

**CARVER, 1917  
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SAVERY'S AVENUE**

**AMERICA'S FIRST DIVIDED HIGHWAY**

Currently Owned by the Town of Carver

Savery's Avenue in Carver was the first divided highway in the United States. In 1861, William Savery presented land to five people with the stipulation that the land was only to be used as a divided highway. The agreement between Savery and the five new owners required that the trees surrounding, and in between the roads were to be left there "for the shade and ornament for man and beast".

For one hundred years, this was the main passage through that section of Carver. In 1961, Main Street was rerouted around Savery's Avenue.

Today, Savery's Avenue remains open to the public and continues to be a shady and serene connection to earlier times. Savery's Avenue has been nominated to be listed in the National Registry of Historic Places.

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