

Westford Wanderings

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Westford lost three of its long term, dedicated town servants in a single year — 1962.

They were Charles L. Hildreth, who carried on his duties as town clerk for 51 years at his home; Charlotte Prescott Greig who was town treasurer for 33 years, working first from her home and later as the only fulltime employee at the town hall until she resigned, and Albert A. 'Bert' Hildreth, a cemetery commissioner for 18 years and custodian of the West Burying Ground.

It is to be noted that the Cemetery Commissioners last year, in deference to historical facts, approved the return to the original name of this old cemetery. It is the resting place of many Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers and their families, including that of Col. John Robinson, who led 130 local men and boys to Concord Bridge in 1775. In the interim, the name "Westlawn" has been used, for no other apparent reason than that it sounded good!