

**History of 63 Main Street  
and  
Genealogical Info on the Camerons**

**By Bob Oliphant**

## Previous Owners

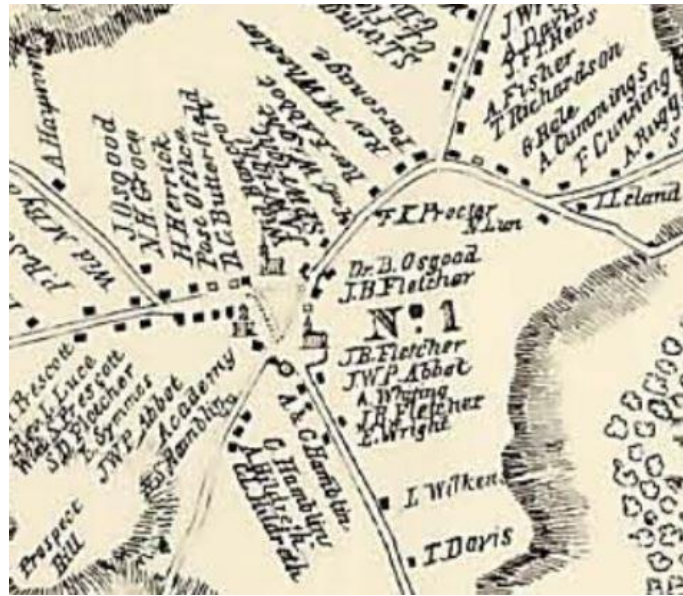
Deed Book:Pages	Grantor	Grantee	Date of Deed	Comments
32598:186	Elizabeth M. Adams widow [of Steven Adams] of Medford, Casey K. Adams un. of Worthington MN, Emmett R. Adams f/k/a Emily R. Adams un. of Groton & Christopher S. Adams un. of Medford	Town of Westford	13 Nov 2018 [date accepted by the Bd. of Selectmen]	For \$600,000; land in Westford with bldgs.. thereon situated in Westford Centre on SEly side of Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
10206:141-142	Gregory C. & Donna L. Hurst of Westford	Steven Adams individually of 63 Main St. Westford	10 June 1999	\$460,000; land & bldgs. in Westford Centre on SEly side of Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
9185:280-281	Stephen G. & Ann M. Demeranville of Westford	Gregory & Donna Hurst of Westford	3 April 1998	\$439,900; land & & bldgs., 63 Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
4177:38	Michael E. & Rebecca G. Hanson of Westford	Stephen G. & Ann M. Demeranville of Westford	1 July 1987	\$427,500; land & & bldgs., 63 Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
2569:243-244	Richard L. & Barbara A. Laramie of Westford	Michael E. & Rebecca G. Hanson of Westford	10 Nov 1982	\$137,500; land & & bldgs., 63 Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
2304:651-652.	Edward T. & Shirley Smith of Westford	Richard & Barbara Laramie of Westford	26 May 1978	\$94,000; land & bldgs., 63 Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
1587:582-584	Wallis J. & Joan W. Bernard of Chelmsford	Edward & Shirley Smith of Westford	17 Jan 1963	Subject to taxes for 1963 which grantees agree to pay; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
1410:50-51	Frederick Foster Porter of Groton, unmarried	Wallis J. & Joan W. Bernard of Stoneham	5 Aug 1958	For consideration paid; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
1338:559-561	Emma M. Porter, wid. of Frederick O. Porter of Groton	Frederick Foster Porter of Groton	13 June 1956	For consideration paid less than \$100, subject to mortgage to Bertha M. Bogg et al for \$11,000 to be assumed by grantee; Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
1166:460-	Ralph B. & Angie H.	Emma Porter of	28 April	For consideration paid less than

461	Bowmar of Groton	Groton	1951	\$100, quitclaim; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
1153:305	Isabelle St. Pierre of Chelmsford	Ralph B. [& Angie H.] Bowmar of Groton	5 Oct 1950	For consideration paid less than \$100, quitclaim; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
1153:306-307	Ralph B. Bowmar of Groton	Bertha M. & William G. Bogg of St. Petersburg, Fla.	5 Oct 1950	Mortgage covenant for \$11,000 paid over 20 yrs. at 5% interest; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given being premises in Deed 1153:305; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
1153:304	James J. [& Mary E.] Corkery of Westford	Isabelle St. Pierre of Chelmsford	23 Jan 1950	For consideration paid less than \$100 subject to all mortgages; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
977:395-396	Maude B. Shaw of Townsend, widow	James Corkery of Cambridge	14 May 1942	For consideration paid & subject to 1942 taxes which grantee agrees to pay; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
953:505-506	Cora E. Carver of Westford, Executrix of will of William R. Carver, late of Westford [and his late widow]	Maude B. Shaw [home not given]	29 Oct 1940	For \$5300; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
733:513-514	Harry R. Coburn of Baltimore, Md.	William R. Carver of Boston	20 Feb 1926	For consideration paid, quitclaim; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
659:269-271	Harold W. Hildreth of Westford, Adm'r of Estate of Edith L. Hildreth, late of Westford [and her widower]	Harry R. Coburn of Westford	22 April 1922	For \$8700 paid & subject to 1922 taxes to be paid by grantee; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
627:314-316	William R. & Cora E. Carver of Boston	Edith L. Hildreth of Westford [wife of Harold William Hildreth]	Mary 17, 1920	For consideration paid, quitclaim; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.
424:595-597	Donald M. [& Meta (Fiske)] Cameron of Lowell	William R. & Cora [Hutchinson] Carver of Boston	25 Oct 1912	In consideration of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations paid; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., bounds given; use of water pipes as per Deed 422:527.

422:527-529	Donald M. Cameron of Westford	Caroline M. Whitney of Westford	30 Jul 1908	In consideration of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations paid; land containing 13,130 ft <sup>2</sup> , Westford Centre, SEly side Main St., with the right to, with myself, draw water through pipes on my land shown in "Plan of Land in Westford, Mass. to be conveyed by Donald M. Cameron to Caroline M. Whitney, Surveyed July 28 1908" being a portion of premises conveyed to me by Allan Cameron by his deed of Apr. 1896.
274:350	Allan Cameron of Westford	Donald & Meta (Fiske) Cameron of Westford	16 April 1896	In consideration of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations paid; land & bldgs., Westford Centre, about 7 acres, being the homestead of the late Francis K. Proctor [1803-1875], dec., and being the same land conveyed to me by George H. Stevens, Trustee, under the will of said Proctor, dated Oct. 25, 1893, Deed 249:418, and a deed from Levi Flint <sup>1</sup> to said Proctor referred to therein, dated April 13, 1850, South Registry Deed 586:86
249:418-419	George H. Stevens, of Lowell, trustee under will of Francis K. Proctor	Allan Cameron of Westford	25 Oct 1893	For \$3,025 in private sale; land & bldgs.. containing abt. 7 acres, the homestead of the late Francis K. Proctor as described in deed of Levi Flint to said Proctor dated April 30, 1850 (South Dist. Deed 586:86)
249:419-421	Allan Cameron of Westford	George H. Stevens of Lowell	25 Oct 1893	Three year mortgage for above property.
18:433-435	Levi [& Sally S.] Flint of Charlestown	Francis K. Proctor of Littleton	13 April 1850	For \$2,100 paid for land with dwelling house & barn in Westford near middle of town, abt. 6 acres, being the homestead of the late Samuel H. Nichols, deceased; bounds given [mention land of Dr. Benj. Osgood see 1889 map].
17:257-259	Gardner Fletcher of Chelmsford, Guardian of Maria R. Nichols & Sarah A. Nichols of Westford	Levi Flint of Boston, trader	25 March 1845	For \$2,000 paid; a part of real estate of Maria [b. 1831] & Sarah [b. 1838] with a dwelling house & barn near middle of Westford being the homestead of the late Samuel H. Nichols [1802-1842], dec., abt. 6 acres.

<sup>1</sup> Levi Flint (1807-1891) was the father of Eleanor Frances Flint (1841-1893), wife of Allan Cameron (1822-1900) and mother of Donald McLennan Allan Cameron (1873-1930).

16:321-322	Stephen N. [& Sally M.] Nichols	Samuel H. Nichols	15 Feb 1834	For \$1,000, two parcels: (1) abt. 5 acres in middle of Westford on road to Chelmsford abutting land of George Davis & land of Isaiah Leighton, dec. [not sure this is the 63 Main St. parcel]; (2) mowing & pasture land 1 mile NWly of Meeting House, 30 acres.
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The 1831 map of Westford (above left) shows a house located about where 63 Main is now located. The 1853-55 Symmes map of Westford (above right) shows the F. K. Proctor house on the southeasterly side of Main St. Perhaps this is the same location as the house in the 1831 map. There was certainly a house at that location by 27 Jul 1842 when Samuel H. Nichols died, leaving his homestead mentioned in the 1845 deed from his two daughters to Levi Flint. Samuel H. Nichols was described as a carpenter and as a housewright so it is quite likely that he either built or rebuilt the house on this site.

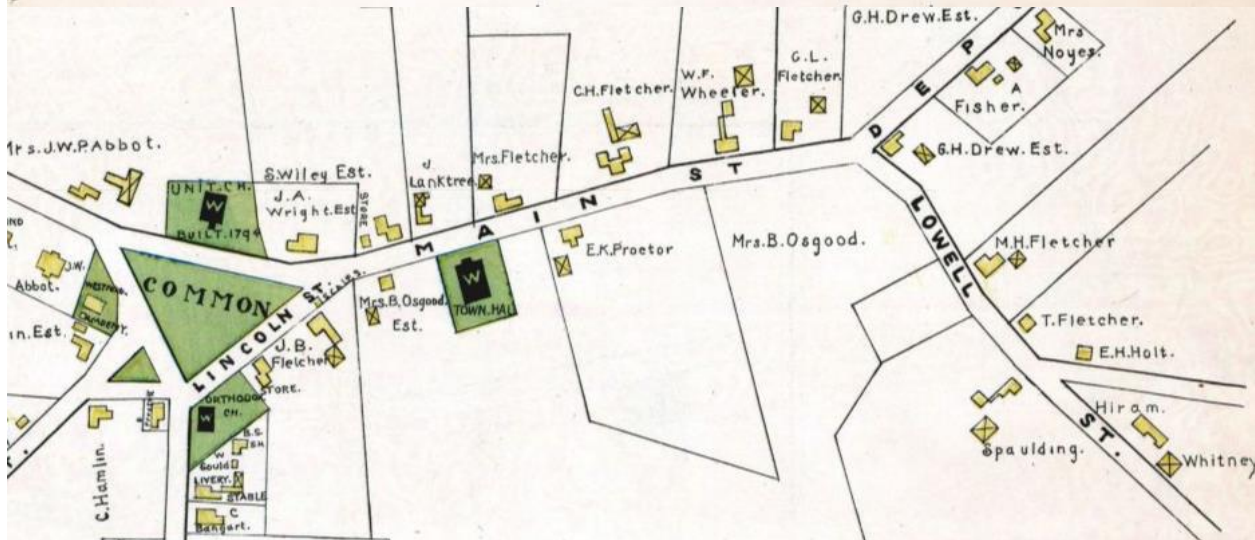
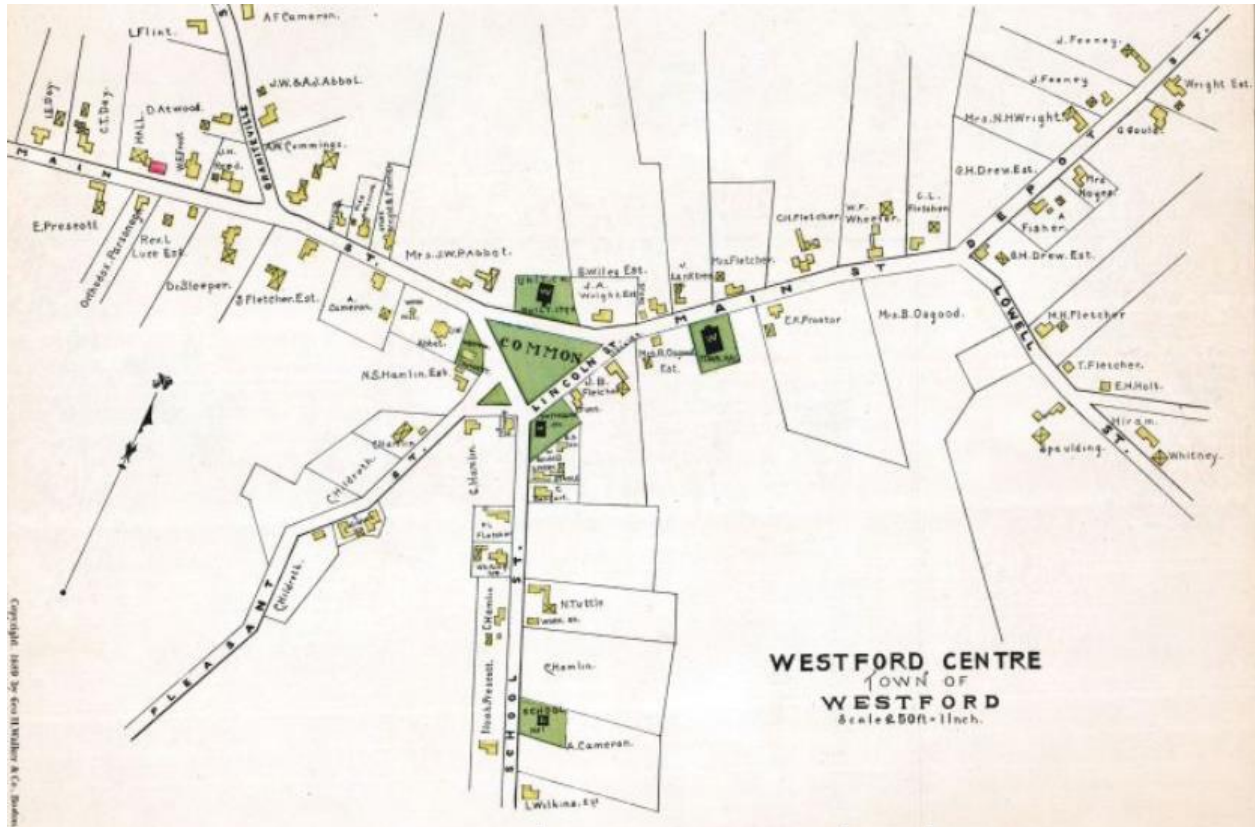
Samuel died intestate. His brother, Stephen N. Nichols of Charlestown, Mass., was appointed Administrator of Samuel's estate. On 26 Jul 1842 John W. P. Abbot, Esquire, George Davis, yeoman, and Josiah Webber, carpenter, all of Westford, were appointed to take an inventory of Samuel's estate. Samuel's homestead "with the buildings and about 5 acres of land" was valued at \$2000; about 30 acres of mowing tillage pasture and meadow land about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile distant from the house was valued at \$500. After the sale of his property, his three heirs (widow Nancy E. Nichols and daughters Rutha Maria Nichols & Sarah Augusta Nichols) each received \$32.81. See Middlesex Co., Mass., Probate File 38401 dated 1842.

Nancy E. (Fletcher) Nichols, Samuel's widow, died two years later on 3 Dec 1844. Her administrator was Gardner Fletcher (1792-1871) of Chelmsford, who had married one of Nancy's older sisters, Frances Grant Fletcher (1796-1871). They were children of Ens. Joseph Fletcher (1769-1843) & Frances Grant Keyes (1771-1860) of Westford; Joseph was a son of Capt. Pelatiah Fletcher (1727-1807) & Dorothy Hildreth (1736-1782), whose house is at 54 Lowell Road. The value of Nancy's "home place" in her probate is the same as it was for her husband two years previously, \$2,000 for 5 acres with buildings. Samuel H. Nichols may have bought his homestead on Main St. from his brother Stephen N. Nichols in 1834, but it is difficult to determine if the dead shown in the accompanying table of deeds is the one for this property.

The deeds show that in 1845, Levi Flint of Charlestown purchased the Samuel H. Nichols homestead. As Samuel died in 1842 and his wife died in 1844, the homestead was then in the estate of his two surviving daughters, and Levi bought it through their guardian, their uncle Gardner Fletcher of Chelmsford.

Although Levi lived in Charlestown per the 1845 deed and the 1850 census, he was said to be a meat dealer in Boston and in his later years resided in Westford, Mass., per the Daniel Shed Genealogy. The 1850 census shows that Levi and his wife Sally Shattuck Shedd (1811-1891) had three daughters: Mary Elizabeth (1836-1934) who married Francis Calvert (1830-1904), Josephine M. (1838-1913) who married

John P. Barnard, and Eleanor Frances (1841-1893) who married Allan Cameron (1822-1900) in Charlestown in 1860. Levi is shown in the Westford town records in 1845-1846 and then from about 1879 until his death. The 1889 map of Westford shows him ("L. Flint") in the house at 8 Graniteville Road in the top left corner of the map. Nancy Sargent (Smith) King, who lived in the house for many years, said "I believe this house was built in 1877 by Levi Flint for his daughter Mary Calvert, as a wedding present." See Marilyn Day's *Days of Westford*, p. 504, bottom paragraph.



The 1889 Walker map of Westford Centre (above) shows the land of Francis K. Proctor located on the south side of Main St. just east of Town Hall. The house and barn are shown on the property. The 1853-55 Symmes map of Westford also shows F. K. Proctor owning land in this same place. The house shown

in the 1889 map is the house at 59 Main St. known as the Francis K. Proctor house. Mr. Proctor purchased the land April 13, 1850, and the deed indicates that a house and barn were on the property at that time. The Assessors Database dates the house at 1850, but their 19<sup>th</sup> century dates are often given in round numbers.



## Biographical information on Allan Cameron

An Allan Cameron, age not given, from Scotland, occupation Traveler, arrived in New York, N.Y., 18 Sep 1843 on the Garrick from Liverpool, England, apparently traveling alone.

Lived at 39 Main St., purchased from J. W. P. Abbot.

### 1842 Boston Directory

Fairbanks, J., merchant, 27 and 28 Lewis's wf., h. 12 Pearl

Cameron, Duncan, gardener, h. 109 Charles

Cameron, R., tailor, h. near 5 Sister

### 1846 Boston Almanac

Commission Merchants -- Fairbanks & Cameron, 27 Lewis wf.

Cotton Dealers -- Fairbanks, J., 27 Lewis wf.

Paper Hangings -- Hurlbert & Gregory, 25 Court

### 1849 Boston Directory

Commission Merchants -- no Fairbanks or Cameron

Cotton Dealers -- Fairbanks, G. N., 27 Lewis wharf

Paper Hangings -- Gregory, Samuel H. & Co., 25 Court

Fairbanks, George N., merchant, 27 Lewis wf. bds. 3 Otis place, house at Charlestown

Cameron, Hannah Mrs., dress maker, r. 51 Salem

Cameron, James, 33 Cambridge

Cameron, John, carpenter, house 19 Pitts

Cameron, Judith, house 111 Charles

Cameron, Wm., machinist, h. fifth near F

Gregory, Samuel H. & Co. (Thomas Christy, & S. S. Constant), paper hangings, 25 Court, house 49 Warren

Hurlbert, George, upholsterer, boards 71 Prince

Hurlbert, Sophia, widow, house 60 Allen

Hurlbert, Truman R., 61 Congress, h. 24 Charles

Hurlbert, Wallace A., Post Office, b. 133 Har. av.

1860 Federal Census, Roll M653-506, p. 1/547, Westford PO, Westford, Middlesex Co., MA

Dwelling 1, Family 1

J. W. P. Abbot, 54, lawyer, \$11,000 RE, \$49,000 PE, b. CT

Catherine, 52, b. NH

George, 15, student, b. MA, attends school

Abiel J., 11, b. MA, attends school

Charlott [sic] E. Perry, 11, b. MA, attends school

Catherine Moran, 24, servant, b. Ireland, cannot read & write

David W.[?] Dor, 57, farm laborer, b. NH

Dwelling 2, Family 2

J. W. Abbot, 26, manufacturer, \$500 PE, b. MA

Elizabeth, 21, b. MA

Jacob Cram, 21, teacher, b. ME

Allen Cameron, 35, manufacturer, \$500 PE, b. Scotland

Dwelling 3, Family 3

Rachel Blood, 74, \$3000 PE, b. MA  
J. T. Buttrick, 40, MD, \$400 PE, b. NH

ALLAN CAMERON, son of Alexander and Jane (Grant) Cameron, was born at Allness, Ross-Shire, Scotland, August 30, 1823. He was the seventeenth in descent from King Robert Bruce, the most heroic of Scottish Kings, and others of our subject's forbears, of the Lundavra House of the Cameron Clan, won distinction in political and military affairs. Alexander Cameron was an extensive sheep farmer, and after his death, the farm was maintained by his widow, where her children were reared, and our subject attended the public schools of Allness and the higher grades at Dingwall, remaining with his mother until his twentieth year. He then decided to seek his fortune in America, and sailed from Liverpool on a packet-ship, reaching New York after a thirty-two day voyage. From there, he journeyed on to Boston, where an elder brother was engaged with a Mr. Fairbanks in the cotton and wool commission business at 28 Lewis Wharf, and with the firm of Fairbanks & Cameron, Allan Cameron was affiliated for two years. He then accepted the position of bookkeeper with Messrs. Hurlburt & Gregory, a wall-paper firm, and four years later, returned to New York and entered the employ of Messrs. Coates & Company, Bankers, who retained his services to the time of their dissolution a year and a half later. He then for a while served as agent for a carpet commission house in Manchester, England, and likewise represented the wool firm of Ripley & Company. In 1851, he located in Norwich, Conn., and for three years did business for the Greenfield Worsted Company, and from 1855 to 1857 served as agent of this company. He all this time was becoming more and more interested in the various branches of worsted and carpet manufacturing and dyeing, and in 1858, he purchased of Charles G. Sargent his interest in the Abbot Worsted Company, and with John W. Abbot and Abiel J. Abbot, continued the business up to his death, which occurred April 29, 1900, he being the financier of the firm and attending to the buying and the selling ends of the business. Mr. Cameron was the first to manufacture from Camel's Hair in this country, and his sons, Julian and Donald M., in their manufacturing establishment known as the Sugden Press Bagging Company, still (1916) maintain the use of this product.

Mr. Cameron was much interested in the advancement of the town of Westford, and was prominent in its affairs. He was a trustee of the Westford Academy, served eight years as lieutenant in Troop F., Cavalry, M. V. M., and was a trustee of the Westford Public Library in 1866-67-68 and '69, and ten years later in 1879. He also served on the School Committee in 1872.

September 12, 1860, Mr. Cameron married Eleanor Francis, daughter of Levi Flint, of Charlestown, Mass., and their children, in order of their birth, were, - Mary J., born August 20, 1861, died March 30, 1877; Aleck F., born March 27, 1863, died July 12, 1891; Agnes, born in 1865, died in infancy; Julian A. Cameron, who was born in Westford, September 25, 1866 (see sketch, *ibid.*); Donald M., born January 22, 1873 (see sketch, *ibid.*); and Allan Cameron, Jr., born April 6, 1874.

Allan Cameron died of heart failure April 29, 1900. He was survived by his three youngest sons.

E. Everton Foster, Ed., *Lamb's textile industry of the United States, embracing biographical sketches of prominent men and a historical résumé of the progress of textile manufacture from the earliest records to the present time*; (Volume 2), Boston: James H. Lamb (1916), pp. 248-249.

Allan Cameron "emigrated to America in 1843, and after fifteen years in business in Boston, New York, and Norwich, Conn., in 1858 he settled in Westford, Mass., where he and John W. Abbot established the Abbot Worsted Company with extensive mills which he continued until his death," per the Daniel Shed Genealogy, p. 221.

Allen Cameron

Mr. Allen (sic) Cameron was born on the 30th of August, 1823, at Allness, Rosshire, Scotland. He belongs to the Lundavra House of the Cameron Clan, and among his ancestry, traceable for over five hundred

years, are many distinguished in military and political affairs. His father, Alexander Cameron, was an extensive sheep farmer, and Mr. Cameron's early life was passed upon the farm, which was managed by his mother after his father's death. He attended the public schools at Allness and also the higher grades at Dingwall. On the 12th of August, 1843, at the age of twenty, he sailed from Liverpool on a packet ship for New York, which place was reached after a voyage of thirty-two days. He immediately went to Boston, where he found employment in a cotton and wool commission-house, 28 Lewis Wharf,-- Fairbanks & Cameron.

Mr. Cameron of the firm was an elder brother, located in this country for some time previous. He remained with the firm for two years, and then engaged as book-keeper for a wall-paper concern--Hurlburt & Gregory. After four years' service here he went to New York and entered the employment of Coates & Co., bankers. In about eighteen months the firm was dissolved, and for a while he acted as agent in this country for a carpet commission-house in Manchester, England, and also did business for the wool firm of Ripley & Co. In 1851 he went to Norwich, Conn., and for three years was agent for the Greenfield Worsted Co. For several years he was interested in various branches of worsted and carpet manufacturing and dyeing, until the year 1858, when he came to Westford and bought Mr. Sargent's interest in the Abbott (sic) Worsted Co., forming a partnership with John W. Abbott, which was continued to the present time. On the 12th of September, 1860, he married Eleanor Francis, daughter of Levi Flint, of Charlestown. Mr. Cameron is the financier of the firm and attends to the buying and selling.

The clan to which he belongs has always been an influential one. The present chief is a member of Parliament, and the representative of the clan in Westford clearly shows the influence a race of such men must have in their native land.

History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts : with biographical sketches of many of its pioneers and prominent men. Philadelphia: J.W. Lewis & Co., p. 717, 1890.

### **Biographical Info on Donald M. Cameron**

It is an unusual circumstance that father and son should register at the same time on September 12 for the selective draft. Such was the case when Donald Cameron and his son, Donald Fiske Cameron, answered the government questions.

Westford Wardsman, Sept. 21, 1918.

Mass. Masonic Card:

Cameron, Donald McLennan

Residence: Westford; Occupation: Manufacturer; Nativity: Westford 1873-1-22

Lodge: William North; Initiated: 1895-1-9; Passed: 1895-4-3; Raised: 1895-5-8; Membership: 1895-5-8; Deceased 1930-9-20

Remarks: Aff. with Kilwinning 1905-2-17; Wm. N. 1914-15.

DONALD McLENNAN CAMERON was born January 22, 1873, in Westford, Mass., son of Allan and Eleanor Francis (Flint) Cameron, and grandson of Alexander and Jane (Grant) Cameron, and of Levi and Sally Shattuck (Shedd) Flint. On his mother's side, he was a descendant of Thomas Flint, a Welshman, who left his native land for America and arrived in Salem, Mass., in 1636. The maternal (3) great-grandfather of our subject was John Flint, who served in the Revolutionary War, attaining the rank of Captain.

After a few years in the public schools, our subject attended Westford Academy, and later the Brown & Nichols School at Cambridge, and in 1890 was graduated from the Berkeley School in Boston. His business career began in the fall of the same year in the employ of the Abbot Worsted Company, where he served as clerk, his father being financially and actively interested in the business (see sketch of Allan

Cameron, *ibid.*), and he was engaged at this plant for ten years, or until 1900, when he procured by purchase a controlling interest in the Sugden Press Bagging Company at West Chelmsford, Mass., established by Thomas Sugden in 1870. Mr. Cameron served as manager until 1904, when the business was incorporated and he became treasurer, and in 1916 still maintained that relation. The Sugden Press Bagging Company is (1916) one of the few establishments in the country engaged in the manufacture of camel's hair press cloth, which is used extensively in the hydraulic presses of cotton seed and linseed oil mills. Mr. Cameron in 1916 was still also largely interested in the Abbot Worsted Company, and served on the Board of Directors.

Early in life, he became affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity, and in 1897, attained his thirty-second degree. He is (1916) also a Knight Templar, and among other clubs and societies, holds membership in the Lowell Historical Association and in the Sons of the American Revolution and Society of Colonial Wars. Since 1915, he has been a member of the High Street Congregational Church, in Lowell, and for many years has been interested in the Young Men's Christian Association.

June 7, 1893, he married Meta Josephine Fisk, born in Anoka, Minn., daughter of Albert Levi and Josephine (Taggart) Fisk (both born in Lowell, Mass.) ; and of this union there were two children, - Donald Fisk, born April 13, 1900; and Mary Eleanor, born January 19, 1902.

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## Donald M. Cameron and William R. Carver in *The Westford Wardsman*

**May 12, 1906**

**Center.** We are glad to chronicle the return to Westford of a number of our residents who have been sojourning in other places during the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron have returned from Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goode have returned from New York, and Mrs. Edward Prescott from Cambridge.

**July 28, 1906**

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron are absent on an extended automobile tour.

**July 13, 1907**

**About Town.** Donald Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fletcher have been in S??? this week at the triennial conclave of Knights Templar.

**The Fourth** was celebrated in a most commendable way with very little vandalism, and the money patriotically contributed by the townspeople was wisely expended. Early in the morning the villagers gathered at the Center to see the so called parade of antiques and "horribles." The name was a misnomer, perhaps, for the procession was short and the picturesque element took the place of the usual funny floats; but the beaming faces of the participants and the applause of the spectators showed how much pleasure can be given by just such a parade.

The procession was as follows: Joe Wall, marshal, dressed as an Indian brave, with war paint and feathers, rode his pony in true Indian style. He was followed by the beautiful float of the Thimble club, an organization of six young women—Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. Leonard Wheeler, Mrs. Alfred Hartford, Mrs. George Goode, Mrs. Will Woods and Miss Eva Fletcher. The float was decorated with green hemlock and contained a boat in which were seated the club members, all in white carrying white parasols.

Marjory Cameron, with Fletcher Abbot as her coachman, came in a pony wagon gaily decorated with flags and bunting.

The next float by S. L. Taylor and family, representing Uncle Sam and some of his Cubans, was a garden scene under the palm trees, with a Cuban senor playing on the mandolin and singing. This was followed by a float decorated with bunting, while pretty green birches made a woody canopy for a number who came as country people—Mrs. Greig, Mrs. Daniels and Eben Prescott's family.

Last was the automobile of Donald Cameron, with beautiful floral decorations of laurel, which caused many exclamations at its loveliness. In the auto were Donald Cameron, Donald Fiske Cameron and five little girls in white—Margaret and Helen Perkins of Chicago, Elizabeth and Marion Perkins and Mary Cameron.

The procession started from the town hall and went down the main streets. As it went past the old manse it was saluted by those gathered there. Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Marshall and baby Marion from the new manse were on one side of the path, while on the other were the Misses Luce and James Kimball. Mr. Kimball, as Uncle Sam, was spading in the garden, and Miss Maria Luce, in quaint costume and a green silk calash, was seated in an old-fashioned arm chair beside the first baby carriage that came to Westford.

The prize winners were as follows: first, three dollars, divided between Thimble club and Samuel Taylor and the Cubans; second, two dollars, Joe Wall; third, one dollar, Marjory Cameron and Fletcher Abbot. The judges were George Goode, Miss Sarah Loker and Miss Frances Bannister.

After the parade fully 500 people gathered at Stony Brook park to see the baseball game between the Groton A.A. and Westford A.A. As the former team was a semi-professional one the victory of 5 to 3 for Westford was pleasing to the home team. At one o'clock came the athletic sports on the common, the following winning:

Relay race—Will Wright, Warren Wright, Howard Ferguson; 100-yr. dash—Oliver Gilman?; broad jump—Hugo Page; hop, skip and jump—Warren Wright.

In the afternoon and evening the common was the center of attraction for the countryside, the American band of Lowell giving two exceptionally fine concerts with classical selections. After the concert came the display of fireworks at the vacant lot near the new academy.

#### **April 4, 1908**

**Tourists.** Westford will feel a sort of connecting link with old world travel this summer from the number of her people who are planning to spend the coming summer, enjoying a trip abroad. This month Mr. and Mrs. Abiel J. Abbot, their son John and daughter Alice C. sail for Genoa. Mrs. George W. Goode was in town Tuesday, saying goodbye to friends. Mrs. Goode had come on from New York to make a little farewell visit with her mother and sister in North Chelmsford and expects to sail in about ten days on the Lusitania from New York, going with a lady friend who has previously enjoyed foreign travel. Their itinerary includes England, France and Germany. Mr. Goode remains in New York, but later in the season may join his wife and accompany her home. The third group includes Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron, Mrs. Josephine L. Fisher, the two children, Donald and Mary Cameron, and maid. They plan to sail from Boston April 22, and spend the summer touring Scotland and England. Both Mr. Cameron and Mr. Abbot ship their own touring cars across the water.

#### **May 16, 1908**

**About Town.** The Cymric<sup>2</sup> of the White Star line arrived safely at Queenstown on Thursday of last week, after a nine days' voyage. Among the passengers were Donald Cameron and family, Mrs. Fiske, Miss Martha J. Taylor and Horace Bacon. This party will remain abroad about three months.

#### **June 6, 1908**

**About Town.** Elmer [Emory] J. Whitney of Littleton, who has recently purchased the Proctor house on Main st. [59 Main St.], is busy removing the stored furniture to the barn of Donald Cameron.

#### **July 18, 1908**

**About Town.** Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron and children, Mrs. J. L. Fisk and Miss M. J. Taylor returned Monday on the Cymric from a motor trip in England, Scotland and Wales. Mr. Cameron traveled over three thousand miles, and although he went through some difficult passes in the mountains, he had no trouble with his car. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Abbot, Miss Carnzu Abbot and John Abbot return the first of next week from a motor trip in Europe.

#### **July 25, 1908**

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. Abiel J. Abbot, their son John and daughter Carnzu, arrived home from their motor trip in Europe last Sunday morning, and the Donald Camerons a few days earlier. It is pleasant to have their home active with life again.

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<sup>2</sup> The Cymric (13,096 tons) was built by Harland & Wolff in Belfast and left on its maiden voyage from Liverpool to New York on Feb. 11, 1898. She made regular trips between these two ports until 1904 when she started sailing between Liver-pool and Boston. She was also used as a troop ship during the Boer War in 1902 and during World War I. In 1909 she brought the McKniff family (Mickey Crocker's ancestors) and the Finn family to Boston; both were from Keighley, England. Cymric was struck by three torpedoes from the German U-Boat U-20 on May 8, 1916, and sank 28 hours later with the loss of five lives. The U-20 had sunk the Lusitania May 7, 1915.

**November 21, 1908**

**Center.** Donald M. Cameron has been confined to the house with a cold during this week.

**November 28, 1908**

**Center.** The Donald Camerons have gone for their usual winter sojourn in Lowell.

**December 28, 1908**

**Center.** The woman's alliance of the Unitarian church held an interesting and well attended meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Day last week Thursday. The 300th anniversary of the birth of [John] Milton was the theme of the afternoon. Mrs. B. H. Bailey, president of the alliance, read a paper on his life, and Mr. Bailey read extracts from his writings. Last Saturday afternoon the members and some others, about twenty-five in all, were invited to Lowell by Mrs. Donald Cameron, and a very delightful social occasion was enjoyed. Progressive whist, music and a delightfully served tea made a pleasant afternoon. The color scheme of the table was in Christmas colors of bright red and green, with a beautiful centerpiece of red carnations. Mrs. Cameron's and Mrs. Fiske's hospitality will long be remembered by the members as one of the pleasant social occasions of the organization.

**February 20, 1909**

**Club.** It was a regrettable fact that the storm of snow and sleet only made it possible for those who can go out in all weathers to be present at the Tadmuck club Tuesday afternoon in library hall, for it was one of many programs that proved genuinely worth while.

Near the speaker's table was a flag-draped picture of Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher read Leo Tolstoi's tribute to the great martyr president, and Miss Clara Smith read Julia Ward Howe's poem on Lincoln, which was read by this remarkable woman of ninety years, at Symphony hall, Boston, last week at the Lincoln celebration.<sup>3</sup> The club members would gladly have taken more time with this part of

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<sup>3</sup> Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) wrote of a tribal chieftain he met in the isolated Caucasus who asked him about Abraham Lincoln "the greatest general and greatest ruler of the world." Tolstoy wrote that Lincoln "overshadows all other national heroes."

Julia (Ward) Howe (1819-1910), author in 1862 of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," wrote her poem "Lincoln" specifically for the 1909 Lincoln centenary:

Through the dim pageant of the years

A wondrous tracery appears:

A cabin of the western wild

Shelters in sleep a new born child.

Nor nurse nor parent dear can know

The way those infant feet must go,

And yet a nation's help and hope

Are sealed within that horoscope.

Beyond is toil for daily bread,

And thought to noble issues led.

the program, but it was the afternoon for Miss Martha J. Taylor's paper on "A motor trip through Great Britain," which was an account of a trip enjoyed by Miss Taylor with the Donald Camerons in the spring and early summer of last year. Miss Taylor is spending the winter with friends in New Jersey and much regretted not being able to be present and give her own word-picture in person. Instead, she got the paper ready to be read by others, namely, her sister, Mrs. Fred A. Snow, and Mrs. Chas. L. Hildreth. It was a clear and well-prepared account, in which she succeeded in conveying to her hearers some of the charm of a trip of this kind, told in her own delightful, unassuming style, with the valuable foundation of a thorough knowledge of English literature. With fluency and simplicity Miss Taylor delineated the great beauty of the English country, many of its towns and villages, its wealth of literary and historical association, its cathedrals and colleges, and its beautiful lake region. She gave brief accounts of the trips into Scotland and Wales. The paper was illustrated with many views, and a map of the route drawn by herself. It was a vivid and delightful account of nearly five thousand miles of most enjoyable travel that Miss Taylor shared with the members of her home club, and was heartily appreciated by them.

### **March 6, 1909**

**Drowning Accident.** An exciting drowning accident on the millpond of the Stony Brook near Westford corner occurred last week Friday about nine o'clock, when Vince [Vincenzo] Devento [Devenuto], who works for the H. E. Fletcher Co., and his twelve-year-old daughter Mary attempted to cross the ice from

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And courage, arming for the morn  
For whose behest this man was born.  
A man of homely, rustic ways,  
Yet he achieves the forum's praise  
And soon earth's highest meed has won,  
The seat and sway of Washington.  
No throne of honors and delights,  
Distrustful days and sleepless nights,  
To struggle, suffer and aspire,  
Like Israel, led by cloud and fire.  
A treacherous shot, a sob of rest,  
A martyr's palm upon his breast,  
A welcome from the glorious seat  
Where blameless souls of heroes meet.  
And thrilling, through unmeasured days,  
A song of gratitude and praise,  
A cry that all the earth shall heed,  
To God, who gave him for our need.



a point near the mill of Donald Cameron to their home in Westford corner. The ice suddenly gave way and the father sank into the water. The girl could have escaped, but went to the rescue of her father and in a moment both were struggling in the water. Their cries for help brought Fred C. and William Edwards to their aid. With much difficulty and heroic effort they succeeded in rescuing the father, but the girl was swept under the ice by the swift current. After the rescue Devento was taken to the engine-house close by, and although suffering from the shock of the water and the death of his child, he rallied in a short time. The body of the girl was recovered during the forenoon about ten feet from where it sank. The funeral took place from the home last Saturday afternoon, an Italian minister from Lowell conducting the services. Burial in the cemetery at West Chelmsford.

**May 15, 1909**

**Center.** The Donald Camerons, who have spent the winter in Lowell, are at the Westford homestead for the summer. Mrs. Calvert and Mrs. Barnard are also established here for the summer.

**May 29, 1909**

**Center.** Mrs. Donald M. Cameron entertained a group of Lowell friends with whist at her home Thursday afternoon of last week.

**August 21, 1909**

**Center.** The Donald Camerons have been enjoying two weeks of camp life at the Bower's camp at Nabnasset pond. This week they have been touring in their auto along the south shore with headquarters at West Harwich.

**October 16, 1909**

**Center.** Donald M. Cameron has been painting the buildings and making other improvements at the family homestead.

**November 13, 1909**

**Tax-Payers.** The total levy of taxes for the town of Westford this year is \$30,468 [\$30,761.55 per the 1910 Westford Annual Report], with a rate of \$15.70 on \$1000. Following is a list of resident tax-payers paying fifty dollars or more:

Abiel J. Abbot	\$146.54
Mrs. Alice M. Abbot	255.91
John C. Abbot	290.49
Mrs. Caroline Atwood	57.31
Abbot Worsted Co.	2088.75
Abbot Worsted Co., Forge Village	4177.93
Wayland F. Balch	67.19
Alvin J. Blaisdell	83.47
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett	67.04
Mrs. Mary C. Brigham	217.45
Augustus Bunce	55.27
John Burbeck	115.74
Mrs. Mary E. Calvert	62.80
Doanld M. Cameron	144.29
Mrs. Meta J. Cameron	141.30
Julian A. Cameron	240.72

**About Town.** William R. Carver has bought of Joseph E. Knight, the thrifty young orchard south of the buildings on the Chelmsford road.

**December 4, 1909**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons have gone for their annual winter sojourn in Lowell.

**December 11, 1909**

**About Town.** Our popular and alert townsman, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, has given five hundred dollars towards the proposed new Y.M.C.A. building in Lowell. Among those appointed to solicit subscriptions, who are residents or natives of Westford, was Donald Cameron, Clarence E. Whidden, C. Frank Dupee and Judge F. A. Fisher.

**March 5, 1910**

**Center.** Our townsman, Donald M. Cameron, who is spending the winter with his family in Lowell, goes this month with other friends from New York for a trip through the Spanish main. They will visit Kingston in Jamaica, Colon in Panama, Port Limon in Costa Rica, and will land at New Orleans, making the journey northward by rail.

**April 30, 1910**

**Centre.** H. W. Tarbell has a large force of workmen on the new Whitney park and playgrounds. Donald Cameron has given a deed of about one-half acre of land near the academy and Oscar R. Spaulding has also donated a portion of his land back of the Frost school. These additions are much appreciated and add to the size and symmetry of the tract. Some of the land that is a combination of ledge, rock and moisture and at best was never anything but the poorest of pasturage is something of a proposition to make clear, drained and leveled.

**May 7, 1910**

**Centre.** The Donald M. Camerons are at their Westford home again after spending the winter in Lowell.

**July 9, 1910**

**Centre.** The Donald M. Cameron's are spending the month of July at Mattapoisett.

**August 20, 1910**

**Death.** Word came to the Westford friends Tuesday of this week that Mrs. George E. Brigham was seriously ill, having suffered from a stroke of paralysis. This announcement was soon followed with the one that she had died at her home on Broadway, Somerville, she having never regained consciousness. Her age was sixty-two years.

Mrs. Brigham was a large property owner in Westford, owning the big Kittredge farm with its fine apple orchards. She always retained her interest in her native town and was especially kind-hearted and benevolent to the unfortunate.

Mrs. Brigham is survived by her husband, George A. Brigham, one son, William R. Carver, and one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Carver Skidmore of New York city.

The funeral was held at her late home in Somerville at three o'clock Thursday afternoon and the body was brought to Westford on Friday noon and interment was beside kindred dust in the family lot at Fairview cemetery. There was a prayer service at the grave.

**October 29, 1910**

**About Town.** Donald M. Cameron has bought a large residence at 328 Wilder street, Lowell. The house, splendidly built, with nine rooms, was once the property of the late George E. Evans for a long time city engineer of Lowell. Extensive alterations have been begun by Mr. Cameron, a piazza, pantry, solarium and bathroom being added. Along with the house two lots of land were conveyed amounting to 12,437 square feet, making an aggregate frontage on two streets of two hundred feet. In the rear Mr. Cameron is having built a garage twenty-two by twenty-six feet.

#### **December 10, 1910**

**Centre.** The Donald M. Camerons have closed their Westford home and gone to Lowell for the remainder of the winter.

#### **March 18, 1911**

**Town Meeting.** The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, March 20. The polls will be opened at eight a.m. to receive the voters' opinion on candidates for town offices and also opinions on liquor selling. Opinions will be received as late as one p.m., after which more opinions will be counted. Mark your traveling time from home to fit one o'clock closing.

The warrant contains thirty-seven different items of business, including the moderator item. Most of the articles are of the usual in all annual town meetings. The unusual are distributed as follows in the warrant....

Article 33. To see if the town will accept the several gifts of land adjoining the Whitney playground from Donald M. Cameron, Oscar R. Spaulding and William L. Woods.

#### **March 25, 1911**

**Town Meeting.** At the annual town meeting last Monday, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was elected moderator. William H. H. Burbeck and T. Arthur E. Wilson were appointed ballot clerks; Walter A. Whidden, Joseph Wall, Walter J. Merritt, William H. H. Burbeck and T. Arthur E. Wilson, counting tellers. The polls opened at eight a.m. and by special vote closed at 1:45 p.m. Three hundred and four ballots were cast and two registered women voted for school committee. After five hours and fifteen minutes voting, it was decided that the following persons would be considered prudent men to manage town affairs:

Selectman, Oscar R. Spaulding; assessor, J. Willard Fletcher; collector, Leonard Wheeler; auditor, William R. Taylor; overseer of poor, Albert R. Choate; school committee, John Spinner, Fred E. Reed; cemetery commissioner, George T. Day; trustee of library, Benjamin H. Bailey; constables, Edson G. Boynton, John A. Sullivan; treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; tree warden, the only contested office on the ballot, resulted in a vote of 175 for Harry L. Nesmith, the present incumbent, to 116 for Daniel J. McLeod. The vote on licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors resulted in drouth for another year: yes, 113; no, 175....

Art. 33. The town handed over a deed of thanks to Donald M. Cameron, Oscar R. Spaulding and William L. Woods, for the gift of land to enlarge the Whitney playground. If this is not sufficient compensation, may they draw heavily on the dividends of healthful pleasure that their land is dedicated to.

#### **June 3, 1911**

**Dedication.** Saturday, May 27, will long be remembered by the throng of people who gathered for the dedication of the new park and playground given to the town by Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney, remembered by the young people for all that it promises of recreation and enjoyment and by the older ones who perhaps more fully realize its value to the town's best welfare.

The weather, upon which so much depended for the successful carrying out of an out-of-doors' affair, left nothing to be desired, but was fresh and clear and much helped by the recent rain. It proved a real holiday for our residents and there were many gathered from out-of-town for the event.

The morning was taken up by a tennis tournament between the pupils of the academy. Miss Marjory Seavey won the final honors. This was followed by a ball game between Littleton high school and Westford academy and the latter scored a victory of 25 to 11. A luncheon was served at noon to the Littleton guests by the academy students and teachers.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the exercises by the school children took place. There was an appreciative audience of between five and six hundred people assembled. Seats had been arranged around two sides of the ball ground. In all of the exercises the children made a charming picture, the girls in their pretty summer dresses against an effective back ground of green foliage and blue sky. Music by a Lowell orchestra furnished good music. The march, with some good figures, was participated in by the 160 pupils of the schools and was led by Helen McCoy [13 years old] and Daniel Maloney. This was followed by the Sunbonnet babies, which included the youngest pupils and this was followed by the Mother Goose Shoe with Miss Winnifred Burnham as Mother Goose and sixty of the children. These two last features were most creditably carried out. The next was the Highland fling, danced by nine young ladies. This was done with so much grace and spirit and was so heartily applauded that it was graciously repeated. Misses Marjory Seavey, Daisy Kabele, Lillian Sutherland, Margaret Sullivan, Maud Robinson, Florence Brewer, May Watts, Lillian Hedman and Eva Lunberg were those who took part in this dance. The crowning of Miss Ethel Sargent as the May queen came next and finally the May pole dance on the green. The decorative details of these last two features were beautifully carried out. The afternoon was completed for the children by serving refreshments of ice cream and cake provided by Mrs. Whitney. And now this beautiful park of five acres of smooth land recovered from the roughest of swamp and pasture land, known as the "Osgood pasture," is an assured fact with its equipment of swings, seasaws, seats, drinking fountain, tennis court, baseball ground, grove and every convenience for the comfort and enjoyment of the young people. Adjacent to the two schools as it is, only as time goes on will its real value be realized and the most genuine gratitude goes out to the noble-hearted woman who has made it possible.

Harvey W. Tarbell, the landscape gardener of Lowell, has had the work in charge and the committee for the town was consisted of H. V. Hildreth, O. R. Spalding and Edward Fisher, and all have worked faithfully to bring about a good result.

Mrs. Whitney, who has recently returned from an extended western trip, was an interested attendant on Saturday afternoon. Much credit is due Miss Ruth Fisher, principal of the Frost school, and her assistant teachers, Misses Grant, Crocker and Burnham, and to Miss Josephine Ockington of Lowell, who drilled the scholars in the dancing and marching for the successful carrying out of the dedicatory festival. Among some of the many out-of-town people present were Miss Carrie E. Read of Barre, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Houghton of Littleton, Mrs. Martha Cooper of Shirley, Miss Ida Prescott of Milford, Mrs. Ida Cummings Allen of Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher, Mrs. T. E. Barnes and the Donald Camerons of Lowell. About Town. The town will be interested in the Massachusetts Agricultural college rifle team to which our own Westford academy boy belongs, Allister McDougall. This team is champion in all intercollegiate matches. In 1910 they made a score of 1848 points out of a possible 2000, breaking the record and defeating twenty-one teams. The trophy of Forest and Stream club of America was defended against eighteen colleges, defeating Iowa by 17 points, Columbia by 43, Cornell 95 and Harvard 190. They are still training and winning.

### **July 1, 1911**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons are staying at the Cameron homestead.

### **July 15, 1911**

**Center.** Last week Thursday afternoon, when the heat was at its worst, and every man capable of fighting fire felt that his own particular task was enough to meet, an alarm for fire was sounded which

proved to be on land owned by Miss Hildreth. Some of the telephones were out of commission and the church bells were rung in the old-fashioned way. Donald Cameron kindly gathered together a group of fire fighters in his big automobile. After some vigorous work it was controlled. It was reported that a workman had set fire to a hornet's nest earlier in the day and the fire from that smoldered and later broke out and got beyond control.

#### **August 5, 1911**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons are spending the week at Bristol, N.H.

#### **September 16, 1911**

**Center.** William R. Carver has a force of twenty Italian workmen on the Brigham farm where they will do some extensive work clearing land, etc., for extensive setting out of fruit trees, mostly apple. Quarters for the men have been built in one of the fields on the brow of Depot hill.

#### **September 23, 1911**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons, who have been spending the summer at the Cameron homestead, have returned to their Lowell home.

#### **October 21, 1911**

**Center.** John M. Farrell, auctioneer, is to sell by public auction the personal property at the late Mary E. Brigham farm on Depot street, Westford, on Tuesday, October 24. The electric cars, which pass the door, are to run hourly from North Chelmsford all day. The sale will commence at ten o'clock in the morning. [There is a large advertisement by John M. Farrell, Auctioneer, on the same page: "Executors' Sale of Personal Property at Public Auction on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1911 at Ten O'clock A.M. at the late Mary E. Brigham Farm, Depot Street, Westford, Mass." It contains a detailed listing of items to be sold and is signed by William R. Carver and Sumner Robinson, Executors.]

#### **December 23, 1911**

**About Town.** Plans are being made to remodel the brown cottage at West Chelmsford owned by Donald Cameron, near the railroad station. It will be remodeled into a modern bungalow. P. Henry Harrington is the contractor, which is some evidence that the work will be modern. When completed, it will be occupied by Elliot Humiston of Westford, clerk for the Cameron Press Bagging Company<sup>4</sup>.

#### **May 11, 1912**

**Center.** Donald M. Cameron has been making various repairs on the house [63 Main St.] owned by him next to the academy, and now intends painting the buildings. This estate has been in the hands of real estate dealers for some time and varied rumors of a sale are reported at different times, but with no authentic confirmation at the present time.

**Death.** Dr. Nettie Maria Stevens, associate in experimental morphology at Bryn Mawr college, died on last Saturday at the John [sic] Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, after a short illness, the result of a fall, at the age of fifty-one years. She was one of the most eminent morphologists in this country and by her

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<sup>4</sup> This is undoubtedly a reference to the Sugden Press Bagging Company located off School Street, West Chelmsford, at the site of the old Eagle Mill on Eagle Mill Pond. It was started about 1870 and was incorporated in 1905. Julian A. Cameron (1866-1949) was the president and his brother Donald M. Cameron (1873-1930) was treasurer. The specialty cloth made here was used in the pressing of cocoa beans and in the manufacture of aniline dyes.

research and her many scientific articles published in American and German biological journals has made her name known both here and abroad. She took her undergraduate course at Leland Stanford [sic] university. She received her B.A. in 1899, and M.A. in 1900.

Nettie Stevens, as she was ever familiarly known to Westford people, was born in Cavendish, Vt. After the death of her mother, her father, Ephraim A. Stevens, moved to Westford, his native town, where the family resided for many years, being part of the active life of the town in all helpful directions. Nettie, as she was called, received her early education in the public schools of the town, where she displayed quite early an exceptional ability in her studies. After leaving the public schools she entered Westford academy, where she displayed the same, clear visioned aptitude, and after graduating in 1880, became assistant teacher from 1885 to 1892. She was a graduate of Westfield Normal school, taking the four-years course in two years, which the principal said: "Only a genius can do."

The funeral took place from the Unitarian church on Wednesday afternoon, the church where the family were constant attendants. Rev. J. S. Moulton, a long time friend of the family, and former minister of the church, conducted the services. Aside from the usual religious message, he read with much feeling several appropriate poems. He referred to his early ministry of this church, and his home in the Stevens family where Nettie adorned herself and home with those peaceful, studious ways that made home and life dignified without being over serious. He referred to his connection with the schools of the town, where she was a scholar and teacher, and his securing for her the first appointment as high school teacher in New Hampshire. As parishioner she was loyal to the faith in contribution and attendance, and in Sunday school as scholar and teacher.

In closing he introduced Dr. Warren, of Bryn Mawr college, who gave a brief review of her connection with the college. After graduating from Leland Stanford university she came direct to Bryn Mawr college. After being there six months, she did such brilliant work that she [was] given a fellowship to study abroad in research work. This she improved with such efficiency that after returning and resuming teaching for a time, she was given a second fellowship to study abroad in Italy and other places. This research study enabled her to be classed as one of the most efficient instructors in her profession. As a result she received several flattering invitations to address various library societies. Dr. Warren considered her a genius that Bryn Mawr would not easily replace.

As plain Nettie Stevens, she made rapid advances in the various degrees of scholarship, until her ripened scholarship acquired the title of Dr. Nettie Maria Stevens from Bryn Mawr college.

Her schoolmates and friends were well represented at the funeral and the remembrance of her life in Westford wreathed her casket with flowers.

She leaves her aged father, Ephraim A. Stevens, and a sister, Emma in California, besides relatives in Vermont and Westford. Albert E. Prescott, of Boston, a longtime friend of the family, sang an appropriate solo, with Miss Grace Lumbert presiding at the organ. The bearers were Donald Cameron, Oscar R. Spalding, Leonard W. Wheeler, William R. Taylor, who were associated with her at Westford academy. Burial was at Fairview cemetery.

### **June 22, 1912**

**About Town.** The West Chelmsford Debating society added vigor and enthusiasm to the village life by a social time with music, games and refreshments on Cameron park last week Friday evening. The old village is more youthful for this evening on the park. Cameron park is the contribution to village life by Donald Cameron, of Westford, and has been filled up with settees and other easy ways of park life. With pond and boats adjoining it ought to add to the desirability of the village as a vacation resort.

### **August 3, 1912**

**Largest Taxpayers.** Those paying a tax of fifty dollars or more in town are:

Abiel J. Abbot

\$164.69

Mrs. Alice M. Abbot	317.40
John C. Abbot	302.49
A. J. Abbot, Moseley trust	125.26
Abbot Worsted Co., Graniteville	2297.72
Abbot Worsted Co.	5124.72
Donald M. Cameron	98.65
Meta J. Cameron	135.90
Julian A. Cameron	74.03
Lucy A. Cameron	160.06
J. A. and D. M. Cameron, trustees Allen Cameron	1186.59
Mary E. Calvert	64.91

**August 17, 1912**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons, of Lowell, are at the Cameron homestead for a few weeks.

**September 14, 1912**

**Center.** A real estate transfer of interest this week is the sale of the estate next the academy [now Roudenbush Community Center], owned by Donald M. Cameron, to William R. Carver. Mr. Carver buys for a home and will move his family just as soon as the house can be made ready. This is a most attractive piece of property which has stood idle for some time and the townspeople will be glad to see it occupied.

**September 28, 1912**

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. William R. Carver are busy getting their new home ready to occupy and hope to get settled therein early in October.

**April 5, 1913**

**About Town.** Fred O. Stiles, of Littleton, formerly of Graniteville, has added to his acreage of apple culture by purchasing of William R. Carver fifteen acres of orcharding, containing 1100 trees located on the Chelmsford road east of Minot's corner, and opposite the residence of Joseph E. Knight, and formerly a part of the Thomas Drew farm. The trees are young, early and full of promise, and Mr. Stiles is also early and laden with promise. He is an orchardist, producer, purchaser and shipper, all in one live bundle.

**May 17, 1913**

**About Town.** The Sugden Press Bagging Co., of West Chelmsford, of which Donald Cameron is captain, has just purchased a new auto truck to ply between there and elsewhere.

**July 5, 1913**

**Center.** The Donald Camerons are at Yarmouth for the month of July.

**August 16, 1913**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons are at the Cameron homestead.

**September 20, 1913**

**About Town.** Batters are up for enlarging the press bagging mill at West Chelmsford owned by Donald Cameron, of Westford. The contract for putting up the batters and what follows has been awarded to P.

Henry Harrington, of Graniteville, which is sufficient evidence that the building will look like the contract and the specifications.

### **October 25, 1913**

**Center.** One of the attractive social events of the fall season is the harvest supper and entertainment at the Unitarian church on next Wednesday evening. The capable committee in charge is Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher, Mrs. William R. Carver and Mrs. Lizzie A. Hamlin.

### **January 31, 1914**

**Center. Party.** Mrs. William R. Carver entertained a very pleasant party of about forty friends at her home last Saturday afternoon. Progressive whist was enjoyed during the afternoon. Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth attained the highest score, and a prize, consisting of a handsome leather writing case was awarded. The consolation prize went to Miss Edna Ferguson, a fine bottle of lavender smelling salts to revive drooping spirits. There were nine tables of whist and at the conclusion of the game delicious refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served. A number of guests were present from out of town. A real January thaw was in progress and with the amount of snow the village streets were pretty bad for walking, and not the least enjoyable feature was Mrs. Carver's thoughtfulness in having guests transferred to and from the party in a big two-horse sled.

### **February 28, 1914**

**Death.** George Washington Heywood, more familiarly known on the street, in social and business life, and in rare good friendship as plain George W. Heywood, died at his home on Main street, Westford Center, Friday morning, February 20, aged eighty-four years after a lingering illness of several years. He was a native of Westford, the son of Levi and Martha (Keyes) Heywood and was born at the old Peletiah Fletcher place on the Lowell road. He was one of the older scholars of the old Stony Brook school and the writer recalls a term at school with him in those good old-fashioned days of the district school with men-grown boys as scholars. He afterwards attended Westford academy when William Cushing (1811-1895) was principal (1847-1850). In rare good judgment he served the town for several years as one of the selectmen. He was elected a member of the legislature from this district in 1868 on the democratic ticket, the district being strongly republican, which is evidence of the confidence of the people in his native ability. He was one of the original members of the Spalding Light Cavalry, afterwards Troop F Cavalry. When this was disbanded he became a member of the Cavalry association.

In 1849, with others, he went to California and saw much of the world and some of its gold. After several years he returned and in 1860 he married Elizabeth Fletcher, who died several years later. He married for his second wife Mrs. Mary Cushing. Three children were born to them, Elizabeth C. and Albert W., and Lewis [Levi], who died in his infancy. In 1861 he purchased the old saw and grist mill at Westford station of Stewart P. Wright. In 1868 he took in as a partner William H. H. Burbeck under the name of Heywood and Burbeck, continuing in business for over a quarter of a century, when it was sold to Mr. Marden and thence to George C. Moore, the present owner.

Mr. Heywood had unbounded faith in the people. His hand was always extended to the deserving poor and to those temporarily in financial trouble he always acted as the financial Samaritan. In business life he had no "gold bricks" for sale or "get rich quick" schemes to advocate or trade off. His business dealings were always "Yea, yea, and nay, nay," and his words and his conduct balanced. He was a life-long defender of the principals of Jackson and Jefferson and loyal through all discouragements and defeats, and when at last he beheld these principals victorious in the nation in 1912 then could he say as was said of old "Now Lord let they servant depart in peace."

Named as he was after the "father of his country," it was fitting as well as singular that his funeral should take place on Washington's birthday, Sunday, February 22. A large gathering of his relatives and



old friends gathered in loving tribute to staunch life. Rev. Lyman B. Weeks, of the Unitarian church, conducted the services and drew a clear picture of the balances by which the departed had so courageously and honestly rounded out his life with his fellow men. William North lodge of Masons of Lowell, of which he was a member, were represented at the funeral.

The deceased leaves besides his wife, two children, Albert W. Heywood and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth. The bearers were Hon. Edward Fisher, Donald Cameron, Andrew Johnson, Harwood L. Wright. Burial was at Fairview cemetery, the Masonic burial service being conducted by the delegation from William North lodge.

#### **May 2, 1914**

**About Town.** It has been said, and it is hoped the saying will come to pass, that Robert Elliott, of Lowell, eldest son of Thomas H. Elliott, the well-known real estate agent, has bought land on Hildreth street with the intention of building a house this spring. It is also said that Henry O. Keyes has offered cash down in tempting amount for the Donald Cameron residence opposite the postoffice.

#### **May 16, 1914**

**Organized.** The officers and executive committee which together constitute the executive board of the Tadmuck club, held a meeting of organization at the home of the club's new president, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Tuesday afternoon. The new executive committee appointed is Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. Hammett D. Wright and Miss Alice Howard; program committee, Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant and Mrs. William C. Roudenbush; committee for annual social, Miss Edith Forster, Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore, Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher, Mrs. Julian Cameron, Miss Ella F. Hildreth and Mrs. William R. Carver. The club members are kindly reminded that according to the constitution dues are to be paid before July 1. For the convenience of the members Miss Edith A. Wright, treasurer, will be at the library next Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 to receive dues.

#### **June 6, 1914**

**Entertainment.** The cabaret show which took place on last week Friday evening at the town hall was one of the most unique as well as one of the finest entertainments ever held here. The luncheon effect was carried out by ten tables each seating four persons, where sandwiches and ginger ale were served by the three waiters, John Greig, Charles Roby and Frank Johnson. The forty guests at the tables sang rag-time music during the evening to the accompaniment of the Titania orchestra of Lowell. Boston talent furnished the special numbers as follows: Mrs. Whitney, reader; Miss Brown, soprano soloist; Mrs. H. D. Foss, always a favorite in Westford, soprano; Mr. Cross, tenor; Mr. Winfield, tenor, and Mr. Bowdoin, bass. Thomas Lowden, humorist, added spice to the occasion with jokes and timely songs. All of these artists were much enjoyed by those present. Mrs. Akerley, of Boston, and Miss Julia H. Fletcher were the efficient accompanists and Miss Mabel Drew had charge of the lemonade. Much credit is due Miss Jeanette Sutherland and her able corps of assistants, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. William R. Carver, Miss May Balch and Mrs. Homer M. Seavey, for the success of the occasion; also, Miss Gertrude Fletcher for the artistic menus.

#### **July 4, 1914**

**Real Estate Change.** An important real estate transfer which we have not been authorized to chronicle until this week is the sale of the William R. Carver farm to G. Henry Cadman, of Boston, and recently of England. The final papers have not been passed, but a good sum has been paid down to bind the bargain. This is one of the most important apple farms in town, which is saying a good deal considering the orcharding interests of Westford. It has been the practice at this farm to market its own produce

and some fine loads of carefully graded fruit have gone over the road in seasons past to the Boston market. Since selling some outlying orcharding the present acreage is thirty acres.

Mr. Cadman buys for occupancy and takes possession July 1. He has a wife and one son. The farm was established in 1846 by Mr. Carver's grandfather, the late William Kittredge, beginning with rough land and a small set of buildings. He planted his own trees and with grafting and cultivation established the first orchards which have been added to from time to time. Of a family of three children, two sons and one daughter, the two sons died one in childhood and the other in the prime of manhood. The daughter, the late Mrs. Mary E. Brigham, with William L. Woods, as foreman, conducted the farm for a number of years and since his death Mr. Carver has carried on the farm, at the same time being in business in Boston. The large barn was built in 1898. Standing on the eastern slope of Westford hill on Depot street, this farm occupies one of the many sightly locations in Westford.

#### **July 11, 1914**

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prescott Wright and Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney are at the Westford homestead for the summer, having recently arrived home from a pleasant short trip abroad. The Donald M. Camerons were in town during the day on the Fourth.

#### **September 26, 1914**

**Center.** Mrs. Donald M. Cameron was among out-of-town friends at the Congregational church fair on Wednesday.

#### **October 10, 1914**

**Tadmuck Club.** The opening meeting of the Tadmuck club for its ninth season was most successful. This took place on Tuesday afternoon in the parlors of the Congregational church, which had been most effectively trimmed for the occasion with autumn foliage. The meeting took the form of a reception to the incoming president and her assistant officers, balanced with a charming musical program. The Ladies' Titania orchestra, consisting of Miss Mildred Brennon, violinist, and Miss Moulton, piano, furnished music during the reception, and Albert E. Prescott, Westford's well-known musician, gave a song recital of much artistic merit from well-known composers, mostly modern....

A charming feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a beautiful silver loving cup suitably inscribed by the incoming president to Miss Sarah W. Loker, who has served the club as its president for the nine years of its existence so ably and so wisely. Miss Loker, although very genuinely surprised, thanked the members most sincerely for this manifestation of their love and appreciation.

Club tea was served with Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding and Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore presiding. The arrangements for the afternoon were in charge of the reception committee, Miss Edith Forster, Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore, Mrs. Julian A. Cameron and Mrs. William R. Carver.

#### **April 3, 1915**

**Center.** The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their regular monthly meeting and supper on Tuesday evening at their headquarters on Boston road. This closes the series of suppers for the season. Mrs. Arthur Blodgett, who has catered so successfully during the winter for these suppers, made Tuesday evening's spread a most appetizing and successful climax to its predecessors and was fully enjoyed by the company who were all present but two. William R. Carver extended a pleasant courtesy to the company in sending a box of first-class cigars as a token of appreciation for efficient work done in subduing a fire on his land two weeks ago.

#### **May 8, 1915**

**Center.** Next Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church the closing meeting of the season will be held and will be a reception to the retiring officers of the club. The Ladies' Titania orchestra will play and there will also be a soloist. Club tea will be served and the arrangements for the afternoon are in charge of the reception committee of the club—Miss Edith Forster, Mrs. V. C. B. Wetmore, Miss Ella F. Hildreth, Mrs. Julian Cameron and Mrs. William R. Carver.

### **May 15, 1915**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons, of Lowell, who are planning to spend the summer at the Westford homestead [39 Main St.], are adding a spacious piazza to the said homestead.

Mrs. William R. Carver entertained a very pleasant bridge whist party of four tables at her home last Saturday afternoon.

If anybody in town has a finer appearing home garden than Emory J. Whitney we surely do not know of them. His garden is small, but quality certainly supersedes quantity and shows what skillful and intensive management will do. Prospects are good for Mr. Whitney to score first on first pickings of peas among the gardeners and his lettuce, asparagus and many other vegetables present a very attractive appearance.

**Tadmuck Club.** The closing meeting of the season for the Tadmuck club, which was a reception to the retiring officers, took place at the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon. The Ladies' Titania orchestra furnished delightful music, supplemented with groups of songs by Mrs. N. M. Leahey, of Lowell. Mrs. Leahey is a favorite with the Tadmuck club and her singing on Tuesday was especially enjoyable.

The officers in the receiving line were Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, pres.; Miss Clara A. Smith, v. p.; Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, rec. sec.; Mrs. William R. Taylor, cor. sec. and Miss Edith A. Wright, treas. Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding, Mrs. Edward Fisher and Mrs. Harry B. Prescott were the ushers. A dainty luncheon was served in charge of the reception committee, Miss Edith Forster, Mrs. V. C. B. Wetmore, Miss Ella Hildreth, Mrs. Julian Cameron and Mrs. William R. Carver. Mrs. Wetmore was the special hostess of the afternoon and her liberal and delightful hospitality was much appreciated by every member present.

### **May 29, 1915**

**Alliance.** The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church, with generosity becoming their matinee, gave a neighborhood meeting at the parlors of the church on last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Alma M. Richardson, president of the Westford Alliance, presided and effectively launched the following program: Hymn, scripture reading; song, Mrs. F. L. Roberts, of Lowell, always in key and inspirational; roll call, president responding with the number of guests present from Ayer, Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Lowell, Pepperell, Shirley; Rev. J. R. Pennington gave effective utterance to the hospitality of the meeting; song, Mrs. F. L. Roberts; address, Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley, of Boston, on "Morals through reverence." Those who heard this address were unanimous in its effectiveness, and in the necessity for the application of its principles. They were delighted with the speaker and the tone of its hospitality.

After the hospitality and cheer of song and address came the hospitality of a well balanced luncheon of ice cream, tea from Russia, Dutch cheese, salted nuts, chicken patties, hot rolls, call of all sorts. It was a bounteous bill of fare without any bill. Mrs. Edward Fisher and Mrs. William R. Carver poured. The responsibility of the meeting was in the charge of Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher. Mrs. [Miss] Julia H. Fletcher was pianist.

### **June 19, 1915**

**Center.** Miss Gertrude Hamlin is sick at her home with typhoid fever. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Madam Walker is out of town visiting kinspeople, her son having taken her to her destination in his Pope-Hartford automobile [manufactured from 1903 to 1914 when the company went bankrupt]. Mrs. William R. Carver has gone to Daytona, Fla., to visit her brother, who has been so seriously ill.

### **July 3, 1915**

**Center.** The fine old Cameron homestead [39 Main St.], where the Donald M. Camerons are to spend the summer, is quite transformed with its broad, new piazza extending around three sides of the house, its harmonious painting and other improvements.

Mrs. William R. Carver returned the first of the week from Daytona, Fla., accompanied by her brother, Mr. Hutchinson, who has been and is so seriously ill.

### **August 7, 1915**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons have returned from a ten-days' automobile trip to Maine and New Hampshire. Mrs. Mary E. Calvert accompanied them.

### **September 18, 1915**

**Center.** Mrs. Donald M. Cameron gave a very pretty summer afternoon party at the Cameron summer home [39 Main St.] Friday afternoon of last week, given in honor of her mother, Mrs. Fiske, and her aunt, Mrs. Calvert. Whist was arranged for those who enjoy the game and there was much merry sociability and a pretty luncheon was served. About thirty-five were present.

### **October 9, 1915**

**Center.** It was a real pleasure to have Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Bailey present at the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon, greeting their Westford friends. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were the guests while in town of the Donald M. Camerons.

**Tadmuck Club.** The tenth season of the Tadmuck club opened most auspiciously Tuesday afternoon of this week. The meeting took place in the parlors of the Unitarian vestry [which] had been beautifully trimmed with autumn flowers for the occasion....

The officers and committees for the ensuing year are:

Miss Sarah W. Loker, honorary president; Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth, pres.; Miss Clara A. Smith, v.p.; Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler, rec. sec.; Mrs. William R. Taylor, cor. sec.; Mrs. H. Bert Walker, treas.; Miss Alice M. Howard, Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth, Mrs. Hammett D. Wright, ex. com.; Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding, Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore, Miss Ella F. Hildreth, Mrs. Julian A. Cameron, Mrs. William R. Carver, reception com.; Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler, press com.; Miss Eva E. Fletcher, flower com.; Miss Edith A. Wright, Mrs. William E. Wright, Mrs. Frederic A. Snow, Mrs. H. Bert Walker, Mrs. John Feeney, Jr., Mrs. Anthony B. Anderson, ushers; departments – Miss Mary G. Balch, art; Mrs. George A. Walker, Miss Mattie Crocker, civics; Miss J. Florence Wilson, Miss A. Mabel Drew, civil service reform; Mrs. Hammett D. Wright, conservation; Mrs. Edwin E. Amesbury, education; Mrs. David L. Greig, Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor, household economics; Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford, Mrs. John P. Wright, industrial and social conditions; Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth, Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, literature and library extension; Miss Gertrude D. Fletcher, Mrs. S. B. Watson, Miss Eva E. Fletcher, music; Mrs. O. V. Wells, Mrs. Edward Fisher, public health.

### **October 16, 1915**

**About Town.** William R. Carver has bought of Albert D. Taylor the land facing on Depot street, between the residence of John Feeney [10 Depot] and the True A. Bean place [14 Depot].

### **October 23, 1915**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons, who have been spending the summer at the Cameron homestead, returned to their Lowell home this week.

**Educational Conference.** The sectional conference of the education department of the Massachusetts State Federation of Woman's clubs was held in Westford under the auspices of the Tadmuck club Tuesday afternoon. All details of arrangement were carried out to make it profitable and inspiring and reflecting credit upon the hostess club, the members of whom in turn feel grateful for the fine program brought to them by the members of the education department. The meeting took place at the Unitarian church at two o'clock and was called to order by Mrs. Herbert V. Hildreth of the home club, who extended gracious welcome to all, after which Mrs. Mary Schenck Woolman, of Boston, presided, and gave an address on "Vocational education for girls in rural schools," given from wide experience and observation in this work. This was followed by three five-minute papers on "The value of vocational education in the home," by Miss Elva Jude, Miss Beatrice Hosmer and Miss Carolyn Precious. These papers were varied in treatment, showing much individuality and girlish ambition and were much enjoyed.

The second address was by Mrs. C. Neal Barney, of Lynn, whose subject was the Parent-Teachers' association, presented with fine intelligence and vivid personality. Mrs. Barney made clear the need of a mutual understanding and friendship between parents and teachers.

Mrs. W. S. Ripley, Jr., of Wakefield, gave the closing address of the afternoon, outlining the work accomplished in the Cosmos club of Wakefield in "Story telling to children." Supt. Frank H. Hill supplemented the addresses with some remarks on local school conditions.

Mrs. Nettie E. Roberts, of Lowell, interspersed the program with some delightful solos, her rendering of "A little old-fashioned house" being particularly enjoyable, and her closing number was by special request, "O perfect day."

After the program adjournment was made to the church parlors and a social hour and club tea enjoyed. Mrs. Edwin E. Amesbury was the hostess of the afternoon and she, with her capable assistants, made this feature of the day most enjoyable. Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding and Mrs. William R. Carver presided at the handsomely appointed tea table. Guests were present from Groton, Clinton, Ayer, Auburndale, Billerica and North Adams.

### **December 18, 1915**

**Successful Affair.** The Christmas bazaar and entertainment under the auspices of the Tadmuck club, which took place at the town hall last week Friday afternoon and evening, proved very much of a success, all of the tables doing a good business. The play in the evening, "The farmerette," a sprightly three-act comedy, was presented by the best dramatic talent of the club. The play was free from many of the artificialities of many dramas chosen for amateurs and was acted to the life by the participants. Costumes, stage, setting and acting needed to be seen to be appreciated. Those who took the parts were Miss Mabel Osborne, Miss E. Marguerite Young, Mrs. John Feeney, Jr., Mrs. Perley E. Wright, Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth, Miss Martha L. Grant and Miss Mary G. Balch.

The following were the committees in charge: Mrs. W. J. Merritt, Mrs. Clarence Hildreth, Mrs. William R. Taylor, candy; Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, Mrs. S. B. Watson, Japanese art table; Mrs. D. L. Greig, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Miss Eva Fletcher, food; Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. William E. Wright, Mrs. Henry Fletcher, aprons; Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. William R. Carver, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. J. A. Prescott, Mrs. Crocker, Mrs. Anthony Anderson, fancy table; Mrs. O. R. Spalding, Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn, children's table. To the untiring efforts of the club's efficient president belongs much of the credit of the affair. A good sum was realized for the club treasury.

### **March 25, 1916**

**Center.** Mrs. William R. Carver entertained a very pleasant party of friends at bridge whist at her home on Friday afternoon of last week. There were five tables for the game and some good scores were realized. The score cards wore in pretty seventeenth of March design and this decoration was otherwise appropriately used. A delicious luncheon was served at the close of the game.

**May 27, 1916**

**Center.** The William R. Carvers have purchased a new Hudson Six automobile.

**April 12, 1916**

**Largest Taxpayers.** The board of assessors have committed their findings to the collector this week as follows:

Number of poll taxes 805	\$1,610.00
Tax on personal property	12,699.00
Tax on real estate	25,578.12
Moth tax	554.51

Those paying a tax of fifty dollars or more are as follows, the rate of taxation being \$15.50 per \$1000:  
[Residents]

Abiel J. Abbot	\$417.22
Alice M. Abbot	488.25
Edward M. Abbot	51.60
John C. Abbot	277.00
A. J. Abbot, Mosely trust	131.75
S. C., L. B. and M. Atwood	52.68
Abbot Worsted Co.	
Graniteville	2481.86
Forge Village	6978.71
George H. Cadman	146.95
J. A. and D. M. Cameron, trustees	1271.00
Julian A. Cameron	94.42
Meta J. Cameron	146.15
Lucy A. Cameron	179.80
William R. Carver	130.98
Mrs. Mary E. Calvert	66.65

**July 15, 1916**

**Center.** A very pleasant party was given on Monday afternoon for Mrs. Mary E. Calvert [nee Mary Elizabeth Flint, widow of Frank Calvert] at the Donald M. Cameron's summer home. The gathering, which numbered nearly fifty, was in honor of Mrs. Calvert's eightieth birthday and was a happy occasion of gifts, felicitation, sociability and good will enjoyed alike by the special guest of honor, the other guests and host and hostess. Musical numbers, especially many of the old-time favorites, were enjoyed. There were two splendid birthday cakes and delicious refreshments were served. Among out-of-town guests present were Mrs. Harrison B. Hall [nee Harriet Ann Coburn] and [her daughter] Miss Anna Hall, formerly of Westford.

**About Town.** Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron and her mother, Mrs. Fiske, gave a piazza party Monday afternoon in honor of the eightieth birthday of Mr. Cameron's aunt, Mrs. Frank Calvert. It was a delightful occasion of reminiscence, music, refreshments and social overflow. Among those present were Mrs. H. B. Hall and daughter, Anna Hall, Mrs. John Burbeck, Mrs. Noah Prescott, Mrs. George Drew, Mrs. William Atwood, Mrs. John Feeney, Mrs. Emery Whitney, Mrs. Willis Hildreth, Miss Ella

Hildreth and her cousin, Miss Hildreth, Mrs. Sherman H. Fletcher, Miss Emily Fletcher, Miss Belle Walker, the Misses Flanders, Mrs. Prindell, Miss Loker, Mrs. C. R. P. Decatur, Miss Ida Leighton, Mrs. John William Abbot, [and] Mrs. S. L. Taylor.

**October 28, 1916**

**Center.** The Donald Camerons have closed the Cameron homestead and returned to their Lowell home for the winter.

**November 11, 1916**

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. William R. Carver are having electric lights installed in their home.

**November 25, 1916**

**Tadmuck Club.** Presidents' day at the Tadmuck club on Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church proved a very pleasant and successful gathering. There was a good attendance of the membership present and many out-of-town guests.

The president, Miss Alice Howard, presided, and extended gracious welcome. The names of Misses Mary and Winnifred Green were proposed for membership. Pleasant greetings were brought by representatives from the clubs in Groton, Pepperell and the Middlesex Woman's club of Lowell. Mrs. J. Harry Poole, of Brockton, and organizing secretary of the General Federation of Woman's clubs, was the speaker of the afternoon and gave an earnest address, presenting the scope and work of the General Federation and the desirability of affiliation by every club with its larger work.

Mrs. Turner Carlisle Kelly, of Tufts college, gave pleasure to all in the rendering of her skillful violin solos. A nicely appointed club tea and social hour was enjoyed at the close of the program with Mrs. A. E. Loveless and group of willing assistants in charge. Mrs. O. R. Spalding and Mrs. William R. Carver presided at the tea table.

**December 9, 1916**

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, of Somerville, were Thanksgiving guests with Mr. and Mrs. William R. Carver.

**April 21, 1917**

**Center.** William R. Carver sold at auction at the Merritt farm his herd of twenty-five cows Monday afternoon. John M. Farrell, of Lowell, was the auctioneer and good prices were realized.

**May 26, 1917**

**Center.** There will be the usual evening services at the Congregational church on Sunday evening. The Red Cross benefit whist party Wednesday afternoon at the town hall has been the social event of the week. Mrs. William R. Carver was the hostess of the day and those who so ably assisted her in the carrying out of all details to make the afternoon successful were Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore, Mrs. John Feeney and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth. There were about thirty tables taken, auction bridge being played at some, and plain whist at others. Delicious refreshments of fruit punch and sandwiches were served in the anteroom. The score cards were in Red Cross design. Guests were present from Littleton, Chelmsford, Lowell and Concord, as well as the representative attendance from Westford. No prizes were offered for every penny went to swell the fund for the Red Cross work. Fully forty dollars will be realized from the event and an afternoon of social enjoyment by all present rounded out the afternoon's success.

**June 9, 1917**

**Forge Village.** Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore entertained a number of her friends at an informal luncheon at her spacious home, Nashobah farm, Tuesday. Covers were laid for sixteen in the sun parlor. The color scheme was yellow. After the luncheon whist was played until five o'clock. Among those present were Mrs. H. Earl Blunt, Brookline; Mrs. William H. Graham, West Newton; Mrs. C. Arthur Boutelle, Newton Center; Mrs. Adams Curtis, Mrs. Harmon Curtis, Mrs. E. Valentine Wetmore, Miss Ella Tait and Mrs. Arthur Moody, all of Newton Center; Mrs. Hanson Savage, Cohasset; Mrs. Edgar J. Badger and Mrs. M. W. Vyr, Wollaston; Mrs. William R. Carver and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Westford, and Mrs. Reuben Dursford, Chelmsford.

**June 30, 1917**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons come this year to occupy their summer home [39 Main St.], the Cameron homestead, for the season.

**July 14, 1917**

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. Preston H. Skidmore and daughter Elaine and Mrs. William R. Carver and children, Elizabeth and William, go this weekend for a stay at Chatham Beach. The party drive down to the cape in the Skidmore auto.

**Red Cross Subscribers.** Westford's subscription to the special fund for Red Cross work, amounting to nearly \$52,000, was a generous one. Those contributing five dollars and more are given in this list and grateful acknowledgement is made to those who gave lesser amounts, which would gladly be published did space permit. Thanks is also due to the committees who worked so hard and so faithfully.

Abiel J. Abbot	\$1500.00
Abbot Worsted Co.	500.00
Julian A. Cameron	500.00
Mrs. Abiel J. Abbott	250.00
Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher	250.00
Friend	200.00
V. C. B. Wetmore	100.00
Oscar R. Spalding	100.00
Edward M. Abbot	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Day	100.00
Fred G. Sargent	100.00
Allan C. Sargent	50.00
Mrs. Allan C. Sargent	50.00
Mrs. Mary E. Calvert	50.00
Mrs. Hiram Whitney	50.00
Donald M. Cameron	50.00
Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher	25.00
Harwood L. Wright	25.00
John P. Wright	25.00
Dr. W. H. Sherman and wife	25.00
Hon. Edward Fisher	25.00
Henry Smith	25.00
Westford Branch Red Cross	25.00
Chas. G. Sargent	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth	15.00
C. V. Wetmore	10.00



**September 1, 1917**

**Center.** Mrs. William R. Carver entertained a very pleasant party at auction bridge on Friday evening of last week. There were three tables for the game. Miss Hamlin, of New York, who is visiting her friend, Mrs. Skidmore, was the special guest of the evening.

**September 8, 1917**

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. William R. Carver's little daughter Elizabeth has been quite sick this week causing them much anxiety. This of course has prevented her from returning to school for the opening of the fall term.

**September 22, 1917**

**Birthday Party.** Mrs. William R. Carver gave a delightful party Tuesday afternoon for her little daughter Elizabeth's seventh birthday anniversary, which proved a great pleasure for the little lady and the eleven other little people making a round dozen in all. The party was from two until five and the children enjoyed games and frolics of various kinds entered into with a zeal that left no doubt of their enjoyment. At the birthday supper the color scheme was pink and white. A big pink Jack Horner pie with pink streamers yielded favors to the girls of toy wrist watches and to the boys rubber dolls which when squeezed promptly stuck their tongues out and which caused plenty of merriment.

There were pink and white paper caps which took the shapes of various animals, also pink baskets of candies for each guest and a birthday cake had its place of honor. The young hostess was the recipient of various pretty gifts.

Those present were Elizabeth Carver, Betty Prescott, Elizabeth Wells, Elaine Skidmore, Alice Heywood and Gwendoline Pitkin. The boys were William Carver, Jack and Lawrence Hill, Everett Mills, Roger Hildreth and Donald White.

**November 17, 1917**

**Center.** Leon F. Hildreth, Frank Blaisdell and Herbert Smith have been transferred from Camp Devens to a training camp in Georgia. Joseph Perkins, Jr., is already in Georgia.

The Y.M.C.A. campaign, under Donald M. Cameron as captain, has done good work in town this week and totals will be given next week. Alfred W. Hartford, Harwood L. Wright and J. Herbert Fletcher were in charge of the work at the Center.

**December 1, 1917**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons, who stayed through the autumn at their summer home [39 Main St.] this year, returned last week to their home in Lowell.

**Y.M.C.A. Campaign.** Westford was the banner town in the Red Triangle campaign and out of the nearly thirty suburban towns which contributed, Westford, "the hill top town," took the lead with a contribution of \$7, 270, which averaged \$2.40 per capita [population 3,029]. Hon. Edward Fisher, who was the captain for all the suburban districts, deserves great credit for the way in which he rallied the towns in this most worthy cause. Donald Cameron, who was the captain for his own town, had several young men as his assistants—Alfred Hartford, J. Herbert Fletcher and Harwood Wright for the Center; William R. Taylor, Arthur Day and Frank L. Furbush for Graniteville, and Edward Hanley for Forge Village. The contributions from Westford were generous. Following is a list, but when this is footed up it amounts to \$6700 from a few individuals. The balance of \$570 comes from the townspeople, so after all that does not mean a very large gift from the public in general here. If we really want to feel proud of Westford as the banner town we must each do our share. There will be a chance for a few weeks more

for the Westford people to contribute and let us do so. Let us not rely upon the generosity of a few public-spirited people, but let us each do our part even if it is only "a bit." Then and then only are we identifying ourselves with Westford's record in the Red Triangle campaign:

Abbot Worsted Co.	\$2500.00
C. G. Sargent's Sons	1000.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Abbot	800.00
J. C. Abbot	500.00
Julian Cameron	500.00
Donald Cameron	500.00
Edward Abbot	200.00
Mrs. Julian Cameron	200.00
Hon. H. E. Fletcher	200.00
Mrs. Mary E. Calvert	100.00
Mrs. Hiram Whitney	100.00
Oscar Spalding	100.00
	\$6700.00

### **January 19, 1918**

**Center.** A real estate transfer of interest under way at the present time is the sale by Miss Ella F. Hildreth to William R. Carver of the large Hildreth barn on the west side of Hildreth street, and also a considerable amount of land belonging to the Hildreth estate.

### **March 9, 1918**

**Center.** Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore is spending several days in town this week, the guest of Mrs. William R. Carver. This gives her opportunity to visit her son Robert, who is staying for a time with Mrs. Walker.

### **March 30, 1918**

**M.S.G. [Massachusetts State Guard]** Arrangements are being completed for the first concert and dance of the members of Company L, M.S.G., Friday evening, April 5, at the town hall. Poole's orchestra of seven pieces will furnish music and the D. L. Page Company will be in charge of refreshments. The following committee are in charge: Robert Prescott, C. Inglis Wetmore, decorating; Edward Riney, James May, transportation; Frank Lupien, William E. Wright, hall and tickets; Harwood L. Wright, Edward M. Abbot, refreshments; Alfred W. Hartford, music and printing.

The other event of interest to the home guard company is the competitive battalion drill to take place in Concord on April 19. Concord, Groton and Westford will send eight picked men and suitable prize will be awarded. Much interest is being manifested in this event.

At the business meeting last week Abiel J. Abbot, Oscar R. Spalding, B. C. V. Wetmore, Donald M. Cameron and J. Herbert Fletcher were elected honorary members of the organization. The officers of the company were elected and instructed to draw up a set of by-laws to govern the admission of the honorary members. Two members of the company will be chosen to serve with the officers.

**About Town.** On Monday forenoon the large mill truck of Donald Cameron, driven by Thomas Brown, of West Chelmsford, broke through the drain pipe culvert on the Lowell road, near the residence of Andrew G. Anderson. The truck went down to the body and then some more. There is much damp moisture in the ground work of the Lowell road at the spring opening of intentions. Expert road builders' opinion is that this road should be excavated several feet deep and filled with stone for drainage, and then covered with gravel. For a half century or more this road has been graveled often enough, and yet we are right where we started with our old friend mud sticking to it and to everything

else. The first gravel put on must by this time be down well towards the volcanic zone, such is the porous nature of mud and its aversion to assimilation [sic].

#### **May 4, 1918**

**Center.** A threatening fire got started on William R. Carver's land, formerly known as the Davis land, Tuesday afternoon. The neighbors and the fire department responded to the call for help and the fire was under control before damage of any amount was done.

#### **June 8, 1918**

**Red Cross Drive Results.** The chairman and treasurer of the second Red Cross war fund for Westford appreciate the work of the canvassers who assisted them in raising the splendid total as given in last week's issue and also the good showing of the people. The quota was \$5,000, or \$1.75 per person, which was much more than was expected from any other town. Westford, with 1,036 subscriptions, raised \$7,529.95, which is equal to \$2.64 per person. Following is a list of subscriptions of \$25 or more: Abbot Worsted Co. \$2000, Abiel J. Abbot \$1000, Mrs. Alice M. Abbot \$200, Julian A. Cameron \$500, John C. Abbot \$500, Herbert E. Fletcher \$250, Donald M. Cameron \$250, F. G. Sargent's Sons Corp. \$400, F. G. Sargent \$100, A. C. Sargent \$50, Mrs. Lucy A. Cameron \$100, Edward M. Abbot \$300, Edward Fisher \$50, A. E. Day, H. L. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. Herbert Fletcher, Elmer H. Whidden, Mrs. Mary E. Calvert, Herbert V. Hildreth, Graniteville Foundry Co. \$25 each, employees of Abbot Worsted Co., Graniteville \$245.90, Forge Village \$150.50, employees of C. G. Sargent's Sons Corp. \$101, employees of Graniteville foundry \$71.

#### **July 6, 1918**

**Center.** Mrs. William R. Carver entertained a group of friends at a very pleasant party for auction bridge on Friday afternoon of last week, for which there were five tables. Miss Elizabeth Kittredge, who will not have the usual vacation at home this summer, was the guest of honor. In these days of strenuous activity in war relief work this gathering proved very pleasant. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the game.

#### **July 13, 1918**

**Center.** The Donald Camerons have opened the Cameron homestead for the summer, although later are going to the seashore for a time.

#### **August 3, 1918.**

**Center.** Mrs. William R. Carver and two children, Elizabeth and William, go the first of the week for a two-weeks' stay at the seashore, going to Chatham.

#### **September 14, 1918**

**Center.** Mrs. Donald M. Cameron entertained a very pleasant afternoon party on Thursday afternoon of this week. Delightful sociability, knitting, needlework and dainty refreshments made up the afternoon's pleasure.

#### **September 21, 1918**

**Center.** It is unusual circumstance that father and son should register at the same time on September 12 for the selective draft. Such was the case when Donald Cameron and his son, Donald Fiske Cameron, answered the government questions.

**Pleasantly Entertained.** On last week Thursday afternoon Mrs. Donald Cameron delightfully entertained in honor of her mother, Mrs. Fiske [nee Josephine L. Taggart, born Sept. 12, 1842], whose birthday

anniversary was observed on that day. For a number of years Mrs. Cameron has made this date an occasion for having a reunion of the women who are young in spirit even if the birthdays seem to come oftener than in childhood days. The guests brought their knitting and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of gracious hospitality. There was an impromptu entertainment. Mrs. John Burbeck, whose eighty years rest lightly on her, played from memory upon the piano a charming little piece which she had composed before her marriage. Miss Emily Fletcher recited from memory, in her enthusiastic way, an interesting selection. Mrs. Fiske, who has always been a lover of good music, played for her guests several of her beloved selections. There was singing of good old songs, with "The Star Spangled Banner" for a conclusion.

Ice cream and cake and tea were served by the hostess and her charming daughter, and there was a wonderful birthday cake, the kind that everybody likes, made by Mrs. Cameron herself.

### **November 9, 1918**

**Center.** The United War Work campaign begins on November 11. Seven different organizations have combined in one big drive for a fund for the welfare of the boys in camp and overseas. Westford's quota is \$5000, and it ought to be doubled easily. Donald Cameron, who so efficiently managed the drive of a year ago, will have charge of Westford's drive again this time.

### **November 16, 1918**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons [39 Main St.] and the Misses Atwood [4 Graniteville Rd.] are having their houses painted before cold weather sets in.

### **November 23, 1918**

**War Work Campaign.** The War Work campaign was a decided success, the quota of \$5000 being more than doubled, the final result being \$10,314.58. A carefully planned house to house canvass was made and met with good response. Donald M. Cameron was the chairman, Alfred W. Hartford, assistant chairman, and Harwood L. Wright, treasurer. William C. Roudenbush, Charles O. Prescott and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher were the committee for Westford Center; Chamberlain's corner, Miss Lucinda D. Prescott and George Whitely; Brookside, Miss Mary E. Donnelly; Fletcher quarry and Chelmsford line, Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher; north part and Westford depot section, William R. Taylor; Graniteville, John A. Healy, Albert R. Wall, Arthur E. Day; Forge Village, Miles Collins, Clarence Berne and assistants; south part, Mrs. Alexander McDonald and T. A. E. Wilson.

### **December 7, 1918**

**Center.** The Donald M. Camerons closed the Cameron homestead before Thanksgiving and returned to their home in Lowell for the winter.

**Tadmuck Club.** Guest night in the Tadmuck club, Tuesday evening at the Congregational church, was largely attended and much enjoyed. An entertainment of high standard was given by the quartet of the First Universalist church, Lowell, and they, with their skillful accompanist, gave a fine grouping of quartet, trio, duet and solo selections. Mrs. Alice Livingston Gage, reader, was charming as an entertainer. Her selections were well made and cleverly interpreted. Mrs. Gage added much to the evening's enjoyment. At the social hour at the conclusion of the entertainment refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, followed by coffee. Mrs. George F. White was the efficient hostess of the evening, assisted by Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn, Mrs. A. E. Loveless, Mrs. Perley E. Wright and Mrs. A. W. Hartford. Miss Alice M. Howard and Mrs. William R. Carver presided at the coffee urns. There were pretty decorations of carnations, evergreen and pink poppies. The club members and guests are indebted to Mrs. Frederic A. Snow for the splendid entertainment of the evening.

### **January 25, 1919**

**Tadmuck Club.** The second meeting of the Tadmuck club at Library hall, Tuesday afternoon, was a war relief and home talent meeting and proved most successful. The report of the secretary was given and a pleasant letter of appreciation from Mrs. Houghton G. Osgood at the Lowell General hospital for flowers received. Mrs. Osgood was reported as doing nicely and able to sit up and go about some in a wheel chair. The president, Mrs. Roudenbush, explained that the speaker at the previous meeting failed to appear through a mistake of his secretary giving the date January 9, instead of January 7. John A. Lowe was to have spoken on "The soldier and his books." He came January 9 and was much troubled at the disappointment to the club members in their program.

The name of Mrs. Martha A. Caldwell was proposed for membership. Notice was given of the sale on February 18, in charge of the home economics committee, Mrs. William R. Carver, chairman. There will be two sales tables, one for food and candy and one for useful and fancy articles. Each member is expected to contribute one article to each; proceeds to help the club treasury.

### **February 8, 1919**

**Tadmuck Club.** The speaker at the Tadmuck club Tuesday afternoon was Rev. Alfred H. Hussey, pastor of All Souls' church, Lowell, who gave a delightful hour with Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre." This time proven novel was cleverly reviewed by Mr. Hussey and the literary contemporaries of that period interwoven with equal cleverness. A good sized audience enjoyed this pleasant hour's departure from the tenseness of the times. At the business session later the president, Mrs. Roudenbush, gave a good report of the recent presidents' conference in Boston attended by her.

The next meeting, February 18, at the Congregational church will be in charge of the Economics and Conservation committees and will be a sale and entertainment. Each member is asked to contribute two articles, one to the fancy table and one to the food table. Mrs. Mary Baillie Bartlett, the author-entertainer, who has proved a favorite with Westford audiences, will give the entertainment of the afternoon. Tea will be served after the entertainment. Mrs. William R. Carver is chairman of the afternoon's arrangements.

### **December 20, 1919**

**Reception.** A delightful social gathering was given last week Friday afternoon by Mrs. Julian A. Cameron at her home to introduce her son's bride, Mrs. Alexander A. Cameron, to the Westford friends. After the guests had all arrived and been pleasantly presented tables were ready for whist, both auction bridge and plain whist, which were much enjoyed. The fortunate prize winners were Mrs. H. E. Fletcher, Miss Emily F. Fletcher, Mrs. Alice M. Wells, Miss Mabel Drew, Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn and Mrs. Alexander Cameron.

At the close of the game delicious refreshments were served in the dining-room. The pourers were Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth and Mrs. William R. Taylor. Assisting in entertaining and dispensing hospitality were Miss Elinor Cameron, Mrs. Kate Kebler and Mrs. Gretchen Kebler Sargent. Also present to bid gracious welcome to all was Mrs. John William Abbot. Out of town guests present were Mrs. Henry H. Braley and Mrs. Hugh F. Leith, of Concord, and Mrs. Donald M. Cameron of Lowell.