

The Barns Area

Pump House: This was home to the equipment that pumped water from the stream to supply the farm with water. There were several pump houses on Glen Farm.



Frame Cow Barn: This is one of the oldest of the barns and is a model for the barn architecture.



Stone Bull Barn with Bull Pen. This barn is dated from 1910. There was a fire in this barn in 1916, but no animals were injured. The Glen had its own fire truck.



Frame Horse Barn: Built in 1902, this barn may have had a fire at the south end in the 1940s.



Tool House: Wooden barn built before 1907.



Silo: This stone silo to store grain is attached to the stone barn with a stone passageway. It was probably built before 1926. There was also a wooden silo, but it has been removed in recent years.

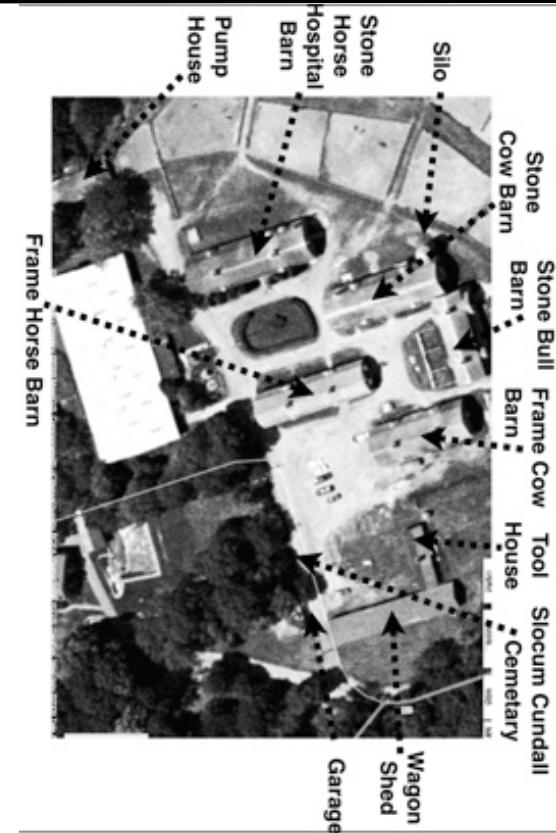


Stone Cow Barn: Built in 1907, this barn was for dairy cows. This is where the Glen dairy was located.



Slocum-Cundall Cemetery: Slocum family graves date from 1713 and are located on the northwest corner. Cundall stones begin with Jospeh in 1811 and are on the west side.

Slocums and Cundalls had mills on the Glen. Garage in background: Stone structure built after 1907. It held the Taylor cars until a garage was constructed at the Stanton Farm (Glen Ridge Farm today).



The barns were purposefully laid out in a pattern that would provide shelter from harsh weather. The stone barns had hot water heating under the floors to warm them in winter.

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Historic Tour of Portsmouth

Glen Farm Walk from Brown House to the Glen Barns



Taking a walk through Glen Farm is like strolling through Portsmouth History. Park your car by the Brown House and use this trail guide to learn a little about the history of what you see. This area was farmed from colonial times. In the late 1800s smaller Yankee farms were combined into "Glen Farm" which was a "gentleman's farm" owned by the Taylor Family. Now this beautiful open space is owned by the Town of Portsmouth.

1. Stone Gates: Set in 1904, young linden trees were planted to give the driveway a better effect.



2. Aquidneck Island stonewalls feature flat stones. Lower walls were for boundaries and higher walls kept animals in (or out). Early settlers unearthed the rocks as they cleared the soil for planting. During the winter they built these walls by balancing the stones.

3. Fields around the Brown House were filled with cows in the first half of the 20th century. Herdsmen would stampede the cows to move them from one field to another. Glen Farm raised Guernseys for milk, Black Aberdeen for meat and later white Carolais cows.



4. Leonard Brown House. Brown was considered one of the best farmers in Portsmouth. He worked as a wheelwright and blacksmith as well. The home was built in the mid 1800s. The yellow color and green trim were Glen Farm colors.

Just after the Brown House take note of the beginning of the Sakonnet Greenway Trail.

The Polo fields will come up on the right. Polo was played on Glen Farm in the old days.

5. Red Cross House. At times this was home to the Glen Farm Superintendent. It served as a location for volunteers to roll bandages and knit for the soldiers in World War II.

