

A RECORD
OF THE
DESCENDANTS of JAMES BRADFORD



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“Life is one and universal, its forms many and individual. Throughout this beautiful and wonderful creation there is never ceasing motion, without rest, by night or day, ever weaving to and fro.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle, it flies from Birth to Death, from Death to Birth, from the beginning seeks the end, and finds it not, for the seeming end is only a dim beginning of a new outgoing and endeavor after the end.”

—Longfellow



JAMES BRADFORD.

— 1873 —

TO THE READERS



I have endeavored to present in this little book a record of one branch of our family. While I have tried to be accurate I fear some mistakes have found place within. Please accept the facts and send me a correction on any errors or omissions.

I dedicate this book to the memory of my Grandfather, James Bradford.

J. W. BRADFORD

Nashua, Iowa, Jan. 15, 1900.

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GOVERNOR WILLIAM BRADFORD was baptised on March 6, 1589, at Austerfield, in Yorkshire, England. In 1608 he went to Holland and there joined the Pilgrims and came to Massachusetts in the MAYFLOWER in 1620 with his wife, Dorothy, who was drowned Dec. 20, 1620. He married as his second wife, Aug. 14, 1623, Mrs. Alice (Carpenter) Southworth, b. 1591, d. March 26, 1670, at Plymouth, Mass. She was the widow of Edward Southworth and daughter of Alexander Carpenter of Wrentham, Eng. He died in 1657.

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MAJOR WILLIAM BRADFORD, son of Gov. Wm. Bradford, b. June 17, 1624, at Plymouth, d. Feb. 20, 1704, at Kingston. He married in 1652 Alice Richards, daughter of Thos. Richards. His third wife was Mrs. Mary Holmes, widow of Rev. John Holmes and daughter of John and Sarah (Masterson) Wood or Atwood, d. June 6, 1714.

3

ISRAEL BRADFORD, son of Maj. Wm. Bradford, b. 1679 at Kingston, Mass., d. March 26, 1760, m. 1701, to Sarah, dau. of Benj. and Ruth (Pabodle) Bartlett b. 1684 at Duxbury, d. April 2, 1761, at Kingston.

JOSHUA BRADFORD, son of Israel and Sarah Bradford, b. June 23, 1710, at Kingston, d. May 27, 1756, at Maduncook, Me., m. 1737, his 2nd cousin, Hannah, dau. of Elisha and Hannah (Cole) Bradford, b. April 10, 1717, at Plymouth, d. May 27, 1756. They moved from Kingston to Maduncook, Me., now called Friendship, where on May 27 he and his wife and little girl were killed by the Indians and two of their sons were taken into captivity and sold to the French, where they were held until 1759.

JOSHUA BRADFORD, JR., eldest son of Joshua Bradford, b. April 2, 1746, at Kingston d. May 9, 1827, at Friendship, m. April 26, 1773, to Martha, dau. of Paul and Martha (Peoples) Jameson, b. June 30, 1751, at Maduncook, Me., d. there Nov. 3, 1837. Their children are as follows:

- 1 Paul, who died when about 21 years of age.
- 2 Rachel, who married Samuel Elwell.
- 3 ISAIAH, who married 1st, Hannah Rawley of St. George; 2nd, Widow Asenath Miller of Friendship, Maine.
- 4 Nancy, who married Nathaniel Wotton.
- 5 Robert, who married 1st, Hannah Long; 2nd, Susan Morse; 3rd, Widow Mercy Thomas.
- 6 Cornelius, who married Hannah Gay.
- 7 Ann, who married James Thompson.
- 8 Joshua, who married 1st, Nancy Grafton; 2nd, Sally Jameson.

ISAIAH BRADFORD, son of Joshua Jr., and Martha Bradford,
b. July 18, 1778, at Friendship, d. Oct., 1851, at Cushing, Me.,
m. in 1799 to Hannah Rawley. They had 4 children.

- 1 Nancy, born April 24, 1800, at St. George, Me.
married Wm. Campbell of Thomaston, Maine,
died at Clinton, Me., in 1873.
- 2 Paul, b. Nov. 28, 1801
married to Mary Jacobs about 1827
died, June, 1882.
- 3 Isaac, b. Sept. 25, 1803, died at New Orleans in
1835.
- 4 JAMES, b. Sept. 21, 1805.
d. July 14, 1877.

Married a 2nd time, to Mrs. Asenath-Morton-Miller, widow
of John Miller and daughter of Joshua and Nancy-Howard-
Morton, b. Oct. 10, 1780, at Friendship, Me., and died at
Cushing, Me.

They had six children as follows:

- 5 Hannah Martha, b. Mar. 10, 1810.
married to Joseph Davis, Jan. 19, 1834.
died
- 6 William J., b. Jan. 7, 1812.
married Jane Lewis, March, 1841
died
- 7 Lydia M., b. Jan. 23, 1814
married John R. Burton, Oct. 24, 1839
living at Cushing, Me.
- 8 Andrew J., b. Jan., 1816
died when about three weeks old
- 9 Oliver H. P., b. May 5, 1817
died, was drowned Jan. 17, 1832
- 10 Harriet S., b. April 19, 1822.
died Oct., 1837

JAMES BRADFORD was born at Cushing, Knox Co., Maine, Sept. 21st, 1805. He was married three times as follows:
 1st, May 21, 1832, at St. George, Maine, to Hannah Seavey;
 2nd, May 19th, 1853, at Monroe, Wisconsin, to Lucy Rounds.
 3rd, June 28, 1856, at Juda, Wisconsin, to Sarah Hudson.
 He died at his home in Nashua, Iowa, July 14th, 1877.

Children of JAMES BRADFORD

First

- 1 Thomas Seavey, b. July 22, 1834
- 2 William James, b. April 1, 1836
- 3 Isaac, b. Sept. 19, 1839
- 4 Charles, b. Dec. 15, 1841
- 5 Albert, b. June 11, 1843
- 6 Sarah Jane, July 26, 1845
- 7 Mary Eliza, Feb. 27, 1847

Second

- 8 Charles A., b. April 4, 1855
- 9 Zina, b. May 10, 1856
- 10 Isaiah Henry, June 5, 1857

Third

- 11 Dilla Eveline, Dec. 5, 1859
- 12 David Richard, Mar. 5, 1862
- 13 Ruth Eleanor, July 15, 1865

First Marriage

- a Hannah Seavey was born Jan. 18, 1812, at St. George, Maine.
 She died March 18th, 1852, at Monroe, Wis.
 Seven children were born to them, five boys and two girls.

Children of James Bradford and Hannah Seavey:

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Thomas Seavey Bradford was born at Clinton, Maine, July 22, 1834.

He was married twice, as follows:

First, to Mary Jane Hudson, Oct. 10th, 1861, at Milford, Wis.

Second, to Augusta Dexter, Dec. 1st, 1890, at Nashua, Iowa.

He served in Co. "F," 29th, and Co. "E," 14th, Wisconsin Inf.

He died at his home in Nashua, Iowa, March 12, 1898.

- 1 Mary J. Hudson was born in Sardinia, New York, Feb. 7, 1837. She died at Nashua, Iowa, July 30th, 1889.

Her parents were William Hudson and Eleanor Sweet.

One son was born to them.

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James Warren Bradford was born at Milford, Wis., Aug. 17th, 1863.

He was married to Gracie May Shattuck, June 21st, 1893, at Nashua, Iowa. One girl was born to them.

Gracie M. Shattuck was born at Nashua, Iowa, June 12th, 1873. Her parents are James Franklin Shattuck and Emma Annette Wright.

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Lola Mary Bradford was born at Nashua, Iowa, May 14, 1896.

The address of J. W. Bradford and family is Nashua, Iowa.

- 2 Augusta Dexter was born at Dubuque, Iowa, Oct. 9, 1849. Her parents are John F. Dexter and Rosalie Rosenbaum. There are no children. Her address is Nashua, Iowa.



J. W. Bradford.
1896



LOLA MARY
1896.

BRADFORD

James Warren Bradford was born at Milford, Jefferson County, Wis., Aug. 17, 1863. In the spring of 1864 he came with his mother and grandfather's family to Chickasaw County near the old town of Williamstown. In November, 1865, on the return of his father from the war they removed to Nashua, Iowa. He attended the Public Schools until the spring of 1881 when on the 25th of April he began teaching at Pearl Rock where he taught two terms. He then taught two terms as principal of the Ionia schools.

In July, 1882, he entered the Iowa Agricultural College and spent four years there, teaching four terms of school at Ionia, and Chickasaw during the winter vacations. He graduated with honors, being third in a class of twenty-two, on Nov. 10, 1886, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering. The winter of 86-87 he spent in the South, most of the time in New Orleans, La. In 1887 he was a candidate for County Superintendent of Chickasaw County but was defeated. Soon after, he en-

tered the Nashua Schools as teacher of the Junior Grammar room, and was shortly after transferred to the Senior Grammar room where he remained until May, 1890, when, on account of sickness, he was compelled to resign. The same year he entered into partnership with his father in the Furniture business. They remained together until 1893 and then he continued the business alone until Oct. 19, 1896, when he sold out.

In January, 1897, he purchased The Weekly Nashua Post and since then has been conducting the same as a Republican Family Newspaper.

He is a member of Bradford Lodge, No. 129, A. F. & A. M., and the auxiliary Nashua Chapter No. 248 O. E. S. and several other orders.

Since December, 1891, he has been Town Clerk, and since 1894 he has been a member of the School Board, having served as its President for the past three years.

He was married June 21, 1893, to Miss Gracie May Shattuck and one daughter, Lola Mary, has been born to them.



William James Bradford was born at Clinton, Maine, April 1, 1836.

He was married at Quincy, Cal., Dec. 25, 1866, to Sophia Walker.

Nine children have been born to them, six girls and three boys.

Sophia Walker was born at Medina, Ohio, May 14, 1841.

Her parents are

- 1 Nellie F. Bradford was born at Quincy, Calif., Feby 2, 1868.
She died Nov. 22, 1872, in Cal.
- 2 Emma Bradford was born at Monticito, Cal., May 26, 1869.
Married at Murrietta, Cal. Aug. 3, 1898, to Geo. F. Tower.
- 3 John W. Bradford was born at Nashua, Iowa, Aug. 20, 1871.
- 4 Kittie W. Bradford was born at Rincon, Cal., Feby 11, 1874.
- 5 Jane Bradford was born Carpentaria, Cal., June 29, 1875, and died
the same day.
- 6 Ida M. Bradford was born Sept. 24, 1877, at Carpentaria, Cal.
- 7 Grace Bradford was born Dec. 14, 1878, at Carpentaria, Cal.
- 8 Charles Bradford was born and died Feb. 15, 1881, at Carpentaria,
Cal.
- 9 William J. Bradford, Jr., was born Oct. 16, 1885, at Carpentaria,
Cal.
The address of W. J. Bradford and his family is Murrietta,
Cal.

Isaac Bradford was born at Clinton, Maine, Sept. 19, 1839.

He was married to Mary Catherine Young, at Plainfield, Iowa,
Sept. 6, 1868.

Mary Catherine Young was born at Springfield, Ill., Dec. 1,
1847.

Her parents were Abraham Dorson Young and Hannah Bone.

They have had no children, except by adoption.

Their address is De Queen, Ark.

Charles Bradford was born at Clinton, Maine, Dec. 15, 1841.

He died at Seabastcook, Maine, Dec. 13, 1846.

Albert Bradford was born June 11, 1843, at Clinton, Maine. He was twice married.

First, to Cornelia Wait, at Nashua, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1868.

Second, to May Shaughnessy, at Nashua, Iowa, Oct. 12, 1879.

He served in Co. "F," 29th Wisconsin Infantry.

He died at Helena, Montana, Dec. 24, 1887.

a Cornelia Wait was born in August, 1848.

Her parents were Henry Scott Wait and Margaret Butterfield.

She died at Nashua, Iowa, June 19, 1874.

Two children were born to them, a boy and a girl.

1 Thomas Seavey Bradford was born at Nashua, Iowa, March 2, 1869. He is unmarried. His address is Minneapolis, Minn.

2 Louana Margaret-Bradford-Kezar was born at Nashua, Iowa, May 25, 1873. She was married to Frederick Huntington Kezar at Nashua, Iowa, March 9, 1896. Three children have been born to them.

F. H. Kezar was born May 23, 1863, in Stanstead County, Quebec, Canada. His parents were Jesse Kezar and Clarissa A. Huntington.

1 Harry Huntington Kezar was born at Nashua, Iowa, Jan. 20, 1897.

2 Baby girl, born Nov. 6, 1898, at Nashua, Iowa. Died same day.

3 Albert Kezar, born Nov. 26, 1899.

Their address is Nashua, Iowa.

b May Shaughnessy was born at Monroe, Wis., Oct. 21, 1858.

She was married a second time to Titus Helms at Ionia, Iowa, Aug. 1, 1895.

Her parents were Thos. Shaughnessy and Pauline Sutherland.

Two children were born to her by first marriage, none by second.

3 Edith Bradford was born at Nashua, Iowa, July 19, 1880.

4 Bertie Bradford was born Dec. 20, 1881, and died Sept. 1, 1897, at Nashua, Iowa.

Sarah Jane Bradford was born at Clinton, Maine, July 26th, 1845.
She is unmarried and her address is Minneapolis, Minn.

Mary Eliza-Bradford-Dowd was born Feb. 27, 1847, at Clinton, Me.
She was married April 3rd, 1872, to Lorenzo Jackson Dowd at
Nashua, Iowa. Four children were born to them, 2 boys, 2 girls.
L. J. Dowd was born Apr. 2, 1827, at Sullivan, Tioga Co., Pa.
His parents were Zinah Dowd Jr. and Mary Ames.
He was a member of Co. "G" 27th Iowa Infantry.
He died at his home in Nashua, Iowa, May 28th, 1883.

1 Jennie Viola-Dowd-Goodwin was born at Nashua, Iowa, Jan. 31,
1873.

She was married Dec. 19th, 1894, at Nashua, Iowa, to Norman
H. Goodwin. Three children have been born to them, 1 boy,
2 girls.

N. H. Goodwin was born Oct. 31, 1859, in Bremer Co., Iowa.
His parents were Benjamin Jackson Goodwin and Rachael
Whiting.

1 Mabel Evaline Goodwin was born near Republic, Iowa, Sept.
15, 1895. She died at the same place May 3, 1896.

2 Jesse Marion Goodwin was born near Frederica, Iowa, July 8,
1897.

3 Hazel Goodwin, born Dec. 27, 1898.

The address of N. H. Goodwin and family is Williams-
town, Iowa.

2 Milo Bradford Dowd was born April 18, 1874, at Nashua, Iowa.
his present home.

Married June 29, 1899, to Dove Rolston, at Nodaway, Iowa.
Her parents were Hugh Rolston and Minerva Jane Watts.

3 Charles Glenbervie Dowd was born Feb. 9th 1881, at Nashua,
Iowa.

4 Lorena Juliette Dowd was born at Nashua, Iowa, Aug. 30th, 1882.
The address of Mrs. Dowd and family, except Mrs. Goodwin,
is Nashua, Iowa.

Second Marriage

- b Lucy Rounds was born April 5th, 1830, at Canton, Mass.
She died May 12th, 1856, at Washington, Wis.
Her parents were Zina Rounds and Patience Wheeler.
Two boys were born to them.

Children of James Bradford and Lucy Rounds.

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- Charles A. Bradford was born April 4th, 1855, at Monroe, Wis.
He was married at Stockton, Kansas, July 20th, 1883, to
Hannah I. Parks. Two children have been born to them.
Hannah I. Parks was born July 20th, 1865, at La Porte City, Ia.
Her parents are Jasper Parks and Mary Terry.
- 1 Carl Bradford was born at Natorna, Kansas, Sept. 6th, 1888.
 - 2 Glenn Bradford was born near Republic, Iowa, July 27th, 1894.
Their address is Hubbard, Minn.

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Zina Bradford was born May 10th, 1856, at Washington, Wis.
He died Sept. 13th, 1856, at Washington, Wis.

Third Marriage

- c Sarah Wilcox Hudson was born July 16, 1826, at Sardinia, N. Y.
Four children were born to them. Her present address and
the address of her children is Hubbard, Hubbard County, Minn.
Her parents were Wm. Hudson and Eleanor Sweet.

Children of James Bradford and Sarah Hudson

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Isaiah Henry Bradford was born June 5th, 1857, at Washington, Wis. He was married at Verndale, Minn., Sept. 18th, 1882, to Christina Adelia Bolton. Address, Hubbard, Minn.

Christina Adelia Bolton was born Nov. 26, 1859, Jackson, Mich. Her parents are George Bolton and Wealthy Prudence Maguire. Three children were born to them.

- 1 George Miles Bradford was born at Verndale, Minn., Aug. 14, 1885.
- 2 Dilla Carrie Bradford was born at Hubbard, Minn., March 25, 1891, died at same place Sept. 1, 1893.
- 3 Wealthy Prudence Bradford was born at Hubbard, Minn., Mar. 14, 1893.

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Dilla Evaline Bradford was born Dec. 5, 1859, at Fordham, Wis. Unmarried. Her address is Hubbard, Minn.

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David Richard Bradford was born Mar. 5, 1862, at Milford, Wis. He was married at Nashua, Iowa, April 14, 1886, to Carrie Wesley Hunter. Address, Hubbard, Minn.

Carrie Wesley Hunter was born Feb. 3, 1865, at Tidioute, Penn. Her parents are Darius Wesley Hunter and Mary Jane Smith. Four children have been born to them.

- 1 Cecil Hunter Bradford was born at Rockwell, Iowa, June 8, 1887. Died Sept. 15, 1887.
- 2 Baby boy was born at Nashua, Iowa, Aug. 22, 1889., died at same place, Aug. 22, 1889.
- 3 Mary Margaret Bradford was born at Hubbard, Minn., June 26, 1893.
- 4 David Livingston Bradford was born Mar. 28, 1897, at Hubbard, Minn.

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Ruth Eleanor Bradford was born July 15, 1865, at Williamstown, Iowa. Died at the same place, July 15, 1865.

IN MEMORIAM



GRANDFATHER

BRADFORD—At his residence in Nashua, Iowa, July 13, 1877, after a lingering illness, James Bradford.

He was born in Cushing, Knox Co., Maine, Sept. 21, 1805. In 1833 he removed from his native city to Clinton, Kennebec Co., Maine, where he remained until 1849 when he came to the great Northwest and settled in Monroe, Green Co., Wis. And in 1864 he came to Chickasaw Co., Iowa. For the last thirteen years he has resided in Nashua an honored citizen and a faithful christian. He had been a member of the M. E. church over 40 years, during which time he held the office of Class Leader, Steward, and Trustee in all of which he was faithful and efficient.

A little over two years ago his health began to fail and he was obliged to give up his business. For the last six months he has been confined to his bed, at times suffering the most excruciating pain, but he bore it all with patience and with resignation to God. A few hours before his death while prayer was being offered he joined heartily in the service in responses, and when asked how he felt in regard to the future he said "all is well." Thus he died peacefully trusting in his Redeemer.

The funeral services were held Sabbath morning in the M. E. church, Rev. E. W. Jeffries preaching the sermon. Having resided so long in Nashua, Father Bradford had a large circle of friends and acquaintances in

the city and vicinity and a very large concourse gathered at the church to participate in the services, a very large number of which could not get into the house at all but stood around the doors and windows. A large procession followed the remains to their resting place in Nashua cemetery. His mourning widow and large family have the sympathy of the entire community. For their faithful care, during those long months of terrible suffering, of him who has now left their family circle, they will be rewarded every hour of their lives.—Nashua Post, July 19, 1877.



FATHER

From The Nashua Post, Mar. 17, 1898

Thomas Seavey Bradford was born in Clinton, Kennebec County, Maine, July 22, 1834, and died at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. E. Dowd, on Saturday, March 12, 1898, at the age of 63 years, 7 months, and 20 days. He was the oldest of thirteen children, eight of whom are now living. They are William J. of Murrietta, Cal.; Isaac and Jennie of De Queen, Ark.; Mrs. M. E. Dowd of Nashua; Charles A. of Republic; and Isaiah H., Dilla E., and David R. of Hubbard, Minn.

He spent his early days in Maine, until the fall of 1849, when he came west with his father's family to Monroe, Wis. Shortly after the death of

his mother, in 1852, he went overland to the gold regions of California where he remained until the fall of 1857. He then returned to Missouri, and soon afterwards went to Pike's Peak, where he remained until the war broke out, when he came home to Wisconsin. He was married, Oct. 10, 1861, to Mary J. Hudson, who died July 30, 1889. He enlisted at Milford, Wis., in company "F" 29th Wisconsin Infantry, and was later on transferred to the 14th Wisconsin Regiment, from which he was discharged at the close of the war at Mobile, Ala., in October, 1865. From thence he came to Nashua, and since November, 1865, he has made this town his home.

When Nashua was incorporated in October, 1869, he was elected as the first Mayor and he has served in the same capacity six times since, in the following years: 77—78—81—82—83—90. His administrations were always acceptable to the people and it was mainly through his influence that the present council room was erected in 1877.

From 1882 to 1885 he was a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He held many minor offices during the years and was always a faithful public servant.

For three years he was in the employ of E. P. Greeley at the Mill, three years with Spindler & Sutherland, Hardware Dealers, and during those years he held an interest in the Blacksmith and Wagon Shops of Bradford & Co. After 1872 he devoted his whole time to the increasing business of the firm which shortly afterwards became Bradford & Sutherland. The old Red Shops located

on the ground now occupied by the M. E. parsonage, were familiar landmarks for years, until they were destroyed by fire, June 5, 1884. He was then out of business for a few years, but in November, 1889, he bought out the furniture business of J. P. Parish, and continued the same with his son until 1893, when on account of ill health, he was forced to retire from active business.

He was married a second time, Dec. 1, 1890, to Augusta Dexter. For the past eight years his health has been gradually failing. He spent three winters at Excelsior Springs, Mo., endeavoring to regain his health but received only temporary relief.

His friends have of late noticed his failing health, but he had been able to be about the house until Feb. 25, when he was taken ill, and from that time until his death he was confined to his bed. For ten days he suffered with the hiccoughs but after those had been stopped, he seemed to be getting better and he ate a hearty supper Saturday evening. Soon after he was taken with pains, and he died at eight o'clock. Medical assistance was of no avail for the heart refused to perform its natural work. For over thirty-two years he lived among the people of Nashua, and he did as much as any one man to advance the interests of this town.

He was a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Grand Army of the Republic, and other societies. At his request, the funeral was held at the M. E. church, under the direction of Bradford Lodge, No. 129, A. F. & A. M., of which he had been a member for over 30 years.

He was at one time, and for many years, a prominent and useful member of the M. E. church of this place. He possessed a strong and rugged character and a positiveness which well constituted him a leader among men. He was well known throughout the County and during the many years of his residence here made a host of friends. It is impossible at this time for me to write what I would like to say, but I can most truthfully say that he was always a kind and good father to me, reproving where reproof was necessary, and always giving good fatherly advice at all times. I will miss his counsel and the kindly word he always had for me.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. church, Rev. W. B. Davis officiating. The members of Bradford Lodge No. 129, together with members of the order from New Hampton, assisted in the services, and the burial was under the auspices of the Masonic order. He was laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery beside his wife he loved so well and his aged father, to await the resurrection morn.

We can but say: "Farewell, Dear Father."

James W. Bradford

MOTHER

Death of Mrs. M. J. Bradford

The many friends of Mrs. Bradford were greatly surprised and pained to hear of her sudden death early Tuesday morning. She had been quite poorly for some time but few supposed her so near the grave. The funeral took place at the house yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon. The following in brief are the facts of her life.

Mary J. Hudson was born at Sardinia, New York, Feb. 7, 1837. She removed with her family to Wisconsin in the year 1850. She married T. S. Bradford on Oct. 10, 1861, in Jefferson Co., Wisconsin. She removed to Chickasaw County, Iowa, in 1864 and since the fall of 1865 her residence has been in Nashua.

Mrs. Bradford united with the M. E. church some seventeen years ago and has manifested a Christian spirit in her daily life being best known and best loved in the home. As a wife, mother and neighbor she will be sadly missed, but our loss is her gain. She is at rest.

From The Nashua Post, Aug. 1, 1889

Old Letters From California

The following letters are two of a series of letters written by T. S. Bradford from California to his father at Monroe, Wis. The first was after his arrival there and when he was only eighteen years old. They have been preserved all these years and were recently given to me by Mrs. Sarah Bradford of Hubbard, Minn.



(First Letter)

Diamond Springs, California,
Sept. 26, 1852.

Dear Father:

I take this opportunity to let you know that I am well at present and hope these few lines may find you the same. After a long journey we reached Hangtown or Placerville, Cal. Here the boys began to scatter, one, one way, and another, another way. I stayed about Hangtown a few days. I went to all the shops to get work but could not get to work. I went from there to Diamond Springs, about 3 miles from Hangtown, here I found Millman to work at blacksmithing. His partner died about a week before I got here. I asked him if he wanted to hire any help. No he said he had not tools enough but if I could get another set of tools we would go into partnership. So I borrowed 100 dollars of Condee to get tools. I sent 115 dollars and Millman 72 to get tools and stock. We got 1 pr. 42 inch bellows for 60.00, anvil 180 lbs. 45.00. Now for the plains! We left Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 22. Con-

dee was captain of the train. It consisted of 28 teams and about 90 men. The 28 of May one man died out of our train, from Ind.; the 29 one died from Wis. pinery; the next one that died out of our train was Macune the Blacksmith from Kenosha died the 18 of June. He was dying when I wrote my letter at Ft. Laramie. He was the only one that died out of Condee's company that started from Monroe. Condee and Moulton are about Hangtown. Wickwire went to Sacramento City, and Millman saw him about a week ago. He is going to go back this fall or next spring. I heard that Machin was going back this fall. Clark went to work somewhere about Hangtown. I saw O'Neel at Hangtown. He told me that he sold his part to his partner. Sunday is the greatest business day in Hangtown. I have been to work since the 8th of Sept. with Millman and in about a week more if work comes in well, I can pay Condee the 100 dollars. For horse shoeing, new shoes we get 5 dollars, 75 cts. for setting old ones, for setting tire 8 dollars per set. Flour is worth 16 cts per lb. here now. We go in to Hangtown the 5th of Oct. Write to me as soon as you get this letter. Direct the letter to Placerville, California. I will send you in this letter a small sample of California gold. I have nothing more to write now, perhaps I will have more to write the next time. Be sure and not forget to write to me as soon as you get this.

Your Son,

T. S. BRADFORD

TO THE READERS



The preceding pages are an exact duplicate of the original "Record of the Descendants of James Bradford" as compiled by James Warren Bradford. In the following pages I endeavored to bring the record up to date.

MRS. EDITH HERMAN

Flint, Michigan, Oct. 1, 1947

Thomas Seavey Bradford, married Feb. 13, 1900, to Cora Jewell Lee at Minneapolis, Minn.

Cora Jewell Lee, daughter of Altha K. Harrison and Olaf Lee, was born Feb. 13, 1876, at La Crosse, Wis., and died Aug. 13, 1947, at Cushing, Wis., with burial at Lakewood cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn. Seven children were born to them, five girls and two boys.

1—Albert Bradford was born at Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 12, 1901. He was married to Eleanor Nelson Sept. 30, 1929, at St. Paul, Minn. She was born June 28, 1898, at Milltown, Wis. Her parents were Ann Olson and Nels Nelson. Five children were born to them, three boys and two girls.

a—John William Bradford, born Oct. 18, 1930, died same day.

b—Carol Joan Bradford, born Dec. 13, 1932.

c—Ronald William Bradford, born April 14, 1934.

d—Lavonne Mae Bradford, born May 17, 1935.

e—John Allan Bradford, born June 18, 1941.

2—Edith Bradford was born at Minneapolis, Minn., June 16, 1903. She was married to David Aaron Herman of St. Paul, Minn., at the Methodist church of Long Prairie, Minn., Sept. 22, 1926. David Aaron Herman was born at St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 2, 1899. His parents were Max Herman and Emma Jacobson. No children.

3—Alice Bradford, born Dec. 4, 1906, died Jan. 3, 1907.

4—Altha May Bradford, born May 3, 1908, died May 15, 1908.

5—Ruth Bradford, born May 6, 1909, died June 6, 1909.

6—Burtie Bradford, born April 25, 1910, died April 26, 1910.

7—Evelyn Bradford, born May 26, 1914, died May 30, 1914.

Thomas Seavey Bradford's half sister, Edith Bradford Blinn, died some time in the 1930's, believed in 1931. Her mother and Thomas Seavey's stepmother, May Shaughnessay Bradford Helms, died March 13, 1914, in California.