

# Westford Recollections

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In 1924 there were about 15 or 16 graduates and the graduation ceremony was held upstairs in the Town Hall. Mr. Jarvis can distinctly remember the guest speaker who talked about everything except graduation! He also remembers the Franklin Washington Medal for excellence in U.S. History, for he was the proud recipient.

The Senior Class had a play. In the spring the Class took a two-day trip to the Mohawk Trail - in five or six autos. They truly thought that they were world-wide travelers!

In 1955 the present Westford Academy building was erected; the second Academy building became a grammar school and was named for William C. Roudenbush who had served as Principal of the Academy for 25 years.

In 1901, when Miss Tuttle graduated from the Academy, there were 10 members in the graduating class; in 1956 there were 30 members; and in 1968 - 128 members.

In 1872 the 36th preceptor of Westford Academy was William Edwin Frost. Previous to Mr. Frosts' principalship, exams of the classes were oral at the close of the term, and just one day was devoted to examinations, so that some of the courses were not tested at all. Mr. Frost introduced written tests and devoted two or three days to them in order to cover all the material. The average attendance was between 45 and 50 a term, but it varied according to the seasons and popularity of the teachers. Also, during his preceptorship the building was enlarged.

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