

WESTFORD.

On February 24, 1736, Joseph Hooker (1) bought of Josiah Powers 100 acres and dwelling thereon, located just across the Littleton line in the town of Westford, the farm having previously been owned by Joseph Temple, this location was also in the vicinity of Nashoba hill.

On a map of Westford made in 1730, this house is shown as owned by Walter Powers and it must have been built as early as 1715; it is still in a fair state of perservation and occupied by a veteran soldier of the 26th Mass. Vol. Infantry of 1861-65 named John Wayne. A few years ago Wayne pulled down the large old fashioned chimney in order to make more room inside and built a smaller one which somewhat detracts from the ancient aspect of the structure.

At this homestead Joseph Hooker (1) and his wife Anna died sometime previous to 1753, as appears by certificate to a deed, but no record of their deaths or burial place exists: from there John Hooker, son of Joseph (2), went in 1744 to join Captain Ebenezer Alexander's company of General Pepperell's regiment for the Louisburg expedition: a return made out at Louisburg in