

# Ethan Bancroft's Ancestry and Decendents



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# *Bancroft*

JOHN BANCROFT (Thomas, William, John) the pilgrim father of Warston-on-Trent, married before 1622 in England. He sailed with wife Jane and son Thomas from London on the *James* April 1632, arrived in America June 12, 1632. The family settled at Lynn, Mass., where he died in 1637.

"In 1638, 100 acres of land were allotted to the widow Bancroft."

## Children

1. Ann, b. ———, married at Windsor, Conn., May 13, 1647; John Griffin. 10 children.
- 2.—Thomas, b. ———, in England.
- 3.—John———was at Windsor, Conn., 1645; married December 3, 1650; Hannah Dupre. He died August 6, 1662 and his estate settled September 10, 1662. 5 children.

## THOMAS BANCROFT (John)

THOMAS BANCROFT (John) was b. in England, 1625; m. (2) Hannah Gardner. He was the first settler of Freshwater Brook, now Thompsonville, (Enfield) Conn. The Enfield records are in print and there appears an affidavit from Simsbury, Conn., made by "Thomas Bancroft, 36 years of age; March 11, 1662," in which is mentioned "brother John Griffin, who married Ann Bancroft, May 13, 1647." In 1668 Thomas Bancroft moved to Westfield, Mass., where was a Selectman. Sold at Westfield in 1680 and returned to Enfield where he d. Dec. 14, 1684. He ranked as Ensign in Indian War. His will, dated Nov. 1684, was recorded at Springfield, Mass., but could not be established because unwitnessed. The estate, however, was settled in 1703-4 thus placing considerable material upon the records. Widow Hannah Bancroft m. Dea John Barber, and his name appears with hers on estate settlement 1703-4.

Children all b. at Springfield, Mass.

- 1.—Lydia b. 6:2 mo. 1655, d. young.
- 2.—Margaret b. 16:8 mo. 1656.
- 3.—Ann b. 1:7 mo., 1658, d. young.
- 4.—Thomas b. 21:11 mo., 1659, was named in will for a "double portion," that being the law in those days, for the eldest son, settled at Cape May, N. J., 1700.
- 5.—Ann, b. May 5, 1663, m. James Sexton.
- 6.—Lydia, b. 6:2 mo., 1665, d. young.
- 7.—Julia, d. 1666.
- 8.—Samuel, b. Jan. 25, 1667; m., lived at St. Windsor. Prominent in early Colonial history.
- 9.—Ruth, b. Aug. 9, 1670, m. John Stiles of Windsor, had 13 children, d. 1714.
- 10.—Nathaniel, b. Oct. 24, 1683, at Enfield, Conn., was son of Thomas and Hannah Bancroft.

## NATHANIEL BANCROFT

NATHANIEL BANCROFT, (Thomas, John), son of Thomas and Hannah, was born at Enfield, Conn. (Freshwater Brook, Springfield, Mass., at that time) Oct. 24, 1683.

He was a resident of Springfield November, 1708, and in "December, 1714, of Spr. with Wife Ruth, he sold 3 parcels of land in Enfield, adjoining land of Thomas Bancroft, to Israel Phelps of Enfield."

He was mentioned in his father's will in 1684 and at the settlement of the estate in 1703-4. He resided at West Springfield chiefly, where the births of part of his children are recorded. His will recorded at Northampton, Mass., is dated Dec. 3, 1752, and was probated January 20, 1753. This fixes his death as between these two dates.

"November 20, 1708, Nathaniel Bancroft doth inter his intention of marriage with Ruth Haile, (Daughter of Gersham Haile) both of Springfield, and their publishment was posted the same day" Spr. Rec. Nov. 1, 1728. Gersham Haile of Spr. sold to Nathaniel Bancroft of Spr. 4 acres west of the Conn. river and South of Agawam." Deeds Springfield, Mass.

"Ruth, widow of Nathaniel Bancroft, joined the church, 1753," West Spr. Ch. Rec.

Children born at West Springfield.

- 1.—Thomas, b. December 1709; d. 1777, at Granville, Mass.
- 2.—Samuel, b. July 8, 1711; d. July 6, 1788, Granville, Mass.
- 3.—Ruth, b. March 12, 1714; unmarried 1753.
- 4.—Nathaniel, b. ———; d. August 26, 1764, Granville, Mass.  
His brother Samuel of Granville was appointed Admr. of his estate. Sept. 4, 1764.
- 5.—Azriah, b. ———; was a tanner by trade. A private soldier in 2nd Co. Capt. Wm. Williams, 8th Mass. Regt. Col. John Coats, in the expedition against Lewisburg, 1745. He is mentioned in his father's will in 1752. No record formed later.
- 6.—Ann, b. ———; married October 9, 1749; Luther Leonard.  
See Pierce genealogy.
- 7.—John, b. West Springfield, April 1731; d. May 7, 1759.  
Married Mabel Bedortha. Three children. John, Earle and Mabel.

## SAMUEL BANCROFT

SAMUEL BANCROFT (Nathaniel Ruth Haile, Thomas, John) was the first settler of Granville, Mass. He was a facetious, kind-hearted and industrious man slightly below the medium height. In 1735 he built his first rude log cabin near a **small rill** in the northeast school district, not far from the first schoolhouse. The cellar is still (1892) to be seen. Later he built a large house of hewn plank as a refuge for his neighbors in case of Indian invasion. This was some 30 rods south of the mansion where he and some of his descendants to the third generation lived and died. Mr. Bancroft was one of a Board of Selectmen in Granville and in 1775 was chosen representative to the General Court assembled at Watertown. At one time there were 89 persons bearing his name, inhabitants of East Granville, whose characteristics were industry, intelligence and integrity.

Samuel Bancroft went to bed in health and died before morning, July 6, 1778. He married December 16, 1736, Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah White of Hadley, Mass.; born December 30, 1718, died April 1, 1802. His will dated December 9 1782, names wife, Sarah, four daughters and six sons. On the First Congregational Church of West Springfield is: "30 April, 1738, Samuel Bancroft baptized, a man grown."

Children:

3.—Lemuel, b. July 25, 1741, Lieut., Rev. War.

## LEMUEL BANCROFT

LEMUEL BANCROFT, (son of Samuel, son of Nathaniel, son of Thomas, son of John) was born at Granville, Mass., July 25, 1741; died July 23, 1800, almost 59 years. Farmer. He served in the Revolution as Lieutenant. He was a delegate from Granville to a convention held at Hadley, Mass., on the first Tuesday of April, 1782.

He married Oct. 15, 1767, Comfort, daughter of Ephriam and Comfort (Curtis) Munson of Granville, who was born November 22, 1748, and died Dec. 18, 1824. She was administrator upon her husband's estate and guardian for four minor children in 1801.

Children all born at Granville, Mass.

1.—Nathaniel, born March 25, 1768, married Charity Stowe and moved to Ohio. (Sheet 61)

2.—Joel, b. June 28, 1770. (Family Sheet 62)

3.—Comfort, b. May 25, 1772; drowned July 5, 1773.

2. Holland's Hist. W. Mass., pg. 58.

3. Soldiers and Sailors, Mass.

(WHITE COAT OF ARMS)

- 4.—Comfort, b. May 4, 1774; married Daniel Williams Feb. 21, 1796; d. June 17, 1842. He d. April 12, 1849, Al. 77 years.
- 5.—Statira, b. May 5; d. May 27, 1776.
- 6.—Lemuel, b. April 7, 1777; married Ruth Salone; lived at Granville, Mass. (Sheet 63)
- 7.—Ethan, b. Sept. 26, 1779; married Lucy Rose; had family. (Sheet 64)
- 8.—David White, b. Dec. 11, 1781; family (Sheet 65); married Mary Rose.
- 9.—Milinada, b. March 22, 1784; married Otis Dickinson; she died July 29, 1866; he d. July 12, 1864, Al. 81. One son, Bevel, resided at Granville, Mass.
- 10.—Attamira, b. Aug. 16, 1786; married Horatio Forbes, June 13, 1815.
- 11.—Roxanna, b. Aug. 1, 1788; married Abyah Church, Sept. 28, 1814. She d. Dec. 11, 1832. Al. 44 years.
- 12.—Ann, b. 1789; d. 1791.
- 13.—Ann, b. Feb. 16, 1783; married Milton Burrill; one son, Henry Burrill. Res. Curtisville, Mass.

#### ETHAN BANCROFT

ETHAN BANCROFT—After the settlement of Worthington by the Scioto Land Co., the “going West” movement became epidemic about Granville, Mass. A new and independent company was organized under the name of “The Licking Land Co.”, with double the number of names of heads of families on its list. Twenty-nine thousand and forty acres of “Government Military Land” were purchased, and from April, 1804, to November, 1805, a continuous procession of little groups of pioneers wended their way along the blazed trail through the forest from old New England to the purchase in Ohio. The land had been paid for and the individual owners hurried to get their allotment and have the deeds recorded. Newark was not then the county seat, so the new settlers went to Lancaster, where a person could act as agent for any number of others. It is an errand of this kind that reveals the identity of the first person in Licking County, Ohio, by the name of Bancroft. Upon the records of Newark, O., is:

“State of Ohio, Fairfield County, personally appeared before me Ethan Bancroft, for himself and agent for Horatio Forbes.

“March 8, 1806. Abraham Wright.” (p. 318.)

On the plat is shown the location and amount of land taken:

“Ethan Bancroft, lot 8, range 2, 42 rods 5 links.

“Ethan Bancroft, block 1, lot 4.

“Ethan Bancroft, block 1, lot 5.

“Ethan Bancroft, block 1, lot 11.

“Ethan Bancroft, block 1, lot 12.

Ethan Bancroft arrived in Licking County in 1805, Judge Samuel Bancroft in 1806, and Azariah Bancroft in 1814.

x-ETHAN BANCROFT (Lemuel, Samuel, Nathaniel, Thomas, John) was b. Sept. 26, 1779, and reared in the village of which his grandfather was instrumental in founding, i. e., Granville, Mass. → He married Lucy Rose, daughter of Levi and Mary (\*Deming) Rose, and emigrated to Granville, O., in the fall of 1805. At that time the hills and lowlands of Licking County were clothed with the native forests and the pioneer's time was occupied with fatiguing labor. The land had to be cleared for a cabin and the domicile erected for use during the winter of 1805-6. Early the next spring he went to Lancaster to have the deed recorded, and a month later their first-born, a son, was buried. It was the first child to be buried by the colony, and for fear that the wolves would disturb the little grave, logs were laid upon it. In 1808 Ethan Bancroft was Supervisor of Highways and a petit juror. In 1812 he enlisted in the volunteer company of Granville, O., and was surrendered by Gen. Hull. Soon after returning to Granville, O., a vicious colt which he was "breaking" kicked him and he died from the effects, May 9, 1814, leaving the wife with four small children. This date of his death differs somewhat from other publications, but is copied from the tombstone in the "Old Cemetery" at Granville, O., and the Pres. Ch. Rec.

In appearance, Ethan Bancroft was a tall, quiet, dignified man of dark complexion. The farm land he selected, and upon which members of his family resided until about 1870, is on the north side of "Centerville Road" one mile east of Granville and is now Pine Lodge Inn. She married (2) William Smedley.

Ref. (x)—Bushnell's and County Records.

Ref. Mass. Rev. War, Ancient Wethersfield Genealogy. Vol. 2, pg. 280-83.

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#### GLEANINGS

(xx)—Wild Turkeys: Old Mr. Hoover had the name of killing the largest in the colony. When dressed, it weighed thirty-eight pounds. Mr. Ethan Bancroft shot several that weighed thirty-six pounds.

Ethan Bancroft was especially fortunate in a wife. The Rose Genealogy is illuminated with characters of exceptional energy and moral stability. They were practical, clear-headed and thrifty, little given to foolish sentiment. When the war of 1812 threatened the security of the new home land, the cares of a farm and three small children did not out-weigh the sense of duty with this young woman, nor did the wilderness of trees full of wild animals. His war service (Capt. Grove Case's 5th Regt. 2nd Brig. 3rd Divs. Ohio Militia Mounted Volunteers for emergency call.)

One instance of her nerve in a most trying circumstance is as follows: Lucy, the baby, was playing on the back "stoop" while the mother was busy within the room adjoining when a wild boar ran out of the woods and attacked the child.

Its screams attracted the mother who saw the animal start toward the timber dragging the little one. She hurried to the wood pile for the ax and started in pursuit, overtaking the brute at the edge of the clearing. It dropped the child to snarl at her when she split the animal's head with one blow of the ax, picking up the bleeding baby and returned to the cabin. (Mrs. Soreno Wright often was requested to show the marks of this attack that tore the flesh from the upper part of the right arm.)

(x)—Mr. Ethan Bancroft died May 9, 1814, from the kick of a horse. He was coming in from the field where he had been furrowing for corn with a horse he had just bought. His little boy had been twice thrown from the horse during the forenoon, and calling his hired man he had him hold the plow while he rode. Going to the stable to feed at noon, he was riding past where the horse had been in pasture when the creature reared almost straight up.

Mr. Bancroft was sliding off his back when he sprang to the left and way as far as he could, falling on his hands and knees. The horse quickly turned and gave him a kick in the face, covering the right eye, cutting the cheek, nose and brow, tearing the eye and injuring the skull. This was on Friday. He lived till Sunday night, 11:00 o'clock. On Sunday afternoon he was sitting up conversing with his neighbors. In the evening he was taken much worse and sank rapidly. He was thirty-four years of age.

(x)—Pg. 105 Bushnell's "Granville". (x)—Pg. 316 Bushnell's "Granville".

(xx)—Pg. 64 Bushnell's "Granville".

(\*)—Hills Licking County 441.

Bushnell's "Granville", Pgs. 78-84-102-105-241-344. Family Bible. County Deeds. Pres. Ch. Rec's. Granville Centen. Old Northwest, O., Pgs. 385-6-7.



ETHAN BANCROFT to Eli Hunt R. 13, T. 2 Section 4, a part of Lot 8 range—beginning in the bank of the Creek between S. Thrall's and my line, North 24 rods, 10 links west merely so as to come to creek 28 rods west of the east line—3 acres to run to State Road past my house. Dec. 21, 1812—Deed recorded Dec. 22. Timothy Rose, Judge.

Children:

- 1.—Levi Edwin Bancroft, b. May 26, 1807; m. Hannah Copeland; d. May 13, 1859 a 52 yrs. He d. Jan. 19, 1894.
- 2.—Lyman Munson Bancroft; b. Jan. 4, 1809; d. near Sacramento, Calif. m. Emeline Hobart of Granville, Ohio. / 530
- 3.—(xx)—Lucy, d. "Dec. 1, 1833, age 19 yrs. 8 mos"; m. Sorens Wright June 1, 1830. One son, Moseley.  
(xx)—"Lucy, daughter of Ethan and Lucy Bancroft, also Mary and Martha, daughters of Wm. and Lucy Smedley."

TIMOTHY HARRIS, pastor.  
Bapt. Pres. Ch. Granville, Ohio.

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### LYMAN MUNSON BANCROFT

LYMAN MUNSON BANCROFT (Ethan, Lemiel, Samuel, Nathaniel, Thomas, John) the second living child of Ethan and Lucy Bancroft, was born on the (x)-farm situated on the north side of Centerville road about one mile east of Granville, Jan. 4, 1809. He was but five years of age when orphaned so the only distinct memory of his father was that from the many recitals of his mother. But Mr. Smedley proved a most satisfactory step-father, ingratiating himself into the hearts of the children, so that in later life, they and their children had only praises when speaking of him. The boy **Lyman** was sent to the nearby schools, assisted with labors on the farm and grew to be a man of phenomenal physical strength. His complexion was dark, the eyes brown and the hair inclined to curl.

Having heard of him as "our lost grandfather" from so many of the family who looked for his return for many years, I gather that he was a man of few words, but spoke with such firmness that his commands were laws. (Mrs. Howd told me "he never haggled nor parleyed a question, but watched us with patient gentleness until it was time to talk, then he said some thing that convinced us he was right, and we obeyed. Our play and the boy's pranks did not irritate him and was interrupted only when it was time for seriousness.")

In speaking of the home in St. Albans Township, Mrs. Bancroft said, "I always hated the place. It was out there in the beech woods near "Elic". The coons ran over the roof at night and the wolves howled so I could not sleep. Lyman often

shot wild turkey and it was good eating. Pigeons were plentiful, too. After living there some time, I persuaded Lyman to sell it and we went over into Jersey Township where there was more beech woods. When I came to town it was on horseback and of course carrying a baby in front fixed to the pommel of the saddle or sometimes carried on one arm. This place was sold to a man named Spencer, I think, and we went back nearer Alexandria where the boy fell in the (xx)-fire.

Mr. Bancroft was a member of the Granville "49rs". The arrangement was that each member furnish a certain amount of cash and contribute so much labor enroute. Very much against the advice of his brother he started. The mother was so stricken she could not bid him farewell. Mrs. Harrington Howe, a half-sister, told me the brother, Levi Edwin Bancroft, accompanied him several miles endeavoring to dissuade him. But his finances was in such a state that the "gold fields of California" lured him on. The ox-teams, wagons loaded with camp outfits had been placed on canal boats bound for Cincinnati, Ohio. With every detail finished the men walked out of Granville over the Lancaster Road toward Union Station. In the yard of the home on Maple Street stood the family of this Bancroft watching the procession. On top of the hill he turned and waved to them and passed from their sight forever. At regular intervals word was received from Mr. Bancroft but the last message came from Florence, Kansas.

Letters were sent, the family learned later, but none arrived. Upon the return of Crip Stark and Roderick Jones, members of Mr. Bancroft's "Mess", it was learned that "Bancroft did more than his share of work in crossing the plain." "He gave another sick comrade his pure water supply." "Before we arrived at Sacramento he was not well, but would not complain. When the fields were reached and camp set, Bancroft was sick for using the alkali water too freely."

Years later Mr. Stark told Mrs. Leroy Bancroft the same in substance but added: "One day I missed him from his cot and began a search through the timber calling him. I went over the place thoroughly calling but no answer came and I found no trace of him. It was my theory that he had been attacked and killed.

Mr. Jones told Alvah H. Bancroft the same story. More than fifty years later, Mr. Stark told Edwin Reed and myself the above.

(xx)—The boy was Leroy Bancroft.

(x)—Pine Lodge Inn. 1928.)

These gentlemen, Stark and Jones, knew all the details of the sad affair but if they suspected any member of the company of making away with the sick man for his money such an idea never passed their lips.

Here is another version: "Bancroft was too sick to live out there so when a family came along going to San Francisco we put him in their wagon with instructions to place him in a hospital. Maybe they hit him on the head for his money, anyway we never saw him again."

After all hopes of his return had been abandoned by the wife, a memorial funeral service was given in the Granville, Ohio, Methodist Church, 1851, Rev. Samuel M. Bright officiating. The wife was grieved at the non-appearance of Levi Edwin. Upon inquiry for the reason, he said Emeline, I nor my family are given to attending funerals for "living persons". Later this brother was convinced.

Baptised by Rev. Harris of the Pres. Church, upon Plain Chapel (Methodist) Class 4, "Lyman M. Bancroft and Emeline Bancroft." "Class 3, Plain Chapel Almira Tyler." The women were sisters.

#### COPIED FROM DEEDS IN COUNTY OFFICE, NEWARK, OHIO

QUIT CLAIM to William Smedley.

N—336—

A parcel of land lying and being in Range 13 Township 2 Section 4 of U. S. Military Land, being lot 8 in the 3rd range of lots surveyed by Licking Land Co., estimated to contain 100 acres being the same lot formerly owned and occupied by Ethan Bancroft late of said County, deceased, and we, the said Lyman Munson Bancroft and Emeline his wife do by these present quit claim as above specified.

May 14, 1830.

Witnessed:

Lyman Munson Bancroft

Samuel Bancroft

Emeline Bancroft

Clarissa Bancroft

The State of Ohio, Licking County.—Before me the subscribed one of the Associate Judges in and for said County, personally appeared Lyman M. Bancroft and Emeline his wife and acknowledged—the said Emeline being by me examined separate and apart from her Husband and the contents of the said deed being by me made known to her—this 15th day of May, 1830.

Samuel Bancroft,  
Associate Judge.

W.—574—

Lyman M. Bancroft sold to John Hazelton March 21, 1835, deed recorded Jan. 29, 1836: being a part of the first quarter, of the second Township of the second Township of the 14th range

of the U. S. Military District—beginning at the northwest corner of Asa Guernsey's land fence with his line north 242 perches, then east 66 perches, thence south 242 perches, then west 66 perches to place of beginning.

L. K. 252—Lyman M. Bancroft to Richard Oldham

G. G. 736—Lyman M. Bancroft to Birkley Gilbert. Dated Aug. 30, 1839

N. N. 93—

Lyman M. Bancroft to John Robinson R. 15, T. 2, S. 2., lot 26, deed recorded March 2, 1843, Selby, J. P.

N. N. 500—

Lyman M. Bancroft to John Robinson dated Aug. 15, 1843, at 4:00 o'clock P. M.

Written across the end of the above in a clear even hand is the following: "For value received I hereby cancel and discharge the amount recorded mortgage of Robinson to me under my hand and seal this 14th day of August, 1848.

LYMAN M. BANCROFT.

Attested by J. White.

Children, b. near Granville, O.

### I.—LUCY BANCROFT

I.—LUCY BANCROFT, b. near Granville, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1831; m. Daniel Hunt, April 29, 1851. Mr. Hunt established the "Granville Intelligencer", and later the "Gambier (Ohio) Argus". (He was b. April 30, 1819;<sup>See</sup> d. Nov. 28, 1913, Gambier, Ohio "2-12-29-1891")

Children:

- 1.—Augustus Hunt, December 6, 1852. M. Libbia.—Harriet, June 22, 1890; Hazel, June 8, 1895; Lucy, March 19, 1892. He and his wife have passed away.
- 2.—Charles Hunt, b. Jan. 9, 1857; m. Oct. 25, 1883, Mary Stough.—Orie, March 8, 1885, m.; Lyoda, July, 1897; Goldie, July 27, 1899.
- 3.—Emeline Hunt, b. Dec. 28, 1859; grad. Gambier, Ohio, High School; m. Nov. 28, 1888, Dr. O. B. Thompson. He grad. Ann Arbor. Civil War surgeon. R. Jersey, O. Children: Clifford, March 1, 1890; Lucy, Dec. 25, 1899, unmarried.
- 4.—Richard Hunt, b. Oct. 25, 1864, farmer, unmarried.
- 5.—Lyman Hunt, b. Sept. 1, 1871; m. Dec. 31, 1896, Isabell, daug. of Elias and Frances (Carpenter) Ruton, (\*), of Jersey, O. Children: Gladys Hunt, d. an infant. Herbert Hunt, b. Nov. 13, 1901; grad. Ohio Uni. 1924; m. July 11, 1925, Beatrice B. Marshall, b. May 27, 1905, grad. John Hancock High, 2 yrs. O. U. and 2 summers Muskingum and Kent colleges.  
(\*)—Mr. Ruton, b. June 16, 1930, d. Sept. 24, 1909. She was b. Oct. 16, 1836, d. Apr. 6, 1903.

## II.—ALVAH HAZELTON BANCROFT

II.—ALVAH HAZELTON BANCROFT, b. Granville, Ohio, April 15, 1832; m. Fanny Smith, 1854, who d. 1867. He was a salesman at Granville, Galena and later for the Bane Bros., Columbus, O. He was initiated in Excelsior Lodge of Odd Fellows, Sept. 8, 1869. He d. March 29, 1907. R. Columbus, Ohio. Children:

- 1.—Dr. Lyman, b. Feb. 4, 1855; m. Jessie, dau. of Dr. Norman Gay of Columbus, O., 1876; grad. Ohio Medical College; d. Nov. 8, 1893.

Children:

- (1) Gay, Jan. 23, 1877; m. Frederick Compton, Nov. 21, 1901. Children: Alice, b. March 28, 1904; Frederick, b. Feb. 3, 1907.  
(2) Ray, Nov. 30, 1880, d. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 31, 1928; m. Mrs. Lula Owens, Feb. 5, 1922; no children.

- 2.—Warren G., b. Aug. 8, 1856; m. Katherine Wagner, Jan. 3, 1884; jeweler by trade and senior member of former High Street firm of "Bancroft Bros." R. Columbus, O. Children:

- (1) Katherine, b. Nov. 6, 1884, grad. O. S. U.; m.  
(2) Robert, b. Aug. 19, 1886; m.  
(3) Ethan, b. May 22, 1893; d. young.

- 3.—Clara, 1857-1895; unmarried.

- 4.—Harriet E., b. Jan. 3, 1859; principal Fair Ave. School many year. (Columbus, O.)

- 5.—William Ethan, b. Sept. 15, 1861; m. Blanch Wilson, Oct. 10, 1885. R. Vancouver, B. C. and Fla. No children.

- 6.—Austin Jewett, b. April 22, 1863; m. Jenny Evans, Nov. 9, 1892. Connected Col. Ohio mail service. One dau. Clara, b. Oct. 2, 1893. Grad. O. S. U. High School teacher, Col. O.

- 7.—Fanny, b. June 15, 1865; m. J. Lester McCoy, June 18, 1884; d. Jan. 28, 1925. He b. Feb. 28, 1863; d. June 28, 1913.

Children:

- (1) Alvah Clifford, b. May 5, 1885; m. Margaret Blackburn March 28, 1906. Children: Joseph Lester, b. Feb. 15, 1910; Margaret Louise, b. Sept. 1916.  
(2) Harriet, b. Feb. 17, 1888; m. B. Lee Thompson, Sept. 15, 1909. Children: Frances, b. Oct. 27, 1910; Charles L., b. July 11, 1914; B. Lee Jr., b. June 24, 1917; Lois, b. June 24, 1928.  
(3) Donald B., b. Jan. 23, 1900; m. June 19, 1926, Bernice Givens.

- 8.—Alvah H. Jr., b. June 30, 1867; m. Florence Paul, June 25, 1895. Junior member of Bancroft Bros., Jewelers. Children:

- (1) William Paul, (\*) b. Oct. 6, 1896; 2nd Lt. Fa. O. R. C., 25% disabled. D. Oct. 22, 1919; bur. Col. O.

(\*)—Official roster for Ohio.

### III.—ETHAN WILLIAM BANCROFT

III.—ETHAN WILLIAM BANCROFT, b. Granville, O., Jan. 14, 1835; m. Sarah Taylor, 1855; machinist by trade, but foreman of the Hocking Valley R. R. Shops, Columbus, Ohio. D. Dec. 19, 1891. Sarah Bancroft, b. June, 1837; d. Feb. 20, 1918, Columbus, Ohio. Children:

- (1) Mary Bancroft, b. April 20, 1857; m. Albert Domoney, Oct. 12, 1881. He was born in England, Feb. 17, 1850. Children:
  - 1 and 2 d. in infancy.
  3. Raymond, b. March 15, 1886; m. Ruth Morrison, Aug. 8, 1913. Children:
    - Albert E., May 27, 1916.
    - Raymond, Aug. 3, 1919.
  4. Alice, born March 25, 1888; graduated O. S. U.; m. Sept. 27, 1911, Burt Miskemen, b. May 2, 1884; grad. O. S. U. Children:
    - Mary E., Oct. 24, 1912.
    - Burt Domoney, b. Apr. 7, 1914.
    - Thomas A., b. Nov. 16, 1919.
- (2) Alice E. Bancroft, b. July 5, 1859; she was a teacher in Columbus, O., schools; m. Dec. 7, 1905, Thomas Johnson; no children.
- (3) Plum Taylor Bancroft, b. Feb. 8, 1867; m. Eva R. Hammond, Sept. 17, 1889. Children:
  1. Dow Hammond, 32 Div. Bat. B, 121 Fa.
  2. Harriet. R. Rock Island, Ill.
- (4) Francis E. Bancroft, b. Dec. 8, 1868; m. Rev. J. Shane Nichols, June 30, 1892, Presbyterian Denomination, Cincinnati, Ohio. Children:
  1. Morris, b. Oct. 8, 1893; m.
  2. Mildred, b. Jan. 11, 1895; m. Henry Kohman.
  3. James Shane; m. Helen McPherson.
  4. Malcolm.
- (5) Elwood Dow Bancroft, b. Apr. 27, 1871; b. Anna L. Colwell of Urbana, O., June 27, 1898. Secretary R. R., Y. M. C. A., World War Service and Church service. Children:
  1. Robert C. Bancroft.  
Frances, Mary, Laura. First three grades of O. W. U.

- (6) Rev. William Ethan Bancroft, b. Apr. 7, 1873; m. Clara Vaughn, Oct. 5, 1898. He was a missionary to India. Since returning, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in Ohio. Children:

1. Thomas Vaughn Bancroft, b. July 13, 1899; graduated Otterbein College. S. A. T. C.; m.
2. Sarah Ruth, b. in India; grad. of O. W. U.
3. William.

#### IV.—LEROY S. SWOMSTEAD BANCROFT

IV.—LEROY SWOMSTEAD BANCROFT, b. near Granville, O., Nov. 12, 1836; m. Anna E., dau. of David and Margarette (Jones) Evans, Nov. 14, 1860, by Rev. G. W. Gates, pastor of the Baptist church, Newark, Ohio. He enlisted under Capt. M. M. Munson, Aug. 24, 1862, 113 O. V. I.; mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 6, 1865. On this document one learns that he was "5 feet 6 inches high, fair—blue eyes—and light hair—when enrolled by occupation a carpenter." He d. October 22, 1898, buried at Granville, O. R. Newark, O. Mrs. Bancroft b. Apr. 15, 1840, New York City. She was appointed admrx. of husband's estate Oct. 28, 1898; d. Dec. 3, 1909, and her will recorded Dec. 11, 1909. Judge E. M. P. Brister. Vol. 21. Children:

- (1) Luella Bancroft, b. Granville, O. Aug. 27, 1861; m. (\*) Wilbur C. Fant Jan. 28, 1880, by Rev. O. J. Nave of 1st M. E. Ch. Mr. Fant was son of Rev. Stephen and Hannah (Knapp) Fant (\*\*), b. Nov. 10, 1857, at Galena, O.; d. Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 20, 1900. Journalist. Children:

1. Paul Bancroft Fant, b. Aug. 17, 1888; m. Oct. 27, 1909, Edith Ginter Fra. Ryan, d. Sept. 19, 1917. Bur. Granville, O.

1. Paul Bancroft Fant Jr., b. Sept. 9, 1910; grad. from St. Francis de Sales June, 1928.

2. Ginter Bancroft Fant, b. Dec. 2, 1912; graduate St. Francis de Sales, 1930.

Their mother m. (2) Mr. De Witt Hansberger, r. Newark, O.

Mrs. Bancroft was a member of the First M. E. Ch. of Newark, O., for 40 years. A teacher in the Sunday School, member of Foreign Missionary Society, and active in all the departments of the church. She was a woman of strong personality. Her sound principles of business gained the confidence of the public and the love of the intimate acquaintances.

**V.—MALISSA BANCROFT SLOUGH**

V.—MALISSA, daughter of Lyman Munson and Emeline (Hobart) Bancroft, b. May 17, 1841; m. Martin Slough, 1866. He enlisted 1861, Co. D., 22d O. V. I.; d. June 23, 1905, bur. Granville, O. He was a farmer in Harrison Twp., where the Slough school is located. Mrs. Slough d. Jan. 19, 1929. R. Pataskala, O., R. D. Children:

- (1) Mary, 1867-1894.
- (2) Fanny, b. Jan. 15, 1870; unmar.
- (3) Ida, b. Sept. 6, 1872; unmar.
- (4) Charles, 1875-1900.
- (5) Clara, b. May 19, 1878; m. Dec. 25, 1901, Arlington Wesley, by Rev. Ritchey. Children:  
Georgia, Stephen, Richard, Eleanor, Robert, David—R. Columbus, O.
- (6) Abigail, b. Nov. 3, 1882; m. (1) Harve Wells; (2) Geo. E. Wells; no children. R. Pataskala, O.



## HAZELTON LINE

I.—JOHN HAZELTON, a brother of Robert, was one of the three first settlers of that part of Rowley, Mass., afterward incorporated as Bradford. They came to America 1637 with Rev. Ezekiel Rogers and about 60 families from the counties of Yorkshire and Devonshire in Old England.

The first settlement was made at "Salem in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England", but only remained a few weeks when they decided to make a permanent settlement upon territory now the town of Rowley in the county of Essex. John lived many years in Bradford, but previous to 1660, he had crossed the Merrimack river and thus became a resident of Haverhill.

In 1665, John Hazelton gave the people one acre of land for a meeting house lot, on condition that the grantees should care for it and keep it properly fenced. Later his son Samuel released the people of Bradford from this obligation.

John married Joan Auter. His will was made Aug. 17, 1689, and proved March 31, 1691. He died Dec. 23, 1690, at 70 yrs. She died July 17, 1689.

John Hesseltyne of Rowley and wife Joan sold to Thomas Cross of same, one dwelling house, barn, orchard, and other lands in Rowley, Feb. 25, 1662.

John Hasseltine of Haverhill gave a deed to Rev. Z. Symons, Jr., one and one-half acres of land in Merrimack, next the field of Robert Haseltine, in said Merrimack bounded by metes and bounds, one of which was the "Old dividing line between the lands of the said John, and my brother Robert Hasseltine". Provided he stay and preach for Merrimack ten years from the time he came in June, 1668. Deed dated Jan. 2, 1670.

In his will is mentioned son "Samuel to have all the land he possessed in Bradford, and fifty acres more".

II.—LIEUT. SAMUEL HAZELTON, b. Feb. 20, 1645-46; m. at Haverhill, Dec. 28, 1670, Deborah, dau. of Peter Cooper of Rowley.

Upon the Essex Registry of Deeds is: "Samuel Hazelton and wife Deborah, of Bradford, by Merrimack River, for payment for making a barn by Joshua Boynton. All yt our right, title interest, and dowry, all yt parcel of land laid out unto Peter Cooper, of Rowley, deceased, and was made over to us by Emma Cooper, relict, etc., Nov. 3, 1673."

"Ensign Samuel Hazelton and wife, Deborah, of Bradford, sold to David Hazelton of same, upland to David's own land in Bradford, 8 acres, Dec. 8, 1685."

"Aug. 17, 1681, Ensign Samuel Hazelton was one of a committee to locate a burying ground at the request of Mr. Symmes, for his own use."

Mr. Hazelton was also a Lieutenant. Died Aug. 10, 1717.

III.—SAMUEL HAZELTON, b. May 30, 1676; m. Emma Kent of Newbury, Mass., June 10, 1701. They lived at Bradford where the Ch. Rec. of original list showed he joined 1711 and Emma Hazelton, wife of Samuel Hazelton, Jr., joined 1710. In 1723, he moved to Billerica, in that part which became Tewksbury. 10 children, only 2 boys.

IV.—STEPHEN HAZELTON, (Samuel, Samuel, John) b. Jan. 28, 1707; settled at Dunstable, Mass., 1744; was a soldier in the French and Indian War of 1755. Married (1) Mary—and moved to Hebron, N. H., 1771, where he died Aug. 16, 1795. Mary—, his wife, d. Dec. 12, 1801. Both buried Hebron, N. H.

V.—SAMUEL HAZELTON, b. at Hollis, N. H., 1735; m. Mary. He d. Oct. 8, 1812. She d. Nov. 13, 1801. Both are buried in Hebron, N. H.

(\*) VI.—CAPT. SAMUEL HAZELTON, JR., m. Rachel—; lived and sold property at Hebron, N. H.; moved to Essex Center, Vt., where he d. Feb. 3, 1832, at 62 yrs. Rachel, his wife, d. Dec. 12, 1856, at 85 yrs. (Grave stones Essex Center Cemi.)

VII.—ABIGAIL HAZELTON, b. at Hebron, N. H., May 6, 1789; m. Noah Hobart, at Essex Junction, Vt., Feb. 23, 1809; d. at Granville, O., Feb. 26, 1867, at 78 yrs. He d. at Granville, O., Apr. 18, 1853, at 73 yrs.

(\*)—Vital Statistics N. H. Genealogy of New England, pub. Lewis Hist. Co., (New York 1914. Vo. 3, pag. 1489. Hazelton Gen. & Private Papers.

Ref. Note I, II, III, IV. Page 101, 102, 106, of Hazelton Gene. Compiled by W. B. Lapham for F. H. Hazelton, Portland, Ma., 1892; also, Pg. 285, 302, 305, 306 & 308. Deeds of Grafton Co. N. H. Book 7, Pg. 324.

(Other children b. at Hebron, N. H. Rachel, b. Mar. 19, 1791; Luke, b. May 12, 1793; Samuel, b. Feb. 19, 1795; John, b. Oct. 28, 1797.)

### (COAT OF ARMS)

## DAVID EVANS

DAVID EVANS, father of Mrs. Leroy Bancroft, b. at Llanvercranon, Montgomeryshire, N. Wales, arrived in America June 23, 1833; settled in N. Y. City, where on Sept. 16, 1836, he married. He had formed a partnership known as "Evans & McRoberts", and operated stage lines in the city, headquarters being on 17th street.

In 1845, he migrated to Licking County, Ohio, via, Buffalo, Lake Erie to Cleveland, where stage was taken to Newark, via Mt. Vernon. The winter of 45-6 was spent at the Half-Way house, a tavern run by David Rees whose (1) wife was a cousin of Mr. Evans. In the spring the family, 5 in number, located on Burg street about three miles N. West of Granville. At Wolverhampton and Manchester, England, he had learned the trade of carriage trimmer, but in this country made a specialty of stock raising, taking hundreds of horses back on foot to the Philadelphia and New York markets.

For a short time, about 1861, he owned the Old Ohio House, situated at the southeast corner of Church & N. Third St., Newark, O.

Buried by the side of his (1) wife, Margarete, in the Welsh Hills cemetery.

### Children of D. & M. Evans:

- (1) Anna Elizabeth, b. Apr. 15, 1840, in N. Y. City.
- (2) John David, b. June 9, 1843, N. Y. City. No issue.
- (3) Richard Thomas, b. Jan. 15, 1846; single.

(\*)—Mary Deming was daughter of Capt. Elijah Deming and wife Lucy Sage; married [REDACTED] Jan. 29, 1756, Wethersfield, Conn. Mary, b. Nov. 4, 1756; d. Granville, Mass., Aug. 14, 1828, at 72. Capt. Elijah Deming (Thomas Thomas, Jonathan) was b. at Wethersfield, Conn., 1735. He commanded a company in the Berskshire County, Mass., Regt. under Col. John Ashley 1776-1778. He d. at Sandishfield, Mass., Oct. 10, 1821. Wife, Lucy, d. Feb. 2, 1810 at 74.

(\*) Wilbur C. Fant, son of Rev. Stephen and Hannah (Knapp) Fant was b. at Galena, O., Nov. 10, 1857. Was a journalist; d. at Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 20, 1900. The father b. at Hull, England, 1807; d. at Delaware, O., at 83 yrs. She b. 1818; d. 1885; m. in Canada. He was long a minister of the North, O. Methodist E. Church. Children attended schools, Delaware, O. Property owner.

(\*\*) County Deeds Leroy S. and Anna E. Bancroft.

