

Looking back

By Gordon B. Seavey

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



Lowell Road, one of the oldest in Westford, once ran a different course than it does today Starting near Westford Depot, it ran east as far as the Captain Peletiah Fletcher home at #54, then veared slightly to the right to pass over Tadmuck Brook and by the district schoolhouse (later the home of Reuben R. Taylor), then crossed Stony Brook Road, where it met at the top of Frances Hill and Chamberlin Road Here it ended

The section which runs east of Stony Brook Road was not constructed until the late 1800s, probably to accommodate the new car line established in 1907.

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