

Quabbin Voices

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We must hear and listen to all of Quabbin's many Voices. Voices of the Past, as well as Voices of the Present and of the Future. Voices of the Trees, the Sky, the Rain that falls, and all the Wild Things; Voices of the People who depend on this valuable resource for their daily needs of clean water, and Voices of those who draw upon it for deeper needs of the Soul.

—Les Campbell

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The Digital Access Project:

All the Quabbin Real Estate Pictures at Your Fingertips


by Paul Godfrey

The digital access project was lead jointly by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (Archives) and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (Library), and in cooperation with the Massachusetts Archives, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection, Office of Watershed Management.

We are proud to present a new web site with information many have been eagerly awaiting for decades. The site contains the photos taken of all the homes and other structures that existed in the Swift River Valley before Quabbin Reservoir was constructed and all the structures that were moved or destroyed. A second site contains the photographs of the graveyards that existed in the valley prior to flooding and the photos of the early days of the Quabbin Park Cemetery. <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:qr46sf05h> and <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:76537133j>. If you have a computer, turn it on and follow along. If not, take this article to your local library, ask the librarian for help, and explore.

This is the first in a series of articles describing this incredible resource of around 18,000 images. Subsequent articles will detail the effort to bring this resource to all.

Massachusetts Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission, Quabbin Reservoir, Photographs of Real Estate in the Swift River Valley, and of General Engineering of Quabbin Reservoir, 1927-1950
Massachusetts Archives



Harriet E. Hess, house and garage (on common), Enfield, Mass., Jan. 14, 1928

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In order to improve the water supply to the greater Boston metropolitan area, the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission was authorized to take property in the watersheds of the Swift and Ware rivers to develop what became the Quabbin Reservoir. These photographs, largely taken between 1927 and the early 1940s, depict area houses, barns, stores, mills, schools, churches, and other real estate in order to plan their removal, and the reimbursement of the property owners.

After years of engineering study and debate, the Commonwealth created the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission (MDWSC) to build an improved water supply reservoir and system to serve metropolitan Boston, in the valley of the Swift River, a tributary of the Connecticut River. The Ware River Act (St. 1926, c. 375) and the later Swift River Act (St. 1927, c. 321) directed the flood waters of the Ware River to be diverted, and the Swift River Valley dammed and flooded for a new water supply reservoir. Known as the Swift River Reservoir from 1926-1932, the MDWSC officially renamed it the Quabbin Reservoir on October 25, 1932. The word "Quabbin" is from the Nipmuck, the Native American tribe that historically inhabited the valley, which roughly translates to "the place or the meeting of many waters."

The Opening Screen

Select the general images (first) URL. You will be greeted by the screen shown above. One can look at everything in the main Digital Commonwealth site by clicking on "View All" or make a specific search by town, person, etc. Not sure about any specifics, choose a topic from the box on the right. Or one can begin by choosing the colored circle on Quabbin. That leads to more circles; zooming shows even more. Or move to the box at the bottom of the screen and focus in

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President's Message

Spring 2020

Gene Theroux

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II. The Victory in Europe (VE-Day) is May 8th and the Victory in Japan (VJ-Day) is August 15th. Millions of American men and women served in World War II. Those millions of Americans who served during World War II are also known as America's Greatest Generation. Can you imagine what kind of world we'd live in today if it weren't for the service and sacrifice of these millions of American men and women? Perhaps, we wouldn't be speaking English, or have the ability to speak freely and, assemble, or go to church without being sent to a concentration camp or executed? In my view, America's greatest generation through their service and sacrifice saved not only America but the world from the tyranny and brutality of Axis powers. As each day passes since the end of World War II, the service and sacrifice of America's greatest generation is slowly fading from memory. We cannot allow their sacrifice to preserve our rights, freedoms and liberties to be forgotten.

There are hundreds of former residents of the Valley who answered the call and served during World War II. As of this writing, there are 121 former members of America's greatest generation interred in Quabbin Park Cemetery. Of these, ten were recipients of the Purple Heart Medal for being wounded in combat, three were recipients of the Air Medal and five were Bronze Star recipients. Some of you may have heard the expression, "All Gave Some, Some Gave All." There are three heroes interred at Quabbin Park Cemetery who gave all.



Private Norman H. Chaffee, front row, first on left (Men from Company I, 90th Infantry Division, Camp Barkley, Texas, ca 1943)

U.S. Army Private Norman H. Chaffee was killed-in-action on June 13, 1944 at Normandy, France. U.S. Navy Reserve Ensign Robert Theodore Dyer Jr. was a Navy pilot who went missing-in-action in the Pacific on June 8, 1945. Ensign Dyer had been awarded the Air Medal with three Gold Stars. U.S. Army Private First Class Walter H. Newbury was reported missing-in-action on November 15, 1944 in France and later declared dead. PFC Newbury had previously been awarded the Bronze Star Service Medal. Each of these three heroes, who gave all, were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.



The family home of Richard and Ann Hickland, Enfield, Mass.

Some of the WW II heroes interred in Quabbin Park Cemetery were siblings who served during the war, and others met during the war and became husband and wife teams. One of the sibling pairs were Sarah Louise Hickland and her younger brother Richard A. "Dick" Hickland. Both Sarah and Dick Hickland grew up on the Hickland family farm in Enfield and both served their country in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. In 1941, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Dick and eleven friends decided to enlist in the U.S.M.C. Because of his young age, Dick's parents were required to consent to the enlistment. Of the twelve friends, Dick and one other boy survived the war. Dick Hickland with his family attended the annual Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery and they were in attendance during the Enfield Bicentennial Observance held in August, 2016. Dick passed on July 1, 2019.



Richard A. "Dick" Hickland



Rosemary Ryther Rasmussen

Rosemary Ryther Rasmussen, a Woman Activated for Volunteer Service "WAVE," met her husband



Ensign Calvin L. Rasmussen

then U.S. Navy Ensign Calvin L. Rasmussen while serving during the war. Rosemary Ryther was the daughter of H. Morgan Ryther and Gladys May Fairbanks Ryther formerly of Enfield.

I'm inviting you to the 2020 Quabbin Park Memorial Day Services — let's make this year's Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery, a very special and memorable event. Be sure to express your appreciation to the surviving

members of America's greatest generation among former residents such as WW II veterans Earl W. Cooley (United States Army Air Forces) and Bradlee Gage (United States Army Air Forces). I'm humbled whenever I

have an opportunity to visit and speak with a member of America's greatest generation. While at Quabbin Park Cemetery, talk with a veteran or, perhaps take a walk through the cemetery to pay honor to the deceased heroes of World War II. Of the 121 heroes interred in Quabbin Park Cemetery who 118 "Gave Some" and three "Gave All" during World War II. You can identify those who

served during WW II by the grave markers that will be holding the American flag.

Significant capital improvements are underway at Quabbin Park Cemetery courtesy of the Massachusetts Water Resource



WW II Veteran James F. Shea, Jr.



Norman H. Chaffee, killed in action, Normandy, France

Authority, "MWRA". The MWRA had a new well drilled in Quabbin Park Cemetery in October 2019. Three to four new spigots will be placed at various locations in the cemetery. There will now be water to water plants available throughout the cemetery. A lead paint abatement program will occur in the spring for the removal of lead paint from both the maintenance garage and the cemetery administration building. A new roof will be placed on the maintenance garage and the slate roof on the cemetery administration building will be repaired or replaced. The old pump house (for the original well) and a shed will be torn down (these are currently located at the very back of the cemetery and out of sight).

Clearly, the women and men at MWRA understand the importance of protecting the drinking water supply for the 3 million people across the Commonwealth served by Quabbin. As MWRA actions have clearly shown, they're also committed to preserving the historic legacy of this special place, known as Quabbin. Their commitment begins from the top with the full support of the MWRA's Board of Directors, including Jennifer Wolowicz who is the statutory representative of the Connecticut River Basin, including Quabbin. Jennifer has been a tireless advocate for Quabbin, including the new well at the cemetery and the rehabilitation of the historic wrought iron fence along the spillway. The support of the MWRA's Advisory Board, which represents the 61 communities served by MWRA and is chaired by Fred Laskey has also been critical in obtaining these capital improvements. Lexi Dewey of WSCAC, the Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee, has greatly aided our communication with MWRA.

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the efforts within the Friends of Quabbin. The leadership of the Board of Directors has been instrumental in identifying the decay of the facilities and infrastructure to DCR via the Quabbin Watershed Advisory Committee "QWAC," the legislative delegation and to the MWRA. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, J.R. Greene, has done an excellent job as the Friends of Quabbin representative to the QWAC and to the MWRA trust board and was a strong advocate for the cemetery. I'd like to personally thank Paul Godfrey who has done just an exemplary job assisting me each step of the way.

DCR has been active in removing hazardous trees along the main entrance to the cemetery, around the cemetery administration building and also in removing the strip of red pines along the edge of the cemetery. The removal of these trees will be a noticeable visual difference but should prevent future headaches from these short-lived trees. DCR's Senior Geographic Information System Analyst, Philip Lamonthé, has been updating the GIS with graves/lots information from the Quabbin Park Cemetery records. DCR is working to have a digitized database of the cemetery records sometime this spring. The DCR cemetery crew has been working in earnest on the grounds at the cemetery and I'd like to commend them for their efforts.

These last months have been such a welcome change from the neglect of the past. We hope all those involved will continue to strive to meet the initial promise made to those displaced from Quabbin Valley.

Others have become active too. Bill Cote, who has long been flagging veteran's gravesites at Quabbin Park Cemetery, will have help now. The Earle F. Howe American Legion Post 123 of Ware has taken over the responsibility of flagging the veteran's gravesites at Quabbin Park Cemetery from DCR. The American Legion Post 123 is named in honor of Earle F. Howe who was the first Ware resident to be killed during World War I. The Post 123 partners with other veterans' organizations such as the Belchertown American Legion Post 239, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8428 and VFW Post 2577, DAV Chapter 75 and the Marine Corps League Detachment 140 to provide Honor Guard details, the firing detail and the Master of Ceremonies at the annual Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery each year. They will maintain the Veteran grave marker flags in a

respectful condition 12 months of the year. DCR will provide new flags prior to Memorial Day and the Ware American Legion post will place the flags prior to Memorial Day and dispose of the worn flags on flag day (June 14).

I look forward to seeing you at the annual Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery to be held on Sunday, May 24, 2020. Be sure to check that the event has not been cancelled. Let's make this a memorable Memorial Day Service and to Honor and Remember America's fallen heroes and all veterans interred on this 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Let us also keep in our minds and hearts the thousands of American men and women serving in uniform around the world today.

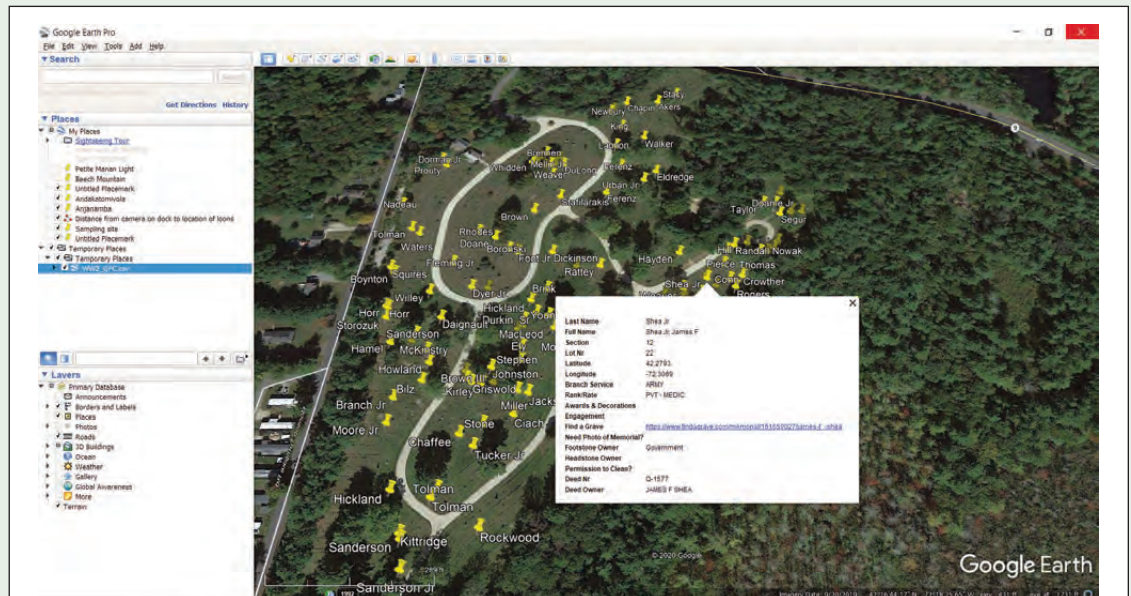
Exciting News about the Quabbin Park Cemetery

by Gene Theroux

A database has been built, populated and maintained of all veterans interred in the Quabbin Park Cemetery. Included in the database is the GPS Burial Coordinates of Latitude and Longitude. Within the database are fields to include the military service of veterans and the link to the memorial on the Find a Grave website.

Bill Cote and Gene Theroux of the Friends of Quabbin have collaborated in their research and field work to capture data and to correctly populate the database of the veterans interred in Quabbin Park Cemetery. From this effort in capturing and populating this data; Gene has exported an excerpt from the database to an Excel "CSV" comma delimited file and imported it into Google Earth to map those interred.

We're able to display any of the information on the individual from the database. Other elements in the database include fields to identify conditions of the stonework, work accomplished to include the date of completion. These fields will be used to prioritize and schedule conservation efforts in the Quabbin Park Cemetery from approved Intent to Clean Stonework forms processed through DCR.



Burial site and information on James Shea, Jr. mentioned in the President's Message. Each push pin with a name represents a veteran's grave. Clicking on a push pin pops up the information.

Bill and Gene have been collaborating to correct Find a Grave listings and add photos to that website on those veterans interred at Quabbin Park Cemetery. We hope to have the site become part of the revamped Friends of Quabbin web site that will soon become available (<http://foquabbin.org/FOQ-WP>).



Interpretive Services Report

Spring 2020

by Clif Read

In the Fall edition of the *Quabbin Voices* newsletter my article focused largely on the work to bring images from the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission to the public through the Digital Commonwealth. While it took a little longer than was hoped for, the wait was well worth it as the Swift River Real Estate and the Swift River Valley Town Cemetery collections are now available online. More of these collections will follow in the coming years. Having been involved with this project, I am keenly aware of the extraordinary amount of work to reach this point. The staffs at Digital Commonwealth, the Massachusetts State Archives and Boston Public Library Digital Services Lab have been so amazing and professional in their work. Karen Graham, Library Supervisor for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) was a terrific partner. MWRA Interns Katy Purington and Adam Beckwith did amazing work on the projects' metadata. So thanks to everyone who helped make this project so successful. But I would like to give a special shout out for DCR Archivist Sean Fisher who worked tirelessly to make this dream a reality. Sean and I had conversations about this idea many, many years ago. Undaunted by the challenges to bring the idea to fruition, Sean worked diligently laying the groundwork so this project could move forward. Much has been accomplished, but there is still much to do. Thank you, Sean, for what you have done and what you continue to do to protect these treasures and make them available to the public.

This winter Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Katie Theoharides named Jim Montgomery as Commissioner of the DCR. Commissioner Montgomery had been serving in an Interim Commissioner for DCR following the retirement of Commissioner Leo Roy last fall. Commissioner Montgomery first joined the DCR as Director of the Administration and Finance and served in that capacity until Mr. Roy's retirement in September.

The Sunday Afternoon Program Series has had exceptional programs this winter and the turnout for all the offerings was impressive. From vintage license plates to climate change, Quabbin wildlife, the Ware River watershed and the digital collection of Quabbin photographs, the program topics have been varied and excellent in presentation quality. Thanks to all those who have made this Series such a success from the presenters to the attendees.

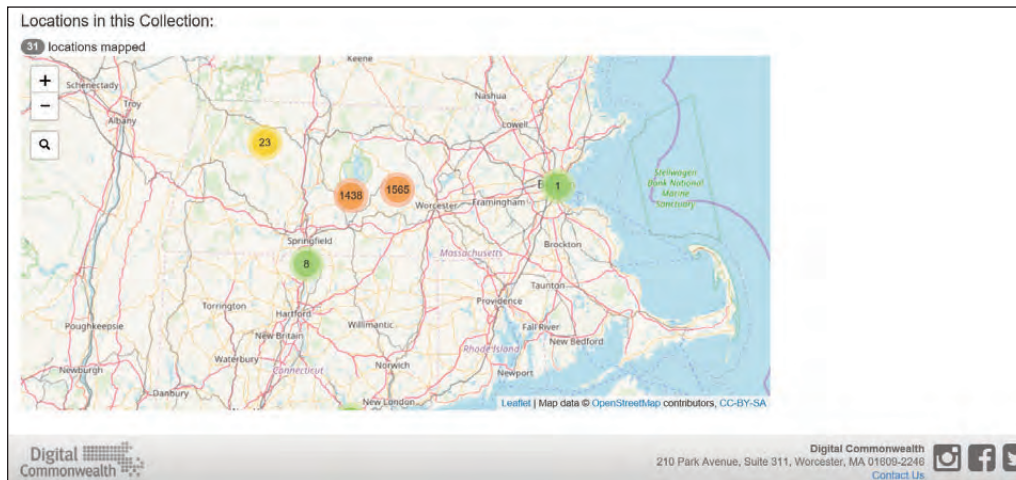
Beginning this spring anglers will be able to use credit cards at the Quabbin Boat Launch Areas (BLAs) to pay for parking and launching fees, season passes and boat rentals. The system

will be in place and ready to go with the opening of the areas which is scheduled for April 18th, weather conditions permitting. Cash may still be used for these transactions. For those wishing to purchase the Season Parking Pass prior to the opening of the season, this can be accomplished online with a credit card between March 22nd and April 9th. Passes will be mailed out to applicants before Opening Day, enabling them to use the passes beginning April 18th. Once the season opens, passes can only be purchased at the three BLAs.

For the third time since the Massachusetts Envirothon was established in 1988 Quabbin Reservoir will serve as host for the competition. The Envirothon is Massachusetts' leading natural resource education program for high school students, emphasizing hands-on, team-oriented problem solving and community involvement that prepares young people for environmental careers and active citizenship. Students focus on water, forests, wildlife, soils and a current environmental issue during their yearlong participation in the program. In May at the annual Massachusetts Envirothon competition, students demonstrate what they've learned about the environment and environmental issues. Quabbin is the perfect site for the event which has Safe Sustainable Water Supply as the current environmental issue for this year.

Last year the Quabbin/Ware River Region formed a staff Green Team to address issues of sustainability in our programs and operations. The group is represented by each of the work units at Quabbin and has been investigating a wide variety of topics from efficient lighting to recycling, electric vehicles and use of green products. One topic that generated a lot of interest was the issue of natural pollinators and habitat management. A sub-group met with the Natural Resources and Watershed Operations staff to discuss ways to increase the amount of field habitat while reducing the need for continually mowing these open areas. Beginning this spring visitors will notice a slightly different landscape as they enter Quabbin Park through the main (West) entrance. Strips of grass immediately alongside the Administration Road will continue to be mowed, but the grass areas behind them will be allowed to revert to natural fields. These areas will be maintained as fields with native plant seedings and periodic mowings, although not with the frequency of past management. This will encourage native plants and pollinators while reducing the use of mowers and staff time required to manage these areas. The transformation will not take place overnight, but it will be a multi-year conversion process. This is one of many hoped for changes in our management and works towards our goal of leading by example.

Digital Access (continued from page 1)



Major sites available. Zoom out to see a wider area or zoom in to see more detail about a smaller area.

on an area of concern; note there are more areas than just Quabbin, although Quabbin is the richest in images. The number in each circle represents the number of images available. But you are not limited to specific areas to search. Choosing the search box in the center of the screen above (Magnifying glass symbol) will let you pick your own category: a name, types of place (sawmill, ice house, etc), village or local place name, personal last name and so on. In other words, you can

Limit your search

Topic

- waterworks 2,956
- reservoirs (water distribution structures) 2,952
- real estate 2,347
- residential structures 1,814
- barns 743
- engineering 294
- forestry 204
- general views 175
- more »

Place

- United States 2,957
- Massachusetts 2,952
- Worcester (county) 1,033
- Hampshire (county) 901
- Franklin (county) 698
- Petersham 512
- Enfield 471
- Greenwich 434
- more »

Date

1927 - 1950

go right to what you want or explore with the guidance of the web site. If you choose “Select All.” You will see screen after screen of images. But don’t despair because on the left is a screen that let’s you reduce the images by categories. See that “more” at the bottom of the topics; there are many, many more and you can arrange them in alphabetical order. In short, you have multiple ways to conduct your search. They are all easy and intuitive.

Let’s do a search by category. Type “icehouses” in the search box with the magnifying glass. A new screen will appear with 20 images of icehouses around the Quabbin. Who knew? Go back to the first screen (arrow at the top left) and try another like “golf courses” and you get a new screen with two images of the Quabbin golf course.

How about someone’s name? Go back to the first screen and

Select search categories; click “more” for others.

try “Cooley.” You get 5 images; four of the Cooley homestead and one of the poor house. Don’t assume the worst; the poor house property ended up in the Cooley estate by the time of the picture. Want to see all the dams in the valley? Choose more at the bottom of the topic screen and click on dams (unclick your previous choice). All the small dams that powered the valley and ran the mills will appear. You get the idea.

Once you’ve found the image you want, click on it. A new screen will appear with an enlargement of the image and more information, a lot more information! The most interesting will probably be the display at the bottom of associated images. In this case, that’s the pictures of the Ballou house and more outbuildings. Click on any one of those and that image and associated information appear. The little map in the right corner let’s you know where you are in the Quabbin area.

Result of search for Ballou



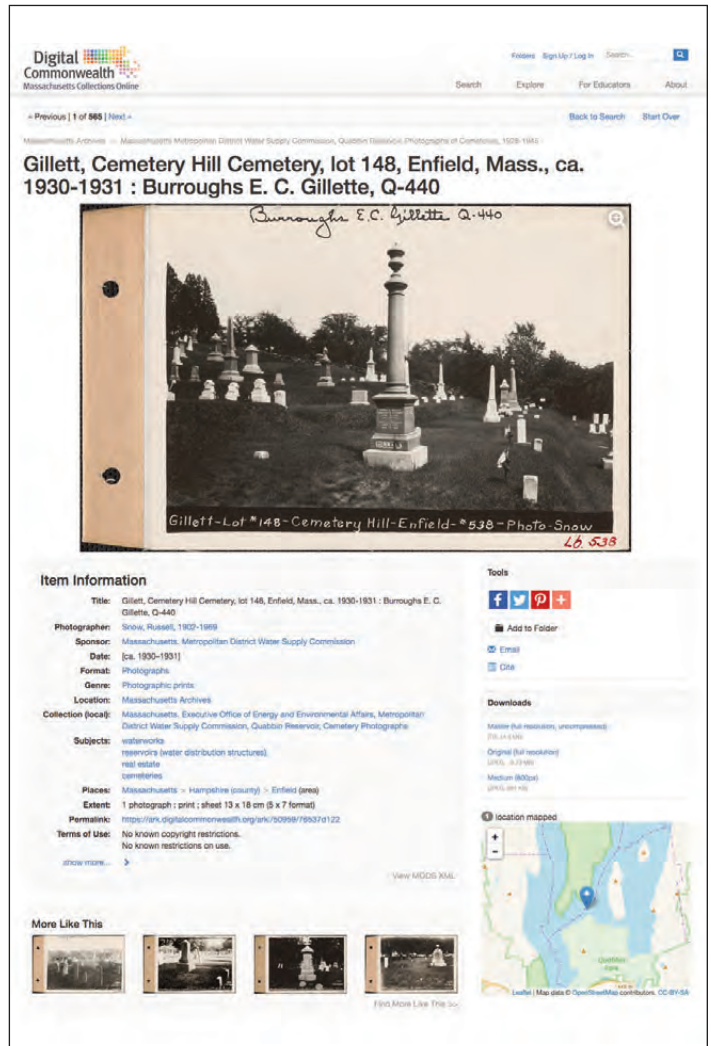
Opening page for cemeteries with major sites shown at bottom

We'll show you one more example: cemeteries. This is a different web site: <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:76537133j>, but it has the same look and feel. The general site and the cemetery site are not yet linked but they will be as soon as the Ware River Real Estate photo set comes on line. First, we get the search screen (above). Search for Enfield Cemetery and you get many pictures from the original cemetery. Pick one and it may look like this one, shown on the right.

Notice on the picture above the brown edge with holes. This was the way that all these original pictures were bound into books and saved. The taking of the pictures, saving them and then assembling all these pictures into this Digital Access Collection represents an extraordinary degree of foresight and effort. But more about that in coming issues of *Quabbin Voices* when we will first describe the original idea of photographically recording all the points of interest before they were flooded, the people who did the work and how the images were saved with relevant information. And second, we will describe the recent effort to assemble this material into an easy to use site. It was all harder than you think. From the Friends of Quabbin point of view, this is an exciting development. For so long,

anyone wishing to see the images could go to the Quabbin Visitor Center and spend hours searching the albums for some that were about their ancestors. The Friends got a copy of these images from Les Campbell who photographed all the pictures years ago. We scanned those negatives and with a spreadsheet developed from some of the data about each photo, we could do a search. Although easier, it wasn't anywhere near as quick as this new site. Now anyone, anywhere in the world can quickly and easily search the images for what they want. Then they can print the image and its data or send it via any one of several social media to their relatives and interested friends (notice the little "f," twitter bird, and others on each page).

Please don't let the lack of a computer stop you. Take this article with the two web addresses: <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org> for general pictures and <https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:76537133j> for cemeteries to your local library, get some help from the librarian, and enjoy! Computer or not, bring a copy of this article to your local library so that others may discover this treasure too.



Search results for Enfield Cemetery, Gillett

The Quabbin

by Cheryl Dauksewich
August 29, 2019

Many village pastimes
Still echo in the wind
Swirling round, what once was ground
Its residents chagrined

Tried with all their might
But couldn't stay there longer
Swiftly came the river
Four towns were full of somber

Over old foundations
The rising waters grew
In order to quench Boston's thirst
Forever changed the view

This massive sight embodies
a world of long, lost homes
Measured now in gallons
Where fish are free to roam



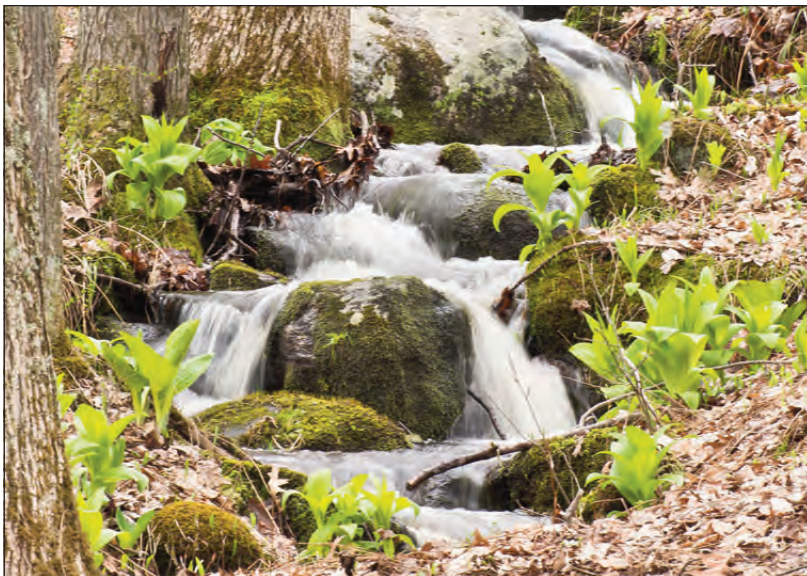
Dana before and after-photo composite by Les Campbell

So as we all look out
at this resplendent place
Lest we not forget
Its history nor its grace

Spring

by Anne Ely

There are a lot of false things in life: false advertising, false eyelashes, false teeth, false indigo and even false positives, but none of these ever morph into the real thing no matter how long we wait. There is one "false," however, that if we have patience, finally becomes a reality. This is the time of year when there are many "false springs." Wow! Temps in the 50's; snow has disappeared; warm sun; daffodils 2 inches tall! Ah, but the next day, temps plummet and a cold wind scatters snow flurries again. Yes, it was a false spring. We're used to it, but each time one comes along our hopes rise. Maybe not this time, but it's getting closer, and before we know it, the real spring has arrived. It may not match what the calendar says, but everything comes together and we know it's here.



SPRING

*The peepers are peeping
And the willows are weeping;
Returning birds singing,
New life from the ground springing.
Spring is here!*

Meetings & Events

All meetings may be cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Check the organizations web page or call beforehand.

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday Teas are held at the Visitor Center on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For each Tuesday Tea, we try to have a relatively short segment, usually a video, helping us learn more about the Quabbin history and environment. We try to give you early notice of topics and speakers for these. But sometimes, opportunities or problems occur in the short term and cause changes in the schedule on short notice. We also want to underscore that Tuesday Teas are not for "Members Only." All are welcome, regardless of your connection to the Quabbin Valley. Magic often happens.

Photo Club Meetings

The **Quabbin Photo Group** (<http://www.quabbinphotogroup.org>) meetings are on the 4th Monday at the Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main St., Belchertown, MA beginning at 7:30 p.m. Meetings alternate between guest speakers and Member's Nights where members and guests can bring 10–15 images for sharing, either in digital or 35mm slide format. March and June will be Member's Nights. The event schedule is: April 27th, – Steve Gingold (title TBA)

The **Pioneer Valley Photographic Artists** (<http://www.pvphotoartists.org/>) meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church, 31 Main St., Belchertown, MA 01007. Check their website for more information.

DCR Presentations

Out of an abundance of caution due to the developing Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, Quabbin Visitor Center will be closed as of March 13, 2020 through Saturday, April 1, 2020. All remaining programs in March are cancelled. Future events tentatively scheduled, please call 413-323-7221 before planning on attending.

April School Vacation Week

The Quabbin Visitor Center will offer programs for all ages during April Vacation Week. Visit the link below for more details. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/quabbin-reservoir-watershed-education-programs>

Sunday, May 24, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Quabbin Park Cemetery Memorial Day Service

Please join us for our annual Memorial Day services with a special remembrance of the former towns of the Swift River Valley that were dis-incorporated when the Quabbin Reservoir was built. The Quabbin Park Cemetery is located off Route 9

between Belchertown and Ware. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs since seating is not available on-site. For further information, please call the Quabbin Visitor Center at (413) 323-7221.

Sunday, May 24, 2–3 p.m.

Hidden History of Quabbin Reservoir, the Army Air Corps and the Springfield Armory

At the onset of World War II Quabbin Reservoir was used as an area for bombing practice, "war games" and research in technology to support the Allied war efforts. Join us as we look at the history of this era and what impacts, if any, it had on the reservoir land.

Sunday, June 14, 1–3 p.m.

Exploring the Road to Dana Common

Along the old road to Dana Common are foundations, walls and trees that tell the story of the towns now long gone. Join us on this 1.8 mile (3.6 round trip) hike to Dana Common and discover what life was like in the Quabbin Valley. Please bring water, a snack and dress appropriately for the weather. We will meet at Gate 40 on Rt. 32A in Petersham. Call Quabbin Visitor Center at 413-323-7221 for information and directions.

Friends of Quabbin Annual Meeting

May 10, 2020

United Church of Ware,
49 Church Street, Ware, Mass.
1 to 4 p.m.

Featured Presentation:

Anne Ely, Friends of Quabbin Board member, will present the nature-themed slide program "Pictures and Poetry."

An original poem will be presented for each image.

Other Highlights:

A presentation by President Gene Theroux on FOQ efforts to restore and rehabilitate Quabbin Park Cemetery.

A vote will be held on new and continuing Board members.

Schedule Social Hour 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Business Meeting 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Featured Presentation 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Directions to United Church, 49 Church Street, Ware

From west on Route 9 to intersection of Route 32 stop sign, proceed straight through two traffic lights with left turn onto Church Street. Church is 5 blocks on right.

From east on Route 9—3rd intersection after dam, turn right and 5 blocks (1st traffic light) on Church Street.

Church is on right.

The entrance door to Fellowship Hall is facing Church Street with a handicap entrance in full view.

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