

Long history of roadside stone

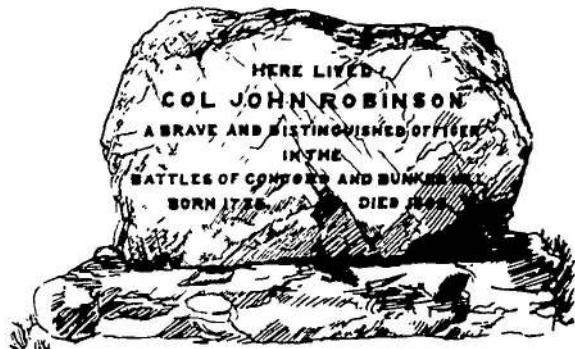
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At the turn of the century, the Village Improvement Society was active in community benefits and Improvements, as the name denotes. William E. Frøst, principal of Westford Academy, was its leader.

One of the historical markers placed in town was a monument of quartz, indicating that Col. John Robinson, one of the town's most notable military men, participated in, among others, the meeting of the British in Concord in 1775 and the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Quartz is a mineral found in a few parts of Westford, and this was shaped in the form of a horse mounting block. It was said that in the later years of his life, Colonel Robinson liked to mount his horse in front of his home on what is now Robinson Road and ride through the fields to visit his daughter, Hilda, who lived near Nashoba Hill. His home burned in 1937.

The nearby elementary school has been named in his honor.



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