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SHURTLEFF PARK
Site of Old Home Day
Hosts many community events

The land for Shurtleff Park was donated to the Town of Carver in the early 1900's by Carleton Shurtleff Francis, a descendant of Carver native Benjamin Shurtleff. It has been a Carver landmark since then, enjoyed by Carver citizens for picnicking, fairs, band concerts and most memorably, Carver Old Home Day. The first Old Home Day celebration was held in 1901 at the First Baptist Church adjacent to the park.

A mill stone from the Philander Holmes Grist Mill at Quitticus (West Carver) was donated by his son, Jesse Holmes. It is placed at the Main Street entrance to the park. On the corner of Main and West Streets, a memorial statue was erected in 1910 to honor Carver veterans of all wars up to and including the Civil War and the Spanish American War. To the left of this, sits a memorial stone dedicated in 1948 to the memory of veterans who served in World War I and World War II. A bandstand, in the center of the park, was built by the civic group, Carver Active People in 1988.

In 1938, a hurricane destroyed trees in one section of the park but after the cleanup, more pine trees were planted. Shurtleff Park continues to be enjoyed by Carver citizens and visitors.

In late July, Old Home Day brings hundreds of former Carver residents into town each year who join with current residents in celebrating Carver's heritage with offerings from community groups, a road race and an old fashioned clam bake.

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