

SOME ANCESTORS
OF
MOSES BANCROFT
AND
SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

THE information concerning Moses Bancroft, his ancestors and some of his descendants, was compiled from notes gathered by Mr. J. M. Bancroft, of Bloomfield, N. J., Mrs. L. Elvira Elliott, of Philipston, Mass., and the undersigned; and is printed for the edification of those who take an interest in such matters.

No attempt has been made to include all descendants of Moses Bancroft, as such a list would be beyond the scope of this brochure. However, anyone who is a descendant of Moses can probably trace his or her line of descent from the information given.

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MICHAEL METCALF.

Michael Metcalf, of Dedham, 1637. Immigrant. Born in 1586, at Tatterford, County Norfolk, England. A dornock weaver at Norwich; made freeman of Norwich, England, June 21, 1618; married in Waynham, Oct. 13, 1616, Sarah Ellwyn, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Ellwyn. She was born June 17, 1698. Persecuted by Bishop Wren for non-conformity, he took ship alone at London, Sept. 17, 1636, for New England; driven back by storms to Plymouth; he sailed from Yarmouth, April 15, 1637, with wife, nine children and servant. Landed at Boston; admitted freeman at Dedham, July 14, 1637; joined church 1639; Selectman 1641; on committee to build new meeting house. Wife Sarah died Nov. 30, 1644. He married August 13, 1645, Mary, widow of Thomas Pigge. In 1656, when seventy years old, he agreed to teach the children of Dedham to read and write; consideration £20, to be paid in grain. On May 22, 1664, he witnessed will of Joshua Kent, of Dedham. He died Dec. 27, 1664; will proved Feb. 1, 1664-5; inventory, £364. 10s. 5d.; will disposes of his books. Children, all by 1st wife, Sarah:

1. Michael; died young. 2. Mary, bapt. Feb. 17, 1618-19. 3. Michael. 4. John. 5. Sarah. 6. Elizabeth, b Oct. 4, 1626; married THOMAS¹ BANCROFT. 7. Martha. 8. Thomas. 9. Ann, d. y. 10. Jane. 11. Rebeka.

Information in regard to the above was obtained from "Davis-Bancroft," San Francisco, 1897. The New England Historic-Genealogical Register, 1862, p. 279; April, 1852, p. 172; May 1853, p. 230; July 1932, p. 252-256. Dedham Historical Register, April, 1894. J. M. Bancroft, Bloomfield, N. J.

THOMAS' BANCROFT (1622-1691)

Born in England, it is supposed, 1622. We find him first at Dedham, Mass., in 1647, on the occasion of his 1st marriage. He sold his property there in 1652, and the name disappears from Dedham records. We definitely locate him in 1655 by an affidavit at Salem, which records that he had at that time, 1655, hired a farm of Samuel Bennett Sr., who owned some 500 acres in what is the northwesterly part of Saugus, some three miles or so south of the Reading church and settlement, on whose records they appear; though he did not have "common lands," or participate in the Reading town business. There are some accounts of the survey of the line, now the westerly boundary of Saugus, that mention the "house of Ensign Bancroft." In 1670 he purchased sixty acres at Beaver Dam, Lynnfield, deeded "by power of attorney" by John Symonds and Elizabeth his wife, of Harold, in the county of Bedford in England, husbandman, it having been the land of Wm. Blote, formerly husband of the said Elizabeth; and was bounded N. W. on Mr. Holyoke; N. E., on Isaac Hart; S. E. on Goodman Collins and S. W. by Redding meadow." In 1678 Elizur Holyoke (3), of Springfield, sold the 550 acre plot N. W., (except 1-2 acre with a building on that he sold to Thomas Bancroft,) and mentioned that "it had been some years in use and improvement of Thomas Bancroft." Here he continued until death, 1691. He was buried at Reading, now Wakefield. Gravestone: "Mementi mori, Fugit hora. Here lyeth the body of Lieut. Thomas Bancroft, aged 69 years. Deceased ye 19 of August, 1691."

He died intestate, but the estate was mutually

settled and all details are on Salem, Mass., records; naming the several children. the widow. etc.; signed by name or mark as the person was qualified. After he came to Lynnfield he was appraiser of several estates. In 1688 he subscribed £5 to build a new church at Reading. About this time he petitioned for relief from military duty, which was granted.

He married 1st, Alice, daughter of Miguel Bacon, of Ireland, Jan. 31, 1647, who died Jan. 29, 1648. He married 2nd, Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Ellwyn) Metcalf, Sept 15, 1648. She was b Oct. 4, 1626, died at Lynnfield May 1. 1711.

Child by 1st wife:

2. Thomas², b at Dedham, Jan. 11, 1648; died Jan. 24, 1648.

Children by 2nd wife:

3. Thomas², b at Dedham, July 14, 1649
4. Elizabeth², b at Dedham; d Nov. 21, 1650.
5. John², b at Dedham. 1651; died —.
6. Elizabeth², b Oct. 7. 1653; (Reading church records.)
7. John², b March 3, 1656 " " "
8. Sarah², b Jan. 14, 1657-S; d July 19, 1661. (R. C. rec.)
9. Ralph², b Aug. 20, 1660; d July 13, 1661. " " "
10. Raham², b June 27. 1662; d May 19, 1688 (R. C. rec.)
11. Sarah², b April 1, 1665 " " "
12. Ebenezer², b April 26, 1667 (Lynn records.)
13. Mary², b May 16, 1670. " " "

THOMAS² BANCROFT (1649-1718)

3. THOMAS² BANCROFT, (Thomas¹), was born at Dedham, Mass., July 14, 1649; removed with his parents to the farm hired of Samuel Bennett, in what was afterwards Saugus, which is known to have been occupied by them in 1655, by an affidavit made by the father which is on record at Salem Court House. He settled in the west part of the present town of Reading about 1689; entered the military service in 1675, in King Philip's war, Jonathan Poole being a Capt.,

and Jeremiah Swayne a major, both from Reading. In 1676 Jonathan Poole and Thomas Bancroft petition the Governor and Council, proposing important changes in the policy of town management. In 1686 he was assessed to pay Indians for lands occupied by the town. In 1694 he was a member of the first separate board of assessors. In 1695 Capt. Thomas Bancroft was on a committee to improve the church, make seats to best advantage, etc. He built the fourth house erected in what is now the town of Reading. Here he died June 12, 1718, and was buried in the church yard, now adjoining the Congregational Church at Wakefield. Inscription: "Thomas Bancroft who served the church of Reading in the office of Deacon, d. June ye 12, 1718, aged 69." His will, on file at Cambridge, mentions wife and all the children, except Mehitable, and says: "My history books to be divided among my three sons equally, my Divinity books among all my children, not including my Bible, Clark's Annotations, which I give to my son Thomas."

1673 He married Sarah (daughter of Capt. Jonathan) Poole, April 10, ~~1683~~. Gravestone: "Here lyes ye body of Mrs. Sarah Bancroft wife to Dea. Thomas Bancroft who Dec'd May 20, 1723 in ye 67 year of her age."

Children, all born at Reading:

14. Thomas³, b Sept. 8, 1673.
15. Sarah², b Dec. 28, 1675; m Abraham Bryant.
16. Mehitable², b Feb. 1, 1678; m Jonathan Parker.
17. Jonathan³, b Oct. 4, 1681,
18. Raham, b Feb. 14, 1684.
19. Judith³, b March 7, 1607-8; m David Parker.
20. Samuel³, b Dec. 13, 1691; d Jan. 27, 1692.
21. Samuel³, b Dec. 26, 1693.
22. Elizabeth², b June 22, 1696.

THOMAS' BANCROFT (1673-1731)

14. THOMAS' BANCROFT, (Thomas², Thomas¹), was born at Reading. Mass., Sept. 8, 1673. "Lt. Thomas Bancroft, our worthy Representative, died of Nervous Fever, Nov. 9, 1731."—Reading Records. He was with one of the expeditions against the French and Indians, about the year 1711. Was a farmer, and was a Selectman of the town probably in 1718, 19, 21, 23 and 29. His will, filed at Cambridge, mentions wife Mary, "I also give to my wife my great Bible and as many of my books as she shall select;" sons Thomas, Jonathan, Joseph, Benjamin and gr. son Edmond. In 1724 he was guardian of Timothy, the son of Ebenezer Bancroft, of Lynnfield. He was married to Mary Webster, of Reading, Aug. 1, 1693, by the Rev. Jonathan Pierpont. We have no record of her decease. (Perhaps she m. Thomas Follingsbee, of Newbury, Feb. 18, 1735.) She was 3rd child, 2nd dau., of Israel Webster and his 3rd wife Elizabeth, dau. of Henry and Anne (—) Lunt (who afterwards married Joseph Hills and removed to Malden, Mass.) Elizabeth Lunt was born in Newbury, Dec. 29, 1650, and died there, a widow, Aug. 3, 1688. Israel Webster was the youngest son of John and Mary (Shatswell) Webster, was born at Ipswich. Mass., in 1644, and died in Newbury, Dec. 7, 1683. He made his will on Dec. 6, the signature showing that he was very feeble. He was a cooper by trade. His only son, Joseph Webster, died when 13 years old; his dau. Hannah Webster m. Thomas Huse (or Hewes), of Newbury. John Webster, of Ipswich, was from Ipswich, Eng.; was made fre-man 1634; died 1645, leaving 4 daughters and 3 sons, with widow Mary who married John Emory. Mary Webster, who m. Thomas Bancroft, was born at Newbury, May 18, 1679; when 14 years of age, Sept. 28, 1693, she had William Noyes appointed her guardian. Israel Webster had also a daughter Elizabeth, by wife Anne Browne.

Children:

23. Thomas⁴, b April 8, 1696.

24. Joseph⁴, b at Reading, Nov. 11, 1698: blacksmith by trade; m Ruth, dau. of Kendall and Ruth — Parker, Jan. 3, 1721-2. He d Aug. 15, 1733, ae. 35. Children: 1. Joseph, b Aug. 21, 1724: "Joseph, only son of Joseph and

Ruth Bancroft, only gr. son of Capt. Kendall Parker, d. Feb. 28, 1731, æ. 7 years." 2. Ruth, b 1726; in July, 1741, was under guardianship of Kendall Parker. (Joseph Underwood m. Ruth Bancroft, of Reading, Mar. 23, 1739; she b 1704, and was gr. mother of the late Joseph Hopkins, of Reading.)

25. Benjamin⁴, b May 6, 1701, at Reading.
26. Jonathan⁴, b June 30, d July 29, 1703.
27. Jonathan⁴, b Feb. 15, 1704-5, at Reading.
28. Edmund⁴, b Jan. 13, d July 31, 1709.

THOMAS⁴ BANCROFT (1696-1748)

23. THOMAS⁴ BANCROFT, (Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹), was born at Reading, Mass., April 8, 1696. "Ensign Thomas Bancroft died Feb. 24, 1748, aged 52." His will, dated Sept. 1, 1747, filed at Cambridge, mentions wife Lydia, executor; to son Thomas my Great Bible, Caleb Clark's Annotations; to Moses; to dau. Mary Nichols; to dau. Lydia Noyce (Noyes) my silver cup; daus. Abigail, Susanna, Elizabeth, Hannah, Rebecca and son Joseph. He was married to Mrs. Lydia (Emery) Deane, of Newbury, Oct. 31, 1717, by the Rev. John Tufts. She m 3rd, Joseph Damon, (intention of m June 11, 1755); and the will of Lydia Damon, dated Oct. 19, 1779, probated May 5, 1786, mentions daus. Abigail Upham, Susanna Chase, Elizabeth Woodman; the two daus. of my dau. Mary Nichols, deceased; the dau. of my dau. Lydia Noyce; gr. dau. Lydia Gale, dau. of my dau. Hannah Gale, and son Joseph.

Children, all born at Reading:

29. Mary⁵, b Aug. 14, 1718; m Samuel Nichols, Jan. 24, 1736. He was b 1714, son of Thomas and Mary (Herbert) Nichols. They had dau. Sarah Nichols, b 1739.
30. Thomas⁵, b Sept. 26, 1721; d 1763.
31. Moses⁵, b Sept. 7, 1723.
32. Lydia⁵, b March 4, 1725-6; m Jonathan Noyce (Noyes), of Newbury, Aug. 24, 1742. Her son Lieut. Joseph Noyce, or Noyes, b June 18, 1747, was a tailor by trade, of W. Newbury, and died at East Haverhill, June, 1823. He

served during the Revolution 7 years; was in command of a co. of Marines on the brig *Palace*.

- 33. Abigail⁵, b March 14, 1728; m Jacob Parker, Oct. 26, 1748. He d at Hopkinton, Mass., June 1763; Jonas Parker, of Reading, and John Parker, of Southboro, being sureties in settlement of his estate. Children: Jacob Parker, Amos Parker; Abigail who m Mark Collins; Nehemiah Parker, John Parker.
- 34. Daniel⁵, b Dec. 1, 1730; d April 9, 1731.
- 35. Susanna⁵, b Dec. 14, 1733; m — Chase.
- 36. Joseph⁵, b Nov. 10, 1735.
- 37. Elizabeth⁵, b May 28, 1738; m to Samuel Woodman, March 25, 1756, by Rev. Wm. Johnson, of Newbury.
- 38. Hannah⁵, b May 25, 1741; m as his 2nd wife, Sept. 2, 1757, Jonas Gale, of Sutton. He was born 1735; m 1st Tamer March; m 3rd Rebecca Guy.

MOSES⁵ BANCROFT (1723——)

31. MOSES⁵ BANCROFT, (Thomas⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹), was born at Reading, Mass., Sept. 7, 1723. He was admitted to the church at Reading March 15, 1742. He moved to Sutton and settled in that part now Millbury. It is related of him that on one occasion, at a barn raising, with an iron bar in hand, he jumped from high beam to high beam, they being about ten feet apart. He married Dec. 6, 1745, Mary Wiley; she was b. 1721, the dau. of Timothy and Mary (Poole) Wiley, of Woodville. She was admitted to the church at Reading, Feb. 11, 1749. He m 2nd, Elizabeth Lamson, June 22, 1758.

Children by 1st wife:

- 39. Moses⁶, b at Reading, Jan. 20, 1746.
- 40. John⁶, b at Reading, Sept. 18, 1748.
- 41. Timothy⁶, b Sept. 26, 1750.
- 42. Benjamin⁶, b July 29, 1753; d 1846.
- 43. Joseph⁶, b probably at Sutton, Jan. 13, 1756.

Children by 2nd wife:

- 44. Elizabeth⁶, or Betsey, b Aug. 12, 1759; m Joel Tainter, of Sutton, July 11, 1799.
- 45. Molly⁶, b Nov. 5, 1766; became 2nd wife of Ethan Seaver, of Gardner, Dec. 18, 1808,
- 46. Hannah⁶, b Dec. 4, 1769.

JOSEPH⁶ BANCROFT (1756-1839)

43. JOSEPH⁵ BANCROFT. (Moses⁵, Thomas⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹), was born Jan. 13, 1756, at Sutton, Mass., and died there April 23, 1839. He married 1st, Hannah⁶ Taintor, Sept. 14, 1780, daughter of Simon⁵ and Mary (Bruer or Bruce) Taintor. She was born at Sutton, March 20, 1758, and died there Nov. 22, 1791. He married 2nd, Esther Bond April 9, 1793. She was born Oct. 21, 1761, and died Feb. 4, 1812. His 3rd wife was Anna Rice, who he married Feb. 10, 1815. She died June 20, 1821; and he married 4th, Sarah Livermore, Feb. 23, 1825. She was born Dec. 19, 1767, and died Feb. 11, 1841. He was in the Revolution. "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War; Boston; Published by the State, 1896, Vol. I," has this to say about him: "BANCROFT, JOSEPH. Corporal, Capt. Andrew Elliott's co., Col. Jonathan Holman's regt.; enlisted Sept. 20, 1777, service 30 days; marched to reinforce Northern army at the taking of Gen. Burgoyne." Col. Holman and Capt. Elliott were both residents of Sutton.

Children by 1st wife, Hannah (Taintor):

- 47. Simon⁷, b June 11, 1781.
- 48. Lucy⁷, b March 16, 1783.
- 49. Moses⁷, b Jan. 1786.

Children by 2nd wife, Esther (Bond):

- 50. Wiley⁷, b March 9, 1794.
- 51. Solomon⁷, b March 15, 1796.
- 52. Neley⁷, b May 22, 1799.
- 53. Hannah⁷, b Aug. 28, 1800.
- 54. Joseph⁷, b June 13, 1805.

MOSES' BANCROFT (born 1786)

49. MOSES' BANCROFT, (Joseph⁴, Moses³, Thomas⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹), was born in Sutton, Mass., Jan. 18, 1786, and died in Phillipston, Mass., ——— —; ———. He married 1st. Tamar King, June 30, 1806, at Sutton. She was born in Millbury, Mass., July 16, 1785, and died March 27, 1827, at Phillipston. She was the daughter of John and Tamar⁶ (Putnam) King. He married second, Lydia Sever, in Gardner, Mass., Feb. 24, 1829. She was born at Gardner, May 17, 1798, and died ——— ——— ———.

Children by 1st wife, Tamar⁶ (King):

- 55. Hannah King⁸, b March 3, 1807, at Oxford, Mass.
- 56. Julia Putnam⁸, b August 1, 1808, at Sutton.
- 57. Freeman Tainter⁸, b May 20, 1811, at Barton, Vt.; d Sept. 1812.
- 58. Janette⁸, b May 7, d May 18, 1813 at Barton.
- 59. Lucy Stanley⁸, b June 27, 1815, at Barton; d April 4, 1893, at Worcester.
- 60. John Austin⁸, b March 30, 1817, in Ward, Vt.; died April 6, 1893, at Worcester.
- 61. James Hiram⁸, b Feb. 15, 1819, and died at Phillipston Oct. 11, 1838.
- 62. Lorey Freeman⁸, b Aug. 10, 1820, at Phillipston.
- 63. Moses Jehu Jerome⁸, b Feb. 22, 1823, at Phillipston.
- 64. Joseph Rasselus⁸, b Nov. 13, 1824, at Phillipston.
- 65. Henry Lawson⁸, b Jan. 17, 1827, at “

Children by 2nd wife, Lydia (Sever):

- 66. Infant; died.
- 67. Elvira Tamer⁸, b April 17, 1833, in Phillipston; d June, 1914, in El Campo, Texas.
- 68. Frederick Ethan⁸, b March 12, 1835; d July 11, 1909, in Phillipston, in the house in which he was born.

55. **HANNAH KING⁸ BANCROFT** died at Lawrenceville, Pa., March 24, 1873. She married **ANSON SANBORN**, at Dedham, Mass., Feb. 18, 1833. Children: 1. Julia Elizabeth⁹, b March 4, 1835, at St. Johnsbury, Vt.; died March 10, 1877, at Washington, D. C. 2. Delia Isabella⁹, b Oct. 29, 1837, at Charlestown, Vt., died Oct. —, 1924, at Brooklyn, N. Y. 3. Noel Byron⁹, b Jan. 21, 1840, in Wheelock, Vt.; lived in Brooklyn. 4. George Hiram⁹, b Dec. 31, 1846, in Auburn, Mass.; died Jan. 26, 1925, in Brooklyn; unm. 5. Lucy Frances⁹, b Feb. 28, 1849, in Auburn; d March 11, 1926; in Brooklyn; unm. 6. Minnie⁹, born Sept. 16, 1852, in Chaplin, Conn.; d Aug. 12, 1875, at Addison, N. Y.

i. **JULIA ELIZABETH⁹ SANBORN**, married **ALONZO H. PARKS**, Oct. 5, 1858, at Palmer, Mass. Children: i. Henry Alonzo¹⁰, b Dec. 5, 1859, at Palmer; d Feb. 8, 1927, at Washington; unm. ii. Frank Sylvester¹⁰, b Dec. 13, 1861, at Palmer; living in Washington. iii. Noel Bancroft¹⁰, b March 3, 1863, at Palmer; living in Washington. iv. Nora Isabella, b Mar. 3, 1863; died y. ii. **FRANK SYLVESTER¹⁰ PARKS** married Mary Ann Lynn, Nov. 20, 1888, at Washington. Children: 1. Marie Anne¹¹; 2. Frank Sylvester¹¹; 3. Paul John¹¹, and 4. Thomas McGuigan¹¹, all born in Washington. 1. Marie Anne¹¹ Parks married Herbert Perry Leeman, Dec. 30, 1921. He is a lawyer in Washington where they reside. 2. Frank Sylvester¹¹ Parks married Irene Rose Burns, Aug. 31, 1921; she died June 19, 1929, and he resides in N. Y. City. 4. Thomas McGuigan¹¹ Parks married Elizabeth Ainslee Reed, May 2, 1931. They reside in N. Y. City. iii. **NOEL BANCROFT¹⁰ PARKS** married Natalie Marian Walther, Jan. 15, 1890, at Washington. Children: 1. Leola Annetta, infant died; 2. Walther Alonzo¹¹ Parks married Helen Louise Rector, Aug. 6, 1927. They reside in Washington.

2. **DELIA ISABELLA⁹ SANBORN** married Louis Gano, June 26, 1865, at Addison, N. Y. Children: i. Isabella Gano¹⁰, b July 14 1866, in New York; she married ——— VanNostrand; she lives in Brooklyn. 2. George Louis Gano, b May 12, 1874; d 1875.

3. **NOEL BRYON⁹ SANBORN** married Frances G. G. Rice, of New York, Oct. 10, 1867. Children: i. Francis Noel, b Sept. 9, 1868. ii. George Putnam, b July 1, 1872. iii. Frederick H., b Jan. 2, 1874.

6. **MINNIE⁹ SANBORN** married Arthur P. Hill, Feb. 16, 1874, at Addison, N. Y. Child: Jessie, b May 29, d Sept. 13, 1875.

Following is some information about various members of the family contributed by Mrs. L. Etvira Elliott, of Phillipston.

56. JULIA PUTNAM^s BANCROFT married Daniel Livermore; lived in Millbury. There were two daughters; both died. A son Anson⁹ Livermore married Sarah; 2 children; son Charles¹⁰ died a young man; daughter Ida¹⁰ married Silas Greenwood; now a widow living in Winchendon; no children.

59. LUCY STANLEY^s BANCROFT married Francis Nickerson, of Phillipston, June 24, 1832; no children; she m 2nd George F. Farley, who died.

60. JOHN AUSTIN^s BANCROFT married in 1840, Caroline Bates. Children: 1. Frank Nickerson⁹; 2. James Austin⁹; 3. Ella⁹. Ella⁹ b Sept. 1856; married Frederick Montgomery in 1876; one son, Frank¹⁰, married, lives in Providence, R. I. Ella died many years ago. It is possible there was another son of J. Austin named George, died young. I think Caroline d 1867. John Austin^s married 2nd Harriett, a war widow. Children: 5. Blanche Comfort⁹, b 1873; 6. Bertha Caroline⁹, b 1875. Blanche⁹ married William Bancroft Montgomery in June, 1892. They have five children; one son and four daughters. They live in Griswold, Conn. Bertha married Edson Shattuck; a son Oliver, a dau. Marjorie. Bertha runs a tea room, Flambeau shop, 455 Compo road, Westport, Conn.

62. LOREY FREEMAN^s BANCROFT married 1st, Ann L. Carter in Lancaster, Mass. One son: 1. Frank Carter⁹ Bancroft, who was the base-ball manager, lived in Cincinnati, O. Lorey married 2nd, Julia Ann Valentine. One son: 2. Julius Valentine⁹ Bancroft. Married 3rd, Amanda Pomeroy; two daus. Mary m Charles Ander-on; 3 of her children living, 2 in Worcester, married. Carrie Midgley lives 533 Massasoit road, Worcester; married Fred Midgley, May 30, 1887. Children: Bertha, m 1st, Tennø; no children; he died. She m 2nd, Alvin Winters. Lorey m Ada Sullivan; no children. Harold m Mae——; 2 children. William Bancroft Midgley, single, Frederick Jr. m Florence Millett; two children; Robert, Susie, Mildred m Mr. Pierce; no children. Ruth died young.

63. MOSES JEHU JEROME^s BANCROFT married Martha Bryant. Six children lived to grow up. All have passed on. Seven of his grandsons living. One is Oscar Bancroft who resides in Washington, D. C.

64. JOSEPH RASSELUS^s BANCROFT married 1st, Harriett; had one daughter, Eva. He m 2nd, a widow with two daughters, Mrs. Humphrey. There were 2 children of this 2nd marriage. Elmer Joseph lives in Sutton; married Bertha Flanagan; oldest son Ralph Bancroft, another son Warren Bancroft lives in Auburn, Mass. Edith Tamer m Frederick Bates; he died in 1930. She lives in Clarkdale, Ariz.; has one son, Roy Edwin Bates.

68. FREDERICK ETHAN^s BANCROFT married Catharine Amelia Welch, Dec. 15, 1855. at South Vernon, Vt. She was born in Rutland, Mass., Nov. 4, 1838; died in Phillipston, Dec. 13, 1917. Children: 1. Lydia Elvira⁹, b Sept. 2, 1857. in Phillipston 2. Janette Alice⁹, born May 9, and died Aug. 26, 1860.
1. LYDIA ELVIRA⁹ BANCROFT married James Willie Elliott, Jan. 1, 1878, in Templeton, Mass. He was born in Mason Village, now Greenville, N. H., Nov 27, 1855; died March 25, 1932, in Phillipston,

HON. GEORGE BANCROFT

Some of the family have been curious to know whether or not Hon. George⁶ Bancroft, the eminent historian, was a relative. He was a very prominent American, holding many high positions, among others having been U. S. Minister to Great Britain and Germany at different times. While Secretary of the Navy he was the driving force that finally succeeded in establishing a Naval Academy at Annapolis. But he will be chiefly remembered by posterity for his gigantic History of the United States which, it might be said, was his life work.

He was born at Worcester, Oct. 3, 1800, and died in 1891. His line of descent from Thomas¹ was Thomas¹, Thomas², Samuel³. Samuel⁴, Aaron⁵ and GEORGE⁶.

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