



### 3 Burial Grounds

This brochure will guide you to some of the oldest memorials to Haverhill citizens occupying West Parish. The convenient maps with labels and information are designed to make your trip easy, as well as informative.

Haverhill's old cemeteries, for the most part were tracts of land given away or sold for a pittance by farmers to a local church having jurisdiction over that area of town. This is the case for the three tracts of land that you are about to investigate west of the Little River. This dividing line flows from north to south emptying into the Merrimack River. Its effluence flows through old tunnels beneath the city and eventually join under the current day post office. This area on the Methuen side of the Little River has been known as West Parish since the time when early Haverhill was called Pentucket. Much of today's Methuen was previously part of Haverhill's West Parish.

*Reminder: Headstone rubbing is illegal in Massachusetts.*



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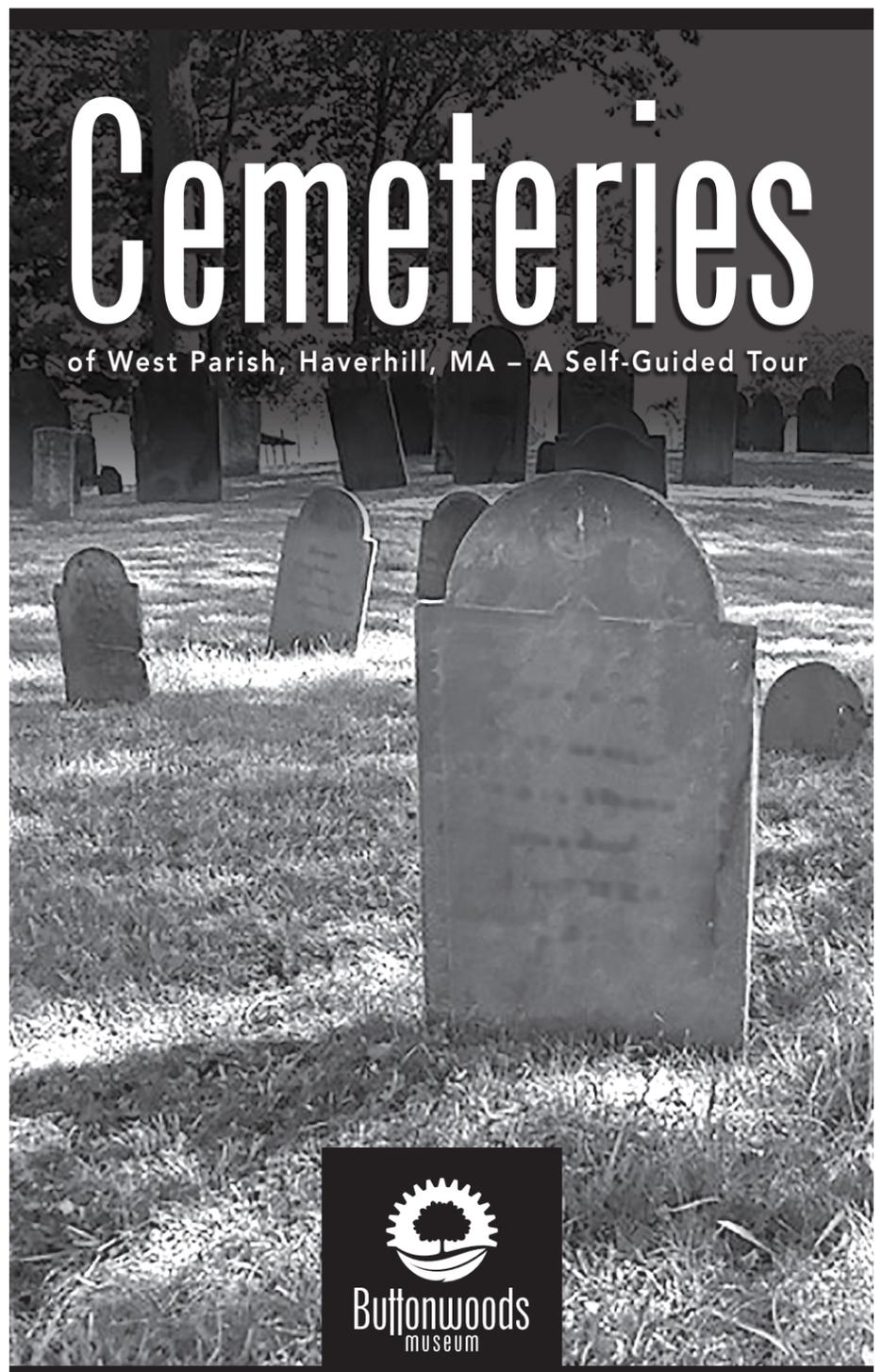
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## West Parish Cemetery

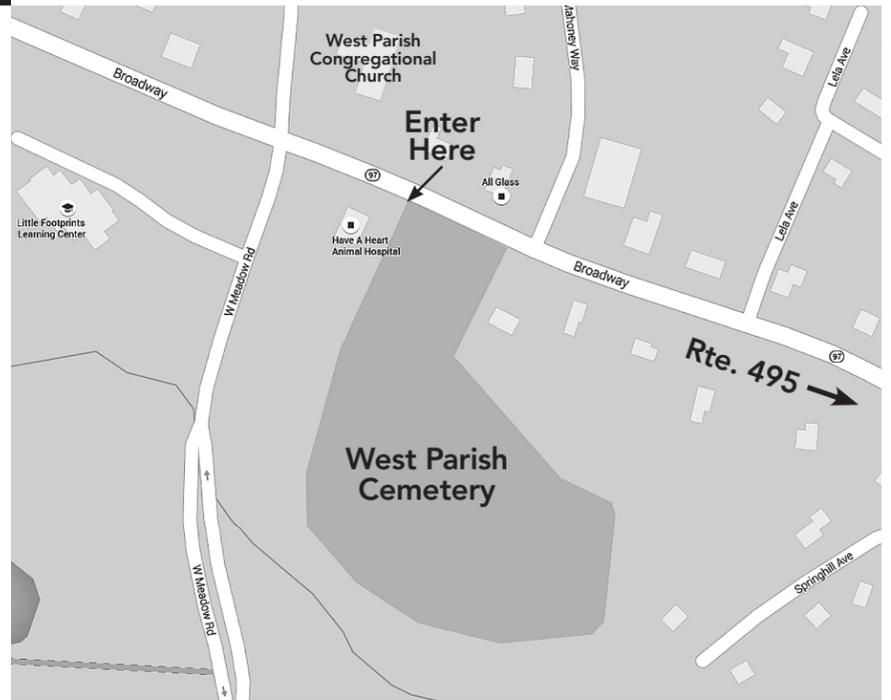
For your convenience, we will begin your tour on the hill of Old Broadway just across from today's West Parish Congregational Church. The Church's address is 767 Broadway, Haverhill.

Take a left off Broadway as you come to the top of the hill before the Church. You will find a granite stone walled Cemetery replete with brass plaque. This is the newest of the three parish plots.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

When standing in the cemetery you will see that the area is divided naturally into three sections. The oldest, next to the road was donated by farmers. The middle section was purchased by Walter Abbott and his wife in 1838. The third section was once bordered by the trolley tracks that ran between Haverhill and Salem's famous Canobie Lake Park.

- Immediately to your left as you enter the burial ground your eye will go to five small carved stones all belonging to the infant children of Robert Stewart and his wife, Sarah Moore.
- Another interesting feature of the grounds is the cast Iron marker of Ezra Welch. Look directly toward the center of the first section with an eye toward a bluish stone marker. When you tap it with your finger it's metallic ring will tell you its not made of stone. A foundry in Andover was experimenting with this type of marker in the early 1890's.
- The Webster family is by far the predominant name in this burial site. The family was very much a part of the history of the West Parish Congregational Church which is presently across the street from the Hillside Cemetery.



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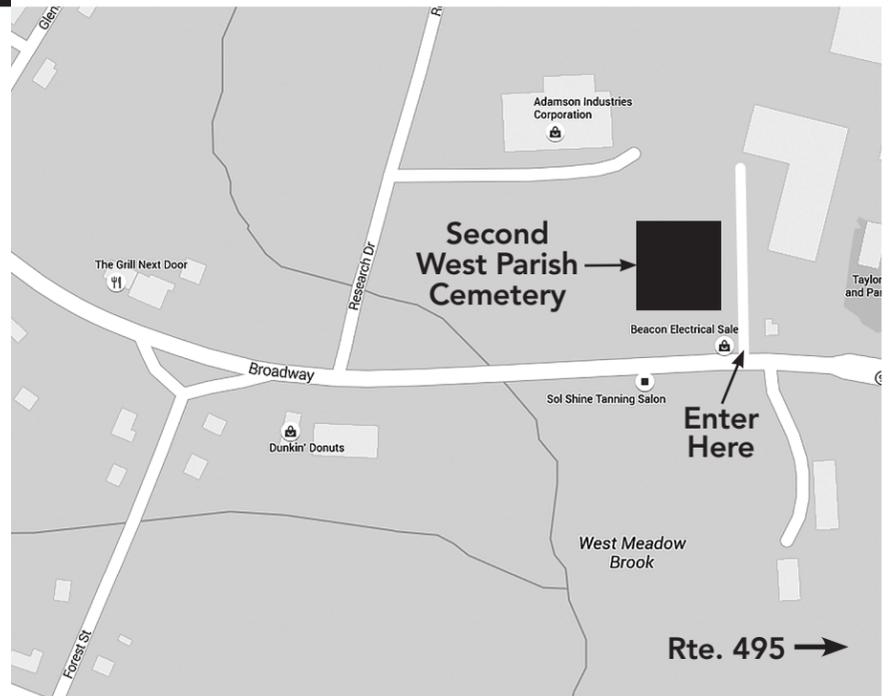
## Second West Parish Cemetery

Our next stop takes us down the hill. As soon as you pass by the Dunkin' Donuts shop at the bottom of the hill you need to be looking to your left. *(Do this while keeping your eyes on the road.)* The next left turn will take you to the second oldest cemetery in West Parish. As you come on to the driveway for the Electric Co. you will notice a path to the left which takes you to the site. This path used to be the Old Broadway before the trolley tracks came through to straighten out the road.

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- The horizontal stone (a trademark given to men of renown.) of Rev. Phineas Adams highlights the fact that he served as pastor of the third church in this town, the first in West Parish.
- Many of the Corliss family, who settled and farmed this part of Haverhill (early Pentucket), are buried here.



## Ancient West Parish Cemetery

As you head toward town on Rte. 97, you'll cross Rte. 495. Take the next right. Continue down Carleton Street for about one quarter mile. This ground was purchased from Thomas Haynes in 1698. One of the oldest burial grounds in "Old Pentucket." It is the oldest one in West Parish.

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- Jonathan Haynes, killed by Indians on Lowell Ave., is buried here. His story is etched on a prominent stone near the front of the cemetery.
- A slave, Celia Jarvis, belonging to T. Haynes, is buried just 4 markers to the left of the cemetery's crypt. Celia, born Selah, originally was the property of John Corliss who owned property on both sides of Carleton Street.
- The cemetery is also known by the name "Hayne's Cemetery." If the name was given because of family representation then it would have been given the name "The Ayer's Cemetery." This family was involved in the town's early hat making days. The last person to be buried here was a Haynes in 1963.

