



# Whitinsville

## “A Snapshot in Time”

A pictorial view of our town ‘Then and Now’

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NORTH BRIDGE MASS.



ROCK DALE.



WATERBURY COLLEGE BUILDING.



LIDWOOD.



# WHITINSVILLE,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1891

- 1. W. H. BROWN, Proprietor
- 2. HIGH SCHOOL
- 3. W. H. BROWN, Proprietor
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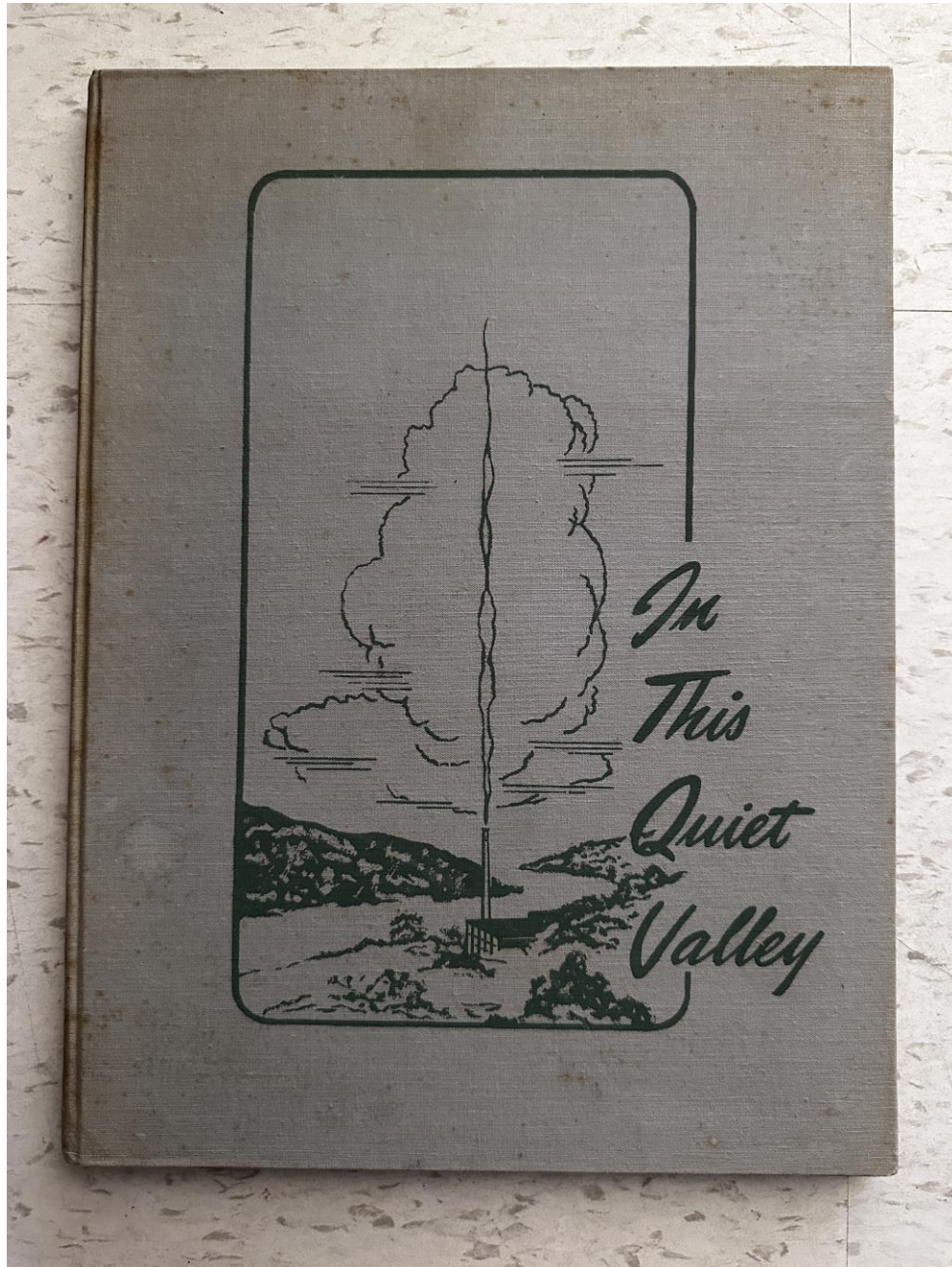
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- I'm a keen student of history, both with my home town of Liverpool UK and adopted town of Whitinsville
- I am also an avid photographer and licensed drone pilot and have attempted to use these skills to illustrate and bring to life some of the history of our town
- I would also like to thank the Northbridge Historical Society, Northbridge Historical Commission who have been instrumental in developing this program and supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council





It all started when I was given a copy of this book by Jeannie Hebert, President of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce

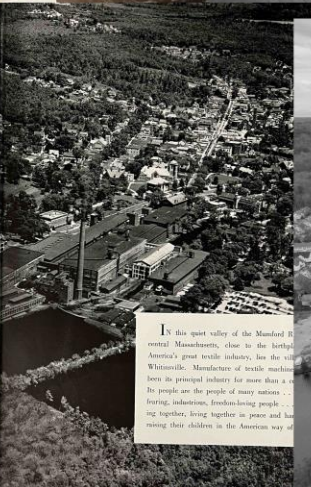
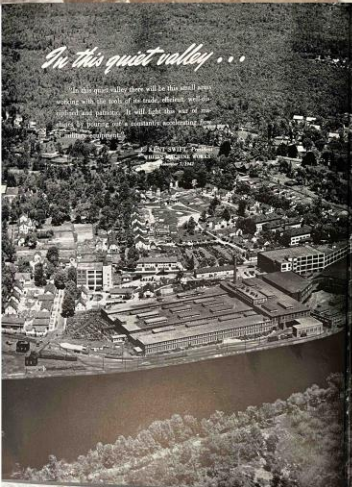
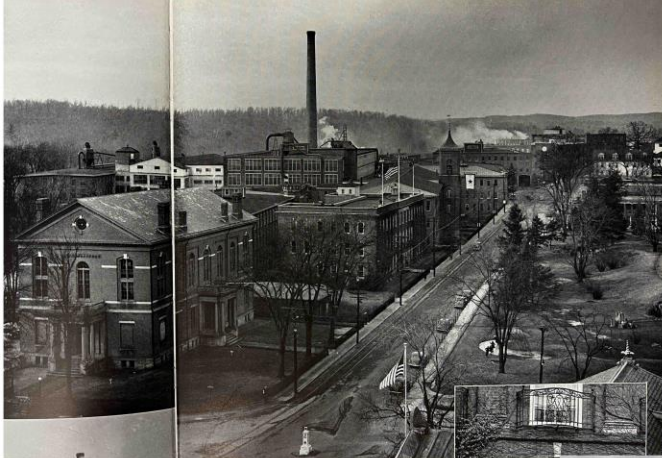
It was printed in 1945 and is a pictorial history of the Whitin Machine Works during WW II

I had the idea of taking photos from the same vantage point as the original photos were taken and this is what I would like to show you today



# Whitinsville

*Then & Now*



*In this quiet valley...*

In this quiet valley of the Merrimack River, in central Massachusetts, close to the heart of America's great textile industry, lies the city of Whitinsville. Manufacture of textile machinery is its principal industry for more than a century. Its people are the people of many nations - striving, industrious, freedom-loving people - living together, living together in peace and harmony, raising their children in the American way of life.

# Whitin Works 1940's



Whitin Machine Works and Mumford River 1940's

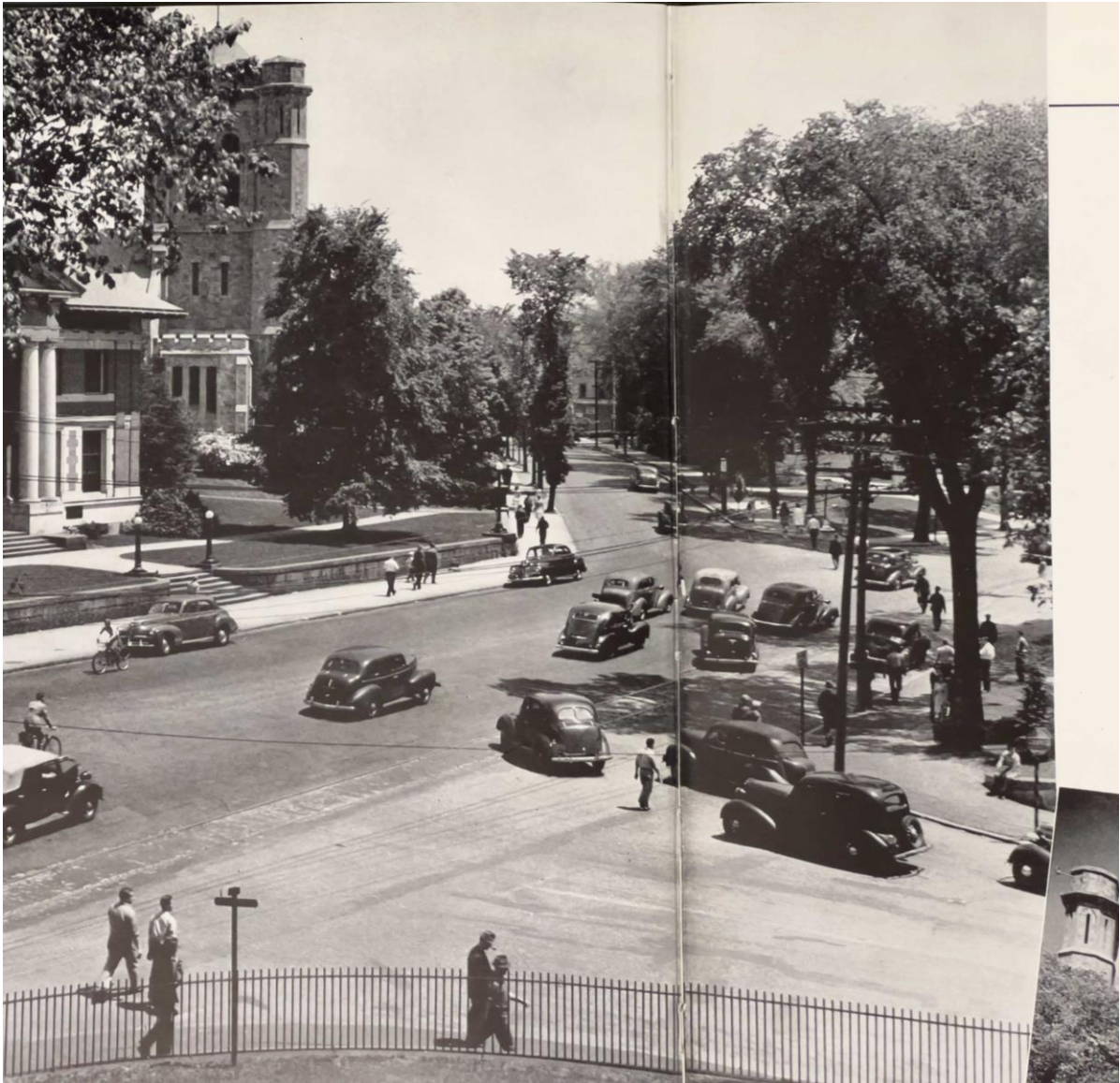




Demolition 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012

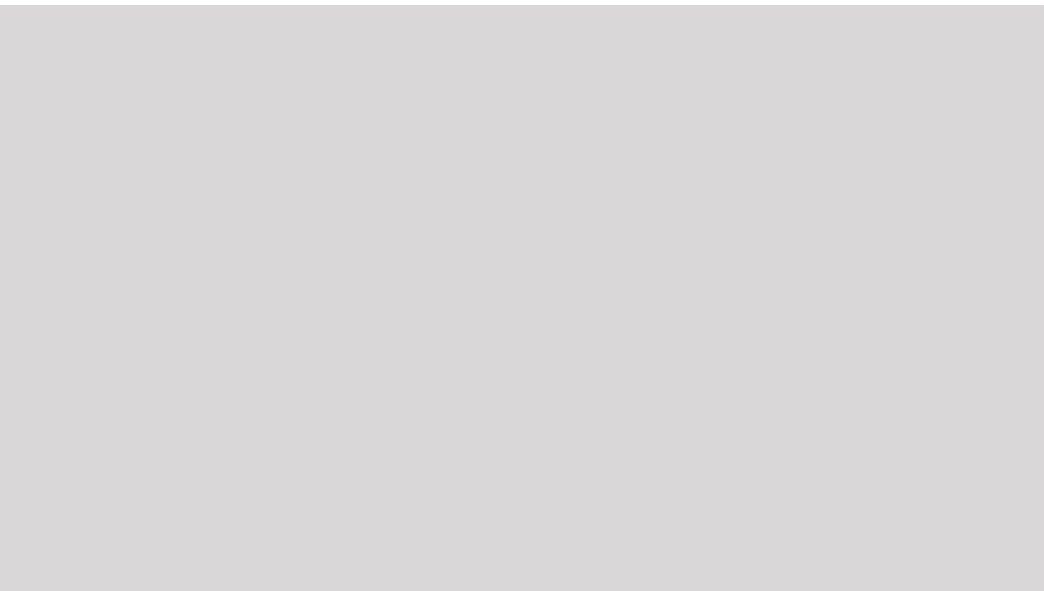
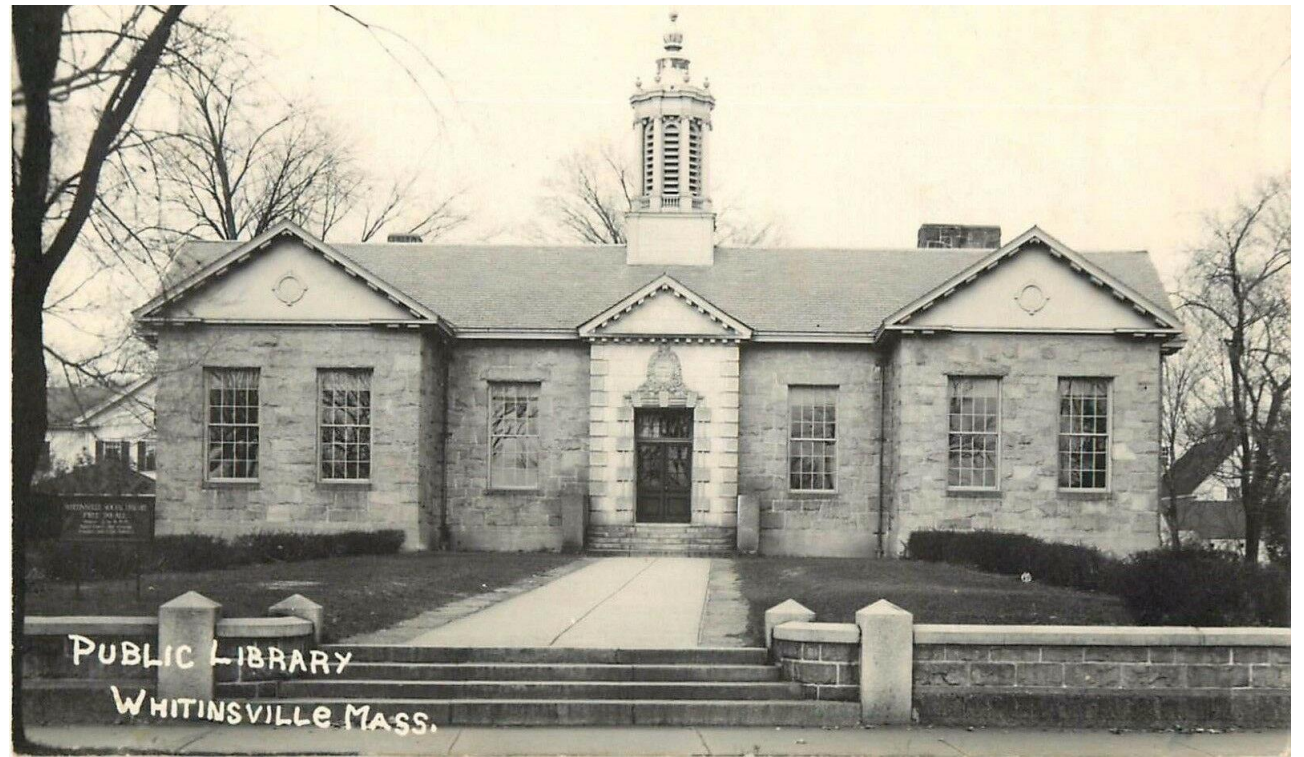


Memorial Square, 1940's

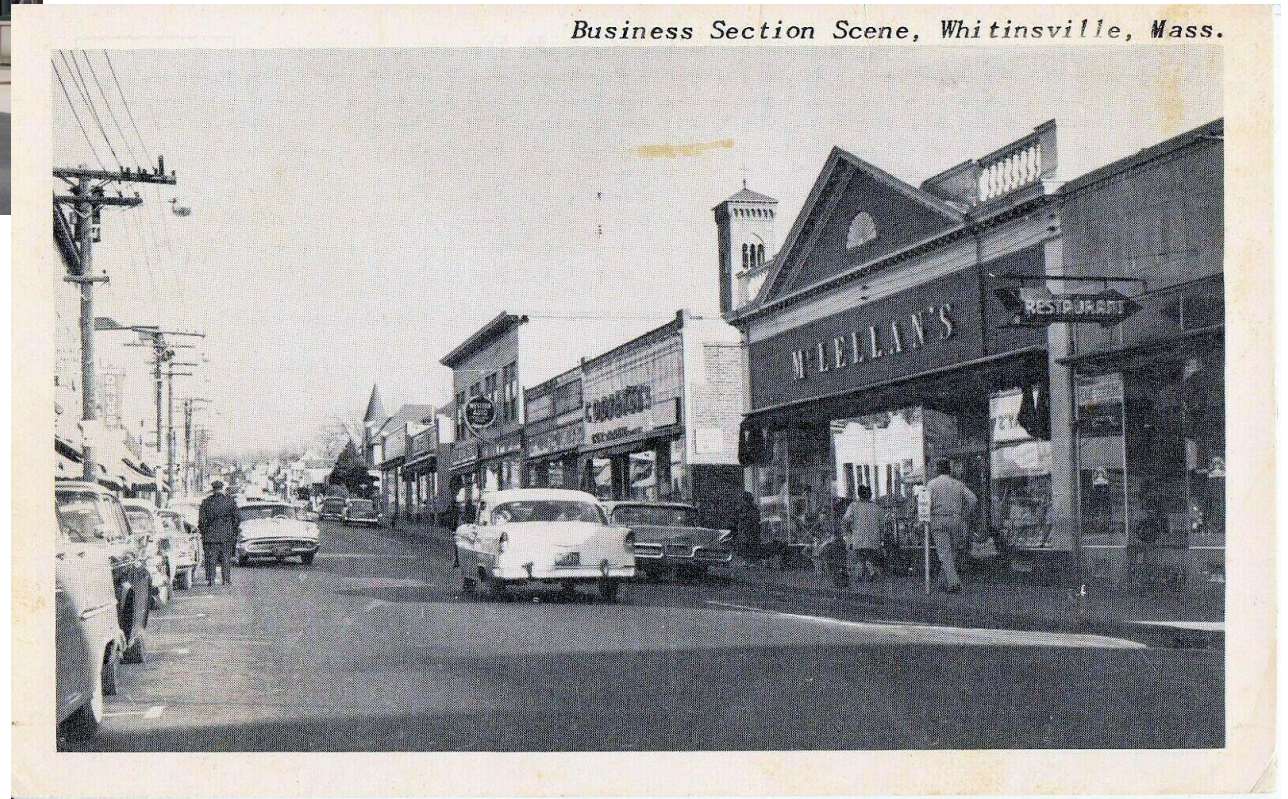


# Community Centre, 1940's

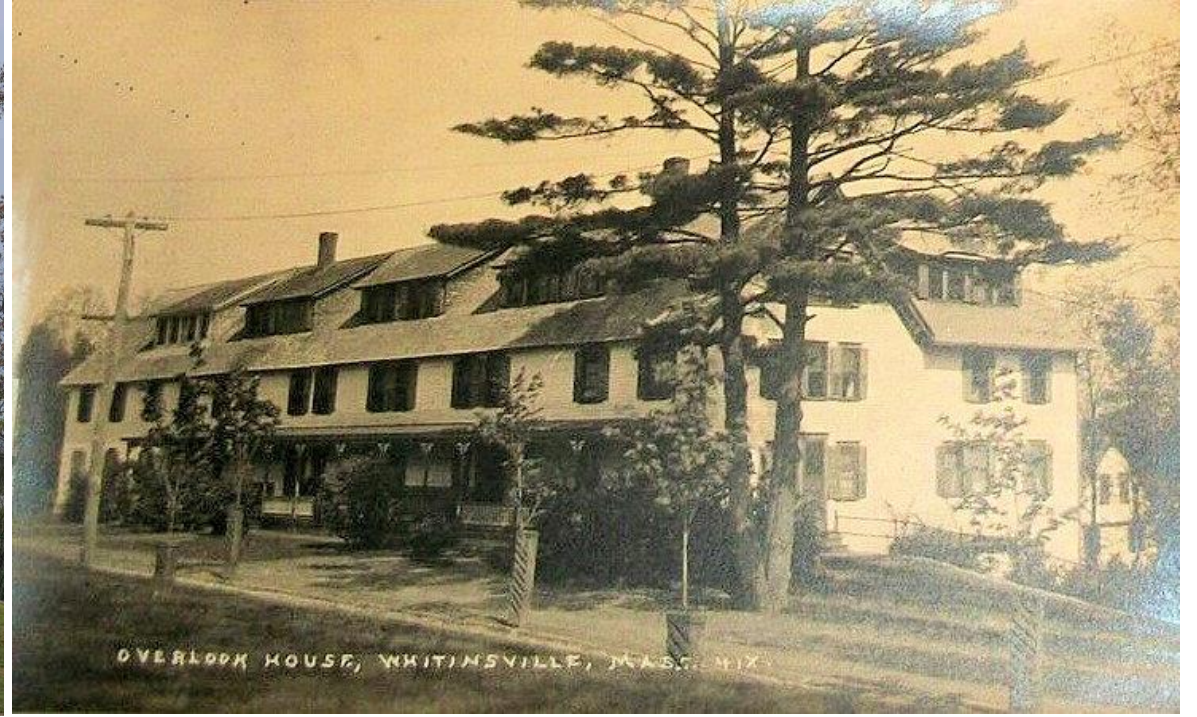
















Rockdale Flood 1900's



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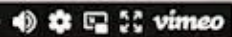




**Rockdale Flood 1955**  
Filmed by Pop Laverdiere  
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8. - WHITINSVILLE HOSPITAL, WHITINSVILLE, MASS.



Blue Eagle Inn, Whitinsville, Mass.



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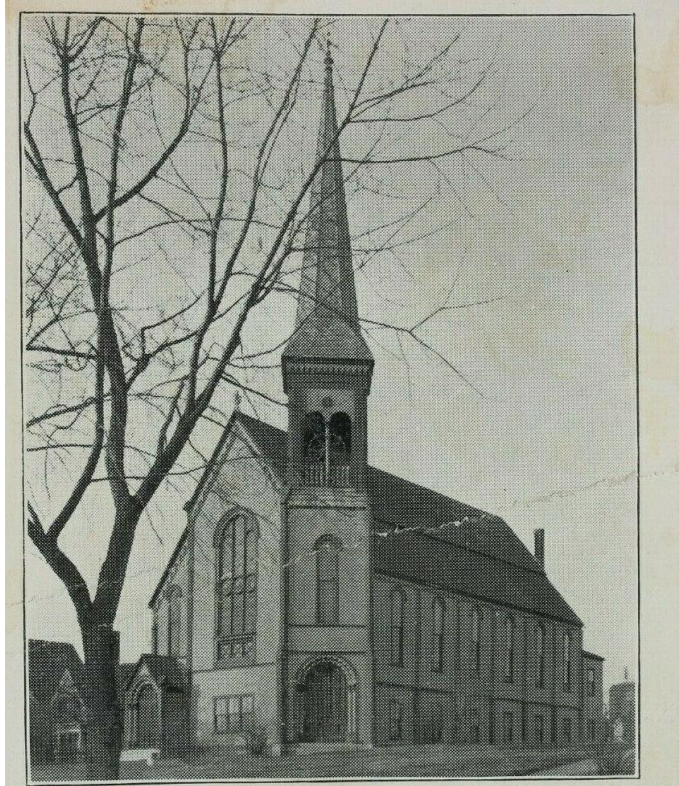
MEMORIAL SQUARE IN 1876.



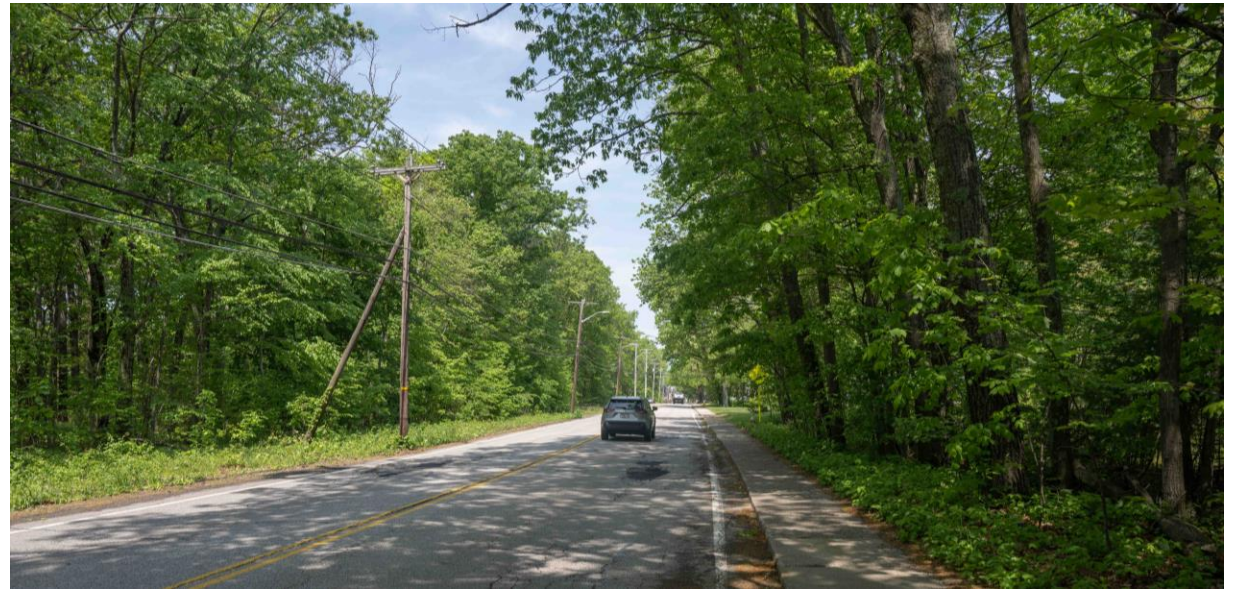




Methodist Church  
Whitinsville, Mass. 1910  
"Fire"



Methodist Church, Whitinsville, Mass.



# RR Linwood Ave





Water St

# Remains of Whitin RR, Main St

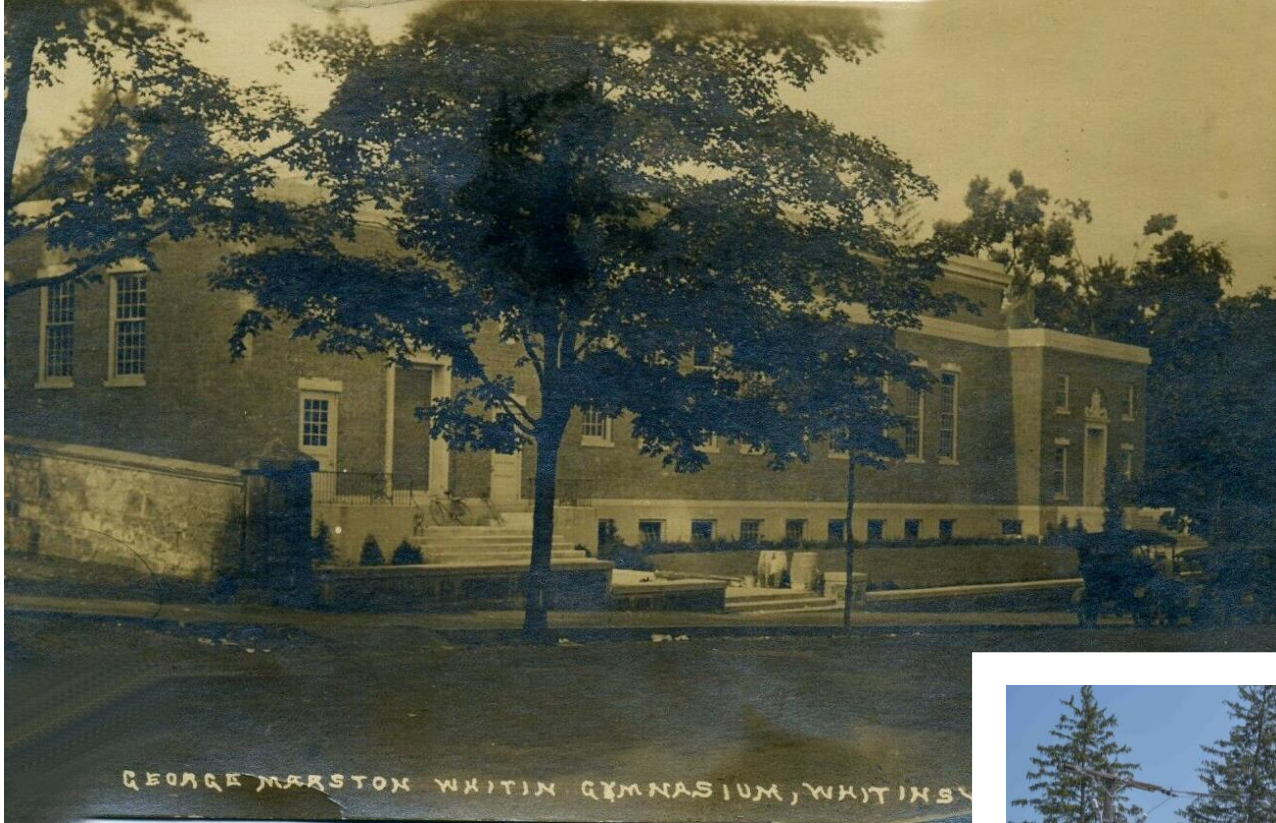




P4526 *Mill Street, Whitinsville, Mass.*

Photo Underwood & Underwood,  
Arlington, N. J.





GEORGE MARSTON WHITIN GYMNASIUM, WHITINS









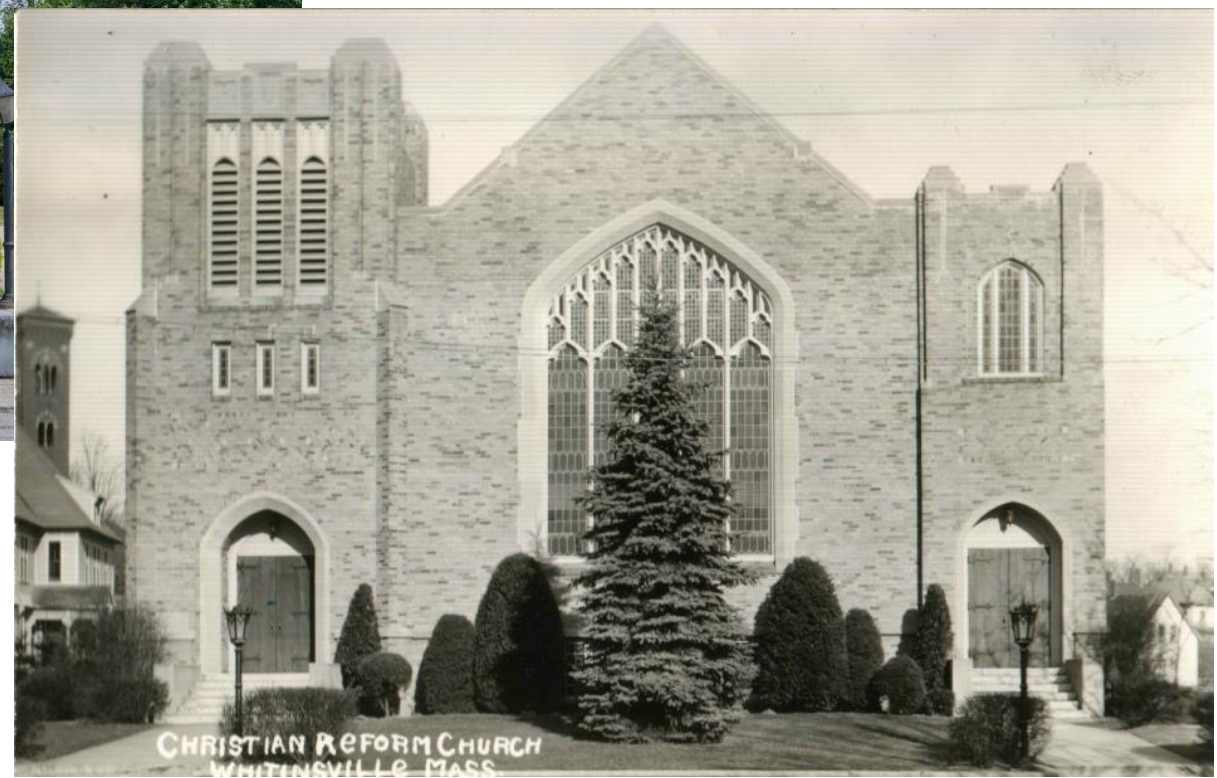
Rockwell Hotel, Northridge Mass.





P4509 Willow Street west, Whitinsville, Mass.





# Rockdale Centre, 1890's





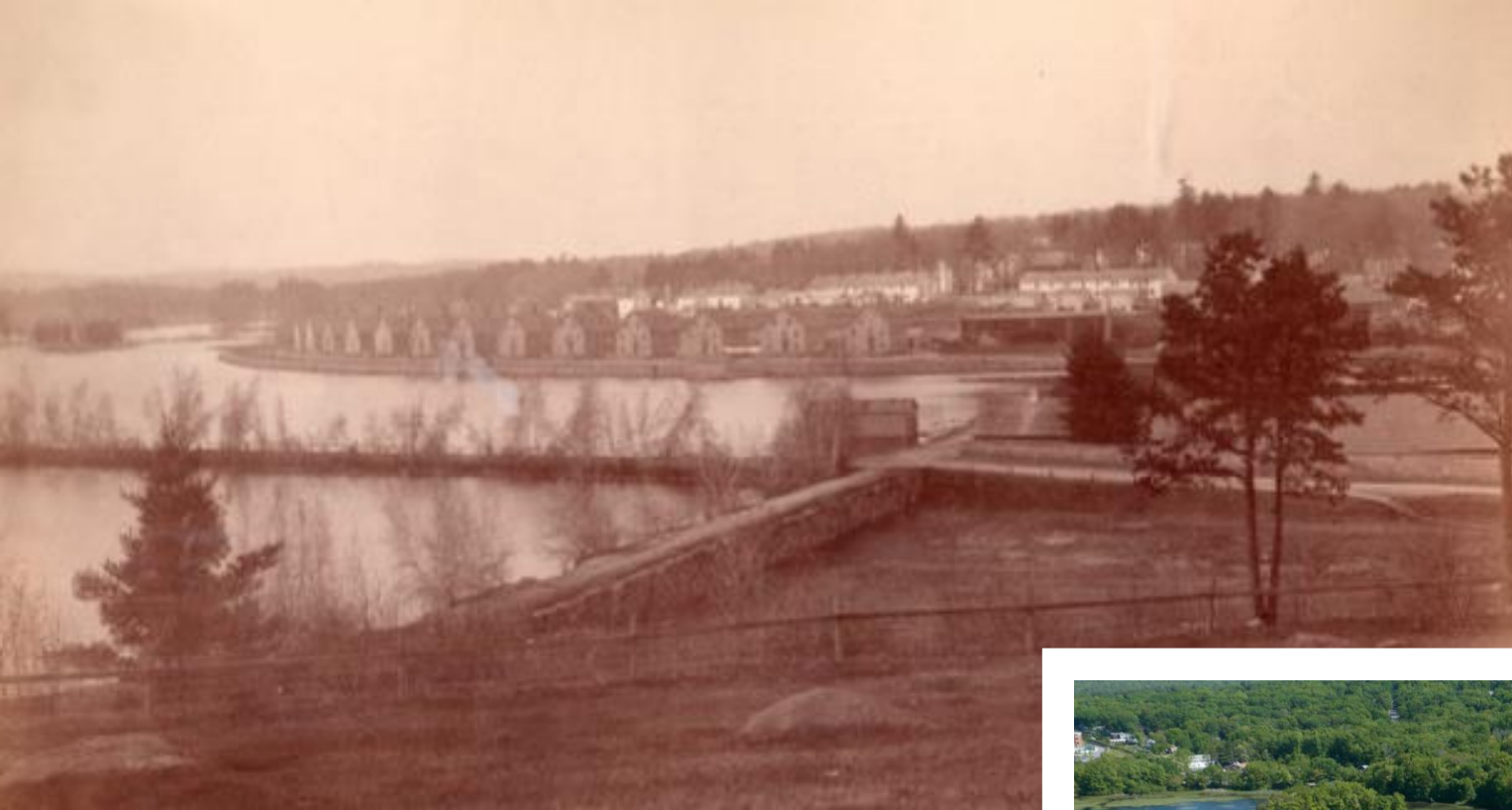
Koopman Barn School St, 1909





5. - PYTHIAN BLOCK & POST OFFICE, WHITINSVILLE, MASS.





Water St Tenements 1890's

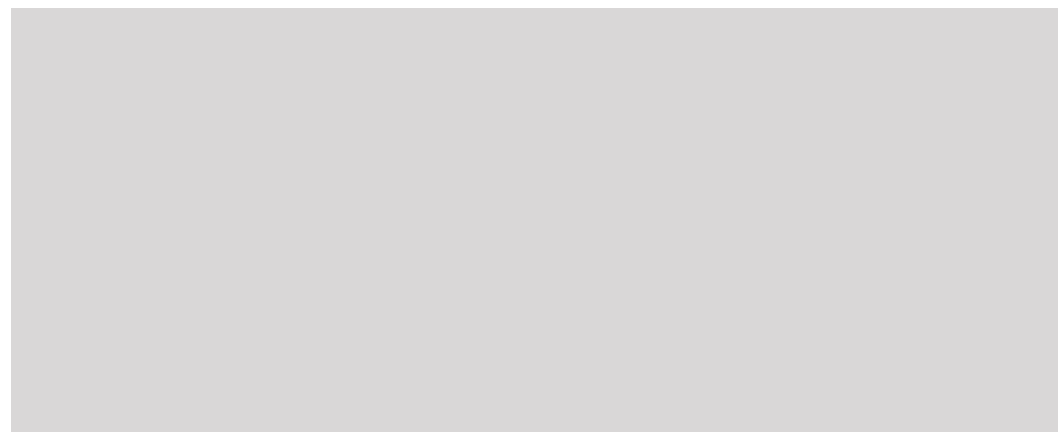


Meadow Pond Causeway and Bridge 1890's





Post Office 1907  
Main/Forest St



Thank you for watching!

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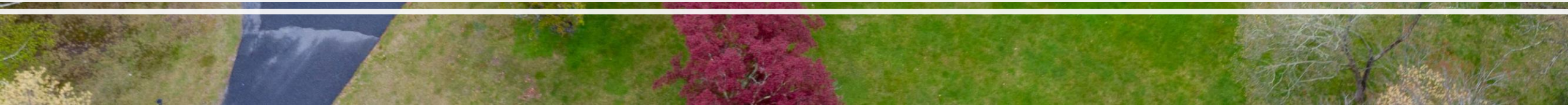
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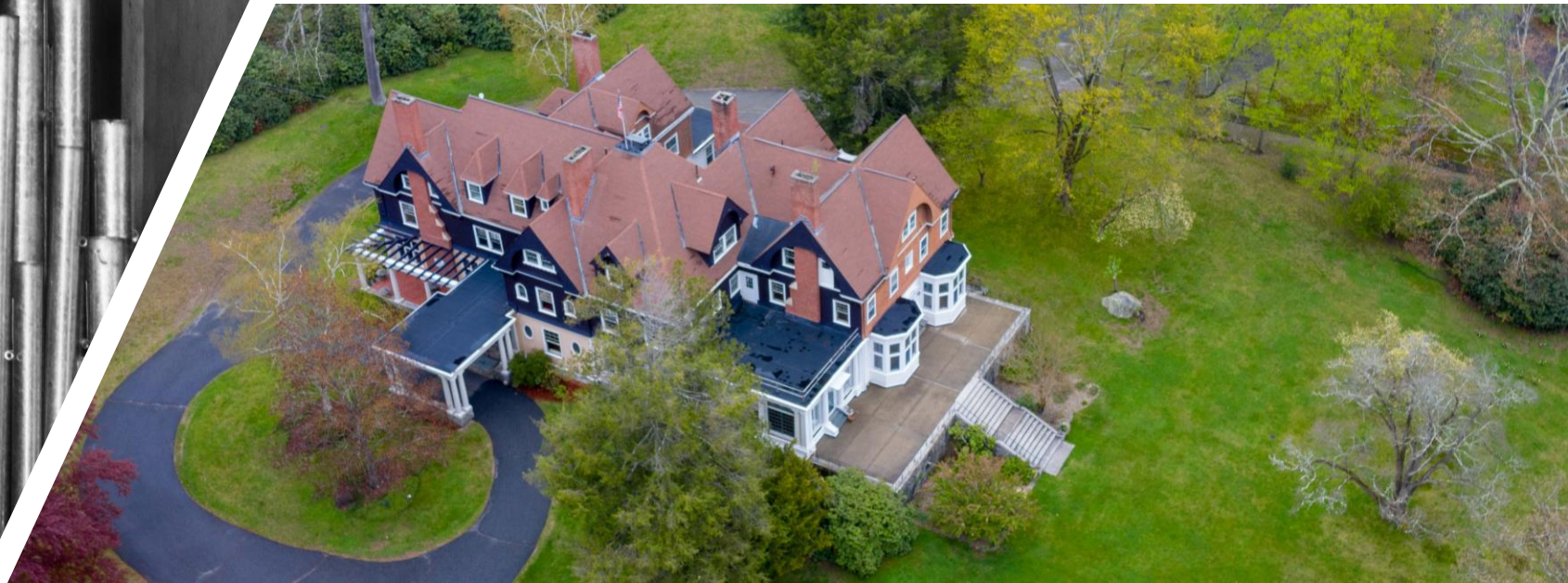
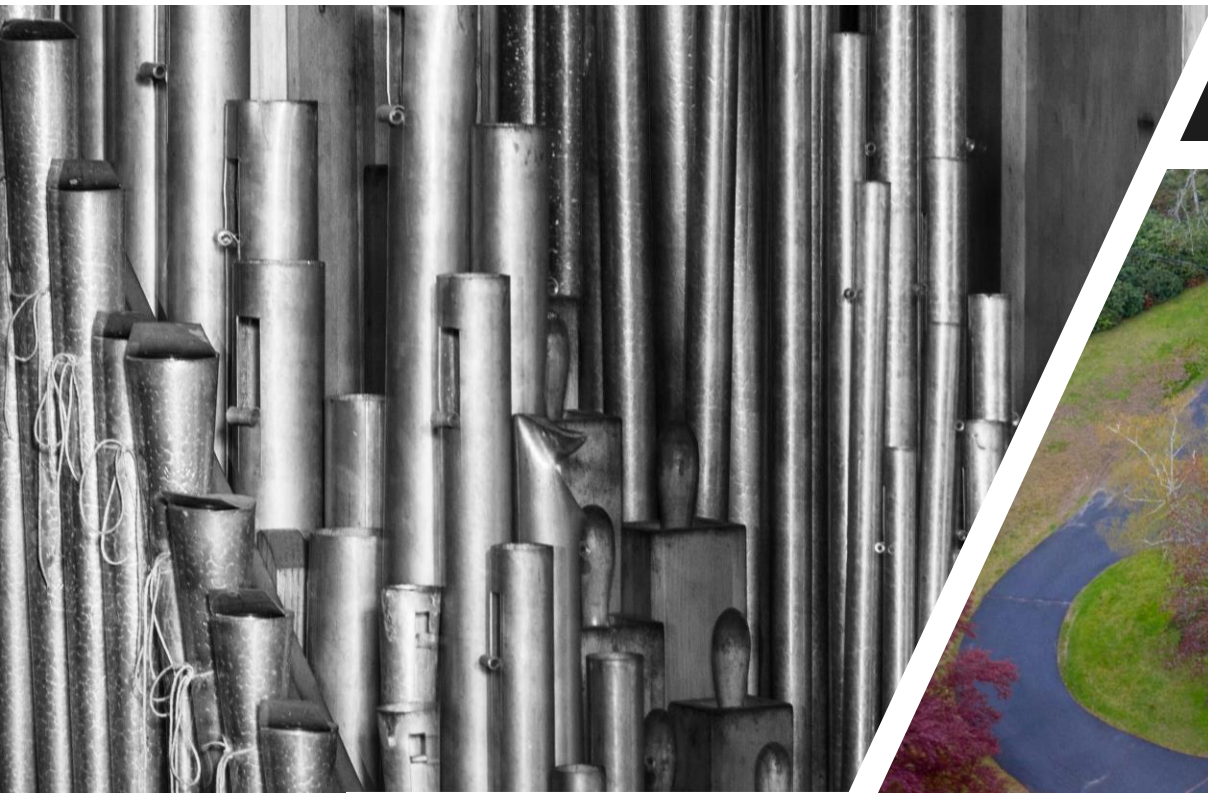
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More Photos of The Local Area









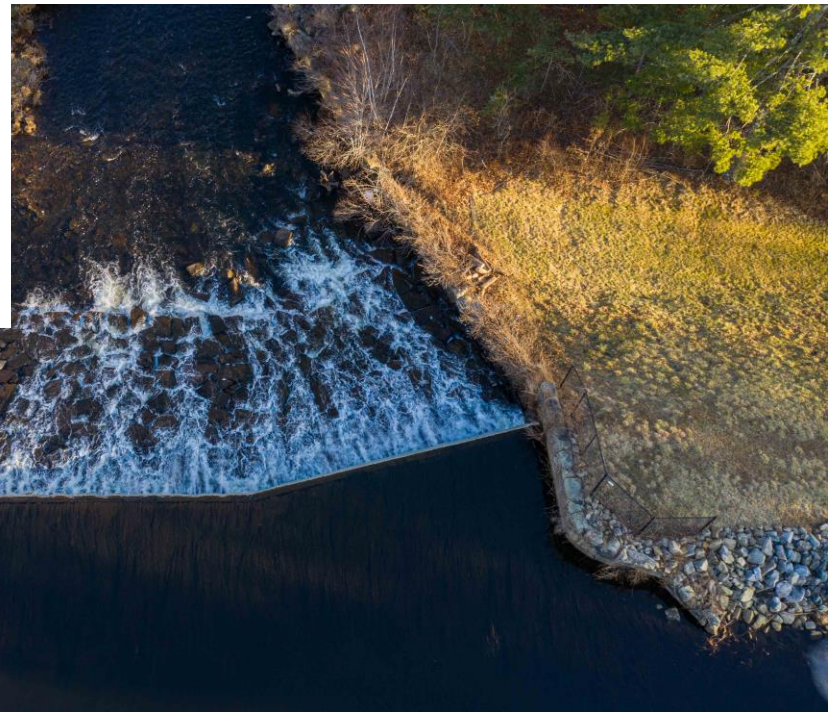
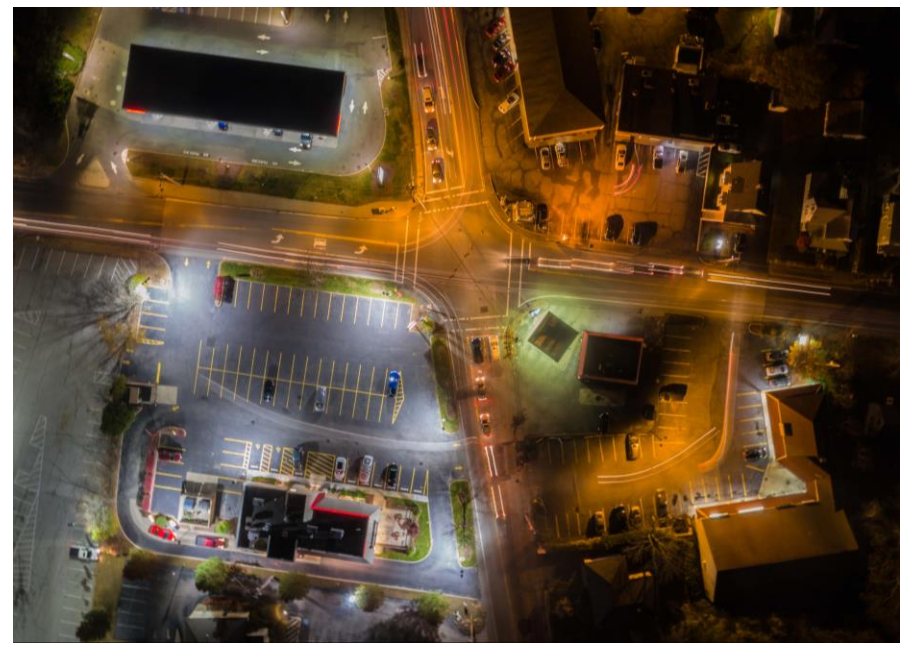
















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