Pelham Public Library
Presented Gift of $5000
Cash Grant Made From Estate
Of Late Zena Woodbury Currier

PELHAM, May 31—The trustees of the Pelham Public Library are in receipt of a gift from the estate of the late Zena Woodbury Currier, in memory of her first husband, Frank Melbern Woodbury. Mrs. Currier died intestate and her verbal request was carried out by her brother.

This generous gift of $5000 is to be known as the “Frank Melbern Woodbury Trust Fund.”

Mr. Woodbury, like many men of his generation, had a deep love of his town and had a great interest in founding and perpetuating a library. He gave the land on which this attractive building stands and gave of his time and effort in soliciting subscriptions for, and interest in, its construction.

The Pelham Free Public Library was completed and dedicated in 1896. Mr. Woodbury served as treasurer of the board of trustees for many years.

The library had previously occupied a corner of the old town hall, destroyed by fire in 1902, and was then kept in order by Miss Mary Hobbs. The present building was erected, not only for a library, but to honor the men who had gone from Pelham in defense of their country. The names of these men, 255 in number, are engraved on marble tablets in the Memorial room of the library. They do not include the veterans of World War II, their names are inscribed on the Honor Roll in the Memorial to the Butler Monument.

The library trustees have received the following statement regarding the gift: “To Mrs. Zena Woodbury Currier, a staunch New Engander of integrity and character, we owe a debt of gratitude. Her gift to the library and to the town of Pelham more than just a material one..."