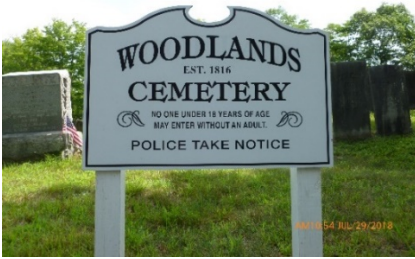


Woodlands Cemetery Update and History.



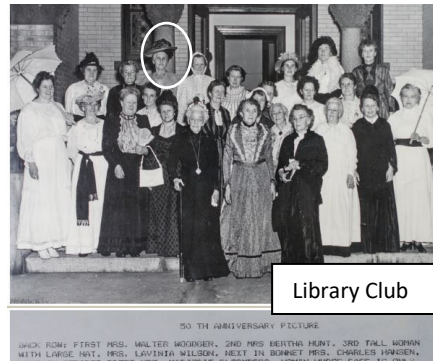
September brings blue skies, purple asters and a hint of beautiful foliage to accent our little country cemetery.

In the update category, Timothy Mather Cooley's fence has been repaired after having been hit by a vehicle in 2008. Plus we have a new welcome sign for the front gate and an "Information" box containing a list of graves with their GPS coordinates to aid visitors and family members.

Much of our history is preserved forever in Albion B. Wilson's *History of Granville, Massachusetts* published in 1954. Albion was born in 1872 in Weathersfield, VT, attended VT country schools,



Dartmouth College and Harvard Law. He then moved to Hartford, CT to practice law. He married Granville's Lavinia Rose, daughter of Miles J. Rose and Sophia Beach Rose. Lavinia graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in 1901, taught mathematics at Wilbraham Academy and was very involved Granville's Library Club. For



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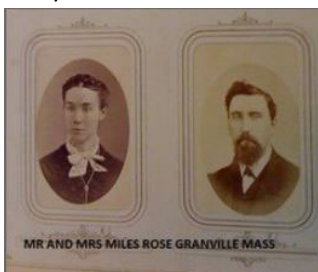
Albion, what started as curiosity about Granville's beginnings, developed into a serious interest, and with extensive research, eventually resulted in a full-fledged published history of the town that they both loved. Lavinia saw to the publication of the book after his death in 1950.

The house where Lavinia grew up became the summer home of Albion and Lavinia where they lived 6 months of the year. It was built about 1880, purchased by Miles and Sophia Rose soon thereafter and is historically known as the Miles J. Rose house. Lavinia and Albion were married in the front bay window of the house. It is easily recognizable as the stately white home at 458 Main Road on the corner of Main and Old Westfield Roads. Lavinia continued to spend summers here for 18 years until 1968. The house remained



very much as it was when she was a child. There was minimal wiring, no insulation, no storm windows, no plumbing except for a hand pump in the rudimentary kitchen....and a 3-holer in the barn. When the Connors purchased it in 1969, they had an historic house that was unblemished by generations of modifications. They had somewhat of a blank slate to work with and lots to do. It is now up to date and the Connors still live there.

Lavinia's parents: Miles J. Rose and Sophia Beach Rose.



Miles, Sophia, Albion and Lavinia are buried at Silver St. Cemetery.

Information and photos are credited to Granville Library's Historic Image Library and Merrilee and Jim Connors. The Library has a link to the on-line full text of Albion B. Wilson's *History of Granville, Massachusetts*. And recently, Lavinia family member Janet Donston has donated numerous related items to the Image Library.

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