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[1] AUGUSTINE BEARSE, our first ancestor of the name in this country, came over "in the good Shipp, the Confidence of London, of two hundred tonnes," from Southampton, England, April 24, 1638, and was then twenty years of age, having been born at or near Southampton in 1618. He came to Barnstable, (Cape Cod, Mass.), with the first company in 1639. His houselot, containing twelve acres of very rocky land in the westerly part of the East Parish, was bounded westerly by John Crocker's land, northerly by the meadow, easterly by Isaac Robinson's land, and "southerly into ye woods." His house stood on the north side of the road, and his cellar and some remains of his orchard existed at the commencement of the present century;—a road from his house to Hyannis is still known as "Bearse's Way." He owned six acres of meadow adjoining his upland on the north, and two ~~thatch~~ islands, still known as "Bearse's Islands." He had also six acres of land in the Calves Pasture, esteemed as being the best soil in the town; eight acres of planting land on the north side of Shoal Pond bounded by Mr. Cooper's, now called Huckin's Neck, and thirty acres at the Indian Ponds bounded easterly by the Herring River. The Indian Pond lot he sold to Thomas Allen, and the planting lands at Shoal Pond were occupied by his descendants until recently. John Jenkins and John Dexter afterward owned the ancient homestead.

He became a member of Mr. Lothrop's Church April 29, 1643; his name stands at the head of the list,—

the first person admitted. He appears to have been very exact in the performance of his religious duties, causing his children to be baptised on the day of their birth, if Sunday, or on the following Sabbath. His son Joseph, our ancestor, born on Sunday, January 25, 1652, was taken two miles to the church and baptized the same day. Many believed that children dying unbaptized were lost, and that consequently it was the duty of parents to present their children early for baptism. Being influenced by this feeling, he did not wish by a week's delay to imperil the eternal salvation of his child. Now such an act would be pronounced unnecessary and cruel. However differently the present generation may view the question of baptism, he did what he honestly believed his duty, and he who does that intelligently is to be justified.

He was proposed to be admitted a freeman, June 3, 1652, and was admitted on the 3rd of May following. His name rarely occurs on the records. He was a grand juror in 1653 and 1662, and a surveyor of highways in 1674. He was one of the very few against whom no complaint was ever made, a fact which speaks well for his character as a man and a citizen. He was a farmer, lived on the produce of his land, and brought up his large family to be like himself—useful members of society. There appears to be no record of his death, nor settlement of his estate on the probate records. He was living in 1686, but died before 1697. His marriage is not on record. Had eleven children, all born at Barnstable, Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

HIS CHILDREN—SECOND GENERATION.

- 2 MARY BEARSE, b. [born] 1640.
- 3 MARTHA BEARSE, b. 1642.
- 4 PRISCILLA BEARSE, b. Mar. 10, 1644; m. [married], 1660, Dea. *John Hall*, Jr., of Yarmouth.
- 5 SARAH BEARSE, b. Mar. 28, 1646; m. Aug., 1667, *John Humblin*, of Barnstable, and had 12 children.
- 6 ABIGAIL BEARSE, b. Dec. 18, 1647; m. Apr. 12, 1670, *Allen Nichols*, of Barnstable, and had 9 children.
- 7 HANNAH BEARSE, b. Nov. 16, 1649.
- 8 JOSEPH BEARSE, our ancestor, b. Jan. 25, 1652; m. Dec. 3, 1676, *Murtha Taylor*. For further account of him see the next paragraph in large type, marked [8].
- 9 HESTER BEARSE, b. Oct. 2, 1653.
- 10 LYDIA BEARSE, b. Sept., 1655.
- 11 REBECCA BEARSE, b. Sept., 1657; m. Feb., 1671, *William Hunter*.
- 12 JAMES BEARSE, b. July, 1660; m. about 1683 and appears to have removed from Barnstable.

[8] JOSEPH BEARSE, our ancestor, (son of Augustine Bearse), born at Barnstable, Mass., Jan. 25, 1652; baptised the same day; died about 1695. He served as a soldier in King Phillip's War, 1675-6; his sons having rights in the town of Gorham, Me., granted to the heirs of the soldiers who served with Capt. Gorham. He married, Dec. 3, 1676, *Martha Taylor*, dau. of Richard of Yarmouth; her mother was a dau. of Thomas Burgess, an early settler in the vicinity. Martha was born at Yarmouth, Mass., Dec. 18, 1650, and died Jan. 27, 1728, at Barnstable. Had 8 children, all born at Barnstable. -NO
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THEIR CHILDREN—THIRD GENERATION.

- 13 MARY BEARSE, b. Aug. 16, 1677; died Jan. 19, 1760, unmarried.
- 14 JOSEPH BEARSE, b. Feb. 21, 1679; was one of the Grantees of the town of Gorham, Me., 1733, where he settled.
- 15 BENJAMIN BEARSE, b. June 21, 1682; m. Feb. 4, 1702, *Sarah Cobb*; 2nd, 1747, *Ann Nickerson*. He d. May 15, 1748; had 13 children.
- 16 PRISCILLA BEARSE, b. Dec. 31, 1683; d. Mar. 31, 1684.
- 17 EBENEZER BEARSE, b. Jan. 29, 1685; m. Nov. 25, 1703, *Elizabeth Cobb*; 2nd, Sep. 4, 1712, *Joanna Lumbert*. He d. Feb. 1759; had 11 children.
- 18 JOHN BEARSE, b. May 8, 1687; m. Nov. 15, 1711, *Ellinor Lewis*. He d. May 3, 1760; had 7 children.
- 19 JOSIAH BEARSE, our ancestor, b. Mar. 10, 1690; m. Nov. 2, 1716, *Zerviah Newcomb*. For further account of him see next paragraph in large type, marked [19].
- 20 JAMES BEARSE, b. Oct. 3, 1692; m. Mar. 17, 1720, *Mary Fuller*, and 2nd, 1726, *Thankful Linnell*. He d. Oct. 11, 1758; had 4 children.

[19] JOSIAH BEARSE, our ancestor, (son of Joseph and gr.-son of Augustine Bearse), was b. at Barnstable, Mass., Mar. 10, 1690; m. at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Nov. 2, 1716, *Zerviah Newcomb*, b. 1698-9 at Edgartown. She was the dau. of Lieut. Andrew Newcomb by his 2nd wife, Anna Bayes, whose parents were Capt. Thomas and Anna (Baker) Bayes, of Boston, Mass., 1643, but afterwards of Edgartown. Lieut. Andrew Newcomb, b. about 1640, was engaged in the fisheries at the Isles of Shoals as early as 1666, but removed to Edgartown about 1675, where he d. about 1708. It is probable he was a son of Capt. Andrew Newcomb, of Boston, Mass., who d. 1686. Josiah Bearse resided at East Barnstable, but was dismissed from the church there Dec. 29, 1734, to the church at Greenwich, Ct., to which place he removed soon after. He removed in 1738 to New Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Ct., where he bought, Feb. 25, 1738, a farm for £200, and on the 23rd of Nov. following he bought 13 acres for £50. April 21, 1743, 14½

acres were laid out to him, as also $11\frac{1}{4}$ acres in 1751. He appears to have been quite extensively engaged in farming. The inscription upon his tombstone at New Fairfield, reads: "In Memory of Mr. Josiah Bearss He died August 31 A D 1753 Aged 62 years." That upon his wife's tombstone reads: "In Memory of Zerviah Bearss died Sept 5th in the 91st year of her age 1739." Had 11 children.

THEIR CHILDREN—FOURTH GENERATION.

- 21 ANNA BEARSE, b. July 11, 1719.
- 22 JOSIAH BEARSE, b. Feb. 3, 1721.
- 23 EUNICE BEARSE, b. Jan. 2, 1723; d. April 6, 1727.
- 24 JONATHAN BEARSE, b. Nov. 22, 1724; d. Dec. 2, 1731.
- 25 LOIS BEARSE, b. July 17, 1726; m. *Thomas Knapp*.
- 26 THOMAS BEARSE, our ancestor, b. March 10, 1729; m. 1st, *Abigail Pickett*; 2nd, widow *Esther (Lyon) Smith*, and 3rd, — *Pickett*. For further account of him see next paragraph in large type, marked [26].
- 27 EUNICE BEARSE, b. Feb. 13, 1732.
- 28 JOSEPH BEARSE, b. about 1734-5.
- 29 BENJAMIN BEARSE, b. 1736-7; m. *Prudence* —; d. March 8, 1802, at New Fairfield, Ct.
- 30 MARTHA BEARSE, b. June 26, 1738.
- 31 MARY BEARSE, b. May 8, 1741.

[26] THOMAS BEARSE, (or *Bearss*, as now written by his descendants,) our ancestor, (son of Josiah, gr.-son of Joseph, and g.-gr.-son of Augustine Bearse), b. at Barnstable, Mass., March 10, 1729; removed at the age of eight years with his parents to New Fairfield, Ct. He m. 1st, January 1, 1754, *Abigail Pickett* of Danbury, Ct.; she d. Feb. 7, 1756, at N. F. He m. 2nd, Dec. 9, 1756, widow *Esther (Lyon) Smith* of Redding, Ct. She d. at N. F. in 1797, and he m. 3rd, in Aug., 1801, Miss — *Pickett*, b. 1764; d. at N. F., Feb. 20, 1842. Thomas Bearss was a well-to-do farmer, and is remembered as a most excellent man. The inscription upon his tombstone at New Fairfield, reads:—"In Memory of Thomas Bearss who died Dec. 29 1814 in the 86 year of his age." Had 8 children.

HIS CHILDREN—FIFTH GENERATION.

- 32 JOSEPH BEARSS, b. Jan. 8, 1756; d. Nov. 4, 1834; m. *Jemima Beebee*, b., 1760; d. April 21, 1833; had 9 daughters and one son; his dau. LUCY (unmarried) is the only person of the name now residing at N. F.
- 33 HANNAH BEARSS, b. Nov. 9, 1757; d. Mar. 9, 1849; m. *Amos Brush*, b. June 6, 1753; d. July 5, 1813; had children.
- 34 ABIGAIL BEARSS, b. May 27, 1760; d. 1832; m. *Seth Barnum* and had children.

- 35 Dea. JOHN BEARSS, our ancestor, b. Mar. 6, 1763; m. 1784, *Molly Beardsley*. For further account of him see next paragraph marked [35].
- 36 KIMBERLY BEARSS, b. Oct. 1, 1764; d. 1840; unm.
- 37 THOMAS BEARSS, b. Dec. 1, 1767; d. 1789; unm.
- 38 ELI BEARSS, b. June 4, 1769; m. Nov. 29, 1792, *Betty Hall*, and removed to Paris, N. Y.; had one son CALVIN, whose son ELI now resides at Lee, N. Y.
- 39 ELIZABETH BEARSS, b. July 16, 1802; m. April 5, 1819, *Matthew L. Pierce*, b. Mar. 7, 1795. They reside at New Fairfield, Ct.

[35] Deacon JOHN BEARSS, (son of Thomas, gr.-son of Josiah, g.-gr.-son of Joseph and g.-g.-gr.-son of Augustine Bearse), was b. at New Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Ct., March 6, 1763; m. at N. F., 1784, *Molly Beardsley*, b. at N. F., April 21, 1764. Her father, Dea. Phinehas Beardsley, was b. at Stratfield, Ct., March 4, 1733, and d. at N. F., Jan. 30, 1812;—his wife, Ruth (Fairchild), b. Aug. 3, 1736; d. April 1, 1813 at Westmoreland, N. Y. Dea. Phinehas Beardsley's parents were Dea. Obadiah and Mercy, dau. of Henry and Mary Jackson of Stratfield, Ct. Dea. Obadiah Beardsley was son of John of Stratford, by wife Mary Booth, (dau. of Ephraim Booth, by wife Mary, dau. of Robert Clark). Ephraim Booth was son of Richard, by wife Elizabeth (Hawley), settlers at Stratford, Ct., 1640. John Beardsley, above named, was son of Samuel by wife Abigail, and gr.-son of William Beardsley (wife Maria), who came over in 1635 from St. Albans, Hertfordshire, Eng., and settled at Stratford, Ct. Ruth Fairchild, above named, was the dau. of John by wife Mary (Wheeler), gr.-dau. of Alexander by wife Deborah (Beardsley), g.-gr.-dau. of Thomas and wife Susannah, and g.-g.-gr.-dau. of Thomas Fairchild by his first wife, Sarah, dau. of Robert Seabrook. The last named Thomas was first settler at Stratford, Ct., 1639.

Dea. John Bearss was a farmer;—his farm in N. F. was situated on the south side of Squan's Pond, (now called Bearss' Pond), at the outlet of which he owned a saw-mill. His house in New Fairfield, Ct., situated about four miles in a north-easterly direction from the church, was standing a few years since though in a somewhat dilapidated condition. He removed in May, 1805, to the town of Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he bought a farm about one mile south of the village of Hampton, where he d. Feb. 28, 1830. His wife, Molly, d. there Aug. 11, 1828, and both are interred in the old cemetery at the village, marble tombstones marking

their resting-place. He was appointed Deacon of the Congregational Church soon after his removal to Westmoreland and held the office till his death. Both himself and wife "were among the excellent of the Earth." He was of the austere, puritanical caste—read and expounded the Scriptures at his family worship, and was seldom seen to smile. She, a faithful and affectionate wife and mother, possessed a kind, loving disposition, was always cheerful and "ready for every good word and work." Had nine children, all born at New Fairfield, Ct.

THEIR CHILDREN—SIXTH GENERATION.

- 40 RHODA BEARSS, b. May 1, 1785; d. at Western, Oneida Co., N. Y., Feb. 13, 1860; m. at the residence of her sister Nancy, in Hampton, Jan., 1841, as the 2nd wife of *John Paddock*, farmer, b. 1783, d. 1866. She had no children. After the death of her parents she resided with her brothers and sisters till her marriage;—she "seemed a mother to everybody," and "went about doing good." She was interred at Western, N. Y.
- 41 AMASA BEARSS, b. Oct. 15, 1787; farmer; d. unm. April 26, 1827; interred by the side of his parents. He was a man of kindly, social and generous feelings.
- 42 ESTHER BEARSS, b. April 21, 1789; m. May 7, 1816, *William Newcomb*. See paragraph numbered [42].
- 43 NANCY BEARSS, b. Feb. 18, 1791; m. March 31, 1809, *Reuben Rose*. See paragraph numbered [43].
- 44 JOHN BEARSS, b. July 19, 1793; d. upon his farm about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Hampton village, Westmoreland, N. Y., Feb. 16, 1871. unmarried. He was a man of integrity and uprightness, resembled his father in many respects, and was never known to laugh aloud till after he was four years old. His father was stricken with paralysis of the left side eight months before death, and it is believed that the almost incessant labor which the son bestowed, was the cause of a partial derangement of his mind. He was an industrious man, and continued to do light labor till near the close of his life. It is expected that his farm of $62\frac{1}{2}$ acres will be sold, and the proceeds, after paying debts and expenses, distributed to his heirs. He is interred in the new cemetery at Hampton.
- 45 MOLLY BEARSS, b. Dec. 14, 1795; m. March 6, 1823, *Obadiah Newcomb*. See paragraph numbered [45].
- 46 HANNAH BEARSS, b. June 11, 1798; m. Dec. 27, 1820, *Hosea Buell*. See paragraph numbered [46].
- 47 THADDEUS BEARSS, b. April 4, 1801; m. April 21, 1831, *Laura E. Ecartz*. See paragraph numbered [47].
- 48 ELIM BEARSS, b. March 5, 1804; m. June 21, 1827, *Betsey A. Bissell*. See paragraph numbered [48].

[42] ESTHER BEARSS, (da. of Dea. John, gr.-da. of Thomas, g.-gr.-da. of Josiah, g.-g.-gr.-da. of Joseph, and g.-g.-g.-gr.-da. of Augustine Bearse), was b. in New Fairfield, Ct., April 21, 1789; m.

at her father's residence, May 7, 1816, *William Newcomb*. She d. at Hampton, Feb. 12, 1852, and is interred in the new cemetery. Generous in impulse, warm-hearted in friendship, she was always ready to do good. Her husband, a son of William and Elizabeth (Connable) Newcomb, was b. at Bernardston, Mass., Aug. 11, 1791. By trade a cabinet-maker; undertaker about fifty years. Settled at Hampton, 1815, where he still works at his trade though in his 81st year. He m. 2nd, Dec. 28, 1852, *Mary Pratt*, dau. of Enos and Mabel (Johnson) Pratt, b. at Saquoit, N. Y., Mar. 2, 1807. By his wife Esther Bearss, he had

ONE CHILD—SEVENTH GENERATION.

- 49 ELIZABETH NEWCOMB, b. May 16, 1817; m. at home, Nov. 16, 1836, *Abel Bailey Buell*, son of James and Tryphena (Bailey), b. at Lebanon, Ct., Aug. 31, 1815. By trade a harness-maker;—has been very extensively engaged in the malleable iron business at Oak Hill, Westmoreland and Oriskany. At present, Life Insurance Agent. Residence Utica, N. Y. No children.

[43] NANCY BEARSS, (dau. of Dea. John, gr.-dau. of Thomas, g.-gr.-dau. of Josiah, g.-g.-gr.-dau. of Joseph and g.-g.-g.-gr.-dau. of Augustine Bearse), was b. in New Fairfield, Ct., Feb. 18, 1791; m. at her father's residence, March 31, 1809, *Reuben Rose*, farmer, son of Reuben and Lucretia (Meigs), and b. at North Branford, Ct., Aug. 21, 1786. Resided upon his farm $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Hampton village, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he d. Sep. 4, 1861. His widow, now in her 81st year and in good health, resides with her daughter Nancy.

THEIR CHILDREN.—SEVENTH GENERATION.

- 50 JOHN MEIGS ROSE, b. July 28, 1810; d. Oct. 2, 1813.
51 JONATHAN ROSE, b. June 2, 1813; m. at Westmoreland, N. Y., June 16, 1836, *Sarah Ann Pierce*, dau. of Alanson and Hannah (Brown), b. at Westmoreland, July 7, 1815. By trade a wagon-maker. Resides in Hampton. Have had

ONE CHILD.—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Sarah Elizabeth Rose, b. Oct. 25, 1848; m. Feb. 18, 1869, *Abner Fitch Seymour*, son of Albert P. and Arsenoe (Fitch), b. at Westmoreland, Sept. 10, 1845; book-keeper.
52 NANCY ROSE, b. Dec. 19, 1817; m. at Hampton, Jan. 17, 1838, *John Albert Brockett*, son of Eli and Catharine (Ford), b. at Salisbury, N. Y., March 4, 1816; farmer; reside in Hampton.

THEIR CHILDREN.—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Ellen Rose Brockett, b. May 12, 1842.
2 Giles Albert Brockett, b. Feb. 21, 1844.
53 JOANNA ROSE, b. May 20, 1820; d. Feb. 7, 1837.
54 ELIZABETH ROSE, b. Feb. 2, 1823; m. May 12, 1846, at Hampton

Chauncey Smith son of Silas and — (Cook). She d at Hampton, April 17, 1849;—he was residing a while since at Glen's Falls, N. Y.; no children.

- 55 GILES ROSE, b. May 3, 1825; farmer; m. in Westmoreland, Oct. 27, 1862, Mrs. *Sarah Lucinda (Linsley)*, dau. of Ebenezer and Lucinda (Frisbee), and widow of Henry A. Barnum. She was b. Mar. 31, 1835, at Branford, Ct. Resides upon and owns his father's homestead. They have

ONE CHILD—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 George Rose, b. Sep. 21, 1863.

[45] MOLLY BEARSS, (dau. of Dea. John, gr.-dau. of Thomas, g.-gr.-dau. of Josiah, g.-g.-gr.-dau. of Joseph and g.-g.-g.-gr.-dau. of Augustine Bearse), was b. at New Fairfield, Ct., Dec. 14, 1795; m. at her father's residence in Westmoreland, N. Y., by Rev. Mr. Eels, March 6, 1823, *Obadiah Newcomb*;* farmer; son of William and Elizabeth (Connable), of Bernardston, Mass.,

* Obadiah Newcomb was son of William and Elizabeth (Connable) of Bernardston, Mass., gr.-son of Peter and Hannah (English) of Lebanon, now Columbia, Ct., g.-gr.-son of Hezekiah and Jerusha (Bradford) of Lebanon, Ct., g.-g.-gr.-son of Simon and Deborah (—) of Marthas Vineyard, Mass., 1638, of Lebanon, Ct., 1714, g.-g.-g.-gr.-son of Lieut. Andrew and his 1st wife Sarah (—) of Kittery and Isles of Shoals, Me., 1666-1673, afterward of Marthas Vineyard, and *probably* a g.-g.-g.-gr.-son of Capt. Andrew Newcomb of Boston, 1663, d. 1686. Elizabeth (Connable), before named, was dau. of Samuel and Mary (English), gr.-dau. of Samuel and Mary (Wilson), and g.-gr.-dau. of John Connable, or *Cunnabell* (wife Sarah), who emigrated from London, England, about 1673 and settled at Boston where he d. 1724. Mary (Wilson) was dau. of William and Mary (Pierce), gr.-dau. of Dea. Edward Wilson and Mary, dau. of Robert and Joanna Hale, early settlers at Charlestown, Mass. Mary (Pierce) was dau. of John and Isabel who resided early at Boston. Mary (English) was dau. of Benjamin and Rebecca (Brown) of New Haven, Ct., gr.-dau. of Clement English and Mary, dau. of Richard and Joyce Waters, of Salem, Mass. Rebecca (Brown) was dau. of Eleazer and Sarah (Bulckley), and gr.-dau. to Francis and Mary Brown of New Haven, Ct., 1642. Sarah (Bulckley) was dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Jones), and gr.-dau. of Rev. Peter Bulckley and wife Jane (dau. of Thomas Allen,) who came from England, 1635, and settled at Concord, Mass. Sarah (Jones) was dau. of Rev. John and Sarah Jones from England, 1635, at Fairfield, Ct., 1644. Hannah (English) was dau. of Richard and Mary of Newport, but of Lebanon, Ct., 1717. Jerusha (Bradford) was dau. of Thomas and Anne (Smith) of Norwich, Ct., gr.-dau. of Major William and Alice (Richards), and g.-gr.-dau. of Gov. William Bradford who came in the "May Flower," 1620;—the wife of Gov. B. was Alice, dau. of Alexander Carpenter. Alice (Richards) was dau. of Thomas and Welthian (—), and gr.-dau. of James and Agnes (Gamboy) Richards, early of New England. Anne (Smith) was dau. of Nehemiah and Anne (Bourn) of Norwich, Ct., and Anne (Bourn) was dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Bourn, early settlers at Marshfield, Mass.

and b. there, March 10, 1798. Immediately after his marriage he settled at Fabius, Onondaga Co., N. Y.; his farm, upon which he erected a saw-mill, was situated about one and one-half miles west-south-west from Franklin Village. Removed in the summer of 1837 to Illinois and settled upon the "Ridge," about four miles south-west from the village of Plainfield, where she d. Aug. 15, 1840. He d. on the 27th of the following month. Both are interred in the cemetery at Plainfield. Had two children.

THEIR CHILDREN—SEVENTH GENERATION.

- 56 JOHN BEARSS NEWCOMB, compiler of this Genealogy, b. July 1, 1824 in Fabius, Onondaga Co., N. Y.; m. in Hanover, near Elgin, Ill., by Rev. James McChesney, Dec. 7, 1850, *Arethusa Gould*, dau. of Samuel and Patience (Wilbur), b. at North Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., Sep. 21, 1824. Her descent from Zacheus Gould who came from Hants Green, Co. Bucks, England, about 1639, (residing at Ipswich, now Topsfield, Mass., 1644), is as follows:—1st Zacheus, 2nd John, 3rd Samuel, 4th Samuel, 5th Eli, 6th Samuel, and 7th Arethusa. After the death of his parents, 1840, he removed to Elgin, Ill., where he has continued to reside excepting a few short intervals. Has been connected with schools about twenty-one years either as teacher or superintendent;—city sexton, etc. During the past ten years has been engaged in collecting materials for *A Genealogical History of the Newcomb Family*.



Has had

TWO CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Foneta Arethusa Newcomb, b. Oct. 21, 1851 in Hanover, Cook Co., Ill.; now a teacher in the Public Schools of the City of Elgin.
 - 2 Andrew Newcomb, b. Mar. 10, 1859 in Elgin; d. same day.
- 57 ESTHER NEWCOMB, b. April 2, 1826; m. in Hanover, Ill., May 23, 1842, *Elias Paine*; farmer; son of Abner and Annie (Andrus), b. at Durham, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1810; settled at Elgin but resided afterward at Carthage, Ill., Garden Grove, Iowa, St. Joseph, Mo., and at Quincy and Marcelline in Adams Co., Ill. Mr. P. d. at Marcelline, Jan. 14, 1861, and she m. 2nd, at Marcelline, Dec. 29, 1861, *Abram Cronkright*, son of Abram and Mindwell (Gillett), b. 1814 at Rochester, N. Y. They reside at Bentons Port, Van Buren, Co., Iowa. She has had eight children.

HER CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Millen Paine, b. July 23, 1843, at Elgin; d. Sep. 7, 1843, at Elgin Ill.
- 2 Ann Eliza Paine, b. June 18, 1845, at Carthage, Ill.; m. at Canton, Mo., Nov. 11, 1864, *Josiah Askren*; farmer; son of Thomas and Mary (Richards), b. in Harrison Co., Ind., Feb. 2, 18—; reside in Birmingham, Jefferson Co., Mo. A hero in the war of the Rebellion; enlisted May 24, 1861, in Co. I. 16th Ill. Inf. Vol.; re-enlisted as veteran Dec. 30, 1863, for three years; transferred to Cumb. Engineer Reg't. July 25, 1864, and mustered out July 8, 1865. Two children.

THEIR CHILDREN—NINTH GENERATION.

- 1 Mary Askren, b. April 8, 1867.
- 2 Ulissa Askren, b. March 7, 1869.
- 3 Arethusa Adelaide Paine, b. Feb. 11, 1848 at Garden Grove, Iowa; d. Aug. 6, 1849, at Quincy, Ill.
- 4 John B. Newcomb Paine, b. Jan. 6, 1851, at St. Joseph, Mo.; resides with his mother at Bentons Port, Iowa.
- 5 Fidelia Paine, b. May 10, 1854, at Marcelline; d. Sep. 17, 1855, at Marcelline, Ill.
- 6 William Finn Paine, b. June 22, 1857 at Marcelline; adopted by Nixon Campbell, and removed with him in April, 1871, to Arcata, Humboldt Co., California.
- 7 Christiana Paine, b. Dec. 8, 1860, at Marcelline, Ill.
- 8 Lewis Value Cronkr'ght, b. Mar. 29, 1863, at Marcelline, Ill.

[46] HANNAH BEARSS, (dau. of Dea. John, gr.-dau. of Thomas, g.-gr.-dau. of Josiah, g.-g.-gr.-dau. of Joseph, and g.-g.-g.-gr.-dau. of Augustine Bearse), was b. at New Fairfield, Ct., June 11, 1798, m. at her father's residence in Westmoreland, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1820, *Hosea Buell*; farmer; son of Benjamin and Peggy (Flemming), b. at Westmoreland, April 10, 1798. Settled upon a farm about three miles north of Hampton Village in the town of Westmoreland; removed to Illinois, 1835, settling upon a farm on the "Bluff," about seven miles south-south-west from Joliet, and about two and one-half miles north-east from Channahon, Will Co. While crossing the river Des Plaines he was drowned by breaking through the ice, Feb. 24, 1846. His widow resides with her children. Seven children.

THEIR CHILDREN—SEVENTH GENERATION.

- 58 NORMAN BUELL, b. Mar. 14, 1822, printer; d. at Channahon, Nov. 12, 1846.
- 59 NORTON BUELL, b. Aug. 27, 1824; m. at Channahon, Jan. 1, 1862, *Elizabeth Tryon*, dau. of George and Harriet (Peck), b. at Channahon, Ill., May 6, 1837; d. there Oct. 7, 1862. He m. 2nd, Nov. 28, 1863, *Josephine Willard*, dau. of Reuben and Mary (Schermerhorn), b. at Channahon, Feb. 19, 1841. He went to California in 1850 and returned, 1861; carpenter and farmer. He afterwards owned his father's old homestead and resides near it now.

HIS CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Elizabeth Tryon Buell, b. Oct. 4, 1862; d. Oct. 18, 1862.
- 2 Sierra Nevada Buell, b. Sep. 3, 1864.
- 3 Mary Frances Buell, b. July 3, 1866.
- 4 Obed Oland Buell, b. Dec. 20, 1867.
- 5 Florence Amelia Buell, b. July 29, 1870.
- 60 GEORGE BUELL, b. Oct. 4, 1825; farmer; m. April 24, 1851. *Sarah Jane Schermerhorn* dau. of Barent and Lucretia (Barhuyt.) b. at Schodoc, N. Y., Nov. 15, 1831. Has been town collector, etc. Resides at Channahon.

THEIR CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Alletta Amanda Buell, b. Feb. 15, 1852; m. Sep. 25, 1869, *Elizur Sage*, son of Elisha and Mary (Willard), b. at Channahon, April 21, 1849; farmer; have

ONE CHILD—NINTH GENERATION.

- 1 George William Sage, b. Dec. 11, 1870.
- 2 Antoinette Buell, b. Sep. 27, 1854.
- 3 Ida Lucretia Buell, b. Feb. 4, 1856; d. Nov. 4, 1863.
- 4 Emma Hannah Buell, b. Nov. 20, 1858.
- 5 Frederick Buell, b. Feb. 13, 1860; d. Oct. 27, 1863.
- 6 Mary Elizabeth Buell, b. Aug. 26, 1863; d. April 21, 1864.
- 61 HANNAH BUELL, b. March 2, 1829; m. at Channahon, May 19, 1848, *George Tryon*, son of George and Flora (Strickland,) b. Dec. 28, 1805, at Berlin, Vt.; farmer. Settled at Channahon, Will Co., Ill., 1833, immediately after the removal of the Indians, and still resides on the same farm. Have had five children.

THEIR CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Flora Tryon, b. May 22, 1848; d. Sep. 10, 1851.
- 2 Leonore Tryon, b. Sep. 13, 1852.
- 3 Legare Tryon, b. June 29, 1855; d. June 7, 1856.
- 4 Lillian Tryon, b. Aug. 1, 1857; d. Dec. 11, 1862.
- 5 Allison Tryon, b. Nov. 5, 1860.
- 62 CHARLOTTE FRANCES BUELL, b. Sep. 17, 1831; m. Aug. 31, 1854, *Lewis Gilbert Sweet*, son of Anson and Mariam (Gibson), b. at Sheldon, Vt., Oct. 20, 1830; farmer and cabinet maker; at present connected with Ward's sash, blind and door factory at Joliet, Ill.

THEIR CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Nekomis Sweet, b. Nov. 20, 1856.
- 2 Florence Buell Sweet, b. Nov. 2, 1859; d. Feb. 1, 1864.
- 3 Geniveve Sweet, b. Sep. 1, 1860.
- 4 Gertie Sweet, b. March 16, 1863.
- 63 CARRIE LAW BUELL, b. June 10, 1837; m. May 1, 1861, [72] *Charles Bearss*. A further account of this family is given on page 15, number 72.
- 64 FITZ ROY BUELL, b. Oct. 15, 1841; m. May 23, 1870, *Emily Douglas*, dau. of William and Jerusha (Rosenbarker,) b. on Wells Island, river St. Lawrence, June 11, 1848. A hero in the war of the Rebellion; served three months in Co. K, 10th Ill., Vol. Inf.; farmer; resides at Brownlow, Butler Co., Kansas.

[47] THADDEUS BEARSS, (son of Dea. John, gr.-son of Thomas, g.-gr.-son of Josiah, g.-g.-gr.-son of Joseph, and g.-g.-g.-gr.-son of Augustine Bearse), b. at

New Fairfield, Ct., April 4, 1801; farmer; m. at Pompey, N. Y., April 21, 1831, *Laura E. Evarts*, dau. of Joseph and Lucia (Evarts), b. June 25, 1808; d. at Westmoreland, N. Y., Sep. 17, 1870. Settled at Westmoreland and resided for many years upon the farm owned by his brother John. Upon the death of his wife he accepted an invitation from his son-in-law, James Hargraves, to reside with him, and he accordingly removed and now resides at Kingston, N. Y.

THEIR CHILDREN—SEVENTH GENERATION.

- 65 MARY ELIZABETH BEARSS, b. Nov. 10, 1833; m. Feb. 6, 1853, *James Hargraves*, son of James; b. in England, Aug. 23, 1827; brewer; resides at Kingston, N. Y.

THEIR CHILD—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Charles William Hargraves, b. May 10, 1854; d. Nov. 6, 1862, at Oriskany, N. Y.
- 66 NANCY ROSE BEARSS, b. July 10, 1836; m. July 1, 1866, *Lee M. Clark*, son of Albert; farmer and foundryman; removed to Lawn Ridge, Marshall Co., Ill., 1871. No children.
- 67 WILLIAM NEWCOMB BEARSE, b. March 12, 1838; d. May 28, 1861.
- 68 EDGAR THADDEUS BEARSS, b. May 2, 1841; d. June 23, 1847.
- 69 LUCIA MARITTA BEARSS, b. Aug. 3, 1845; m. July 5, 1866, *Charles Wesley Phillips*, b. in Otsego Co., N. Y.; farmer; d. at Kingston, N. Y.; (where his widow resides), June 30, 1867.

THEIR CHILD—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- Mary Augusta Phillips, b. Sep. 9, 1867.
- 70 LAURA AUGUSTA BEARSS, b. March 8, 1848; m. May 22, 1871, *Cyrus Mason*; farmer; of Wilbur, N. Y., where they reside.

[48] ELIM BEARSS, (son of Dea. John, gr.-son of Thomas, g.-gr.-son of Josiah, g.-g.-gr.-son of Joseph, and g.-g.-g.-gr.-son of Augustine Bearse), b. at New Fairfield, Ct., March 5, 1804; m. at Westmoreland, N. Y., June 21, 1827, *Betsey A. Bissell*, dau. of Leverett and Betsey Gardner (Burnham), b. at Goshen, Ct., Sep. 11, 1809. Resided a while about three miles north of Hampton village, Westmoreland, N. Y.; afterward about two years at Vernon;—the last twelve years at Oriskany, N. Y., where he d. Oct. 17, 1870; farmer. Jovial and very kind hearted, he will long be remembered as a good neighbor and citizen. His widow resides with her children.

THEIR CHILDREN—SEVENTH GENERATION.

- 71 GEORGE BEARSS, b. March 13, 1828; m. at Lenox, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1852, *Susan Goodenow*, dau. of Stephen, b. April 18, 1829 at Vernon, N. Y.; settled at Vernon but removed to Englewood, N. J., 1860, where he now resides; foreman of lumber-yard.

THEIR CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Arthur Goodenow Bearss, b. Feb. 26, 1855.

- 2 Fanny Elmina Bearss, b. Jan. 21, 1857.
- 3 Helen Hills Bearss, b. March 10, 1859.
- 4 Emma Grace Bearss, b. July 15, 1862.
- 5 George Elim Bearss, b. Aug. 11, 1866.
- 6 Stephen Willis Bearss, b. July 4, 1868.

- 72 CHARLES BEARSS, b. June 7, 1832; removed to Joliet, Ill., his present residence, 1856, and has been foreman, during the past fifteen years, of Ward's large planing-mill, sash, blind and door factory. He m. at Channahon, May 1, 1861, (63) *Carrie Law Buell*, dau. of Hosea and (46) Hannah (Bearss), b. at Channahon, Ill., June 10, 1837.

THEIR CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Frances Florence Bearss, b. Jan. 27, 1864; d. Feb. 15, 1865.
 - 2 Mary Buell Bearss, b. Aug. 11, 1865.
 - 3 Beula Bearss, b. Feb. 25, 1868.
 - 4 Hannah Foneta Bearss, b. March 12, 1870.
- 73 GILES BEARSS, b. Aug. 16, 1835; m. at Vernon, N. Y., June 15, 1861, *Fannie Pool*, dau. of Jesse and Hettie (Ward), b. March, 19, 1842 at Oriskany N. Y.; machinist. A martyr in the war of the Rebellion. He enlisted, Jan. 5, 1864, in Co. F, 117th N. Y. Inf. Vol.; was wounded in the foot, near Petersburg, Va., carried to Fortress Monroe, and from thence to Knight's General Hospital, New Haven, Ct., where he d. July 5, 1864, and was interred in the cemetery at New Haven, Ct., his grave being numbered 14, as per Roll of Honor. His residence was at Ilion, N. Y.

THEIR CHILDREN—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Elmer Ilion Bearss, b. July 22, 1861; d. Nov. 4, 1862.
 - 2 Charles Elmer Bearss, b. July 3, 1863.
- 74 JOHN BEARSS, b. July 31, 1853; d. Sep. 29, 1854.
- 75 FRANCES MARIA BEARSS, b. May 22, 1837; m. Oct. 4, 1860, *Charles Bradford Root*, son of Chauncey and Fanny L. (Gridley), b. at Kirkland, N. Y., May 15, 1836; farmer; d. at Oriskany, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1862; she d. at Clinton, N. Y., April 8, 1863.

THEIR CHILD—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Mary Gertrude Root, b. June 22, 1862; d. Aug. 10, 1863.
- 76 JOHN LEVERETT BEARSS, b. March 14, 1839; d. Dec. 22, 1857.
- 77 HANNAH EUNICE BEARSS, b. April 19, 1840; d. at Joliet, Ill., while on a visit to her brother Charles and other relatives, Sep. 9, 1858.
- 78 WILLIAM EMERY BEARSS, b. April 3, 1843; m. at Ilion, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1868, *Roseltha Hammond*, dau. of Morgan and Elizabeth (Youngs), b. at Litchfield, N. Y., May 25, 1851. Resides at Ilion; occupation die-sinker. A hero in the war of the Rebellion. Enlisted in Co. C, 14th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, June 23, 1863, discharged Aug. 27, 1865; was in fifteen hard fought battles, but escaped unhurt.

THEIR CHILD—EIGHTH GENERATION.

- 1 Emery Hammond Bearss, b. July 30, 1869.
- 79 MARY BISSELL BEARSS, b. Feb. 14, 1845; m. at Oriskany, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1861, *James Hurden Halleck Buell*, son of Dillon T. and Sarah (Trapp), b. at Lebanon, Ct. June 1, 1832. He is one of the proprietors of malleable-iron foundry at Oriskany, N. Y., firm of Buells & Halleck. Residence Oriskany; no children.
- 80 HENRY SEYMOUR BEARSS, b. April 6, 1850; m. at Floyd, N. Y., April 4, 1869, *Genieve Clark*, dau. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hale), b. at Rome, N. Y. Residence Ilion, N. Y.; machinist.

ORTHOGRAPHY OF THE NAME.—Upon the old records the name is found written Bears, Bearse, Bearss, Bearce, Barce, Barse, Bierce, etc.; in the list of passengers to America, 1638, our ancestor's name is written Augustine Bearce.

PRONUNCIATION OF THE NAME.—Evidently the ancient pronunciation of the name was *Barce*, now *Burce*,—a few pronouncing it *Beerce*.

DISTRIBUTION.—A copy of this work will be forwarded to each one of the living descendants of Dea. John Bearss, also to all persons now living who have married any of his descendants;—total number 86.

RECAPITULATION.—The descendants of Dea. John Bearss number 94, divided as follows: 9 children, 32 grand children, 50 great-grand-children and 3 great-great-grand-children. Of these descendants there are now living 3 children, 21 grand-children, 34 great-grand children and 3 great-great-grand-children, making a total of 61.

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