

Sophia Foord Of Dedham, Massachusetts

Born: 8 June 1802 in Milton, daughter of James and Hanna Foord. James Foord was a farmer and school teacher. He served as elected Register for the town of Dedham from 1813 until his death in 1821.

Died:

Sophia Foord was 48 years old when she attended the first National Woman's Rights Convention in Worcester, Massachusetts. The 1850 Massachusetts census lists her as having \$1,600 in personal property. She is living with Esther Foord (sister?), 48 years old.

On 12 November 1820, Ms. Foord was admitted to the First Parish Church of Dedham.

According to historian Edward Scofield, she proposed to Henry David Thoreau.

Elizabeth Buffum Chase had a governess named Sophia Ford in Valley Falls who was a "dark skinned pudgy spinster", according to Lydia and Arthur Wyman in *Elizabeth Buffum Chase, vol. 1. (130-131)*.

Sources:

1850 Massachusetts Census
Dedham Vital Records
Files of the Dedham Historical Society