

**SCITUATE, 1691**  
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**SAMUEL WOODWORTH**  
**AMERICAN POET AND AUTHOR**  
**“THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET” HOMESTEAD**

Samuel Woodworth was born in Scituate in 1784. He lived with his mother, Abigail, and father, Benjamin, a former Revolutionary soldier, on a farm originally transferred to his grandfather, Benjamin, from John Cushing in 1691.

While Samuel later moved to New Haven and New York City, he always remembered fondly his Scituate childhood. Woodworth is best remembered for his 1817 poem, “The Old Oaken Bucket”. The poem recounts his memory of the mill and the pond and in particular drinking from an old oaken bucket hung over a nearby well.

The Old Oaken Bucket Homestead still stands today at 47 Old Oaken Bucket Road. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is currently owned by the Scituate Historical Society.

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