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## THE ROAD TO A PLAQUE

In one of our previous issues of the Chronicle, we tried to explain the process of receiving a historic plaque for an old house. The Historical Society places commemorative plaques on houses with the name of the original owner and the date the house was built. As we also mentioned, this is not always an easy task.

The house in question needs to be at least 100 years old to receive a plaque. The homeowner or the society has to trace town records as far back as possible.



Frank Cobb and fiancée in front of Cobb's house (1 Old Mill Road) 1912  
Photo used in Farnham book of "Weston"



1 Old Mill Road c. 1900

Sometimes this is difficult as records have been lost to fires or were too old to have been recorded at all. Sometimes experts can examine a house to see the foundation, the chimney, the boards, nails, walls, beams, and other architectural features that will date a home. Often these features will not exactly match the paper trail.

One such house is at the corner of Old Mill Road and Weston Road. We wrote that the Keim family, members of our Society, desired to have a plaque on their home. Lynne Barrelle, our resident genealogist, with the help of Sue Keim, traced records back as far as possible. Lou Bregy, also of the Society, and Lynne examined the house noting the age of the beams, the way in which the

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## THE ROAD TO A PLAQUE

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home was built, the type of nails used, the plaster, the attic, the windows, and the basement. Unfortunately, the physical evidence does not support the documents that Lynne had found. When this happens a plaque is given to a home with the best evidence possible. In this particular case the evidence supports going back to Eli Thorp, 1845. This will be on the plaque.

Lynne's research revealed that "When Eli Thorp purchased 43 acres from Ezekial Sturges in 1811, there was already a dwelling house on the property. The exact boundaries of the Thorp's original property have not been determined, but it seems unlikely that the older house was east of the river or even east of Old Mill Road. The 1811 deed specifies that there was a highway to the north – possibly Calvin Road. There was also a highway to the east – most likely the portion of road that Ezekial Sturges had quitclaimed to the Town of Weston in 1808, and which is now the northern section of Old Mill Rd.

The older house may have been in existence prior to 1749, when it was owned by Eleazor Sturges along with a saw mill owned jointly with Ephram Jackson. Eleazor sold the old house and sawmill to his son Thaddeus in 1769, but the property was confiscated to Thaddeus Sturges' "traitorous (or Loyalist, depending on your point of view) activities" during the War for Independence. Thaddeus' nephew Ezekial Sturges redeemed the old homestead and sawmill with about 50 acres of land in 1782.

The property changed hands several times over the next few years. In 1793 it was purchased by Ephram Lockwood, who sold it about a year later to Ebenezer Gray. By 1799 it was again owned by Ezekial Sturges, who quitclaimed a portion of what is now Old Mill Road to the Town of Weston, for use as a highway in 1808 which literally divided the property into two parcels. Ezekial sold the smaller parcel, consisting of the mill and three acres of land to his nephew Zalmon Sturges in 1809. He then sold the old dwelling house with approximately 43 acres to Eli Thorp for \$2,100.00 in 1811.

Eli mortgaged his property several times, beginning with the purchase mortgage of \$1600 held by Ezekial Sturges. By 1825, Thorp had purchased an additional 8 acres and mortgaged the enlarged parcel to George Cannon for the small sum of \$68.79. In 1844 the entire property was mortgaged to Curtis Cole for \$275. Two years later, Eli sold 16 acres to his son Hanford Thorp for \$800, and then mortgaged the remainder to Hannah and John Andrews for \$200. It is probably about this time that the "Keim" house was built. Why Eli would have chosen this time in his life to build a new home is a bit of a mystery. Two of his children died between 1820 and

1833; Hanford had recently married and purchased a home of his own, leaving one unwed daughter at home.

One possible explanation is that the original house had been destroyed in some manner, perhaps by fire. The entire family could have moved in with the newlyweds across the river, or perhaps the old house may have simply been too old-fashioned and Eli finally had the means to replace it. It is also possible that the same site was re-used for the new house, as no other likely location for the old house has yet been identified. It should be noted, however, that "improvements" to the local roads may have destroyed evidence such as an old foundation.

It is probable that the new house was completed by 1847 when Eli transferred both the house and 12 acres to his wife Polly. When he died 6 years later the remainder of his real property was sold at auction to satisfy his outstanding debts. The house was already safely in his widow's hands, and his son Hanford Thorp purchased the remaining 24 acres of his father's estate and paid off the Andrews mortgage. Hanford then quitclaimed the house and 12 acres, plus an additional 8 acres to his mother. Polly Thorp remained in the house until her death in 1867.

The house and 20 acres was then purchased by Peter Smith, who remained there throughout the turn of the century. In 1908, it was bought by a neighbor, Harry Waterbury. Mr. Waterbury transferred it almost immediately to Linda McMahon who occupied it a short time before selling it to the Frank Cobb family in 1912. Ownership of the house remained with various members of the Cobb family until 1986, when it was purchased by Ellen and John Reilly. It was sold several years later to Ellen Aho and James Shearin. It was bought in 1999 by Robert and Michelle McGrath, who sold it the following year to the current owners, Susan and Mark Keim."

As you can see from the above, Lynne Barrelle has done an incredible job of researching the property at 1 Old Mill Road. You can also see how difficult it is to be specific with the many twists and turns of the paper trail. We applaud Lynne's work and are happy that the Keim's will finally have a plaque for their beautiful home.



1 Old Mill Road circa 1913  
Looking northwest across Mill Pond





## IMPLEMENTING THE GOALS OF THE 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

**O**ur Board of Trustees is very hard at work implementing the various stages of our 5-year master plan. The current board is taking on the next stage of the plan by upgrading our facilities. We have contracted out a new barn roof, siding for the barn in places where it has rotted (the sills have already been replaced), and readying for a new coat of paint. The Coley House will also be receiving a new coat of paint as well as the outbuildings on the grounds of the Historical Society.

The Board is also working on Board Development by the implementation of a 2-tier board and the formation of a finance committee. We hope this coming year to increase our events as well as our membership.

During the next phase, we will be setting up committees and volunteers to help us with all that is

going on, using the internet more as a tool for information not only for members, but for the community as well, and integrating more with our schools. Various classes studying the history of Weston, and history of farming communities during the late 1800's and early 1900's will be encouraged to use our facility for their research. We currently have a program for the second graders that gives them a hands-on day at the Coley House.

During phase three of this plan we will be hiring a part-time director to take care of our day-to-day business and perhaps opening the home an extra day or two a week. We will also be renovating our cider press shed into a temporary archive facility as we have outgrown our space in the upstairs bedrooms. We want our archives to be well preserved and desperately need a facility in which to do this.

Which brings us to the last tier of our plan. We will be asking for everyone's support in the fundraising effort to build a visitors center and a permanent archive facility. This will take a great deal of money which we do not have. We want our papers, pictures, books, clothing, quilts, hats, shoes, lace, cross-stitch, (to name a few) preserved for the generations who will follow.

We are a unique society showing what farming was like in the 1800's. Our property is gorgeous, our home is beautiful, and we are very proud of our heritage and the generosity of the Coley family. We hope that as we progress with our master plan that you will join us in helping to preserve what belongs to each and every one of us – the history of Weston.



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

**I**n the spring of 2002 we wrote an article about the "Leather Man". It was the story of a gentleman by the name of Jules Bourglay who began his story in Lyons, France. Mr. Bourglay fell in love with Margaret Laron, the daughter of a leather merchant. Jules, however, was a wood carver which put him in a different social class. To satisfy the objections of the two families, Jules was hired to work at the leather factory. He worked hard and became the buyer of leather. In 1855 the price of leather dropped about 40%.



Jules's lack of experience led him to overbuy and bring ruin on himself and those he loved.

After being found wandering the city streets of France, he was placed under a doctor's care and disappeared about two years later. Shortly after his disappearance a gentleman wearing clothes of leather appeared in Harwinton, New York. He did not communicate with people in the town, but became accepted as an itinerant who asked for nothing but food. He slept in caves and traveled a circuit of 365 miles every thirty-four days.

His story is fascinating and was one of the favorites with our readers. Our member, Ray Rauth, brought to our attention an article in the February, 2004 issue of *Natural*

*History*. The article states: "Folklore aside, stories of people gone off to subsist alone in the wild are hardly uncommon. For about thirty years, until his death in 1889, one such wanderer hiked a regular circuit around Connecticut and south-eastern New York State, begging housewives for food and finding shelter in nearby caves. Called the Leather Man because he dressed in patches of leather, he was believed to be a Frenchman who had fled to America when his spirit was broken by failures in business and love."

Thank you Ray for bringing this to our attention. It lends credence to this story/fable which has mystified and excited people in the area for years.





**N**estled in the peaceful cemetery behind the Emmanuel Church on Lyons Plain Rd, lies the remains of one of Weston's most prominent citizens. He was also one of America's most prominent citizens. His name is John Marshall Harlan, Supreme Court Justice of the United States. Mr. Harlan and his family lived in Weston for many years and after his appointment to the Supreme Court he spent his summers here in Weston.

Justice Harlan came by his public service career very naturally. George Harlan (his Quaker forbearer), who came to America in 1687, became governor of Delaware eight years after his arrival. His great-grandfather, James Harlan, was Attorney General of Kentucky and a United States congressman from the state in the 1830's. His namesake and grandfather, John Marshall Harlan served as a justice of the Supreme Court from 1877 to 1911.

John attended Princeton and

served as chairman of The Daily Princetonian, chairman of the Senior Council, and president of his class in junior and senior years. After graduation, with honors, he spent three years as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford.

After returning from England, he began working for one of the nation's leading law firms, studying at New York Law School, and being admitted to the New York Bar in 1925. He soon served as Special Assistant Attorney General of New York State where he investigated the Queens County sewer scandals. He helped convict a former Queens' borough president of conspiracy.

During World War II John served as a colonel in the U.S. Army Air Force, in charge of the Operations Analysis Section of the Eighth Bomber Command in England. He was awarded the American Legion of Merit and the Belgian and French Croix de Guerre. Upon his return from the war he served as chief counsel for the newly created New York State Crime Commission. Mr.

Harlan investigated waterfront rackets in New York City and illegal gambling activities in other communities. In March of 1954 President Eisenhower nominated John Harlan for a judgeship of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and associate justice of the Supreme Court in 1955.

Justice Harlan was called a "lawyer's judge" as well as a "judge's judge." His opinions were closely reasoned and clearly written. Lawyers often turned to him for a succinct, fair statement of the issues. He was also known as the court's conservative conscience. He was a strong believer in states' rights and a strong defender of the rights of the individual. He believed that social and political evils should be corrected through the political process and not through the court.

All this being said, Justice Harlan often sided with the liberals. In 1955 he joined in the unanimous opinion directing the district courts to take action to bring about "with all

# Supreme Court Colleagues Attend Harlan Rites in Weston



At a simple, private funeral yesterday in the Emmanuel Episcopal church of Weston, Chief Justice Warren Burger and colleagues paid their last respects to former Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan who died of cancer in Washington a week ago. Entering the church in the midday drizzle were: Left photo, Chief Justice Burger; second from left, from left to right, Justice Thurgood Marshall and former Justice Abe Fortas; third photo from left: former Justice Arthur Goldberg; second photo from right: Justice Potter Stewart, Justice William O. Douglas,

Justice William J. Brennan and newly confirmed Justice Lewis F. Powell. Photo at right, newly confirmed Justice William H. Rehnquist. About 75 attended the 45-minute ceremony, after which members of the country's highest court in the rain, joined the procession from the church to the cemetery in the rear of the church grounds where Justice Harlan's ashes were buried.

## Justices Pay Respects At Harlan Rites in Weston

**WESTON** — Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and his colleagues on the Supreme Court paid their last respects to former Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan here yesterday at a simple private funeral.

Justice Harlan, who died of cancer in Washington a week ago, had been on the high court for 14 years before he retired because of his health last September.

The service was conducted in the tiny, steeped Emmanuel Episcopal church, built in 1841 in a rural setting still dominated by farmhouses and country roads less than 20 miles from New York City.

The 72-year-old justice's body was cremated in Washington, D.C., and the ashes brought here for interment. Although newsmen were excluded from the funeral, it was learned that the service was a simple one and included no eulogy.

The service was arranged according to Mr. Harlan's wishes by his daughter, Mrs. E.M. Dillingham, of New York city. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews Harlan, did not attend the funeral and was reported ill in New York city. Mr. Harlan is also survived by three sisters.

Former members of the court present included Arthur Goldberg, Chief Justice Warren, and Abe Fortas.

The Harlans had a summer home in Weston on Old Redding road since the 1930's and also maintained a residence in Georgetown, D.C., while the court was in session.

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L-R: Chief Justice Warren Burger, Justice Thurgood Marshall, former Justice Abe Fortas, former Justice Arthur Goldberg, Justice William O. Douglas, Justice William J. Brennan, Justice Lewis F. Powell, and newly confirmed Justice William H. Rehnquist



deliberate speed" the end of racial segregation in the public schools. In 1971 he wrote the majority opinion which found that wearing, in the courthouse corridor, a jacket bearing an obscene protest against the draft was constitutionally protected free speech.

While serving in New York, Justice Harlan and his wife purchased a home in Weston in the year 1936. Their only daughter, Eve, attended the Hurlbutt School here for three years. After his appointment to the Supreme Court the Harlan's only used their Redding Road home for summers. He felt that his lovely home with its beautiful planted acreage and lovely views was the perfect place to read an endless stream of requests for hearings before the Supreme Court.

Justice Harlan retired from the court in 1971 due to failing health and lost his battle with cancer in late December, 1971. Although not a member of the parish, John Harlan had previously arranged his funeral and burial at the Emmanuel Church. His daughter, Mrs. Dillingham, carried out her father's wishes. Officiating at the services were the Rev. George Laedlein of Emmanuel Church and the Rev. George Trowbridge of New York City, a former Princeton classmate of Justice Harlan. The roses at the altar were arranged by his longtime local caretaker, John Twerda. His only grandson, John Newcomb, was the usher. A luncheon at the Harlan home followed the services.

Among the mourners were Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, William C. Rehnquist, who was chosen to replace Mr. Harlan by President Nixon after the Justice retired in September, Potter Stewart, Louis Powell, Thurgood Marshall, Byron White, William O. Douglas, Harry A. Blackmun and William J. Brennan, Jr. Former members of the court in attendance were Arthur Goldberg, Charles Whittaker, and Abe Fortas.

One of Justice Harlan's first law clerks, Harvard Law School Professor Paul M. Bator, paid tribute to his friend

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Supreme Court Justice John Harlan

### Profile: Weston Justice Harlan

(The following article is reprinted from the September 21, 1971, issue of the Weston Forum.)

By Patricia Bollett

Only nine towns in the United States can claim this distinction: hometown to a member of our nation's highest court. Justice John Marshall Harlan, Old Redding Road, affords Weston this honor. Since 1936, when Justice Harlan was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Eisenhower, the Harlans have used their lovely home only for summer and vacations. However, the Justice had his secluded home surrounded by beautifully planted and cared-for acreage, with a view of distant trees and countryside, to be a perfect place for his summer

work: reading 649 requests for hearings before the Supreme Court.

The Harlans, who had been living in New York City (where Justice Harlan practiced law, served as assistant U.S. attorney, special assistant attorney general of New York State and was chief counsel to the New York State Crime Commission), became residents of Weston in 1936. Their only child, Eve, now Mrs. Frank Dillingham, attended the Hurlbutt School for three years. Along the side of the long, stone circular driveway up to the large, white house the Harlan

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### Funeral At Emmanuel Church Yesterday

## Supreme Court Justices Here For Harlan Rites

All of the present Justices of the United States Supreme Court and two former Justices came to a bleak, rainy Weston Tuesday morning, yesterday to pay their last respects to their former colleague, John Marshall Harlan, Old Redding Road, who died last week in a Washington hospital. The private services were also attended by 80 others.

The services at Emmanuel Church, Lyons Plain Road and burial in the church cemetery were arranged by the former Justice himself who also left instructions as to who was to be invited to the funeral.

All of the Justice's wishes were carried out by his only child, Mrs. Frank Dillingham, Lodgebrook Court. Officiating at the services were the Rev. George Laedlein of Emmanuel Church and the Rev. George Trowbridge of New York City, a former Princeton classmate of Mr. Harlan's. At the Justice's request, the roses decking the altar were arranged by his longtime local caretaker John Twerda. Ushering was the Justice's only grandson, John Newcomb. Mrs. Dillingham's son, a teacher at the Harlan home, where Mrs. Harlan resides, followed the services.

Justice Come In One Please? Although it was reported that all of the Justices would be transported on one government plane from Washington, it was

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, Lyons Plain Road, where funeral services for Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan were held yesterday. The church, which was built in 1880, was established in 1840 by the Episcopal Society of Weston.

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Supreme Court Justice John Harlan  
Emmanuel Church, Lyons Plain Road

Justice Harlan with these words.

"The private virtues - love of truth; kindness; respect for others; the kind of decency and straightforwardness which only a firm self-respect can produce; an utter honest and simplicity of spirit, combined with what the Psalmist cried out for, a heart of flesh rather than a heart of stone - these were the qualities that transfigured Justice Harlan's public acts. Nothing is more fashionable in our society than to serve the cause of democracy by keeping a jealous scrutiny lest others exceed their power. Nothing is less common than one who is equally scrupulous about his own. Justice Harlan was one of these rare public men.

For him fidelity to law was fidelity to the whole law, every day and not every other day, fidelity, not only to those rules which define other people's power, but also those which limited his own... Maybe his most enduring legacy will be this, that when the dark night of cynicism and hopelessness is on us, we can say, yes fidelity to law is possible, is worthwhile, is real."

Ed note: Thanks to Ethel Follett for giving us the Weston Forum articles on Justice Harlan. The Folletts and the Harlans were neighbors during the wonderful summers and often spent Sunday afternoons together.



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## Rites

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thought, at presstime, that some of the Justices came to Weston from New York City possibly flying into a New York airport. While the names of the Washington guests were not known by Mrs. Dillingham before the funeral, she was told that 25 persons should be expected. Justice Potter Stewart, long time friend of Mr. Harlan, made the travel arrangements for the Justices and former Justices Whitaker and Fortas, who also attended. Some of the Justices wives accompanied their husbands.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dillingham were Mrs. Dillingham's daughters Alice and Amelia. Mr. Harlan also leaves his widow, three sisters, and two other granddaughters, Katie and Maude.

Among those attending the funeral were friends from Weston, where the Harlans have lived since 1938, and associates from the Second Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals (Connecticut, New York and Vermont) which the former Justice cared for during his 16 years on the U.S. Supreme Court. (See Profile Women)

The Justice, who was the 8th Justice, retired from the Court on September 23 because of a spinal condition known as metastatic cancer. Justice Harlan's successor, William H. Rehnquist, recently approved by the Senate, will be sworn in on January 21.

**Flags at Half Mast**  
First Selectman David Strambler ordered that all official flags in the Town be flown at half mast on Tuesday.

While there was little evidence that anything unusual was occurring yesterday, since the Justice had remained a quiet, dignified funeral, with no police escorts, clusters of newsmen, photographers and television cameramen stood in the rain around the church waiting for the important guests.

The scene remained quiet as the guests arrived and entered the church. Baskets of flowers were carried from the church to the graveyard before the services. It is understood that the Reverend Landstein does not permit such floral displays in the church.

Two hymns, played on the church's new organ, were chosen by Mrs. Dillingham, who is herself a pianist. One was "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."



Arriving at Emmanuel Church are United States Justices and others invited to the private funeral for Justice Harlan. Justice Douglas is at left.

### Justice Harlan

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built as a sign. Children at Play. The Harlan's grandchildren Alice, 16, John, 14, Amelia, 11, Katie, 9, and Maude, just two-month-old, all live in Weston. Although Amelia and Alice were away at camp most of the summer, many golfers at the Ametech Country Club know tall, blond John, who was a popular caddy this summer.

Justice Harlan, whose grandfather, John Marshall Harlan, was a Justice of the Supreme Court from 1877-1911, was born in Chicago where his father was an Abolitionist and once almost became Mayor on an Independent Republican ticket. However, Justice Harlan was away at school from the age of eight and never returned to the Midwest. The Justice holds degrees from Princeton, Oxford and New York Law School. He was a leader of the U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, when he replaced the late Justice Robert H. Jackson on the Supreme Court.

**Between Sentences**  
Are the long, black robes put in moth balls for the summer? Actually, yes; figuratively, no. Justice Harlan explained that when the Court is not in session, each Justice is responsible for any emergency cases that may come up in the area assigned to him. Justice Harlan's jurisdiction is in the 2nd Circuit—New York, Connecticut and Vermont. Last week, the Justice

ruled on the highly-publicized New Haven Black Panther case, and earlier this summer, he heard an emergency New York voting rights case. Both were presented at Bridgeport's courthouse, which Justice Harlan described appreciatively as "beautiful and perfectly air-conditioned."

Soon, Justice Harlan will meet in Lobs Placid with judges from U.S. courts in the 2nd District. Then back to Washington, where the Supreme Court convenes in October to decide on the Constitutionality of the 18-year-old voters law. (The death cases' appeal from those under sentence of death, which have been waiting all year for a full Court (nine Justices) and discuss those 500 cases and decide which ones the Supreme Court will hear.)

Five Justices Republicans or Democrats' Cleary, re, said Justice Harlan. The Justice feels so strongly that the Court must maintain non-partisanship that he is neither registered in a political party nor does he vote in any national elections. Two years ago, when Mr. Roberts' government class at Weston High School visited Washington, Justice Harlan met the group in his offices and arranged a special tour of the Court for them. "Unfortunately," explained the Justice, "the Court was not sitting when they were here, but I would certainly look forward to having more students from Weston. Write to the Clerk of the Court," he advised, "and try to come down when we are hearing a case."



Justice Brennan

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Arriving at Emmanuel Church are United States Justices and other invited to the private funeral for Justice Harlan. Justice Douglas is at the left.

Right photo: Justice Brennan

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Top: Chief Justice Warren Burger can be seen to the right of Justice Harlan's grave.

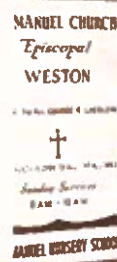
Lower Left: Former Chief Justice Arthur Goldberg and Mrs. Goldberg

Lower center: Justice Thurgood Marshall and former Justice Abe Fortas, a Westport resident.

Lower right: William O. Douglas.

## Notables attend Harlan funeral here

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- Immediately above: Justice Thurgood Marshall and former Justice Abe Fortas, a Westport resident.
- Top: Chief Justice Warren Burger can be seen to the right of Justice Harlan's grave.
- Lower left: Former Chief Justice Arthur Goldberg and Mrs. Goldberg.
- Right: William O. Douglas.

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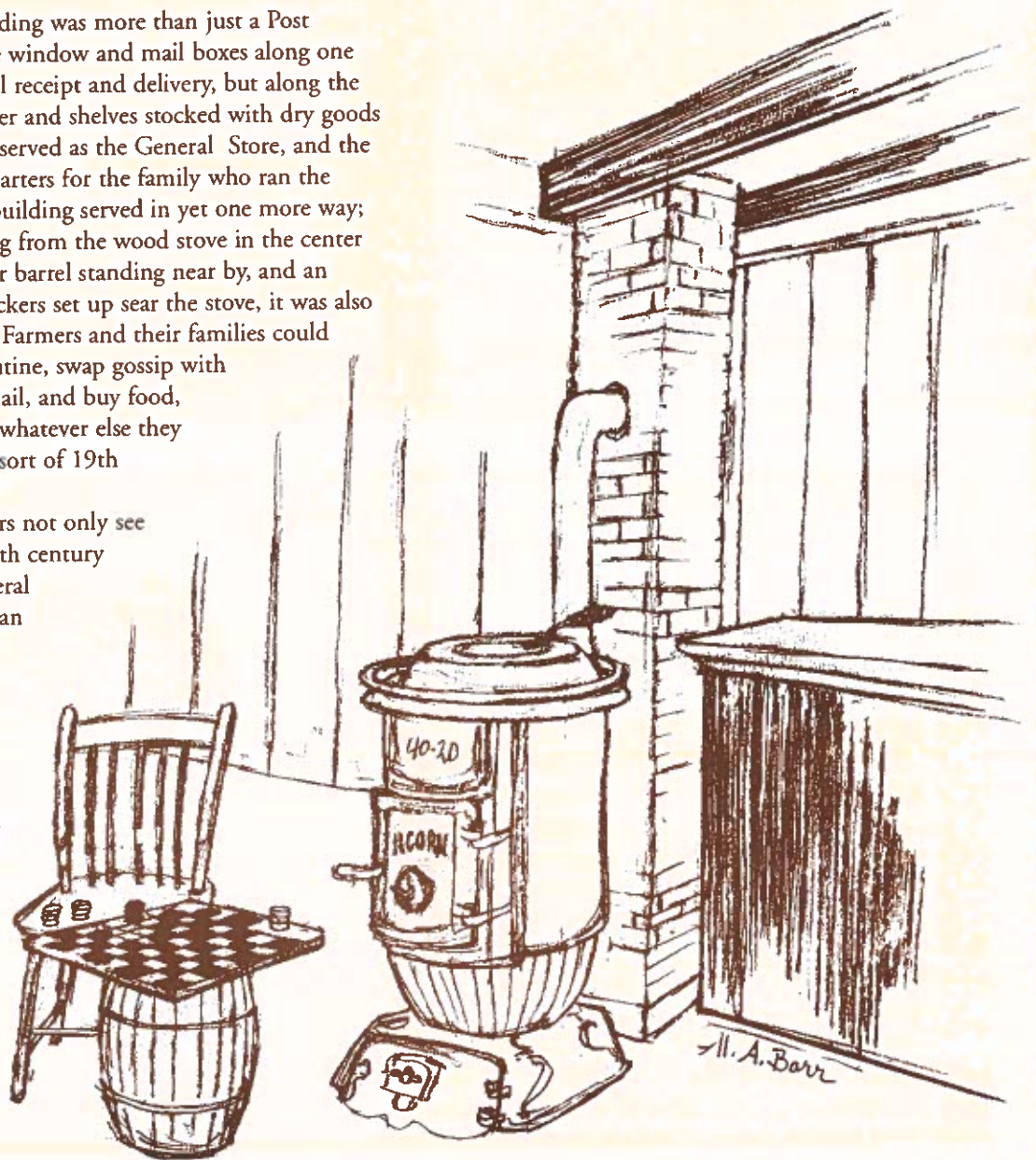
Over 60 visitors stepped across the threshold of the Old Post Office – and back in time – on three different Sundays last October. Weston's Old Post Office, on Newtown Turnpike next to Bisceglie Park, was opened to the public by Karin Giannitti in keeping with the tradition started by Herb Day. Karin helped Herb with the P.O. for several years and after he passed away she decided to continue the tradition for people to enjoy. And enjoy it they do. Almost everyone who passed through the old nail studded front door had some comment of interest and delight. One person even found their ancestor's name on one of the mail boxes. What a way to connect to history.....

But this building was more than just a Post Office. A Post Office window and mail boxes along one wall did serve for mail receipt and delivery, but along the opposite wall a counter and shelves stocked with dry goods and household items served as the General Store, and the upstairs was living quarters for the family who ran the establishment. The building served in yet one more way; with warmth radiating from the wood stove in the center of the room, a cracker barrel standing near by, and an ongoing game of checkers set up near the stove, it was also the local "hangout." Farmers and their families could take a break from routine, swap gossip with neighbors, pick up mail, and buy food, clothing, material or whatever else they might need. It was a sort of 19th century "Mini Mall."

Today visitors not only see what an 18th and 19th century Post Office and General Store was like, they can experience it too. There is Penny Candy to buy, a scale for weighing letters, produce to buy in season, and the ongoing game of Checkers. Mary Ann Barr volunteered to help Karin open the Old Post Office last October and remarked, "Except for the clothes people

were wearing, I felt as though I was in Weston 100 years ago. With Westonites coming and going, buying some candy and swapping local talk about Weston and other subjects, there was a real atmosphere of a 1900s Post Office and General Store. It was fun and informative – except that Karin beat me at checkers."

Watch for announcements in the Weston Forum the next Old Post Office Open House and you too, can come and experience some Weston history. If you have been in before, it is worth a repeat visit since Karin puts different items on display for each open house.





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