



MAYNARD
Public Library

LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES AT THE MAYNARD PUBLIC LIBRARY & BEYOND



Saturday, September 14 @ 11am

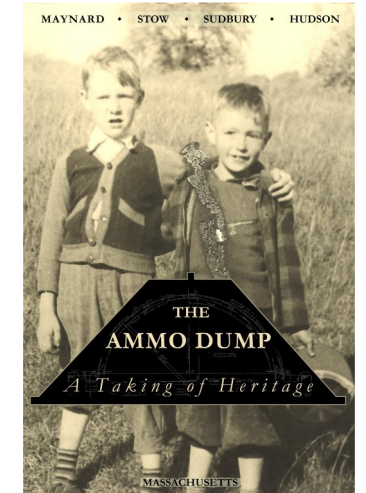
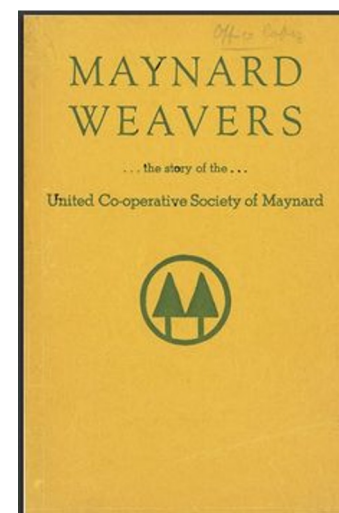
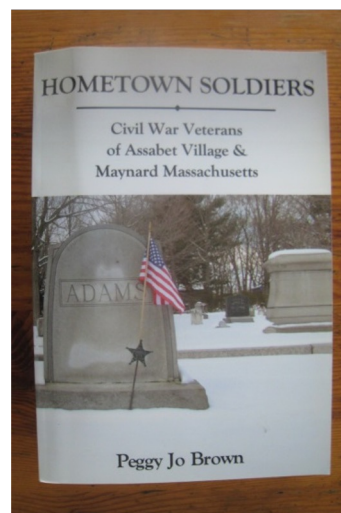
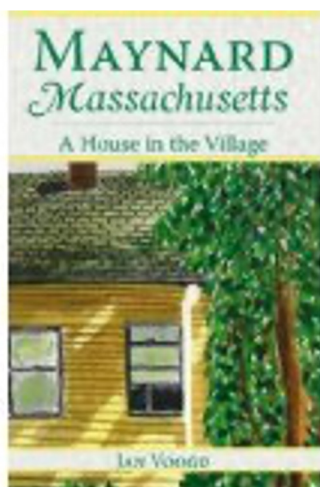
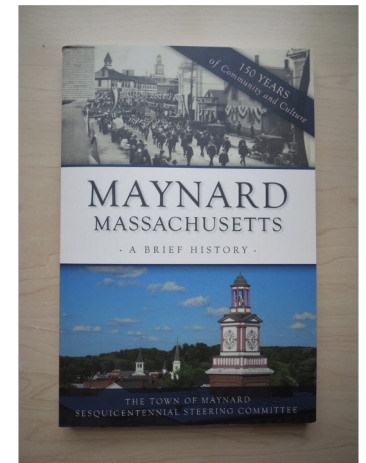
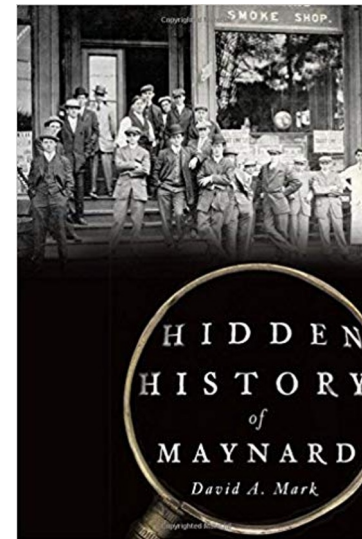
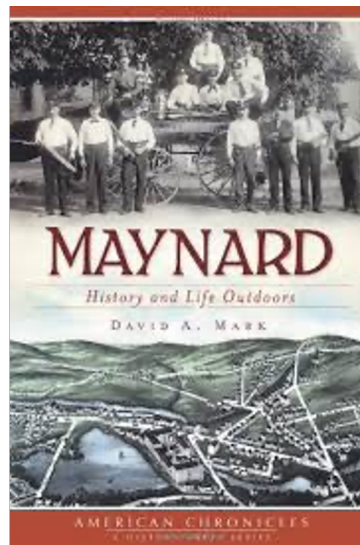
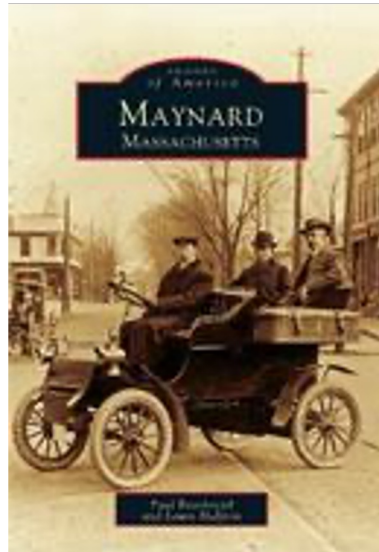
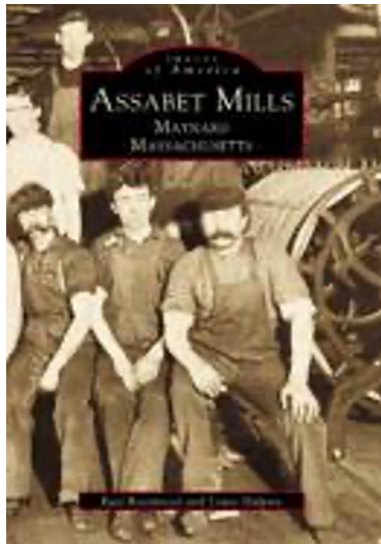
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Maynard Public Library**

Local History Collection

- Located on the 2nd floor, near the beginning of the Fiction section and bathrooms.
- Items in the collection cannot be borrowed, but can be viewed as long as you'd like in the library or you can make photocopies.
- We have copies of most of the newer books in our regular Non-Fiction section that do circulate. Just ask!



For a small town, there are a lot of books about Maynard!



Microfilm

- The library holds most of the town's newspapers dating back to 1899.
- There are some gaps, but we have the most complete collection anywhere.

Microfilm Holdings

Maynard Enterprise

1915-1925

1931-1944

1951-1959

Maynard News

1899-1907

1909-1943

Assabet Valley Beacon

1963-1987

The Beacon - Maynard Edition

1988-1990

Maynard Beacon

1991-1997

Beacon-Villager (Maynard/Stow)

1998-2022

- Without a searchable archive, you first need to know a date or a fairly narrow date range to locate a name, an event, or anything else of significance

Project Timeline

Project began in early 2021 covering 12 years of the Maynard News from 1899-1911.

We send reels out in larger batches as our budget allows. So far we have digitized everything we have from 1899-1983. There are a few small gaps in the collection.

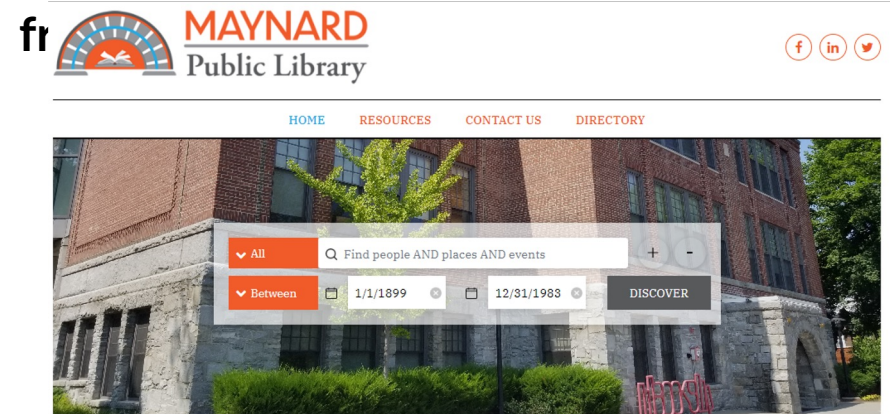
Total project calls for 137 reels of microfilm to be digitized. Maynard of course no longer produces a newspaper, but we'll be ready if one ever returns!

How to Access

<https://maynard.historyarchives.online/home>

Or go to [our website](#) and click on **E-Resources**. Scroll down to **Maynard Digitized Newspapers (1899-1983)**.

No login or library card needed! Access



Beacon-Villager Online Access

- Through a subscription database we have, you can access back issues of the Beacon-Villager online.
- Available in-library or at home to Maynard residents only (access tied to your library card #)
- Coverage is from August 2005-2022


To access:

www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/e-resources and scroll down to Beacon-Villager

The screenshot shows the Maynard Public Library website. At the top, there are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, followed by buttons for 'CALL THE LIBRARY', 'DIRECTIONS TO LIBRARY', 'EMAIL SUPPORT', and 'EMAIL NEWSLETTER'. The library's logo, 'MAYNARD Public Library', is prominently displayed in the center, with the address '978-897-1010 77 Nason St. Maynard, MA' below it. To the right, there are links for 'CATALOG', 'MY ACCOUNT', 'UPCOMING EVENTS', 'MUSEUM PASSES', 'BOOK A MEETING ROOM', and 'MOBILE PRINTING'. A navigation bar at the bottom includes links for 'HOME', 'Events', 'Services', 'E-Resources', 'Children', 'Teens', 'Library Info', and 'Library Friends'. A dropdown menu is open over the 'E-Resources' link, listing 'All Access Comics (OverDrive)', 'American Ancestors (In-Library Use Only)', 'Ancestry Lib Edition (In-Library Only)', and 'Beacon-Villager (2005-2021)'. Below the dropdown, a table shows the library's hours of operation for each day of the week.

Sunday	Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Closed	10:00am-5:00pm	2:00pm-9:00pm	10:00am-5:00pm	10:00am-5:00pm

Beacon-Villager Online Access



Beacon Villager, The (Maynard, MA)

2005 - 2018 | Text

Create Alert 🔔

🔍 Enter any keyword, such as a name, event or topic Search

Advanced Search


View Recent Issues

[November 15, 2018](#) [November 22, 2018](#) [November 29, 2018](#) [December 6, 2018](#) [December 13, 2018](#)

Browse Issues by Date

Change year 2018 ▼

January							February							March							April						
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Yearbooks

- Physical yearbooks located in my office.
- We have most Maynard High School yearbooks dating back to 1907. Also carry Assabet Valley Tech yearbooks back to 1993.
- Unfortunately there are some gaps that we hope to someday fill.
- Yearbooks were recently digitized with help of Boston Public Library in 2016. OCR search-enabled. Try searching for any graduate's name!
 - <https://archive.org/details/maynardpubliclibrary?sort=-date>
- Complete listing of our yearbook collection:



Town Reports

- We own at least 2 copies of every edition since 1871.
- Reports from all established town offices (library, schools, police dept, water dept, etc)
- Many older town reports list every birth, death, and marriage in town for that year. Serves as a time capsule for the town in any given year.

Working with Boston Public Library to begin digitizing this collection soon.



Street Lists

- Library has street lists going back to the 1940s with some gaps
- Can see where people in town lived, birth year, occupation, and voting precinct.
- See who lived in your house before you!



Maynard History File Folders

The library has file folders on many notable businesses, people, events, and general topics on Maynard history. While this project will never truly be “complete,” it is always growing and we have a good foundation of information on most frequently asked about local history topics.

www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/historyfiles

Maynard Historical Society

- Seeks to collect the stories & artifacts of Maynard history and make them available to the public.
- Collection of over 6,000 documents & artifacts.
- Not currently available to the public, but you can make an appt with Dave Griffin, President of MHS. He can be reached by e-mail at davebets@mac.com



**Located on 2nd floor of
Maynard Medical Center at
Clock Tower Place**

Historical Society Collection

- The Historical Society updates their online collection on a weekly basis. Typically 5-10 items added per week or so. Can subscribe via RSS feed or just visit “Recently Added Items”
- Can be found at: collection.maynardhistory.org
- Items have tags and many are cataloged as part of entire collections such as postcards, Digital Equipment Corp, Schools, etc.
- Historical Society is always taking donations of items related to Maynard history

“Maynard Memories”

- Published quarterly by the Maynard Historical Society. Lasted 65 issues, unfortunately no longer published.
- All back issues can be found in a binder in the Local History Collection
- Filled with interesting articles and photos from Maynard's past



Maynard Historic Commission

- Town-appointed board focused on historical preservation of the town.
- Typically meets third Tuesday of every month at the library.
- Past projects have included Maynard Walking Tours, Historical Markers program, Town Scale restoration, Historic Property Index, & more.



HISTORICAL



MARKER

1906-1910

CALVIN COOLIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(BANCROFT STREET SCHOOL)

ARCHITECT: CHARLES J BATEMAN, CAMBRIDGE, MA
1906 CONTRACTOR: JAMES MULLIN, MAYNARD, MA

Maynard Historical Commission

Historic Marker Program

- Created in 2012 to highlight important buildings and landmarks with permanent historical markers. The goal of this program is to bring attention to visitors and residents alike of the historical significance of many parts of Maynard.
- Markers throughout town include the Pleasant Cafe, the Maynard Public Library/Roosevelt School, and the Amory Maynard House.
- Residents throughout the town can also contact the MHC to have a thorough history review done on their own private property and celebrate their home with a plaque.
- More details and application here: <https://townofmaynard-ma.gov/284/Historic-House-Plaque-Program>

Historic Property Index / MACRIS

- Ongoing project by Maynard Historical Commission through Community Preservation Act funding.
- Detailed look at historically significant buildings, homes, structures, monuments, objects, landscape features, and burial grounds in Maynard. Each survey form contains a black and white photo, a map, an architectural description and a brief history of the property.
- Many homes and businesses in Maynard have been researched, but there is still much more to go! Completed properties searchable here: <http://mhc-macris.net/>

Historic Walking Tours

- Produced by Maynard Historical Commission & Maynard Cultural Council in 2012. Updated in recent months.
- 6 tours: Main St. & the Mill, Assabet Village, New Village & Maynard's Hill, Great Road, Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, and Glenwood Cemetery
- Most tours are roughly 2 miles

<https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/453/Historic-Walking-Tours>

**MAIN STREET
& THE MILL**

**HISTORIC
WALKING TOUR #1**

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

**ASSABET
VILLAGE**

**HISTORIC
WALKING TOUR #2**

DISTANCE: 2 miles
TIME: 1 - 3/4 hours

**NEW
VILLAGE &
MAYNARD'S
HILL**

**HISTORIC
WALKING TOUR #3**

DISTANCE: 1.9 miles
TIME: 1 - 1/2 hours

GREAT ROAD

**HISTORIC
WALKING TOUR #4**

GREAT ROAD—WEST
DISTANCE: 2 miles
TIME: 1-1/2 hours

GREAT ROAD—EAST
DISTANCE: 2.25 miles
TIME: 2-1/4 hours

**ASSABET RIVER
NATIONAL
WILDLIFE
REFUGE**

**HISTORIC
WALKING TOUR #5**

**WALK
MAYNARD**

Ancestry Library Edition

- World's most popular online genealogy resources. Access birth, marriage, & death records, census info, ship passenger lists, military records, & much more.
- *In-library use only!*



Maynard Historic Balance Scale

- MA Acts and Resolves of 1847 required every city, town, & county to have a set of certified weights and measures.
- Maynard not incorporated until 1871.
- Scale was built by E. Howard & Co., which also built the clock for the Assabet Mill tower in 1892.
- The cabinet was located in town hall until its restoration and move to the library in 2013.



Curfew Bell

- The bell was cast in the former Paul Revere Foundry in Boston in 1856.
- Weighs 600+ pounds!
- Purchased by Amory Maynard's son Lorenzo in 1856. Purpose was to remind mill workers to be home and in bed by 9pm when the bell rang.
- Donated to the Finnish Congregational Church (later Mission Evangelical) in 1935.
- Taken out of the church in 2020 when it was being sold. Gifted to the town for the Sesquicentennial.
- Arrived at the library in 2020. On display near the Local History Collection. Check out the binder for more of its history!



“Mini Ken” Olsen



When Digital Equipment Corp. co-founder and CEO Ken Olsen passed away in 2011, DECConnection, a networking organization of former employees, felt that a statue in front of the mill would be a fitting tribute to a pioneer of the computer age. At its peak, Digital was the 2nd largest computer company in the world with over 100,000 employees and was of course headquartered right here in Maynard.

DECConnection commissioned a statuette to show to the family before work would be done on the real thing. For a man that parked with the rest of the employees in the lot, the family felt that this is not what he would have wanted.

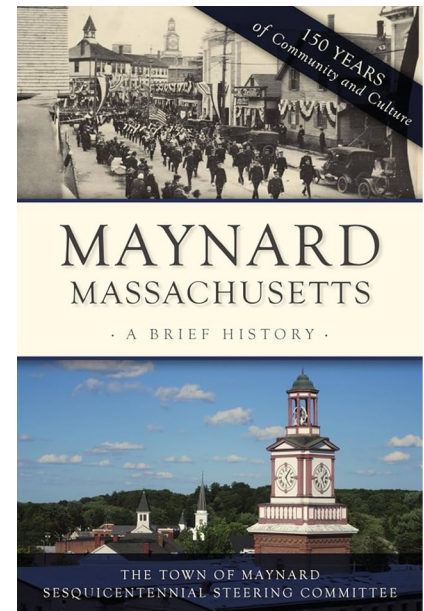
DECConnection donated the statuette to the library in 2021 and he guards our Local History Collection with his PDP-8.

Other Internet Websites

- Maynard Historical Society (www.maynardhistory.org)
- Maynard Historical Commission (<https://townofmaynard-ma.gov/277/Historical-Commission>)
- Glenwood Cemetery Listings
Compiled from existing records & headstone readings by Maynard resident Peg Brown, this page lists every person buried in Glenwood up until 2001 along with their date of death, lot #, and section number.
<https://www.interment.net/data/us/ma/middlesex/glenwood-cemetery.htm>

David Mark

- Maynard resident David Mark wrote a weekly article in the Beacon-Villager newspaper, usually centered on local history, for 13 years. While no longer weekly, he does still produce articles from time to time.
- A full collection of his articles are available online at www.maynardlifeoutdoors.com and also in the Local History Collection.
- Has written three of the most recent books on Maynard History including the town's Sesquicentennial history book.
- Partnered with the library on a 10 part Sesquicentennial History of Maynard video series.
www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/may150



Questions?
Thank you for coming!

