

Proposed street name change in Westford

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WESTFORD — It has been proposed that the name of a short street in the center be changed to a more appropriate one. It is Academy Drive, which starts at Depot Street and ends opposite 28 Depot.

It was so named when Westford Academy's third complex was located here in 1906, relocated from the present Roudenbush building. It left in 1922. The Abbot Middle School is the current occupant.

Now that the present Academy is on Patten Road, two miles to the north, some say the street name is not only confusing but improper, century and the roadway (question) runs through much of what was his old land, now known as Running Fox Farm.

There were nine children in the family and only Meck chose to remain on the homestead. The others became more well-known: one wise, Frederic was a judge in the Lowell District Court and his brother Edward, a well-known member attorney and town clerk. John was an electrical engineer with a Connecticut power company. Thomas was director of the old Lowell Manual Training School.

The sisters were Atlantic K. Lodge, Bucksborn, Clara, a law librarian in Lowell, and Ruth, the first principal of the Frost School and later a teacher in Providence, and Lila, also a teacher. They spent the summers, for many years as a group at Forge Pond, occupying three cottages. Ruth, the last of her generation, died last year at the age of 102.

Besides the school, there are only two residences involved on this short, semi-circular drive.

A more appropriate name would be Abbot, but there is such a name of long standing in the Forge Village section.

To honor an old Westford family, the name of Fisher Drive has been suggested. Alvan Fisher was a town leader prior to the turn of the