The History Continues

In the early 80's, Parker Ryan bought a 1790’s house on Lafayette Road in Hampton, New Hampshire, turning it into a successful eatery. Parker enjoys telling the history of the name behind his unique restaurant, which he claims he read in a book about English pubs in the Newburyport Library. "I was opening an English style tavern," he says, describing the events that occurred in the early 1980's, "and I was looking for a name for my new place." Parker wanted a different name, as he knew so many English pubs were named after generals, or even after some of the older, popular drinks of the country. "I liked the story of Widow Fletcher," he says. "For a woman to be running a tavern out of her home was an amazing thing back then." Parker says he liked the idea of naming his establishment after a woman who was a century ahead of her time. Parker owned and operated the wildly popular Widow Fletchers for over 26 years, until he decided to retire and sell the restaurant in 2009.

The Tradition Continues:
We came up with the idea of a Town Center concept restaurant. So when it came time to name our new restaurant, the first thing that came to mind was the story of the Widow Fletcher and how she made everyone feel welcome, they felt at home. It is what we strive to carry out daily. Warren Dumphy and Parker Ryan have been fellow restaurateurs and good friends for over 40 years, so after a phone call and catching up on life, Parker was more than happy to see our interest in carrying on the Widow Fletchers name. Many of the items throughout the restaurant are from the Widow Fletchers in Hampton, NH. See it you can find them all.