

## DEDICATION



**Mary M. Allen**

Mary moved to Newton in 1968 with her husband Ernest and sons John M. and James L. Doggett. Within a few years they bought a small variety store in Newton's lower village, which they named Allen's Country Store. While running the store Mary listened to the concerns of her patrons, often suggesting possible solutions to issues people had. At the encouragement of townspeople Mary joined the town's first master plan committee. With the completion of the plan she was asked to run for selectman. In the late 1970's, in her first election she won. Since that time her life has been dedicated to helping the Town she calls home.

Through the 1980's and into the 1990's she served on many different town committees and in various positions. Most notably are the years she served on the planning board, as assistant town clerk/tax collector, and the 20 years she represented the town on the Rockingham planning commission. Many townspeople will remember her as the reporter for the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, a position she held for many years. During these same years she has been heavily involved in Granite State Grange #149 which she led during its years of highest membership increase.

With the passing of her husband in the late 1990's Mary increased her efforts for the people of Newton. In 2002 she ran for and won a seat in the New Hampshire State House, representing Newton and East Kingston. Presently serving her third term as a state representative, she continues to serve the town she adopted almost four decades ago.