

*The Fred
Moore
Memorial
White Oak
(Quercus alba)
on the town
Library
property.*



Fred, native son of Weston, served the town in many ways for more than half a

century. He was fire chief, fire marshal and tree warden. He was also designated for life by Catherine Ordway as caretaker of the 1,200 plus acres of lands she donated in the 1960s that became The Nature Conservancy preserves in Weston. **The white oak was named the state tree in 1947.** It commemorates the abundance of this strong, sturdy, long-lived tree in Connecticut forests as well the state's historic tradition of sustainability, resilience and freedom. The famous centuries old Charter Oak tree in Hartford was a white oak. The tree was where Connecticut leaders hid the King's 1662 charter giving Connecticut residents authority to self govern when, in 1687, the Crown attempted to revoke that authority. The famous tree fell in a 1856 storm but the tradition lives on and its scions continue to flourish around the state. One called the Hoadley Oak grows in Bushnell Park near the state capitol building. For a list of others go to:

<http://oak.conncoll.edu:8080/notabletrees/CharterOakDescendants.jsp>