



LOCAL HISTORY RESOURCES AT THE MAYNARD PUBLIC LIBRARY & BEYOND



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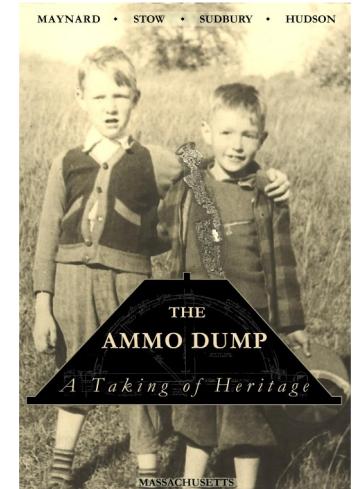
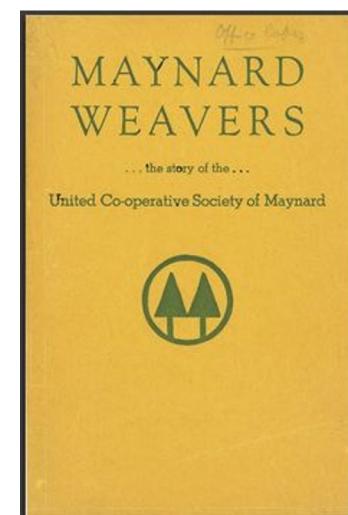
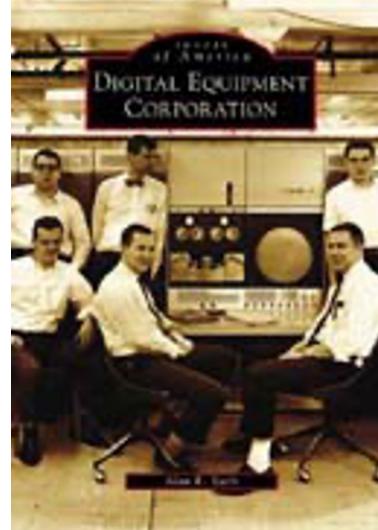
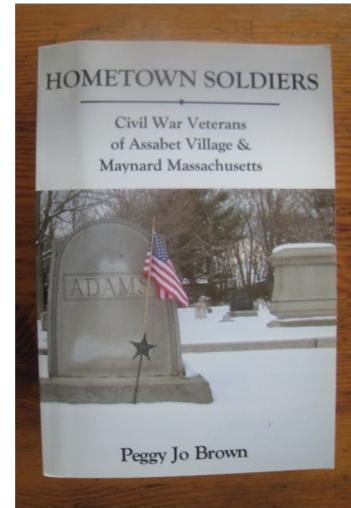
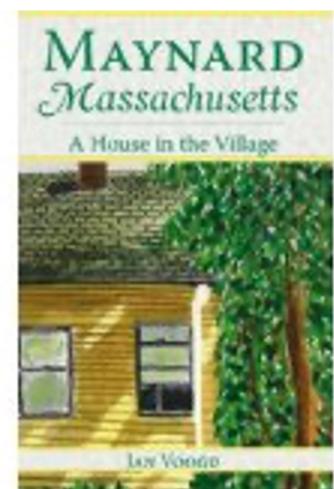
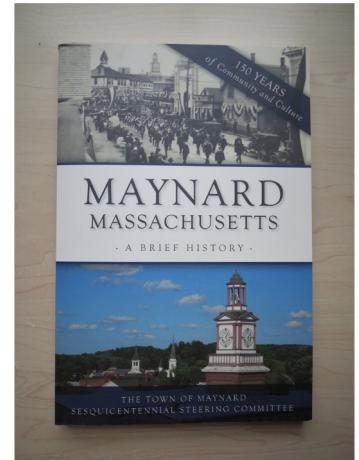
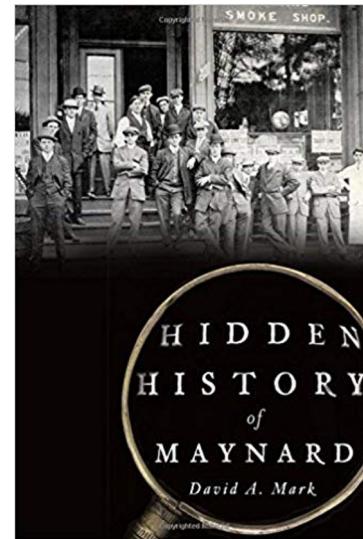
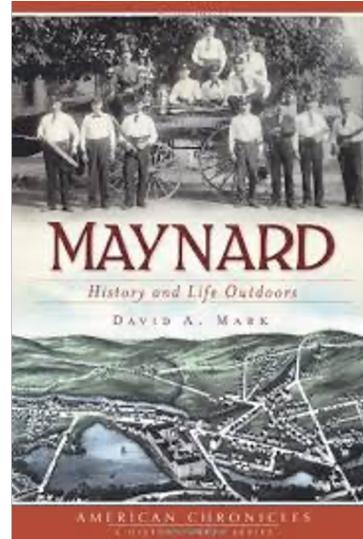
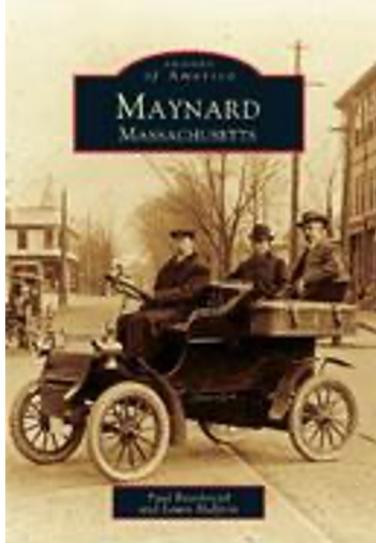
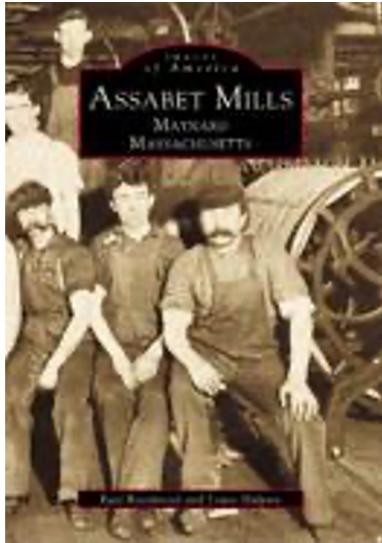
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Maynard Public Library

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

Maynard Newspaper Digitization Project

Why digitize these newspapers?

- Keyword searching allows library staff and patrons to find information within seconds of typing in a name or search term.
- Searches in a digital archive can find people, phrases, places, and events that people can overlook after hours of researching a newspaper page-by-page. 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
- Patrons doing genealogy or history research are able to search our collection even if they live out of the area.
- Helps preserve the history of Maynard! Microfilm can wear down from use and microfilm readers are also very expensive to replace or repair.



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.

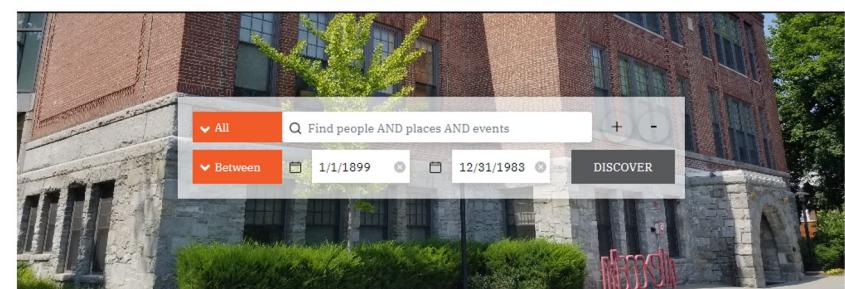
Total project calls for 137 reels of microfilm to be digitized. Maynard of course no longer produces a newspaper, but we'll be ready if one ever returns!

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

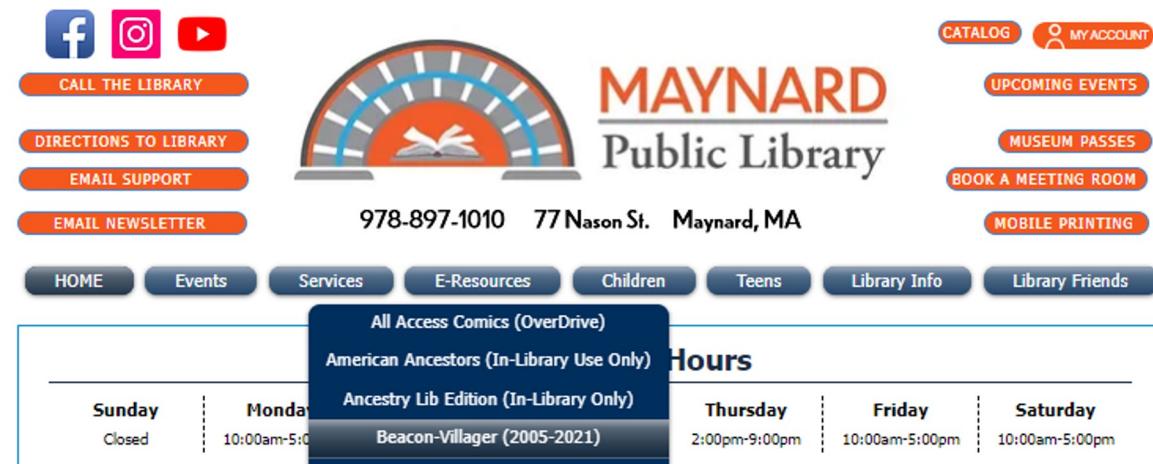


Beacon-Villager Online Access

- 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



Beacon-Villager Online Access

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Beacon Villager, The (Maynard, MA) website. A large red arrow points down to the search bar. Another red arrow points left to the January calendar grid.

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 ▾

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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 Memories

The Newsletter of the Maynard Historical Society

Issue #33

November/December 2010

HISTORIC ASSABET RIVER FLOODS

By David Marti

March 2010 was the best of times, if you lived along the Assabet River and the worst of times near the Sudbury River. The Assabet stayed within its riverbanks. (at least in Maynard). The Sudbury got so wide, people were referring to it as the “Sudbury Ocean.” Major communting roads in Sudbury and Wayland were closed for days and days. Given that both rivers arise barely a mile apart at Westborough, didn’t a similar sized region, and streams roughly the same length before joining in Concord to form the Concord River, why were the experiences so different?

It helps to think of the Assabet as a short, steep river. Its length from the headwaters in Wayland to the confluence with the Sudbury River in Concord, is just over 20 miles. Elevation at the headwaters is 328 feet, dropping to 100 feet at the confluence. Averaging seven feet of descent per mile, plus the Assabet is slack relative to the Sudbury River, which for long stretches through Wayland,

Sudbury, and Concord, drops less than one foot per mile. Historically, steep rivers get small floods while flat rivers get flooding villages. Looking at U.S. Geological Survey data and traditional historical sources leads one to an understanding of why and how the Assabet still floods every 15 years or so, despite flood control dams.

Using Geological Survey Data

Internet searching on “Assabet USGS” leads one to U.S. Geological Survey data on the Assabet River from 1940 to the present. The default display shows real-time graphs of flow in cubic feet per second (left) plus height in feet for the most recent seven day period, but there is an option to extend the graphed interval up to 120 days. The cfs graph also has symbols showing median flow. A table underneath provides lowest and highest on record for that date, 25th and 50th percentiles, median, and more.

Other data options are accessed through “Summary of All

Available Data for This Site.” The “Annual Statistics” selection shows an average flow for the past 78 years at slightly more than 200 cfs, in drought years, half that. During summer droughts, the flow can fall below 50 cfs. At one cubic foot equals 7.5 gallons, the 200 cfs average equates to 136 million gallons per day. The 2010 flood peaked at 1,000 million gallons per day. Assabet watershed water usage is estimated at 10 million gallons per day, with Maynard’s use about one-tenth of the total.

“Peak Streamflow,” viewed as a table, identifies the past floods as occurring on August 28, 1955, March 19, 1968, January 28, 1979, April 17, 1987 and March 15, 2010. These peak water heights were 8.94, 8.15, 8.11, 7.54 and 7.11 feet, respectively. “Daily Statistics” further details flow on the days leading up to and after each flood peak. Worth noting is how often the flood was preceded by water levels that were already above the annual average of 200 cfs, signifying saturated soil.

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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>

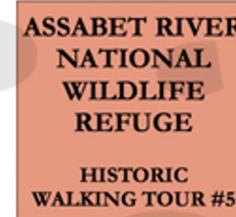
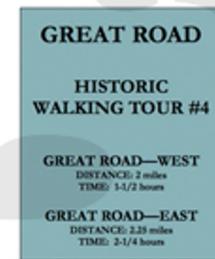
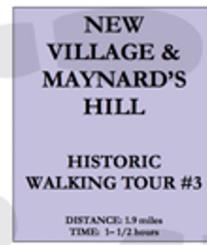
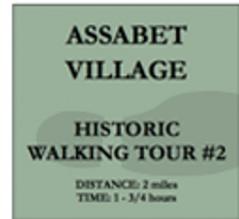
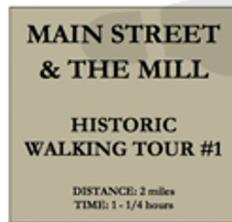
Historic Property Index / MACRIS

- 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>



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, DECCnection, 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.

DECCnection 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.

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

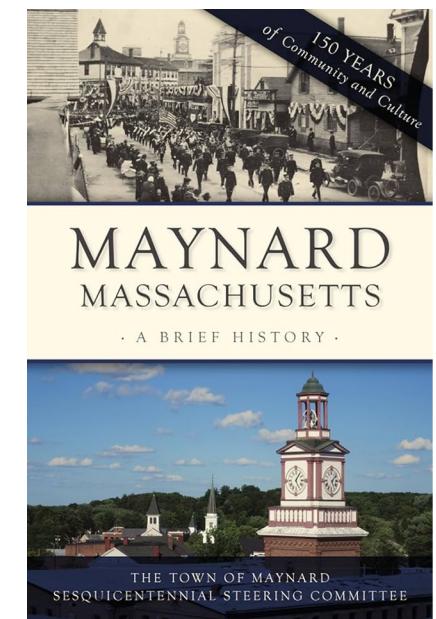
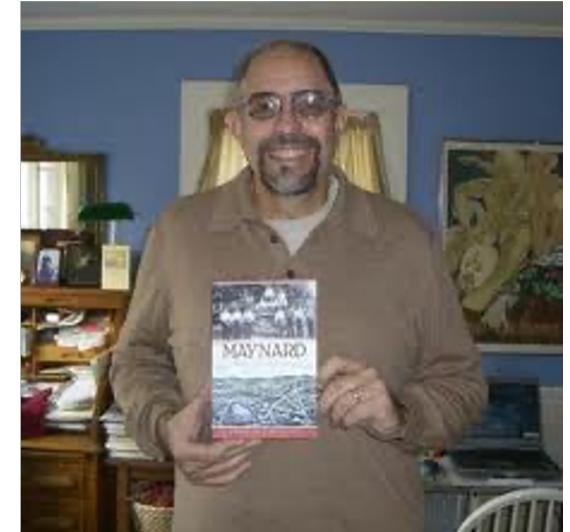
Other Internet Websites

- 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!

