

PARK HISTORY

Welcome to Brookside Park. It is a richly endowed property originally gifted to Grantham by Emil and Tony Hanslin in 1984 and expanded in 2014 to its current 20 acres by the Grantham Conservation Commission. Please respect it. The bridges and trails have been established and are maintained by volunteer effort and were financed in large part by a generous gift from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation. If you notice a problem, please give Town Hall a call to report it (603-863-6021).

This parking area, itself, has a sad, but interesting history. Roy Horne grew up in a house that used to be located where the parking lot now is. When Roy was 3, his mother and younger brother were killed in an auto accident. Roy and his sister were in the car as well. Roy escaped without injury, but his sister was severely injured and suffered a lifelong impairment as a result.

Some years later, Roy's father remarried, but Roy never got on well with his step-mother. In the years that followed, the old house burned down and was rebuilt on the same location. In the meantime, while hauling water for the washing from Skinner Brook one winter, Roy's step-brother fell through the ice and was drowned.

As an adult Roy moved to Indiana, but on July 14, 2016, he came back to Grantham to visit the old homesite and told his story. If you want to learn more about Roy, the Horne family or any other aspect of Grantham's 250-year history, visit the Grantham Historical Society in the old village schoolhouse on Dunbar Hill Road, just off Route 10.