

## Site of First Post Office in Newton

A plaque commemorating Newton's first post office rests on Washington Street in Newton Lower Falls. The post office was established in 1813 at a major merging of the two busiest east-west highways, the roads between Watertown and Natick, at the County Bridge near several inns and other shops. The stage coach on the Boston Post Road ran through Newton Lower Falls twice weekly, making it the logical site for the first post office. The plaque was commissioned by the Lucy Jackson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, an organization whose membership was exclusive to women who "can prove lineal, blood line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence." The Lucy Jackson Chapter of Newton and Wellesley was named for the daughter of Timothy Jackson and Sarah Smith, born in Newton on June 27, 1753, who served as a nurse in the Revolutionary War.

