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*Courtesy of B.L. Ogilvie & Sons*

*Beriah Ogilvie with his first truck, a 1921 Model A Ford.*

## **THREE MEN FROM THE MARITIMES: GEORGE FOOTE, BERIAH OGILVIE AND CYRUS CLARK**

At the turn of the century times were hard in the Canadian Maritime Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Three ambitious young men headed south to New England in search of jobs and a better life. The sons of farmers and fishermen, they had little more than a grade school education. The three - George Foote, Beriah Ogilvie, and Cyrus Clark - all settled in Weston, where their lives shared common themes. Foote and Ogilvie both ended up on Warren Avenue, where Foote cut ice and Ogilvie began the supply business which still bears his name. Foote's brother, Cherith, married Beriah's sister, Orinda. Ogilvie and Clark both depended on the hard work of their children, who joined them in business. All three men prospered by selling necessities to residents in a thriving country town.

Of the nine children of Nova Scotia farmer James L. Foote, six settled in Weston for at least part of their lives: James, George, Cherith, Irad, William, and Frank. James had a prosperous blacksmith shop and cider mill on North Avenue, described in a recent *Weston Historical*

*Society Bulletin* article (Fall, 2000) by his daughter, Elsie Foote Cooke. Cherith worked over the years as a florist, teamster, wood dealer and milkman who sold milk in square glass bottles from his dairy on Warren Avenue. Irad was a carpenter, and William worked as a painter and chair maker before moving to Waltham. Frank came to Weston to help James run "Foote's Spa," at the west end of the relocated Fiske barn on Boston Post Road. The spa, which operated in the 1920s, sold ice cream, soda, and meals cooked by Frank's wife, Alice.

George Albert Foote (1867-1944) came to Weston in 1884. According to the 1927 history *Middlesex County and its People*, he was "able and energetic" and built up "an enterprise which came to be known as one of the leading concerns of its kind in this section." In 1895, he purchased land on Concord Road next to the Cherry Brook Railroad Station, one of only two stops in Weston on the Central Massachusetts Railroad and a good location for off-loading freight. Foote set up supply yards and an office on the east side of Concord Road south of the tracks and later built a house there, in 1905. In 1911, he advertised as a "dealer in best quality coal, wood, ice, lime, brick, cement, flue lining and tile pipe, etc." (Edwin P. Conklin, *Middlesex County and Its People* (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., vol. iv, 1927, p. 368).

By 1915, Foote's business had grown so large that he sold off the coal and building supply dealership to the Waltham Coal Company and concentrated on ice. Except for farmers and estate owners who cut and stored their own ice, Foote was the only local supplier. He "harvested" ice from Foote's Pond on Warren Avenue, where the water level was raised by damming the stream. Winters were colder then, and the pond froze each year enough for one, two, and sometimes even three harvestings. Each winter, the *Waltham Daily Free Press Tribune* kept readers informed about the thickness of the cut ice, which varied between about 9 to 12 inches.

Foote's ice harvest was a community event. The ice was cut by hand or with horse-drawn cutters, later replaced by machines. As many as 25 men were needed. Sections of about 20 blocks would be partially cut and then floated like a small iceberg over to the shore. The individual ice cakes - each about one foot thick - were then split apart with a spear and directed onto an inclined ramp where they could be pulled out of the water by rods attached on each side with a pulley chain. When the ice cakes reached the top of the ramp, they would slide down a sluiceway to a platform between Foote's two large wooden ice houses. Here men would load the blocks into the ice houses in layers separated by sawdust and insulated with hay.

After the ice was harvested and the pond refroze, children were welcome to skate on Foote's Pond, which was a popular gathering place. At one time, the town maintained a flood light and warming hut there. Dozens of neighborhood children played Snap the Whip and Fox and Geese, competed in hockey games, or skated through the meadow and out to the railroad tracks.

Foote's employees delivered ice around town in yellow delivery trucks with a scale at the rear. Drivers chipped off chunks of ice to be weighed and carried to the customer's "ice box." After the two ice houses were destroyed by fire in 1936, Foote built a new ice house on his Concord Road property and brought ice in by rail. Not long after, electric refrigerators put an end to the business.

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It was George Foote's brother, Cherith, who sold part of his land on Warren Avenue to Beriah Lemont Ogilvie (1877-1951) in 1910. Ogilvie was born in Kings County, Nova Scotia, the son of a sea captain. Like the Foote brothers, he had only a limited primary school

education before coming to Weston in 1894. After working as foreman at J. Cushing's feed store for thirteen years, Ogilvie organized his own business in 1919. He began with teaming and before long was selling hay, grain, building materials, wood, coal, cement and farm implements. An advertisement in a Friendly Society program of 1925 illustrates the diversity of the business after only six years:

Contracts for lumber filled. Coal bins filled. Grain orders promptly attended to. Fertilizers and seeds to suit your needs. Hay, flour, lime, cement and bricks. Sawdust, shavings, straw and poultry litter. Equipment for all kinds of trucking. Oak wood and pine kindling. Biscuits and Kibbles for dogs.

The company acquired a fleet of trucks used to plow the snow from Weston's roads and driveways. By 1927, Ogilvie's biographical sketch in *Middlesex County and its People* reported that despite postwar financial fluctuations, Ogilvie had made his business an "unqualified and lasting success." He had increased the business from one-truck capacity to six, was employing ten men and had taken his place "as one of the financial leaders of this section" (Ibid., p. 367).

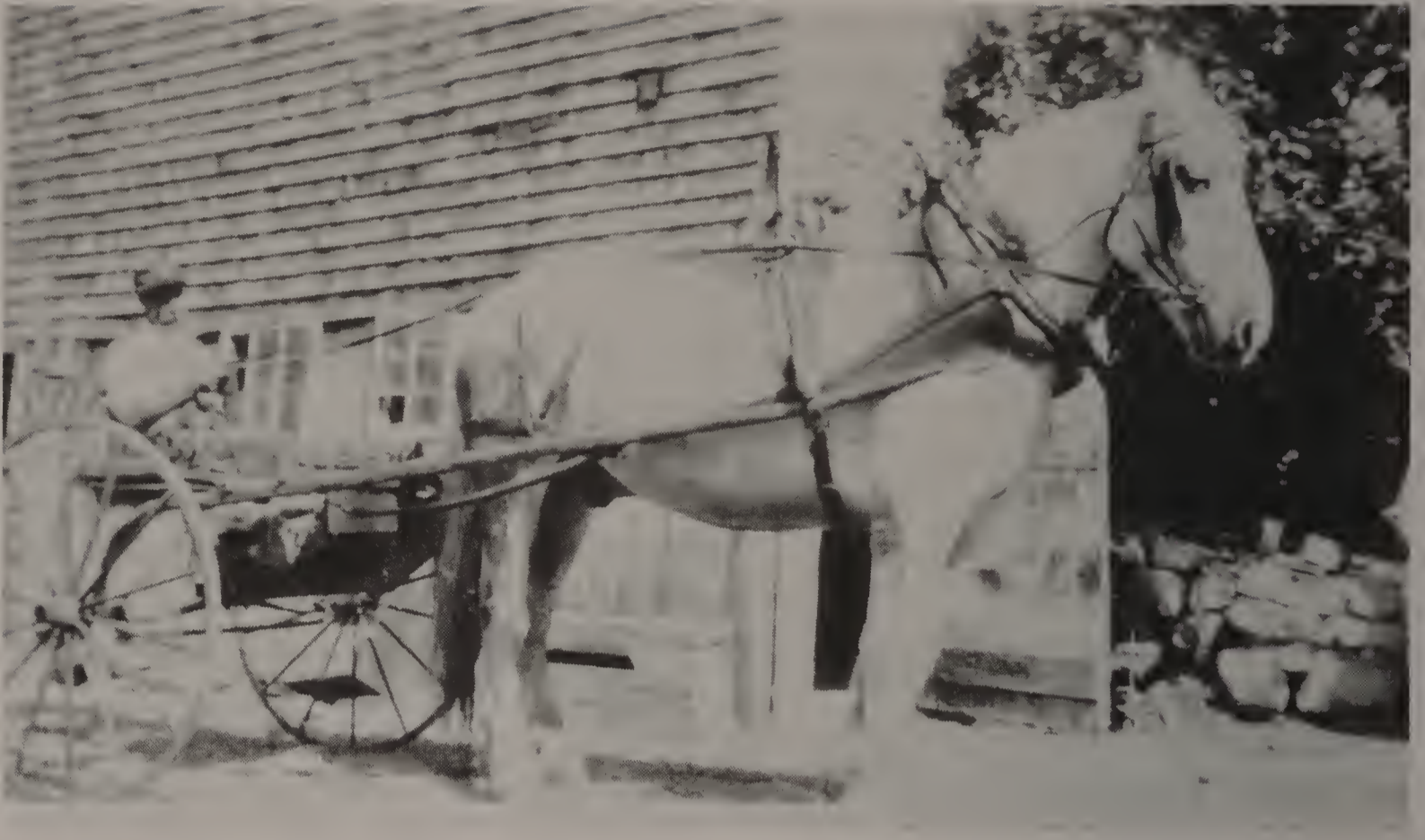
Beriah Ogilvie's success was due in part to the hard work of his large extended family. In 1900, Ogilvie married May Elizabeth Arrington, a Salem girl who was working as a nursery maid for a local family. The couple had five children: Harold (1902-1965), Gladys "Dolly" (Mrs. Francis Whittemore, Jr.), Delcia "Pearl" (Mrs. Julius Pickering), Myrtle "Vina" (Mrs. Vernon MacLeod), and Raymond (b.1912). Everyone worked in the business. Bookkeeping was done by Mary Elizabeth and later by all three daughters. The five presidents of the company have all been family members: Beriah Ogilvie, his sons Harold and Raymond, Dolly's son Alden Whittemore, and Alden's brother-in-law, Kenneth Sutherland. Beriah's nephew, Frederick Foote, was also one of the cornerstones in the business in the early years. In 1910, Beriah built a house on Warren Avenue next to where he later located his business. In the 1920s and 1930s, members of the family built houses on the south side of Warren Place.

To supply local needs for lumber, Ogilvie built a saw mill and cut trees from the family woodlot on Sudbury Road into rough lumber used for building. Farmers could bring their own logs to be cut to order. The saw mill was the nearest to Boston and cut logs from as far away as Weymouth. Custom sawing proved a problem, as farmers would return when the store was closed on Sundays and take what they thought was their wood. In later years, the saw mill was discontinued, and Ogilvies began supplying hardware and lumber.

When Beriah Ogilvie started on Warren Avenue, there was no store - just a barn where he kept horses for teaming and hauling. Beginning in 1928, the company had a yard and railroad siding at the end of Warren Avenue where coal and supplies could be unloaded. Hay, peat moss and wood shavings were stored in a cement block garage. When trucks replaced horses, Ogilvie took out the stantions in the barn and put up pegboard for hanging farm implements. As coal furnaces became obsolete, the company began selling oil burners and heating oil. They became known for their "Blue Truck Delivery" fleet, driven by employees in blue uniforms. In 1953-54 B.L. Ogilvie & Sons constructed an office in front of the barn, and in 1975 the company tore down the barn and built a 5,000 sq. ft. hardware and garden building behind the office. The present large metal lumber storage building in the rear was constructed in about 1992. Gradually, the business shifted from supplying farmers to supplying suburbanites moving into Weston.

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Cyrus Clark grew up on Prince Edward Island and immigrated to New England as a young man. When he first came to Weston in the early part of the twentieth century, he worked as



*Courtesy of The Clark family*

*Cyrus Clark with his family raised dairy cows, processed and delivered milk and other dairy products. Their house, barn and milk processing building were on the west side of Golden Ball Road just south of Boston Post Road.*

a stableman for B.H. Dickson, Jr. His wife, Emma, also worked for the Dickson family. In 1906 Clark bought an acre of land from the great-grandson of Isaac Jones and built a simple clapboard farmhouse on Golden Ball road. Cyrus and Emma had four children, John (b. 1905), Bessie (b. 1907), May (b. 1911) and Gladys (b. 1913). In later years, other houses on Golden Ball Road were built by Clark family members.

Clark began farming land on Concord Road which belonged to the Dickson cousins, the Fiskes. They allowed him to use a large barn at the corner of Boston Post Road and Fiske Lane that had been saved in the Baldwin Tavern fire of 1890. Clark built up his own dairy and kept horses for contracting and hauling. But in 1920, a relative of the Fiskes, Dr. Chandler Robbins, arranged to build a house on the hill next to the barn. Clark lost his lease and sold the contents of the barn at auction. A printed broadside advertised 18 cows, one bull, and assorted farming implements:

[The cows] are in all stages of milk from the fresh calved cow to those to calve from now and on into the summer and fall months. They are young and stylish, in good condition, and will milk 17 to 20 quarts a day or more, in full flow. If you are in want of a good cow, you can find one here. They will be milked out as fast as sold and ready to load onto your truck as soon as settled for. Don't miss this chance. Come prepared to bid and to buy and take them right away, as I close up that night.

As soon as the cattle are sold, there will be sold a Gasoline engine and Sawing outfit, ensilage cutter and blower, a mowing machine, a horse, hay fork and ropes, Wheel Harrow, a Corn Planter, Stack of Hay, etc.

The barn was moved a few hundred feet east to a site across the street, where it was converted to shops. Clark started up his dairy operation again on his own property on Golden Ball Road. He built a barn behind the house with stalls for 20 cows and a small dairy

building with equipment for sterilizing bottles and pasteurizing milk. Cyrus took care of the cows, which had to be milked twice a day by hand. His son, John, who hated cows, was in charge of milk processing. When they first went into business, the family, along with one hired man, washed and sterilized the glass milk bottles by hand. Later, they got a bottle washing machine and an automatic capping machine, but the bottles still had to be placed in the machine by hand. John Clark's son, Jim, recalls climbing inside the pasteurizing tank to clean it.

Everyone in the family worked hard. Although he owned only one acre on Golden Ball Road, Cyrus Clark maintained extensive vegetable gardens on the Fiske land on Concord Road and later on land belonging to Ralph Jones at the end of Golden Ball Road. Emma Clark and her young daughters weeded long rows of carrots and picked beans. They made beer, ginger beer and elderberry wine. As a young adult, Gladys began working for the Willis family. John supplied wood to the Fiske house in Boston for use in winter. At night, John would take his rifle and coon hounds and hunt raccoons in the woods of Weston. Until the advent of artificial fur, he sold the skins for \$20 - \$30 to be fashioned into raccoon coats.

In the early 1950s, Cyrus Clark stopped keeping cows. His barn was torn down, and the Clarks began processing milk produced by other dairy farmers. Even before Jim Clark was old enough to drive legally, one of his jobs was to pick up milk from the Miller and Tyler farms in Kendal Green and from Walter Harrington in Wayland. In the 1950s and 60s, Clark's Dairy



*Courtesy of Elsie Foote Cooke*

*In November, 1911, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Foote celebrated their 50th anniversary at the old homestead in Woodville, Nova Scotia. All eight sons and one daughter were present. Back Row: William, Cherith, Hartley, Harvey, James, Frank and George Foote. Front Row: Irad Foote, James Lawson Foote (father), Anna McNair Foote (mother), Ida Foote Bezanson.*

had two trucks which delivered milk and cream, ice cream, bacon and eggs, orange juice and other items to houses in Weston, Wayland, Sudbury and Lincoln.

The dairy on Golden Ball Road operated on an honor system. When no family member or employee was present, patrons could help themselves to milk, juice or whatever else they needed and write down what they took on a pad of paper, along with their name. People would sometimes write down what they took and forget to write their name, and their slips would be hung on the bulletin board until people recognized the handwriting. The dairy wasn't locked up until 9 or 10 o'clock at night.

Cyrus Clark died in January, 1964 at age 99 1/2. He was active, together with his son John, in the operation of the dairy business until just before his death. Not long after, Clark's Dairy closed its doors. In 1968, Cyrus Clark's grandson, Jim, began working as a barber in the town center.

Pamela W. Fox

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## **PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION GREAT SUCCESS**

We are used by now to the fact that our president, William Martin, is a reliably excellent speaker, always lucid, logical and entertaining. So it was on November 8, 2000 in the Community Room of the Weston Public Library, where Bill Martin, best selling author and pride of Weston, talked on the theme "Back Bay Comes of Age." The event was in celebration of the 21st anniversary of his book Back Bay. Drawing on slides that he took as part of his original research for the book, he took us on a leisurely tour of the Back Bay and its history from mudflats to Hancock Tower, comparing the scenery of then with now. A full house audience warmly applauded the slides and the author's presentation.

Martin's latest book is Citizen Washington, also enjoying a brisk sale. We hope we are not letting the cat out of the bag when we state that he is at work on his next opus, dealing with Harvard University.

Vera Laska

grounds are maintained, on Fridays floors throughout the interior of the fire station and garage are washed, on Saturdays radios are checked, and on Sundays the interior rooms are washed.

Most of the time their daily chores are interrupted by phone calls that are not of a serious nature. Fire fighters receive several phone calls relating to situations like people forgetting to open the chute on their fire place and their room is clouded with smoke, or they may receive a report from someone who has encountered a snake or a bat in their basement. However, their work also entails attending to many emergency situations. Last year, in 1998, there were 526 medical emergencies, 148 car accidents, and 43 fires.

Many town departments are endeavoring to make themselves Y2K ready. One of the largest technological problems that face these departments as we head into the next millennium is the Y2K computer problem. Because the Weston Fire Department has opted not to use computer navigation systems, they should not experience any difficulties that other computer-dependent town departments may encounter. The Weston Fire Department does not utilize a computer navigation system because the town is small enough that they do not need to incur this expense. The only potential problem could result in missed paychecks because financial information is stored on a computer.

The Fire Department has made many changes over the years. They now train in tunnel rescue and high altitude rope work. To assist them in these endeavors, they have a new truck called the "Technical Rescue Unit." This truck is truly of the state of the art. It has everything from high pressured air pumps and heavy duty electric jack hammers to electric jaws of life and a high powered slush pump. This pump is suited for moving hundreds of gallons of water and will be highly useful in current projects undertaken by the Fire Department (e.g., the aqueduct tunnel discussed below). Also inside this magnificent truck are two long cushioned benches with air tanks and masks for each fire fighter. Additionally, a new ambulance is expected to arrive soon. When this occurs, the Fire Department plans to sell one of their older ambulances.

With large high-powered trucks like Engine Number One weighing in excess of 22 tons, the Fire Department needed to make changes, such as installing a floor strong enough to carry the weight of the engine. Adding an entire new garage, new sleeping quarters and more office space made a new addition to the Fire Department.

A current project that the Fire Department is involved in is the replacement of the old aqueduct into an all-new massive tunnel system. This tunnel system is located 400 feet under the town of Weston. Installation of a new tunnel system will allow the town of Weston to pump more water from its reservoir to neighboring cities and towns. The Fire Department has purchased new materials to protect the safety of the construction workers who are working on this project. These materials include special planks to prevent cave-ins and high powered machines to pump water should a massive leak occur.

Our world is rapidly preparing itself to be ready for the quickly approaching millennium. The Weston Fire Department is clearly doing its share to be prepared as well. Thanks to Captain Perrin for sharing this valuable information with me.

Michael Miller  
Grade 11.

## WESTON: IT IS A QUALITY SCHOOL

Weston High School has one of the best school systems in the USA. The school offers a first-rate teaching staff and a wide variety of courses and extracurricular activities. Because Weston has a very wealthy school system, it allows for many advantages such as a fine technology department and a beautiful campus. In a recent edition of The Wall Street Journal it was named number ten in the nation.

Weston High School is a high-quality school for numerous reasons. In most people's eyes the academic aspect prevails above all else. Weston has been near the top in Massachusetts in the percentage of graduates going on to four-year colleges. Weston consistently scores among the top public school rankings for SAT scores. For the class of 1999, the average verbal score was 605 and 627 in mathematics. Because it is a small school, the classes are smaller, which allows for more individual learning. A skills center is available at all times for anyone who is having difficulty with the work.

Aside from the academics at Weston, the extracurricular activities and sports offered accommodate every type of interest. Such sports as soccer, field hockey, football, wrestling, basketball, swimming, track, and lacrosse are offered. For those who do not participate in sports, many other after school activities are available. Theater arts, music, art, and publications are some of the more popular ones, although many more are available.

Another advantage of Weston are the excellent special facilities open to the students. A library with more than 20,000 books, two networked computer laboratories, a modern language laboratory, a recorded books library, a snack bar, and a physical fitness room are available to the students. In addition to that an indoor swimming pool and a synthetic surface track are a part of Weston's sport facilities.

Weston also offers minority students from Boston the opportunity to attend Weston High. The METCO program has been bussing students in from Boston for 32 years. It is an excellent program that allows students who ordinarily would not be able to attend a school of the same caliber as Weston to get a superb education.

Weston is an excellent school by all standards, but the students have varying opinions on it. Most students feel that they are receiving a good education at Weston but they do not like how small the school is. Because Weston only has 497 students, many kids feel there is not enough diversity. At the same time, kids like the safe and generally friendly atmosphere of the school.

In conclusion, Weston High is an excellent school. Almost everyone who graduates goes on to a four-year college, and the SAT scores are above average. In addition to the outstanding teaching staff, many fine facilities are offered as additional learning aids. The extracurricular activities are suited for all tastes, and the athletic amenities are top notch. Open to Weston kids, Boston kids have the opportunity to attend as well. Hopefully Weston will maintain its level of superiority for years to come, so the students of the future can receive the excellent education Weston has always provided.

Chris Wentworth  
Grade 11.

## **RECENT GIFTS TO THE W.H.S. MUSEUM COLLECTION**

In the recent weeks the Museum of the W.H.S. enjoyed a windfall of gifts from generous donors who were thoughtful to realize that it would be the proper repository of their memorabilia.

We received a child's school desk set, a toy guitar, a "Class Book" with photographs and various Town Reports from Mr. Henry Lingley; see his random recollections above.

The Weston Red Cross, alas, has disbanded, and we inherited their files and numerous photographs through the kindness of its last president, Mrs. Peggy Dugas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mosher donated to us 44 photographs in excellent condition from the estate of Mrs. Margaret Mosher, the well known and popular librarian for many years in our town library.

Many of the Red Cross and Mosher photographs need identification. Kindly consider this an SOS call for longtime residents: please drop in at the Museum any Wednesday between 10 and 12 a.m.; maybe you can help us identify some of the photos. It would be a great help.

We thanked each of the above donors separately; here we wish to acknowledge their generosity and cooperation for their contribution to our collection.

Vera Laska  
Museum Curator

## **MUSEUM REPORT**

On the occasion of the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2000 at 4 p.m. in the Josiah Smith Tavern, curator Vera Laska of the Museum in the same building offered a short guided tour of the premises with a progress report. Since there were several new members of the Board present, she also included the highlights of the Museum's work since she had been entrusted with the job of curator in the two rooms. This might also serve as a record for our historical file:

Dividing the first room with a standing room divider; first half for exhibits, second half for work room;

Clearing the Jones Sisters' (second) room, setting it up without clutter as a typical 19th century room; furniture cleaned; pictures hung, including the Henry Davenport painting of Weston in winter, a donation from Mr. and Mrs. George Fogg; acquisition of 9x12 rug, etc.

Curtains hung on all windows;

All artifacts catalogued by group of volunteers, each item on a card;

Sorted out for separate sections: books, documents, photographs, in charge of Laska, Henderson, Amadon respectively; Pam Fox organized photos;

Purchased 5 bookcases, catalogued all books in sections: Town Reports, Weston, New England, Other, Technical, Bulletins; bookcases assembled by Amadon & Henderson;

Purchased 2 exhibit cases, with glass covers, assembled by Amadon & Henderson; contents arranged by Henderson & Laska;

Had 2 exhibit cases made by Weston carpenter David Ott, contents by Laska; glass covered; these 2 and the above 2 have built in lights.

Title index prepared of all BULLETINS by Laska;  
Photo album arranged with record of people and events of the W.H.S. (Laska)  
Introduced Guest Book for all visitors & volunteers;  
Prepared 2 sets of all BULLETINS, complete, have them bound, by Laska;  
Purchased and mounted 2 standing flip-flop display stands by Laska;  
Made order in attic, a depository of Dickson & Dickson-Lucas books and extra Town Reports and BULLETINS, Henderson & Laska;  
dto. in an upstairs room, full of odds and ends, mostly Henderson;  
Bought U.S. Flag, displayed when Museum open;  
Collected all maps in a closet, not sorted out yet;  
Sorted out a big box full of Town Crier photos, by Amadon (most without identification, alas!)  
Arranged yearly Open Houses, in May, with or without refreshments;  
Catalogued several dozen ladies gowns, mostly in boxes upstairs;  
Laska & Henderson;

WESTON 2000, Millennial Exhibit in March, 2000 at Weston Library, in the Gallery and Community room; in preparation for over two years; Laska, Barbara Coburn & Anna Melone, with help of numerous others, all listed on the exhibit program and the BULLETIN;

residue from the exhibit to the W.H.S.: 2 tables, 2 beautiful, large glass covered horizontal exhibit cases, all in the shed next to the work room (no other space), plus ALL artifacts, photos, etc. of the exhibit (without the art work), so that the exhibit or its parts can be used again. Secured cooperation of Weston Arts & Crafts, High School, musicians, press, dozens of Weston organizations, etc.

In the works now:

labeling of all documentary files with help of recently hired assistant, Lauren Fercucci;  
indexing the BULLETINS' contents by assistant (part time);  
accessioning files of disbanded Weston Red Cross;  
curator of necessity continuing as corresponding secretary.

WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE SPACE, SO WE COULD EXHIBIT MORE OF OUR TREASURES! IT IS YOUR MUSEUM - COME AND VISIT!

## **JUST FOR THE RECORD**

At the Town Meeting on November 13 and 14, 2000, the office of the Weston Town Administrator was voted to be replaced by that of a Town Manager. Organizational changes that this imply were detailed in the Town Crier and the Globe.

The Town Meeting also approved (barely) the renovation and expansion of the Town Hall to the tune of \$5.69 million. The voices of opposition claimed that there is sufficient space in the Town Hall for all, with 200 square feet per each of 27 employees, and that the addition to the building would detract from its historical beauty.

After an interesting debate, the library trustees were exempted from the Town Manager's approval of their hiring or firing of library employees, thus gaining a kind of autonomy.

Regrettably only 5% or 344 of the 7,191 registered voters showed up at the Town Meeting on Monday, and only 3% or 210 on Tuesday.

Vera Laska



# WESTON HISTORY

- 1. Brenton H. Dickson: Once Upon a Pung, delightful stories about Weston of yester-year; hardcover, \$7.50.
- 2. Brenton H. Dickson & Homer C. Lucas: One Town in the American Revolution, Weston, Massachusetts; hardcover, \$7.50.
- 3. Daniel S. Lamson: History of the Town of Weston, Massachusetts, 1630 -1890; 1997 reprint, with new Introduction and an INDEX; this book should be in every Weston home; hardcover, \$29.95.
- 4. Lee Marsh, comp.: Weston, photographs from the Museum of the Weston Historical Society, paper, \$15.00

All books available at the Museum of the Weston Historical Society, Wednesdays 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or by phone 237-1447. Out of town orders: please add postage & handling \$3.00.

## OFFICERS OF THE WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the November 8, 2000 annual meeting of the Weston Historical Society the following officers were re-elected and elected:

<u>President:</u>	William Martin
<u>Vice President:</u>	Vera Laska
<u>Secretary:</u>	Anna D. Melone
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Harold Downing

### Broad of Directors:

3 year term:	2 year term:	1 year term:
Barbara Coburn	George Amadon	Peg Curtin McDonald
Hal Downing	Pam Fox	Samuel Payson
Vera Laska	Richard Harding	Debbie Toppan
William Martin	Douglas Henderson	
Anna D. Melone	Joseph Sheehan	

**BULLETIN** Editor  
Vera Laska

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