



## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: ASHER KNOWLTON HOMESTEAD

The Knowlton family was part of the early settlers who established farming communities in Connecticut, particularly in the Windham County area. The family's legacy is strongly tied to Ashford, CT. The Knowlton family has a number of "homesteads" in the vicinity including Wormwood Hill Road and Knowlton Road. Also, nearby and accessible by footpath, is Knowlton cemetery where many of them reside in perpetual slumber.

The house at 93 Upton Road was built by Asher Knowlton, relative to the renowned revolutionary war hero Thomas Knowlton. Thomas was a famous fighter in the French and Indian wars but really came to prominence in the War of Independence. During which time he created Knowlton's rangers a highly effective nontraditional fighting force. Perhaps he is most famous for creating what came to be known as Washington's spies. One of their most prominent agents was local hero Nathan Hale.

Thomas Knowlton is arguably Ashford's most widely recognized war hero. His service during the Seven Years' War and the American Revolution are memorialized in a statue on the grounds of the State Capitol and in the dedication of Knowlton Memorial Hall in Ashford.



Statue of Thomas Knowlton  
Located on the grounds of the Connecticut State Capitol  
Dedicated 1895



The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker's Hill, June 17, 1775  
Knowlton is shown in the white shirt holding a musket.  
John Trumbull ca. 1815-1831, Boston Museum of Fine Arts.