

GENEALOGICAL MEMORIAL
AND
FAMILY RECORD
OF
THE AMMIDOWN FAMILY,
AND
A PARTIAL RECORD OF SOME OTHER FAMILIES
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GENEALOGICAL RECORD.

AMMIDOWN FAMILY.

It is the purpose, here to give a brief genealogical record of this family in the United States.

It is of French origin, of that class known as protestants, commonly called Huguenots.

The name as found on the records in different places is variously spelled, as Aimedown, Aimedowne, Ammeydowne, Amadon, Amidon, and as the writer's name now stands at the head of this record ; but whatever may be the orthography, as found on the records, it has been ascertained, by extensive research and inquiry, to descend from one common ancestor, Roger Ammidown, the name is first found on the records of Salem, Massachusetts, then at Weymouth, Boston, Rehoboth, Mendon, Oxford, Charlton and Southbridge, in that state. Now, the name may be found in nearly all the New England states and the middle and western states, occasionally.

So far as ascertained, the name in western France, at Rochelle, Bordeaux, the departments of Gironde and Charente, is Amidon and *Amadon*, the latter is believed to be the correct French name.

The French protestants in their religious faith, were followers of Lefevre, Farel, and John Calvin, who were the founders of the reformed church in France.

The struggle of this church against the persecutions of popery, were long and severe, but under all its discouragements, it proved steadfast to its principles, and built up a numerous body of well organized Christians, respected both at home and abroad, for the purity of their character, their industry, intelligence and wisdom, in the prosecution of the various pursuits in which they were engaged.

The rise, progress and final destruction of the reformed church of France, is an interesting question for inquiry. Its final overthrow through the fanatical zeal and bigotry of Louis XIV, is a remarkable instance of folly, and weakness of mind, showing to what extremes of cruelty, persons may be led to perpetrate, through the advice of selfish and interested parties, in support of what they imagine to be the cause of the Christian religion.

These inventions for cruelty and persecution against a pure minded people for simply a difference in forms of religious worship, and faith, are inconceivable, with the present tolerant state of religious affairs, and the prevailing courtesy existing between different religious bodies of this day. The religious wars between the catholics and the reformed religionists, began in 1561, but severe persecutions commenced under Francis I, at an earlier date, and continued through the reign of his successor Henry II, and produced open war through the intolerant acts and bloodshed, through the unwise counsels of the second Duke of Guise, in the short reign of Francis II. These wars con-

tinued with little cessation, more than thirty years, till Henry IV, established the edict of peace, known as the edict of Nantes in 1598.

This wise arrangement of the religious affairs of the kingdom was in advance of the age, which added greatly to the welfare and prosperity of that country, in wealth, general intelligence and the improvement of the people.

This favorable condition of affairs, continued through a period of about twenty-five years, when the two religious parties, by the intemperate zeal of their leading men, produced again the ravages of civil war ; the Huguenots having been defeated in the open fields were driven into their stronghold, the walled city of Rochelle.

Cardinal Richelieu was now the great minister of Louis XIII, who, with the combined forces of the kingdom, laid siege to this city, which after a continuance for about fifteen months, and with the loss of about three-fourths of its inhabitants, it surrendered to its papal enemy, but upon the condition that the people should not be harmed in person, and should be protected in their religious faith, but their other rights under the edict of Nantes, such as their political, military and naval power, should be forever abolished.¹

¹ Those who exiled themselves from the city of Rochelle, during this siege, fled to different countries where protection was given to this class of people, but the greater number went to the Netherlands and England, and but few, at this early period of the American colonies, came to North America.

The large number of Huguenots who came to the American colonies, whose descendants are found in large numbers in nearly all the states of this union fled from the persecutions by Louis XIV, beginning

During this long siege of Rochelle, it received aid from England, support by her ships of war under the command of the Duke of Buckingham, and by provisions and military stores. Many of the inhabitants, foreseeing the hopelessness of their cause, and fearing to fall into the hands of the catholics, sought and obtained passage by the English ships to that country; among this class who in 1627 and 28 escaped to England, was the ancestor of this family.

This was in the period of the persecution of the Puritans for nonconformity to the formula of the English church, when many were looking to the wilderness of North America for their escape, and for the enjoyment of the rites of religious worship. The pilgrims, who had fled to Holland, and not satisfied with the laxity of religious ideas of their Dutch neighbors, had after twelve years' sojourn, sought and found homes on the shores of Massachusetts bay in New England. This gave encouragement to the persecuted Puritans, to seek New England, for a like purpose.

While the siege of Rochelle was in progress the Puritans were soliciting of King Charles I, a charter for a colony adjoining this bay, which was granted by the crown in 1628, when John Endicot was sent out with the first embarkation of colonists, who entered a port on the north shore of this bay then known as Naumkeak, which soon received the name of Salem.

The exiled Huguenots who had escaped into England at

their flight, mostly, from a¹ 1660 and up to the time of the revocation of the edict of Nantes, in 1685. For further particulars regarding the causes that induced this large number of French protestants to leave their country. see an account of the reformation in France, by this author, in vol. I, of his *Historical Collections*, section I.

this time readily assimilated with the Puritans, having a similar religious faith, and esteemed it a privilege to unite their fortunes in furnishing the first planters for this new colony.

It is among the first colonists of Massachusetts that the name of Roger Ammidown first appears of record in America, in the town of Salem.

The records of Salem previous to 1636, were destroyed by fire, thus the names of the colonists as first recorded, are lost, and according to the history of Salem by Rev. J. B. Felt, the name of this ancestor, now appears in 1637.

It is presumed that this pioneer of the family removed from Salem soon after this date, as it is found on the records of Weymouth, by recording the birth of a child named Sarah, daughter of Roger Ammidown and his wife Sarah, 10th Mo., 6th, 1640. After this the name is found on the Boston records, by the record of the birth of another child, Lydia, daughter of Roger Ammidown and his wife Sarah, born 2d month 22d, 1643. This is the first birth recorded in alphabetical order under the letter A, in that city.

From Boston, it appears, that he removed with a colony of people of Weymouth, to Rehoboth, then a town in Plymouth colony. These colonists, who founded the ancient town of Rehoboth, included the Rev. Samuel Newman and those of his church and society. This tract of land upon which this colony from Weymouth settled, was first contracted for by some people of Hingham, but transferred to Rev. Mr. Newman and his associates, among whom is found the name of Roger Ammidown. The deed of conveyance of this land is from Gov. William Bradford, dated in 1641.

The first meeting of these planters, was held at Weymouth, in October, 1643.

It was agreed at this meeting, that parties intending to take lots and settle upon them, should remove before April next, 1644, which time may be taken as the date Rehoboth was founded.

These proprietors, to keep peace and friendship with the natives, bought the Indian title of the old chief of the Wampanoags, Ousamaquin, known also as Massasoit. This region, known as the headquarters of this powerful class of Indians, was known as Mount Hope, and this settlement which took the name Rehoboth and incorporated in 1645, was in the immediate vicinity of this Indian settlement.

As one of the original proprietors of this town Roger Ammidown stands as number forty-three, and his lot is described as being located between the lot of Walter Palmer and the mill, and being on the border of Palmer river, which stream receives its name from this Mr. Palmer.

The territory of the old town of Rehoboth included the tract of land which is now the towns of Sekonk, Swansey, Attleboro, part of the town of Cumberland now in Rhode Island, besides the present Rehoboth. The first planters of Rehoboth settled near Palmer river, and on what is now known as Sekonk plain, about six miles west from the center village of Rehoboth as the town is now found.

The particular locality of the house and lot of Roger Ammidown, was ascertained, by the recorded contract with William Sabin, under date Oct. 18, 1660, who agreed to build a bridge across Palmer river.

This agreement is as follows :

"William Sabin, at a town meeting, lawfully warned did agree with ye town to make ye mill bridge across Palmer river and ye highway as far as the foot of ye hill by Goodman Ammidown's, and to maintain it for forty a year, for twenty years, and to have 4th of his pay ready down."

This writer, by inquiry of the town clerk of Rehoboth, ascertained the locality of this bridge (as the town is now restricted in its limits), on the road across Palmer river leading to the town of Sekonk. The road or highway which Wm. Sabin agreed to build, extended westerly from the bridge, as is judged, about one-fourth of a mile in the direction of Sekonk plain, where the ground rises, and there on the right going westerly towards the plain is supposed to be the homestead of this first ancestor, and the place of his decease, which is recorded on Rehoboth records in language as follows : Roger Ammidown was buried ye 13th of Nov. 1673 and a little before is recorded, Good lady Ammidown was buried June 20, 1668.¹

¹ The appellation good man and good lady, was very common in this early period of New England history, and is believed to have no other significance than honor or respect for old age.

Rehoboth was one of the early plantations, in this part of Plymouth colony, now, the south part of Massachusetts being annexed to the latter colony by the William and Mary charter of 1692.

This Roger Ammidown, was no doubt an acquaintance or had seen William Blackstone, who was the first European who made a settlement upon the Tri mountain peninsula, now Boston, then known in 1623 as *Shawmut*, but who left his plantation, there, for the reason, as stated, that he did not like the *Lord Bretheren*, and that he came from England because he did not approve of the doings of the *Lord Bishops*. Mr. Blackstone is reported as having been a clergyman of the Church

The number of children, had by this Mr. Ammidown and his wife Sarah, has not been fully and satisfactorily ascertained. Besides Sarah and Lydia, of whom nothing further has been discovered, there were Roger Jun., and Ebenezer, and a daughter Joanna born Sept. 20, 1652, as appears on the records of Rehoboth.

It is also found on these records that Roger Ammidown Jr., married, Dec. 27th, 1666, Joanna Harwood. Their children are recorded :

of England from Wales and removed from Boston in 1633, going into an unbroken wilderness, and settled on a rise of land which he named *Study hill*, on the banks of the Cuttucket, or Nipmuck river, which from this secluded pioneer, received its name, and has since been known as Blackstone river. Also Roger Williams, who when banished from Massachusetts, first located within the territory afterwards granted for Warren, but by a notice from Gov. Wm. Bradford, that he was not in the limits of his colony, and that to please his Massachusetts friends advised him to remove still further, and out of Plymouth colony, then they would live as loving friends. Thus in 1636, this man, *two hundred years*, in advance of the age in the true principles of the Christian religion, removed across the Pawtucket on to the borders of a branch of Narragansett bay and founded Providence, and the colony of Rhode Island. His friend William Coddington, two years later followed him who he advised to purchase of the Indians Aquednick, where he settled and founded the first plantation on the island of Rhode Island at Portsmouth, near Newport in 1638.

Time has shown the folly of bigotry and persecutions in matters of religious faith, and how futile all such actions are for staying the progress of truth and the right. The grand principle of the freedom of thought is not to be bounded by religious dogma ; its only true limit is the extent of knowledge possessed by the human mind. Who can estimate the value and effect upon the human race, of a mind like that of Roger Williams.

Philip, born January 26, 1669.

Henry, born January 24, 1670.

Mehetable, born August 27, 1672.

This Roger, died not long after this time, as it is recorded that his widow participated in the division of the proprietary lands in 1684, and by the records, the widow died soon after this last date, as in a further division these sons, Philip and Henry, are described as orphan children, and are represented in the division of 1689, in the name of a Mr. Savage.

This Philip Ammidown, married Mehetable ———, date and sir name not given, but the birth of two children are given :

Henry, born February 8, 1698 ; married Mellatiah, no date.

Roger, born February, 1700 ; married Elizabeth Hawkins, Oct. 27, 1731.

This wife Mehetable dies at Rehoboth, and Philip her husband, removes to Mendon, and there is married to Ethemore Warfield, no date, but their children are recorded on Mendon Records as follows : Children of Philip Ammidown and his wife Ethemore :

Ichabod, born May, 1704 ; married Margery Aldrich, May 7, 1732.

Mary, born March 30, 1706 ; married Benjamin Chamberlain.

Philip, born 1708 ; married Submit Bullard, no date.

Ephram, born 1710 ; married Hannah, nothing further found.

Ethemore, born April 25, 1712 ; married Ruth Curtis, January 5, 1736.

John, born May 19, 1713 ; married Sarah Hastings, July 14, 1737.

Hannah, born February 2, 1717.

This Philip and his family removed to Oxford and became a proprietor in the English settlement of that town.

At Oxford, he bought a part of the proprietary right

of Benjamin Chamberlain, who subsequently married his daughter, Mary. Philip and his wife are recorded as members of the first church in this town, when it was formed at the time of the settlement of their first minister, March 1, 1721, the Rev. John Campbell.¹ Philip born at Rehoboth January 26, 1669, removed to Mendon, thence to Oxford, died here March 15, 1747, aged 78.

Children of Henry, who was born at Rehoboth February 8, 1698, and his wife Mellatiah Cheney, who were married March 31, 1718. See Oxford Records :

Jacob, born February 28, 1720.

Melhetable, born January 15, 1723.

Mellatiah, born February, 1725.

Henry, born May 3, 1727.

Nothing further of this family has been traced.

Roger Ammidown, son of Philip, born 1700, married at Oxford, Elizabeth Huckins, Oct. 27, 1731. Their children:

Rachel, born September 28, 1732.

Elizabeth, born July 18, 1734.

Roger, born November 11, 1736.

Jeremiah, born November 12, 1738.

Samuel, born June 18, 1741.

Samuel, born October 13, 1742.

Rachel, born February 20, 1744.

Roger, born May 12, 1747.

This family has been traced no further.

Ichabod Ammidown, son of Philip of Rehoboth, born May, 1704, married Margery Aldrich, May 7, 1732. See Mendon Records : Their children :

¹See *Historical Collections*, by this writer, vol. 1, p. 191.

Ichabod, born Feb. 10, 1733; died unmarried 1818, aged 85.
 Ebenezer, born March 2d, 1741; married Silvia Sumner, Aug., 1761.
 Margery, born May 25, 1743; married John Holden, Mendon, 1761.
 Mary, born May 5, 1747; married Samuel Scarborough, Pomfret
 Ct., 1770.
 Philip, born April 22, 1749; married Silvia Taft, Mendon, Nov. 17
 1770.
 Hannah, born January 14, 1751; no account of.
 Jacob, born Sept. 15, 1753; was a graduate of Harvard College.
 1775.

This record of the Ammidown family, traces only Philip of the above family, born April 22, 1749; who married Silvia Taft, of Mendon, Nov. 17, 1770: See Mendon Records. Their children:

Otis, born Dec. 30, 1771; died at Philadelphia, Dec. 28, 1858
 aged 87.
 Silvia, born May 23, 1773; married Jonathan Russel.
 Philip, born Oct. 1, 1774; married Betsey Grice, Dec. 3, 1799.
 Nancy, born May 25, 1776; nothing further.
 Stephen, born Nov. 6, 1778; died at Providence, R. I., not traced.

Otis Ammidown, above, married Abigail Russel, of Mendon, July 21, 1797, sister of Jonathan Russel, who married his sister Silvia. Had no children.¹

RUSSEL FAMILY.

Silvia Ammidown, married Jonathan Russel, in 1796. He was born 1771; died at Milton, Mass., Feb. 16, 1832. He was a graduate of Brown University, 1791; studied law, but devoted his early life to commercial business, was an accomplished and effective writer and an active politician,

¹See *Historical Collections*, vol. II, pp. 564, 566.

was several years United States minister at Sweden, and was one of the commissioners, who signed the treaty of peace with Great Britain, at Ghent, in 1814; a member of congress 1821 and 23.

This Mr. Russel was connected in business for a time with the Perkins of Boston, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Otis Ammidown, held the position as agent for the company in Europe, at Bordeaux and vicinity. Children of Silvia Ammidown and Jonathan Russel :

Amelia E , born January 3, 1795; died an infant.

George E., born May 5, 1800; married Sarah P. Shaw, daughter Robert G. Shaw, Boston.

Caroline A., born June 17, 1805; married Jazemil Ford, Milton.

Anna M., born Jan. 21, 1808; married her cousin Philip Ammidown, Boston, June 12, 1833; he was a graduate of Harvard College, died at Lowell, Mass., April 14, 1834, leaving one son, an infant, Philip Russell Ammidown, who married April, 1861, Susan P. Bemis, at Cambridge, by whom he has two children, Russel Philip Ammidown, born Jan. 17, 1862, and F. P. Ammidown, born Jan. 4, 1864.

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Philip Ammidown, born Oct. 1, 1774; married Betsey Grice, Dec. 3, 1799. Their children :

Philip Ellis, born Boston, 1800, died an infant.

Eliza Ellis, born Sept. 6, 1802; married John Liscomb, Boston,

¹ The writer received many valuable and interesting facts relating to the history of the Ammidown family during his several visits, to make inquiries of this most intelligent and worthy gentleman. While at Bordeaux, he gained many facts and incidents regarding the name of this family in France.

Sept., 1837; he died at Brattleboro, Vt., May 30, 1853.

Philip Ammidown, born in Boston, August 23, 1804; graduate of Cambridge College, married Anna M. Russel, of Milton, June 12, 1833; she died in Boston Jan. 19, 1835, had one son Philip Russel, as above.

Angelina, born in Boston, Oct. 30, 1807; married Rev. William Howe, Sept. 17, 1838.

Melami, born in Boston, Aug. 23, 1809; married Rev. Joseph Parker, Boston.

Silvia, born in Hingham, Sept. 10, 1814; married Rev. Henry J. Parker, in 1842; died in Burlington, Vt., Oct. 30, 1850.

Philip Ammidown, born 1708 (son of Philip of Rehoboth, who died at Oxford, March 15, 1747), married Submit Bullard, no date. She died in 1780, and he died in 1779, aged 71. Their children:

Caleb, born Aug., 1736; died Apl. 13, 1799, age 63.

Joseph, born Aug. 14, 1741; died May 14, 1821, age 80.

Reuben, born Sept. 13, 1747; died Jan., 12, 1803, age 55.

This family resided in the west part of Oxford, which was set off and incorporated the town of Charlton, in 1754.

Their location being in the south part of the territory, it was included in that part of Charlton, which was taken and united with the southeast part of Sturbridge, and the west part of Dudley, to form the town of Southbridge in 1816.

This name appears on the records of deeds in the county of Worcester, soon after it was incorporated in 1731, and the name often appears on the records for deeds in the

county of Suffolk, much earlier, than the date of incorporation of Worcester county. ¹

There are two deeds as grantees in name of Philip Ammidown and his son Caleb Ammidown dated 1760, showing when they bought and located on the hill in the east part of Southbridge. Those deeds were witnessed, and acknowledged before Moses Marcy.

This land is a part of the land recently owned and known as the farms of the late Luther Ammidown and Maj. Calvin Ammidown; one deed is from Joseph Putney and the other from Joseph Sabin, two of the first settlers in the town of Dudley.

Caleb Ammidown of Charlton, son of Philip, born August, 1736, married Hannah Sabin, daughter of Joseph Sabin of Dudley, by Rev. Charles Gleason, April 14th, 1758. She was born January 22d, 1741. Their children :

John, born April 5, 1759; died Dec. 3, 1814, age 55.

Luther, born July 8, 1761; died May 3, 1835, age 74.

Calvin, born June 21, 1768; died Jan. 5, 1825, age 57.

Mehetable, Feb. 4, 1772; died Dec. 23, 1842, age 70.

Susannah, born March 15, 1775; died Aug. 1790, age 15.

Hannah, born Aug. 14, 1779; died April 15, 1861, age 82.

Caleb Ammidown of Charlton was a man of considerable distinction, whose time was largely engaged in public affairs. Gov. Washburn, in his valuable history of the town of Leicester, refers to this Mr. Ammidown in the connection

¹ Suffolk county, before the incorporation of the county of Worcester, included the south part of this last named county, including Woodstock, now a town in Connecticut; thus all deeds of land before 1731, in this section of country are found on the Suffolk county records.

as one of the contributors for founding Leicester Academy, as follows :

“Caleb Ammidown was of a class of men which were once scattered through the country, whose independence of thought and opinion gave character and consistency to public sentiment of the community at large.

“Though these men had little other training than the development which circumstances produced, the lack of education was more than supplied by the strong common sense which had been disciplined in the school of necessity. Though the more limited sphere of Mr. Ammidown was circumscribed within the limits of a single town, yet his influence was felt, and his name and character were known through a much wider circuit.

“As a land surveyor, he was engaged by the government in surveying the confiscated estates of the refugees of the Revolution.

“For many years he was a member of the legislature, and as such, was a strong supporter of the government during the Shay rebellion, as it was called.

“Among the other responsible offices he was called to fill, was that of excise master for the county of Worcester, after the close of the Revolution.”¹

SABIN FAMILY.

William Sabin of Rehoboth before referred to, had two children as appears of record there ; Joseph born April 24th, 1645, and Benjamin born May 3, 1646. This Benjamin

¹ See vol. II, *Historical Collections*, pp. 225, 228.

Sabin married Sarah, no date. Three children are recorded in Rehoboth, as follows :

Joseph, born November 4, 1669.

Ebenezer, born December 10, 1671.

Benjamin, born December 2, 1673.

Ebenezer Sabin born, December 10, 1671, married Susannah, no date. Four children are recorded :

Ebenezer, born August 8, 1696.

Joseph, born June 23, 1701.

Susannah, born April 5, 1704.

John, born May 26, 1706.

Joseph Sabin, son of Ebenezer, who was son of Benjamin who was son of William Sabin, of Rehoboth, married Mebetable, no date. Their children :

Obadiah,	born Jan. 14, 1725.	} These three children were born in Pomfret, etc.
Dorothy,	born Dec. 20, 1727.	
Joseph,	born May 31, 1730.	
Ebenezer,	born Feb. 5, 1735.	} Born in the town of Dudley, near the Quinaboag river, at what has recently been known as the farm of the late David Putney.
Esther,	born July 8, 1733.	
Mebitable,	born March 18, 1737.	
Jonathan,	born April 22, 1739.	
Hannah,	born Jan. 22, 1741.	

Benjamin Sabin above, born Dec. 2d, 1673, bought here of Hon. William Dudley, Sept. 26th, 1730, two hundred and nine acres, and sold part to his brother Ebenezer, one hundred and thirty-two acres, Jan. 8, 1732, and Ebenezer Sabin sold to his son Joseph, above, same land March 28th, 1733, as part of his estate.

This Joseph Sabin, sold fifty acres of the north part of his farm, bounded south and west on the Quinaboag, to Caleb Ammidown, August 21, 1760, this fifty acres being in Charlton, and bounded south on Dudley line.

This Caleb Ammidown, as before stated, married the

youngest child, a daughter of Joseph Sabin, Hannah, born Jan. 22, 1741, married April 14, 1758, who was a lineal descendant of William Sabin of Rehoboth, a contemporary of Roger Ammidown, and also of Huguenot descent.

Hannah Sabin, after the death of her husband, April 13, 1799, being a widow, married Ebenezer Davis of Charlton, January 19, 1802; he died August 12, 1816; she died March 20, 1820.

THE DAVIS FAMILY.

Ebenezer Davis, was born Sept. 18, 1737. He was the son of Edward, who married Abigail Larned, daughter of Ebenezer, a sister of Gen. Larned of Oxford. Edward was born Jan. 23, 1714, and was the son of Samuel who married Mary Chamberlain and removed from Roxbury to Oxford.

Samuel, his father, was born June 23, 1681, and was the son of John who is the first of the family of whom any discovery has been had.

Ebenezer, who married Hannah Sabin Ammidown for his second wife as above. married, first, Deborah, daughter of Samuel, above named.

The children were Asa, who married Polly Sabin; they had no children; Abigail, who married Abijah Davis of Oxford, and left no children; Ruth, who married Joseph Washburn, they had seven children, one of whom is the late Gov. Emory Washburn; Deborah, married Calvin Ammidown of Charlton and late of Southbridge; Lydia, married John Wheelock of Charlton, their only child a daughter, Sally, married Maj. John Spurr, son of Gen. John Spurr of Charlton; Cynthia, married a McLain; Sally married Stephen

Burroughs, son of Rev. Stephen Burrows, of Hanover, New Hampshire; Pamela, married Samuel Kies, a lawyer; and Betsey married Dr. Ebenezer Borden of Charlton, who was born Aug. 15, 1779, son of Asa Borden, a physician of Scituate, Rhode Island, but removed to Spencer and married Deborah Howland of that town, in 1871.

Joseph, brother of Caleb Ammidown of Charlton, born Aug. 14, 1741, married Dorcas Carpenter of Woodstock, Ct., born Jan. 7, 1747, she died March 7, 1835, and he died May 14, 1821. Their children :

Cyrus, born Oct. 4, 1765; died at Southbridge, May 33, 1848 age 83.

Philip, born July 24, 1766; died state of New York, Dec. 26, 1835, age 69.

Reuben, born Sept. 23, 1768; died at state of New York, May 30, 1853, age 85.

Hannah, born Dec. 5, 1770; died state of New York, May 10, 1843, age 73.

Mercy, born Aug. 29, 1773; died state of New York, May 23, 1850, age 77.

Sally, born Sept. 22, 1775; died state of New York, 1854, age 79.

Joseph, born Oct. 15, 1781; died state of New York, Nov. 23, 1846, age 65.

Dorcas, born Oct. 17, 1783; died state of New York, March 21, 1812, age 29.

Ebenezer, born Dec. 24, 1797; died state of New York.

Patty, born April 12, 1790; died.

Cyrus Ammidown, above, born Oct. 4, 1765; married Mercy Perry, Feb. 2, 1792; she was born Dec. 4, 1761; died Oct. 22, 1835. Their children :

Ruth, born Dec. 18, 1792.

Nancy, born Feb. 17, 1794 ; died July 15, 1795.
 Lydia, born May 26, 1795 ; married Alvan Powers, Nov. 16,
 1820.
 Jonathan P., born March 2, 1797 ; married Sarah Moore, Union,
 June 7, 1824 ; died Oct. 9, 1840.
 Augusta, born July 5, 1798 ; died July 29, 1801.
 Mercy, born Nov. 18, 1799 ; died March 6, 1821.
 Joseph, born Apl. 14, 1801 ; married Mary M. Hammond, Dec.
 7, 1826.
 Cyrus, born March 28, 1804 ; married Julia B. Marsh, Feb. 26,
 1829.
 Patty, born Nov. 26, 1806 ; died May 26, 1843.

Reuben, brother of Caleb Ammidown of Charlton, who
 was born Sept. 13, 1747, married Olive Lyon, 1771 ; he
 died Jan. 12, 1802, and his wife died March 26, 1840.
 Their children :

Mary born Nov. 17, 1771 ; died Oct. 16, 1847, age 76.
 Uranah, born Nov. 26, 1773 ; died Aug. 29, 1848, age 75.
 Walter, born Oct. 17, 1775 ; died Sept. 14, 1847, age 72.
 Jabez, born Sept. 7, 1777.
 Rufus, born Oct. 6, 1780 ; died Oct. 26, 1820, age 40.
 Mamre, born March 4, 1782 ; died Oct. 8, 1848, age 66.
 John, born April 25, 1784.

Rufus Ammidown born Oct. 26, 1780, married Minerva
 Higgins. Their children :

Isaac C., born June 2, 1809.
 Francis H., born Oct. 27, 1811.
 Charles L., born Dec. 5, 1814.
 Valentine O., born Sept. 15, 1817.

Francis H. Amidon, born Oct. 27, 1811 ; married Ann
 Hughes. Their children :

Mary Ann.

Minerva.

Sarah, married 1st, H. W. Hunt, 2d married Dr. Douglas Bly, of Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1875; they had one child a son, he died 1876.

Josephine, married Reuben Ross, reside in New York; no children.

Jane Louisa, married Joseph Thompson, New York, Nov. 1869.

Victoria, married Wm. Tucker, April 6, 1864, two children; he died in 1877.

Francis.

James Rufus.

John Ammidown son of Caleb, born April 5, 1759, married Olive Sanger of Dudley, June 1783, she was born Dec. 3, 1766, died Oct. 11th, 1837, age 71. Their children:

Caleb, born June 30, 1783; died June 10, 1822, age 39.

Otis, born Jan. 1, 1785; died Dec. 19, 1827, age 42.

Larkin, born March 13, 1787; died May 19, 1873.

Lewis, born September 24, 1789.

Susannah, born October 4, 1791; died February 20, 1825, age 34.

Adolphus, born October 5, 1793; died October 13, 1850, age 57.

Callina, born April 2, 1797; died October 19, 1827, age 30.

John, born December 13, 1799; died May 30, 1848, age 49.

Olive, born July 25, 1802.

Julina, born January 30, 1805; died July 7, 1835, age 30.

Caleb Ammidown, born June 30, 1783; married Betsey Barrett. They had two children:

Carlow, born 1812.

Deliza, no date of birth; she married George V. Alliard, in 1839.

Otis Ammidown, born Jan. 1, 1785; married Sally May. They had two children:

Otis, born 1809.

Elbridge, born 1813.

Larkin Ammidown, born March 13, 1787 ; married Deby Ann Shumway in 1822. One child, a daughter:

Emeline S., born 1822 ; died February 16, 1875.

Lewis Ammidown, born Sept. 24, 1789 ; married Deborah Barnes 1820. Their children:

Jane, born 1821 ; married Lucius Holdridge Ammidown, Sept. 27, 1842 ; he was born May 31, 1821 ; died December 23, 1853, age 34, they had one child, a son.

Merick, born 1823.

Andross, born 1828.

Susannah Ammidown, born Oct. 4, 1791 ; married John Haskell, 2d, April 23, 1817, had two children, daughters, names not ascertained.

Adolphus Ammidown, born Oct. 5, 1793 ; married Sally Maria Vinton 1819. Their children:

Harriet Eliza, born Feb. 1822.

Caleb, born 1824.

Amelia, born 1826.

Arinda, born 1828.

Newton, born 1833.

James M., born 1837.

George A., born 1835.

Marcus, born 1841.

Callina Ammidown, born April 2, 1797 ; married in 1821, Moses Barnes. Their child:

Moses Jr., born.

John Ammidown, born Dec. 13, 1799 ; married Caroline Marcy, Nov. 1825. Their children :

Caroline, born 1826.

John, born 1829.

Olive Ammidown, born July 25, 1802 ; married Francis S. Morse, son of Alpha Morse, in 1824. Their children:

Julia M., born February 18, 1826.

Callina, born February 3, 1825.

Julina Ammidown, youngest daughter of John Ammidown, born Jan. 30, 1805 ; died unmarried.

Luther Ammidown, merchant, born July 8, 1761, son of Caleb of Charlton, married Patty Holmes of Woodstock, Dec. 23, 1789, she was born March 2, 1765; died Dec. 23, 1794. She was a lineal descendant of John Holmes one of the founders, and proprietors in the land in the south half of that town. It is from this name, that the writer, youngest son of Luther, as above, received his christian name. This Patty Holmes was cousin of Rev. Abial Holmes, D.D., late pastor of the first religious society of Cambridge, Mass.¹ John Holmes the ancestor of the Holmes family of Woodstock, married Hannah Newell, April 9, 1690, certified to by Rev. Josiah Dwight, the first settled minister of this ancient town. Their children:

Luther Jr., born Dec. 7, 1790 ; married Adelaide, daughter of Jeremiah Shumway, in 1817 ; she died August 1866, age 72.

Nancy, born August 31, 1792 ; died, unmarried Jan. 8, 1854, age 62.

He married for his second wife, Hannah Hovey, May 11, 1796, daughter of Josiah Hovey of Dudley, she was born Dec. 21, 1775 ; died at Southbridge, Feb. 15, 1857, age 82.

Holdridge, born Oct. 27, 1797 ; died March 24, 1862, age 65.

Oliver, born Aug. 4, 1799 ; died Sept. 2, 1848, age 49.

¹ See *Historical Collections*, vol. I, pp. 278, 279, also 390, 391, and 392.

Holmes, born June 12, 1801.

Hannah, born Jan. 18, 1806; died March 28, 1861, age 55.

Capt. Luther Ammidown, born Dec. 7, 1790; married July, 20, 1817, Adelaide, daughter of Jeremiah Shumway and his wife Keziah Freeman; she was born Sept. 16, 1794. Their children:

Luther Shumway, born June 18, 1822; married Mary Lucy Russel, Nov. 22, 1843.

Andrew Fuller, born Jan. 24, 1824; died in 1862, unmarried.

Luther S. Ammidown, born June 18, 1822; married Nov. 22, 1843, Mary Lucy Russel, of Charlton, daughter of John Russel; she was born May 17, 1823. Their children:

Albert Holmes, born Aug. 7, 1846; a graduate of Harvard University.
Mary Adelaide, born Feb. 4, 1852; married June 1, 1872, Edw. H. Ammidown.

Holdridge Ammidown, born Oct. 27, 1797; married Nov. 25, 1818, Thankful Newell of Vermont, daughter of Hiram Newell of Wardsboro. Their children:

Lucius Holdridge, born May 31, 1821; died Dec. 23, 1853.

Adelia, born July 11, 1823; married Nov. 3, 1842, Robert Henry Cole, son of Elisha Cole of Southbridge. Their children:
Alfred E. Cole, born Dec. 12, 1848; Ellen M., born April 22, 1846.

Lucius Holdridge Ammidown, born May 31, 1821; married Sept. 27, 1842, Jane, daughter of Lewis Ammidown, they had one child a son, Lucius Edwin, born Sept. 9, 1852, at Southbridge.

Oliver Ammidown, born August 4, 1799; married in 1821, Harriet, daughter of Joshua Vinton of Southbridge,

born April 1802, and died Feb. 9, 1862, age 60. Their children :

Susan Maria. born Sept. 5, 1822; married Rev. David B. Cheney, 1843; had two children.

Avelina Harriet, born Oct. 27, 1824; married Isacher Bates, Sept., 1843 a son, Frank De Witt Bates.

Caroline Melita, born April 27, 1827; married Nov. 4, 1847, Henry Martin Emerson.

Francis Oliver, born June 13, 1831; died, a child Aug. 9, 1832.

Oliver Franklin, born Oct. 4, 1835; married, date and person not known;

Holmes Ammidown, born June 12, 1801; married Nov. 17, 1825, Seraph, daughter of Daniel Hodges of Warren, Mass. She was born Aug. 15, 1804. Their children :

Edward Holmes, born Oct. 28, 1830; married June 1, 1872, Mary Adelaide Ammidown, June 1, 1872.

Henry Philip, born May 16, 1833; unmarried.

Charles Hovey, born Oct. 23, 1837; married Anna Gray, a widow; no children.

Edward Holmes Ammidown, born Oct. 28, 1830; married June 1872, Mary Adelaide daughter of Luther S. Ammidown of Southbridge. Their children :

Russel Hodges, born June 18, 1873; died June 10, 1874.

Philip Holmes, born May 13, 1875.

BEECHER FAMILY.

Hannah Ammidown, born Jan. 18, 1806; married Feb. 20, 1827, William Beecher, son of Nathaniel Beecher, West Haven, Ct., born Jan. 24, 1805. Their children :

William Ammidown, born July 10, 1828.

Hannah Jane, born May 7, 1832.

Nancy Ellen, born July 5, 1836; died an infant.

William A. Beecher, born July 10, 1828 ; married Hester Billings Thacher, Oct. 12, 1853, daughter of Thomas Thacher, Boston, born Oct. 15, 1831, died Oct. 22, 1853.

He married his second wife at the Danish West India island, St. Croix ; Esther Ann Stridiron, Oct. 7, 1869, daughter of John George Stridiron. She was born at St. Croix, Aug. 21, 1844. He died July 9, 1876, leaving a daughter Jane Elizabeth Beecher, born Jan. 14, 1871.

Hannah Jane Beecher, born May 7, 1832 ; married Dec. 2, 1850, Rev. Oakman Sprague Stearns, a native of Bath, Maine, born Oct. 20, 1817 ; a graduate of Waterville College, in 1840, he is son of Rev. Silas Stearns, thirty years pastor of the Baptist church in that town. Their children :

William Oakman, born Nov. 18, 1855 ; student at Cambridge College.

Annie Beecher, born July 5, 1859.

Charles Kinmouth, born January 6, 1864.

Dr. Stearns is now professor of biblical literature and interpretation in the Newton Theological Institute, of which place he is a graduate.

Calvin Ammidown, born June 21, 1768, son of Caleb, of Charlton, married Deborah, Jan. 31, 1793 ; daughter of Ebenezer Davis, of Charlton, born Dec. 23, 1767 ; and died Dec. 30, 1826 ; aged 59. Their children :

Cynthia, born Sept. 10, 1793 ; died Nov. 1, 1828, aged 35.

Deborah, born June 21, 1795 ; died October 6, 1828, aged 33.

Ebenezer Davis, born Nov. 18, 1796 ; died Nov. 25, 1865, aged 69.

Lydia, born Jan. 14, 1799 ; died Sept. 3, 1848, aged 49.

Cynthia Ammidown, born Sept. 10, 1793 ; married March 1, 1815, Timothy Paige, Esq., son of Timothy Paige, of Hardwick, Mass., born there March 6, 1788 ; and died at

Southbridge, Nov. 16th, 1822 ; aged 34. He by profession was a lawyer ; in 1814, he returned from Georgia, where he had practiced law, and for a time was preceptor of an academy ; and in December of the last named year, he removed to the Poll parish of *Honest Town* (which was incorporated in 1816, as Southbridge), and opened a law office, and at the first organization of the town, he was elected town clerk, and as the records will show he opened the first book of town proceedings, giving the mode of keeping said records, which system has since been followed. See *Historical Collections*, vol. II, p. 563. Their children :

Timothy, born Feb. 22, 1819 ; left the town a youth, no further knowledge.

Calvin Ammidown, born June 7, 1820 ; married May 9, 1843, Mercy Dresser.

Avelina, born Dec. 24, 1815 ; died unmarried. Nov. 10, 1850 aged 35.

Juliet, born April 14, 1817 ; died June 17, 1865, married Merick Mansfield.

Calvin A. Paige, born June 7, 1820 ; married May 9, 1843, Mercy Dresser, of Charlton, daughter of the late Harvey Dresser, of that town.¹ Their children:

Calvin D., born May 20, 1848 ; married daughter of John Edwards, of Southbridge.

Mary Elizabeth, born April 7, 1846 ; died Sept. 2, 1848.

He married for his second wife Ellen J. Scofield, of Webster, February 20, 1856 ; had one child, a son:

Frank Skinner, born May 18, 1857.

¹ See *Historical Collections*, vol. II, pp. 220, 222.

Deborah Ammidown, born June 21, 1795 ; married Jan. 1, 1816, Chester, son of Major Moses Dresser, of Charlton, and brother of the late Harvey Dresser; he died in Illinois, Sept. 4, 1873. Their children :

Pamelia, born Nov. 2, 1816; married Elijah Valentine, Nov. 1842.

Chester Ammidown, born Sept. 2, 1818 ; married Mary C. Bartlet, Oct 1, 1843.

George A., born Aug. 5, 1821 ; married Rosamond Kelley, May 5, 1843.

Chesler A. Dresser, born Sept. 2d, 1818 ; married Oct. 1, 1843, Mary C. Bartlet. Their children :

Henry B., born Dec. 23, 1844 ; at this time, 1877, has had two wives.

Mary C., born Nov. 13, 1851 ; married Stephen Edwards of Southbridge.

Franklin Dickman, born May 10, 1855.

Mr. Dresser married for his second wife, Mary N. McLaughling, and a third wife Mrs. Hannah M. Reynolds, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ebenezer Davis Ammidown, born Nov. 18, 1796 ; married May 12, 1816, Rebecca Fisher, daughter of Caleb and Mary Plimpton Fisher. Their children :

Mary Fisher, born Aug. 23, 1817 ; married Sept. 15 1840, Manning Leonard.

Anna, born Nov. 24, 1819 ; died Sept. 22, 1821.

Hellen, born Sept. 9, 1821 ; married Merick Mansfield, July 10, 1866.

Antoinette, born April 5, 1824 ; married Jonathan Hosmer Barker, Nov. 26, 1844.

- Malcom, born Feb. 15, 1827 ; married Mary Louisa Lamb,
Jan. 13, 1858.
- Ann Frances, born Feb. 6, 1829 ; married Joseph Kinsey, Dec.
5, 1851.
- Catherine Hartwell, born Jan. 15, 1831 ; died April 18, 1856.
- Henry Clay, born Nov. 7, 1833 ; married Mary Town Litch-
field, July 1, 1857.

This Mr. Ebenezer D. Ammidown, was known in public as the Hon. E. D. Ammidown, was much engaged in public business, devoting a large portion of his time to improvements for travel, in establishing town and county roads, and rail roads. The principal roads leading into Southbridge village, and the rail road leading from Southbridge to Boston he was the principal mover and projector.

He was for a time, a member of the board of commissioners in Worcester county, for roads. Represented the town in the legislature and the county in the senate, and did much for the advancement of the cotton manufacture in that town ; he possessed a strong and vigorous mind, fertile in new ideas, and inventive, to a remarkable degree. The town of Southbridge is largely indebted to him for many of its best improvements, and prosperity. ¹

Lydia Ammidown, born January 14, 1799 ; married April 13, 1819, Dr. Samuel Hartwell, son of Samuel of Oxford. He was born August 30, 1793, died at Southbridge, July 27, 1874.

He is the fifth generation from Wm. Hartwell of Concord, Mass., his father Samuel, was son of Samuel 3d, who was son of Samuel 2d, *who was son of Samuel 1st, the son of William of Concord.* ¹ Their children :

¹ See *Historical Collections*, vol. II, pp. 553, 557.

² See *Historical Collections*, vol. II, pp. 561, 562.

Samuel Cyrus, born March 28, 1820 ; married Ellen Maria Plimpton, March 18, 1844.

Calvin Ammidown, born Jan. 13, 1826 ; died Nov. 23, 1828.

Lydia Louisa, born August 23, 1830 ; died unmarried.

Samuel Cyrus Hartwell, born March 28, 1820 ; married March 18, 1844, Ellen Maria Plimpton, daughter of Moses and Edna Taylor Plimpton his wife, born August 21, 1822, at Southbridge. Their children :

Kate B., born October 21, 1846 ; died September 23, 1848.

George F., born August 22, 1850 ; died January 4, 1852.

Belle S., born August 4, 1852.

Nellie P., born October 17, 1855.

Mary B., born January 7, 1860 ; died October 21, 1864.

PLIMPTON FAMILY.

Moses Plimpton born October 17, 1795, married Edna Taylor of Sturbridge, died in Boston September 18, 1854. He was son of Gershom, who was son of Gershom, who was born at Medfield Jan. 14, 1733, who was son of William born at Medfield, May 26, 1700 ; who was son of Joseph Plimpton of Medfield born November 15, 1677, and died October 21, 1740. ¹ William, above, married Keziah Dwight November 3, 1725. Their children :

Ellen Maria, born August 21, 1822 ; married March 18, 1844,
Dr. Samuel Cyrus Hartwell.

George Lafayette, born August 11, 1824 ; died in Ohio.

Jane Elizabeth, born March 4, 1827 ; married Ambrose Clark
Somerville, Mass.

Caroline S., born April 1, 1829.

Louisa E., born October 5, 1832 ; married Charles S. Lincoln,
lawyer, Boston.

¹ See *Historical Collections*, vol. II, pp. 305, 663 and 500.

Edwin Taylor, born September 28, 1835; died at St. Louis, 1862,
 Clara Cornelia, born September 29, 1840; has been teacher in
 Blind Asylum, New York.

WOLCOTT FAMILY.

Mehetable Ammidown, born Feb. 4, 1772, daughter of Caleb Ammidown of Charlton, married Sept. 1799, Dr. James Wolcott, of Charlton, as his second wife; he was born Nov. 4, 1754; died at Quechee, Vermont, Sept. 14, 1830, age 76. This Mr. Wolcott, is a lineal descendant of Henry Wolcott, who, with his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Saunders, of England, came to New England in 1630, they came from Tolland, in Somersetsbire. They first settled at Dorchester, as one of the founders of that town, and after a few years residence removed with their family and with Rev. John Maverick, and others of his church at Dorchester, Mass., and became one of the founders of Windsor, Connecticut. He died, May 30, 1655, and his wife deceased the same year; they had six children.¹ Their child:

Henry Wolcott, born Nov. 2, 1804; married Oct. 11, 1847, Mary A. Carter, they had one daughter.

Dr. James Wolcott's first wife was Betsey Bradford. She was born in 1755, and died August 5, 1791, age 36. Their children:

Amy, born May 10, 1779; died unmarried, Aug. 7, 1813.
 Esther, born May 6, 1781; died unmarried, Feb. 18, 1829.

¹ See *Historical Collections*, vol. I, pp. 244 and 245, also vol. II, 364-374, and 563-4.

Betsey Elizabeth, born Oct. 15, 1783 ; married Nov. 26, 1807, Fordyce Foster ; died Dec. 19, 1868.

James Jr., born April 29, 1787 ; died at Brimfield, Ill., Feb. 18, 1858.

Perez Bradford, born April 18, 1789 ; died Feb. 17, 1851 ; married Isabella E. Foster.

James Wolcott, Jr., born April 29, 1787 ; married Lucretia, daughter of Oliver Plimpton of Southbridge, his second wife was Betsey Thompson of Brimfield, Mass. They had several children, no particulars ascertained.

FOSTER FAMILY.

Elizabeth Wolcott, born Oct. 15, 1783 ; married Nov. 26, 1807, Fordyce Foster of New Braintree, Mass., he died Aug. 3, 1827. Their children were:

Elizabeth Read, born April 26, 1809 ; died August 7, 1810.

Eliza Bradford, born Aug. 4, 1810 ; died Oct. 15, 1811.

Jane Francis, born Nov. 17, 1811 ; married May 30, 1831, John Porter, Esq.

James Wolcott, born Nov. 16, 1813.

Fordyce, born Dec. 10, 1815.

Julia Eliza, born Nov. 9, 1820.

Eliza Wolcott, born March 12, 1826.

PORTER FAMILY.

Jane Francis Foster, born Nov. 17, 1811 ; married Judge John Porter, Quechee, Vermont, May 30, 1831. Their children, as follows:

John Foster Porter, born May 11, 1833.

Jane Frances, born April 6, 1834.

Louisa Adelaide, born September 21, 1836.

Henry Wolcott, born August 5, 1841 ; died June 21, 1842.
 Mary Elizabeth, born August 21, 1843 ; died Sept. 21, 1847.
 Charles Wolcott, born July 11, 1849.

BROWN FAMILY.

Hannah Ammidown, born August 14, 1779 ; married May 6, 1797, Zephaniah Brown, son of Ezekiel Brown of Dudley, he was born April 28, 1775 ; died at New Haven, Ct., Nov. 8, 1838, age 63. She was daughter of Caleb Ammidown, of Charlton. Their children:

John Windsor, born May 21, 1800 ; died April 25, 1815.
 Hannah, born May 12, 1802 ; died October 16, 1835.
 Elmira, born August 2, 1804.
 Caroline, born Sept. 8, 1806 ; died, Oct. 2, 1808.
 Caroline 2d, born February 9, 1809.
 George Windsor, born May 27, 1811.
 Fidelia, born July 11, 1813.
 Julia Ann, born May 23, 1816.
 Celia Ann, born July 18, 1818 ; died March 9, 1832.
 John Windsor 2d, born September 25, 1820.
 Jane, born October 15, 1822.

Hannah Brown, born May 12, 1802 ; married June 29, 1828, Joseph C. Allen, Sturbridge ; he died Sept. 28, 1835. They had one child:

Joseph C., born July 11, 1833.

Elmira, born August 2, 1804 ; married June 29, 1828, Henry Whiting Charlton, he died. Had one child:
 Sarah Jane, born March 4, 1830.

Caroline, born Feb. 9, 1809 ; married Oct. 3, 1834, George Lines, now in North Carolina. Children:

Mary Augusta. born August 31, 1836.
 Caroline Virginia, born October 16, 1839.

George Brown, born May 27, 1811 ; married Dec. 4, 1835,
Eliza C. Ward, New Haven. Children:

Caroline, born September 21, 1836.

George Edward, born June 2, 1842.

Fidelia, born July 11, 1813 ; married Aug. 28, 1831, El-
bridge Gerry Blanchard, Sturbridge. Children:

Henry Willard, born January 9, 1833.

Ella, born, married and died.

Julia Ann Brown, born May 23, 1816 ; married Nov. 14,
1836, Charles Carlisle ; children : Nellie Jane, born April
24, 1839 ; Charles Henry, born Feb. 1, 1843 ; Nellie Jane
Carlisle, married John Peterson, about 1864, of New Haven.

HOVEY FAMILY.

Josiah Hovey, born Oct. 21, 1746 ; married Hannah,
daughter of Samuel May, of Dudley, he died Nov. 21, 1815 ;
she was born April 9, 1751 ; died Sept. 8, 1834, aged 83.
Their children :

Oliver, born May 4, 1774.

Hannah, born Dec. 21, 1775 ; married Luther Ammidown, of Charlton,
May 11, 1796.

Alpha, born March 31, 1777 ; married Hannah Markham, he died
March 15, 1849.

Olive, born March 15, 1780.

Chloe, born Sept. 6, 1783 ; married a Mr. Crocker.

Susannah, born Nov. 6, 1785 ; married Epaphroditus Whittamore.

Edward, born August 10, 1787.

Luther, born August 21, 1789.

Betsey, born March 5, 1792 ; died unmarried.

This family moved from Dudley, Mass., in 1806, to the
western part of New York, except Mrs. Ammidown, wife

of Luther Ammidown. All the members of this family were married and had children except Betsey, but no particulars are known to this writer.

Daniel Hodges, born April 11, 1754 ; married, June 23, 1781, Rachael Rich, born Nov. 30, 1761 ; he died Dec. 11, 1829 ; and she died Jan. 4, 1844. Their children :

Cheney, born May 19, 1784 ; died in Ohio, in 1872 ; married Olive Tylor.

Adolphus, born Sept. 19, 1786 ; died Oct. 5, 1845 ; married Triphena Tylor.

George, born Sept. 27, 1790 ; died May 1, 1834 ; married Nancy Moore.

Susan, born Sept. 28, 1792 ; died May 18, 1871 ; married Thomas Tylor.

Daniel, born Jan. 20, 1796 ; died Feb. 19, 1851 ; married Betsey Baker.

Mary, born May 3, 1798 ; married Baxter, O. Mynott.

Brutus, born May 7, 1801 ; died May 7, 1832 ; married Mariah Hamilton.

Solon, born May 7, 1801 ; died Feb. 7, 1822 ; unmarried.

Seraph, born August 15, 1804 ; married Holmes Ammidown.

For further particulars of the Hodges family, see Genealogical record of this family, by Col. Almond D. Hodges, Boston, Mass. For the children of Seraph Hodges, see record of Holmes Ammidown's family.

Have no further particulars of the families of the above children of Daniel Hodges and his wife Rachael.

Samuel Freeman, blacksmith, born 1721 ; died Dec. 31, 1772 ; his wife's name was Mary ; he was an early settler in Sturbridge, but bought land and settled in what is now the center village of Southbridge, and erected the first house there. Their children :

Benjamin,	born Oct. 24, 1744 ; died May 22, 1806.
Samuel,	born Sept. 27, 1746 ; died Sept. 26, 1772.
Rachel,	born Sept. 9, 1748 ; died Sept. 22, 1784 ; married Parker Bacon.
Comfort,	born August 23, 1750.
Jared,	born Dec. 27, 1752.
Walter,	born August 20, 1754 ; died an infant.
Mary,	born Oct. 17, 1755 ; died August 8, 1757.
Mary and Martha,	born Sept. 14, 1757 ; died May 7, 1804 ; Martha, married Jedediah Ellis.
Walter,	born August 20, 1759.
Rainy,	born March 29, 1763.
Chester,	born Nov. 7, 1766.

Col. Benjamin Freeman, born Oct. 24, 1744 ; married June 10, 1764 ; daughter of Ebenezer Child, she was born Oct. 1738 ; died March 8, 1805. Their child :

Keziah Freeman, born 1765 ; married May 9, 1786, Jeremiah Shumway, who died in 1801. Their children :

Nabby,	born Feb. 10, 1787 ; married Joseph Marcy.
Jeremiah,	born Oct. 19, 1790 ; married a Miss Hooker.
Benjamin Freeman,	born August 17, 1792 ; died in 1833 ; unmarried.
Adelaide,	born Sept. 15, 1794 ; married Luther Ammidown, she died August 6, 1866.
Deby Ann,	born April 6, 1797 ; married Larkin Ammidown, she died Nov. 22, 1875.
Emeline,	born May 29, 1802 ; died July 26, 1818, unmarried.

Keziah Freeman Shumway, born 1765 ; married a second time Azor Brown, of Woodstock, son of Andrew Brown, they had one child, a daughter Louisa, born Feb. 18, 1806 ; who married Winthrop Wight, of Sturbridge.

Jeremiah Shumway, born Aug. 9, 1762, was son of Jeremiah, born 1703, who married Experience Larned, Nov. 13, 1729, who was son of Peter, who married a Miss Smith, of Boston, about 1700, he died at Oxford, was one of the thirty families that founded that town.

MARCY FAMILY.

The ancestor of this family, in this vicinity, was John Marcy, one of the founders, and land proprietors, in the south half of Woodstock, originally a town granted by Massachusetts, and supposed to be within the charter limits of that colony, by the first survey of the south line by Woodward & Safery, in 1642, but by the line of 1713, it was found to be within the charter limits of Connecticut, still she remained quietly in the former colony, till 1747, when she seceded and united with the latter.

John Marcy and his wife Sarah of Woodstock. Their children :

John,	born December 17, 1683.
James,	born February 26, 1693.
Edward,	born June 28, 1695.
Joseph,	born September 10, 1697.
Benjamin,	born March 1, 1699.
Moses,	born April 18, 1702 ; married Prudence Morris.
Samuel,	born July 28, 1704.
Sarah,	born February 18, 1706.
Ebenezer,	born June 6, 1709.
Elizabeth,	born November 8, 1811.

Mr. Marcy died December 23, 1724; Sarah his wife died May 7, 1743.

The sixth son of the above, Moses Marcy, born April 18, 1702, married Prudence Morris, daughter of Dea. Edward Morris, another of the founders of this town, born August 9th, 1702 ; they had eleven children, five of whom were born in Woodstock, as follows :

Dorothy, born November 8, 1724.

Jedediah, born September 25, 1725.

Martha, born July 1, 1724; died September 11, 1736.

Moses, born July 1, 1730.

Elijah, born July 1, 1732.

This Mr. Marcy moved about this time to the grant then known as New Medfield, and settled on the borders of Quinabang river, where he purchased several hundred acres of land and built a saw mill in 1732, and a grist mill in 1736. This grant of New Medfield, became Sturbridge in 1738, and this vicinity was included in that part of Sturbridge, which with parts of Dudley and Charlton, was made the town of Southbridge, in 1816.

EDWARD MORRIS.

Mr. Morris was another of the founders of Woodstock, he is known in the records of this town as Deacon Edward Morris, the first deacon, in the first church and religious society here.

The christian name of his wife was Elizabeth. Their children born here, were :

Abigail, born October 25, 1694.

Susannah, born August 17, 1698.

Prudence, born August 9, 1702.

Moses Marcy and his wife Prudence had six other children, born in Sturbridge, as follows :

Prudence, born September 9, 1734.

Mary, born August 23, 1736.

Daniel, born June 4, 1738.

Martha, born August 27, 1740.

Miriam, born Nov. 20, 1740.

Mehetable, born August 7, 1744.

Jedediah Marcy born at Woodstock, September 25th, 1725, married Mary Healey, of Dudley, December 1, 1748. Their children were born as follows :

Joseph, born October 21, 1749.
 Jedediah, born July 23, 1751 ; died January 20, 1756.
 Mary, born December 17, 1754.
 Jedediah, born July 26, 1757 ; died January 20, 1811.
 Mary, born January 19, 1760.
 Rhoda, born May 14, 1762.
 Hannah, born September 10, 1772.

This Mr. Jedediah Marcy continued to reside in Dudley, but owned large tracts of land in what is now the territory of Southbridge, of this land he sold one tract to his son Jedediah, born July 26, 1757, containing four hundred acres, by deed dated April 27, 1789, including grist mill, saw mill and dwelling house and several barns and other out buildings, for the sum of £1000.

The grandson known as Capt. Jedediah Marcy, and son of the former Jedediah of Dudley, moved to the late residence of his grandfather, then in Sturbridge, but now in the center village of Southbridge, married Ruth Larned March, 1782, who was born at Dudley November 24, 1765. Their children:

Rhoda, born August 21, 1782 ; married Opher Gould.
 Joseph, born June 10, 1784 ; married Abigail Shumway.
 William Larned, born Dec. 12, 1786 ; married 1st wife Dolly Newell, 2d wife Cornelia Knowler.
 Hannah, born January 14, 1789 ; married Jacob Edwards.
 Mary, born March 14, 1791 ; married Samuel C. Edwards.
 Jedediah, born October 19, 1794 ; married Esther Healey.
 Caroline, born October 11, 1798 ; died December 6, 1801.

Captain Marcy died 1811.

JEDEDIAH MARCY'S FAMILY.

Jedediah Marcy, born October 19, 1794 ; married Esther Healey, of Dudley, daughter of Moses Healey, born February 23, 1798. Their children :

Esther Healey Marcy, born October 19, 1817; married L. C. Trow.

Lucien Healey Marcy, born August 31, 1819.

John Marcy, born September 12, 1822.

William Andrew Marcy, born May 3, 1829.

Esther H. Marcy married Israel C. Trow, November 9, 1836 ; they had a daughter Ellen Jane, born 1840 ; who married A. J. Bartholomew, Esq. Mrs. Trow died in 1841.

Jedediah Marcy last above died 1877. Esther Healey, his wife, died 1877. Lucien, his son, died 1877.

THE SUMNER FAMILY.

William, of Dorchester, in 1636, supposed to be the son of Roger Sumner of Bicester in county of Oxford, England. Wife Mary, had, William, Roger, George, Joan, and perhaps Abigail, Samuel and Increase, the youngest born Feb. 23, 1643.

George, son of William first of Milton, born in England, Feb. 14, 1635 ; married Nov. 7, 1662, Mary, daughter of Edward Baker, had Mary, George, Samuel, William, Ebenezer, Edward, born 29th of August, 1675 ; Joseph and Benjamin ; his wife died April 1st, 1719. Edward, of Roxbury, son of 1st George of Milton, married Elizabeth, daughter of Elder Clap of Dorchester, had children, Edward, Elizabeth, John, born August 1st, 1705, graduate Harvard

College 1723, Elizabeth again, Samuel, and Increase, father of Gov. Increase Sumner; Hannah, Mary, Nathaniel, graduate Harvard college 1739, Ebenezer, and Benjamin. He died, 1763. This Edward was a large land holder, he owned in Spencer, lot No. 1. John, born 1705, removed to Martha's Vineyard, was judge; his wife was Jedijah Smith, they had nine children (he removed to Spencer, and died Nov. 11, 1787), one of whom, John, born Oct. 8, 1740, married Abigail Pease, and lived in Spencer; they had fourteen children; Betsey, John and William, born at Edgarton, the others at Spencer; George, who died at Southbridge, was born here June 30, 1780. The sister Betsey, born at Edgarton, Jan. 2, 1770; married Zebina Abbot, March 24, 1791. They had one child, a daughter.

Both Mr. George Sumner and Mr. Zebina Abbot, settled in the Poll parish known as *Honest Town*; subsequently in 1816, Southbridge, the latter in 1798, and the former 1803. Mr. Abbott was a clothier and wool carder, and Mr. Sumner followed and joined his brother-in-law in the business jointly, but soon after took also the share of Mr. Abbott, who moved from the parish.

He married Margaret Burt of Brimfield, March 3, 1808; she died Oct. 16, 1826, by whom he had ten children. He married a second wife the widow of Samuel Lewis Newell, March 4, 1830, by whom he had five children. Of the first children, only two are living, Austin, a merchant of Boston, born Oct. 21, 1815, and Julia, born April 8, 1820; he died Jan. 24, 1861.

Mr. Sumner and his first wife united with the Congregational church in the Poll parish in 1815, the year before the

town was incorporated, and was elected deacon in 1822, which office he held seventeen years. He continued his clothier works till 1832, when he retired from active business.

McKINSTRY FAMILY.

William 1st, the first ancestor of this family, in America, now of Southbridge, born in Carrickfergus, Ireland, came to this country in 1740. He arrived in Boston, and settled first at Medfield; after about seven years, removed to Sturbridge, in that part now Southbridge.

He located here in the year 1748, upon a farm which has ever since been occupied by his descendants. In 1751, he married Mary daughter of Joseph Morse of Sturbridge, one of the pioneer settlers in that town, and had thirteen children :

- James,² married Lois Dix in 1773.
- Sarah,² married and died in N. Y., 1828.
- William,² married Ester Robbins, in 1785.
- Molly,² married Ephraim Bacon.
- Amos,² soldier in the Revolution ; died in Vermont, 1844.
- John,² soldier in the Revolution ; settled in the west.
- Experience,² married and settled in Vermont.
- Elizabeth,² married William Saunders Choulton ; died 1852.
- Joseph,² died in Sturbridge, 1809.
- Margaret,² died 1822.
- Alexander,² died young.
- Jane,² died Sturbridge, 1793.
- Nathan,² a physician ; died at Newbury, Vt., 1815.

James,² wife Louis Dix, they had thirteen children :

- James,³
- Alexander,³

Anna.³

Lois.³

Mary.³

William.³

Benjamin.³

Nancy.³

David.³

David.³

Martha.³

Moses.³

Moses.³

Their descendants are numerous.

William 2d, wife Esther Robbins, married 1785. Their children :

John.³ born 1786.

Elizabeth.³

Mary.³

William.³

Silas.³

John,³ married Keziah Batchellor of Charlton, born 1787.

Their children :

Mary, died young.

Prevostus.⁴

William F.

Manillee, married Verney Fiske, and had 9 children.

Eliza, married Adam Miller.

married Adolphus Merriam.

John O.,⁴ married Elizabeth R. Spalding of Hanaford, Ct.

William,³ wife Matilda Marcy. Their children :

Esther,⁴ married Aretus Hooker.

Elijah.

Nathan,⁴ married Hannah Taylor, had 5 children.

William,⁴ married Mary Ann Kitchen, had two children.

John A.⁴

Mary, married George Bracket of Sturbridge.

Silas,³ married Lucy Twiss, he died 1856. Their children :

Albert.

James T.

Charles.

Asa.

Henry.

Elizabeth,³ married Asa Dresser.

Sylvester Dresser, resident of Southbridge, only surviving child.

Mary,³ married Luther Clemons, and had six children :

Harry.

Fidelia.

John McKinstry.

Mercy.

See William Willis Genealogy of the McKinstry family published at Boston, by Henry W. Dutton, 1858.

DOCTOR NICHOLAS JENKS.

The grandfather of Dr. Jenks, was Jonathan Jenks, born at Pawtucket, 1707; he moved to North Brookfield, in 1776, with two of his sons, Gideon and Nicholas; there were 14 children by two wives, died 1782.

Nicholas, 2d son, born 1752, had 9 children; one of these sons, Dr. Nicholas Jenks, born at North Brookfield, Feb. 4, 1785, married Betsey Potter of same town, who died August 7, 1859. Their children:

Angelina Angell,	born Aug. 10, 1810; married Rev. Henry Fitts, died Sept. 30, 1861.
Caroline,	born March 8, 1813; married 1st Alonzo Lyon; 2d, his brother Merrick Lyon.
Harriet Newell,	born May 4, 1815; married Sylvanus Morse, A.B.

- Nancy Burnett, born July 2, 1817 ; married Thomas Bond.
 John W. P., born May 1, 1819 ; married Sarah P. Tucker.
 The above children were all born in West
 Boylston.
- Charles William, born April 24, 1826 ; married Mariah B. Johnson,
 who died June 25, 1866.
- George Henry, born March 12, 1828 ; married Anna Clark. The
 two last born at Southbridge.

Dr. Jenks commenced the practice of medicine in 1808, in West Boylston; moved to Southbridge, 1820 ; and moved to West Boylston again in 1836; in 1842, removed to North Brookfield, and in 1853, he moved to Middleborough, where he died.

LEONARD FAMILY.

Zenas Lockwood Leonard, born at Bridgewater, Mass., Jan. 16, 1773 ; died at Sturbridge, June 24, 1841, aged 68; was son of Capt. David and Mary Hall Leonard, the sixth generation from Solomon Leonard, of Duxbury, in 1637, who removed to Bridgewater, in 1645, and died there in 1686. He was a graduate of Brown University, Sept., 1794. On the 30th Sept., 1796, received a unanimous call to become the pastor of the Baptist church and society of Sturbridge, and was ordained the 15th of September following. Rev. Dr. Baldwin, of Boston, preached the ordination sermon.

Mr. Leonard married Sally, daughter of Deacon Henry Fiske, Sept. 1, 1799. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters, as follows :

- Henry Fiske, born August, 1800.
 Mary Ann H., born January, 1803.
 Venera, born June 19, 1806 ; married F. E. Corey.

Sarah, born June 20, 1810.
Manning, born June 20, 1814.
Linna, born Dec. 23, 1819.
Francis M., born 1826.

His second son Manning Leonard, married Mary, daughter of Hon. Ebenezer Ammidown, Sept. 15, 1840, and now resides in Southbridge. Rev. Mr. Leonard resigned his pastorate, and was dismissed at his own request the 18th of October, 1832.

VINTON FAMILY.

Harriet Vinton, born April, 1802 ; who married Oliver Ammidown, son of Luther Ammidown, was daughter of Deacon Joshua Vinton, who was son of John Vinton, who was son of John Vinton 3d, of Dudley, *who* was son of John 2d, of Stoneham, who was son of John 1st, and his wife Ann, of Lynn.

John Vinton 3d, of Dudley, was among the first settlers of that town, he bought 930 acres of land lying between Oxford and Woodstock, and moved on to this tract in 1738. The grantor was Samuel Morris, inn holder of Woodstock. His children were Ralph, John Joseph, William and Jabez, of the second generation of Dudley inhabitants.

MASON FAMILY.

The first of this name which appears in the Records of Sturbridge, were Jonathan, whose wife's name was Hepsibah. He died October 8, 1773 ; and she died October 20, 1784.

And Oliver Mason, born March 3, 1740, married Lucy

Johnson December 18, 1766 ; he died August 15, 1822, and his wife died June 11, 1819. Oliver's children by his wife Lucy, were :

Susannah, born November 4, 1767.

Oliver J., born September 13, 1777 ; married Lucy Sessions, February 25, 1801.

Penah, born March 20, 1780 ; married Abel Mason, Jr., November 29, 1797.

Lucy, born March 16, 1783.

Jonathan's children by his wife Hepsibah, Lucy born January 11, 1764, then Cloe, Moses, Wareham, Abel, born July 11, 1775, who married *Penah*, daughter of Oliver Mason, and his wife Lucy who was born March 24, 1780 ; also Jesse, Benjamin, Elias, John and Ruth.

Children of Abel Mason Jr., born June 11, 1775 ; and his wife Penah, she died May 27, 1841 ; and he died December 25, 1850 ; Thankful born April 16, 1798, then Mariah, James Johnson, John, Oliver, born January 28, 1807, Otis born December 10, 1808, Harriet and Abel born August 16, 1825.

Children of Oliver Mason, Jr., born September 15, 1777 and his wife Persis Sessions, who was born March 1781 ; she died June 14, 1842 ; and he died March 16, 1843. They were married February 25, 1801.

Samuel S. Mason, who married Clarinda Hooker daughter of Major Oliver Hooker.

Josephine, who married Captain Sumner March. Berintha who married Hon. Linus Child. ¹

Samuel Morse the 1st, born in England, 1585 ; died at

¹ See *Historical Collections*, vol. II, pp. 557, 560.

Medfield, in 1654, age 69; married Elizabeth, who died June 20, 1654, age 67. They had seven children, the 3d. Joseph 2d, born 1615; married Hannah Philips of Watertown, Jan. 1, 1638, second wife; Thomas Boyden, married 1639, they had seven children the 6th, Joseph the 3d generation, born July 7, 1649; died Feb. 19, 1717; married Mehetable Wood, second wife Hannah Babcock, and third wife, Hannah wid. of Joseph Dyre, they had twelve children. 9th, David 4th generation, born 1694; married Experience Sabin, they had eight children, the 5th, John 5th generation born 1717; died 1782, at Sturbridge; married Abigail Lee, died 1795, they had six children, the 2d, Oliver, 6th generation, born 1763; married Lydia Howe Sturbridge. They had six children :

Sally, born April 30, 1789; married Morris Marcy, Sturbridge and Southbridge.
 Grosvner, born 1790; died 1803.
 Oliver, born 1794; died at New York, 1834.
 Hiram A., born 1800; married Martha Dodge, Holliston, 1834.
 Edward J.,
 Newell G., born 1810; died 1839.

This line ends in Southbridge by the late Oliver Morse.

Jeremiah Morse, 5th generation, and seventh child of Obadiah 4th, and Bethiah Ruggles Morse, born 1740; died 1804; elder brother of Dea. Daniel Morse, born 1744; died 1832; married 1st, Experience Ware, 2d wife, Ruth Dodge. Their children:

Eliphalet, born 1764, Wrentham, Mass.
 Jeremiah, born 1766.
 Oliver, born 1768.
 Calvin, born 1774.

Alpha, born June 16, 1777, resided in south east part of South-bridge.

Alpha Morse, 6th generation from Samuel, born June, 1777 ; married Lucy, who died 1832, age 54. Their children:

Mariah, born 1802.

Bethiah, born 1804.

Francis S., born 1801 ; married Olive Ammidown.

Caroline, born 1811.

Lucy,

Amelia.

Obadiah, 4th generation, was son of Dea. Nathaniel 3d, who was son of Daniel 2d, who was son of Samuel 1st, born in England, 1585.

Dea. Daniel Morse, born 1744, 5th generation and 9th child of Obadiah 4th, who was son of Deacon Nathaniel, of Sherburn, 3d who was son of Daniel 2d, who was son of Samuel of Dedham, who died at Medfield, April 5, 1654; he married Sarah Prentice of Newton, he died 1832. Their children.

Sarah,* born 1768, at Newton ; died 1790.

Ruggles,* born 1770 ; died 1825 ; married Sally Cheney.

Daniel,* born 1772 ; married Abigail Clark, 2d wife Polly Morse.

Nancy, born 1774 ; married Dr. Kingsbury, 2d husband, Calvin Perry.

Manson, born 1776 ; married Hannah Richmond.

Susannah, born 1778 ; married Moses Mason, had sons, Daniel, and Ruggles Mason.

Clariassa, born 1778 ; married William Bradford.

Daniel Morse, born 1772, wife Abigail Clark, and 2d wife Polly Morse ; married 1803. Their children:

Mahala, born 1801.

Celia, born 1804 ; married Sterry Collins.
Sally, born 1805 ; married Luther Travis Dwight, born 1810.
Lewis, born 1812 ; married Sally Booth.
Williard, born 1815.
Willis, born 1815.

Manson, born 1776 ; married Hannah Richmond. Their children:

Betsey, born 1801.
Lois, born 1803.
Prentice, born 1805.
Lorenza, born 1807.
Hiram, born 1812.
George, born
Lydia, born 1816.
Manson, born 1818.

This line terminates with Dea. Daniel Morse, children and grand children, a well known family in Southbridge.

Parker Morse, who resided on Lebanon hill, who was son of Asa 5th generation, who 1st, married Eunice Parker, 2d married Parthena Wetherbe, was son of Obadiah Morse, 4th generation (born in 1748), who was son of Dea. Nathaniel Morse, of Sherborn, born in 1698, who was son of Daniel 2d generation who was son of Samuel Morse, of Dedham, who died at Medfield in 1654.

Parker Morse, had by his 1st wife, one child, a daughter. Emeline, born Jan. 7, 1807 ; married Jedediah Bottom, his 2d wife a Miss Bottom of Woodstock.

DEA. JASON MORSE.

Jason Morse, born Feb. 28, 1769, 7th generation, died Feb. 15, 1844; married Kate Plimpton, he was son of Jason,⁶ born May 12, 1740, who died March 26, 1806; who was son of Joseph,⁷ born Nov. 15, 1705, who married Experience Morse; who died in 1780; who was son of Joseph,¹ born March 25, 1679, died April 18, 1754, whose wife was Prudence Adams; and who was son of Joseph,² born July 7, 1649, died Feb. 19, 1717; who married Mehetable Wood, 2d wife Hannah Babcock, and 3d wife Hannah widow of Joseph Dyre; and who was son of Joseph,³ who married Hannah Philips Jan. 7, 1638, his 2d wife was Miss Boyden married 1639, died Oct. 3, 1676; Westfield who was son of Samuel the first ancestor of all the Morse families in South-bridge and vicinity.

Children of Dea. Jason Morse, 7th generation, who married Kate Plimpton who died in 1810, and who married Kate Coburn in 1811 :

Amy, born Jan. 8, 1794; died 1806.
 Elvira, born Sept. 13, 1795; died 1809.
 James, born Jan. 1, 1798; married Elvilia Marsh.
 Lovell, born Sept. 23, 1799; married Clarissa Mason.
 Oscar, born August 17, 1801.
 Plimpton.
 Elliot.
 Marianne, born 1808; married Livingston Shumway.
 Catherine.
 Mary A., born 1811; married Samuel Freeman.
 Samuel L., born 1717.
 Sarah,⁸ born 1818; married Livingston Shumway.

Jason Rev. born March 19, 1821.

John C. born Dec. 6, 1824.

Willard Morse of Southbridge, who married Mary Mixter, daughter of Jason and his wife Prudence Mixter, was son of David Morse, who was born at Walpole, Feb. 16, 1764, who was son of Obadiah 5th generation born 1730, and married Mary Willett in 1755; he was elder brother of Jeremiah, Deacon Daniel, and Asa Morse, before referred to, and who was son of Obadiah 4th generation, and son of Nathaniel," who was son of Daniel," and who was son of the first Samuel Morse, as before stated.

The foregoing genealogical sketch of the Morse families, gives the line of descent of six different families, all traced down to the same ancestor, Samuel Morse, who was one of the founder of Dedham, but lived in that part which was set off to form the town of Medfield.

DR. JACOB COREY FAMILY.

Dr. Corey studied medicine with Dr. Lilly, of Rutland; he settled in Sturbridge, where he married Matilda Walker, and there followed his profession till his decease. Their children :

Betsey,	born Feb. 29, 1781; married Dr. Justus Keyes.
Matilda,	born Feb. 28, 1783; married Elijah Morse.
Enoch,	born Jan. 23, 1785.
Jacob,	born Jan. 13, 1788; a graduate of Brown University 1808; followed the profession of medicine in his native town; married Mrs. Bullock.
Hannah,	born Nov. 15, 1789.
Lucinda,	born Dec. 24, 1791.
Fanny,	born Dec. 12, 1793; married Col. Hiram Wheelock.

Charlotte, born August 27, 1796 ; married Dr. Curtis.
George Vernon, born Oct. 8, 1800.
Francis Edwin, born Sept. 25, 1804 ; married Venera Leonard,
daughter of Rev. Zenas L. Leonard.

DOCTOR JOHN ELIOT EATON FAMILY.

Dr. John Eliot Eaton, born Feb. 9, 1756 ; died Oct. 12,
1812. Children by his first wife, Beriah:
Sally, born Oct. 27, 1781 ; married Amasa Nichols, founder
of Nichols Academy, Dudley, Mass.
John Eliot, Jr., born July 7, 1783 ; married Ursula Payne.
William, born July 18, 1785.
Betsey, born March 6, 1787.

By his second wife Betsey Davis, of Killingly, Ct., he
had :

Betsey, born Jan. 7, 1790 ; married Morris Larned, of Dudley.
Harriet, born Nov. 6, 1791 ; married Samuel P. Knight, M. D.
Lydia Wolcott, born July 14, 1793 ; married George Bowen, of Wood
stock.
Joshua Davis, born April 8, 1798 ; died unmarried.