

#32 WESTON ROAD

Levi D. Coley Circa 1844

So often, when one has lived in a place for many years, certain homes have names for previous inhabitants, such as the “old Smith place,” or the “Godfrey house.” As years go by and new people move into these homes, the residents of the town then call the home by a different name. Such is the case with #32

Weston Road. When I was a child it was called the “Danneman” place as the family with their six children lived there during the years when I grew up in Weston. Later on, it became known as the Lamazzo Gravel Bank when the land behind the house was excavated and used as a gravel pit (Now Crystal Lake).

Generations before this, the property at 32 Weston Road was known as the Levi Coley property. Our genealogist and house historian, Lynne Barrelle, wrote in her incredible history of this house and its

inhabitants, that history is often an account of the doings of men, with little or no emphasis on the roles played by women. The Land Records of the Town of Weston are no exception; the deeds are filled with references to the “land of John Doe and wife.” Further examination often finds that the land

in question is actually the woman’s property, frequently through inheritance of a separate estate. Although the omission of the wife’s name gives us the impression that her role as co-owner is of minor importance, this can be a

mistaken impression. In a small town like Weston, everyone knew their neighbors and the neighbor’s wife as well. It would have been clearly understood at that time that the land may indeed have belonged to the wife; that it had probably been her father’s before her (or her mother’s for that



The north face of the original house. The two fireplaces and the placement of windows indicate that the room on the first floor was originally two rooms.