



THE TOWN OF WOOLFORD, by Deanna Marshall, 4 February 2004

The featured speaker is Deanna Marshall who was born in Cambridge and raised from birth in Woolford near Old Trinity. She attended the Woolford one-room school and Milton Methodist Church. Her father, Earl Dunnock Asplen, was born and has lived his entire 100 years in Woolford. Her mother, Elizabeth Bell, was born near Woolford and died in 1998. Her paternal grandfather, William J. Asplen, was the village blacksmith in Woolford for over 30 years. He also clerked in the Samuel W. Woolford & Co. general store.

At the age of 10, Ms. Marshall was already hooked on genealogy and was editor of the Dorchester County Genealogical Magazine for 17 years. In 2002 her book "George Whitefield Woolford Family" was published with proceeds going to the upkeep of the Old School Baptist Meeting House in Woolford. She serves as Secretary -Treasurer of the Woolford Cemetery Co. which maintains the historic church and graveyard. Her husband, Charles A. Marshall, is a Dorchester native.

Anyone driving through the village of Woolford will observe that it retains the charm of the "good old days." Liberty Hall and the Woolford store have only changed a little since the Woolford family held great influence in the village. Old houses dot the village and Steamboat Lane marks the location where the "Emma Giles" arrived on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1887-1924. In her talk she relates stories about the old houses, stores, churches, school and families of Woolford