



HERITAGE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

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325 OLD LAKEVILLE ROAD, LAKE SUCCESS, NY

The farm house at 325 Old Lakeville Road, one of Great Neck's earliest homes, was built in 1814 by Stocker Woolley, born in 1790 and a descendant of some of the first settlers of Great Neck. Stocker purchased a portion of the property from his father, Benjamin Woolley, plus additional acreage in Lake Success from William Tredwell, the father of his wife Phebe. On Tredwell's death in 1818, Phebe inherited the adjoining Lakeville Tredwell farm; when she died of pneumonia two years later Stocker inherited her property. Stocker had four children with Phebe and three more with his second wife, Elizabeth Cheeseman. He lived on the Lakeville Woolley homestead farm until his death in 1857.

The second owner was Hobart Sanford Woolley, who lived in the farmhouse with his wife, Phebe Anne Brinkeroff, and their ten children. He had a tailoring business. In 1884 Phebe inherited half of her father's adjoining farm and Hobart inherited the remainder. This merged the Woolley homestead farm with the adjacent Brinkerhoff farm. One of the couple's children, Daniel Stocker Woolley, was born in the same room where his father was born, and slept as an infant in the Woolley family cradle that was passed down generation after generation. He resided there his entire life. Daniel was a trustee and vice president of the Roslyn Savings Bank, a director of the Bank of Great Neck, and the first cashier of the Great Neck Trust Company. His 1913 business cards, for D.S. Woolley & Bro., listed multiple enterprises: Grazing Farm. Horses boarded by the month or year. Agents for Real Estate. International farm & harvesting machinery. Fertilizers and genuine Peruvian guano. Glen Cove Mutual Insurance Co. Daniel was an active civic leader in Little Neck and Great Neck, promoting many civic improvements, including helping lead the acquisition of the property where the Lakeville School is located. He was a trustee of the Lakeville School District for forty years, and instrumental in organizing some of the stations of the Manhasset-Lakeville Water District, which he served as a commissioner. He was also a deacon and elder of the Dutch Reformed Church (now known as the Community Church of North Hempstead), and superintendent of the Little Neck Union Bible School for 27 years. Daniel Woolley also played an active role in securing permission to establish Sperry Gyroscope in the Lakeville area. His wife, Eleanor Van Siclen (1863–1944), taught in the Union Bible School for many years. When Daniel died in 1949, the house had been in the Woolley family for 135 years.

Daniel and Eleanor had one child, Harold, born at the farm in 1896. Harold graduated from Wesleyan University, where he was an honor student and captain of the varsity football team. In 1918, while he was at the U.S. Navy boot camp in Pelham, New York, he contracted the flu and died shortly after.



The Woolley homestead was sold in 1955 to Charles and Jessie Lloyd, who sold a portion of the land to a builder who constructed several homes. Cecil and Estelle Jaffe purchased the old farm house in 1984. The icehouse remains on the property, but the barn was torn down in 1967. According to a North Hempstead survey (1967), the barn was relocated to Old Bethpage Village.