

Westford Wandering

Names, and such — One has to be careful in spelling and pronouncing names, especially of old Westford families. At the recent town meeting when the voters argued about land near Keyes Pond, not even the moderator knew how to pronounce the "real" Keyes way of doing it. Therefore, it was easy for me to spot the newcomers to Westford. It may be "keys" in Concord, but in Westford it definitely is "kize."

And then there's Abbot with one "t" but Anne Spaulding, wife of James Spaulding, died May 24, 1770. Do "U" see the difference?

People still try to spell Chamberlin Road with an "ain" and Patten (not "O") Road after the famous general. And it's Stony (no "e") Brook and Forest (no double "r") Road. Need I go on?

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