

Bailey

O, Call back yesterday, bid time return.—SHAKESPEARE

*He cometh unto you with a tale which holdeth children from
play and Old Men from the Chimney corner.—SIR PHILIP SIDNEY*

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DESCENDANTS OF
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TO

The loving memory of my wife

Edith Agatha Bailey Taft

Who through forty years made our

lives happy.



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FOREWORD

A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY is only valuable to all interested parties provided it is preserved for occasions of future reference. It is not intended to be a work of fiction, nor necessarily a biography, yet the biographical references to the ancestors of the living members of a generation should be interesting to their descendants.

Questions are frequently asked about some station in life relating to our forebears, then the records of the ancestral line may be useful to show the facts and prove their existence. It is usually the custom in families to depend upon memory, but how many times have our memories failed. Who can recall an event or transaction in our grandparents' time with a positive degree of certainty, or even in our parents' life without some hesitancy?

A deed, a mortgage, a sale, a marriage, a death or a birth in the annals of our family history can be preserved with a certainty if a record is kept. Surely the memo will be found helpful as well as interesting.

The old family Bible contained such a sacred record of vital statistics familiar to most of us and that record could be relied upon. Moreover, today the old faded pages with our grandmother's hand writing is a relic of the past, and often we are at a loss to find a substitute.

The Genealogy of The Baileys in Westchester County, New York

INTRODUCTION

FOR ANY ONE to attempt to write the genealogical record of the BAILEY FAMILY would convince him that it would be a serious undertaking. The story starts at Bromham, Wiltshire, England, in or about 1658, which is probably the date of birth of JOEL BAILEY, according to the "Bailey Genealogy" written by Hollis R. Bailey, particularly of the descendants of JOEL who migrated to the state of Vermont.

Among the several Baileys or Bayleys who came to America at a very early date were:

John Bailey	1635
Richard Bailey	1638
Thomas Bayley	1640
James Bailey	1640
Guido Bailey	1642
Jonas Bayley	1650
Joel Bayley	1681

Joel Bayley seems to be the last of the emigrants who came with his family and settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The descendants of these early emigrants scattered throughout the adjoining country until today (1946) there must be a million Baileys fitting into the national life of American civilization.

The descendants of LEVI, however, will be sufficient to exploit the annals, lineage and home life of this prolific family and endeavor to recount the deeds of valor or heroism as it deems just.

HERALDRY

HERALDRY was introduced in America by the first settlers. The younger sons of the nobility or gentry brought with them their hereditary coats of arms. Evidence of the use of arms is to be found in old paintings, engraved silverware, and on seals affixed to letters, official documents and carvings on ancient monuments and tombstones.

In colonial America armorial bearings were handed down from generation to generation, and were not discarded when political ties with England were severed. Regarded as an emblem of family rather than of nationality, arms continued in common use during the Revolution.

Such patriots as Jay, Schuyler, Livingston, Adams and Washington, used their ancestral arms, seals and signet rings, the impression of which may still be seen beside their signatures.

There are many coats-of-arms belonging to different branches of the Bailey and Bayley families. Three of those most frequently recurring among American families are described as follows:

English.—"Argent, a fesse between three martlets gules, charged with as many plates."

Scottish.—"Arms; Sable, a son or, between nine stars argent three, two, three and one. *Crest*; a crescent or."

French.—"A demi-lady, in dexter a tower, in sinister a laurel branch, vert."

THE NAME AND FAMILY OF BAILEY OR BAYLEY

The name of Bailey or Bayley is said to have been derived from the French Baille and to have originally had the meaning of "castle or fortified city." Bailie was also a Scottish term, meaning "a superior officer or magistrate." The name is found on ancient records in the forms of Bayly, Bauley, Bailleu, Bailey, and Bailleul, the forms Bailleu and Bailleul, being the ancient French ones.

It is claimed by some authorities that the family is descended from John Baliol, King of Scotland at an extremely early date. There seems to be more conclusive evidence, however, of a French descent. Of course, there may have been two separate families of the name. There was a family of Bailleuls: Chatelains of Bailleul, in that part of France known as Normandy as early as 1052 A. D.

Some of the members of this family held the titles of Lords of Doulieu and Eecke, and others went into England in the early fifteenth century. One branch of the English family settled at Willow Hall in the person of Jacques de Balleu at the beginning of the seventeenth century.

Another English line was that of Thomas Bayly who married in 1567 in the Parish of Bromham, Wiltshire. His first wife Anne was the mother of Daniel, Joel, Thomas and Rebecca and his second wife Jane had two children. The first died young, the second was named John.

Daniel, eldest son of Thomas, removed to Westbrook, parish of Bromham, and was the progenitor of one of the New England lines of the family. He was the father by his wife Mary of Thomas, Mary, Daniel, Dorothy, Ann, Josias, Joel, and Isaac.

One of the first of the family to emigrate to America was John Bailey who settled at Salisbury, Mass., in 1635. He was from Chippenham, Wiltshire. He left a son Robert and

two daughters in England and brought with him another son, John and a daughter Johanna.

Johanna married William Huntington in 1640. John, son of the emigrant John, married Eleanor Emery and made his home at Newbury. Their children were Rebecca, John, Sarah, Joshua, Joseph, James, Isaac, Rachel, Judith, and two others who died young.

In 1638 one Richard Bailey came from Southampton to Lynn, Mass. and married Edna Lambert, who gave him a son Joseph. Joseph removed to Salem and had issue by his wife Abigail, children Abigail and Richard and perhaps others.

Thomas Bayley is on record in Weymouth, Mass., prior to 1640. He may have been previously of Virginia. He was the father of John, Thomas, Samuel and Esther. John, son of Thomas, had two children by his wife Hannah. They were John and Thomas.

Thomas, son of Thomas the emigrant, married Ruth Porter in 1660 and was the father by her of Christian, Samuel, Mary, Sarah, Ruth, Martha and Thomas.

Samuel, youngest son of the emigrant Thomas, had issue by his wife Mary of Samuel, Mary, James, John, and Joseph.

In the year 1640 James Bailey came to Salem, Mass. from England. He was the brother of Richard of Lynn, and the father of John, Lydia, Jonathan, Demaris, James, Thomas, and Samuel. Of these, Jonathan died young, and Samuel and Thomas died without issue.

John, eldest son of James, married Mary Mighill in 1668 and had Jonathan, Ann, Nathaniel, Thomas, James, Mary, Elizabeth, Lydia and John.

James, son of the emigrant James, married Elizabeth Johnson in 1680. He made his home at Rowley, Mass., and was the father of James, Elizabeth, John, Hannah, and Samuel.

In 1652 one Thomas Bayley was living at New London, Conn. Two years later he married Lydia Redfield, who was

the mother by him of Mary, Thomas, John, William, James, Joseph and Lydia. A few years later a William Bailey became a resident of Newport, R. I. He married Grace Parsons and had Joseph, John, Edward, Hugh and Stephen.

In 1661 Samuel Bailie of Weymouth had his first child by his wife of the same name. His other children were James, John and Joseph.

John Bailey, an early settler of Scituate, Mass., married Sarah White in 1673. Their offspring were John, Sarah, Mary, Joseph, Benjamin, William, Hannah and Samuel.

JOEL BAYLY of the Westbrook line of the family came with his brother Daniel to Chester County, Penn., about 1681. They were the owners of much land and the holders of many public offices.

JOEL married ANN SHORT and had issue by her of Mary, Ann, Daniel, Isaac, Joel, Thomas, John and Josiah.

The descendants of these various branches of the Bailey or Bayley families have spread to practically every State of the Union, and have aided as much in the growth of the country as their ancestors aided in the founding of the nation. They have been noted for their courage, industry, ambition, strength of will, and implicit faith in God and in humanity.

Among those of the family who fought as officers in the Revolutionary War were Colonel John Bailey of Mass., Brigadier-General Jacob Bailey or Bayley, Captain John Bailey of Virginia, Captain Joshua Bayley of N. H., and Captain Lemuel Bailey of R. I.

John, Joseph, Thomas, Samuel, Daniel, James, Levi and Sumner, are some of the Christian names most favored by the family for its male members.

A few of the many members of the family who have distinguished themselves in more recent times in America are

Joseph Weldon Bailey of Texas, *Senator* 1863-1929

Solon Irving Bailey of N. H., *Astronomer*, 1854-1931

William Whitman Bailey of New York, *Botanist*, 1843-1914

James Roosevelt Bayley of New York, *Theologian*, 1814-1877

Early History of the Bayleys or Baileys

In the year of 1640 JAMES BAYLEY came to Salem, Mass. from England. He was known as the immigrant and as far as can be learned, lived in Salem all his life.

This JAMES was the father of

John	2	b	1635
Lydia	2	b	1637
Jonathan	2	b	1639
Damaris	2	b	1641
James	2	b	1643
Thomas	2	b	1645
Samuel	2	b	1647

John 2 eldest son of James 1, married Mary Mighill in 1668 and their children were:

Johnathan	3	b	1669
Ann	3	b	1671
Nathaniel	3	b	1673
Thomas	3	b	1675
James	3	b	1677
Mary	3	b	1679
Elizabeth	3	b	1681
Lydia	3	b	1683
John	3	b	1685

Nathaniel Bayley 3 seems to be the progenitor of the Bayleys or Baileys that eventually settled in the southeastern section of New York State. Two of Nathaniel's sons, Nathan 4 and Nicholas 4 went to New Haven where they married and later removed to New York State and bought land and built their houses in the township of Rye, a large tract which included the present townships of Harrison and White Plains and extended from the Sound westward to the Bronx river.

This was the beginning of the Bayley history in Westchester County and from Nicholas and Nathan sprang the long list of Baileys that grew to maturity and in turn pushed further north and finally settled amid the forests and uncultivated fields of Westchester and Putnam counties as this area was later to be called.

After leaving Rye the children of Nicholas and Nathan adopted the name "Bailey" which still stands.

Nicholas and Nathan lived and died in southern Westchester County, arrived about 1696, raised their family and cultivated their farms.

Nicholas Bayley married Margaret.....last name not of record, and raised two sons, Nathan and John, and one daughter, Abiah, who married John Ryle of Foster's Meadow, L. I.

From Nathan 4 descended the sturdy sons and daughters who were destined to help form the early civilization of northern Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties. Each had a conspicuous part in the social, religious and civil affairs of their communities. Several were on committees of their village or town. Others were supervisors of the town in which they lived.



The Clan of Nathan

His Descendants

NATHAN BAYLEY	4	b	1687-8
		d	1738
		m 1st	1707
		Mary Squares, daughter of Thomas Squares of Wood- bury, Conn.	
	m	2nd 1709 (about)	
		Esther Caniff in Rye, N. Y. After Nathan's death Esther married Isaac Law- rence of East Chester, N. Y.	

Children

Of Mary the first

Nathaniel	5	b	1708
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He was called Nathan's only living son
in 1698

Of Esther the 2nd

Margarieta	5	b Aug. 2, 1710
Mary	5	b 1712
Rachel	5	b Oct. 26, 1713
John	5	b Mar. 25, 1716
Elizabeth	5	b Jan. 5, 1719

NATHANIEL BAYLEY 5 b 1708

d June 1768

m 1st

Ruth Galpin 1728

m 2nd

Leah DeVeaux 1740 (about)

Children

Of Ruth the first

Nathaniel	6 b	1729
Nathan	6 b	1731
Levi	6 b	1734
Nehemiah	6 b	1737
Jane	6 b	1730
Abigail	6 b	1733
Elizabeth	6 b	1738
Ruth	6 b	1736

Of Leah the Second

Leah	6 b	1741
Keziah	6 b	1743

Descendants of Nathaniel 5 in the sixth generation were the probable settlers of the Bailey family who went to northern Westchester County to make for themselves and their families a home fashioned out of the wild lands for many years owned by the Indian nation of the Catonahs. It was therefore the privilege of the sons of Nathaniel 5 to help clear and cultivate the Salem reservation.

To these four brothers, Nathaniel, Nathan, Levi and Nehemiah, sons of Nathaniel 5 belong the credit and honor of contributing to the life, energy and perseverance that

made the virgin lands into a teaming civilization of productive farms.

Of the women of this branch of the Baileys,

Jane	6	m	Joseph Harper
Abigail	6	m	John Minthorn
Elizabeth	6	m	Caleb Haight
Ruth	6	m	Gideon Binsel





THE HUNDRED ACRES

Dingle Ridge
Brewster, New York

NATHANIEL BAILEY 6

m Hannah

Lived in New Town, Queens
County, L. I., in or about
1738.

Children

b 1750
in New Town, L. I.

Nathaniel not finding the farm lands of Long Island to his liking, crossed the Sound in boats and joined his three brothers who with the Browns, Quicks, Purdys, Keelers, Ryders, Fields and many others, and after the hardships encountered on the trek through the wilderness, finally took up lands in the Salems while some continued on and settled in that section of the Oblong near South East.

South East was opened and settled in 1730 and it is reasonable to believe that Nathaniel squatted on land in the Oblong either as tenant or owner. Moreover, the oblong was not sold to the future owners until after the Revolution.

Nathaniel located in Fredericksburg Precinct, South East on Lot No. 9 in the Oblong. No. 9 was formerly owned by Roger Morres and Mary, his wife. It was confiscated after the Revolution and sold in farm sections to various persons, most of whom were already tenants.

Nathaniel is mentioned on Tax List in Frederick Precinct in 1777, therefore he was the owner of property. See Confiscation and sale of Phillipsie Patent, page 87.

It therefore follows that Nathaniel's descendants remained in and around South East or Dingle Ridge.

JOSEPH BAILEY	7	b		1750
			in New Town, L. I.	
	d			1815
m	Nancy Field	she was		
	born in			1749
	d			1832

Children

Stephen	8	b	1776
James	8	b	1780
Mary	8	b	1781-2
Hannah	8	b	1783
Susannah	8	b	1784
Rebecca	8	b	1785
Samuel	8	b	1786
GILBERT	8	b	1787
Peleg	8	b	1790

Of the descendants of Joseph the women married and made homes for themselves.

Hannah	m	Henry Vannold
Susannah	m	David Close
Mary	m	Hazard Field
Rebecca	m	Elijah King

Reported in the Will of Joseph

The men found their mates as follows:

Stephen	m	Susan Folger
James	m	(no record)
Samuel	m	(no record)
	d	March 27, 1854
Peleg	m	Rachel, no children
	d	Jan. 22, 1810

GILBERT BAILEY 8 b	Jan. 19, 1787
d	Nov. 7, 1852
m	May 22, 1811
	Nancy Reed

Gilbert lived in Dingle Ridge, Putnam County, N. Y. He was nicknamed "Dingle Gil" to distinguish him from the Paterson Gilbert Bailey.

Children

Marie Reed 9	b	April 26, 1812
Daniel Fowler 9	b	Jan. 26, 1814
Peleg Reed 9	b	Mar. 26, 1816
Elizabeth Jane 9	b	May 21, 1818
Delia Caroline 9	b	Sept. 10, 1820
Devoe Fowler 9	b	Aug. 13, 1823
George Fowler 9	b	Apr. 17, 1826
Halycon Gilbert 9	b	Aug. 25, 1828
Alpha Zereline 9	b	Feb. 20, 1830
Flora Ann 9	b	Dec. 2, 1832
Jordon Layton 9	b	Apr. 10, 1834
FESTUS C 9	b	Aug. 21, 1837

Of the descendants of Gilbert the women

Marie Reed	m	John Henderson
Elizabeth Jane	m	Samuel Ryder
Delia Caroline	m	Allen Rundle
Alpha Zereline	m	Charles Bailey
Flora Ann	m	Died 1 year 6 mos.

The male descendants married as follows:

Daniel Fowler	d	July 21 1884	unmarried
Peleg Reed	d	July 19 1840	unmarried
Devoe Fowler	d	June 6 1865	
	m	Dec. 17 1856	Luey Brush
George Fowler	d	Aug. 25 1884	
	m	Sept. 24 1857	Sarah E. Ganina
Halycon Gilbert	d	Feb. 20 1893	
		Oct. 31 1858	Emily Keeler
Jordon Layton	m	Oct. 21 1863	Elvinea Close
	d	Feb. 20 1893	



FESTUS C. BAILEY

FESTUS C. BAILEY 9 b Aug. 21 1837

d June 12 1908

m Dec. 25 1863

Tamar Lyons

Festus was a commission merchant in New York City. He traveled on the Harlem Division from Brewster and was a familiar patron of the railroad and a genial companion for any who chanced to meet him on his daily trips.

Children

Halycon Gilbert 10 b April 2 1873

May Tamar 10 b Nov. 27 1874



From GILBERT BAILEY 8

The name of O'Connor was added to the Bailey genealogy when May Tamar Bailey married Patrick O'Connor, on August 31, 1910 and two daughters were born of that marriage at the Dingle Ridge homestead.

These daughters May and Ruth grew to maturity and married. They were educated to be teachers and followed their chosen profession for several years, May at Purdy's High School and Ruth at Valhala High School, then later married.

May became the wife of Dr. Mathew F. Ratchford and lives (1948) in the old homestead in Dingle Ridge, Putnam County, New York.

Ruth became Mrs. Dana Opp, Jr. their latest address being Rectory, Virginia. Mr. Opp has had a most interesting career. After graduating from Annapolis, Class of '42, he joined the marines, spent 3 years on sea duty, U. S. S. Philippine Sea, including its trip to the South Pole with Admiral Byrd.

What could be more interesting than the addition of a photo just received of little 3 year old Patricia Ruth Opp, born in Santa Barbara, California, June 16, 1944, the last descendant in the direct line from Gilbert Bailey 8, a distinction worthy of ancient Heraldry among the nobility of American tradition.





MRS. RUTH OPP

MRS. MAY BLATCHFORD



PATRICIA RUTH OPP
born Santa Barbara, Calif., Jan. 16, 1944

HALYCON GILBERT BAILEY 10 b April 2 1873
m Feb. 16 1905
Ann Louise Hines

MAY TAMAR BAILEY 10 b Nov. 27 1874
d Sept. 22 1932
m
Patrick O'Connor

Children

May 11	b Aug. 10 1913
Ruth 11	b Jan. 10 1912

EMMA BENEDICT KEELER

A pure idealist, faithful to her principles and practical in all things.

It was, or I should say "is" my privilege to know her and my good fortune to count her as my friend, blessed with a keen discriminating mind, and a kind heart. Her old fashioned dignity adds a charm of simplicity and sincerity.

I knew her first as she emerged from her teen age, and admired her vivacious acts, both intellectually and spiritually and when she finished her high school course and began her career in the lure of business employment of her choice, there always radiated the capable acumen that won her the best of everything.

Visiting her father's home in Croton Falls, one stepped into the atmosphere of higher family associations, and indeed the home of a Baptist clergyman could not be otherwise.

Emma Benedict Keeler is the mother of three sons, all married and have children, though in advanced life she is keen to everything for the uplift of mankind, and the success of her old friends in their life's journey, to struggle through.

It gives me great pleasure to write here that Mrs. Keeler has given me valuable assistance in preparing this history and I also wish to add that I could not have easily completed this genealogy without her valuable help and encouragement regarding many issues on which I was not familiar.

THE CLAN OF LEVI

EARLY HISTORY

LEVI BAILEY WAS THE FIRST OF THAT NAME to settle in Northern Westchester County, N. Y. He was born in the southern part of the county, probably Port Chester or Rye, on the Sound. Tradition inclines to the town of Rye as the most probable place. Tradition as well as history records that the township of Rye in Westchester County was named after the old English Rye in the County of Sussex, England. The town of Rye formerly comprehended Harrison and White Plains, but these towns were separately organized on March 27, 1788.

LEVI purchased six hundred and forty acres of land in the town of North Salem about 1769, having come here with his family at an earlier date. With him came the Quicks, Hyatts, Purdys, Cranes, Brown, Hortons and Meads, who purchased lands and erected buildings in Somers and North Salem. Others who came about this time settling in Putnam County to the north were the Pierces, Fields, Sherwoods, Ferrises and Stevens. Still others with familiar names settled in South Salem about the time that North and South Salem were carved from the large town of Salem.

These people intermarried so that their descendants are closely related. These early settlers were thrifty farmers and their sturdy husbandry can be seen today in the rolling country and still productive farm lands through out these townships.

The original Baileys were Quakers and tradition places their "Meeting House" near the lake in the north eastern part of the county, more recently called "Peach Lake." Memorials in the old Quaker Burying Ground are inscribed with the record of Levi and his wife, also Gilbert 2 and his wife.

LEVI owned 227 acres lying one and one half miles east of the village of Croton Falls which is 56 miles north of New

York City. This village is situated in the North Salem township which was erected from the old Township of Salem on March 7, 1790. This portion of the Salems may have been originally part of the lands belonging to the Great Sachem CATONAH whose territory according to tradition extended from the Sound to Danbury Connecticut. The Indian village of Pechquenakonck was located in this section of Westchester County, and the old Indian Burying Ground was on the estate of Hon. Isaac Purdy. The south and western part of the county was wild and uncultivated at this time and was termed the Great Hunting Grounds. Van Der Donck in 1656 writes that "Buffaloes are terribly plenty."

The Titicus River rising among the hills of North Salem and Connecticut derives its name from the Indian name "Mut-ighticoos." In about 1890 the City of New York acquired all the land of the valley of the Titicus River from three miles east of Purdys and constructed a great Dam that made the ancient river a beautiful reservoir to supply drinking water for the City.

LEVI built a typical New England wood frame house on the Croton Falls farm, consisting of two stories with a sloping roof. It had a hall in the middle with front doors opening to the driveway and a stairway leading to the second floor. On the first floor left side was a guest room and a bedroom directly back of it. On the right was a large living room, dining room and kitchen in the rear. Fireplaces for burning logs were in each room, but in later years these heating facilities were replaced by a furnace. A conservatory for flora culture, opening out of the living room was an attraction to the many visitors who frequently came to share the hospitality of this home.

The descendants of LEVI seemed to hold to agriculture and cattle raising and did not care to depart from the beaten path. The annual balance from the dairy and sale of live stock of every kind as from the proceeds derived from the marketing of the surplus hay, grain and garden produce earned the farmers of that day a good living. The cost of labor was extremely low so that the work expense was kept well in hand. Horses and oxen were utilized and the family had their personal riding and driving horses to use at pleasure.

Such was the life of the Westchester farmer and their families fifty to one hundred years ago. The methods employed by the present generation do not show a perceptible change in the laborious part of the tillage of the land. A large barn in which was housed the hay and live stock was later erected. It would accommodate fifty milk cows and stood a short distance in the rear meadow accessible to the pasture where a small brook fed by springs coming from the hills in the rear and north of the barn supplied plenty of water.

Back of the cattle barn and to the east was a large orchard that in good years produced an abundance of apples, peaches and pears and other choice varieties.



BAILEY GENEAOLOGY

CLAN OF LEVI

LEVI 1, b 1716 d

m JANE GILCHRIST, February
11, 1741. Lived in Croton Falls

LEVI BAILEY 1, was the pioneer settler of the Baileys in Westchester County. We hear of him first in 1769 when he purchased a large tract of land in North Salem, a part of which was the 227 acre farm near Croton Falls where he lived and reared most of his twelve children.

CHILDREN

Hester	2	b	Jan. 5, 1742	m. John Stevens
Levi	2	b	Mar. 9, 1744	
Leah	2	b	Sept. 22, 1745	
James	2	b	Oct. 8, 1747	
William	2	b	July 6, 1749	
Devou	2	b	Mar. 18, 1751	
Elizabeth	2	b	Nov. 19, 1753	
Stephen	2	b	April 15, 1755	
Daniel	2	b	July 6, 1757	
Gilbert	2	b	Sept. 16, 1759	
Sarah	2	b	Sept. 16, 1761	m Nathan Brown
Thomas	2	b	April 17, 1765	

Of the remaining children of LEVI 1, very little can be found of most of them, However:

- 5 LEVI 2 b March 9, 1744, went to Canada, married and had at least two children, John 3 and Cloe 3
- 6 WILLIAM 2 b July 6, 1749, went to Nova Scotia, married and had two children, Levi 3 and Esther 3
- 7 DANIEL 2 b July 6, 1757, definite residence not known. Had two children, Daniel 3 and Deborah 3
- 8 THOMAS 2 b Apr. 17, 1765, seems to have resided in Somers, married Sarah Horton and had four children, Jacob 3, Deborah 3, Levi 3, Sarah 3



WHIGS and TORIES

AFTER THE RESTORATION, or the return of Charles II to England in 1660, the English divided themselves into two factions, and named one the Country Party and the other the Court Party, and to these the names of Whig and Tory were applied. The main differences were founded upon the beliefs or opposition evidenced by the Papists and the Presbyterians. The Whigs maintained that the Parliament should have the power over the Crown, while the Tories upheld the Crown.

The names of these parties did not mean anything, but the issues arising varied. In the beginning of the 18th Century the Whigs supported the large land owners and the Tories, the Crown. This lasted until George the Third's accession to the throne when the political sentiments again changed.

The political quarrels in the old country found sympathizers among the colonists who began to feel their importance as well as independence because the separation of 3000 miles from England would make it difficult for the English army to encounter, should it start a conquest of the colonies. However, the Colonists determined to resist acts of oppression that were gradually appearing.

Doubtless such sentiments animated the far reaching men to whom liberty was so sweet and power so enchanting. They feared their ambition would be hidden under the burden of taxation and ultimately make them slaves.

There was great veneration for English tradition and law among the leaders. The love they professed for England was more an ideal sentiment than a feeling based upon the

true opinions of the colonists, except by the aristocrats and men of rank.

Moreover, the people of the eastern colonies were soon compelled to choose between their early allegiance or admit their devotion to the institutions created or adopted in the new country. They had to deny the right to tax them without their own consent, and this denial of the right naturally led to resistance.

It soon followed that any one with Tory sentiments cropping up caused irritation, to the end that a person entertaining Tory beliefs was ordered to leave the country. In some instances of record, individuals were tried before a tribunal and if found guilty of being a Tory they were sentenced to be hung.



LEVI 1

Devaux 2	William 3			Vernon 6
	Joseph 3		Sumner 5	Victor 6
James 2	Levi 3			Merton 6
< GILBERT 2				Marion 6
Thomas 2	Floyd 3	< GILBERT FIELD 4	< CURTIS 5	Percival 6
William 2	Lyman 3	Mary 4		Harold 6
Levi 2	Jane 3			Gilbert 6
Daniel 2	Elizabeth 3	Harriet 4	Edith 5	Donald 6
	Emiline 3			Clayton 6
				Charles 6
				Georgiana 6

NORTH SALEM

It ought to be remembered that long after the discovery of this country by the Dutch in 1609 and up to a very late period, Salem and all the adjoining territory was an unexplored wilderness.

The Indian Chiefs of that period granted to Stephanus Van Courtlandt, a large tract extending from about Danbury, Conn. to the present Bronx County boundary bordering the shores of Long Island Sound.

By Will dated April 14, 1700, Stephanus Van Courtlandt devised the whole manor of Courtlandt to his eleven children. He died in or about 1734. These said heirs partitioned the land so that North Salem fell to the shares of Andrew Teller, John Schuyler and Stephen de Lancey. The latter married Anne Van Courtlandt and on their deaths their interests reverted or descended to their five sons and two daughters.

On December 29, 1744, James de Lancey, son of Stephen, conveyed all his lands in North Salem to his second son, Stephen de Lancey who stood seized for the use for life, with remainder to his issue male, in fee tail male, to wit: All the land in the manor of Courtlandt in the county of Westchester, Lots No. 9 and 10. These were again subdivided into 36 smaller lots or farms which were leased on long terms by Stephen. The whole area was about four miles square.

In 1769, Stephen de Lancey and Hannah, his wife conveyed certain lands in North Lot No. 10, and later released certain other lots in the town to the Carpenters, Baileys, Rogers, Lobdells, Nashs, Purdys, Nortons, Tituses and Reynolds.

January 1, 1795 Stephen de Lancey conveyed all the remainder of his estate in the town to his brother John Peter de Lancey, who by will, dated January 1823 devised all his farm lands in North Salem, in fee to his three daughters, Elizabeth, Martha and Susan Augusta, wife of James Fenimore Cooper, Esq. Subsequently that portion of land lying east was included in the township of North Salem making it about six miles from east to west, and four miles from north to south.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD WESTCHESTER COUNTY

This township was formed from a part of the TARQUAMS Tract bought by Captain Nathaniel Turner from the Indians in 1640.

The Tarquams Tract extended eight miles along Long Island Sound and reached sixteen miles westerly into the wilderness. The first settlement was made in 1680. The permission for the settlement being granted by the Town of Stamford to twenty-two settlers who in turn bought the said tract of land from Katonah, Rockaway and some other Indian Chiefs for a payment of forty-six (46) pounds and six pence, English money.

7673 Acres of this tract were set aside and staked out in a square, the dimensions being eight square miles. This section became the Town of Bedford. The population of Bedford in 1910 was 5629.





ELEPHANT INN

Somers, Westchester County, New York



THE BANK ROOM



THE BANQUET HALL

SOMERS

The name, SOMERS was bestowed upon the northeast portion of the township of Amawalk in honor of Captain Somers in 1608. Captain Somers was one of the gallant heroes of the Tripolitan War in which Captain Somers was the recognized hero of that combined land and water engagement.

Locally the name became Somerstown and later it was called Somers Plains. About this time it developed into a market for lean cattle and sheep to which farmers from a distance of one hundred or more miles away brought many droves and sold to traffickers in live stock, who in turn fattened the cattle and sheep upon the fertile plains around Somers and when ready they sold to the city market butchers.

Soon it was found necessary to establish a central place to handle the money and financial matters of the dealers and the Farmers and Drovers Bank of Somers was organized in 1839 with a capital of \$111,000. The first president was Horace Bailey, Esq. The Directors of the incorporators being Horace Bailey and twelve others including Solomon Bailey of Croton Falls, N. Y.

Somers Plains at this time was a live and prosperous village with a hotel under the management of Horace Bailey, Esq. This hotel was called the "Elephant Hotel" for the reason that a small bronze elephant was mounted on a granite shaft in front of the hotel to commemorate the memory of "OLD BET" the first of its kind in America.

Closely linked to Somers is the adjoining village of Croton Falls; Formerly it was known as Owensville and occupied the northeast corner of Somers, bordering the south line of Putnam County. Later the name became Croton Falls and the land was joined to North Salem. This pretty village of Croton Falls nestling among the Westchester hills with the Croton River winding its way down an incline affords excellent hydraulic power just north of the village. Here two manufacturing establishments flourished for years.

THE CROTON FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH

THE HISTORY of the Baileys, Fields, and Fowlers beginning with those residing in the northern sector of Westchester County and including the descendants of the Purdys, Quicks, and Ferris's and many other more or less familiar names, were centrally bound together by their affiliation with the Croton Falls Baptist Church. Our high regard and reverence for this house of worship impels a desire to include in this history, a chapter telling of the good work of the Rev. Victor W. Benedict and his life long service to the church and its followers.

Victor W. Benedict made the most appropriate choice of his life when he concluded he must have an assistant before he could qualify for the duties that awaited him. On January 5, 1862 he married Julia Elizabeth Clark who soon proved she was not only a help mate but an assistant Pastor as well.

He prepared for the ministry and received his license to preach, January 16, 1868; was ordained February 11, 1869 at Danbury, Conn. During this time he was organizing for the future at Croton Falls, N. Y., also while the edifice was in building, the eleven original members of the first congregation of the Baptist belief in Croton Falls were soon increased by others coming from miles around.

During his pastorate here he was for many years Moderator of the Union Baptist Association for Northern Westchester County. Croton Falls was his first pastorate and he their first minister. He remained there thirty-three years or until death separated him from all he held dear on earth.

His sterling and exemplary character could well claim

the praise and commendation to a high degree from his friends and neighbors. His influence extended for miles around, to black and white, to rich and poor. He was ready to advise and sympathize at all times and on all occasions. In matters of the town and countryside he took a keen interest, and when he died the whole community mourned. At his funeral there were eleven ministers of different denominations and one Roman Catholic.

He was always fortunate in having workers in full sympathy with the healthy growth of the church. The organist and choir leadership began in early years with Mrs. G. F. Bailey and continued with Mr. Elbert C. Purdy, son of John Purdy, a life long resident and merchant of Croton Falls.



THE CROTON FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH

DEDICATORY

Written for the Dedication of the Croton Falls
Baptist Church by Gilbert F. Bailey

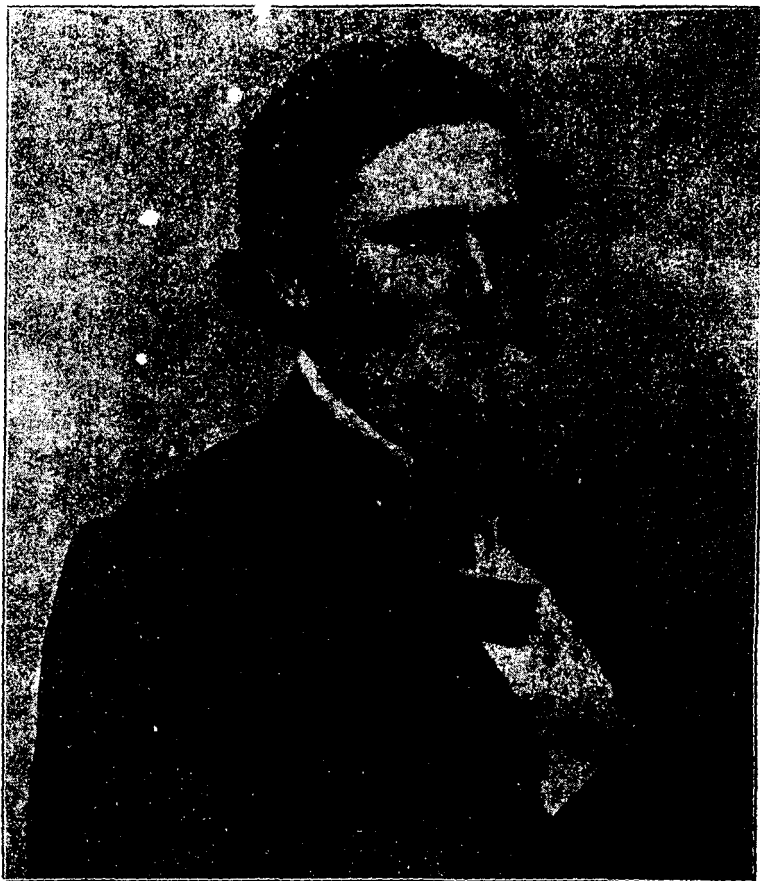
*O God, where echoing hills have rung
Their anthems out since time was young,
And flowery vales in silence sing.
Hosannas to their Lord and King,
We lift our hearts in reverence free,
And one more temple give to thee.*

*Sweet river, winding to the main,
Thy song of rippling wave has been
And shall be chorus to the hymn
All nature's melody doth bring;
So blending with thy notes, we raise
Our temple's hallowed song of praise*

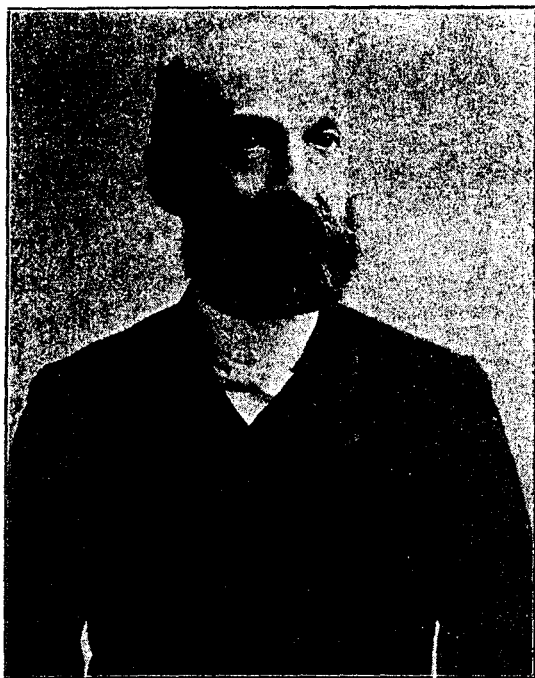
*We rear these sacred towers high
In freedom's bracing natal sky;
And bless the land that gave to thee
An honest worship, pure and free;
Where charity its chorus swells
In chiming chords of Sabbath bells.*

*Then light this temple from above
And seal its service with Thy love;
Thy children's heart praise deign to own
With "still small voice" from Thee alone;
And Thou, from sinful passion save,
Who stilled the Galilean wave.*

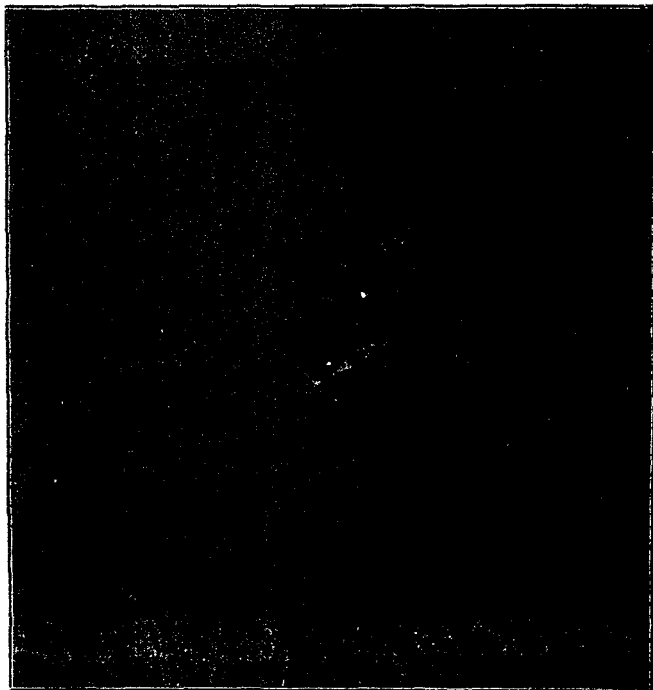
*Today we greet the India Wilds
And whisper hope to ocean isles;
Their pagan banners shall be furled,
And christian fanes shall gird the world,
Till incense sweet from altar prayer
Ascend the blue dome everywhere.*



GILBERT FIELD BAILEY



REV. VICTOR BENEDICT



JULIA C. BENEDICT

JOEL PURDY

JOEL PURDY was one of the landowners who resided in the township of North Salem at Croton Falls in the early part of the nineteenth century. He was instrumental in the movement to build the new Baptist Church. In earlier years he built Union Hall where the group of Christian worshippers held their meetings before the new edifice was erected, and before the regular pastor was chosen.

JOHN PURDY, son of Joel, opened a dry goods store in the village of Croton Falls where general merchandise could be had and offered for sale to the residents of Northern Westchester County. The Purdy store soon became popular with the people of the surrounding country and the facilities of the store had to be enlarged to make room for the increased demand.

John married for his second wife, Myra Wallace, who was a daughter of one the older families of this township. Before her marriage Miss Wallace taught in the village schools. Her integrity and estimable character was a lasting heritage to the youth of her time who came under her tutelage. Moreover she became a social leader among the young people of the community.

John had three sons, Frederick, Irving and Elbert, who married and had children. Each made for himself a place in the development of the village of Croton Falls. Like other sons of similiar members of the human race these sons were not called to fight in the wars that separated families, but the age limit that made the dividing line between warfare and the protection of the home prevailed to save them and their children from the horrors of war.

JAMES BAILEY

JAMES BAILEY 2 owned and lived on the farm land called the Wright farm lying on the road to Amawalk. He married ANN BROWN, daughter of Hackaliah Brown who came from Rye and bought several hundred acres of land in and around Somers Plains from Samuel Bayard in about the year 1760. This tract being in the northernmost part of the manor of Cordtland, extending to the dividing line of Dutchess and Westchester Counties, before Putnam County was apportioned: and from the south by bounds of Samuel Brown and east by the Croton River.

Records of the town meeting of Stephentown, which was later called Somers in 1786, show that William Horton was chosen clerk and Hackaliah Brown, Supervisor.

The first Methodist Episcopal Society of Somers was incorporated on May 10, 1794. Thomas Bailey, brother of James was one of the incorporators.

In the rear of the old Presbyterian Church which still stands on the main street of Somers, in view of the highway, the original Union Burying Ground is located. This ancient cemetery has been for years a sacred attraction and object of interest to the many people who pass by, many of whom are descendants of these pioneer settlers. Memorials to the Browns, Wrights, Crosbys, Cranes, Owens, Finches, Baileys, Turks, Whites and many others are still preserved. On one prominent memorial can be seen this faded inscription:

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

JAMES BAILEY

Died November 13, 1826

Age—79 Years, 1 Month, 16 Days

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES 2

JAMES 2, Levi 1.

b October 8, 1747 d November 13, 1826
 m Ann Brown, Lived in Somers, N. Y.

ANN BROWN was the daughter of Hackaliah Brown who came from Rye, N. Y. and purchased a large tract of land, in the very early days on the northwest of the road from Somers to Croton Falls extending to what is now Warren Street and running north from the corner of Amawalk Road along the easterly boundary of the Crane Farm. On the north of the Cranes lies the Robert Hyatt farm.

CHILDREN

Hackaliah	3
Horace	3
Stephen	3
Susan	3
Elizabeth	3
Theodore	3
Mary	3
Jane	3
Ann	3

HACKALIAH BAILEY

HACKALIAH BAILEY 3, Son of James 2, was born in Somers about 1775. He early developed an adventurous inclination,—may have been his tendency to dream, but whatever may have been his motive it is sure that he made plans for a vocation in which to gain his livelihood wholly different from the usual routine of his father's environment.

After emerging from his "teens" to the age of maturity he conceived the idea that the general public liked entertainment and was eager to pay for it. His ambition became so compelling to give the people a different kind of pastime that would provide a thrill as well as an educational enjoyment that he grasped every possible novelty that would lead to that end.

In May, 1815, with the aid of his many friends he was soon equipped for a visit to Europe but chance prevented his carrying out his well laid plans. Leaving home with the intention of engaging passage on an Atlantic steamer and while in New York preparing to sail, Hackaliah overheard a conversation between two men to the effect that a sailing vessel had just arrived with an elephant on board. He hunted up the master of the Barkantine and made an offer for the elephant which was duly accepted. This was his greatest achievement and climaxed his early dreams.

Hackaliah had previously acquired a few curiosities,—a five legged calf, a sheep with two heads, a barking dog that seemed to speak some words, and now he was to add to his collection an elephant, wholly a novelty to the people of his surroundings. The elephant proved to be a great attraction and soon his fame reached a town in eastern Massachusetts where another kindred spirit, one Samuel Brown, was also engaged in a similar show enterprise but without an elephant as a drawing card.

Brown proposed to Bailey that if they should combine, it would make a bigger exhibition. Bailey agreed and the unwritten agreement provided that each should receive one half of the net proceeds.

While Hackaliah was in New York in the interest of the

show, Brown departed taking with him the elephant which had been named "Old Bet" in honor of Hackaliah's wife, Betsie. On his return, not a trace of the show could be found. It had disappeared entirely. Hackaliah secured a good shot gun and followed, locating Brown with the show in Massachusetts. He forthwith demanded his half of the receipts, which were promptly refused. Raising his shot gun he told his rascally partner that he would shoot his half of the elephant unless half of the money was forked over.

Hackaliah won, and he returned to Somers with his half of the money plus the elephant. Other importations of animals quickly followed and his show grew until he had accumulated a large Zoological Exhibition with which he made annual visits to the more settled portions of the state and to some cities and towns of adjoining states.

Subsequently the show business became so popular and the profits so alluring that many farmers began to sell everything that was not nailed down and even sold their farms to obtain cash to exchange for curiosities that people would desire to see. Freaks of nature were eagerly bought from people who had them to offer. About this time, Bethel, Connecticut produced Phineas T. Barnum, who later became a great showman.

Hackaliah, moreover, was King and everything seemed to come his way. He began to absorb the smaller companies until the combination of several uniting made one grand traveling menagerie and Hackaliah was the undisputed master.

The show owned by Thadeus and Gerard Crane of Somers who with the celebrated lion-tamer, Van Amburgh, as well as the show owned by Lewis Titus and John Jane of North Salem were among the several absorbed by the impresario Hackaliah.

Through the energy and perseverance of George Fox Bailey 4, son of Hackaliah 3, the circus and menagerie developed into much greater proportions, and in the eighties the circus proclivities of the Baileys reached a climax when George became joint owner with P. T. Barnum and the "Greatest Show on Earth" seemed to be fully realized for several years under the partnership management of BARNUM & BAILEY. Later George F. retired from the show business

and a young man who was James Anthony McGinnes of Pontiac, Michigan, developed an aptitude for circus performances and accepted the invitation of Barnum to become his partner.

In May's book entitled "ROME TO RINGLING", recently published, we are indebted for the following historical sketch of James A. Bailey.

It was in Pontiac that James was initiated into the show business. He was an orphan, living with his cousin and working as chore boy for the proprietor of a hotel and livery. He was not happy in his surroundings and when the circus, owned by Frederick Harrison Bailey who claimed to be a distant relative of Hackaliah Bailey of Somers, arrived in Pontiac, James was eager to join. After the show left Pontiac James took the name of Bailey and was afterwards known as James Anthony Bailey. Later he united with one Cooper who was giving exhibitions in Kentucky. He had become so keen in the management of the circus that Cooper soon made him a partner and under the firm name of Cooper and Bailey they traveled through the middle west.

THE TWO BAILEYS became competitors, until one of James' elephants gave birth to a baby elephant. This attraction was too much for Barnum to resist and he offered James One hundred thousand dollars for Baby Elephant, and the offer was accepted. Not long after James A. Bailey replaced George F. Bailey and the show still was known as Barnum & Bailey until 1891 when P. T. Barnum died which left James A. Bailey monarch of the Greatest Circus on the Continent.

Before the demise of Barnum, James hunted Europe for the greatest attraction possible and finally selected the biggest elephant in captivity. He brought 'JUMBO' to America, and amid the greatest ovation ever accorded these celebrated showmen, Jumbo walked from the landing pier to fame thru the streets of New York.

So it seems that the success of all gigantic undertakings built upon the fantastic imagination of mankind, intending to create the greatest amusement, excite the wonder, fealty, fidelity, loyalty, patriotism and love of the people throughout all the ages, has hinged or relied for the production of the different degrees of enjoyment or exultation, more upon some monstrosity or animal, than upon the possession of all the virtues to which mankind is heir.

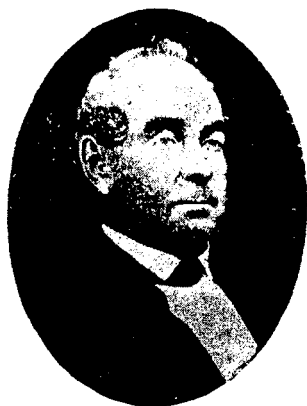
Alonzo B. Thacker

This history of SOMERS would not be complete without due mention of the sterling qualities of one of Somer's first citizens. Mr. Alonzo B. Thacker, who gave a long and useful life to the safety and protection of the finances of his many neighbors and friends. Not only a most exemplary citizen but for many years a true and faithful member of Somer's business enterprises. President and cashier of the Farmers and Drovers Bank of Somers, a position he held until the close of his life.

Alonzo B. Thacker deserves the plaudits of his many friends throughout northern Westchester County wherever his generous help and financial assistance were needed. His companionship made a lasting friendship with General U. S. Grant whenever the General stepped down from the train at Purdy's, and their jovial good fellowship was evidenced by the laughter and jokes during their brief visits.

Mr. Thacker married one of Somers' young women, Sara Ann Bailey, whose father, Horace Bailey organized the Farmers and Drovers Bank of Somers and Mr. Thacker succeeded to the management of this bank which position he held until his death, March 23, 1895.

Sarah Ann Thacker's daughter married a young and brilliant medical student, Dr. Casselmann who began his practice at Purdys and later removed to a Western community.



SILAS WRIGHT
Governor New York State, 1850

Governor Silas Wright

SILAS WRIGHT was elected Governor of New York in 1844. He had been drafted for the nomination against his own wishes—because it was feared no other Democrat could be elected. Moreover, New York's electoral vote swept James K. Polk in as President and was commonly attributed at the time to the fact that Wright had run on the same ticket.

Today, Silas Wright may be all but forgotten, but back in 1830's and 1840's his name was a live wire, even newspapers called him CATO OF AMERICA, because he tilled his own farm.

Wright upheld the cause of Democracy in the U. S. Senate at the time Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun and other statesmen were there, and it was conceded that he ranked with the best. He was advanced as the most available Democratic Candidate for the Presidency in 1848. Martin Van Buren formally presented the name of Wright for Governor to the people of the State of New York—Wright reluctantly agreed to run and was nominated and elected by something over 10,000 plurality.

Moreover, he brought to his unsought-for-part of the Governorship a reputation for spotless integrity which his enemies could not attack; a record for statesmanship and native ability, a force of character which made certain that he would handle the problems of the state administration in accordance with sound principles.

In 1846, Benjamin Bailey of Putnam County, was a member of the New York State Assembly. He was one of the most talented perhaps of the whole Democratic party. He possessed a very acute and discerning mind of a high order.

Assemblyman Bailey gave the Democratic administration of Governor Wright most valuable endorsement.

Haackaliah 3 was the original showman and owner of "Old Bet" the first elephant ever brought to America.

Haackaliah	4
Calista	4
Daniel	4
George Fox	4

DANIEL 4 HACKALIAH 3, JAMES 2, LEVI 1,

DANIEL 4 b 1815 d 1888
 m Jane Harrison, Lived in Cross
 River, N. Y.

CHILDREN

55 Frederick Harrison 5, b 1835 d 1890
 Unmarried

Frederick Harrison 5 son of Daniel 4, likewise was a great showman, but gathered his exhibits independently of his grandfather, Hackaliah 3. He drove his menagerie through the west and while giving an exhibition in a small village of Pontiac, Michigan, he unintentionally aroused the latent desire for adventure in a young man named James Anthony McGinnis who was so enthused with the glamour of the circus that he stowed himself away in one of the wagons in the early morning hours and later appeared to Frederick's astonished gaze. So eager was he to join the circus that Frederick accepted him and later became so attached to James that he called him James Anthony Bailey, his assistant.

GEORGE FOX 4, HACKALIAH 3, JAMES 2, . LEVI 1

GEORGE FOX 4, b 1818 d 1903
 m Hortense Carpenter
 Lived in his later life time on his large farm
 in Brewster, N. Y.

CHILDREN

59 Aaron T. 5 d Unmarried
 60 Hortense 5 m Joseph Vail
 61 Josephine 5 m George Hoyt, Stamford, Conn.
 62 Estella 5 m John Bliss

GEORGE FOX BAILEY 4, probably succeeded to his father's growing business in the entertainment field, and starting where Hackaliah 3 left off he soon enlarged the menagerie and circus until he had one of the greatest exhibitions to come before the public in this as well as in other countries. His success seemed to be assured and the proceeds of the show business mounted to large figures. His enterprise and energy became the envy of other showmen, among whom was Phineas T. Barnum the king of all showmen. Barnum began his career in the old Broadway Museum. Barnum proposed that they combine their outfits and his offer was accepted. The firm name became "Barnum and Bailey," the "Greatest Show on Earth". This combination lasted until Bailey retired.

George Fox Bailey 4, was the son of Hackaliah 3, who followed his father in the show business, traveling Circus and Menagerie. He was the second great showman and later joined P. T. Barnum and the "Greatest Show on Earth."

Sidney Bailey 5, son of Hackaliah Bailey 4
 m Keeler

Children

 May Bailey 6
 m Walter E. Miller of Purdys

CALISTA 4, HACKALIAH 3, JAMES 2, LEVI 1

CALISTA 4 b ab 1800 d November 21 1879, Age 80
m ENOCH CROSBY, Jr. 1818

CHILDREN

57 Mary 5, 1824 d October 1, 1839
She was buried with her parents in the Spar.
58 Stephen 5, b d June 10, 1879
Sarah D. 6
Mary A. 6
James 6

CALISTA BAILEY 4, daughter of Hackaliah 3 married Enoch Crosby, Jr., son of Enoch Crosby, Sr., who was the original character in James Fenimore Cooper's book "The Spy." The old Union Hotel of Sing Sing, now Ossining, located on the southwest corner of South Highland Avenue and Church Street, built about 1800, comes into our cycle of events for the reason that Enoch Crosby, Jr. purchased the old Hostelry and he and Calista lived there and operated the ancient tavern more than a hundred years ago.

Contemporaneously, moreover, Calista's father, Hackaliah 3 built the famous Elephant Hotel at Somers. Soon afterwards Crosby became the proprietor of a stage line running between the Elephant Hotel and his Union Hotel in Sing Sing. Later Crosby extended the stage line to Paterson, Putnam County.

Enoch Crosby, Jr. died February 7, 1836 and just before his death he and Calista joined in a deed conveying Union Hotel to her father for a consideration of ten thousand dollars. Hackaliah held the property three months and on April 14, 1836 sold it to Simeon M. Thompkins for seven thousand dollars.

The Union Hotel was the village "Stage House" of the New York and Albany Turnpike Stage Company, the main stage line from the City to the State Capitol.

Scarf's "History of Westchester County" says: On extraordinary occasions when the Legislature was in session, as many as four stage coaches drawn by four horses each, fetched up daily at the old Union.

I am indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Shackleton for some delightful descriptions and allusions to the OLD ELEPHANT and take the liberty of using extracts from "Quest of the Colonial".

"The elder part of the Elephant Inn antedates the American Revolution by some years. The three story large building in front was erected in 1820 by Hakaliah Bailey when Somers was still on the main turnpike between New York and Albany—the Old Stage Route .

The village in its early days was called "Stephentown", after Stephen Van Rensselaer, known as "The Patron", the name afterward changed to Somers in honor of a patriot of the Revolutionary War.

The bricks of the house were baked by slaves in the field back of the neighboring lot.

Hakaliah Bailey, who was born in the old part and later owned the place, made his money that enabled him to erect the newer and more ambitious structure by importing the first Elephant brought to this country.

This elephant became a favorite to the countryside and "Old Bet" as she was called earned a fortune for Hakaliah through exhibiting her around the country. When she died he erected a monument atop of which is a replica of "Old Bet" which still stands in front of the historic Hotel.

The hallway of the old hostelry is a particularly interesting feature. The old Oriel window was taken out to give way for a door leading into the new building which connected the Hotel with a Ballroom in the second story of the older building. The ballroom was a good asset to the hotel. Its floor was called a "jump", being strung on separate uprights from those which supported the roof, making it delightfully 'springy'. Dances called the "7 to 7" were given each week and were known the country round. On Washington's Birthday a grand yearly ball was given, the lists being carefully prepared. Stage coaches arrived filled with gay parties from as far as New York.

HACKALIAH 4, HACKALIAH 3, JAMES 2, LEVI 1

HACKALIAH 4 b 1821 d 1910
 m SARAH ANN REYNOLDS, Lived in
 Somers and Brewster.

CHILDREN

Horace	5	1849-1921
Hackaliah	5	1854 Went to Columbia County in 1870
Jennie	5	1858-1927 m Shaw, Danbury
Sydney	5	1862-1916
Oscar	5	1865-1937

HACKALIAH 4 did not inherit his father's ambition in the showmaneraft but contented himself with the usual agricultural pursuits to gain a livelihood.

In 1906 the "Brewster Standard" had the following in its personal items:

"Hackaliah Bailey, now in his eighty-fifth year, has become a book agent. The volume he presents is entitled 'The Four Empires' by Mrs. McKinstry of Vermont."

HORACE 5, HACKALIAH 4, HACKALIAH 3,
JAMES 2, LEVI 1

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Children

127	Flora	6 b	1875
128	Norman	6 b	1878

Children

191	Reginald	7
186	Lyle	7
187	Edna	7
188	Shirley	7

129	Alice	6	b	1884	d	1935
130	Mamie	6	b	1886	d	
131	Ruth Ella	6	b	1888	d	
132	Sanford	6	b	1890	d	
133	Oscar	6	b	1892	d	

Children

189	Muriel	7
190	Edward	7

134	Esther	6 b	1896	d
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OSCAR 5, HACKALIAH 4, HACKALIAH 3,
JAMES 2, LEVI 1

Oscar 5 b 1865 d April 5, 1937
m ESTHER HAVILAND. Lived in Brewster, N. Y.

BAILEY—On Monday, April 5, 1937, Oscar Bailey, husband of Edna Mygatt Bailey, at his home, Brewster, N. Y., in his 72nd year. Funeral service Thursday, 2 p. m. at his late home.

CHILDREN

135	Miriam Esther	6	b		1903
			m	George Williams	
136	Hazel Irene	6	b		1904
			m	Solomon Heady	
137	Kenneth Oscar	6	b		1907
138	Helen Eunice	6	b		1909
			m	Walter J. Carrigan	

OSCAR BAILEY 5, son of Hackaliah 4 lived probably all his life in Brewster, N. Y. He married for his first wife Minnie Cable of North Salem. There were no children. For his second wife he married Esther Haviland and four children were born. For his third wife Miss Edna Mygott of Brewster became Mrs. Bailey and she still lives on the Brewster farm together with his son Kenneth who succeeded to the farm duties and management.

Oscar Bailey, 71, Dies
Grandson of Man Who Brought
First Elephant to U. S.

BREWSTER, N. Y., April 7—Oscar Bailey, grandson of Hackaliah Bailey, who brought the first elephant to America, died on Monday at his farm here. He was seventy-one years old. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edna Mygott Bailey; a son Kenneth Bailey, and three daughters, Miriam Esther Williams, Hazel Irene Heady and Helen Eunice Carrigan.

Mr. Bailey was a descendant of Levi Bailey, a pioneer settler in northern Westchester. His grandfather brought Old Bet, the elephant, to the United States more than 100 years ago, and a statue to its memory was erected at Somers in 1930. Mr. Bailey's uncle, George Fox Bailey, was associated in the show business with P. T. Barnum.

SYDNEY 5, HACKALIAH 4, HACKALIAH 3,
JAMES 2, LEVI 1

SYDNEY 5 b 1862 d 1916
m ADDIE KEELER of Ridgebury, Conn.

CHILDREN

139 Horace Ray 6 m Living at Mill Plains, Conn.
140 Mae 6 m John Miller, Purdys, N. Y.

From Cushman's Historical sketch of Westchester County from the later part of the seventeenth century to 1933, we read that the Elephant Hotel in Somers, N. Y. was built by Hackaliah Bailey in 1825 and named after "Old Bet" the first circus elephant in the country. When she died he erected a granite monument before the hotel with 'Old Bet's' miniature replica on top.

Somers is called the birthplace of the American Circus, and should have a place in the annals of American spirit and enterprise.

From a new book review, written by Burton Roscoe in the July issue of the Esquire, 1936, we find a brief summary of the book by Dexter Fellows entitled:

"This Way to the Big Show and the Life of Dexter Fellows."

The part applicable hereto is given briefly as follows:

"The circus is a typical and indigenous American institution. It began with one elephant. In 1815, one Hackaliah Bailey was in New York City where he learned that a sailing vessel had arrived in New York Harbor with an elephant among its cargo." He went to see the animal and had an idea. He offered to buy the elephant and succeeded in doing so for one thousand dollars."

"He shipped the beast to Ossining by boat and walked her to his farm where he housed her in a barn and charged the Yokels admission to take a look at her."

"Thousands came from all over the countryside, and then Bailey and "Old Bet" took to the road, traveling at night so people would not get a free look and exhibiting her in a tent in the day time."

"Bailey's success turned Connecticut from the nutmeg into the circus state. Farmers sold their rocky lands and chattels for elephants, lions and tigers and went into the show business." The most outlandish freak-of-nature yarns probably is traceable to the early publicity schemes of erstwhile farmers to draw attention to their exhibitions of two-headed calves, five-legged sheep and other oddities."

"These early independent exhibitors combined and enlarged their exhibitions, added side shows and menageries and instituted the three-ring circus under one canvas with all the modern acrobatics as we know them today."

DEXTER FELLOWS

ONE PERSON, among many who showed a deep interest in the tales about Old Bet, gradually developed a burning desire to do something in commemoration of the event of her arrival in this country.

From the day she trudged from Sing Sing to Somers. Her many nights lodging in Hackaliah's barn. Her life as a circus elephant, her experience on foot throughout several states and back again. Stolen, recaptured, brought back and, finally shot to death by some one of a mob of men and boys endeavoring to head her off when she bolted, broke her chains and started on a rampage in a small town in South Carolina in 1827. Throughout two generations the various tales of Old Bet's escapades inspired the imagination of the younger folks until a century of time reached a climax about 1920.

This person was DEXTER FELLOWS born in the west, identified with every enterprise based upon glamor and appearance, music and song-Buffalo Bill, Barnum, Ringling Brothers. He knew them all for he was King in the field of advertising and publicity whenever it brought dollars to the circus and young men and women to the canvas to see the Great Show.

The idea to commemorate the event of the arrival of the pioneer pachyderm, was conceived in the fertile brain of Mr. Fellows. He was sure that it was Old Bet that brought fame and riches to Hackaliah more than a century ago, and nothing could be more fitting than a memorial service on the one hundredth anniversary.

Accordingly Mr. Fellows laid his plans before Mr. Ringling, then stationed in New York City and won his ready approval, and OLD JOHN, a tractable beast of the circus was prepared for the trip to Somers to participate in the ceremonies. Fitted out with leather boots to protect his feet. Old John started for Somers, a distance of 52 miles, making the journey in two days. Mr. Simeon Brady opened the large

doors of his barn and Old John seemed pleased with the prospects of a good nights rest.

The following morning a cavalcade consisting of Mr. Fellows at the head, followed by many children of the countryside with older children, men and women marched behind a band consisting of two drums and a cornet player to the memorial of Old Bet in front of the Elephant Hotel. In waiting was a great company of Westchester County people eager to see the fun and enjoy the occasion.

Mr. William Bailey of Somers was chairman and master of ceremonies. The first on the program was the presentation of a wreath by Old John in honor of his ancestor in the realm of the way to the Great Show.

For the spirit of Old Bet, it was the privilege of Mr. Oscar Bailey, a grandson of Hackaliah Bailey, to receive the wreath and place it on the memorial Replica standing majestically atop the granite shaft at the junction of the two familiar roadways.

After the singing of the National Anthem by the boys of the Lincoln Agricultural School, the exercises closed following remarks by Mr. Fellows and Oscar Bailey, who related anecdotes of various historical aspects in Old Bet's career.



SIDELIGHTS . . .

P. T. Barnum had just opened and was operating a museum on Broadway in New York. He purchased Old Bet's skin, had it mounted and stuffed for exhibition in the museum. In 1835 fire destroyed the museum, ruined Barnum and also consumed the remains of Old Bet.

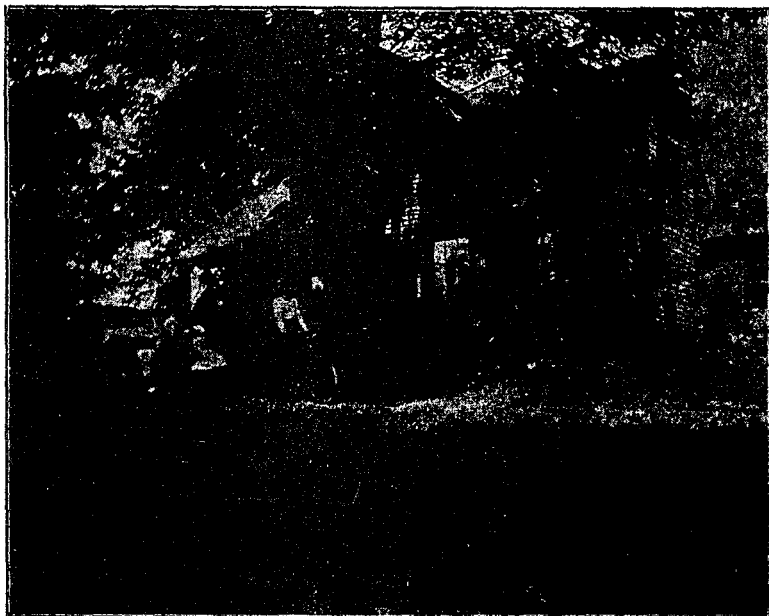
In 1845, just ten years later while Hackaliah Bailey was passing one of his horses that had a vicious temperament, he was kicked to death.

In the Union Graveyard not far from the memorial erected to the memory of Old Bet that contributed so much to his fame and wealth, stands the tombstone of Hackaliah Bailey, and on it is this inscription.

"Enterprise, Perseverance, Integrity."

So the story ends. Nearly one hundred years have passed and still the grandest man of Somers spreads his mantle over the surrounding hills and vales to teach the next generation that Enterprise, Perseverance, Integrity, conquers the problems and removes the obstacles in the way to success.

Many men and women of today have done as much as Hackaliah in his time, but they were not showmen. Moreover, an equal opportunity awaits every one if he has the will to grasp it.



HOME of the Baileys, about one and one quarter miles from the Village of Croton Falls east on the road to Peach Lake. The house appears in the same condition through the four generations from LEVI 1. The picture was taken just before the turn of the century.

CLAN of GILBERT

GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

GILBERT BAILEY 2 b September 16, 1750 in North Salem
 d March 20, 1831, age 80 years
 m Sarah Field of South East. She was born April 19, 1761
 d October 10, 1836 Age 75 years.

GILBERT BAILEY inherited the homestead that his father Levi built on the road from Peach Lake to Croton Falls before the New York Central railroad was constructed. He furnished from his farm lands, timbers for the ties to build the railroad.

Gilbert was very much interested in farm lands and proper protection for the cattle. Was a member of a committee of farmers selected to inspect and report to the town board on the condition of the fences through out North Salem.

Gilbert and Sarah were buried in the old church yard of the Friends Meeting House near Peach Lake.

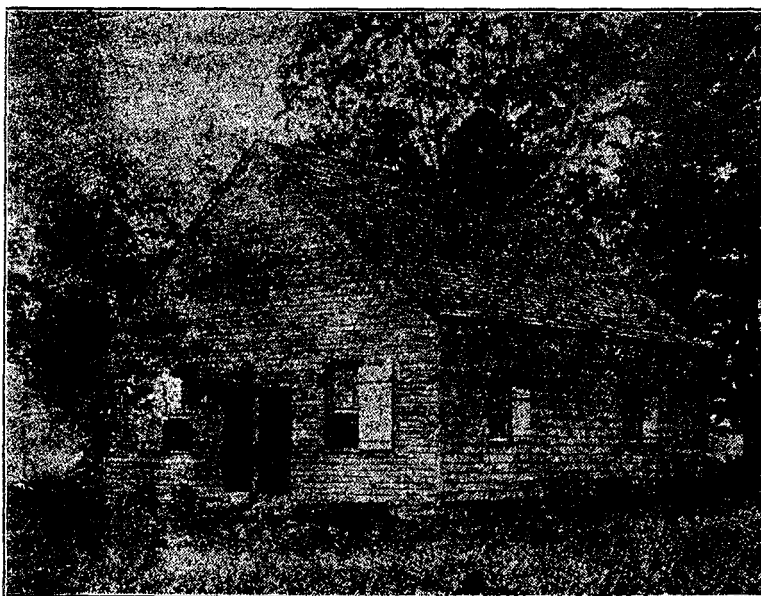
Gilbert Bailey's will, dated November 20, 1830, bequeathed to his wife, Sarah, and four sons and three daughters all of his possessions both real and personal. Twenty-two acres of the homestead he gave to William and Joseph, and to Solomon,—“All the residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal, not heretofore willed and bequeathed, subject to the payment of the following legacies, after one year from my decease.”

He charges his residuary with cash payments amounting

to twenty-three hundred and fifty dollars to his three daughters, and to one son, besides a liberal allowance for maintenance to his wife Sarah during her widowhood in addition to her dower right.

CHILDREN

William	3	b	m	Florence Drew
Joseph	3	b	m	Rachel Delevan
Levi	3	b	m	Betsy Todd
Solomon	3	b	m	Polly Ambler
Floyd	3	b	m	Eliza Kelly
Limon	3	b	m	Laura Todd
Jane	3	b	m	Isaac Hall
Elizabeth	3	b	m	Lewis Reed
Emiline	3	b	m	Abraham Wood



OLD PEACH LAKE MEETING HOUSE

Descendants of Gilbert Bailey 2

WILLIAM 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

WILLIAM BAILEY 3 b 1781 d
m Florence Drew of Carmel, N. Y.

By the Will of his father William inherited land as follows:

“To William, his heirs and assigns forever; all that certain piece of land situate and bounded as follows: Beginning on the south west corner of an orchard, on the south part of my farm, and adjoining the land of said William running northerly with the stone wall, thence westerly on a parallel line to the land of Abijah Pedrick so as to make twelve acres.”

CHILDREN

114	Major	4	b m	Minerva Cable of North Salem. No issue
	Elbert	4	b	lived in New York City
24	Gilbert	4	b m	Sarah Knox of Brewster Lived in Towners, N. Y.
25	Lucinda	4	b m	Lyman Ferguson
45	Harvey	4	b m	lived in Poundridge, no children
26	Sarah Elizabeth	4	b m	Lewis Tuttle, lived in Croton Falls

ELIZABETH 3, GOLBERT 2, LEVI 1

Elizabeth Bailey	3	b	Mch. 12, 1793
		d	Dec. 10, 1874
		m	Lewis Reed, Oct. 25, 1810
226 Theodore	4	b	Apr. 6, 1819
		d	Oct. 6, 1878
		m	Mary Rundle, April 9, 1839
227 Jennie	5	b	July 31, 1857,
		d	July 18, 1893
		m	Addison Jay Hopkins, July 19, 1883
228 Addison Reed Hopkins	6	b	Sept. 30, 1884
		m	Florence Dean, Oct. 27, 1909

Mrs. Addison Reed Hopkins was Florence Dean before she joined the grand old family of Bailey through the Reed branch.

Addison Reed Hopkins is a scion of Stephen Hopkins whose grand daughter, Jane Hopkins, became Mrs. Abyser Pierce and later became grandparents of Georgiana Pierce who married Gilbert Field Bailey 4.

It should be borne in mind that Stephen Hopkins came to America on the Mayflower in 1620.

Mrs. Hopkins is pleased to announce that she is chairmen of Genealogical Records for Enoch Crosby Chapter D. A. R., and requests for records in reference to the D. A. R. should be made to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins live at 9 Prospect St., Brewster, New York.

ELBERT 4, WILLIAM 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

ELBERT 4 b d
m

CHILDREN

101 Elbert Fowler 5 b d
m Adelaide Knapp

Children

Elbert K. 6 b
d Feb. 22, 1938
In White Plains

102 Ella 5 b d
m Eugene T. Shepherd

Children 6 Two Daughters

103 Daniel Drew 5 b d
m

Children 6

Daughter 6 m Warner

Daughter 6 m

104 FLORA 5 b d
m Samuel Everett Fields
White Plains

Children 6 Daughter Helen 6
Daughter 6
Daughter 6
Son Everett 6

GILBERT 4, WILLIAM 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

Gilbert 4 b 1808 d 1875, aged 67
 m Sarah Knox of Brewster, They lived in
 Towners, N. Y.
 She died 1894, aged 92

Children

71 Theodore 5 m Hattie Keeler (1)
 Daughter 6 m Bradley two sons 7
 Bessie Fowler (2) No issue

72 Georgia 5 m James St. John of Towners (1)
 Enos Clapp (2)
 Jacob Townsend (3)
 See Townsend Will probated in Putnam
 County August 8, 1873

Gilbert 6 m Hoag
 Stanley 6 m
 Mamie 6 m Fred Bunn, Danbury, Ct.

73 Nettie 5 m Henry A. Stephens of Patterson, N. Y.
 Jennie 6 m Robert Squares, Washington, Conn.
 Henry B. 6 m Alice Mallory, Sherman, Conn.

74 Pheobe 5 m James Crosby of Towners
 b Feb. 1834 d May 1900

75 Jane 5 m Moses Cable of North Salem, No issue

LUCINDA 4, WILLIAM 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

m Lyman Ferguson

Children

- 76 Susan Ann 5 m George Marvin
 146 George F 6 m Elsie Brown, Purdys
 5 living children
- 77 Emiline 5 m
 147 Carrie 6 d
- 78 Sarah 5 m Stephen Barlow of Somers
 148 Thaddeus 6 m New York City
- 79 Mary 5 m Mary never married, Croton Falls
- 80 Emiline 5 m James McCollum
 149 Meriam 6 m A. Hill, Danbury

SARAH ELIZABETH 4 m Lewis Tuttle, Croton Falls

- 81 Gilbert 5 m : Twins
- 82 Elbert 5 m :
- 83 Clarence 5 m unmarried
- 84 Maria 5 m

D. MALLORY STEPHENS

D. Mallory Stephens is a scion of the Bailey family. He dates back to his great grand father, Gilbert Bailey, 4 who lived all his life in Towners and Patterson, owned large acreage in Putnam County, raised a family of men and women who were prominent in their respective fields.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the Patterson Public Schools and then Brewster High School. He spent most of his early years on his father's farm in Patterson and in early manhood became interested in the political trend of his neighborhood. His alliance with the Republican party followed by his election to the New York State Legislation to represent the citizens of the County of Putnam was his first success.

Assemblyman Stephens gave active support to the dominant party in the assembly which demonstrated his superiority as an able legislator. He became a member of the Ways and Means Committee and later was made its chairman.



WILLIAM 2, LEVI 1

WILLIAM BAILEY 2, b July 6, 1749 d

m Hannah Fowler, March , 1774

She was born , 1755 on the old farm

CHILDREN

Levi Bailey 3 b , 1775 d

Hester Bailey 3 b , 1776 d

Other children were born and reared in their home in Nova Scotia.

WILLIAM BAILEY 2, was the fifth child born to Levi and Jane in or about 1749, several years before Levi migrated with his family to northern Westchester County. It is presumed Levi arrived in the new settlement of Salem about 1759. He bought a large acreage in Somers and North Salem and his sons grew up in the belief that agriculture was the most acceptable mode of providing a means of a livelihood for their young families. Although they settled in different parts William chose Somers where he purchased a farm and built a comfortable house and then looked around for a mate. Miss Hannah Fowler of Carmel seemed to appeal to his ideal and they married in March 1774, and soon the new home in Somers began to be all they had anticipated.

The next year a son was born whom they named Levi after William's father, and a year later Hester came along. Soon after this the country was in the midst of turmoil. War was declared and England began to send troops to quell the insubordination as it was termed, while here the colonies considered England's overt acts as injurious to the peace of the young country.

Before real warfare was upon them the inhabitants began to take sides. Some favored the cause of the mother

country while the majority upheld the integrity of the colonies. On the highway or in the homes of the people the question was debated, whether to encourage the invading forces or take up arms against England. Neighbors quarreled. Women sided with the head of the home. Things went from bad to worse and ultimately through a long siege of battles and privation the conflict was won by the American Army. Washington was elected President of the new Republic and the country began to mend the tatters brought on the country as a result of the four years of bloody and stubborn warfare.

Congress, smarting under the havoc brought on the colonies, declared the citizenry must stand together and try and outgrow the hatred that continued to live among the people to the end that a law was enacted making traitorous thoughts and acts punishable by death or banishment from the country.

Among the first to receive the effects of the edict were William and Hannah. There was no help for them. It was death to stay and very humiliating to have to leave their home when they were so comfortably situated. Their farm was very productive, the cattle fat and sleek, the horses could not be equalled in that part of the county. However, they hastily decided to join the loyalist's company because they were warned that their home had been ordered confiscated and forfeited to the public treasury. It was the end.



BRIAR ISLAND

BRIAR ISLAND, situated about thirty five miles west of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, is not very large in acreage but is composed of enough land for several farms where land can be cultivated and produce raised sufficient to live comfortably. In fact it is a most beautiful island, lying at the entrance of the Bay of Fundy, where the tides lave its shores twice daily which makes this bit of land an interesting spot in which to live.

St. Mary's Bay extends from Briar Island east along Long Island and makes an inland bay for a distance of fifty miles reaching to Digby, and separating Digby Neck from the main land. In its rugged formation Briar Island resembles a boot with the toe of the boot pointing northerly.

The year 1783 is memorable as the date when the Loyalists landed from the United States and settled in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In this company of refugees from New England and adjacent states came William and Hannah, his wife, together with Levi Bailey and his wife. These were sons of Levi Bailey, the first settler of that name in Westchester County, N. Y.

These sons of an American family of Baileys became by choice a part of the Loyalist's group who opposed the patriots. They aided the British in the Revolution. They harbored, fed and encouraged the English army. They invited their own punishment, and accepted the humility by decree of a Federal tribunal with fortitude.

On the eve of the American victory and after the surrender of Cornwallis, these traitors to the Declaration of Independence were banished and compelled to seek a new home in the British possessions to the north. William and Hannah chose Briar Island and Levi and his wife went to the main land of the Dominion of Canada, as it was later called, and made their home in New Brunswick, not far from St. Johns. The British Government reimbursed all the loyal friends for all the property and chattels that were seized and forfeit-

ed. They began life anew in their new homes, raised a new family and to this day no descendant of William and Levi ever returned to the land of their ancestor.

Why more of the descendants of Levi were not included in this Tory group has never been made clear, but we presume that their dispositions were not marked with the objectionable attributes that attracted antagonism to their mode of living or outward expression of beliefs. It was no detriment to have opinions concerning national or international questions. To be a Tory or Whig for the sake of their views was merely taking to themselves a political nickname. Often these nicknames came to mean the very opposite of what they once meant. However, coupled with their common expressions or sentiments, it was soon regarded as an evident source of irritation.

Moreover, the word "Patriot" was once an epithet applied to a subversive party, and less than one hundred years ago, the term nationalist meant a conspirator against law and order. Even today, political terms are interchangeable; thus a republican of the left is likely to be, in fact, a republican of the right. A radical Socialist is neither radical nor socialist, but may be a progressive.

It is therefore quite clear that it was necessary during the transition period that there must be two opposing factions or political parties in the union of the new Government. These opposing factions found birth in the struggle for independence and matured during the transformation that moulded the viewpoint of our national existence.

William and Hannah left their two children, Levi and Hester, with relatives in Westchester County. Strange as it seems, Levi and Hester remained in the town of their birth and as far as tradition reveals, never saw their parents again. Moreover they grew to manhood and womanhood and found their mates, married and raised a family of their own. It is handed down that Mrs. Hobart Keeler of North Salem and Mrs. William Todd of Somers owe their ancestry to Hester Bailey. It is also worthy of mention that Mrs. James Marshall of Somers who was Nellie Todd, daughter of Mrs. William Todd, is in direct line from Hester Bailey.

DEVAU 2, LEVI 1

DEVAU 2, b March 18, 1751 d
 m Elizabeth Smith, June 22, 1782. Her parents
 lived in Putnam County .

DEVAU BAILEY was the sixth son of LEVI 1, was identified with the township of Somers, but later removed to Carmel and then to Southeast. His wife Elizabeth originally came from Putnam County.

Deveau was a farmer, held town offices and was respected for his opinion that usually aimed to secure progressive advancement and culture of the people of his community. His ten children followed in his footsteps and became leaders in all matters of civic betterment wherever they made their homes.

CHILDREN

105	Stephen	3	b July 12, 1783	d Mar. 27, 1812
106	Benjamin	3	b May 24, 1785	d Feb. 28, 1823
107	William	3	b November 27, 1786	d Mar. 17, 1858
108	Levi	3	b June 10, 1788	d June 29, 1864
11	Horace	3	b June 8, 1790	d July 29, 1874
109	Daniel	3	b Jan. 12, 1792	d Apr. 11, 1875
110	Ira	3	b Jan. 26, 1794	d May 13, 1858
111	Esther	3	b October 18, 1795	b June 26, 1846
112	Isaac	3	b May 26, 1797	d Dec. 8, 1825
113	Thomas	3	b Jan. 6, 1799	d July 2, 1871

HORACE 3, DEVAU 2, LEVI 1

HORACE 3 b June 8, 1790 d July 29, 1874
 m Sarah Hull, July 14, 1816. She was born
 March 20, 1794
 d October 1828

HORACE BAILEY was associated with his cousin Hackaliah, but was not interested in the show business, preferring to remain at home and manage the many interests resulting from the prosperity of the Baileys. In 1839 Horace organized the Farmers and Drovers Bank of Somers, becoming its first president, and after Hackaliah died he succeeded to the ownership of the Elephant Hotel where he had been active manager for some time.

CHILDREN

William 4 b December 14, 1817 d April 18, 1889
 James 4 b December 12, 1820 d March 5, 1852
 Elizabeth 4 b June 26, 1823 d June 22, 1836
 Sarah Ann 4 b December 23, 1826 d Dec. 8, 1910

After Sarah died in October 1828, Horace married a second time taking for his wife FANNIE CRANE. m October 12, 1831. She was born March 9, 1811 and died May 1, 1886.

CHILDREN

Clarinda 4 b 1832 d

ELIZABETH 4, HORACE 3, DEVAU 2, LEVI 1

ELIZABETH 4 b June 26, 1823 d June 22, 1906
 m Alfred B. Mead, September 23, 1866
 He died January 23, 1886—No children

SARAH ANN 4, HORACE 3, DEVAU 2, LEVI 1

SARAH ANN 4 b Dec. 23, 1826 d December 8, 1910
 m Alonzo B. Thacker, September 11, 1849
 He was born Nov. 18, 1827, d March 23, 1895

CHILDREN

47 Horace B. 5 b August 17, 1850 d April 9, 1914
 m 1st Ida F. Halstead, November
 12, 1879.
 She was born Feb. 11, 1862, d Mar.
 9, 1887.
 m 2nd Ella M. Hedges
 She was born March 14, 1869

CHILDREN

NONE

WILLIAM 4, HORACE 3, DEVAU 2, LEVI 1

WILLIAM 4 b December 14, 1817, d April 13, 1889
m Mary Morrison

Children

116	Carrie	5	b	d	unmarried
117	Sallie Hull	5	b	d	
118	James	5	b	d	
			m	Ella Hedges Thacker,	no issue
119	William	5	b	d	
			m	1st Mary McElroy	No issue
			2nd	Nancy Hall	

JAMES 4, HORACE 3, DEVAU 2, LEVI 1

JAMES 4 b December 12, 1820 d March 5, 1852
m Sarah H. Hadden, March 21, 1848
She died October 1856

Children

85 Elizabeth 5 b July 7, 1850 d October 18, 1878
unmarried

Sarah Catherine 5 b Oct. 27, 1852 d March 1853

Fannie B. 5 b July 17, 1854

FANNIE B. 5, SARAH ANN 4, HORACE 3,
DEVAU 2, LEVI 1

FANNIE B. 5 b July 17, 1854 d June 16, 1919
m Delmer L. Casselman, M. D. May 3, 1874
He was born April 9, 1852 d January 10, 1915

CHILDREN

Sarah F. 6 b June 27, 1878
150 Delmer A. 6 b November 14, 1881 d Nov. 11,
1915
m Grace V. Luston, July 25, 1906
She was born July 26, 1878 d
April 4, 1914
No children

SARAH F. 6, FANNIE B. 5, SARAH ANN 4,
HORACE 3, DEVAU 2, LEVI 1

SARAH F. 6 b June 27, 1878
m Walter S. Paulson, October 20,
1897
He was born October 8, 1864

CHILDREN

193 Delmer Horace 7 b July 27, 1898
194 Walter S. 7 b January 12, 1911,
d Dec. 25, 1912

JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

JOSEPH BAILEY 3 b Sept. 23, 1780 d Nov. 13, 1857
age 77 years
m Rachael Delevan of North Salem
b June 29, 1786 d May 5, 1869
age 83 years

Under the Will of his father Joseph became owner of "ten acres of wood land situate on the north of Beaver Pond and swamp, and the land of Samuel Williams, deceased, surveyed to him from the south part of the land I bought of my son Levi Bailey."

CHILDREN

Harrison	4
Charles	4
Lewis	4
Belinda	4
Betsy	4
Caroline	4
Oliver	4

CHARLES 4, JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

CHARLES BAILEY 4 b d
m Alpha Bailey

CHILDREN

86	Carrie	5	unmarried
87	Flora	5	m George Weed, - One Daughter 6
88	Emma	5	
89	Isabel	5	b m Seeley Hoag, lived in Connecticut
90	Edward	5	b m One son 6

LEWIS 4, JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

Lewis Bailey 4 b October 1827, d September 26, 1890
 m Anna Mary Osborne May 7, 1860 in
 North Salem
 She was born December 22, 1838,
 d May 16, 1896

Children

91 Joseph 5 b June 1862
 92 Horace 5 b Feb. 1864 d
 93 Mary 5 b Mar. 1865 d
 m James A. Webb 1889
 Meriam Webb 6 b 1891
 m Wm. Lubbin
 Belinda 4 b May 1810 d
 m Harrison Byington of North Salem

CHILDREN

93 Edgar 5 b unmarried
 94 Melville 5 b July 1886 d
 m Jennie Horton of Yorktown
 195 Ethel 6 b 1898
 m Van Scoy of North Salem
 196 Adrian 6 b 1899
 197 Harold 6 b 1903
 198 Clarence 6 b 1905

HARRISON 4, JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

HARRISON BAILEY 4 b June 1832
m

Children

One Daughter 5

BETSY 4, JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

BETSY BAILEY 4 b May 1834 d
m David Vail of Peach Lake, N. Salem

Children

95 Herbert 5 b 1852

96 Marie 5 b 1855

HERBERT 5, BETSY 4, JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2,
LEVI 1

HERBERT VAIL 5 b 1852 d
m Ann Lobdell of No. Salem

CHILDREN

151 David 6 m Julia Quick of No. Salem
152 Sarah 6 m unmarried, Brewster, N. Y.
153 Arthur 6 m Laura Zangulese of So. Salem
Three sons 7

MARIE 5, BETSY 4, JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2,
LEVI 1

MARIE VAIL 5 b 1855 d
m James Finch of Somers

CHILDREN

154 Sarah D. 6 m Edwin Nichols
199 Edward 7 d (young)
200 William 7 d (old)
201 Carrie 7 m Gilbert Palmer of Somers
202 Anne 7 m Eugene Haines of Brewster
203 Edith 7 m unmarried

CAROLINE 4, JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

CAROLINE BAILEY 4 b 1836 d
 m Gilbert Mead of No. Salem

Children

46 Avery 5 b d
m Frances Searles of Ridgefield, Conn.

Children

155 Vinie 6 b
 in William Nowill, New Canaan, Conn.
 (No Issue)

156 Carrie 6 b
m Lucien Nowill, No. Salem

Children

204 Herbert Franklin 7 d age 19

205 Frances Caroline 7 d

56 Julia 5 b d
m Floyd Lobdell b d
North Salem

Children

157 Gilbert 6 b d
 m Anna White
 Purdys Station, N. Y.

Children

206	Anderson	7
207	Florine	7
208	Helen	7

OLIVER 4, JOSEPH 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

OLIVER BAILEY 4 b 1838 d
m

Children

97 Sarah 5 b
m Theodore Lyon

Children

158 Sarah 6
159 Theodore 6
160 George 6

LEVI 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

Levi Bailey 3 b d
 m Betsey Todd of South Salem

CHILDREN

120 Todd 4 m Helen Crouch of Purdys
 121 Daniel 4 South East
 122 Sarah 4 m Daniel Carpenter
 123 Esther 4 m John Stevens
 124 Albert 4 m Deborah Cable
 125 Alfred 4 m Sarah Tillotson

TODD 4, LEVI 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

TODD BAILEY 4 b 1809 d
 m Helen Crouch about 1834

CHILDREN

 Uel Todd 5 b 1840 - m Twice
 98 Byron 5 b 1842 - m Twice
 99 Helen 5 Ebm Skinner
 100 Alice 5 m John Horton - Four Sons

UEL T. 5, TODD 4, LEVI 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

UEL TODD BAILEY 5 b 1838
 m Eliza Burdy of Goldensbridge

CHILDREN

162 Bessie 6 m
 m Samuel Smith of Purdys
 Two Children
 163 Collyer 6 m
 m Julia Teed, Goldensbridge
 Two Children

FLOYD 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

FLOYD BAILEY 3 b d
m Eliza Kelly of Carmel

CHILDREN .

164 Thomas 4 b d in Genesee County, N. Y.
165 Orville 4 b d in Genesee County, N. Y.
166 Eliza 4 b d
m James Durling
167 Sarah 4 b d
m Mark Sunderland, Watkins Glen, N. Y.

LYMAN 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

Lyman Bailey 3 b d
m Laura Todd of Somers

CHILDREN

168 Chauncy 4 b
169 Gilbert 4 b
170 Calista 4 b

ELIZABETH 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

- ELIZABETH 3 m Lewis Reed of Brewster b d
- 171 Edwin 4 m Polly Ann Bloomer of Purdys
- 174 Oscar 5 Tompkins of Yorktown, Son
John 6
- 175 Stella 5 unmarried
- 176 Mattie 5 m Wm. H. Merse of Purdys
Daughter 6 Son 6
- 172 Herbert 4 no issue
- 173 George 4 no issue

EMILINE 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

- EMILINE 3 m Abraham Wood of South East
- 177 George 4 m
3 Sons 5, 1 Daughter 5

JANE 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

JANE BAILEY 3 b October , 1786, d July 31, 1855
 m Isaac Hall, Feb. 27, 1817
 Isaac was born October , 1786
 d June 18, 1841
 Lived in North Salem

CHILDREN

James Bailey Hall 4 b Feb, 17, 1818
 Elizabeth Hall 4 b 1820
 Susan Ann Hall 4 b Sept. 20, 1827

JAMES 4, JANE 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

James B. Hall 4 b Feb. 17, 1818 d March 20, 1868
 m (1st) Mary Jane Frost
 (2nd) Frances Mulligan
 No issue

ELIZABETH 4, JANE 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

ELIZABETH HALL 4 b 1822, d Aug. 1895
 m Edmund Smith
 Lived in Iowa. One son only.
 Jolley, Iowa.

SUSAN 4, JANE 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

SUSAN ANN HALL 4 b Sept. 20, 1827, d Jan. 15, 1902
 m Elijah Field Fowler, July 3,
 1844
 He was born Aug. 6, 1820, d
 Feb. 27, 1898
 Residence Brewster, N. Y.

The Fowlers owned the large farm at Tilly Foster, northeast of the village of Carmel. Their large dairy was the best in that part of Putnam County. The Fowlers were always ready to exhibit the product of their husbandry as well as the live stock to all admiring friends.

A large lake bordering the farm on the north furnished an abundance of water and incidently fine boating and bathing in summer and skating and ice sports during the colder periods.

124	Caroline Fowler	5	b	Jan. 9, 1848
123	George Bailey Fowler	5	b	April 30, 1849
226	James Hall Fowler	5	b	Mar. 27, 1852
227	Clarence Fowler	5	b	Sept. 2, 1856
228	Mary Amelia Fowler	5	b	July 20, 1860
51	Jennie Bailey Fowler	5	b	Jan. 31, 1863
125	Fannie Beatrice Fowler	5	b	Oct. 1, 1864

GEORGE 5, SUSAN 4, JANE 3, GILBERT 2,
LEVI 1

GEORGE B. FOWLER 5 b April 30, 1849, d Nov. 13, 1909
m Gertrude Ellis Pratt, b
Mar. 30, 1854
d June 5, 1903
Howard Ellis Fowler 6 b Dec.
5, 1887 d Jan. 1, 1895
m (2nd) Bernice W. Merrett
Dec. 27, 1904
b 1870
Alice Gertrude Fowler 6 b
Feb. 9, 1906

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JENNIE 5, SUSAN 4, JANE 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

JENNIE BAILEY FOWLER 5 b Jan. 31, 1863
m Washington P. Mabie, Jan. 26, 1887
He was born 1855

JENNIE AND WASHINGTON owned a 200 - acre farm north of the village of Pawling, N. Y. Hard work on the farm developed improvements and the products of their husbandry gave them a good living. Here their four children were born and educated in the village schools.

Among the farm products were many varieties of fruit. The apples grew large and luscious. Some they converted into cider which was stored in barrels where it aged to a sparkling vintage.

When old age prevented their laborious work they sold the homestead and moved to a smaller place in Pawling, N. Y. Then, we next hear of them in Fishkill, N. Y., where they now reside.

CHILDREN

Estelle Jane Mabie 6 b Nov. 3, 1887
Gertrude Fowler Mabie 6 b July 9, 1889
Clarence Hall Mabie 6 b May 9, 1894
Genevieve Field Mabie 6 b Dec. 28, 1902

CHILDREN

179

GERTRUDE 6, JENNIE 5, SUSAN 4

CHILDREN

94

CLARENCE 6, JENNIE 5, SUSAN 4

CLARENCE HALL MABIE 6 b May 9, 1894
m Mildred Minor, Nov.
27, 1917
She was born Feb. 24, 1901

CHILDREN

Jean Valentine Mabie	7	b	Feb. 14, 1919
Clara Minor Mabie	7	b	July 26, 1921

GENEVIEVE 6, JENNIE 5, SUSAN 4

GENEVIEVE FIELD MABIE 6 b Dec. 28, 1902
m Harry J. Muntz,
June 12, 1927
He was born Jan. 16,
1903

CHILDREN

Donald Muntz	7	b	Aug. 25, 1928
Elinor Frances Muntz	7	b	April 22, 1931
Roderick Muntz	7	b	July 13, 1932

SOLOMON 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

SOLOMON 3 b 1788 d about 1859
 m Polly Ambler ab 1825
 She d ab 1855

CHILDREN

Harriet Ann 4 ab 1828
 Mary Caroline 4 ab 1830
 Gilbert Field 4 Oct. 12, 1833

39

HARRIET ANN 4 m David Anson Pratt of Spencertown,
 Charles 5 m living at Spencertown
 N. Y.
 Daughter 5 d

40

MARY CAROLINE 4 m Milton Niles and moved to
 Oak Park, Ill. a suburb of Chicago
 where she died

Marian 5 m d
 no children

Marcellus 5 d
 m

214 Sydney Solomon 5 b d
 m M. D. Oak Park, Ill.

215 Sydney N. 6

GILBERT FIELD 4, SOLOMON 3, GILBERT 2,
LEVI 1

GILBERT FIELD 4 b October 12, 1833
 d November 3, 1899
 m Georgiana Pierce, May 18, 1859
 She was born April 18, 1837,
 d May 3, 1915

Gilbert Field died of stricture at his paternal home
Croton Falls, N. Y.

Age 66 years, 21 days.

Married Georgiana Pierce, May 18, 1859 at her mother's
home in Dundee, N. Y. She died May 3, 1915 at her son's
home in Hopewell Jet., N. Y. at age 78 years, 15 days.

CHILDREN

Sumner Pierce 5 b June 14, 1860
 Clement Curtis 5 b Nov. 1, 1863
 Edith Agatha 5 b Feb. 15, 1873



MRS. GEORGIANA PIERCE BAILEY
(Mrs. Gilbert Bailey)

Country Couple Wed Fifty Years



Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mabie

Mr. and Mrs. Washington P. Mabie of Fishkill celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary January 26. They received felicitations from many relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Mabie passed the day quietly at their home. Former residents of Pawling, they have lived in Fishkill the past eight years.

Professor Howard Crosby Butler

On January 31, 1913, one of the most respected and honored young men of Croton Falls, N. Y. died as he was about to continue his labors in the far away land of Kings and Mummies. He had been to Smyrna, Asia Minor during several summer vacations but this time he was anxious to complete the excavations in or near Sardis which he hoped would solve the problems that long have vexed historians regarding the influence of the great Oriental Civilization upon the culture of Greece.

Sardis was the capitol of the Kingdom of Lydia whose language has remained unknown to our scholars but which will probably be revealed by Professor Butler, by means of a stone discovered by him containing an inscription in two languages, the Lydian and an unknown tongue.

Sardis was a great commercial capital and the home of CROESUS whose palace lies in the tract under observation by Professor Butler. It was destroyed by earthquake in the first century of our era, after a distinguished existence of five or six hundred years.

Howard Crosby Butler was a native of Croton Falls, his father Edward Butler and his mother always lived in the large house with wide verandas and gravel walks, shaded by mammoth trees which protected the family from summers heat and the winters chilling blasts. At a short distance to the east his brother Stewart and wife live in a modern cottage. The Homestead stands in the angle formed by the road to Peach Lake and the south road to Purdys.

Professor Butler was head of the Department of Art and Archeology in Princeton University.

GILBERT FIELD BAILEY

GILBERT FIELD BAILEY 4 son of Solomon 3 was the last of the GRAND OLD FAMILY to own and occupy the Bailey homestead in Croton Falls. He gained his start at the North Salem Academy that was erected prior to 1770 by Stephen DeLancey for his farm house and occupied by him until 1786 when it was purchased by a company of men and fitted for a school. Later it was incorporated as an academy by the Regents of the State of New York, April 19, 1790. It was the first Academy in Westchester County and the third in the State. The others being Erasmus Hall in Flatbush and Clinton in East Hampton, L. I., both of which received their certificate of incorporation in 1787.

Among the most distinguished men who obtained their early education at the North Salem Academy were, DeWitt Clinton, Governor of New York State, Donald Thompson, Vice President of the United States and James Kent, L. L.D. and many others. The North Salem Academy held a respectable standing among the high schools of the State, reaching an enrollment as high as 140 pupils.

Gilbert Field later attended the Chatham Academy before entering Yale University in 1852, graduating in the class of 1856 with Theoran Brown, Editor and publisher of the Youths Companion in Boston. Also Chauncey M. DePew, Charles T. Catlin, Justice Brewer, John Montieth who was author of many school books, and many others whose names are familiar land marks in the annals of American History.

Gilbert Field was an exemplary citizen, an influential advisor and an effective speaker on platforms and in political campaigns. His keen and scholarly mind, and literary and legal culture made him valued by his fellow townsmen, who will long cherish his memory and good name. He was an attendant of the Baptist denomination and a close friend of Rev. Victor Benedict, for many years the beloved pastor of the Croton Falls Baptist Church.

In politics he was a Democrat, and was elected Supervisor of the town of North Salem, one term, but declined another election because the office demanded too much of his time.

GEORGIANA PIERCE BAILEY

GEORGIANA PIERCE, WHO WAS THE WIFE OF GILBERT FIELD BAILEY enters into the Genealogy of the Bailey family with a historical record that seems very interesting. Her father was Edmond H. Pierce, son of Abysser Pierce who married JANE HOPKINS, a direct descendant of Stephen Hopkins who came over from England on the Mayflower, landing at Plymouth, December, 1620

Georgiana prepared proofs of her lineage but neglected to forward them to the society headquarters of the National Society of Mayflower Descendants. However, she did furnish proofs of her right to membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and on February 15, 1901 she received due notice of her acceptance. Copy of her membership card follows:

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE
Daughters of the American Revolution
Washington D. C., February 15, 1901

Mrs. Georgia P. Bailey

Madam:

I have the honor to inform you that your application for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was accepted by the Board of Management, February 6, 1901 and that your name has been placed upon the list of members.

National Number
34,868

Very respectfully yours,
Alice Pickett Akens
Recording Secretary General

GILBERT FIELD BAILEY

*A summary of his early attainments, of College and
Life, in general.*

Gilbert was the only son of Solomon 3, who grew to manhood, like other boys in his environment, but probably he matured during his college life which saved him from some of the pitfalls that doubtless accompanied him from his teenage associations.

Before any serious harm could happen he had the good fortune to attract the attention of a group of students among whom was THERON BROWN whose friendship has been one of the great satisfactions in his life. He was devotedly attached to his class and entered into all the joys and sorrows of his contemporaries, but of all the services his affection has accomplished it seems certain that the first one was the most far reaching.

Of the Tutors at Yale who made the most lasting impression on my whole life, he said, I adhere affectionally to the well chosen words of my classmate Charles T. Catlin, of the class of '56. His chosen theme is well portrayed in the first and last stanzas in which he writes incidental to the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Yale '56 at New Haven, Conn. on June 25th, 1906, and presented by Mr. Catlin to the Rev. Dr. Timothy Dwight on behalf of the class.

*Old Comrades, as we gather for the Festival to-night,
And "Fifty-Six" renews her youth, and all is sweet and
bright,
And smiles and happy faces tell the joy of young and old,
And love is binding all our hearts with memory's chain of
gold,
And dear old Yale comes back to us, the Yale we loved of
yore.
And Boyhood, sweet illusion, how we live it o'er and o'er!
Now, isn't it delightful,—right here,—to welcome him,
The faithful Teacher, loyal friend, our own, our "Tutor
Tim?"*

*His years are crowned with honors: in old Alma's highest
place.*

*He has well fulfilled the functions all, with dignity and
grace,
He has nobly served the College in her hour of sorest need,
He has made the University his monument indeed,—
And now that happy he enjoys serene the Scholar's rest,
May Love abiding bless him with the sweetest and the best!
In every heart of "Fifty-Six," for Aye, the place for him
Shall be the warmest corner when we welcome Tutor Tim!*

The closing chapter of the brief biography of Gilbert Field Bailey included some of his own contribution in the realm of poetry and we present three, all of which portray his views of life after his four years at Yale University. The first was read by himself at the 50th Anniversary of his class of '56, the second gives an account of his class mates and their share in life's battles, and the last written in the effort to aid the future generation and incidently to help his own children to make a suitable choice of a profession.

Gilbert, it would appear, made use of his conclusions, for he remained a farmer, worked hard and faithfully thru his life to make the home of his ancestors in Croton Falls, a lasting memory to his descendants. When he knew his end was approaching and he was unable to join with his sons in the farm duties, he remained cheerful and always wanted a report of the day's accomplishments from his boys, as they gathered at the evening meal.

In my account of the last days of Gilbert Field Bailey, I must ask the indulgence of the reader for my presumption of being a close member of the family, moreover my induction into the Bailey family circle gave me only a glimpse of the life I am now trying to portray. After he had conversed for a while with his pastor, Rev. V. W. Benedict and began to show fatigue he would want me to read some of his favorite books or talk of local happenings. It seemed, he said, as though all that his heart felt and his senses perceived were taking on a "deep autumnal tone" and an increased vividness. From now on, instead of being saddened, he found to his own delighted astonishment—that this sensitiveness to the simplest experiences, were for things that in other years he might hardly have noticed, was infinitely enhanced. Thinking of the shortness of the time still left him, he would re-read books that had meant much to him at the various stages of his life and found them more moving, more deeply wise according to their nature. So on the whole he was far from desiring sympathy.

Record of Sale of Eleanor

This affidavit showing the ownership and sale of one Negro girl named Eleanor was mounted in a wooden frame passed along in the Bailey family for succeeding generations. It was found hanging on the wall in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bailey

“KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

that Walter Ward of Stephen Town, County of Westchester and State of New York, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty five pounds of good and lawful money of the said state to me in hand paid, att and before the sealing and delivery herof by Gilbert Bealy of North Salem of the said County and State, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell now to the said Gilbert Bealy a Negro Gail fourteen years auld, eale by the name of Eleanor — now remaining and being in my possession, to have and to hold the said Negro Gail by these presents bargained and sold unto the said Gilbert Bealy his executors, administrators and assigns for ever, and I the said Walter Ward for my self, my executors, administrators and assigns all and singular of said property unto the said Gilbert Bealy, his executors, administrators and assigns, against me, the said Walter Ward, my executors, administrators and assigns against all and every other person and persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents: of which Gail, I the said Walter Ward have put the said Gilbert Bealy in full possession by delivering to him the said Gail VIE the sealing herof; in witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the Twelfth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and Ninety four.”

Witness present
John Brown — Thomas Weeden

Signed Walter Ward (Seal)

On the event of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Class of 56 at YALE UNIVERSITY at New Haven, Conn. the following poem was read by Gilbert Field Bailey who was also a member of the class.

*Not ag'ed so very, scarce up to our prime,
Just well seasoned lads, all the better for time;
With heads that are frosty, and hearts in their bloom,
We wait for thy blessing, dear Mother at home.*

*The sky of our boyhood, how sweetly it clears,
As fondly we hear through the tumult of years,
A shout, or a joke or a laugh in its flow
Come back from the realm of our dear "long ago."*

*And true to thy sheltering bosom of yore
We vow we will cherish and visit thee more;
Though often, alas shall we pause in the gloom
And think of our Dead,—round the altar, at home.*

*At last when the foaming years drift on their strand,
And death-stars shall darken the roll of our Band,
Our gray boys that linger, will loyally come
And rest in thy dear blessing, dear Mother at home.*

Gilbert Field Bailey

To The "Boys of 56" Yale

*We boys just nearing our yellow leaf sere,
Without one shuddering sigh or a tear,
'Ere making a bow to our coming threescore,
Might come back to school, a term or two more.*

*With intellects strong, but memories weak
We are "off" on our Latin and rusty in Greek
And Euclid though buried in Tutors Lane
Will surely arise and face us again.*

*Our scheme, do you say, is mockingly frail,
For angels to laugh at and good men bewail
The wife and children established in rule
And Puter familias off to his school.*

*But one thing is certain he's nothing to dare.
No training of "Ponies" no "papers" to scare
No cramming by lamplight, no "rushes" to win,
Our sheepskins, if read, will take us back in.*

*Firt Theron a loyal Yalensian son
Grand writer and preacher and poet in one,
His love for us "boys" endureth as long,
As the flash of his wit, or the flow of his song.*

*And though for their edification and bliss
The youth of this land their "companion" will miss
Yet with musical heart and mapest tread,
To his old Classic Home our bard will be led.*

*And John M. of Boston ensconced on her bay,
For his uncle, still keeping the smugglers away,
Just taking a little, the intruding throng.
To help his dear kinsman and tide him along.*

*Ah! well do I know the old college he'll seek
How well he once loved the beautiful Greek;
With his memories sweet of the old beaten track,
I think that dear John will surely come back.*

*And Charles T of Brooklyn that rollicking youth
Do you wonder then, boys on a much larger stage
He is still "acting" well, though sober and sage.
Who once made us laugh, by "acting" the truth,*

*If he shall come back, I know by his looks,
He'll "mimic" no tutor but mind well his books,
Then flinging his "buckskins" and "traps" to the rear,
I know that our Charles will soon reappear.*

*And David Josiah and Henry also,
Both crammed in the law, but yearning to know
Till alcoves and shelves surrendered their lore
They're full to the "brim", and sound to the "core."*

*T's fair to presume that Harrison thought
Of a "corner" in Judges, as two he then sought
For of sound legal learning, so scarce was the growth,
Our class in old Yale, had to furnish them both.*

*Then hip and hurrah, within reason and bounds
They are with us tonight just minus their gowns,
They were always ambitious and ready to learn,
I think our Judges Supreme will return.*

*And Chauncey, our Chauncey, what doesn't he know;
His wit effervescent and ready to flow,
At the feast of the world, in the old and the new,
On the Tower of Eifel, that pierces the blue.*

*And though from old Maine to the Occident beach
Smoking viands will miss his musical speech,
Yet true to the love of his old classic Home,
I know that dear Chauncey, our Chauncey will come.*

*Do our "Reverend Boys" grow speechless and pale,
When the winds of discussion are blowing a gale,
When the system of Calvin, with his "institutes" all,
Like the "Tower of Pisa," seems ready to fall.*

*Then Reverends come, not a moment to spare,
Re sharpen your minds on the "Circle and Square"
From the smoke of the battle emerges the Right,
Come back to your college and gird for the fight.*

*Does our mother discourage and say that her boys
Will call us old "Grannies" and tease with their noise?
Lest the young classic dudes of their manners beware,
We'll rush them from Chapel and call the thing square.*

*Oh mirage of fancy: Ah: withering dream,
Like the fruit of the Dead Sea, all gone in a gleam,
Tis the edict of fashion and home's sterner rule,
We "old Boys" can never come back to our school.*

*We yield to no sadness, to mourn were a sin,
For our boys and their boys can take it all in.
They may conquer all learning and sigh for still more
When we trim our sails for the beautiful shore.*



A LOOK AT THE PROFESSIONS

*When a boy his teens approaches and life's duties has to learn,
When his father gently hints to him that his own bread he must earn,
Then he looks at life's great callings and tries to have a mind,
To what liberal profession his genius is inclined.*

*First I thought to be a lawyer for he talks and gets a fee,
And his quibbles and his wrangles with a spunky mind agree
And he robs a man so easily by some cunning little flaw,
And its genteel to steal money in accordance with the law.*

*Then my honest blood protested, and I thought the matter o'er
Tried to answer the objections, but they came upon me more,
For some theologic critic says, of all men since the fall,
The Lawyer's chance for heaven, most exceedingly is small.*

*Then I thought to be a doctor, and learn the big words, all
Get my saddle-bags and pill-box and answer every call.
Watch the mile stones and the hours to be sure and charge enough,
And add another little charge, when I gave the bitter stuff.*

*A sudden thought then struck me, what a curious business this,
For the doctor's prospects darken, when the others are in bliss.
When the calls upon him slacken, the blues his soul will haunt,
His pill-box sure is full enough but his pocket book is gaunt,*

*And the story of that doctor is in my memory now,
How, by means of his profession, his position became low.
Retiring from his practice, he rested from life's ills.
And the verdict of the jury was, he swallowed his own pills.*

*Then, I thought to be a preacher, and study Calvin to my fill,
And make agree like brothers predestination and free will,
Train the people to a free will to provide sufficient bread,
And the brain supporting beefsteak for their spiritual head.*

*The preacher has his leisure, when his Sunday work is done
And to call on his parishioners, he must take a daily run,
For the sisters won't at all his Sunday preaching praise,
If he will not often join them, and let them learn his ways.*

*And in these later days of very liberal thought,
The preacher has amusements which the Puritans had not,
For in any court religious, the evidence will not weigh,
That the preacher with his sisters plays that naughty game 'Croquet'*

*If his sermons get neglected, this matter he'll arrange,
For any other preacher is ready to exchange,
And if he takes an old one from out his sermon heap,
His people can't discriminate, when they're partially asleep.*

*I had chosen this profession, when another thought arose,
The preacher often surely has his own peculiar woes,
When for years he gives his people the same old creed of sin,
Him they voted out just as coldly, as they warmly voted in.*

*For at first they called him Beecher, but they call now a bore.
And they will not now appreciate or love him any more,
So, he turns his back upon them, in a little fit of blues,
And sometimes has to sue them, to get his honest dues.*

*Keep my pocket book protected from the lawyer's little quirk,
So I thought to stay a farmer, and do the dirty work,
Like the Quaker, pay no preacher, shun the doctor's pills & bills,
And with a little money, I can bear the other ills.*

North Salem Academy

Stephen de Lancey built the building, afterwards used as the North Salem Academy, prior to 1770. It was intended for his own residence and occupied by him as such for many years. In 1786 it was purchased by a company of men and completed as an academy and placed under the care of the Rev. Amzi Lewis.

The school flourished under his management and was incorporated in 1790 by the Regents of the State of New York. The incorporators being Hackaliah Brown and thirty eight others. Many young men prepared for college or finished their education here. After Lewis was removed the Academy declined but revived in 1801 under an active educator who came from England.

During and at the close of the Revolutionary War, the Academy was used for a Court House and Jail for the trial and detention of refractory Tories. Here a man by the name of Paine was tried and condemned as a spy and sentenced to death. His friends secured a reprieve for him which failed to reach him in time, having been brought as near as the Old Episcopal Church in Salem Center — a mile away. Paine was taken to a spot one half mile east of the Academy and hanged, just as the reprieve arrived.

While the war was in progress the French army passed through North Salem in 1781, on their way from Rhode Island to Dobbs Ferry, where the army crossed the Hudson to join General Washington. They encamped near the Academy two days. Rochambeau and his officers occupied the building for their headquarters because the situation was so exceedingly beautiful, and the view of the Mutigticoos Valley presented a picture such as can seldom be equalled.

The course of the Mutigticoos River through the center of this town is marked by beautiful mountain scenery. It empties into the Croton a little south of Dean's Bridge, situated midway between Purdy's and Croton Falls.

The Natural Attractions

NATURAL BRIDGE forms a portion of the roadway about half a mile west of the Academy.

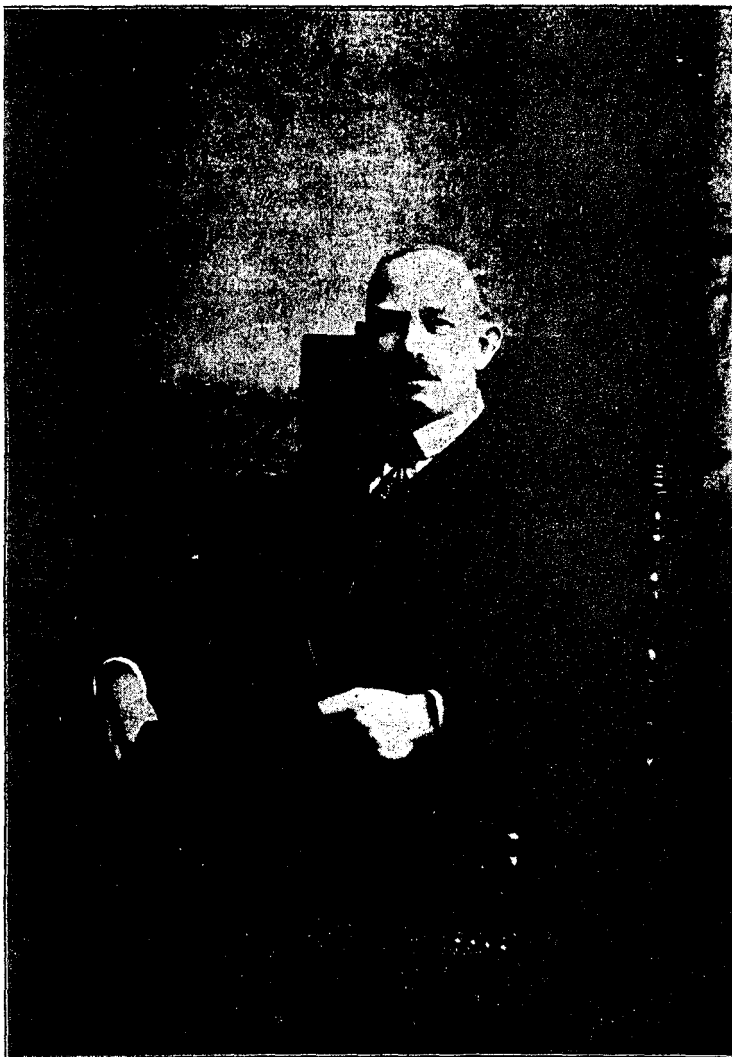
“Here are two streams which meet and run under the road. One flowing from the east along the road-side, enters the ground twenty-five feet east of where it seems to cross the road; the stream from the north east appears to run nearly straight, directly under the road, and issues from the earth again, after falling ten or fifteen feet lower than where it enters; but the place where it issues from the earth, is at least twenty-five feet perpendicular, the top of which precipice is within ten or fifteen feet from the side of the road. The two streams, although they enter the ground so far from each other, unite under ground and come up together.”

CHALYBEATE SPRING, opposite the former residence of Epebetus Howe, once produced a very fine and popular drinking water, highly medicinal. People for miles distant would stop for a refreshing drink from the bubbling waters that contained iron in solution.

PEACH POND, lies in the north east corner of the town and is a large sheet of water covering four hundred acres of ground, and a short distance west is Beaver Pond, lying mostly on the Bailey farm. It is celebrated for its great depth and for a quick sand deposit in its bed.

CROW HILL, named after a Sagamore Chief, lies about half a mile from Natural Bridge, and Turkey Hill is in the southern part of the town, deriving its name from the many wild turkeys that frequented the hill and furnished such good hunting.

THE GREAT BOULDER, is another antiquity, an immense granite rock weighing sixty tons or upwards, supported about three feet from the ground on the projecting points of five smaller lime-stone rocks. These rocks which serve as pedestals, have the appearance of pillars. This curiosity is in plain view of the people passing on the highway and never fails to be a first hand attraction.



SUMNER PIERCE BAILEY

SUMNER AND EVA were married at her parents home in Brewster, N. Y. They lived first in Croton Falls, then in Goldensbridge, Cross River and White Plains where he held an assignment in the Post Office. Later he was appointed to an important position in the Internal Revenue Service and moved his family to New York City. Later he accepted an appointment in the New York Title and Mortgage Company of White Plains, retiring in 1935. Mr. Bailey died February 4, 1937 at his residence, 71 Longview Avenue, White Plains. He was 76 years old and was buried in his family plot in Ivandale Cemetery, Somers, N. Y., where most of the descendants and relatives of the Baileys have their resting place. He was a man who made friends and his genial manner won the confidence and esteem of many. Like his forbears he had a great memory for events that came to his knowledge through the years of a happy and useful life.

VERNON NILES	6	b	June 28, 1890
VICTOR S.	6	b	January 17, 1892
MERTON K.	6	b	December 4, 1893
MARION F.	6	b	March 8, 1895
S. PERCIVAL	6	b	September 4, 1898

VERNON 6, SUMNER 5, GILBERT F. 4,
SOLOMON 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

VERNON N. 6 b June 28, 1890 d December 10, 1944
m Sadie Cooley, April 30, 1916

VERNON NILES was an energetic business man. Commercial transactions and Real Estate operations were his specialty. His services were often required in appraisal of realty values and his opinions as such were seldom questioned. His home was in Pound Ridge, N. Y., where he was a Justice of the Peace, Chairman of the Pound Ridge Zoning Board of Appeals, also a member of the American Institute of Appraisers and the realty boards of Westchester County. Mr. Bailey was born in North Salem and lived most of his life in White Plains and Pound Ridge.

CHILDREN

216 Jeanette Elizabeth 7 b April 25, 1917
217 Audrey 7 b September 20, 1920
m November 22, 1943
Stewart
218 George C. 7 b November 1922

George C. Bailey, Flight Lieutenant of the Royal Canadian Air Force was killed on a bombing mission over Berlin on November 22, 1943.

VICTOR 6, SUMNER 5, GILBERT F. 4, SOLOMON 3,
GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

VICTOR 6 b January 17, 1892
m Marian March, 1916

CHILDREN

219 Ray 7 b May 14, 1917
220 Marian 7 b January 2, 1920
221 William Sumner 7 b September 15, 1921

LIVING IN THE PAST

*There was a man named BAILEY
Who loved to reminisce,
He could jump back into the "seventies"
With the slightest twist.*

*He did not care for the present,
Of the future he gave not a thought,
But the days of Greeley and Robertson
Were memories he eagerly sought*

*He knew all the Nabobs of North Salem
And Somers and Bedford too,
And he rattled their family skeletons
And made them live anew.*

*He never would stop talking
Until one night he reached back too far
Of the great and glorious past
And met his fate at last.*

*He dreamed of Yerkes' Tavern
And the year Eighteen Thirty-Four,
And there he sat by the keg of ale
Just inside the barroom door.*

*Around him were gathered his cronies
Discussing the events of the day,
And also Solomon and Levi
Who seemed to have little to say.*

*The hour grew later and later
The pitcher went 'round and 'round
Until at last each said 'Good Night'
And sought their slumber, sound.*

*So Bailey sat in the old oak chair
And dreamed of those days of yore,
Back in Yerkes' Tavern
And Eighteen thirty-four.*

Vernon N. Bailey
1935

The verses above were written in an effort to keep Pop Bailey quiet on the family history business, but he was quite pleased with it and showed it to everybody that called.

V. N. B.

MERTON 6, SUMNER 5, GILBERT F. 4,
SOLOMON 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

MERTON K. 6 b December 4, 1893, d Jan. 26, 1935
m Mary Long, December 17, 1932.
No children

Merton K. Bailey was about the only one of the many of that name who enlisted in the World War I, and the only young man of the clan of Solomon who went over seas and saw service in that bloody struggle.

On returning to America he served for several years in the office of the New York Title and Mortgage Company in White Plains. His associates speak of him as a persevering industrious citizen and a brave soldier.

MARION 6, SUMNER 5, GILBERT F. 4
SOLOMON 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

MARION F. BAILEY 6 b March 8, 1895

MARION 6 was too young to enter World War I and so escaped the danger that wrecked the lives of many young men. He finished his studies and became associated early in his business career with the International Business Machine Company. Of recent years he has headed his own business at 45 John Street, New York City.

SUMNER PERCIVAL 6, SUMNER 5, GILBERT F. 4
SOLOMON 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

SUMNER PERCIVAL 6 b September 4, 1898
m 1st Wife Katherine Ten Eyck 1930
m 2nd Wife Irma Orange November, 1934
d Feb. 12, 1946

222 Charles Sumner 7 b September, 1936

SUMNER PERCIVAL BAILEY 6 was accepted in the banking department of the White Plains Savings Bank where

his aptitude won him rapid advancement. His genial disposition made him very popular. He met Miss Irma Orange who was visiting relatives in the North. They were married in her home at Exmore, Va., in November 1934 and came to live in White Plains. After the sudden death of Percival on February 12, 1946, Mrs. Bailey returned to her home in Virginia with her young son.



CLEMENT CURTIS BAILEY

BAILEY—Clement C. Bailey. Services will be held at the home of his son, Harold Bailey, Hopewell Junction, N. Y., Sunday, 3 p. m. Internment Somers, N. Y., at 4:30 p. m.

C. CURTIS 5, GILBERT F. 4, SOLOMON 3,
GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

CLEMENT CURTIS 5 b November 1, 1863
m Viola Victoria Cheney, June 21
1899 at Somers, N. Y.

She died February 19, 1927 at Rhinebeck, N. Y. Viola was born July 16, 1875 at Nicholville, N. Y. Educated in the public schools and graduated at the Potsdam State Normal School in the June class of 1895. Taught in Bayville, L. I., and in Croton Falls, N. Y.

CURTIS AND VIOLA as their friends knew them were happily married. Each shared their lot in life with patient forbearance. Raised a family of five boys who entered into the labors of the farm with equal enjoyment.

CLEMENT CURTIS received his early school education from tutors and in the public school in his home town. He followed the farm vocation, was the last to manage the ancestral farm in Croton Falls. After the settlement of his father's affairs he purchased a 200 acre farm in Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, selling this he moved with his family to Rhinebeck and later to Ghent, Columbia County.

He never held public office, but was appointed appraiser of farm property under the Farm Loan Act. His opinions and recommendations concerning farm values and market values were generally accepted without question. In politics he was independent, but inclined to favor the Democratic party. Believed in equal suffrage, better living conditions for the farmer and higher prices for farm produce.

CHILDREN

	Harold Pierce	6	b	March 26, 1900 at N. Salem
182	Gilbert Field	6	b	September 2, 1906 at Brewster
	Donald Cheney	6	b	July 9, 1908 at Brewster
183	Clayton E.	6	b	Oct. 25, 1910 at Hopewell Jct.
184	Charles C.	6	b	June 24, 1913 at Hopewell Jct.

HAROLD 6, CURTIS 5, GILBERT F. 4,
SOLOMON 3, GILBERT 2, LEVI 1

HAROLD PIERCE 6 b March 26, 1900
 m Delephine Pasco, November,
 1921
 at her parents home in Hopewell
 Junction, N. Y.

Harold P., after his marriage resided at Hopewell Jct. He became interested and developed an expert knowledge of radio and automotive construction. Was familiar with mechanical construction of machinery. In 1936 he was elected one of the Justices of the Peace of Hopewell. Mr. Bailey was elected Master of Wappingers Lodge F. & A. M. in 1945.

CHILDREN

223 George Curtis 7 b August 19, 1922
 Served in the Air Corp Maintenance Division in World
 War II. m 1948.

GILBERT F. 6 b September 2, 1906 at Brewster
 m Harriet Reynolds
 Reside in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

GILBERT FIELD 6, after several years service with the State Police, located in Central New York and along the Hudson river, was transferred to the organized Police force in the city of Poughkeepsie, where he now resides.

DONALD CHENEY 6 b July 9, 1908 at Brewster
 m Felicita Rivera, December 27, 1931 at
 Rhinebeck, N. Y.

DONALD CHEYNEY BAILEY 6 early found he could put an automobile together or take it apart, all of which led him to seek an outlet for his ability. It was necessary for the development of his ambition to have a wife. He soon married Miss Felicita Rivera, a Rhinebeck young lady. The opportunity desired opened to them in New Jersey where Donald is now with the Bendix Aircraft.

Children

- 224 Donald C. 7 b Nov. 21, 1933
- 225 Viola Antoinette 7 b May 24, 1936
- 226 Barbara Ann 7 b July 21, 1938
- 227 Patricia 7 b Mar. 17, 1941

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CLAYTON EDMUND 6, b October 25, 1910 at Hopewell
 Junction, N. Y.
 m Marian Overfield
 at Canaan, Conn.

Clayton was in service in World War II and was sent to Island Muri of the Hawaiian group where he remained until discharged.

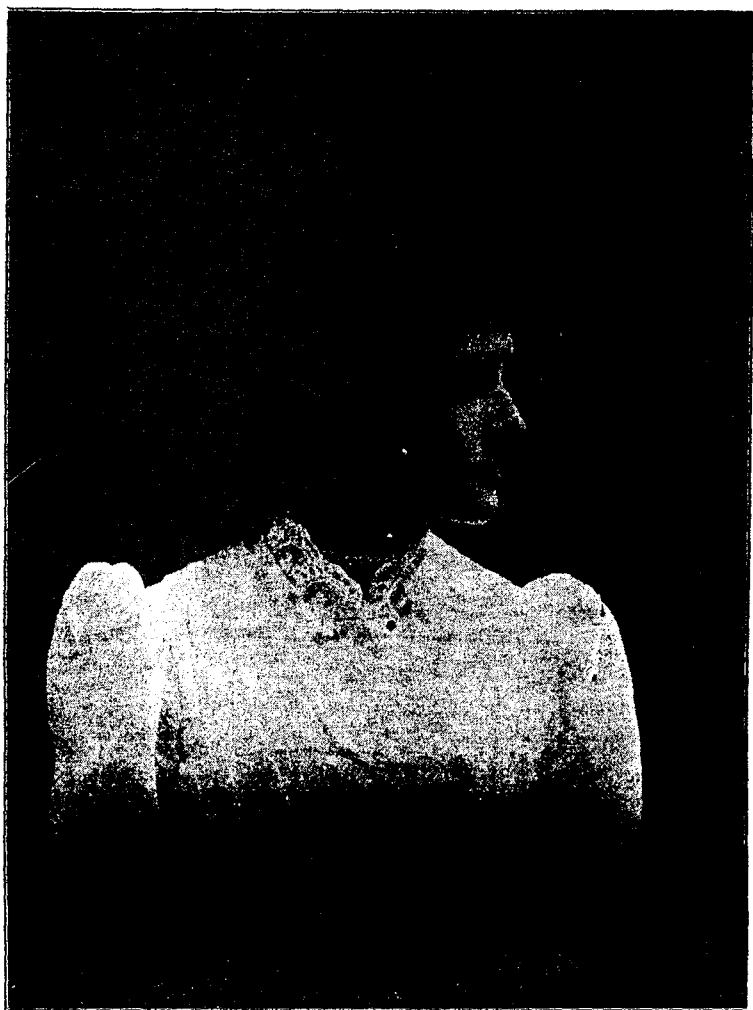
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CHARLES CURTIS 6 b June 24, 1913 at Hopewell Jet.
 m Wilma Ryan, June 6, 1937
 She was born June 6, 1913

CHILDREN

- 228 Curtis Ryan 7 b September 17, 1943
 m

Charles C 6 reported for the draft in World War II and was assigned to the amphibian service of the diesel engineers. He was classed as "Expert."



MRS. EDITH BAILEY TAFT
(Mrs. George A. Taft)

EDITH 5, GILBERT F. 4, SOLOMON 3, GILBERT 2,
LEVI 1

EDITH BAILEY TAFT 5 b February 15, 1873
d January 21, 1944
m George A. Taft
December 27, 1898 at
Croton Falls, N. Y.

EDITH BAILEY TAFT was reared on the Bailey homestead east of the village of Croton Falls at the time the country was recuperating from the effects of the Civil War. Edith began her studies under the tutelage of her father who was a Yale graduate. Later she was tutored by Miss Amy Avery, William Rankin and Carrie Lawrence, all of whom contributed to her preparation for entrance to the Albany State Normal College, where she graduated in June 1892. She taught in the Public Schools of Croton Falls, Pawling and in the New York City system at Williamsbridge, N.Y.

After her marriage she resided in Brooklyn, N. Y. On the passage of the Women's Franchise Bill, she became allied with the, then, dominant political party and cast her first vote for William G. Harding in 1920. She was successively chosen delegate to the Kings County Committee on which she served for several years.

CHILDREN

GEORGIANA CORNELIA TAFT 6

b November 15, 1903 at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Georgiana Cornelia 6 was not the last in the line from GILBERT F. 4, but she holds the distinction of being the only girl of all the grandchildren. Ten cousins, all boys, but she held the favored place in the hearts of the Baileys until the later generation came to share her supremacy.

Georgiana early showed a fondness for a stage career, but abandoned the dream to become a student in Adelphi College which bestowed upon her an A. B. and Columbia an M. A. She is now a psychologist in the New York City School system.

The Old Peach Lake Meeting House

Nothing could be more appropriate and still give an added interest to the history of the Baileys than a brief account of the origin and long existence of the Quaker Meeting House near Peach Lake.

The Peach Lake Meeting House is still in existence, surrounded by a few tall oak trees and the old burying ground long since reduced to a dilapidated state, owing to the infrequent gatherings of the Religious Society of Friends. These meetings were perpetuated for many years by the descendants of the original Quakers and by the surviving members of the family of the late Charles Lindley Hunt whose last residence was at Purdy's Station, N. Y. Extracts of a newspaper clipping giving an account of the last meeting in the Old Meeting House on August 9th, 1914 is reproduced in part for this history.

At a meeting of the Society at Quaker Hill, Dutchess County, which was concurred in by a meeting of the Society at Purchase, N. Y., on August 2nd, a committee was appointed naming

David Hunt, Moses Quinby, Benedict Carpenter, John Hosier, Zebulon Ferris and Gains Talkot

to consider the advisability of erecting a Meeting House on convenient land, about three acres. Accordingly suitable land was selected and purchased for \$15.00 per acre. This choice site was located on high ground, protected on the North and Southeast by groves of large oak trees. On the South west lies a beautiful incline of rich farming land stretching to the Titicus River. On the North west the meadows slope down to the lake, from which the Meeting derived its name. This lake is entirely natural, about one and one-half miles in length and one-half mile wide and fed mostly from spring water.

The Old Meeting House was twenty feet long, thirty feet wide and one story high. The building was completed in

1762 and situated seven miles from Purdy's Station in the north east corner of Westchester County, near Putnam County and one mile from the Connecticut State Line.

The Preparative meeting or the first meeting after the completion of the building was arranged and fully advertised, inviting not only the surrounding country folks, but neighboring towns as well, and some even from long distances, for the Meeting was really something more than a religious service.

The Meeting could not be called a service—it was for many a reunion, the only time of the year when they met and renewed acquaintances and friendships with some who were "Friends" in a double sense.

Charles Lindley Hunt, whose ancestor was David Hunt, an original founder of the Quaker Meeting, was deeply concerned in the preservation of the principles of the Society of Friends of which he was a birth right member.

The last member of the little Quaker Church was laid to rest many years ago in the old cemetery beside the ancient meeting house, a few rods back from the shore of the lake.

Descendants of the Friends who once composed the society have kept alive the spirit which dominated their fathers by holding a religious meeting once a year on some Sunday afternoon in mid-summer.

A Quaker meeting is not like other religious services, for there is no form of service, and if no one is moved to speak, or sing or pray, there is nothing but silence except for the addresses by those who are expected to speak.

It was always the custom for the members to assemble before the noon hour, eat their basket lunches, visit and renew the scenes and events of old times until about three o'clock in the afternoon when it appeared evident that the people were all gathered then those who had charge of the meeting went in and sat down. The others followed, taking such vacant seats on the cross benches as happened, with the

women on the right of the aisle and all the men on the left. The aisle led from the front entrance to the raised platform in the rear of the church where the speakers were seated.

Should it so happen that there were more seats unoccupied on the right than on the left, and if a young man who had escorted his best girl to the meeting was unable to place himself on the left and awkwardly sat with the women, he would be ungraciously noticed at once and afterwards pleasantly but decidedly reminded that the men on the left could have made room if he had so requested.

In or about 1810 there was a separation of the Friends throughout the country, but the fellowship inborn among the descendants of the members of the Old Quaker Meeting House survived and still lives in the hearts of those who claim North Salem as their native town. In later years, the annual gathering in the month of August each year was an event looked forward to, and when the day finally came, an unseen attraction called the people from their homes and they would gather from the surrounding country to renew the scenes and reunite the hearts of long ago.



JANE HOPKINS PIERCE

EDWIN CLARKE KENT DIES

Expert on Realty Law Was Author and Sportsman

Edwin Clarke Kent, retired lawyer and one of the original members of the Tuxedo Park colony, died yesterday at Chastellux, his home there. He was 82 years old.

Sportsman, traveler and author, Mr. Kent was likewise a member of a family that can be traced back almost three hundred years in America. His forbears settled in New England in 1640 and about a century afterward one of his ancestors, the Rev. Elisha Kent of New Haven, moved with his family to Southeast, N. Y., in Dutchess county, near Brewster, where he built a church that is still in use.

Edwin Kent was born in Fishkill Landing, N. Y., now Beacon. He was the son of James Kent and Sarah Irving Clarke Kent, a grand-niece of Washington Irving. Three years after he was graduated from Columbia University he was admitted to the bar, in 1879, and with his brother, William, aided in establishing the law firm of Tillotson & Kent, specialists in New York real estate.

On the death of the other partners and on the retirement of Edwin Kent more than thirty years ago the firm was dissolved.

The Skating Girl

DEDICATED ESPECIALLY TO I.G.H.

The snow bird, one day, stopped short in its flight,
And its envious soul was wroth at the sight;
The crow in mid-heaven stood poised on its wing,
And cawed in surprise at the wonderful thing.

You see her now, gracefully gliding along,
With musical motion like rythm in song.
Now forward, now backward, then in a whirl;
The pond's winter lily-our own skating girl.

The shooting star curves through the azure of night;
The rainbow is curved from its fountain of light;
But better the vision, the more rapture I feel,
When the skating girl curves on her sandals of steel.

Perhaps she can tread all the maze of the dance,
Perhaps she is versed in the soul-melting glance;
But I know her true spirit has scouted the false,
The languishing airs of the schottische and waltz.

More charming we find her where Boreas blows,
And mantles her cheek with the flush of the rose;
Though skating boys near, are courteously prone,
She jilts the hand offered, and goes it alone.

And thus may she glide down life's flowing sea,
With spirit all joyous, true hearted and free.
But she may not find when her young days have flown,
She still, as a spinster must "go it alone."

Ah, no near the lake on the brow of the hill,
A youth has been watching, is watching her still.
He'll try all the arts that Cupid has known,
To coax and persuade her from going alone.

G. F. B.

In The Year 1873 a book entitled,

LIFE IN DANBURY

WAS WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED BY JAMES M. BAILEY. Since Danbury and Bethel brought forth P. T. Barnum and the Circus, it might be interesting to include in this history of the BAILEYS the story of the

CIRCUS DAY IN DANBURY

A pretty fair index of Mr. Barnum's control over the credulity of an American public, was given on Saturday. The day was unpleasant, to use the mildest type of expression, but the streets were thronged with a mass of people—some of them coming twenty miles over the very bad roads. It was an enthusiasm no rain could dampen—no possible combination of circumstances could flatten.

There were three tents—two small and one very large one. The former enclosed the menagerie and museum—the latter the arena. I attended the afternoon performance out of curiosity, and the evening entertainment out of revenge. I was a little disappointed in the menagerie, because I had depended on that and the museum for the bulk of my happiness on this occasion. The most noted specimens of the forest and jungle were those which appeared on the bills but not in the cages. Here was a discrepancy I could not reconcile with the proprietor's well-known honesty and enterprise. I cast a few reproachful glances upon the specimens that good living and virtuous precepts had preserved to such a good old age, and passed to the museum. There was a visible improvement in this place. The mind was illuminated by the lady who wrote the autograph with her toes, and the heart made glad by various other articles I cannot recall to mind.

When I got inside the large tent I was surprised. A sea of faces spread out before and around me. The tier seats are crowded, the ring seats are crowded, the gang-ways are crowded. It is a mass of suffocation, fun and sweat. I don't think I ever saw so large an attendance at a prayer meeting, and I have been to many of them.

I really enjoyed the sight. Here was one of the grandest views to be seen. Myriads of people of every clime—every

temper, disposition mind and heart. Here, embraced in an area of a few hundred yards, might be observed—

“Why don’t that bald-headed reptile set down?” cried a hoarse voice behind me. I looked around. A red-faced, illiterate man was glowing down upon me from a tier seat. Passion disturbed his features; the man was really mad. I cast a sorrowful glance upon him and sat down. There were fifty or sixty people between me and the ring. I had not made any calculation for this when I came, so I didn’t appreciate it. Occasionally somebody hollered, “Down in front.” Whenever I heard the cry I singled out the author and bestowed a grateful glance upon him. It was the finest oration I ever heard, and my appreciation of it was sharpened I think, by the remarkably uncomfortable position that I had got into. I had an excellent view of the tent, and, once in a while, of the ridge pole of the giant who stood nearly opposite. I knew there was something going on in the ring, but if I had been prostrated on my dying couch I could not have told what it was. But I knew whenever a different act commenced, because the folks in front of me stood up on the seats, and the folks behind me put their children on my head, and their umbrellas down my back, and remarked audibly to each other,—

“Was there ever anything like it?”

And I, staring idiotically into the back of the man in front of me, fervently hoped there was not.

But all things have an end, and the dreary afternoon performance was not an exception. The last act was performed; the clown finally convulsed the audience; the children in the rear were pulled out of my hair, and I was permitted to fall over, roll around, and eventually get on my feet. With the crowd gone I stole back to the tent and took one fond, piercing glance at what I had not yet seen,—the ring.

The oldest inhabitant will never forget the severity of the storm in the evening. The rain descended in torrents, the air was chilly and raw, and the night was one in which all the sores in your heart are made bare to the sight. I knew would be no attendance upon the show, but I thought I would go over. When I got there I found about one thousand people present, mostly ladies and umbrellas. They flocked into the tent, by wax figures, and up to the arena—the um-

brellas shining in the light of the lamps, and a thousand irresponsible rivulets falling swiftly. The huge crowd looked like a party of immigrants on their way to colonize the Atlantic Ocean. The short people labored under a striking disadvantage. The prongs of the surrounding alpaca caught in their bonnet strings, and tried to disengage themselves by washing off those articles. Men who had acquired the filthy habit of profanity held the highest position in the party, and were much sought after. Everybody sincerely regretted he had come, and at the same time renewed his exertions to get close to the ring. Occasionally some one fell down, and his neighbors stepped on him and walked over him, and facetiously enquired, "How was that for high?" Little girls with dazzling patches of fashionable blory on their head were jammed, jarred, and impartially stirred up. The man who held on to his wife with one hand, five fractious children in the other, and balanced a ten-shilling umbrella on his chin, attracted general attention. The enthusiasm was really sublime during the entire show. What would have been if the bulk of the the audience could have occasionally seen what was going on in the ring, the human mind fails to calculate.



How the Baileys, the Fields, the Fowlers Are Related to Each Other

WILLIAM HAZZARD, the father of Lydia Field, m Phoebe, daughter of Capt. John Hull, who m in London, Alice Tiddiman, Aug. 23, 1684. He was the son of Tristram Hull of Barnstable, Mass., and Blanch his wife. Tristram's father was the Rev Joseph Hull, b 1595. He sailed from Weymouth for New England on Mar. 20, 1635 with his wife Agnes and seven children. his 3rd child Tristram being 3 years old at the time. The Rev. Joseph Hull is described on the passenger list of the vessel as from Somersetshire, d Nov. 19, 1665, a resident of Yorktown, N. Y.

Hazzard b July 28, 1770 m Henry Fowler of Yorktown
Daniel b Nov. 11, 1765 m Mary Bailey
Phoebe b Jan. 16, 1784 m Elizabeth Field
She died 1862

MOSES FIELD FOWLER Esq., was the son of Henry and Phoebe Field) Fowler. He was b in Yorktown, Westchester Co., N. Y. Oct. 2, 1819. His paternal Grandfather was JESSE FOWLER who died in 1851 at age of 91 and who lived in Yorktown as several generations of the Fowler family had done before him.

William Field b Westchester Co. m Mary Hatfield
Anthony Field b Westchester Co. m Mary French
1755

Samuel Field b Westchester Co. m Abigail French
Haight

Solomon Field b Flushing, L. I. 1738 m Bety Vail. He
died 1815 a resident
of Dingle, N. Y.

Isaac b 1759 m Deborah Lobdell

Thomas b m Susan Angevine

Sarah b Apr. 19, 1761 m GILBERT BAILEY
Son of Levi of Somers, N. Y. b Sept.
16, 1759
d Mar. 20, 1831, She died Oct. 10, 1836

GILBERT FIELD b Dingle, N. Y. m Hepsibeth
Ryder Mar. 17, 1791, b 1761. He
died June 15, 1831

Gilbert was one of three brothers, Nehemiah and Com-
fort, who together, on account of their youthful looks and
actions in old age were familiarly called "the three old boys."
They accumulated considerable wealth, which eventually
went to Gilbert's children. He was a prosperous farmer and
highly esteemed and respected. Res. Dingle Ridge, N. Y.

SOLOMON b Feb. 6, 1793, m Charlotte Crane

Polly b May 31, 1793, m Moses Adams,
She died April 5, 1882

Abigail b Dec. 1794, m Aaron Purdy Denton
Res. Dingle Ridge. She died Mar. 29, 1865
He was born Jan. 24, 1793, d May
21, 1834.
He was son of Solomon and Lydia
(Husted) of Horseneck, Conn.

Children Mary b 1818 m Seth Abbot of
Pound Ridge

Children: Charlotte A Joseph G, Mary E
m Haleyon Ryder

Confort b June 16, 1799, m Polly Crane

Joseph b Feb 18, 1803, (single)

ELNATHAN FIELD b Dingle Ridge, m Jane Palmer
Res. Danbury, Conn.

Children

Joseph b Jan. 30, 1779 m Mary Rundall

Mary b m Samuel Cole

Elias b m Sally One son Joseph

Hepsibeth b Jan. 31, 1791, m Hendrick Weed

Betsey b Res. So. East

1776 d June 6, 1839 Res So. East

URIAH FIELD (Robert, Benjamin, Anthony, Robert, Will-
iam, Christopher, John, Christopher, John William)
b Flushing, L. I. m Jan. 18, 1764 Mary Quimby
Res. Greenwich, Conn. and Westchester Co., N. Y.

STEPHEN FIELD m (1) Betsey Brown

(2) Polly Brundage

THE FIELD TREE

Stephen Field
1775

The chart shows the Baileys intermarrying with the Fields, Pierces, Ganuns, Ryders, Kniffins, Smiths, Greens, Meads and Fowlers: making one grand old family, residing through the years in northern Westchester County in neighborly, peaceful enjoyment. Moreover, the descendants of the separate family names, branched off from the main tree into independant lines of their own.

MARSHALL FIELD

(John, John, Richard, Eliakim, John, John, Zachariah,
John, John, Richard William, William)

Marshall Field was born in Conway, Mass. August 18, 1835, m Jan 3, 1863 Nannie Douglass Scott, daughter of Robert Scott of Ironton, Ohio. She died in France where she had gone for her health. Res. 1905 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

No merchant has attained the success that has reached the pinnacle of mercantile glory as the Great Emporium of Marshall Field & Company. The dry-goods establishment which was doing the largest general business, during the 1860's and 1870's, was not located on the Atlantic Coast, but in CHICAGO. It has the great west for its market and with reference to this it is more centrally located than it could be elsewhere; the lakes, the rivers, the continually expanding railway system, seems to have agreed together to make their headquarters at the foot of Lake Michigan.

Marshall Field & Co., has been managed through a long series of years upon distinctly formulated business principles rigidly adhered, through good and bad report, while it has been served from its beginning by capable men, its success is rendered more easily attainable from the fact that its guiding spirit, its somewhat autocratic unyielding manager, has not been changed. Its course through stormy and quiet times, has been its solidity.

Marshall Field was born in Conway, Mass. His father was a farmer in comfortable circumstances and gave his son the advantages of a thorough home training in habits of industry and sound morals, besides a good public school education and the Conway Academy.

Note:

The record of the FIELD FAMILY as given above is from the FIELD GENEALOGY by PIERCE, and begins with the Bibliography of the descendants of Marshall Field I on through Marshall Field V, Pages 101—219. VOL. 2458

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1 James	1	32 Elizabeth	6
2 John	2	33 Ruth	6
3 Lydia	2	34 Leah	6
4 Johnathan	2	35 Keziah	6
5 Demarest	2	36 Joseph	7
6 James	2	37 Stephen	8
7 Thomas	2	38 Mary	8
8 Samuel	2	39 James	8
9 Johnathan	3	40 Hannah	8
10 Amy	3	41 Susannah	8
11 Nathaniel	3	42 Rebecca	8
12 Thomas	3	43 Samuel	8
13 James	3	44 GILBERT	8
14 Mary	3	45 Peleg	8
15 Elizabeht	3	46 Marie Reed	9
16 Lydia	3	47 Daniel Fowler	9
17 John	3	48 Peleg Reed	9
18 Nathan	4	49 Eliabeth Jane	9
19 Nicholas	4	50 Delia Caroline	9
20 Nathaniel	5	51 Devoe Fowler	9
21 Margarieta	5	52 George Fowler	9
22 Mary	5	58 Halcyon Gilbert	10
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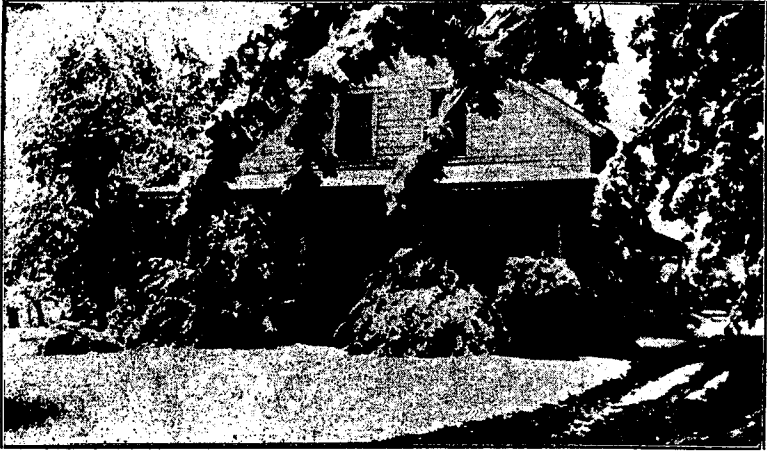
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