

Museum will reopen

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of rebuilding the shattered cupola was time-consuming and was personally completed by Adams in his shop in Shirley

And then the building needed a weathervane. The original vane was taken off when the building was moved. Made by the Revere Foundry, it is believed to have been placed on a barn in the north part of town. Retrieved at the time the third Academy building was erected in 1955 at 25 Depot St., it now swings atop the pretty steeple of Abbot Middle School.

The Paul Revere bell was taken from the steeple of the vacant building and used for years as a garden piece, later to be moved to Littleton, turned upside down to hold flowers! Once again, MacDougall saved a bit of Westford history. It now resides in a prominent spot in the lobby of the fourth Academy building on Patten Rd.

The bell from the third Academy building on Main St. (now the Roudenbush Community Center) is in storage, waiting to become part of the museum collection.

The new museum sports a weathervane, although not the original. It has historical significance, however. Again through MacDougall, a pretty star and arrow design vane, which was atop the Fletcher Cold Spring Farm barn at Westford Depot for several generations, was captured by him and presented to the museum.

Cold Spring Farm was an important landmark. At one time it was considered one of the finest in the country, encompassing 160 acres of lush farm lands where Jersey cattle and sheep grazed in large numbers.

When the huge main barn was

demolished 40 years ago, Ellison G. Fullford, who lives in the farm cottage, rescued the weathervane from the jaws of the bulldozer.

Organizations as well as individuals have come to the aid of the museum, especially during recent months. The Highway and Water Departments have supplied labor and equipment, the H. E. Fletcher Company furnished the huge granite door step plus curbing. The local Rotary Club organized several work parties and Florian Woltowicz hung the heavy doors. Among other contributors, Mark Hunt made the sign in the front of the building and a 'Friend' painted the flag pole, donated a nylon American flag, and also planted a sugar maple in the side yard. Copy Right Printing furnished, gratis, the announcements mailed out last week.

The Friends have been selling handblown bottles and ceramic tiles illustrating the building to help finance the program.