



## **Welcome to the 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of DEC & The Tour of Clock Tower Place (the “Mill”)**

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### **A Bit of History**

**The Mill was built in the mid-1800s and, among other things, was a factory that made blankets and uniforms for the Union Army during the Civil War.**

**Before Digital established itself, most of us remember the historical photos and stories of the Assabet Woolen Company and its successor, the American Woolen Mill.**

**The town of Maynard was carved out of the Towns of Stow and Sudbury. The boundaries of the town were formed by measuring the walking distance to the Mill by its workers.**

**After the departure of the American Woolen Company in the early 1950s, the Mill became the location of many diversified companies and organizations.**

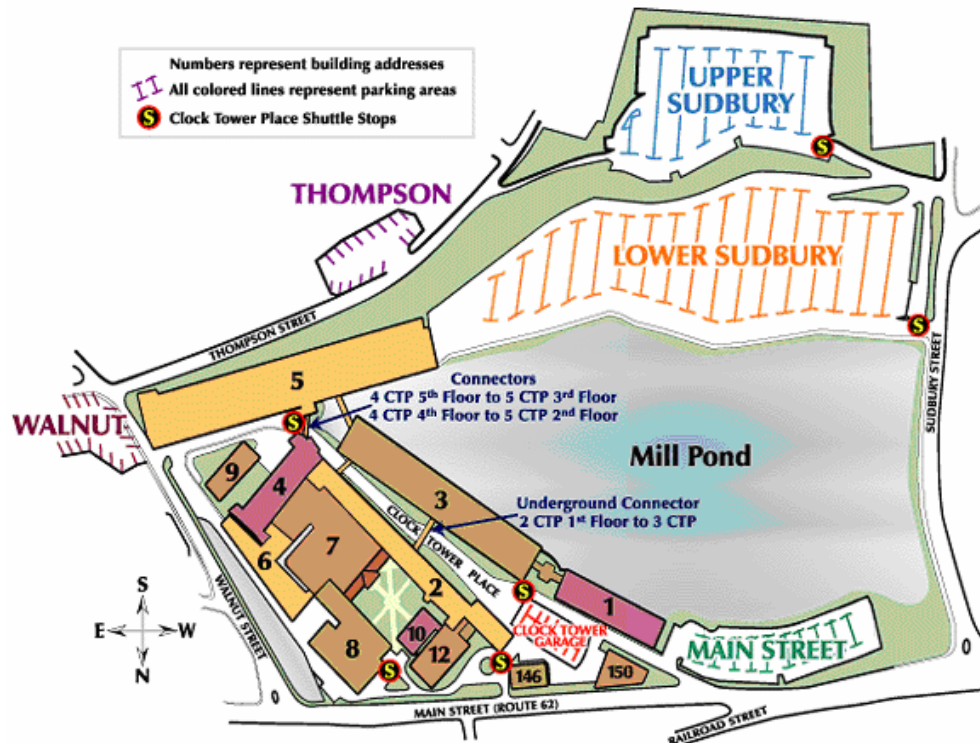
**Digital was founded in Bldg 12 (the main entrance) in 1957. Eventually, Digital expanded so much that it purchased the Mill outright and occupied it virtually entirely.**

**Finally, the Mill was bought by Wellesley Companies, a privately held, 86 years old Real Estate Development and Management Company. The “Mill” was renamed “Clock Tower Place” as of Jan 1, 1998 and is now almost fully occupied by more than 100 companies with more than 3500 employees.**

### **Some Tour Protocols**

- **There will be guides at various tour stations to make sure you are on the right track and don't get lost.**
- **Please be aware that because Clock Tower Place is an active working site, we are unable to walk into the offices whose companies occupy the site.**
- **Please stay on the route of the tour. This is so you don't get lost and for security of Clock Tower Place itself.**

## The Tour



### History of Some of the Mill's Buildings from Digital's Days:

**Bldg 12:** This building was where Digital was founded. Ken Olsen had his offices there for many years.

**Bldg 10:** Eventually, this became where Ken had his HQs and offices and the Board Room.

**Bldg 2:** Many of you probably remember that there were chicken wire and storage spaces along several floors of this building. However, its most famous Digital heritage is this is where the VAX/VMS team developed the most successful mini-computers of its time. VAX/VMS is also celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year!

**Bldg 4:** This is where the existing Ken Olsen (formerly the Gen. Doriot) Conference Center is located.

**Bldg 5:** Bldg 5 was occupied by manufacturing, the board shop, Software Engineering, Product Lines, and others.

**Bldg 3 (formerly Bldg 1):** Bldg 1 was primarily a Manufacturing facility, although it was later occupied by elements of Central Engineering, and others.