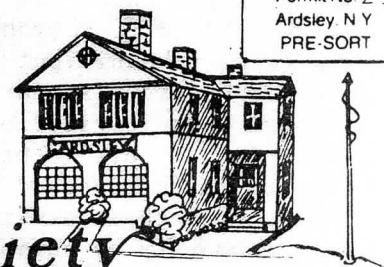


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Dear Neighbor,

With our first Newsletter, we introduce the Ardsley Historical Society to you. We were founded in 1982 by a group of Ardsley School District residents who share an interest in researching, collecting, publishing and preserving historical data of the life of our community and its inhabitants. The Society sponsored the Great Parade and Fair at Macy Park last June in celebration of Westchester County's Tricentennial. History is continually being made and you are part of Ardsley's history. We would like you to enjoy the benefits of membership and to participate with us and support our activities. You are invited to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 20, at 1 PM in the Courtroom of the historic Ardsley Municipal Building, 505 Ashford Avenue. An interesting program has been planned. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Arlene Weston
President



This photo was taken January 1884 in front of Hardy's Store on Railroad Avenue, now obliterated by the Thruway. Ardsley, a hamlet of 300, had just changed its name from "Ashford" to get a post office. Civic pride ran high.

Photo courtesy of Vera Travis, reproduced from Arthur Silliman's three-volume A Short, Informal History of Ardsley, N.Y. (1976).

SOCIETY GIVEN "KING PAPERS"

A generous gift of records, photos and old papers, telling the life and times of our earliest settlers, has been received by the Society from Margaret King Travis Lane, great granddaughter of Capt. John King and Eliza Ann Dobbs. The Kings lived in this area for about 100 years and played a leading role in the development of a nameless settlement to "Ashford," named after King's birthplace, and later to "Ardsley," Cyrus Field's ancestral home, both in England.

