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# GLENWOOD CEMETERY

National Register of Historic Places

## HISTORIC WALKING TOUR #6

DISTANCE: 1 mile

TIME: 1 hour



WALK  
MAYNARD

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**GLENWOOD CEMETERY—OLD (UPPER) SECTION**

1. Granite Arch—Parker Street Entrance  
Built in 1928, gift from resident and coal merchant William F. Litchfield. Columns of New Milford granite, 15 feet high. Weight of the arch is 30 tons, the equivalent of five adult elephants.
2. Harriman Family Grave—Sec. 1-Old  
Side-by-side family lots. John Harriman, carpenter, built many of the older homes in town. Served as Postmaster in Assabet Village in 1862.
3. American Powder Mill Co.—Sec. 1-Old  
Purchased in 1883 for burial of employees from powder explosions. One burial - Frank S. Wilson, age 35. No headstone (next to Willis lot).
4. Veteran Burials—Sec. 1-Old  
Section reserved for burial of war veterans.
5. Maynard Family Tomb— private fenced lot  
Built by Amory Maynard in 1880. 12 feet in height, made of Chelmsford granite blocks, flanked by stepped wing walls and topped with a granite urn. Eight burial vaults within, including town founder Amory Maynard and other family members, 22 burials in all. There are no more direct descendants of the Maynard family.
6. Redfearn Family Grave—Sec. 1-Old  
Imposing Victorian-style family monument and curbed lot. 8' octagonal marble column, square topped. Tallest and most ornate commemorative monument in Glenwood. Headstones are skillfully carved. John Redfearn was a druggist.
7. Robertson Family Grave—Sec. 1-Old  
Four Civil War veterans and family, ten burials. Joins another family lot toward front of cemetery with son James and family, six more burials.
8. Grave of John Deane—Sec. 1-Old  
A 77-yr. old farmer murdered in 1896 by Lorenzo Barnes, a casual laborer, age 30. Lorenzo's death by judicial asphyxiation was the last legal hanging to be conducted in the Commonwealth.
9. Turner Family Grave—Sec. 1-Old  
Marble pillar with a decorative half-draped urn. Smaller headstones boast leaf and floral patterns, typical male and female decorative Victorian

- motifs. Moses Turner, age six, is remembered with a carving of a hand and an index finger pointing toward Heaven. "Safe in the arms of Jesus".
10. Guyer Fowler Grave—Sec. 2-Old  
Guyer Fowler, Chief Air Raid Warden during WWI, was honored in 1964 with the naming of the Fowler Elementary School on Summer Street in 1964. Grandfather Henry Fowler was an original signer of the petition to incorporate Maynard.
  11. Ruth Trent Grave—Sec. 2-Old  
A cousin to President Abraham Lincoln. Her father, Minor Phillips of Attleboro, was the only brother of Abraham Lincoln's mother. Ruth died at age 96 in 1918 in Lowell. No headstone except for grandson (small stone behind the tree).
  12. Grand Army of the Republic—Sec. 2-Old  
One veteran burial, Qtr. Master Sgt. William Malt-house. He and his wife both died of phthisis in 1876, leaving 3 orphaned children.
  13. Nellie Fletcher Grave—Sec. 4-Old  
Simple but weathered open book motif carving. Inscription for Nellie Fletcher, age 21, pneumonia.
  14. Artemas Whitney Family and Brooks Family: Double Curbed Lot—Sec. 3-Old  
Prominent Whitney and Brooks families with the most elaborate curbed lot in Glenwood. Curbing elevated one's remains toward heaven and also was believed to hold families together after death. Thomas Brooks, d. 1872, first burial in Glenwood Cemetery after its incorporation. Artemas Whitney, age 91, built over 100 foundations for early homes in the district, also the Mill Pond, the Ben Smith dam, and many of the first mill buildings.
  15. Grave of Joseph Adams—Sec. 3-Old  
Civil War veteran, returned from the war with one just arm. An overseer at the woolen mill, he predicted changing weather through his war injury.
  16. Isaac Maynard Family—Sec. 3-Old  
Isaac and Lucy Maynard, parents of town founder Amory Maynard.

