



**Henry Keith
(1827-1909)**

Following the establishment of the Old Colony Railroad in 1845, businesses in Kingston quickly expanded. Henry Keith, originally from Duxbury, constructed one of the first stores in town. In 1845, Keith leased land next to the original railroad station and built the store that for many years housed Toabe's Hardware, and now Crossroads Liquors. The two-story building had a variety of goods, including dry goods, yard goods, boots and shoes, millinery and dressmaking items, tailoring rooms, books and papers, notions, candy, groceries, hardware, hay and grain, fruits and vegetables.

In 1887, Keith won \$100,000 in the Louisiana lottery. He spent \$8,000 of his winnings to build the grand house at 95 Summer Street, known thereafter as the Lottery House. This house was demolished in 1931. Keith also owned shares in the Patuxet House, which once stood on the land where the Kingston Public Library is now located.