

A SPECIAL CORNER OF WESTON

by Jeanne Howes

(Ed. note)

The following article, written by Mrs. Jeanne Howes of Weston, December, 1987. Part I December, 1987. Part I will be featured in this issue of the Chronicle with Part II in the next issue.

Mrs. Howes was born in Massachusetts and is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College with a Master's Degree. In 1942 she married Charles Howes, a native of Connecticut, and they moved to Weston in 1951. Jeanne has written a book on the circus, The Howes Circus Story, detailing the circus 75 years before Barnum bought it. She started the organization "S.T.A.R." in 1952 and served on its board for 10 years, its President for two, as well as being senior writer for Save the Children. Mrs. Howes served as the Democratic registrar in Weston for 10 years and is a member of the Melville Society, having written much about Herman Melville.

Mrs. Howes enjoys Scrabble and her husband Charles who has been involved with meteorology for 60 years and writes a column about our local weather for The Weston Forum. We thank Mrs. Howes for her interest and hard work putting together this interesting history of our northern corner.

This is a fascinating but neglected chapter of Weston history - the story of our northwest corner which some people still call "Georgetown," and its Swedish settlers.

Actually, this part of Weston is but a small part of the Georgetown area which also embraces for the most part adjacent corners of Redding, Wilton, and Ridgefield.

Because of its close connection to the busy village at our border, some people have been confused into thinking that this place lies outside of Weston. Not so. Our special corner has always been contained within the bounds of Weston. Unlike the commercial and industrial parts of Georgetown, it remains residential. Residents here have always paid Weston taxes, and some have always paid



Weston taxes, served our town devotedly in various capacities and over many long years. However, close proximity to the border towns influenced this tip of Weston to develop in a separate way from the rest of Weston.

As a paperweight, a photo of the Swedish Covenant Church and its first pastor, Anders Nordlund, in 1905. The church is now a private residence.

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