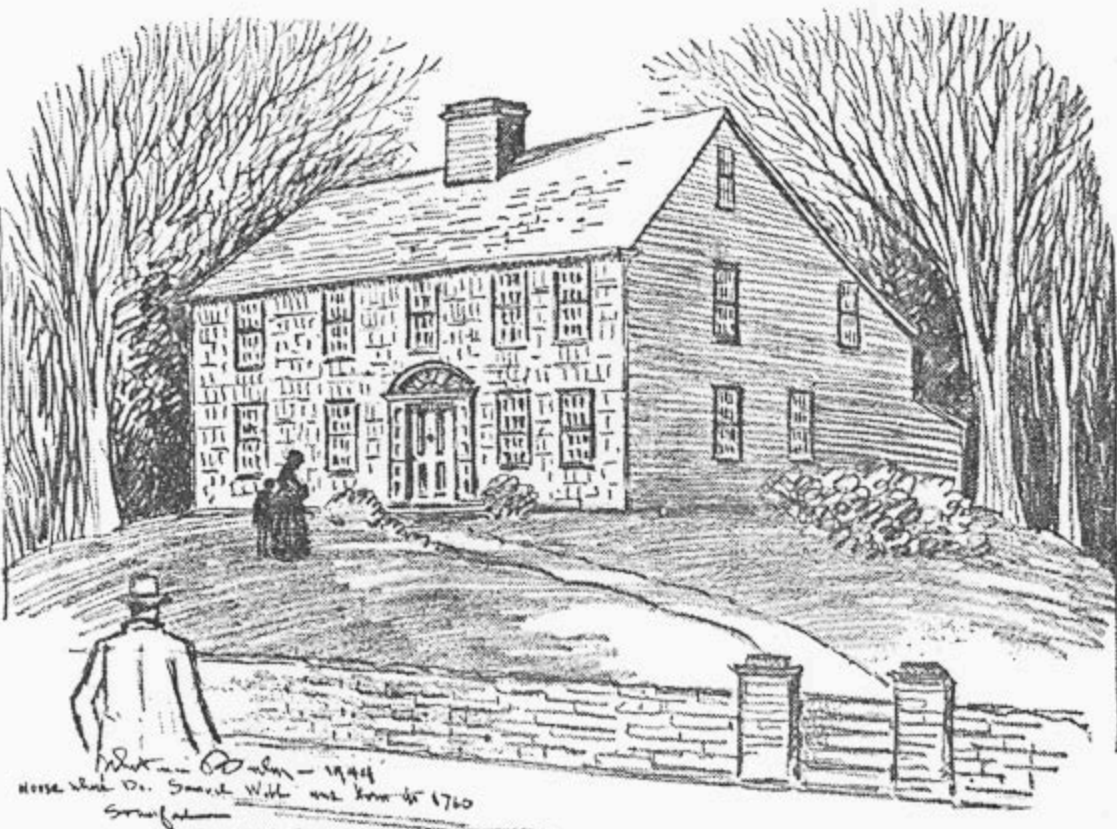


*Dr. Samuel Webb House Historic Landmark*

About 17 years ago, the old house where Dr. Samuel Webb of Stamford was born in 1760 was demolished. It stood on the west side of Atlantic St. near Federal Street corner, but because it had been set back some distance from the street it often went unnoticed by the passerby.

When this old homestead was built by Col. Charles Webb, a distinguished Stamford soldier of the Revolution and the father of Dr. Samuel Webb, Atlantic St. had not received its present name. It was known as "Rocky Neck Lane" and was little more than a cow path which wound its way southward till it reached Stamford Harbor. However, as

the village started to expand, Rocky Neck Lane became an important highway of a residential section. It was widened. Some of its curves were taken out, and it was graded. Along both sides, shade trees were planted; trees which grew to spreading maples and magnificent elms. In the substantial houses back of the trees, some of the best Stamford families lived and died.

Long before a store or shop of any sort had come to this present busy Atlantic Street, the Dr. Samuel Webb house was one of the few homes, standing on old Rocky Neck Lane, which recalled the days when Stamford was less a commercial, and much more a residential town. It also

brought to mind some of the later occupants. Mrs. Naomi Webb was one. By the neighboring children she was always called "Aunt Nomy" because she was so kind to them, no doubt giving them molasses cookies as they came from school. Later the house was lived in by her son-in-law, David L. Scofield and was soon called the Scofield home by his contemporaries, who ignored its early history and the fact that Col. Webb had been the one to choose this site of land.

The artist's sketch of this house was made from an old photograph taken in the '80's before porches had been added and alterations made.

Whitman Bailey.