

# Town Treasurer From One Of Oldest Westford Families

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**WESTFORD** — Mrs. Charlotte P. Greig, Westford Town Treasurer for 33 years, was affiliated with two of Westford's oldest families.

She was a graduate of Westford Academy Class of 1904, studied at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and then taught grade school at Sandown, N.H. She later attended Lowell Commercial College.

Mrs. Greig, who died New Year's Day at the age of 81, was appointed temporary Town Treasurer in 1929 at the time of the death of the then treasurer, Mrs. Perley E. Wright. She has filled the post for 33 years, being re-elected each term, seldom with opposition. She retired in the spring of 1962.

During World War I, prior to

serving as treasurer, she was Town Accountant.

**MRS. GREIG** traced her Yankee ancestry back to England on both sides. John Prescott landed in Boston in 1640 and settled in Lancaster. The youngest of his nine children, Jonas, a blacksmith by trade, settled in Groton and became one of the largest landowners there.

After the destruction of Groton by the Indians in 1676, he built mills and a forge for the manufacture of iron in Forge Village, then part of Groton, from the ore found in the vicinity. This was about 1710, and for the next 160 years, descendants of Jonas controlled and managed the Forge Company.

On the other side of Mrs. Greig's family, she traced her forebears to Robert Prescott, who settled in Concord from England in 1630. When Mrs. Greig's parents, Noah Prescott and Frances Tower married, it linked two old Westford families, the Prescotts and the Fletchers.

**MRS. GREIG** was born April 24, 1886, in the house which still stands on Boston Road opposite the Women's Club. She was the last survivor of her generation, having outlived four brothers and a sister.

Her heritage lives on with her husband, John S. Greig; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Anderson of Westford, with whom she made her home for the past five years, and Mrs. Priscilla Jones of Lewiston, Maine. A son, Donald Fletcher Greig, died in 1955.

She also leaves six grandchildren including Mrs. Joan Layne and Cynthia Jones, both of Washington, D.C.; Howard S. Jones, a freshman at the University of Maine; Donald Greig of Dunstable, Bradley and Donna Greig of Groton, and five great-grandchildren.