

THE GENEALOGY
OF SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS
OF
William Billing (1)
WHO CAME TO AMERICA IN 1650
AND PERMANENTLY SETTLED AT
STONINGTON, CONNECTICUT
IN 1658



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Introduction

IN compiling the genealogy of some of the Billings family in America, the writer has spent several years in an investigation of the first members of the Billings family who migrated to America. Apparently the thousands of individuals of the name of "Billings" are the descendants of the first four Billings who came to America, namely Roger, William, Nathaniel and Richard. It has been difficult to trace the descendants of each of these four men. The writer has attempted to trace the descendants, especially of William Billing, who came to America in 1650 and is the first ancestor in America of the writer and hundreds of other members of the Billings family. In the seventeenth century and the first half of the eighteenth century, the records of births, baptisms, marriages and deaths were loosely kept in New England, and in many instances no records were found to establish facts in connection with the genealogy of William Billing family.

However, the writer has been able to establish records of William Billing (1), William (2), Joseph (3), Samuel (4), John (5) and John (6) and with this lineal descent

short biographies of each and the names of the children of each individual.

In only a few instances has an attempt been made to trace collateral branches of the compiler's ancestors.

William Billing (1)

SON of William Billing of Taunton, England, disposed of his lands and came to New England about 1650. He was an original proprietor of lands at Lancaster, Mass., in 1654. On May 12, 1657, he married Mary Atherton at Dorchester, Mass. In 1658 he joined the Company of William Cheesborough of Stonington, Conn., where he resided during the remainder of his life. He became one of the largest landed proprietors in that and neighboring towns. In 1668 he became a settler of Block Island and with others his name is engraved on a granite monument at Block Island. He died March 16, 1713, and his wife in 1718. His children were i. William of Preston, ii. Ebenezer, iii. Joseph, iv. Mary, v. Lydia, vi. Mercy, vii. Mary, viii. Abigail, ix. Dorothy, x. Elizabeth, xi. Patience, xii. Prudence.

WILLIAM BILLING (2)

Eldest son of William Billing (1) who was baptized at Stonington, Sept. 1, 1672, died in 1738. Married, 1688, Hannah, born 1672, daughter of Roger and Hannah (Hewitt) Sterry. Children: i. Mary, ii. Joseph, iii.

Prudence, iv. William, v. Samuel, vi. Dorothy, vii. Rachel, viii. Sarah, ix. Hannah, x. Roger, xi. Ichabod, xii. Elizabeth.

JOSEPH BILLINGS (3)

Eldest son of William Billing (2) born January 28, 1691, was a magistrate of Preston. With this generation the final "s" was added to the name and it has since continued to be written "Billings." He married Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel Larrabee of Norwich, Conn. Children: i. Annie, ii. Sarah, iii. Joseph, iv. Samuel.

SAMUEL BILLINGS (4)

Youngest son of Joseph Billings (3) was born about the year 1718, but the records of Preston at that period were kept in a loose manner and do not record his birth or baptism. His parentage, however, is indisputably established. He purchased property and resided in the North Parish of New London, which was afterward incorporated into a separate town called Montville, known as a portion of the country formerly belonging to the Mohegans. When the British under command of Benedict Arnold on the 6th of Sept., 1781, burned the town of New London and Groton, Samuel Billings was among the volunteers who hastened to the defense of Fort Griswold and was killed in the massacre at the Fort. His name is inscribed with many others on a marble monument that

commemorates the battle. On Oct. 14, 1744, he married Grace, daughter of Joseph Minor of Montville, Conn., who was thirteenth in descent from Henry Minor of Somitshire, England. Children: i. Matthew, who settled in Ohio and was an ancestor of Col. John S. Billings of the Medical Department of the U. S. Army who established the Army Medical Museum and the Army Medical Library, ii. Benjamin, iii. John.

JOHN BILLINGS (5)

Son of Samuel Billings (4) was born at Montville, Conn., Nov. 10, 1751. During his early life he made several voyages from New London to the West Indies. On the 1st of May, 1775, he joined the military forces raised for the War of American Independence. In 1778 he left the military service, sold his lands in Connecticut and removed to Royalton, Vt., where he died on Aug. 22, 1832. He bought land in Royalton stated as 255 acres. In 1786 Capt. John Billings was elected to a local office of Royalton. He was a private, then sergeant of Capt. Joseph Parkhurst's Company and in the Royalton Revolutionary Roll it is noted that John Billings was listed under the Connecticut Revolutionary Colonial Army and was pensioned by the Federal Government Nov. 13, 1819. On Oct. 10, 1772, he married Olive, born in 1754, died May 14, 1843, the daughter of James Noble, born Oct. 3, 1721, New London, Conn., died Royalton, Vt., Feb. 2,

1805, and Mrs. Ann (Leffingwell) Vibber, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Gifford) Leffingwell of Woodstock and Royalton, Vt. Children: i. John, ii. Asa, iii. Rhoda, iv. Mary, v. Sarah, vi. Olive, vii. Lucy, viii. Oel, ix. Marcia, x. Sabra, xi. Levi Mower.

JOHN BILLINGS (6)

Eldest son of John (5) born April 11, 1773, in his early manhood lived at Troy, N. Y. He led a rather wandering life in New England and New York. Died at Troy, N. Y., July 24, 1853. Married Jan. 31, 1804, Mrs. Hannah (Brown) Randall, born May 5, 1780, daughter of Jonathan and Lucy Brown of Pittstown, N. Y. Children: i. Jonathan Brown, ii. Henry Mortimer, iii. Edwin A., iv. Amelia A., v. George W., vi. James N., vii. Albert Merritt, viii. Lucinda O., ix. Caroline R., x. Leonard F., xi. Alonzo D., xii. William B., xiii. John D.

JONATHAN BROWN BILLINGS (7)

Born Nov. 25, 1804, died Jan. 25, 1873. No available data concerning Jonathan Brown Billings can be found.

HENRY MORTIMER BILLINGS (7)

Second son of John (6) born at Schaghticoke, N. Y., May 18, 1806, died from accident Feb. 6, 1862. He received his education in a military school at Schaghticoke and was qualified as a civil engineer. In 1832 he

migrated to Mineral Point in what is now the southwestern part of Wisconsin and was employed by the American Fur Company to make surveys and establish lines between lands owned by the Fur Company and the Indians. When he had completed this task he with a partner established a general store at Mineral Point, the main business being to furnish supplies to the lead miners. He himself engaged in the location of lead mines and discovered at what is now Centerville, Grant County, Wis., the most extensive lead mines of southwestern Wisconsin. He sat in the Territorial and the State Constitutional Convention of Wisconsin and at the time of his death he was a member of the State Senate.

On March 5, 1846, at Platteville, Wis., he married Ann Bray, born Jan. 18, 1824, died March 13, 1906, at Madison, Wis., daughter of John and Dorothy (Calvert) Bray. John and Dorothy Bray followed Daniel Boone over the Wilderness Road and settled at May's Lick, Ky. Children: All born on a farm, Highland, Iowa County, Wisconsin. i. John Henry, ii. Douglas Mortimer, iii. William Noble, iv. Frank, v. Charles Lewis, vi. George Albert, vii. Mary Ella.

JOHN HENRY BILLINGS (8)

Born June 18, 1847. In early manhood followed farming and later was a grain dealer at Cobb, Iowa County, Wis. Is now retired and lives at Platteville, Wis. Children: i.

ADDENDA

Page 13, omit last word of last paragraph, bottom of page, and add after Platteville, Wis.
“Married Oct. 9, 1873, Adaline Isabel b. Jan. 17, 1849, daughter of Elihue Barnard and Isabel (Oakes) Goodsel.” Children:

Charles Lewis Billings.

Funeral services for Attorney Charles Lewis Billings, former state legislator, were held yesterday in the chapel at 200 East Erie street. Burial was in Graceland cemetery after cremation. 11-19-38

Attorney Billings, who was 82 years old, died Thursday in St. Luke's hospital of heart disease. He was unmarried and lived at the University club. Mr. Billings was born in Highland, Wis., and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin. He represented the 1st senatorial district in the state legislature from 1907 to 1911 and also served as a Municipal court judge.

Surviving are a niece, Mrs. George R. Nichols, and a sister, Mrs. Ella Ferguson of Madison, Wis. Mr. Billings was a brother of the late Dr. Frank Billings.

Anne Isabel, II. Mary Augusta, III. George Homer, IV. Henry Mortimer, V. Elihue Barnard Goodsel.

ANNE ISABEL BILLINGS (9)

Born April 26, 1875, married June 2, 1900, to Wilson Cunningham, M.D., born Sept. 19, 1872, son of Huston and Katherine (Fillback) Cunningham. Dr. Wilson Cunningham is a well known surgeon located at Platteville, Wis., who graduated at the University of Wisconsin and received his M.D. degree from Northwestern University Medical School. Children: I. Mary, II. Isobel Anne.

MARY CUNNINGHAM (10)

Born May 27, 1902, elder daughter of Anne Isabel Billings (9) married Oct. 24, 1925, at Platteville, Wis., William Dempster Hoard, Jr., born June 8, 1897, son of Frank and Luetta (West) Hoard.

ISOBEL ANNE CUNNINGHAM (10)

Born March 30, 1905, graduated at the University of Wisconsin. Unmarried.

MARY AUGUSTA BILLINGS (9)

Born April 11, 1879, married April 19, 1904, Mark Humphrey Newman, born Feb. 6, 1878, son of Alfred W. and Celia (Humphrey) Newman. Mark Humphrey

Newman graduated at the University of Wisconsin, qualified as a mining engineer, and is at present engineer and director of the American Zinc Company. Children: 1. Mark Humphrey, 11. Nancy and Anne, twins.

MARK HUMPHREY NEWMAN (10)

Born Feb. 16, 1905, son of Mary Augusta Billings (9) married June 21, 1924, Elizabeth Pudor, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Walker Pudor, at Madison, Wis. Children: 1. Jane Elizabeth, (11) born June 3, 1925. Nancy and Anne Newman (10). Twins born Feb. 13, 1911.

GEORGE HOMER BILLINGS (9)

Born July 24, 1882, married Nov. 24, 1913, Verda, born July 1, 1887, daughter of George W. and Nancy Ann (Mumma) Palmer, residence Portland, Ore. Children: 1. Sherwood Palmer (10) born June 23, 1910, 11. Nancy Adaline (10), born Feb. 12, 1915, 111. Robert Homer (10), born April 30, 1921.

HENRY MORTIMER BILLINGS (9)

Born Dec. 8, 1884, served in the World War in the A. E. F. and since his discharge from the army is engaged in the occupation of a chemist and assayer. Married June 30, 1925, Elsie Hawley, born Jan. 3, 1880, daughter of Frank E. and Jessie (Estabrook) Huntington at Platteville, Wis. No children.

ELIHUE BARNARD GOODSEL BILLINGS (9)

Born May 7, 1887, graduated at the University of Wisconsin qualified as a mining engineer. Now engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods at Prairie du Chien, Wis. Married June 26, 1912, Margaret B., daughter of Robert D. and Frances (Wright) Paris. Children: I. Robert Goodsel (10), born Jan. 15, 1915, II. Margaret Paris (10), born Nov. 28, 1916, III. John Henry (10), born Sept. 18, 1919.

DOUGLAS MORTIMER BILLINGS (8)

Born October 5, 1849, died Sept. 11, 1930. In early adult life engaged in retail hardware and general merchandise at Montford, Wis. Later interested in wholesale hay and grain business at Spencer, Iowa. In recent years family home at San Diego, Calif. Married March 5, 1873, at Montford, Wis., Margaret Annie, born Sept. 5, 1851, daughter of Sylvester Dority and Ann Elizabeth (Chandler) Green. Children: I. Minnie Bell, II. Frank Noble, III. Fred Merritt, IV. Mabel, V. ^{Edna}~~Eliza~~ Ann, VI. Dollie, VII. Mary Alice and VIII. Margaret Ella.

MINNIE BELL BILLINGS (9)

Born April 21, 1874, married Dec. 29, 1910, Ernest, born March 12, 1876, son of Abner Mack Lay and Emma

(Shopshire) Lay. Ernest Lay is a well known dentist and oral surgeon of San Diego, Calif. No children.

FRANK NOBLE BILLINGS (9)

Born Nov. 7, 1875, died Jan. 31, 1902.

FRED MERRITT BILLINGS (9)

Born Nov. 11, 1877, graduated at the University of Arkansas as a civil engineer. As a civil engineer directed the building of railroads in Cuba, in Spain and in the United States. Served in the World War, Engineers' Corps, with the rank of captain. Married June 23, 1917, Mrs. Lottie (Foss) Hamlin, born April 28, 1885, daughter of Louis and Minnie Foss. Children: 1. Fred Merritt Billings, Jr. (10), born Jan. 13, 1919. Residence, Los Angeles, California.

MABEL BILLINGS (9)

Born June 16, 1879. Unmarried.

EDNA ANN (9)

Born April 20, 1881, married Feb. 25, 1907, Sydney Jefferson Mastin, born Feb. 3, 1886, died March 18, 1918, son of Thomas Jefferson and Josephine (Cass) Mastin.

DOLLY BILLINGS (9)

Born March 18, 1883, died at Spencer, Iowa, July 26, 1884.

MARY ALICE BILLINGS (9)

Born Jan. 10, 1887, graduated at the University of Arkansas, married Sept. 15, 1909, Edward Penn Watson, Jr., born Feb. 16, 1887, son of Edward Penn and Grace (Dinsmore) Watson. Edward Penn Watson, Jr., graduated at the University of Arkansas qualified as a civil engineer and has been engaged in civil engineering at San Diego, Calif., for many years. Children: i. Alice Billings (10), born April 1, 1911, ii. Grace Dinsmore (10), born April 16, 1912, iii. Margaret Ann (10), born Sept. 20, 1917, iv. Mary Josephine (10), born Sept. 2, 1918, died Sept. 25, 1925.

WILLIAM NOBLE BILLINGS (8)

Born Jan. 1, 1852, died Oct. 14, 1923, at Madison, Wis. Retail general merchant. Married Aug. 15, 1883, at Platteville, Wis., to Florence Elizabeth, born Oct. 20, 1859, daughter of Stephen Richard and Mary (Scott) Elgar. Children: i. Roxena Clara, ii. Elgar Bray, iii. Ella Mildred, iv. Eugene Douglas, v. Leonard Noble.

ROXENA CLARA BILLINGS (9)

Born July 18, 1884, married Oct. 26, 1912, Frederick Ludwig Musbach, born 1877, son of William and Marie (Butzor) Musbach. Frederick L. Musbach is professor of agriculture, University of Wisconsin, in charge of

of William Billing (1)

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experimental farming, residence Marshfield, Wis. Children: 1. William Frederick (10), born Sept. 14, 1913.

ELGAR BRAY BILLINGS (9)

Born Oct. 21, 1885, died Jan. 20, 1890.

ELLA MILDRED BILLINGS (9)

Born Oct. 16, 1888, died Jan. 20, 1890.

EUGENE DOUGLAS BILLINGS (9)

Born Aug. 20, 1892, died April 16, 1929. Served in the World War. Married May 12, 1920, at Chicago, Ill., Louise Alice, born Aug. 30, 1897, daughter of Maximilian and Anna (Noher) Baumann. Died Feb. 18, 1928. Children: 1. Florence Marie (10), born Oct. 7, 1925.

LEONARD NOBLE BILLINGS (9)

Born July 9, 1898; by profession teacher; married July 17, 1920, to Louise Corrine, born April 1, 1902, daughter of Edward Allen and Caroline (Gunderson) Anderson. No children.

FRANK BILLINGS, M.D. (8)

Born April 2, 1854. Educated in public schools and the state normal school at Platteville, Wis. Taught in the grade and high schools of Wisconsin 1873-76. North-

western University, M.D. 1881, M.S. 1890, Sc.D. 1926.

Also honorary degree Harvard Univ. Sc.D. 1915, Univ. Wisconsin Sc.D. 1924, Univ. Cincinnati, LL.D. 1924, Univ. Chicago Sc.D. 1927. Non-resident Fellow College of Physicians, Philadelphia, 1909, New York Academy of Medicine Non-resident Fellow 1926.

Postgraduate medical study, interne Cook County Hospital, April 1881–Oct. 1882, also fifteen months spent in Vienna, Paris and London in 1885–86. Assistant demonstrator of anatomy Northwestern Univ. Medical School 1880–85, Lecturer on Physical Diagnosis *ibid* 1883–90, Professor of Medicine *ibid* 1890–98, Professor of Medicine Rush Medical College in affiliation with the Univ. of Chicago 1898–1920, Dean of Faculty *ibid* 1900–20, Professor of Medicine Univ. of Chicago 1905–24. Member Chicago Medical Society, President 1890; American Medical Assn. President 1902–4; member Board of Trustees *ibid* 1918–24; Assn. of American Physicians, President 1907; National Tuberculosis Assn., President 1908; Congress of Physicians and Surgeons, President 1922; Attending Physician Mercy Hospital, Chicago, 1888–98; St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, 1890–1906; Cook County Hospital, Chicago, 1890–1901; Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, 1898–1920. President Illinois State Board of Charities and Charities Commission of Illinois 1906–12.

Military Service: Major, Medical Officers' Reserve Corps May, 1917, active military service Medical Corps National Army, Nov. 17, 1917, Lieut. Colonel March 22, 1918, Colonel April 30, 1918–June 28, 1919. Military service at Washington, D. C., as Medical Advisor to the Provost Marshal General and in the office of the Surgeon General as Chief of the Division of Physical Reconstruction of Disabled Soldiers. Served in the A. E. F. August to October, 1918. Honorably discharged June 28, 1919, with the rank of Colonel Medical Officers' Reserve Corps. Promoted Dec. 23, 1921, to the rank of Brig. General Medical Officers' Reserve Corps. Decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal May 24, 1918, Order of Leopold of Belgium 1922; Officer of the Legion of Honor of France, 1927. Colonel in Military Division and Chairman of American Red Cross Mission to Russia June to October, 1917.

Married June 26, 1887, at Washington, D. C., Dane Ford, born Feb. 13, 1855, daughter of Daniel and Lucy Cornelia Robinson (Farnsworth) Brawley. Children: 1. Margaret (9), born Aug. 8, 1888, Chicago, Ill. Married June 3, 1916, George Roseman, Jr., born May 5, 1888, died Oct. 10, 1919, son of George Roseman and Mary (Holmes) Nichols. George Roseman Nichols, Jr., graduated at Cornell Univ. qualified as a mechanical engineer. He served in the Ordnance Dept. of the army during the World War with the final rank of major. Children:

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figures 1855 add, "died Oct. 2, 1896."

I. Frank Billings Nichols (10), born Nov. 18, 1917, at Chicago, II. George Roseman Nichols, 3rd (10), born April 24, 1920, at Chicago.

CHARLES LEWIS BILLINGS (8)

Born Oct. 27, 1856. Unmarried. Educated State Normal School, Platteville, and University of Wisconsin as a special student in 1878-82. Chief clerk in office of Attorney General 1882-83, during which time he was a student in the College of Law of the University and was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 1883. Admitted to the Illinois bar in 1885. In 1885 Assistant Librarian of the Chicago Law Institute. Contributed notes and articles on legal subjects to the *American Law Register* and the *Central Law Journal* and assisted in the publication of a new edition of the *U. S. Supreme Court Reports* and of the *Massachusetts Chancery Reports*. In 1886-87 was an assistant attorney in the credit department of John B. Farwell and Co., wholesale merchants. In the latter part of 1887 practiced law in Kansas City and returned to Chicago in 1890. In 1907-11 was an Illinois State Senator. Member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago Law Club and also of the University Club of Chicago and the Chicago Club.

GEORGE ALBERT BILLINGS (8)

Born April 29, 1859, farmer, Eden Township, Iowa County, Wis. Now retired. Married March 10, 1884, Mary Frances, born Dec. 16, 1864, daughter of Sampson Uren and Mary (Hallum) Tregonning. Children: i. Carl Emory, ii. Mary Lorene, iii. Anna Laura, iv. Charles Maurice, v. John Tregonning, vi. Elizabeth Florence, vii. Frank Merritt.

CARL EMORY BILLINGS (9)

Born July 26, 1885, graduated at the University of Wisconsin, qualified in agriculture. Married Jan. 9, 1912, Hedwig Bertha, born Aug. 20, 1891, daughter of Frederick and Bertha (Mielow) Jahnholz. Residence, Barrington, Ill. Children: i. Portia Irene Billings (10), born May 9, 1913, ii. Mary Bertha Billings (10), born Jan. 20, 1915, iii. Carl Henry Billings (10), born May 18, 1916.

MARY LORENE BILLINGS (9)

Born June 6, 1888, married April 15, 1914, Frederick Harry, born Nov. 16, 1884, son of Frederick B. and Mamie Jane (Hunter) Dreyer, residence, Madison, Wis.

ANNA LAURA BILLINGS (9)

Born Sept. 10, 1890, served as a nurse in the World War. Married Dec. 29, 1919, Donald Goldsmith, born Dec.

29, 1893, son of William Goldsmith and Caroline (Greenham) MacLachlan. Residence, Madison, Wis. Donald G. MacLachlan served in the World War. Children: I. Jean Billings (10), born April 26, 1921, at Chippewa Falls, Wis., II. Donald William (10), born Dec. 29, 1923, at Chippewa Falls, Wis., III. Helen Louise (10), born May 25, 1925, at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

CHARLES MAURICE BILLINGS (9)

Born April 14, 1893. In retail lumber business, Shullsberg, Wis. Married Nov. 23, 1921, Faye Rosalie, born July 28, 1893, daughter of John and Helena (Hohl) Stephens. Children: I. Virginia May (10), born June 22, 1925.

JOHN TREGONNING BILLINGS (9)

Born July 25, 1895. Farmer, Eden Township, Iowa Co., Wis. Served as a private in the A. E. F. during the World War. Married Oct. 12, 1920, Hortense Margaret, born March 20, 1897, daughter of John Henry and Anna Catherine (Brown) Imhoff. No children.

ELIZABETH FLORENCE BILLINGS (9)

Born Aug. 18, 1898, school teacher, unmarried.

FRANK MERRITT BILLINGS (9)

Born June 11, 1903. Motor car business, Cobb, Iowa County, Wis. Married Jan. 8, 1927, Pearl Eliza, born

Aug. 17, 1902, daughter of Charles and Annie Peal (Johns) Lindauer. Children: i. James Henry Billings (10), born July 29, 1927, ii. June Elizabeth Billings (10), born June 16, 1930.

MARY ELLA BILLINGS (8)

Born Aug. 22, 1861. Married Dec. 5, 1888, William Friend, born March 12, 1854, died Nov. 11, 1924, son of Friend P. and Betsy (Landon) Ferguson. Residence, Madison, Wis. Children: i. William Friend, Jr., ii. Mary Josephine, iii. Mary Ella, iv. Leander Wood.

WILLIAM FRIEND FERGUSON, JR. (9)

Born Dec. 28, 1894. A.B. University of Wisconsin, 1918, volunteered for military service during World War. In motor car business Madison, Wis. Unmarried.

MARY JOSEPHINE FERGUSON (9)

Born Sept. 18, 1896. A.B. University of Wisconsin, 1918. Unmarried.

MARY ELLA FERGUSON (9)

Born Jan. 14, 1899. A.B. University of Wisconsin, 1920. Married Oct. 23, 1929, William Stewart, son of Charles Warner and Jane (Stewart) Beyer. A.B., B.S., M.D. University of Minnesota. Specialist in otolaryngology. Residence, Rockford, Ill.

LEANDER WOOD FERGUSON (9)

Born May 19, 1901. A.B. University of Wisconsin, 1922.
Residence, Gary, Ind. Unmarried.

EDWIN A. BILLINGS (7)

Born at Moons, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1807, third son of John (6).
No available data of time of death, marriage and of
children.

AMELIA BILLINGS (7)

Eldest daughter of John (6), born Moons, N. Y., March
12, 1809. Died March 5, 1812.

GEORGE W. BILLINGS (7)

Fourth son of John (6), born at Moons, N. Y., Sept. 13,
1811. Died at Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1884. Married
at St. Louis, Mo., June, 1847, Elizabeth Ann Warren,
born April 20, 1813, at Middlebury, Vt. Died Nov. 21,
1894, at Cleveland, Ohio. Children: i. George Warren
Billings (8), born May 4, 1849, at Middleton, N. Y., died
March 25, 1911, at Washington, D. C. Unmarried, ii.
Charles Augustus Billings (8), born April 28, 1852, at New
York City, died Oct. 9, 1895, at Cleveland, Ohio. Unmar-
ried, iii. Frank Billings (8), born Sept. 27, 1853, at Has-
tings, N. Y. Married Elizabeth Todd^{Todd}, April 18, 1895.
Residence Cleveland, Ohio. No children, iv. Elizabeth
Billings (8). Unmarried. Residence Cleveland, Ohio.

JAMES N. BILLINGS (7)

Fifth son of John (6), born at Royalton, Vt., April 7, 1813, died May 3, 1813.

ALBERT MERRITT BILLINGS (7)

Sixth son of John (6), born at Royalton, Vt., April 21, 1814, died at Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7, 1897.

Albert Merritt Billings in his early life was engaged in transportation of passengers and express in towns of Vermont, New Hampshire and New York. He lived for a time at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. He came to the Middle West in the early sixties and was interested in the extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. He became a resident of Chicago and with Commodore Garrison of St. Louis obtained control of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co. He had other extensive interests in the Missouri Pacific Railroad, the elevated railways of New York and the street railway system of Memphis, Tenn. He founded the Home National Bank of Chicago and remained its president until it was merged with other banks. He was a forceful man with a pleasing personality, splendid business ability and commanded the respect of his associates and the citizens of Chicago. The Albert Merritt Billings Memorial Hospital of the University of Chicago was erected in his memory by financial contributions made by his son Cornelius Kingsley Garri-

son Billings, his grandson Albert Billings Ruddock, his son-in-law Charles Homer Ruddock and his nephew Frank Billings. He was twice married, first to Lucinda A. Corbin of Claremont, N. H., who died (no data). Children: 1. Henry Albert (8), born Sept. 25, 1838, died July 8, 1918, Chicago, Ill. Married in 1863, Mary Jane Taylor, born in Grant County, Wis., in 1840, died Oct. 8, 1927. Children: 1. Mortimer (9), born 1864. Died in infancy.

Albert Merritt Billings' second marriage was on June 1, 1859, to Mrs. Augusta Sarah (Farnsworth) Allen, born in 1822, at Weathersfield, Vt., died March 30, 1913, at Chicago. Children: 1. Sarah Augusta, 2. Cornelius Kingsley Garrison.

SARAH AUGUSTA BILLINGS (8)

Born April 8, 1860, died Aug. 8, 1889, at Chicago. Married Sept. 18, 1884, Charles Homer Ruddock, born June 16, 1848, Berlin, Wis. Died Sept. 12, 1929, at Los Angeles, Calif., son of Thomas Sanderson and Maria Nancy (Newell) Ruddock. Charles Homer Ruddock spent his adult life in the lumber business with marked success. Children: 1. Albert Billings Ruddock (9), born Jan. 13, 1886, Chicago, Ill. Married March 14, 1912, at New York, Margaret Kirk, born Aug. 25, 1886, at Pine Lake, Wis., daughter of James Alexander and Clara (Comstock) Kirk.

Albert Billings Ruddock (9) graduated at Yale, A.B., 1907; Columbia University, A.M., 1910; studied political science at Ecole des Sciences Politiques at Paris for one year, 1911; entered the diplomatic service of the U. S. Feb., 1912, served as third and second secretary with the U. S. Embassy at Berlin 1912-16. First Secretary U. S. Legation at Brussels, Belgium, 1916-17; Department of State at Washington, D. C., 1916-20, during which time he was Acting Chief, Division of Western European Affairs; First Secretary and Charge d'Affaires, Peking, China, 1920-22. Resigned from the service in 1923. Children: I. Merritt Kirk Ruddock (10), born May 1, 1913, Berlin, Germany, II. Billings Kirk Ruddock (10), born Jan. 6, 1915, Berlin, Germany.

CORNELIUS KINGSLEY GARRISON
BILLINGS (8)

Born Sept. 17, 1861, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. In his early life he learned the manufacturing of gas business from the laying of gas pipe through all the different stages of gas production and the administration of the company, succeeding his father as president of the Peoples Gas and Coke Co. of Chicago. In 1898 he removed to New York City where he was associated with a group of men in various lines of industry. From his early life he was greatly interested in the breeding of horses, looking to improvement in the equine race. He was the

owner of Lou Dillon and of Uhlan, the two fastest trotters of a period from 1909 to 1914. As a member of the New York Yacht Club for thirty years he has owned during that period fine steam yachts with which he has enjoyed with his many friends as guests, the coastal waters of the United States and the Mediterranean and Baltic seas. His present residence is Santa Barbara, California. Married July 9, 1885, at Chicago, Blanche Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew and Lillias (Young) MacLeish. Children: 1. Blanche Pauline, 11. Albert Merritt.

BLANCHE PAULINE BILLINGS (9)

Born June 25, 1886. Married June 1, 1910, William Halsted Vander Poel, born April 16, 1885, at New York City, son of Dr. Samuel Oakley and Mary Louise (Halsted) Vander Poel. Children: 1. Halsted Billings Vander Poel (10), born Aug. 10, 1911, New York City, 11. Benjamin Farnsworth Vander Poel (10), born July 22, 1916, New York City, 111. Mary Wendell Vander Poel (10), born Jan. 6, 1918, New York City.

ALBERT MERRITT BILLINGS (9)

Born Nov. 15, 1894, died June 20, 1926. Served as an ensign in the U. S. Navy during the World War. Married June 7, 1919, Margaret Anna, born Oct. 20, 1897, daughter of James Guthrie and Edith (Young) Shaw. No children.

LUCINDA O. BILLINGS (7)

Second daughter of John (6), born Jan. 31, 1817, at East Bethel, Vt. Lucinda O. married a Dr. ^{Farmey}~~Dana~~ of New York, but no data as to the time of her death, or her children are available.

CAROLINE R. BILLINGS (7)

Third daughter of John (6), born East Bethel, Vt., March 31, 1819. No available data.

LEONARD F. BILLINGS (7)

Seventh son of John (6), born Royalton, Vt., March 31, 1821. Died at Westmoreland, N. Y., June 11, 1885. Married Malone Smith, born Fairmount, N. H. Died Sept. 4, 1895. One son died in infancy. Lived at Westmoreland, N. Y., from 1852 to 1895.

ALONZO D. BILLINGS (7)

Eighth son of John (6), born Royalton, Vt., Aug. 15, 1822. Died Feb. 29, 1823.

WILLIAM B. BILLINGS (7)

Ninth son of John (6), born Royalton, Vt., Feb. 14, 1824. Died Chicago, Ill., 1884. He was the founder of the Newsboys' Home of Chicago. No data of his marriage available, but it is known that he had one son who was an

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engineer by education and experience and lived at one time at Taunton, Mass.

JOHN DOUGLAS BILLINGS (7)

Tenth son of John (6), born Royalton, Vt., July 10, 1826. Died Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 8, 1899. Married Delia Elizabeth Clark, born West Rutland, Vt., Dec. 25, 1828. Died New York City, Dec. 5, 1909. Children: I. Edward Ranney, II. Charles Halleck, III. William Douglas.

EDWARD RANNEY BILLINGS (8)

Born Troy, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1852. Died Bahia, Brazil, April 20, 1870.

CHARLES HALLECK BILLINGS (8)

Born New York City, April 27, 1862. Married, New York City, Sept. 6, 1896, Elizabeth Catherine Lamb, born Glasgow, Scotland, March 8, 1865. No children.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS BILLINGS (8)

Born New York City, July 10, 1868. Died New York City, Nov. 29, 1916.

A Brief Account of the Children of John Billings (5)

JOHN BILLINGS (6) (See page 12)

ASA BILLINGS (6)

Son of John (5), born Jan. 25, 1775. Died July 1, 1836. Married Dec. 2, 1802, Nancy, born Dec. 28, 1784, died Oct. 16, 1848, daughter of Governor Jonas Galusha and granddaughter of Governor Thomas Chittenden. In 1835 he removed to Rochester, N. Y., and two years later to Perry, N. Y. Children: i. Truman (7), born Dec. 14, 1803, Royalton, died July 13, 1880, married June 12, 1832, Fannie Flyn of Bethel, Vt., ii. Mary Ann (7), born Nov. 17, 1805, Royalton, married Reuben Ross, iii. Olive (7), born Aug. 29, 1807, Royalton, married Charles Dutton, iv. Jonas G. (7), born Oct. 25, 1819, died Oct. 12, 1896, married Aug. 20, 1840, Jane Padden, v. Asa H. (7), born March 9, 1813, Royalton, died Aug. 23, 1895; married Aug. 9, 1837, Mary H. Stanley, vi. Elong (7), born June 28, 1815, died July 23, 1897, married July 20, 1852, Mrs. Helen (Mallett) Beach at Rochester, N. Y., vii.

Nancy M. (7), born May 26, 1818, died Nov. 20, 1892, married Nov. 17, 1842, at Perry, N. Y., Jonathan Russell Griswold, viii. Levi M. (7), born Feb. 19, 1820, died Oct. 18, 1897, married Sept. 19, 1850, Marie L. Rathbone at Perry, N. Y., ix. Clarissa E. (7), born July 29, 1822, at Royalton, died June 28, 1910, Perry N. Y., married Nov. 12, 1846, at Castile, N. Y., Columbus P. Andrus, died June, 1907, x. Norman H. (7), born Feb. 5, 1825, Royalton, Vt., died Oct. 6, 1898, married (1) Oct. 16, 1855, Adeline Calkins, married (2) Jan. 6, 1876, Eva Sherman.

RHODA BILLINGS (6)

Born Feb. 5, 1778, married Samuel Hibbard.

MARY BILLINGS (6)

Born Feb. 20, 1780, married Lemuel Allen.

SARAH BILLINGS (6)

Born Jan 1, 1782, died April 25, 1850, married Nov. 3, 1803, Calvin Skinner, born Nov. 23, 1777, died Aug. 23, 1843, Royalton, Vt.

ELIZA SKINNER (7)

Born Oct. 19, 1808, died April 10, 1870, at Washington, D. C., married Dec. 24, 1829, Dr. Joseph Adam Dennison, born March 25, 1805, died July 30, 1840, Royalton, Vt.

ELIZA DENNISON (8)

Born Nov. 25, 1830, Royalton, Vt., died May 20, 1910, Chicago, married Oct. 11, 1855, Royalton, Vt., Judge John Alexander Jamieson, born Jan. 25, 1824, died June 16, 1890, Chicago.

MARY JAMIESON (9)

Born Dec. 20, 1867, residence Chicago.

CHARLES DENNISON, M.D. (8)

Son of Eliza Skinner and Dr. Joseph Adam Dennison, born Nov. 1, 1845, Royalton, Vt., died Jan. 10, 1909, Denver, Colo., married Dec. 25, 1878, Eliza Strong, Chicago, born Aug. 15, 1855.

OLIVE BILLINGS (6)

Born Feb. 29, 1784, died Oct. 4, 1814, married Dec. 1, 1808, at Royalton, Vt., Eleazer Walbridge.

LUCY BILLINGS (6)

Born April 7, 1786, Royalton, Vt., died Aug. 14, 1871, at Bethel, Vt., married Feb. 17, 1811, Leonard Fisk.

OEL BILLINGS (6)

Born April 18, 1788, at Royalton, Vt., died Nov. 29, 1871, at Woodstock, Vt., married March 13, 1817, Sophia,

daughter of Jason and Sophia (Farwell) Wetherbe, born March 25, 1796, died May 1, 1870.

Oel Billings was a farmer and merchant in Royalton until 1835 when he removed to Woodstock. He served in the state legislature in 1825. Children: i. Edward Horatio, ii. Laura, iii. Charles Jason, iv. Frederick.

EDWARD HORATIO (7)

Born April 6, 1818, Charleston, N. H., died May 8, 1844, Baltimore, Md., while attending a national political convention. Studied law with O. P. Chandler at Woodstock, admitted to the Bar in 1837 and formed a partnership with Mr. Chandler.

LAURA (7)

Born March 9, 1820, Royalton, Vt., died April 24, 1849. Married March 18, 1845, Captain Bezer Simmons, who died Sept. 25, 1850. No children.

CHARLES JASON (7)

Born April 23, 1822, at Royalton, married Sept. 15, 1844, Sarah, daughter of Abail Towne, born April 27, 1827. Children: i. Frederick Towne (8), born Jan. 17, 1858, ii. Charles Towne (8), born Jan. 17, 1863, Fitchburg, Mass. Graduated Harvard Univ. 1884.

FREDERICK BILLINGS (7)

Born Sept. 27, 1823, Royalton, Vt., died Sept. 30, 1890, married March 30, 1862, New York City, Julia, daughter of Dr. Eleazer Parmley of New York.

The Hon. Frederick Billings, LL.D., has been designated as the First Citizen of Royalton. He was a graduate at the age of 21 at the University of Vermont in 1844. He studied law with O. P. Chandler of Woodstock, Vt. In 1849 he went to California where he practiced law until 1861. He was offered the presidency of the University of California at that period. He returned to Vermont in 1869, bought an estate at Woodstock on which he spent large sums of money, making it as beautiful as the large baronial estates of Europe. He was a patron of Woodstock, contributing to it a library and beautifying its churches. He became a banker and when Jay Cooke failed in 1873 he bought stock in the Northern Pacific R. R., became its president and it was his enterprise that pushed the road through to completion. He bought the Marsh library and presented it including the library building to the University of Vermont. Children: i. Parmley Billings (8), born Feb. 6, 1863, San Francisco, Calif., died May 7, 1888, Chicago, Ill.; graduated at Amherst 1884, ii. Laura Billings (8), born Aug. 20, 1864, Woodstock, iii. Frederick Billings, Jr. (8), born Dec. 23, 1866, Woodstock, died Sept. 30, 1890, iv. Mary Montagu

Billings (8), born March 5, 1869, Woodstock, v. Elizabeth Billings (8), born Jan. 3, 1871, Woodstock, vi. Ehrick Billings (8), born Oct. 17, 1872, Woodstock, vii. Richard Billings (8), born Jan. 31, 1875, Woodstock.

SOPHIA FARWELL BILLINGS (7)

Born Nov. 1, 1826, Royalton, married Dec. 21, 1853, Royalton, Goldsmith Bailey, born July 17, 1823, died May 8, 1862. He was a representative in Congress at the time of his death. Sophia Farwell Billings married a second time Dec. 28, 1876, Rodney Wallace of Fitchburg. Children: 1. Edward Goldsmith Bailey, born Dec. 19, 1857.

FRANKLIN NOBLE BILLINGS (7)

Born March 8, 1829, Royalton, Vt., died Dec. 11, 1894. Married March 8, 1859, Nancy Hitch, daughter of Jireh Swift of New Bedford, Mass. Children: 1. Franklin Swift (8), born May 11, 1862, New Bedford, Mass., graduated Harvard University 1885.

RICHARD OEL BILLINGS (7)

Born Jan. 6, 1831, Royalton, died Oct. 27, 1854.

ELIZABETH SPRAGUE BILLINGS (7)

Born Sept. 13, 1833, Royalton, died Aug. 8, 1905, married Sept. 14, 1853, George W. Allen, who died May 11,

1864, at Woodstock, Vt. Children: 1. Charles Billings Sprague (8), born Oct. 7, 1862, died March 18, 1863.

OLIVER PHELPS CHANDLER BILLINGS (7)

Born Sept. 21, 1836, Woodstock, died Jan. 8, 1894, New York City, married Nov. 24, 1868, Charlotte Lane, born Paris, France, Dec. 6, 1842.

Hon. Phelps Chandler Billings was admitted to the bar in 1860; received the degree of A.M. and LL.B. from Harvard University in 1860.

MARCIA BILLINGS (6)

Born Oct. 10, 1792, Royalton, Vt., married the Rev. Orin Tracy, a Baptist minister of Greenfield, Mass.

SABRA BILLINGS (6)

Born June 22, 1794, Royalton, Vt., died May 25, 1841, Newport, N. Y., married Nov. 6, 1834, Col. Jessiel Perry.

LEVI MOWER BILLINGS (6)

Born Oct. 19, 1798, Royalton, Vt., married Oct. 14, 1830, Louisa, daughter of Shubal and Martha Bliss of Randolph, Vt.

Levi Mower Billings was at one time a farmer near Oshkosh, Wis., but later moved to northern Illinois, where he died.

Appendix

The attached Appendix is self-explanatory. However, it must be stated that the records of the Billings family in England previous to the sixteenth century are not entirely reliable.

The Billings Family in England*

THE family of Billings derives its name from its ancient inheritance, Billing, a place of very remote antiquity pleasantly situated about four miles from the borough of Northampton, in the county of Northampton, England. In this and neighboring places the family resided several hundred years.

The word "Billing" is Saxon and means a "place by the meadow." It was originally written "de Billing." In the Domesday Book it is "Bellinge." The final "s" making the name "Billings" was not put on till early in the eighteenth century. The first two generations in this country adhered to the old spelling.

The earliest notice of the family of Billings is found in ancient records of the time of Henry III, when in the sixth year of his reign (A.D. 1221) a fine was levied between

*In the year 1861 Frederick Billings employed Henry G. Somerby, Esq., a distinguished American genealogist who was then living in London, to trace back, as far as practicable, the line of the Billings family to which he belonged. Mr. Somerby was engaged in the work for more than a year, crossing the ocean two or three times to make sure of the English and American connections, and what follows here is taken from his report.

Sarah, the daughter of Warine Falconer, demandant, and Henry de Billing and Wiman his wife, deforciant, of a moiety of three virgates of land in Rushden, Northamptonshire, to the use of the said Henry de Billing. By the inquisition taken in the same reign, Henry de Billing was certified to hold a sixth of one knight's fee in Rushden, of William, Earl Ferrars, of the honor of Peveral.

From this time for about two centuries there is no trace of the family until we find:—

1. John Billing, of Rowell, who was patron of the Church of Colly-Weston and also had lands in Rushden. He was the father of two sons, Thomas and John, the latter of whom died on the 19th of March, 1478, and was buried in Woodford Church.

2. Sir Thomas Billing, the eldest son of John Billing (1) of Rowell, was of the Inns of Court and was called to the bar. He was made Sergeant-at-Law in 1453, and was knighted in 1458 for taking a prominent part with the Lancastrian party. When the right to the court was argued (1466), he appeared at the bar of the House of Lords as counsel for Henry VI, leading the Attorney and Solicitor General. He was the principal law advisor to Edward IV, and in 1465 was made Justice of the King's Bench, and in 1468 Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. In the spring of the year 1481, he was struck with apoplexy and expired in a few days after a tenure of office for seventeen years in the midst of civil wars and

revolutions. He was buried in Bittlesden Abbey in Oxfordshire, where a large blue marble slab was placed over his body, having on it the figures, in brass, of himself and his lady. He is represented in his official robes. This slab and the slab that covered his son Thomas were taken from the Abbey after the dissolution of monasteries and placed at the upper end of the center aisle of Wappenham Church, where they now remain.

Sir Thomas, by his first wife Catherine, daughter of Roger Gifford of Twyford in Buckinghamshire, Esquire, became possessed of Gifford's Manor, in the hamlet of Astwell and parish of Wappenham in Northamptonshire, afterwards called Billing's Manor, where he took up his residence. The ancient manor house, although much curtailed in size, is still standing, and now occupied as a farmhouse.

The second wife of Sir Thomas Billing was Mary, daughter and heir of Robert Wessenham of Conington, in Huntingdonshire, Esquire, and widow of Thomas Lacy and William Cotton. She died on the 14th of March, 1499, and was buried in the south aisle of St. Margaret's Church at Westminster, a great portion of which church was rebuilt by herself and her husband, Sir Thomas Billing. A sumptuous monument was there erected to her memory.

The children of Sir Thomas Billing, all by his first wife, were: Thomas, his heir, who succeeded to the

estates in Astwell, and died on the 23d of March, 1508-9, leaving four daughters, coheiresses, by whose marriage the large estates of the Billings passed into other families; John, who settled in Buckinghamshire; Roger of whom nothing is known; William, who probably settled in Wedon Beck; Katherine, Isabel, Margaret.

3. Nicholas Billing, the fifth and youngest son of Sir Thomas Billing (2), was of Middleton Malzor, in Northamptonshire. He died in 1512, providing in his will for masses of requiem to be performed at Bittlesden Abbey for five years on each anniversary of his death. His wife was Agnes, daughter of Stephen Gilbert, of Middleton Malzor, by whom he had two daughters, Katherine and Agnes, and four sons: (1) Roger; (2) William of Middleton Malzor, who died in the year 1526 without issue, leaving the principal part of his estates to his nephew William, son of his brother John; (3) Henry, probably of Wappenham; (4) John of Middleton Malzor.

4. John Billing, fourth and youngest son of Nicholas (3), died in 1526. His children were: William, Nicholas of Middleton Malzor; Thomas, who removed to Weekly in Northamptonshire; Agnes, wife of ——— Bodgenye.

5. William Billing, the eldest son of John Billing (4) of Middleton Malzor, was also of that place, where he died in 1557. By his wife Joan, who survived him, he had besides a daughter Katherine, three sons,—William, who died before his father, leaving a widow Elizabeth; Roger

of Somersetshire; Richard also of Somersetshire, where he married in Taunton, January 20, 1561-62, Katherine Wilcox, by whom he had three sons, Richard, Nicholas and John. He resided at East Lydford.

6. Roger Billing, second son of William Billing (5), having with his brother Richard inherited lands in Somersetshire from his father, removed to that county and settled at Baltonsborough near Glastonbury, where he was buried December 16, 1596. From a parchment document containing the names of the principal landholders in the parish, preserved in the great chest in the church, it appears that he was possessed of considerable real estate there, which, by his will dated December 14, 1596, he bequeathed to his two sons, Richard the elder and Richard the younger, to be equally divided by his brother, Richard Billing of East Lydford, and other persons whom he named. By his first wife Katherine, who was buried at Baltonsborough, February 12, 1566-67, he had Richard, called in his father's will the elder; Elizabeth, baptized January 8, 1561-62, buried October 1, 1627; John, baptized September 8, 1564, buried May 31, 1573.

His second wife was Edith Colburn, whom he married at Baltonsborough, December 5, 1573. She was buried there July 4, 1605. Their children were: Agnes, baptized November 7, 1574; Christopher, baptized December 25, 1575, buried March 11, 1589-90; Agatha,

baptized October 18, 1578; Mary, baptized December 18, 1581; Richard, called Richard the younger, baptized November 8, 1584. Richard resided some time at Baltonsborough, where he married, May 22, 1617, Susan Rushe, by whom he had a daughter Edith, who was baptized April 14, 1619.

7. Richard Billing, the eldest son of Roger Billing (6), and called Richard the elder, removed to Taunton, where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer Strong of that place, and was possessed of landed property. In his will he made bequests for the reparation of the Church of St. James, in Taunton, to the poor of that parish and of Baltonsborough, and left twenty shillings to his brother Richard to make him a ring in remembrance of him. Their children were, besides Elizabeth, who was married to Thomas Savage, Richard, Roger, Ebenezer, William.

8. William Billing, the youngest son of Richard Billing (7), had by his father's will a house and land in Taunton called Deanes, which passed to his son William, who, emigrating to New England, sold it to his brother Ebenezer of Glastonbury in Somersetshire, which Ebenezer, who had a wife, Jane, but no children, by his will dated in 1659, bequeathed to his nephew, Ebenezer Billing, son of his brother Joseph Billing, deceased, describing it as formerly belonging to his brother, William Billing, then in New England.

9. William Billing (8), son of William Billing (7), disposed of his lands in Taunton, England, and came to New England about the middle of the seventeenth century. (See genealogical record in America.)

