

Black Scrapbook of 1880's

- In Westfield on July 9, a son
- William was born to Benjamin
& Emma Jones. (Emma Bradley Jones?)
- 1845 Granville will celebrate
the 100th anniversary of the
settlement of the late Dr. Cooley
at the Cong. Church there. (Fifty
years ago, the fiftieth anniversary
took place there.) Between 1000
and 2000 people are expected.
Any survivors of the choir of 50 years
ago will sing a chorus.
- James Goodwin established
a Harness Shop north of his house
(old brick one on corner of Main & Beek
Hill Rd.)
- This house was the home once
of John Phelps, the high sheriff
of Springfield 1813-1831.
- Pages about murder at Hall Pond
date?
- 1887 Mrs. Major Nelson & 'Aunt Ann'
Barlow have both found it necessary
to call in the aid of a physician
within the past few days but they
are better now.
- 1887 Ed Weheway has gone to Meriden to lay the
foundation for a new house for the
Fern Brothers.

May 18, 1887

- Gilbert Miller has bought the farm of H. C. Robinson and taken possession of it in West Granville.

- Albert Latham who died on Saturday from cancer, was buried in Talland-
West Granville

1877

*Came of
Hartland 1877?*
- Miss Melvina Territt has handsomely repaired her mother's house and added a bay window which she is filling with choice plants.

1877

- The center school district building committee has purchased land of Henry C. Robinson for the site of the new school house - (Across the road from Ore Hill School, Helene Duris told me, & it was destroyed so the one later standing was built.

- Dr. Fern has been attending Mrs. Eueline Barber.

July 18, 1894

- Mrs. Harriet Green, widow of Henry Green, died last week

after a long illness. She was a member of the Cong. Church here. She'd taught school for 30 years in Conn. She leaves a sister, Miss Augusta Carnwell.

(We remember my Uncle Olin knew a Henry Green in Rhode Island who had come from the lower part of the Hartland Hollow Road, & we knew a "Musty" Carnwell who lived down that road not too far on the right about where it met the one coming down from One Hill School in West Granville.

1881 Almost 30 years ago, two youths from Granville made a drum in a farmer's kitchen from a board found in the barn - steaming it with a teakettle, & taking hogs' bladders for the heads. The next week, they made a dozen drums for sale. Since then, Noble and Cooley have made about 80,000 of them & now employ 74 hands.

1887

- At West Granville, Alfred Latham died, at 86 years of age.

The Latham house was below us on the left.

Nov. 11, 1905 (?)

- David Northway, the oldest citizen of Granville, died at his home in South Lane Thursday. He was stricken with a paralytic stroke about a week ago and failed rapidly. He was born in Granville nearly 90 years ago and had made his home there nearly all his life, carrying on a farm. He belonged to the Baptist Church. Besides a widow he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Hattie Rising of Westfield.

(Bertha Broadbent of Westfield had lived with her & her mother at one time, Bertha told us.

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- Mrs. ~~Wm~~ Bentley, ~~Alfred~~ ^{William} ~~Livingston~~, at the Brunk place in Talland, drowned herself. She had lived there with her two little girls, her husband having left her some 2 1/2 years ago. Neighbors found her tracks on the road from her house to the mill pond on Hubbard River. Her body lay in three feet of water. The Mill Pond was north of the bridge which connects West Granville and Talland.

- Talland, May 20, 1874

Asa Farnham of Otis has bought the place opposite the Marshall place.
Where Grandpa Nelson lived & Anna Toland & Oliver were born.

Tolland

- Asa Farnham, a Talland farmer, hung himself on an apple tree behind his barn.

1880

- Thomas Hayes, 5 years of age, is raising cabbages, corn, and potatoes. Every morning he has hoed and watered them & they have turned out fine. (He lived in the area near the old Pease Road and the Hartland Hollow Rd.)

Date?

West Granville

- Mrs. Alfred Latham was badly injured by their horse last week, and a day or two later, Mr. Latham was hurt by his cow.

- West Granville

George G. Treat is slicking up his place generally, by repairing and painting.

- West Granville

There was a large attendance at the West Granville Church last Sabbath, to hear the Rev. Mr. Slooem, a grandson of Oliver E. Slooem of this parish. (His house was in Tolland)

- West Granville

Miss Libbie Goodwin has been presented with a nice horse, harness & phaeton by Dr. Mases of Hartford. (Brick house top of hill opposite Onehill, near the junction of Beech Hill & Main Roads)

- Edward Chapman is putting up a large barn - the carpenters are E. P. Mallison & C. B. Clark -

- Vincent Baines & his brother are hurrying to ready their steam mill. It's nearly all iron & is fire-proof.

- By petition of Aaron Nelson and 53 others, the selectmen have surrueyed the old road near the Tolland town line which is to be acted upon at a special town meeting. (It runs thru Cooley's pasture & did when Aaron lived on the Cooley place.)

- Mrs. Aaron Nelson got thrown from her carriage while descending Ore Hill last Sabbath, by the horse's losing its footing. The carriage was considerably smashed, the horse badly galled, (?) and Mrs. Nelson received a very bad sprain of the wrist.

West Granville

- Henry Crocker, Major Nelson, & H. M. Parsons each have a new organ.

Granville

- The Dickinson Library of this parish comprises 700 volumes.

West Granville

- Mrs. Mary Treat has been quite sick with fever and inflammation of the hand by a small cut on her thumb while at work at Crane Brother's Paper Mill. She is now fast recovering under the care of Dr. Fenn.

1880 At W. Granville (Barnesville)?
on Dec. 10, a daughter was born to Mr & Mrs. Nelson Frisbie.

West Granville

Roads were bid off for their care in W. Granville to Nelson Frisbie, and several other men - Deacon

George Atkins, B. Giddings,
H. M. Peebles, Wm. Champlin,
Charles Treat, Benjamin Clark,
& Vincent Barnes,

- Mrs. Julia Sperry found
her mill filled with barn
manure last Sunday night.
She knows the boys who
did it and wishes they were
obliged to drink the water,
& live on poor bread for a month!

- 1884 or 85 W Granville

The auction at Aaron Nelson's
was pretty well attended and
things went at fair prices.

- East Granville 1880

Sun. night about 11 o'clock
our quiet village was startled
by ringing of bells & cries of
fire. Christian Sauers' place,
generally known as the "hotel"
and barn were in flames,
both soon in ashes, leaving
the family house-less. Most of
the furniture was saved,
also harness and movable articles
in the barn. Six tons of hay
were burned. At one time it
seemed as if the parsonage
must go, but it was saved.

(Mather noted that her father Aaron & his son Major had once kept that hotel so it must have been the one on the hill opposite Deegan's Store & the Church. It burned in 1880, when Major was around 19.)

- @ 1881 West Granville

Joseph Welch is building a large barn on the Treat place on South Lane, & will put the house there in good shape. (It was below the Terrett place & on the opposite side of the road.)

- Granville

The household furniture of the late Eli Johnson was sold at auction last week. He was Dr. White's wife's father (or grand-father.)

- Mrs. Curtis Barnes died of typhoid fever. Some of her children have been sick for a long time.

- West Granville

Last week it was reported that the old Dillon house was haunted. Now a portion of the south roof has been taken off by late winds.

- West Granville

Sophia Keep, widow of William, died:
Feb. 5, 1887

West Granville 1887

In Dist. no. 8, Miss Mary Bartlett, teacher, noted that the following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy:

Frank Dues, J. Alden Fern,
Wm. Marsh, Gattie Frisbie,
Burton Dues, Burton Peebles,
Robert Muddings & Sadie Barnes.
W. Granville

- Henry W. Soule is fitting up his "Exchange Hotel" in fine shape. He expects a large number of summer boarders from New York. If that railroad is put through, Henry should buy the site where the old gambrel-roofed house is on East Hill (Beans place?) and put up a first class hotel for summer.

West Granville 1887

Mrs. Mary Latham has returned to her old homestead after a long stay in Springfield & Westfield. Her health is poor and she had a shock while on the stage, but is now able to walk again. (Lived below Major Nelson on the left on the W. Hartland Road.)

Mearge Atkins has exchanged his house in Winsted, Conn. with Louis Basquet for a farm of 65 acres in So. Anhurst, and has already commenced mowing there. Deacon Atkins remained from West Granville to this town two or three years since -

- The tower on the West Granville Church has just been painted, & green blinds have been put in as screens at the four entrances to the belfry.

- June 1887 (Mother 1 year old!) M. F. Snow has 608 bolts in his front barn doors, and Mrs. Snow is the leading turkey raiser for these parts - (I think we used to hear the same in my day -)

- Mrs. Mary Latham, formerly of W. Granville, but now of Springfield, has bought a farm in Longmeadow.

- Nathan Fern has bought a hive of bees which he thinks is the only one in West Granville.
- The Fern brothers set 65 Wyandott eggs and hatched 62 chicks.
(Loud app. Albat skulls place, I was told -)

- Miss Trefethen, teacher at Ore Hill School, has returned to her home in Taunton.

- Mr. Editor, 'where is Whartland? I see that name on one of your guide boards. (Tolland, Nov. 1880)

- After Apr. 1st, the mail route west from Granville by stage will have its terminus at Tolland, instead of Sandisfield.

- Apr. 1903

Mrs. Julia Sperry, an old resident of this town, died at the hospital in Northampton from the "grippe"

- Death of Silas Noble of Noble & Cooley - (made the first drum with his friend) Write up on p. 35 of the black album

- Jan. 17, 1903

Mr. B. F. Jones, an old familiar figure has left these parts & is supposed to have gone to Minn.

- In Tolland, Jan. 24, 88, Alonzo Marshall died at 82 -

- In 1881 Francis Baker, son of Rev. Joel Baker, d. at 79 in Old Deerfield, Mass.

- 1864 Dwight Wheeler d. - He had owned our farm.
- 1903 - Mrs. Vashti Merrell 87, died - widow of the late Dwight Wheeler, formerly of W. Granville
- Feb. 27, 1903
Mrs. Mary Beetle, 84, formerly of Tolland, has cancer. (She lived for a time in Colebrook & Wexford) Beetle Pond (Cranberry Pond) one of that family?
- 1903 West Granville
Dist. No. 10 teacher, Miss Kathie Frisbie, (Sherman Decker's wife) noted that pupils of the spring term were neither absent nor tardy. (Mother knew Cara Reeves, Willie Chapman & Charlie Chapman.)
- 1882 Death of Francis Cooley, born in Granville in 1822, son of Noah & Sophronia Parsons Cooley. He managed the West Granville country grocery store in 1847 (later Welch's store) Mr. Cooley was a Hartford business man - He left an estate of "5,000,000"!
- 1901 John Murray Gibbons died

- Picture of the Seymour house at Granville Center & an article about the summer colony on the hill -
- Death of Capt. Frederick Woodruff, age 69, a native of Granville.
- Birthplace of Pres. James Buchanan in Pa.
- Apr-1912
A school opened on South Lane with Elmer Gibbs the teacher.
- Edwin Wills & family of Alberta, Canada visiting Mrs. Chas. Treat, sister of Mrs. Wills. He has accepted a position as Supt. for Mr. J. E. Dows. (Lived on the Steve Roberts place on North lane)
- Apr. 2, 1912 The body of Mrs. Betsy Whiting Clark has been brot to W. Granville for burial. She was 93 - the mother of Ella, Mame & others in Hartland Hollow -
- May 31, 1906
Death of Edwin Stevens of Loomis St. Southwick. He left 7 children & 10 grand-children.

related
to Parker?

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W. Granville June 17, 1905
Lengthy write-up of a very
fancy wedding of Sadie Welch
to Raymond Warner at the home.

1905 A whole page or two 47 x 48
in black album on Lemuel Haynes
the colored Cong. minister who
preached in Granville for 5 years.
He named Eliz. Babbit.
In 1788 went to Rutland, Vt.
& remained there for 30 years.

Pg 49 Hubbard Fenn's marriage ¹⁹⁰⁵
to Mary Williams in Boston.
Nov. 20, 1905. He was the brother
of Alden who stood up w' Daddy
at the his wedding in Plainville, Ct.
In Meriden, he & brother Nathan
were in the jewelry business for
years, & he was a watch-maker
& jeweler. Nathan died of stomach
cancer.

1912
Sep 7A Mrs. Betsey Clark was the widow
of Benjamin Clark of Windsor Ct. She
had first married a Seale who had
died in Calif. gold fields in 1849. then
Borg Clark. She left 2 sons, Borg & Fred
who was Ellis' mother.)
P. 53 in black scrapbook:
Old coaches & stages out of Springfield

In black book,

- p. 56. Article about Stephen Fastle -
- p. 57 Descendant of Cotton Mather @ Castine, Me.
- p. 58 The Part of Westfield 1820's
Dock of Canal So. of Main St.
One of bldngs to the east of H. B. Smith
used as a warehouse.
Wm Furrows lived at one
old lockhouse

- July 18, 1849-1905 John Ripley
of Chester died.

- West Hartland (down past Corn. line)
Joseph Gibbs died July 1902
(Aunt Jennie's father or gr. father -
left a dau Mrs. Mark Stillman
& Rev. Wilbur Gibbs

- Nov. 10, 1905 Sarah Nelson Gabrielle's
death at 66 in White Lake, N.Y.

They lived at one → She was Majar's sister
time in little → Think her husband was
Logan House opp. → an inn - keeper at Reminton Inn
Porter Friskie - (Referred to as Uncle Gabrielle)

- Nathan Ferris d. at 81 - father
of Alden, etc. Left a dau -
Mrs. Samuel Bodintha of Aganam
Mass. & 3 sons, Abner, Hubbard
& Alden - Besides being a jeweller
he was Supt. of the Meriden Town Farm
for 7 years.

p. 58 & 59 in black album?

Part of Westfield (continued)

It bridged the Westfield River with an aqueduct, & a tow-path for horses ^{with}.

On Dec. 2, 1829, the first cruise from the Part of Westfield was an excursion by the canal boat "The General Sheldon" which left on her first voyage to New Haven, Ct. with 250 aboard.

It arrived in Granby, Ct. at 12 o'clock that night.

p. 61 All news items on the Canal

p. 62 & 63 missing -

p. 64 Notice by Middle Parish of Granville -
News clipping from Spfd. Repub. of June 1864 - Casualties of the 10th Mass. Regiment from May 17-20th.
- Photo of W. Granville Shore

p. 65 Newspaper clipping about "Old Ben Hazard" from 1859 Spfd. Repub. - He, of Palmer, peddled boots on foot -
- Death of Benson Coe, grandfather of Ward Coe of W. Hartland, Conn. - He has a cask supposed to be 249 years old - bro't from Holland at the time of the earliest settlements in Mass. & it was used for 189 years for a vinegar cask.

p. 66 Death of Morgan Cooley 1906. He enlisted from Granville Mass. in the Sixteenth Mass. Regiment. Had lived in Granby, Ct. for 32 years.

p 67.^m
in black
album

Found a long article "Granville Reminiscences" from a letter written by Elizer Moore of Tolland Mass. - grandfather of Burton Moore who was 81 at the time. (Tolland and Granville were one town till 1810. They had a newspaper called "The Granville" and it was sold out to some one in Winsted & called "The Winsted Times and News."

There were three parishes in Granville, East Granville had the first meeting house - which stood north of the road after coming up the East Mt. (Sodom Mt.?) It is said that women walked from the West to the East Parish to church - (No wagons in those days - some men & women rode horseback. Some women rode double - a ^(cushion) pillion being fastened on behind the side-saddle which made a very comfortable seat.

Roads were made by simply digging out the stone; no turn-pike! About 4 roads were laid out - two north, two east & west, and two south.

The three parishes settled ministers about 1795 to 1797.

In the east parish, Dr. Cooley was born & settled.

Rev. Joel Baker was in the middle parish (W. Granville) and Roger Harrison in the west parish (Tolland). Mr. Harrison rec'd. a \$200. salary and the other two a little more.

Dr. Cooley was a remarkably good sermonizer, Mr. Baker, a remarkable man in prayer, and Mr. Harrison a remarkable singer who could sing anything at sight. He delited in singing alto or treble.

Middle Granville had a very enterprising class of inhabitants.

Bob Robinson, one of the first, lived where Mr. Fern now lives. (Was that app. Albert Shuts' house?)

Hepzibah Robinson was a shoe-maker. The Parsons family lived on West Hartland Rd. Leon Parsons was a blacksmith. There was Sam & Joel Parsons, Job Phelps, a lawyer and first sheriff of Hampden County lived at the big brick house at the south end of Beech Hill Road. Other early settlers were Levi Curtis, a mechanic, Reuben Hill, Noah Cooley, Patrick Baise a lawyer, Deacon Adkins at the top of Magornis Hill -

→ Our grist mill was near where James Johnsons sawmill burned on the east side of the bridge on the way to Tolland from West Granville.
 Letter from Eliza Moore

All of our rye, corn, prouender & salt was carried there to be ground in summer by boys on horseback, four or five bushels at a time. (Not clear of location -) How sleepy I'd get riding to the mill on a hot summer day. Most everyone but mechanics raised their own grain. Sometimes we raised summer wheat so as to have some to make chicken pie for Thanksgiving. We raised our own flax - spun & wove it. Every town had nail makers, (nails one shilling a pound) calico, two shillings a yard. All agree we've had a hard winter all over the world. I will write something about Talland next week.

Respectfully yours:

Elijur Moore

His Second Letter:

The Hamiltons in the east part of town, large land-owners, and a large family, are gone from town and dead, but Kate, a widow who is supported by the town.

Next, to the west, Stephen Goff, his wife a woman doctor, next, the Pomerays where Daniel Springlins,

next, Mr. Handy, a farmer, who in spring when the snow was disappearing, would go barefoot, then, Philip Parsons, a shoemaker, John Hamilton a sweaver by family trade, Gail Hamilton, a large (went to Illinois.) One of the girls made the shroud of Joseph Smith, the Mormon leader who was later shot.

Titus Fowler, my grand-father, who moved into town just before the Revolutionary War, said he heard the cannon all day at the Battle of Bunker Hill from his place near the center of town.

He was a Justice of the Peace and a prominent man who had three sons and three daughters.

At the time of Shays' Rebellion, Cap. Fowler and Col. Robinson started for Springfield. Mr. Shays met them at East Springfield, kept them over Sunday and let them go on to Springfield. Gen. Shepherd, grand-father of Deacon George Shepherd of Marquette, had charge of the militia.

Rev. Roger Harrison built the house on the corner opposite where the church is now. Deacon Gates' blacksmith shop was a little east

of it, and Solomon Cavales lived on the south corner. Next, was David Wright, a nail maker, then Archibald Wright on the old road north. Joel Mason, Dr. Wright, Rogers, Solomon & Thomas Rogers. Then, west, we come to the Twinings - Elijah, who had four boys came from Cape Cod as did also the Hardings, Higgins & Joshua Rogers - all good inhabitants.

Now I will go to Burt Hill, whose name was derived from Caleb Burt, one of the first settlers who moved to New Boston. He & his sons built the tannery at West New Boston. One of the sons built the Hill Tannery which he afterwards sold, & went to Pennsylvania. Few of the first settlers or their descendants live there now, some went west and some to the neighboring towns.

The Alderts, Tuttle and Dorman settled in Becket; Clark Dorman dressed cloth for awhile in Colebrook River. Daniel Dorman was drafted in the War of 1812 with nine others.

The Williams family lived on the farm occupied by Frank Harvey.

- E. Larkin, Charles Hull, and a few families in Colebrook River comprised Burt Hill.

7 P. 70 in old black scrapbook:

Death of Rev. T.O. Rice, age 73, pastor of church in West Granville & of one in Tolland. As a preacher, he had few equals. He was loved and respected by all who knew him & at one time was head of the school board, doing much to improve the schools. His remains were taken to West Brookfield for burial.

- Miss Alice Warger is at Blandford for a few weeks. (Nelsie's sister)
Hampden County

- Julius Day, who died June 2, at the age of 84 was one of the oldest residents of West Springfield. Thirty years ago, in winter time he made it his business getting logs for ship timber and rafting it down the river. Later he was able to be Acting Treasurer of the Rubber Co. at Seymour, Conn. where with his three sons, he has been engaged in the manufacture of goods under the Goodyear patent.

- On June 14, 1880, Mr. Philander Shaw of Tolland was married to Miss Sarah King of Andisfield.

- On June 15, in Granville Mr. Christopher Sauers married Rosa Bishop of Granville.

- In Granville in June, Erack Atkins was married to Mrs. Sophia Hodge.
- In Granville on June 26, Curtis Barnes, age 63, died.
- In Granville on June 26, In Tolland on July 3, 1880, Harriet, wife of Deacon Elijur Moore, died at the age of 82.

- West Granville:

In 1888 the funeral of Nelson Hall was held. He was born in this town and had spent most of 67 years here. For 30 years, he'd been a member of the Methodist Church.
(Hartland Hollow Rd ?) 425

- West Granville

Willie, son of Deacon Atkins, received some severe bruises while sliding on Ore Hill. Why don't they get killed?! They tie three or four sleds together and let some small boy lie on the forward sled & guide the destinations of all. Parents, where are you? Lets save a funeral!

- 1888. In West Granville, July 14, a son was born to Robert and Dora Pease. (also, Hartland Hollow ?)

- 1889

Albert and Norman Nelson, (Grandpa's half brothers) of this town have purchased the Albert Root farm, partly in Westfield, & partly in Southampton, for \$6000.

- George Chapman claims he is married to a young lady who is a whip-maker in Westfield (probably from one of the whip factories there.)

- 1883 In West Granville, snow fell to the depth of a foot on Saturday and Sunday without drifting, as recent storms have ended with a crust.

- Robert & Norman Nelson of Westfield have made a two weeks' visit to their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Nelson of West Granville.

- Steven Hall has taken a job at the rule factory in Riverton, Ct. (Were they yardsticks & rulers?)

- 1883

The boys of Granville & Talland turned out Tuesday to cut up a wood-pile for Eli Johnson who is over 90. (The saw mill down by the bridge below our farm -)

on p. 72
in black
album

- 1883 "Barkhanded Reminiscences"
from the "Worsted Herald"
Many mentions of blades -
too long to copy -

p. 73
in album

May 10, 1887
A fire on Center Hill in
New Hartford - It destroyed
the A. B. Tiffany dwelling &
store, also the adjoining barns.
Origin of fire unknown -

- Small article about the dam
at Otis Reservoir -

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in black
album

Murder & Suicide at Southwick
(Lewis Fowler & DeWitt Griswold)
Also an item about herring & beer

p. 75 in
album

Feb. 28, 1889
- The Old Leather Man's Doom
- Fire at the Toy Bickford & Co.
in Simsbury - Many killed -
(now Esign & Bickford?)

May 29, 1901

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in album

- Long long article on General
William Shepherd.

p. 80

- Photo of Patrick Boase,
First Worshipful Master of Mount
Mariah Lodge, Feb 12, 1856 - Sept 1,
1858 - Born in W. Conn. 1821

- photo of an ancient castle in Wales

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Long article on ^{Wm.} Shepherd
on separate sheet inside back
cover of black album - May 29, 1901

- Photo of Patrick Baise, First
Worshipful Master of Mount Moriah
Lodge, Feb. 12, 1856 - Sept 1, 1858
- born in W. Granville 1821
(The Lodge was on the top floor
of the house where Ernie Sattler
now owns.)
- Inside of back cover, photo of
Linus Narger, pioneer of 1854
- Death of Abbie Spellman in Westfield,
born in W. Granville in 1820. She
lived in Granville for 30 years.

Dec 8,
1913 Death of Cyrus Dues's ^{wife} - ^{He a} ^{found} ^{his} ^{wife} Emma
68 years - found. ^{Emma} Emma
dead in bed - aged 66. He called
Dr. Ward of New Boston who said
she died of a shock. She leaves
two children, a brother S. D. Smith
of Dorset & a sister Mrs. William
Breckinridge of Farrington, Conn.
Her children were Frank Dues
and Carrie Cooley

March 3, 1914 Death of Rev. Wm. Moore -
Death of Maria Terrett Llays,
sister of Charles Terrett

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- March 26, 1864 (The Ines Place)

For Sale in West Granville -

Farm pleasantly located on the road leading from Westfield to Tolland, containing about 126 acres of land, well divided into pasturing, mowing, tillage and wood land, and provided with suitable buildings for farming purposes.

Said farm also has a good grove of maple trees for making sugar. The said farm will be sold by the administrators of the estate of the late Elisha Miner, at public auction on Wed, Apr. 6th at 10 o'clock A.M., if not previously disposed of at a private sale.

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