

A family with 250 years in town

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The Wrights always considered higher education a necessity.

Zaccheus Wright, a tanner in the Chamberlin Corner area, was the chief promoter and largest benefactor of the fledgling Westford Academy, the third oldest secondary school in the Commonwealth.

Old records indicate that 76 members of the family were in attendance at the academy during its first century ending in 1892.

There were 10 Wrights who served in the Revolutionary War. Seven responded to Lincoln's call for troops during the War of the Rebellion. Mason A. Wright was sun-struck in Mississippi and was confined to Camp Nelson, Kentucky, for six months, unfit for duty.

The new scholarship is to be known as the

Dr. Clarence Delette Wright Science Scholarship. The yearly income is to aid students entering the scientific field of study.

This sizeable gift, dwarfed only recently by two others, will entitle one or more graduates each year to receive financial aid in the vicinity of \$1,100, estimates E. Kennard Fletcher, president of the board of trustees.

"This generous act," he said, "will be most appreciated by students for years to come in addition to memorializing a former outstanding student and a prominent Westford name."

He added that the trustees hope that this act would encourage others to consider adding to the general scholarship funds managed by the academy trustees, of which A. Dana Fletcher is treasurer.