

## #32 Weston Road, cont.

Coley. A third son Ward N. Coley was born early in 1890. In 1889 Sarah Coley quitclaimed the house and her dower land to her son William who about this time purchased the remaining sisters' distributions and was then in possession of 100 acres of the "Great Plain." A short time later, he moved his family to Bridgeport and took his mother with him. In 1892 he sold the property in Weston back to his mother who in turn sold it to a Daniel P. Morrell of Norwalk. It is unclear if the Morrells ever resided in the home and three years later they sold to John Gorham of Wilton. Mr. Gorham almost immediately sold it to William J. Sherwood who also purchased several other parcels previously owned by the Coley Family, including the "store lot." They occupied the house for the better part of 28 years.

In 1924 William Sherwood and his wife Jennie sold the house and 120 acres of land, still known as "the Coley farm" to Ada Held. Ada's husband John was a well-known and well paid artist of the times and he and his wife lived and entertained in high style in the former Coley homestead, which they renovated and enlarged according to the tastes of the times.

In 1940, after John fell on hard times, Ada sold the house and 8 acres of the former homestead to John Dallet. The rest of the 120 acres was divided up over a period of time and several pieces were sold as building lots. For many years the part of the property containing the spring or pond was operated as a gravel pit, and resulted in what we now know as Crystal lake. In time that portion would be divided into building lots.

In 1946 John Dallett sold the house and about 6 of his 8 acres to Dorothy Danneman. The remaining 2 acres was sold to George Van Riper, but after changing hands several times, this property was acquired by the Dannemans. They lived there with their family for over 25 years before selling it in 1972. Shortly after, the house fell in disrepair and was badly neglected, until purchased in 1989 by George Adin. The house changed hands again in 1992 to Dolores and Alexander Spitzer who undertook the renovation and enlargement of the beautiful home that had once been built with love by Levi D. Coley for his bride, Sarah.

Lynne Barrelle has not only given us a chain of title for a house, she has given us a history of a family who lived their lives in Weston, worked and loved, laughed and cried, and raised their family. We thank you for such a complete and interesting history of this beautiful home.

Chain of Title			
1992	198-74	Spitzer, Alexander and Dolores	2.3448 acres/(house)
1989	174-544	Adin, George	2.3448 acres/(house)
1984	131-163	Lomazzo, Henry J., estate of	?
1974	98-252	Hartford Real Estate Investors, Inc. (Henry J. Lomazzo, President)	14.07 acres/buildings
1972	95-128	Joblin, Warren P., aand Hastings, Peter J.	14.07 acres/buildings
1946	42-81	Danneman, Dorothy M.	6.15 acres/buildings
1940	37-299	Dallett, John	8 acres/buildings
1924	30-349	Held, Ada	120acres/"ColeyFarm"
1896	27-178	Sherwood, William J	100 acres/buildings
1896	27-168	Gorham, John	100 acres/buildings
1893	27-116	Morrell, Daniel P.	100 acres/buildings
1892	27-101	Coley, Sarah M.	100 acres/buildings
1889	26-158	Coley, William F.	20 acres/buildings
1874	[4-439]	Coley, Sarah M. [Probate Records Weston/Easton(Bridgeport)]	25 acres/buildings
1852	23-333	Coley, Levi D.	50 acres/buildings
1819	[28-373]	Coley, Mary H. {Probate Records Fairfield}	120 acres/barn ("great plain")
?	?	David Coley Jr.	?