



Souvenir Program



Dedication

Robert Packer Cross Memorial Bridge



HUNTINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

June 22, 1941



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Lieutenant Robert Packer Cross
Memorial Bridge



Huntington, Massachusetts

June 22, 1941

2:00 P.M.

Lieutenant Robert Packer Cross

A. S. S. R. C.



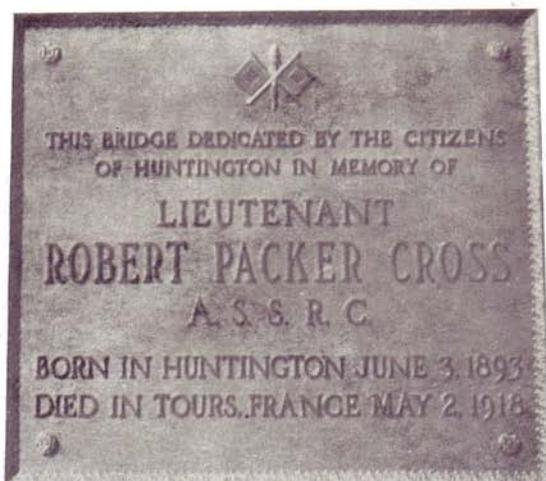
Robert P. Cross.

Who died in the service of the United States of America.
So that Liberty and Justice would not perish from the Earth.



“He gave to misery (all he had) a tear,
He gained from heaven (t’was all he wish’d) a friend.”

—Gray—



THE TABLET ON BRIDGE

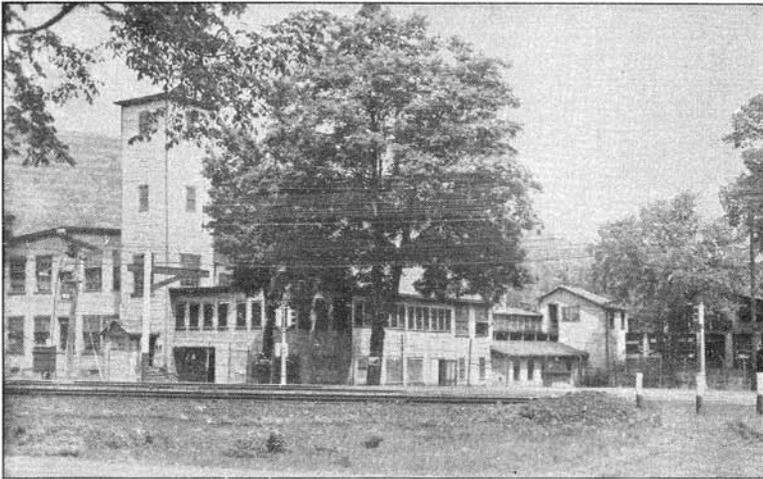
This Tablet erected on The Robert Packer Cross Memorial Bridge as a permanent Tribute to one who gave his all "With The Colors".



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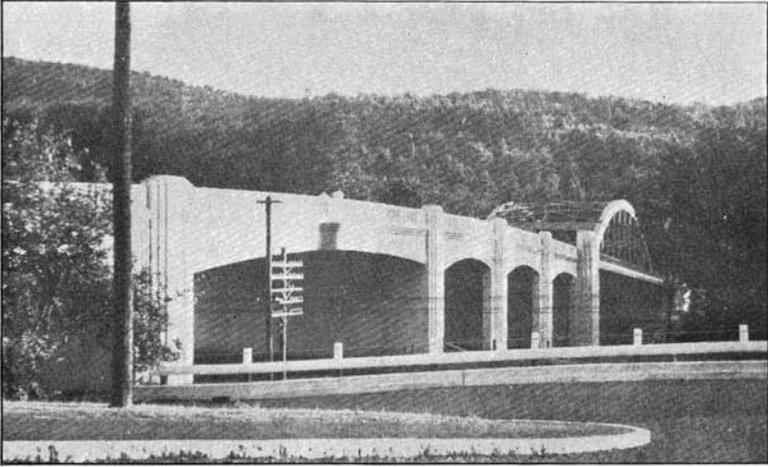
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THE ROBERT PACKER CROSS BRIDGE

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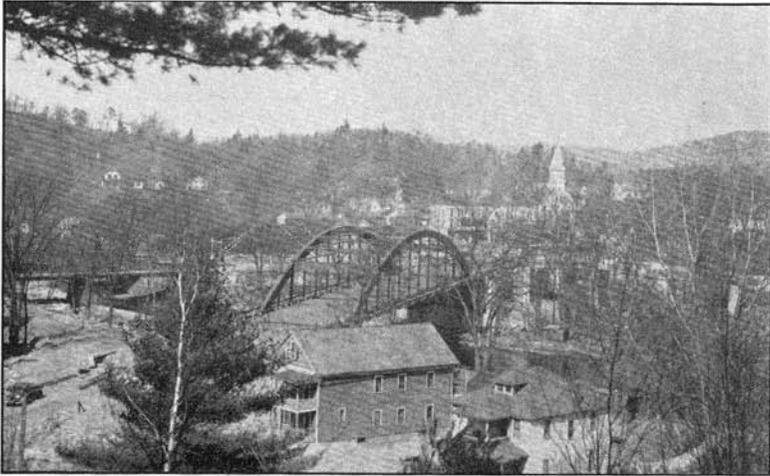
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A View of Huntington

Showing Part of Town and New and Old Bridge



This view shows a Panorama of the Town of Huntington including the new Robert Packer Cross Memorial Bridge, the Old Town Bridge as well as various buildings in the vicinity. The Old Bridge while sufficing in the day of the Horse and Carriage was sadly lacking in size and strength to handle the traffic of a prosperous Town at the junction of a State and National Highway. The new Bridge while located farther South than the Old Bridge is of such massive proportions as to be adequate even with the advent of much greater traffic.



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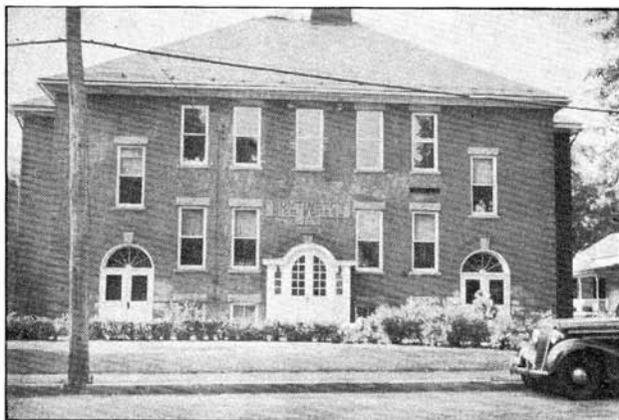
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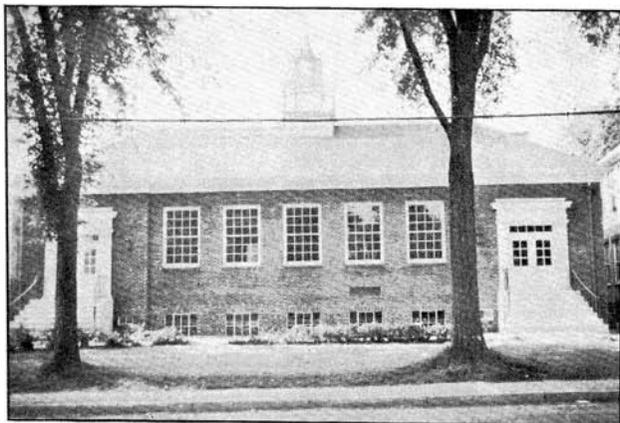
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Huntington's New Grammar School



The New Grammar School erected by the Town of Huntington to replace the Murrayfield School destroyed by fire February 21, 1940. This modern edifice containing ample class rooms as well as auditorium and athletic facilities fills a long suppressed desire on the part of the citizens of Huntington.

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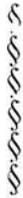
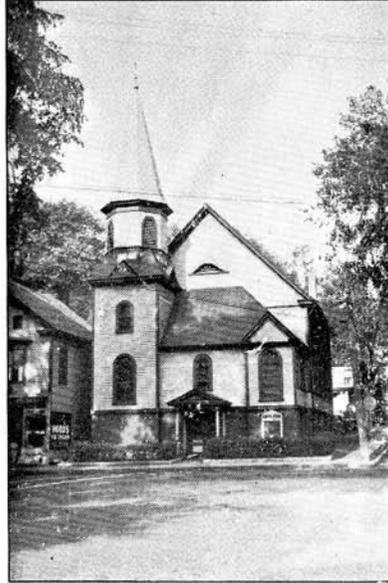
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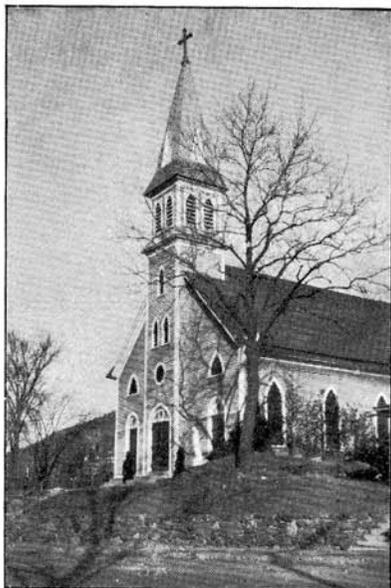
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TOWN HALL—HUNTINGTON

Early History of Huntington

Land grant #9 sold as township at auction in Boston, June 2, 1762—passed into possession of John Chandler and Timothy Paine of Worcester and John Murray of Rutland and Abijah Willard of Lancaster.

Nineteen settlers who had previously established themselves upon tracts of this grant were permitted to remain under condition that each, within the space of three years, build a dwelling house on his lot 24 ft. long, 18 ft. wide and 7 ft. stud, have 7 acres well cleared and fenced and brought to English grass and plowed and that each continue to be a resident for 6 years and settle a protestant minister and pay 1/6 charge.

Meeting of proprietors in 1763 discussed industry and in 1764 a saw mill was built and in 1765 a grist mill. Town of Murrayfield incorporated October 31, 1765.

(Human Interest)

In first town meeting, 1766, the only vote taken, other than election of officers—"Voted that swine shall run at large from middle of Sept. to middle of May following.

Laying out and acceptance of town roads commenced 1769—50

pounds raised for repairs—3 shillings allowed for work on roads. First mention of schools made this same year and 12 pounds raised for expenses. In 1770 voted to call a Mr. Aaron Bascom as minister of the Gospel—to be paid 70 pounds—half in money and half in work. In 1772 a dispute as to where these meetings were to be held resulted in a division of the town and in June 1773 a section was incorporated under the name of Norwich.

(Human Interest)

In 1781 Voted to pay 12 shillings for wolf heads

In 1778 small pox inoculation permitted

Lieut. Enoch Shepard first Representative in General Court, year 1775.

Similarity of names of town of Myrifield (now Rowe) and that of Murrayfield caused confusion and Murrayfield was changed to Chester in 1783. The Falleys established a store and hotel where towns of Chester, Blandford and Norwich met and this was known as Falleys' Cross roads—mail bags continued to come so labelled as late as 1840. Falley also built a tavern on the site of our more recent "Parks House" and a potash factory near the present Federated Church. Early in the 19th century a hat factory was carried on by one Woolworth and a carding mill and tannery half way between the now Huntington Textile Co. and dam. In 1841 trains began running between Boston and Albany—the longest continuous line of railway then in the United States. T. S. Wade was first Station Agent. About this time the town was known as Chester Village and because of convenient railroad facilities, became a business center for Norwich, Worthington, Chesterfield, Montgomery, Blandford and Russell.

In 1853 Chester Village annexed itself to Norwich and the whole was incorporated in 1855 under the name of Huntington.

Huntington To-Day

Nestling in a valley of the Berkshire Hills and located on a main line of railroad as well as a National Highway, the traffic activities in this little community more closely resemble those of a bustling metropolis than that of a small New England Town. Its main industry is the manufacture of worsted cloth and other textile items by The Huntington Textile Co. There are however a few other industries such as woodworking, lumber, etc. A goodly number of inhabitants are engaged in various phases of farming and others are engaged in industries in surrounding towns and cities. The addition of the Knightsville Dam to the Flood Control System of the country has also created much activity during the past two years. Development of water mains, sewer system and fire protection have been desirable factors in improving living conditions. Many changes have and undoubtedly will continue to take place, however those who have or do at present inhabit Huntington are well content.

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Program



Parade forms on Pleasant Street at 1:00 P.M.

Parade Starts at 2:00 P.M.

Route of Parade—Down East Main Street, across Bridge, turn Right on Federal Street, turn Left down Main Street, turn Right on U. S. Route 20, Counter March at Railroad Crossing down U. S. Route 20, to Robert Packer Cross Memorial Bridge, turn Left over Bridge to Dedication Tablet.

Selection By: Huntington Textile Band.

Invocation—Reverend James J. Fitzgibbon.

Unveiling of Tablet—Commander Harris-Miller Post No. 301, American Legion, Edwin J. Griffin.

Address of Welcome—Master of Ceremonies, Leonard F. Hardy.

Introduction of Invited Guests.

Address—Chester H. Grant, Commander, Department Massachusetts American Legion.

Selection—Huntington Textile Band.

Address—Federal, State and County Representatives.

Address—Senator James A. Gunn.

Star Spangled Banner—Huntington Textile Band.

Benediction—Reverend Irving H. Childs.



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The Committee requests that you keep this Program as it will help to remind you of the Friends of Huntington. They who have so well displayed their civic pride, their patriotism, and their progressive cooperation; in this splendid effort which is only possible under the Stars and Stripes in the United States of America.

