

**CARVER, 1903**  
**PLYMOUTH COUNTY ATLAS PLATE 337**  
**THE LAKENHAM GREEN**

**Originally part of Plympton until 1790**  
**Located in Carver's first historical district**

The Lakenham Green, located in the Village of North Carver, is one of the most historic parts of Carver. The Green is the central component of the Lakenham Historic District, established in 1990. This district dates from 1637 and represents the first settlement in the Lakeham district, then part of Plympton. Carver was established from part of Plympton on June 10, 1790.

Initially given to the town in 1737 by Jonathan Shaw, Carver's first permanent resident, the Green was used as a common for grazing animals and later as a training ground for the militia. Several historic buildings surrounded the Green, including the second oldest house in Carver built in 1770, the Rufus Sherman House (1809), King Philips Hall (1823), Congregational Church (1859), Pinks General Store and Post Office (1889) and Grange Hall (1907). Most of these building are still standing and occupied today. Grange Hall was razed in 2012, and King Philip's Hall has been judged beyond repair after many attempts were made to save it.

Memorial Day services have been held at the Lakeham Green since the Civil War. In 1946, the Green was named the Nelson Garnet Memorial Green. The Carver Bicentennial Commission restored the Green in 1975. In recent years, it was renamed the Lakeham Green. Restoration of the Green is continuing with the aid of volunteers and paid for by donations and the Community Preservation Act funds.

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