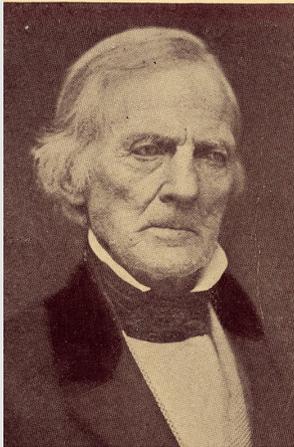


ALLEN STREET



1. Allen Street could easily be named after any one of the prominent Allens to live in Pittsfield. Thomas, was the first preacher in the village, He was called the Fighting Parson, because he recruited soldiers to fight in the Revolution. His own son followed in his footsteps as a minister, and his grandson financed the building of the Berkshire Athenaeum. The street though is named after his uncle, Phineas (left), another donor to the library and the publisher of the Pittsfield Sun.

TYLER STREET

3. One of Pittsfield's main thoroughfares, Tyler Street recognizes the contributions of Wellington Hart Tyler, an educator who started the Pittsfield Young Ladies Institute, later known as the Maplewood Institute (below). After graduating from Amherst College, Tyler taught in schools in South Carolina and Kentucky before moving to Pittsfield in 1841. Tyler left the school after 15 years, but it served the community educating young women from all over the country until 1884.



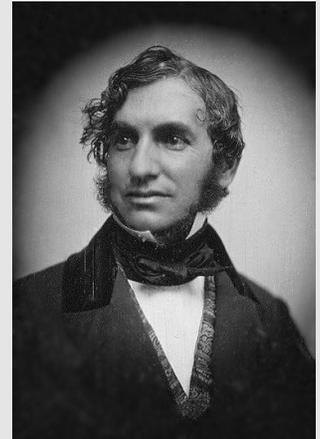
DEWEY AVENUE

4. Before the Young Ladies Institute (left), the buildings housed a seminary for young men, called the Berkshire Gymnasium. A young Williams college graduate from Sheffield, Chester Dewey, came to Pittsfield in 1827 to serve as the school's director. He stayed there for less than ten years before moving to Rochester to teach at the university there. He maintained his connection to Pittsfield though until 1850 at the Berkshire Medical College as a professor of chemistry and biology. His brother, Orville, was a noted Unitarian theologian.

HOLMES ROAD

5 The medical doctor and poet Oliver Wendell Holmes inherited his great grandfather's estate of 280 acres on the east side of Pittsfield, now known as Canoe Meadows. That great-grandfather, Colonel Jacob Wendell, was one of Pittsfield's earliest settlers. Holmes, who said "there's no tonic like the Housatonic," decided to build a summer cottage near the river. His son spent several summers here, and went on to be a renowned Supreme Court Justice.

LONGFELLOW STREET



2. While Pittsfield has streets named after nationally famous figures such as Edison and Tennyson, nearby is one honoring Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who actually has a connection to Pittsfield. He came to Pittsfield in 1843 following his marriage to Frances Appleton whose family in Boston had a summer home on East Street. The young poet (above) used the grandfather clock in the Pittsfield house as the subject of his poem, "The Old Clock on the Stairs." The house was later torn down to make room for Pittsfield's new high school, but the grandfather clock was saved.

