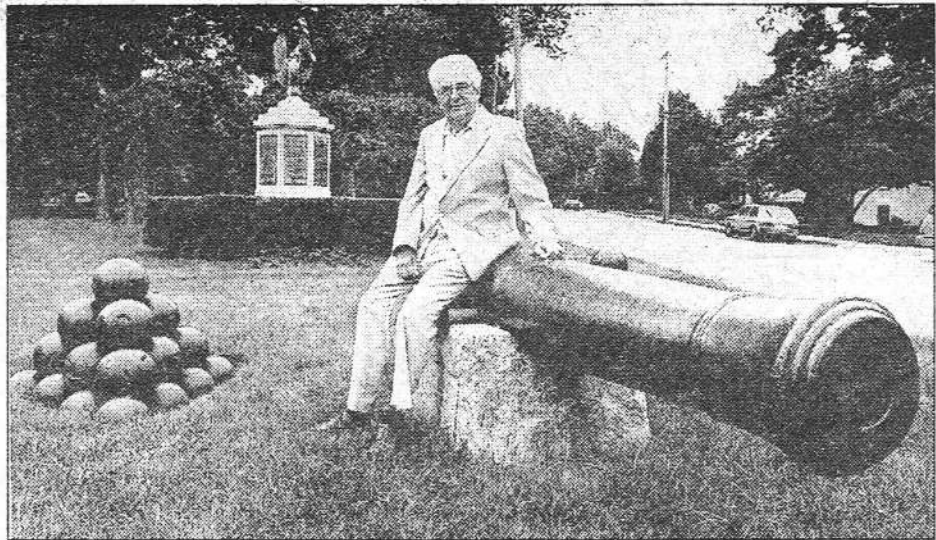




**LOVING HIS ROOTS:** Westford resident Gordon Seavey, 85, pictured here at Westford Common.

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# Westford never lost its charm for a native son

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WESTFORD — Gordon Seavey had short-lived jobs shipping sugar and bananas from Cuba and working for a New York City retailer, but could never quite escape the lure of his beloved hometown.

Seavey, 85, is a Westford "townie"

from head to toe, going back to his birth in a Victorian house overlooking the town common. He now lives about a mile from that spot, where he enjoyed the adventures of a rural childhood.

The years have left Seavey's youth and the town's farm-centered commerce far behind, but his affection for

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