

Acc 1907.12.48 Soc. Paper read 1901 by Geo W. Wellington The Stores in Arlington 1812.

Grocery Stores at that time and later were known as West Indian Goods Stores – Wm. Locke  
W.L. Goods at “foot of the Rocks” where double house of Warren A. Peirce now stands.

Tufts & Adams W.I. Goods. Matthew Rowe’s store at present.

Thomas Russell, W. I. Goods Walter Hutchinson store at present.

Walter Russell W. I. Goods a brick 2 story stone building where Masonic Hall now stands.

William H. Brooks W. I. goods between Soldiers Monument & house of C. Barton Whittemore.

Miles Gardner W.I. goods Broadway near Gardner St.

These stores sold Groceries and liquid refreshment.

Town Report May 1, 1811.

Thomas Russell for nails and glass for school houses, and for groceries and refreshment of  
carpenters when replacing School Houses. 17.34

Thomas Russell for sundries and refreshments for surveyors of highways. 14.33

John Tufts for refreshments to Selectmen Committees 4.11

Gardner & Johnson for sundries and refreshment to surveyors of Highways 9.63

William Locke for sundries and refreshment to surveyors of highways 8.94

Total for refreshments to Townoffices in 1810 \$37.00

Now quote from town Report May 1816

Wm Locke & Son for refreshments to surveyors of highways 14.57

Est. Sam’l Hill	“	“	“	7.22
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Tufts & Adams	“	“	“	13.85
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Amos Whittemore	‘	‘	‘	7.83
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Alfred Locke Refreshments for selectmen and school workers 4.00

Total for refreshments 1816	47.47
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Post Masters: William L. Brooks, Amos Whittemore, Henry Whittemore, Israel Shattuck, John E.  
Towle, A. D. Hoitt. All of the above I remember except Amos Whittemore, who died about 1  
year after I was born, August 5, 1827. William S. Brooks removed to Brattleboro Vt and was a  
leading citizen there. I saw him in 1848. The West Indian Goods store at the foot of the Rocks  
was kept by Stephen Morton. Abner Peirce had the Tufts Adams Store. Tufts kept the tavern.

Tomas J. and Geo C. Russell kept the store corner of Water St. Master Russell of Medford St the Gardner store on Broadway was given up. About 1830 Abner Peirce moved into a house that stood where the Squire mansion does now, and built a store that stood about half way between that house and T. C. Squires house. At the same time he erected a hog slaughtering establishment that stood almost opposite the present Lake St. Depot on north side of the railroad. He raised a large lot of hogs now the Squire Jason so east of Lake Street. They were fed by the swill brought out as it was gathered daily in Boston and spread out on a large platform for the hogs. This was the commencement of the pork business in and around Boston. John Towles previous to 1830 had established a large dry goods store on the lot where the soldiers monument is, and the three story building in which was the store, and the Fowles residence now owned by Squire Estates, and is located on Monument Place; Mr. Fowle's store was a central point for trade, and he did a large business. It was near the Hotel where every night 10 or a dozen large baggage wagons, 2 to 8 horses with their teamsters put up, and these teamsters found it more convenient to purchase their dry goods for their country friends here than in Boston, for as a rule, they would pass the night here on their way to Boston. Start early the following morning to Boston, unload their produce, and unload with ?? for the country and spend the night in Arlington again, and find that their orders to the Towle of the night before had been filled and made ready for 3 them.

On the present site of the Town House was a two story building that was occupied as a shoe store by Jesse Buckman. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> story he employed several hands in manufacture of shoes or boots. Benj Poland was with him and became his partner, soon after about 1837. James A. Estabrook started a shoe store in the building now owned by Estate of Howard W. Hill. This building then stood on the line of Mass. Ave. just front of its present location. But was moved back in 1845 when the railroad was built. Tr. Estabrook occupied the southeast half of this building as she store, and manufactured shoes in 2<sup>nd</sup> story, soon after Samuel G. Damon found him and the firm was Estabrook & Damon. Only a short time after this Bucknam, Poland & Estabrook & Damon moved their business to Bolton, but in 1837 there was 500 pairs of boots and 31,000 pairs of shoes manufactured in this Town. The three story house where Frank R. Davies store is now was owned by Jonathan M. Dexter. He was an old-fashioned hatter, and made beaver hats. He made the first fine hat I ever wore, a low crowned beaver, and I remember I used to go to the shop on Saturdays, and have it ironed and washed up for Sunday. Mr. Dexter was one of the kindest old men I ever knew. He was the first Librarian of our Public Library, the origin of which was a legacy left by Dr. Ebenezer Leonard of Hopkinton, N.H. of \$100 for the purpose of establishing a Juvenile Library for the free use of the children of the Public Schools of the Town. Others can have the privilege by paying such sum as the Treasurer may decide. This bequest was accepted by the Town in 1835 and in 1887 the Town appropriated 30 cents annually for said library thus making this Library the first Public Library incorporated in Mass. And Jonathan M. Dexter was the Librarian, I then about 12 years old, assisted Margo Dexter to cover the first purchase of books made for this Library. Jonathan M. Dexter with his family wife, 2 sons & 2 daughters to New York City in 1838. One son is leaving

Henry Dexter, a millionaire in New York City, the founder of and the president of the American News Co. in New York and now a lively business man 87years old in March. I visited him in New York in June 1899. Since then he has lost his wife, which at his age is a misfortune