



THE CAST IRON FOUNTAIN

As one approaches the South Elmer Avenue corner entrance to the park, one notes the fountain prominently placed at this corner to honor Howard Elmer, Sayre's founder. It was donated by Mrs. Howard Elmer and added to the park in 1912. At that time it was shaded by trees planted earlier by the Arbor Association. The fountain originally had four drinking outlets. Also there were drinking pots for animals. The words "Howard Elmer Park" are still very visible on the north side of the fountain.

LVRR TRIBUTE

Nearby to the corner of South Elmer Avenue and West Packer Avenue, one comes upon the LVRR monument. LVRR and 1904 were salvaged from the locomotive shop when it was razed. The stone blocks and the date stones are from two of Sayre's bridges which crossed the railroad tracks: the Packer Avenue bridge and, at Lockhart Street, the footbridge to East Side.



SAYRE EPIPHANY STUDENTS MARKER

Continuing a bit southwest, a small marble marker is found flush to the ground. It was placed by Epiphany students to commemorate Sayre's centennial in 1991.

THE FIREFIGHTER

Walking on to the center south of the park, one comes to a large concrete area. Dedicated in 2009 by the Valley Firemen's Association and honoring all Valley firefighters is the Firefighter statue. It contains the names of the Valley fire departments and fire companies.



THE WORLD WAR I DOUGHBOY

Adjacent to the Firefighter is the statue of the World War I Doughboy. The Doughboy has this place of honor since 1919. There are plaques on the four sides of the monument. Two commemorate the "honored dead" from Sayre and South Waverly who fell in World War I. Another commemorates those fallen soldiers from World War II and the Conflicts in Korea and Vietnam. The last is dedicated to Veterans of All Wars. A cannon, dating from World War I which had been placed originally to the front and left of the Doughboy, was removed for its scrap metal for World War II.



THE FLAGS

Behind the statues, proudly displayed and lighted are three flags: from the left the POW/MIA flag, next, the American flag "Old Glory," and third, the firefighters' flag. Dedicated in 2010, the flagpoles were the gift of the Valley Firemen's Association.



THE TREE CITY USA FLAG

In front of the bandstand facing South Elmer Avenue is the Tree City USA flag. Since May 2009, the flag has flown in recognition of the Sayre Borough Shade Tree Commission focus on encouraging tree planting and care.

THE BANDSTAND

Just beyond is the Bandstand. At the center of the park, all walkways lead to it. Largely unchanged from its completion in 1886, it had received extensive restoration work in 1931 and 1986. It has continued in prominence through the present time with many events like ceremonies for Memorial Day and Veterans' Day, Flag Day programs, Easter egg hunts, arts and crafts shows, farmers' markets, Little Miss Sayre contests, political rallies, memorial services, community interests, summer concerts, weddings, the Christmas holiday lighting and the annual arrival of Santa Claus.



DR. DONALD GUTHRIE MEMORIAL

Continuing to the left of the bandstand along the walkway to the southwest end of the park, one comes upon the Dr. Guthrie memorial. The four streets surrounding the park were named Guthrie Square in honor of Dr. Guthrie, the esteemed surgeon-in-chief of the Guthrie Clinic-Robert Packer Hospital. A plaque attached to a prominent boulder proclaims this honor.

Walking to the left of the boulder and continuing toward the bandstand, one will come upon the **FIRST BENCH** to commemorate local residents.

It is located at mid-block on the walkway parallel to South Elmer Avenue near the curb of West Packer Avenue. In 2009 it was dedicated in the memory of Mary "Babe" and George Tymoski, prominent in Sayre business and community endeavors.



As one continues on the cross walkway to the left and east of the Bandstand, one comes upon the **SECOND BENCH**. It was dedicated in 2004 in honor of Dr. Charles Meikle, noted local physician, two years before his death.

THE VICTORIAN LAMP POST

As one walks around the park, one will note six ten-foot high Victorian lamp posts placed throughout the park which provide the ambience of Victorian times.



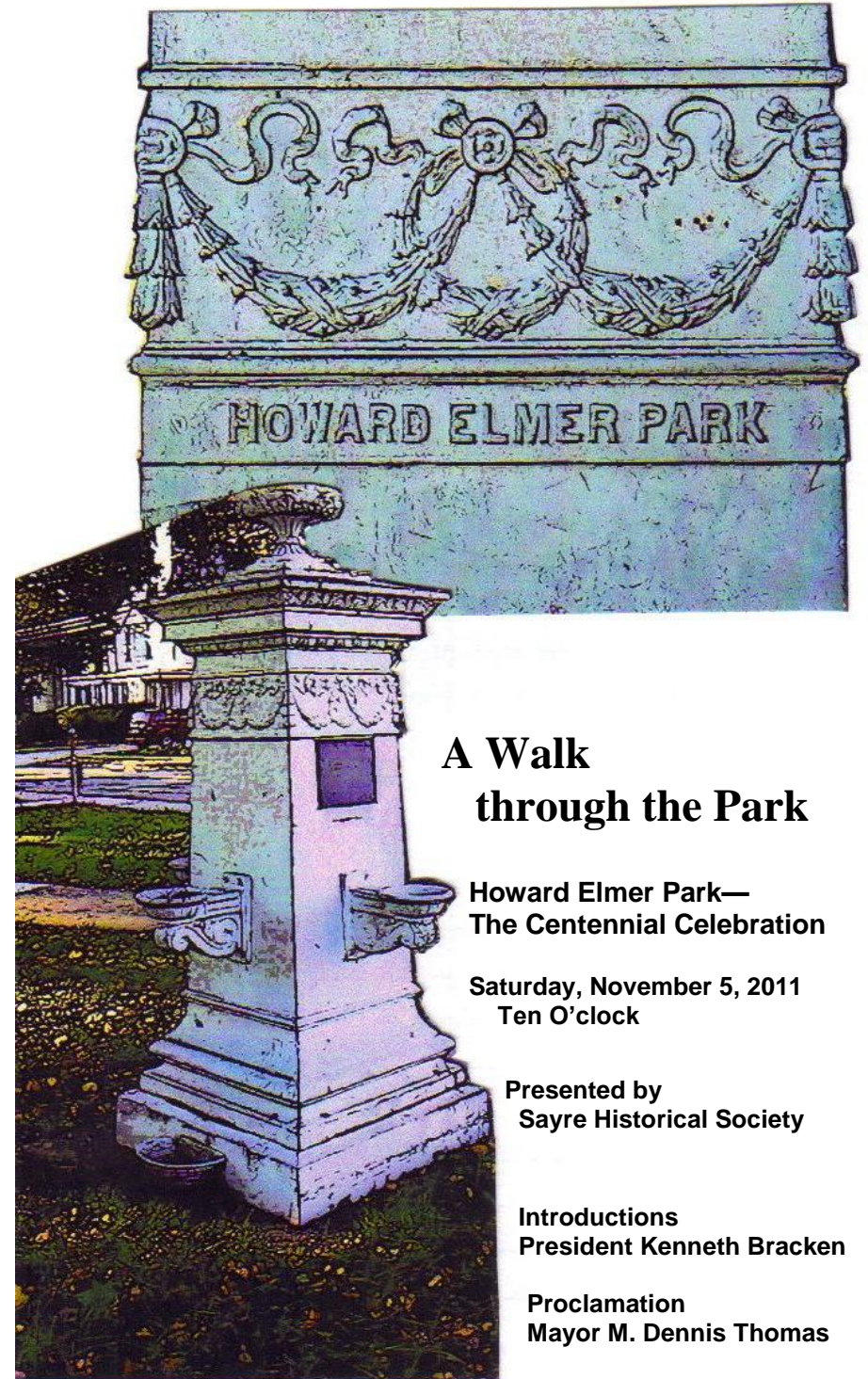
“Initially know as ‘City Park,’ it was renamed Howard Elmer Park by resolution of the Borough Council on November 6, 1911, exactly 100 years ago, to honor the town’s founder.

“**Howard Elmer Park** is the jewel of Sayre, a small green space in the midst of a busy little town. It is filled with memories from the distant past to the present day. It is now in the hands of its fifth generation of caretakers who have a very long tradition to uphold.

“I encourage everyone to find someday the time to walk through the park and look at all the features... the treasures of Howard Elmer Park.”

*Jim Nobles
2011*

Excerpt from his website article,
“Howard Elmer Park”
November 2011



A Walk through the Park

**Howard Elmer Park—
The Centennial Celebration**

**Saturday, November 5, 2011
Ten O'clock**

**Presented by
Sayre Historical Society**

**Introductions
President Kenneth Bracken**

**Proclamation
Mayor M. Dennis Thomas**