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**RUTH GRAVES WAKEFIELD
INVENTOR OF THE TOLL HOUSE COOKIE
TOLL HOUSE INN OWNER**

Built in 1709, the original Toll House served as a haven for road-weary travelers. Here the passengers in horse drawn carriages paid a toll, changed horses and ate home-cooked meals. Kenneth and Ruth Wakefield purchased the Toll House Inn in 1930. In 1933, Ruth ran out of Baker's chocolate while making Butter Drop Do cookies. She then cut a Nestle Semi-Sweet Chocolate Bar into tiny bits and added them to her dough. The response to her accidental discovery was tremendous and the cookie became very popular. An agreement was made with Nestle that the recipe would be printed on all the Nestle Semi-Sweet Chocolate Bar wrappers and that Ruth would be supplied with all the chocolate needed for use in her recipes for the rest of her life. Over the years, many famous people dined at the popular Toll House Restaurant. While Ruth died in 1977 and the Toll House burned down on New Years Eve in 1984, her cookie lives on, as does her original recipe on the back of Nestle Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsel wrappers. In 1997, the Chocolate Chip Cookie was designated the official cookie of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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