William Harrison was president of the Derby-Shelton Rotary during the 1940-1941 year. Leo Molloy's Tercentenary Pictorial and History of the Lower Naugatuck gave this early account of his life:

ONE of the energetic and successful business men of Derby is William Harrison, proprietor of the Derby Food Shop located on Main street. Mr. Harrison was born in England and after spending his early boyhood days at school, started in at the age of 15 to learn the trade of silversmith. At 19 he came to America and went to work for the Derby Silver Company, then located in Shelton. He was continuously with this company from 1906 to 1931 when the plant was removed to Meriden with the other holdings of the International Silver Company.

Mr. Harrison then commenced business as proprietor of the Derby Food Shop. He has been successful in building up a steady and increasing patronage that augurs well for the future of the business. His store is one of the most attractive in Derby and he carries only the best grade of eatables, being local agent for the much-famed Battle Creek foods. Courteous, with a pleasing personality, Mr. Harrison is well-liked by a wide acquaintance in this vicinity. He is a member of the Derby Lodge of Elks. Mr. Harrison was married in 1914, to Miss Lucy Loomer Hulme of



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Derby, and they have a son, William, a student at Brown University, and a daughter, Lucy Loomer, a student at the Derby High School.