

Churchgoers in 1827 had to toe the mark

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The Westford meeting house, on April 1827, voted to "suspend Mrs. Eunice Prescott from the full communion and fellowship of the church" for the intemperate use

of ardent spirits "

Bill Prescott, noted researcher and local family historian, stated that from the old records on May 8 of the following year, she "requested readmission to the church "

The church voted "to restore Eunice Prescott to full communion and fellowship on her confession and recommendation of the Rev Mr. Backwith of Lowell."

However, they suggested she join a church in that city.