

# First town meeting changes boundaries

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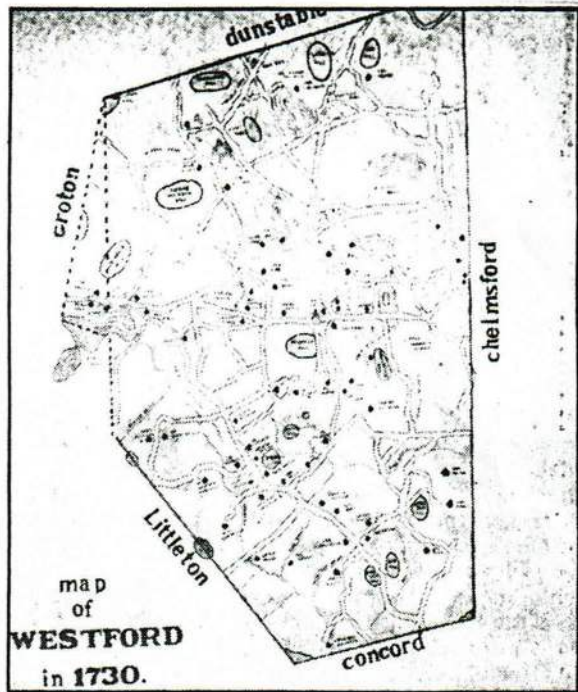
**I**t was voted at Westford's first town meeting on March 2, 1729/1730 "to Joine with Capt. Jonas Prescott, Ebenezer Prescott, Ebenezer Townsend and Abner Kent, all of Groton in Petitioning to the General Court in orders to their being anexed to Wesford Township."

The petition of Captain Prescott and others met with a favorable response. The territory thus joined to this town was triangular, the base of the triangle being the shore of Forge Pond, and the sharp point Tyng's Corner on Millstone Hill.

Although the section of Groton was annexed to Westford in 1730, it was nearly a hundred years later, namely 1827, before the Selectmen of the two towns ran boundary lines between them and erected permanent monuments.

This was the only acquisition of territory the town has ever made, and there has been no loss.

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Map courtesy **June W. Kennedy**

A map of Westford in 1730 indicates a triangle of land encompassing much of Forge Pond which was ceded by Groton to Westford that year.