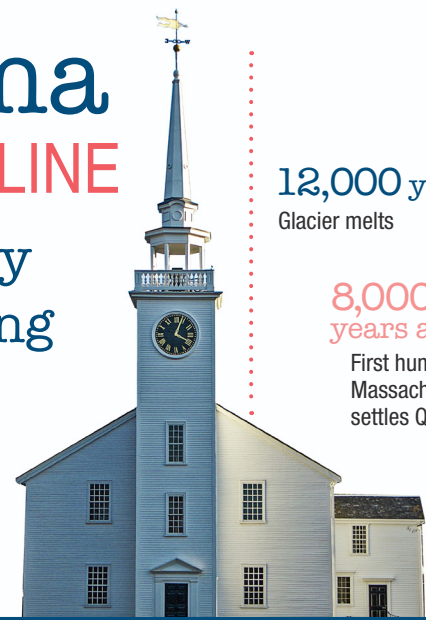


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A HISTORICAL TIMELINE

Let's take a look at key dates in Cohasset's long history...before and after it became a Town, 250 years ago.



12,000 years ago
Glacier melts

8,000 years ago
First humans arrive. Massachusetts tribe settles Quonahassit

1614
Captain John Smith enters Cohasset Harbor, maps region



1633
Hingham settled by English Puritans. East Hingham (Cohasset) used for salt hay, timber & grazing cattle

1640
Boundary dispute between Hingham and Scituate settled by Massachusetts Bay and New Plymouth Colonies, first case not settled by British monarch

1655 Sachem Wampanuck deeds Hingham land to settlers



1670
All Cohasset land surveyed and divided into parcels of private property

1675-76
King Philip's War between native people and colonists ends Native American power in region

1703
Mordecai Lincoln (Abraham Lincoln's great-great grandfather) establishes iron works & mills in Beechwood

1708
Shipbuilding begins at Cove (Harbor)



1717
Cohasset becomes 2nd Precinct and Parish of Hingham; can hold public meetings, levy taxes, and hire minister and schoolmaster

1730
Commercial fishing develops; Cohasset deep-sea captains trade internationally



1747
Current Meeting House built on Common, for worship and town meetings. Around this time, district schools established

★ 1770 ★
April 26, General Court grants Cohasset permission to separate from Hingham and incorporate as a Town

1773
Three young men from Cohasset join Sons of Liberty at Boston Tea Party

1776
June 14, Town Meeting pledges to support resolution that becomes Declaration of Independence; 225 Cohasset men serve in American Revolution

1800-80
Shipbuilding and fishing are major industries in Cohasset



1808
Massachusetts Humane Society locates its first boathouse in Cohasset to house first ocean-going lifeboat in America

1920's
Cohasset Historical Society, Dramatic Club, Garden Club, Woman's Club founded



1927
Ripley Road School built for grades 1-6; renamed Joseph Osgood School in 1961

1928
Cohasset Horse Show on Sohler Street

1903
Paul Pratt Memorial Library built on South Main Street



1912
Social Service League founded

1917
Cohasset National Guard Company K serves in France during World War I; (191 men and women serve, 5 Cohasset lives were lost)



1895
First public telephone installed

1900
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church built on Bourne Rock



1886
Cohasset Water Company drills wells for public water supply

1890
Cohasset Electric Company formed



1891
First central school - Osgood School, on Elm Street



CGC clubhouse, circa 1899

1894
Cohasset Yacht Club and Cohasset Golf Club founded

1866
Beechwood Congregational Church built



1876
First St. Anthony's Catholic Church built on South Main Street

1883
Last ship built in Cohasset, the *Henrietta Frances*

1885
Cohasset Fisheries close



1855-60
Second Minot's Ledge Lighthouse built with interlocking granite blocks
1857 Town Hall built

1860's-80's



Summer residents build large estates along shore roads

1865-75
Cohasset sends nearly 200 men to fight in the Civil War; 11 lose their lives; 1 is awarded the Medal of Honor

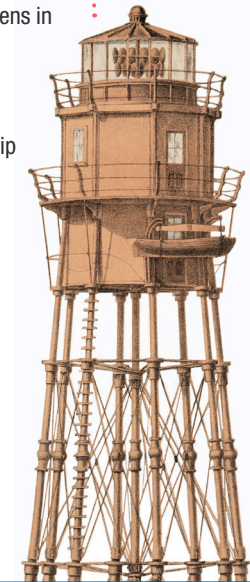


1849
South Shore Railroad opens in Cohasset

First "hand tub" fire engine purchased
Wreck of Irish famine ship St. John at Grampus Ledge: 99 perished

First Minot's Ledge Lighthouse built

1851
April 16/17, "Lighthouse Gale" destroys first Minot's Ledge Lighthouse; two young assistant lighthouse keepers die



1814
June 17, Cohasset militia, with support from neighboring towns, thwart threatened attack by British Navy during War of 1812

1825
Second Congregational Church built after theological split with neighboring First Parish Unitarians

1845
Cohasset is fourth largest fishing port in the Commonwealth, after Boston, Gloucester, and Wellfleet

1931
Route 3A state highway built to encourage development during Great Depression

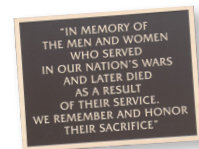


1932
South Shore Players establish summer theater at Town Hall

1933
Whitney Woods Reservation donated

1940
Streets numbers are created; mail carrier delivery begins

1941
Cohasset sent 435 men and women to serve in WWII, 8 sacrificed their lives



1941
U.S. military takes Cohasset land in Beechwood to expand Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot; now part of Wompatuck State Park

Cohasset Rotary Club founded



1944
Cohasset Community Center opens; now South Shore Community Center



1951
South Shore Music Circus opens on site of Cohasset Horse Show



Cohasset High School on Pond St. opens; old Osgood School on Elm St. demolished

1952
178 Cohasset men and women serve in the Korean Conflict, only one does not return

1955
Deer Hill School built

1956
US Army constructs a Nike Missile launch site on Scituate Hill off 3A



1963
Fire-Police Station built on Elm Street at site of old Osgood School

1960
Cohasset Sailing Club founded



1964
New St. Anthony's Church built at South Main and Summer Street



1965-70
Eight Cohasset men lose their lives in the Vietnam War

Cohasset Swim Center founded

1991
44 Cohasset servicemen and women serve in Gulf War

1998
New Joseph Osgood Elementary School joins Deer Hill School on Sohler Street

2003
Paul Pratt Memorial Library moves to vacated Osgood building on Ripley Rd. Historical Society moves headquarters to vacated Pratt building on South Main Street

2014
Willcutt Commons (new senior center) opens



2019
Cunningham Bridge replaced

2020
Covid-19 pandemic; vaccine approved

★ 2020 ★
Cohasset turns 250!!