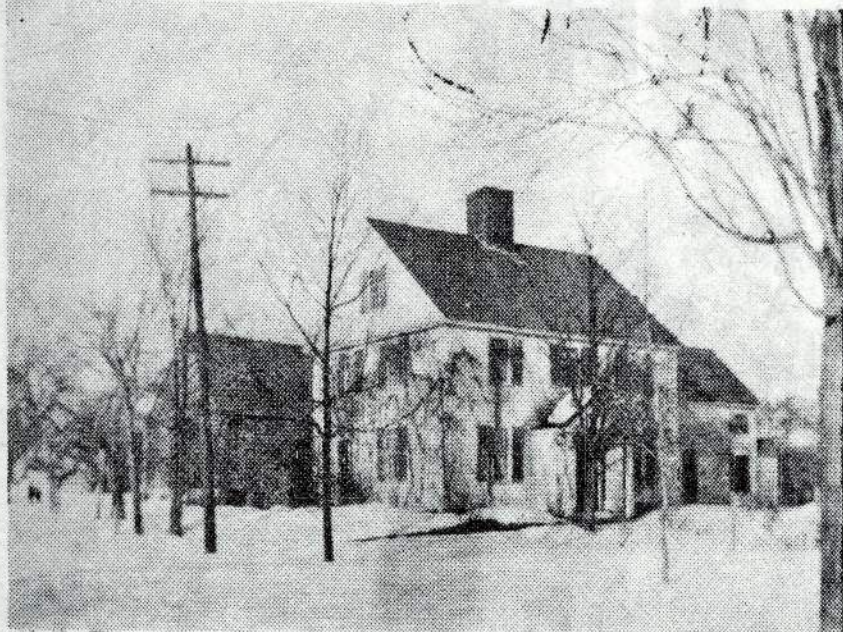


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RUNNING FOX FARM
A building stood on this site as early as 1729 and appears on the 1730 map of our town. Possibly some of the original

structure remains. Ephraim Craft, second teacher in Westford, lived here. Town history records: "April ye 27, 1736. Pay to Mr. Ephraim Craft for his keeping scoll in this town one month, in the year 1736, L 2 5s., to be in full for his



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School was kept in this home as early as 1736. (From the WESTFORD RECOLLECTIONS SERIES)

sarvis." At the turn of the century Alec Fisher ran a slaughtering business on the premises. It was a gathering place for the boys to get pigskin bladders to blow up for footballs.

Location: 7G--3 Depot Street.
WHEELWRIGHT SHOP
Nelson Tuttle, who ran the wheelwright for many years, had his shop moved next door and converted into a home for his daughter, Miss Ruth Tuttle. She was a schoolmarm for many years. A staunch Unitarian, she once said she started her day with a prayer, and if she had been teaching when the prayer ban came into effect, she would have continued in spite of that court decision.

Location: 7G -- Boston Road, 2nd house north beyond Tadmuck Club.
TADMUCK CLUB
From its opening in 1874 until 1908 this was the Center District School No. 1. Troop F Cavalry bought and used the building for years; presently the Tadmuck Women's Club has ownership.

Location: 7FG -- Boston Road.
TOWN CLERK'S HOME & OFFICE
Charles Hildreth was the Town Clerk from 1914-1968. His office was kept here. This house was moved from Hil-

dreth Street over Blake's Hill with oxen. The high stone granite wall on the property was the site of the Town Pound where the Pinder or Poundkeeper was charged with the handling of stray animals.
Location: 7F--25 Boston Road.

BALCH HOME
Records tell us that in 1856, the shoemaker, Mr. Bailey lived here. In more recent years it was the home of May Balch, artist, poet and author. The picket fence, picturesque old barn and the interior beehive oven are charming attractions.
Location: 7F-24 Boston Road, two doors from the Tadmuck Club, south side.

MINOT'S CORNER
At the intersection of Route 110 and Boston Road was the homestead of Captain Jonathan Minot who, at the age of fifty-three, led one of the three Westford companies of Minutemen to the North Bridge, Concord, on April 19, 1775. Son, Jonathan Jr., age twenty-six, was a drummer boy in his Father's Company. Another son was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. All are buried at Fairview Cemetery.



A 1904 photo of the wheelwright shop on Boston Road, once operated by Nelson Tuttle. Wagons and sleighs were made there. (A Day photo from the book WESTFORD RECOLLECTIONS 1729-1979 by June W. Kennedy on sale at the "Book-tique" or from the author.)

Capt. Minot's home, a typical old farmhouse was torn down in 1940. For the next thirty years, Polly's Restaurant, with the "real McCoy" airplane on the roof marked the spot and was a waypost fixed in many memories. During the Bi-

centennial years, the Westford Minutemen placed a plaque in honor of Captain Minot near his homestead.
Location: 7E-Route 110 Intersection at Mobil Station.
To Be Continued



To the far left is the Tadmuck Club; on the right is the Balch home now owned by the Hinckley family. The stone wall to the left of the stone wall marks the site of the Town Pound. The horse and driver are headed up the driveway of the town clerk's home and office. (From the WESTFORD RECOLLECTIONS SERIES)