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BIRTHPLACE OF DEBORAH SAMPSON

This fine old Plympton landmark so nicely pictured above is situated on Elm Street a little more than a half-mile from the Green. It is the last house on the right traveling west down this street. In recent years the old building has been altered and repaired, but the general old style of it remains much the same as when the venturesome Deborah left it some one hundred and sixty years ago.

Deborah Sampson was born here December 17, 1760, the daughter of Jonathan Sampson and his wife Deborah, who was the daughter of Elisha Bradford of Kingston. Jonathan was a direct descendant of Abraham Sampson, who came from Eng-

land and settled in Duxbury in 1629. Isaac, son of Abraham was one of the early Plympton settlers, and was the great-grandfather of our Plympton Deborah.

Two generations ago the Sampson farm was a sizeable one for Plympton and the cleared land extended back to the swamps bordering the Colchester Brook. The neglected fields have long since returned to forest, and today little is seen of the once fine old Sampson farm. This picture was taken soon after 1900. William Peck owned the place at that time. Ownership of it has changed several times in recent years.