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Ben worked on the farm for 40 years and raised a family of three girls and two boys. He said, "It was time for someone else to take over, and with none in my family expressing an interest, I am placing it on the market."

The Drews at that time already had an orchard in Vershire, Vt., just north of his alma mater, Dartmouth College, to which they retired from Westford.

Ben faithfully served Westford as its moderator for 26 years, a member of many important town committees and active in his family's First Parish Church United.

The Drews enjoyed a family reunion last December in Bermuda, where they observed their 50th anniversary.

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