

Ruth Fisher Observed 100th Birthday Monday

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WESTFORD — A long term resident and teacher in town, as well as a member of a noted old

family, Miss Ruth Fisher observed her 100th birthday Monday with a gathering of members of her family. She is

the last of her generation. Greetings were read from President Gerald Ford.

Born in the old homestead, built in 1730, near the junction of Mam and Depot streets, Miss Fisher was graduated from the classical course at Westford Academy in 1895 and then attended Lowell Normal. In 1900 she became the eighth grade teacher in the Center School at a salary of \$450 per year.

When the four-room elementary school near her home was built in 1907, she became its first principal. At her suggestion, this school was named the William E. Frost School, in honor of the principal of Westford Academy for 32 years.

She then moved on to Providence where she taught

for many years. She always remained in touch with Westford where she built a retirement home on Depot St.

Miss Fisher had three sisters and five brothers, all of whom were well-known throughout the area. Frederick Fisher was a judge of the Lowell District Court and his brother Edward a well-remembered attorney. Aleck remained at home on what is now known as the Running Fox farm. John was a chemical engineer with a Connecticut firm and Thomas was director of the old Lowell Manual Training School.

The other sisters were Adaline Kittredge Buckshorn; Clara, a law librarian and Lila. All were graduated from Westford Academy.