

Marlborough, Massachusetts

"Wee have found a place which lieth westw"

A petition was presented to the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in May 1656 for the right to start a new plantation by thirteen men then residents of the Town of Sudbury. Among them was **William Ward**.

By 1660 house lots were apportioned. The size of the house lots ranged from 50 acres down to 16 acres, and the wealth, ability to improve the land, as well as active participation in the founding of the settlement were considerations in determining the house lot size for each individual. The (4) fifty acre men included **William Ward**.

William Ward could have come from or been closely connected to Marlborough in Wiltshire in Old England, some seventy miles west of London.

Nearly all of the 38 first settlers of Marlborough were born in England and were staunch adherents of the Puritan Church. Many of them brought wives and families with them. All seem to have had some schooling.

At about where the Old Post Office stands the settlers built in 1661 a house of Rev. William Brimsmead, which was to be a story and a half high with dormer windows on the second floor. **Obadiah Ward** was one of the builders.

William Ward built off West Main Street on land that included Ward Park.