

# "A guide for the tourist and you" (Part XI)

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## OLD PIONEER BURYING GROUND

For many years this small burial ground bearing unmarked stones lay beneath brambles and brush. Former owners, James and Adele Fahey, cleared the land, researched the property, and had the cemetery dedicated on July 4, 1972. Parkers and Coreys owned the property from 1653 to 1868. Some believe it to be a home burial plot where an epidemic may have wiped out several family members; others feel that Indians may be buried here and cite the following from Hodgman's History: "Death of an Indian, February 13, 1788. Pay to Leonard Parker 1 pound 10 shillings for nursing and taking care of the Indian, James Symonds, when he was sick at sd. Parker's house, and the trouble of sd. Indian's funeral when dead." Still another story by old-timers is that the arm of a local resident was amputated in a neighboring home and buried here several years before its owner.

So many tales, about the cemetery add a mysterious note. James Fahey is the author of *Pacific War Diary* 1942-45. The flag was a gift of his friend, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who had it flown over the Capital, Washington, D.C. Several ceremonies have been held at the plot with participation by Westford Minutemen, Indians and local townspeople. Location: 7C-Corner Carlisle and Old Lowell Roads.

## BRICK YARD HILL

Brickmaking was carried on in Parker Village on the hillside across from the burial ground. The clay kiln was located just over the knoll; many bricks may still be found—both

building and fire brick. The house on Concord Road, next to the hill, was made from bricks fired here. Location: 7C-D-Across from Old Pioneer Burying Ground.

## PARKERVILLE SCHOOL NO. 5

Built in 1880, this district school-house replaced the earlier 1874 one that was destroyed by fire. Basically, it remains the same as when schooldays ceased in 1928. The pump still flows with water. Today the building is owned by the town and is available as a meeting place. For years its name Noneset Club, taken from Nonesuch Brook which runs beside it, refers to a Wednesday night set of whist players. Location: 7C-Junction of Carlisle and Concord Roads.

## ORIGINAL PARKERVILLE SHOOOL

Town history informs us that in 1757 the home of Aaron Parker, Jr., in the south part of town was to be the school. The brick, no doubt, was made on the neighboring hill. In later years, the local cobbler occupied the place. Location: 8C-Corner Carlisle and Griffin Rds.

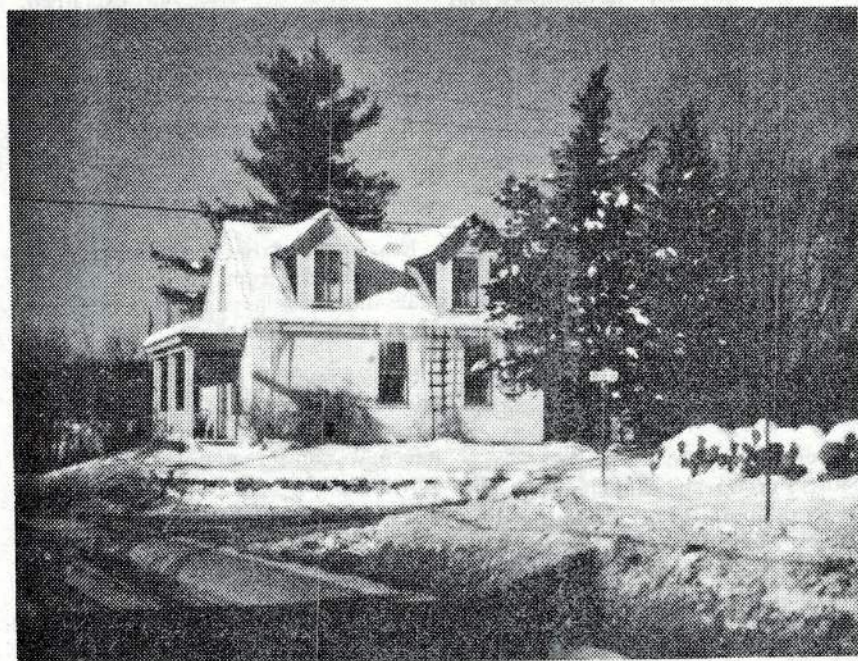
## DUPEE TAVERN

This 1760 home is located on the main road (Route 225) from Westford to Carlisle. It is possible that the Colonial Minutemen might have stopped here for quick refreshment on their way to battle in 1775. The full length ballroom which occupied the front half of the second story, the benches which surrounded the hall, and the beehive oven were all removed in the 1930's. Location: 9B-178 Carlisle Road, beyond Route 27, just over the RR tracks.

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This Parkerville School building celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, 1980. (A Sanders photo from WESTFORD RECOLLECTIONS)



The original Parkerville School still stands at the corner of Griffin and Concord Roads. School was kept here as early as 1757. The building was made of brick from the neighboring brickyard. (From the WESTFORD RECOLLECTION SERIES)