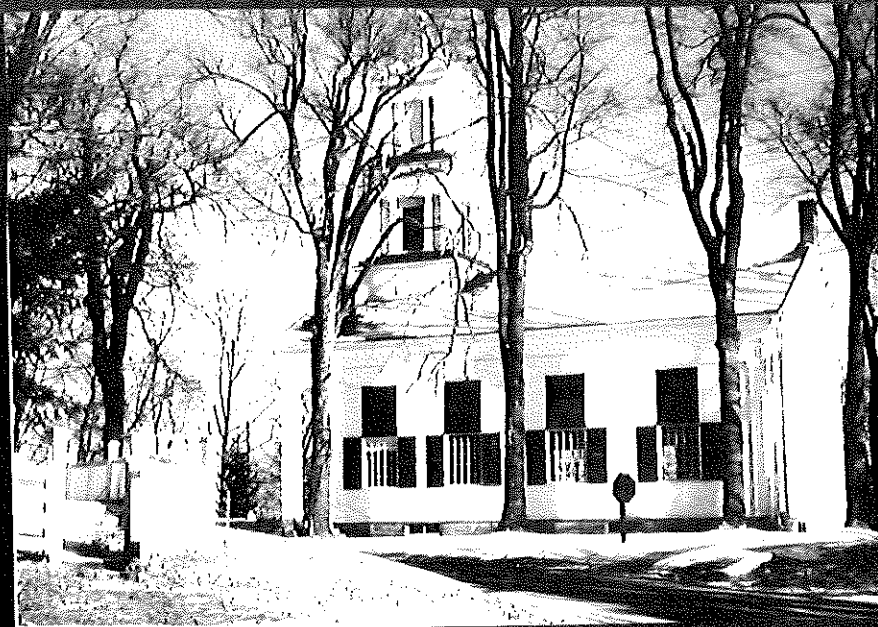




COLEBROOK CENTER - The GREEN Today
 (Showing the Town Hall & the Church -
 the Cooper House in the rear)



THE GREEN - 1904



THE CHURCH

In 1842, this "new" Meeting House was built, modelled after one in Unionville attributed to Bulfinch.

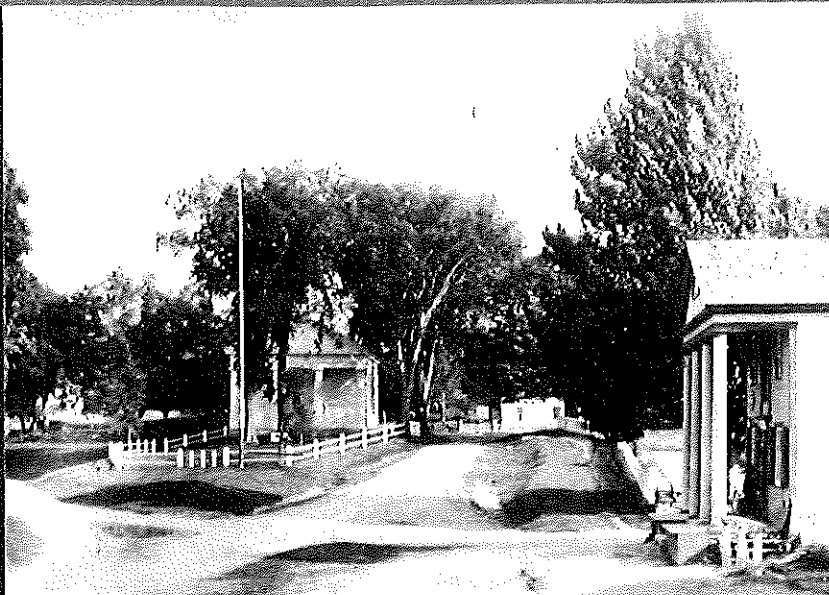
The site first chosen by the town in 1780 was north of Center Brook, but disagreement between the "northerners" and the "southerners" as to the location of their meeting house delayed erection of the original church for 14 years. It was finally built north of the present Store and on the site of the Pruyn House. Dr. Jonathan Edwards 2nd was the first pastor, installed in 1795.



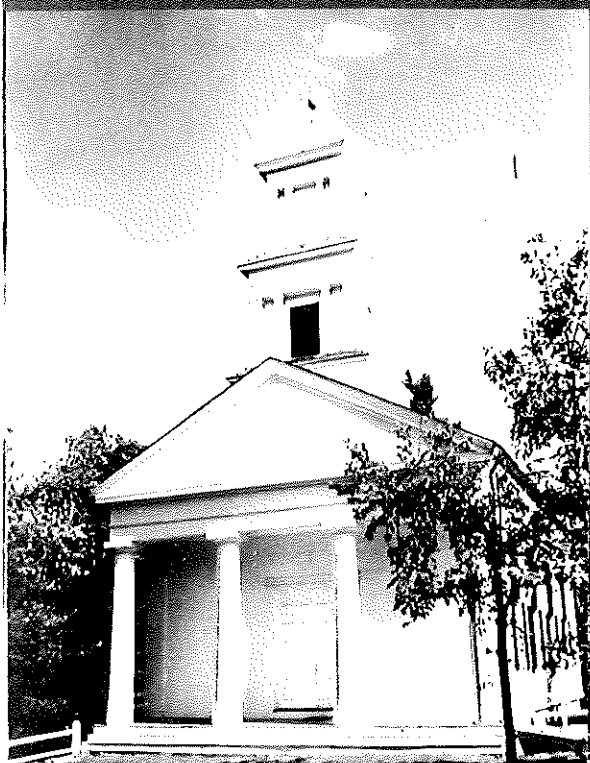
THE BULLETIN BOARD

It was once the town whipping post.

From the Colebrook Records, 1st Book, August 21, 1815. "No. 117. A complaint by Martin Rockwell, Grand Juror, for the theft in taking sundry articles from the Blacksmith Shop of Elisha Sage. The defendant was arrested and brought before me, and pleaded guilty on the complaint. The court considered that the said delinquent be taken to the sign-post in Colebrook and be whipped on the naked body Ten Strips . . . "



- 1886 -



- 1912 -





THE TOWN HALL

The Colebrook Inn was built in 1816 by William Underwood for his daughter Aphia, who married Rufus Seymour. They were the first proprietors of the Inn.

THE FIREHOUSE

This building is on the site of and incorporates many of the old timbers of one of the original outbuildings of the Inn.



THE STORE

Built in 1812 by Capt. William Swift, a farmer and an artisan of Colebrook who combined carpentry with a rare architectural instinct.

Capt. Swift is also responsible for the Squire Bronson House in Winchester (1817), and the present Winchester Historical Society building in Winsted (1813).



THE COOPER HOUSE

Land and water rights were acquired in 1828 by Phila M. Jarvis, who built this house about two years later.



THE KOCHHEY HOUSE

This house was built by Reuben Rockwell for his son-in-law, Giles Bass, prior to 1835.



THE MARGARET THOMPSON HOUSE

This farmhouse was built by Martin Rockwell for his son William, about 1823.



THE NORMAN THOMPSON HOUSE

William Smith built this house for his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Smith, approximately 1835.



ROCKWELL HALL

Timothy Rockwell began construction in 1793. After his death, the building was completed by his brother Martin in 1794. It is now owned in a direct line of descent by Miss Adaline Emerson Wheeler.



WOODBINE COTTAGE

Its earliest dates have not been found, but it is known to have housed Colebrook's first Post Office, and it is described as "the said Store" in a conveyance from Solomon and Martin Rockwell dated 1825.



ROCKWELL HOUSE

The fifth settler in Colebrook, Samuel Rockwell, arrived in 1767. The back part of this house was built in that year. In the large upper room, much of the early history of Colebrook was transacted. The front addition was put on in 1796.

This is the only house remaining in the town which was occupied by one of the first settlers.



THE GREY BARN



THE PARSONAGE

Once lived in by Ozariah Clarke and built about 1845, this house was bequeathed to the Colebrook Church by Miss Chloe Bass.



THE PRENTICE HOUSE

The original house was built about 1807 by Elisha Sage, who had a blacksmith shop at the foot of the hill. The present building was greatly enlarged around 1900.



THE PRUYN HOUSE

Dr. William B. De Forest acquired the "site of the Meeting-House" in 1843 from Reuben Rockwell, and built this house shortly thereafter.