

Westford History to have second printing

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WESTFORD -- The first history of the town in nearly 100 years authored by June W. Kennedy because of its initial overwhelming success, is now in its second printing. From the first order of 1,000 copies, 800 were subscribed to before the book had been received from the bindery.

Released in time for Westford's 250th anniversary celebration in September, the history quickly won accolades from newcomers as well as long-time residents. The reprint, which will be ready for Christmas giving, will be an exact reproduction of the original. Fewer copies will be available however.

Entitled *Westford Recollections 1729-1979*, the history covers unnumerable facets of local life in a span of three centuries. It has 200 carefully selected photographs and reproductions of interesting old documents, all ably described in brief detail by the author.

Evelyn Robinson Wright of San Diego writes, "When I opened the book I found myself spending the entire morning reading it from cover to cover. It brought back many fond

memories of the Academy of Westford and my part of town, Graniteville.

A resident of Martha's Vineyard, Ann Burt read a friend's copy of the history. She wrote, "Although I have never been in Westford, I felt I quickly had become acquainted with a lovely old New England community."

Mrs. Kennedy, who has made Old Lowell Road her home for the past 21 years, began collecting data, photos and word-of-mouth information from elderly residents during a period of ten years, hoping that some day she could update Hodgman's *History of Westford 1883*.

Advance orders for the reprint may be made directly through the author or from Booktique (692-2347) at 6 Carlisle Road. Nearly a hundred have been placed. Delivery from The Murray Printing Company is expected in early December. Design of *Recollections* was done by Mrs. Janis Capone of Little Brown and Company. Nearly a hundred Westford people contributed in some manner to the history.