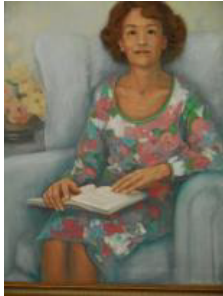


## Elizabeth Reed Room



**Elizabeth Steward Reed (1916-1980)**

An author and poet, she was secretary and board member of the Westfield Athenaeum for 25 years.  
*Artist: Sarah Stiffler Lewis*



**Mary Thayer (1832-1857)**

One of six children of a prominent Westfield family that lived at 100 Acres Farm at the end of Broad Street (where Big Y is now).  
*Artist: Joseph Whiting Stock, 1847*



**Elizabeth Ann Thayer (1829-1915)**

One of six children of a prominent Westfield family that lived at 100 Acres Farm at the end of Broad Street (where Big Y is now).  
*Artist: Joseph Whiting Stock, 1847*



**Deacon Lucius Fowler Thayer, Sr. (1797-1843)**

Farmer, influential citizen, and a member of a committee tasked with supporting a town high school.  
*Artist: unknown*



**Lydia (Ellsworth) Thayer (1795-1879)**

Prominent citizen and wife of Lucius Fowler Thayer. Mother of five daughters and one son.  
*Artist: unknown*

## Whitney Study



**James Fowler, Jr. (1828-1847)**

A member of a prominent family in Westfield, he lived in the house that is now the Children's Library.  
*Artist: Henry Inman*



**Edward Bates Gillett (1817-1899)**

A lawyer, he was a Massachusetts state senator, district attorney for Hampshire and Berkshire Counties, and a board member of the Westfield Athenaeum.  
*Artist: unknown*



**James Fowler, Sr. (1789-1873)**

A Massachusetts state representative, senator, and member of Governor's Council, he built the house that is now the Children's Library.  
*Artist: Chester Harding*



**Milton B. Whitney (1825-1915)**

A prominent lawyer, he was a Massachusetts state senator and member of the Board of Education. President of the Westfield Athenaeum (1893-1915), he left \$80,000 in his will to the library.  
*Artist: Joseph de Camp*



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## Edwin Smith Historical Museum



**Ensign John Bancroft (1755-1811)**

A prominent figure in Westfield, he was a Loyalist and the only son and heir of Capt. John Bancroft, the foremost Tory of Westfield during the Revolution.  
*Artist: William Jennys, 1801*  
*Property of Western Hampden Historical Society (WHHS)*



**Elizabeth (Holcomb) Bancroft (1754-1813)**

A prominent member of the community, she was the wife of Ensign John Bancroft and mother of nine children.  
*Artist: William Jennys, 1801*  
*Property of WHHS*



**Edwin Smith (1819-1886)**

One of the founders of the H.B. Smith Company, along with his brother Henry B. Smith. The historical museum was named for him, thanks to a \$15,000 donation from his son, William T. Smith.  
*Artist: unknown*

# Library Reading Room



## Hiram Harrison (1807-1869)

A prominent whip manufacturer, he donated the original library building at 26 Main Street.

Artist: unknown



## Lucy Fowler Gillett (1830-1916) Edward Bates Gillett (1818-1899)

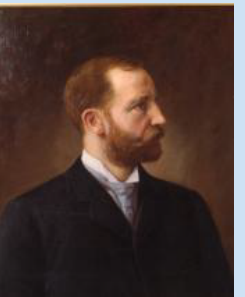
These are Lucy and Edward's marriage portraits from 1848.

Artist: unknown

They donated their home to the Westfield Academy, which gave it to the Athenaeum. It is now the Children's Library.



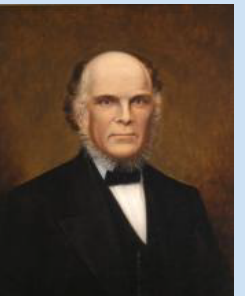
(See reverse for Edward Gillett's portrait in the Whitney Study.)



## Frederick H. Gillett (1851-1935)

One of Lucy and Edward Gillett's three children, he was born in the house that is now the Children's Library. A U.S. congressman, senator, and speaker of the House, he was president of the Westfield Athenaeum (1929-1935).

Artist: unknown



## Charles A. Jessup (1805-1872)

A paper manufacturer, he was one of the founders of the Westfield Social Library and a board member of the Westfield Athenaeum.

Artist: unknown



## Harry B. Putnam (1878-1952)

A state senator and Republican leader, he was a director and incorporator of the Westfield Athenaeum and its president (1948-1952).

Artist: unknown



## Norman T. Leonard (1800-1833)

A lawyer, he was one of the founders of the Westfield Social Library and contributed money to the maintenance fund of the Athenaeum.

Artist: unknown



## James C. Greenough (1829-1924)

An educator, he was president of the Westfield Normal School (1887-1896) and of the Westfield Athenaeum (1916-1924).

Artist: unknown



## William G. Bates (1803-1880)

A prominent lawyer, he was one of the founders of the Westfield Social Library, located in his office on Elm Street near School Street. He was the first president of the Athenaeum (1866-1880).

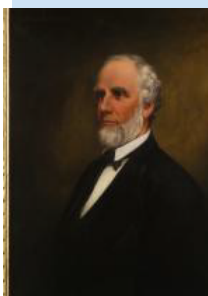
Artist: unknown



## Simeon Shurtleff (1808-1865)

A physician, he bought the books of the Westfield Social Library from Henry B. Smith. This "Shurtleff Collection" then came to the Athenaeum from his estate.

Artist: unknown



## Henry B. Smith (1817-1900)

One of the founders of the H.B. Smith Company, along with his brother Edwin Smith. He served on the first library committee and furnished the first library with a steam heater.

Artist: unknown



## Frank Grant (1850-1932)

A whip manufacturer, he served as treasurer of the Athenaeum for 33 years.

Artist: unknown



## Jehiel Abbott (1795-1872)

A physician, he was a member of the first Public Health Commission in the United States and was one of the founders of the Westfield Social Library.

Artist: unknown



## Samuel Mather (1798-1867)

A farmer, he pledged the first \$10,000 for the Westfield Athenaeum in the form of government bonds.

Artist: unknown

## Why are some of the artists unknown?

Some portraits are unsigned, and the families who donated them may not have known who painted them. It's possible that some of the unsigned portraits are by Mary Ann Douglas Johnson (1821-1906), who lived in Westfield and painted many portraits of prominent people.

