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Posting: Grand Army Highway Poster: William Brainard Date: 9 May 2007 9:32 PM	Posting 1
Isn't that Route 6? I know that Rt. 31 is William Higgins Highway. Higgins was the Coventry MD who served in Congress from the second congressional district.	
Posting: Re: Grand Army Highway Poster: Ada Kerachsky Albright Date: 10 May 2007 11:34 AM	Posting 2
<p>I found this when I "googled" Grand Army Highway:</p> <p>Historical Column: Grand Army of the Republic Highway Written by BURFORD, ROBERT S. Thu, Aug 24 06 By ROBERT S. BURFORD, Johnston Historical Society</p> <p>"Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the veterans of the civil war should receive recognition for their valiant services in the war between the states; therefore be it 'Resolved, That the chief of the division of highways and bridges in the state department of public works is hereby directed to designate a suitable highway which traverses the state from the Massachusetts line to the Connecticut line as a highway to be known as 'Grand Army Highway' ... "</p> <p>Thus on page 657 of the R.I. Acts and Resolves (1936), is recorded the March 31, 1936, approval of Bill H-689 which established the G.A.R. Highway in Rhode Island. This was apparently the first governmental action anywhere in the country. Later, U. S. Rt. 6 became the Grand Army Highway across the entire width of the United States as other states passed legislation to so honor the Civil War's soldiers. Though missing some of its signs, the Grand Army of the Republic Highway presently stretches from Provincetown on Cape Cod to Long Beach in the southern California coast – and right through the middle of Johnston.</p>	
Posting: Re: Grand Army Highway Poster: J. Richard Phaneuf Date: 20 May 2007 9:21 AM	Posting 3
<p>Yes, the Grand Army Highway (Route Six) which ran from Provincetown to Long Beach and right down our Main Street still exists but is covered in many areas by Interstate 70. In California, it now ends in the mountain town of Bishop where there is a sign saying "End of Route Six" if you're westbound and another telling you the mileage to Provincetown, MA if you're eastbound. In earlier years it was one of the first cross-country highways in the USA (before 66!).</p> <p>In California from Bishop west it's covered by highway 395 south and other faster freeways when it gets down into the Los Angeles Basin to Long Beach.</p> <p>Since I currently live in an RV, I thought about trying to go to Bishop and drive the length of what is left of the old road but found that a couple in their RV has already done it. You can find their book documenting their trip on the internet by putting Route Six into your google search box.</p>	
Posting: Re: Grand Army Highway Poster: Barbara Barrett Date: 21 June 2007 12:51 AM	Posting 4
I have actually been to Bishop, CA. Never knew it had local historical significance. Interesting to find people interested in things like this. Also, one of the "posters" appears to be a local man I know is very knowledgeable about historical things; I think I'll contact him. Again, how interesting!	
Posting: Re: Grand Army Highway Poster: Barbara Barrett Date: 21 June 2007 12:52 AM	Posting 5
Is this the William Brainard who is related to Gideon Wells? Just wondering. Thanks!	
Posting: Re: Grand Army Highway Poster: William Brainard	Posting 6

Date: 4 July 2007 11:04 PM

Are you the Barbara Barrett who used to be involved in Coventry politics? My dad took so many photos of town picnics and things at the Plain's Ball Field. Those sure were the good old days! Yes, Welles is one of my ancestors. Town of Glastonbury was going to do something with his birthplace on Hebron Ave. as the seniors lease expired having been there since 1974. The family suggested a Civil War Museum as Gideon Welles was Lincoln's secretary of the navy but Glastonbury officials didn't feel that way. There's a couple of gift shops in the old Welles homestead now. A civil war museum would have been wonderful for the area.

Posting: Re: Grand Army Highway
Poster: Barbara Barrett
Date: 6 July 2007 4:52 AM

Posting 7

I would BE THAT Barbara Barrett, Mr. Brainard. We now actually live in Nevada but still keep our Coventry Lake home. We were very good friends with Tom/Jane Welles and still keep in touch with Jane. We, too, so remember your Mother and Father and so many of your Family. You come from a very "involved" Family to be sure. It's nice to reconnect a bit through this website.