

Growth of tree endangers historic Westford tombstone

WESTFORD — The tombstone of Westford Academy founder Zaccheus Wright is endangered by the growth of an ashtree and the Trustees of Westford Academy are seeking action to correct the problem.

Writing for the trustees, Gordon B. Seavey told the cemetery commissioners he believes "the ash tree is a great asset to the (Fairview) cemetery and it would be unfortunate if it were cut down." However, Seavey and fellow trustee Alistair MacDougall are agreed that "this marker could be reset about two feet to the right and in close proximity to his wife's. In this way both the tree and the marker could be saved."

Wright, for whom the library at the new Westford Academy will be named, was a Minuteman and Colonel in the Revolutionary War, an originator of the lending library system in the town and first president of the board of trustees of Westford Academy.