

GENEALOGICAL SKETCH

OF THE

BIRD FAMILY,

HAVING ITS ORIGIN IN

HARTFORD, CONN.



HARTFORD:

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TO THE
WHOLE FAMILY OF
HARTFORD BIRDS,
OF THE PRESENT AND OF FUTURE GENERATIONS, THIS
S K E T C H,
WITH ALL ITS KNOWN DEFICIENCIES AND PROBABLE ERRORS,
IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED, BY THEIR
DEVOTED FRIEND AND KINSMAN,

ISAAC BIRD.

S K E T C H .

THIS brief Sketch is intended to exhibit mainly the *male* descendants of our first American ancestor, omitting, especially in the early generations, the names of the daughters, and such of the sons as left no issue that have survived down to our times.

GENERATION I.

THOMAS BIRD, first known at Hartford 1644. Died about 1660, leaving legacies to Joseph and James Bird, and to two daughters, Mrs. North and Mrs. Scott.

GENERATION II.

JOSEPH and JAMES Bird are found among the first settlers and proprietors of Farmington, about 1660, and both, with their wives, were members of the church. Joseph had 8 children—5 sons and 3 daughters ; died 1695. James married Lydia Steele ; died 1708, leaving one son and 6 daughters, all married.

GENERATION III.

JOSEPH, son of Joseph, married Mary Steele, 3 sons and 2 daughters, died 1729.—THOMAS, s. of James—lived in that part of F., afterwards called Northington, now Avon, of “Shady Side” memory. He united with the church 1691, married Mary Woodford, July 3, 1693, had 3 sons and 5 daughters, and died 1725.

GENERATION IV.

SAMUEL of Joseph of Joseph, married Eunice Wadsworth, Feb. 13, 1730, had 3 sons and 4 daughters.

JOHN, JOSEPH, and JONATHAN, sons of Thomas of Avon.—The two former were among the first settlers and proprietors of Litchfield; and Joseph, of Salisbury also.—*John* was born 1695, married his second wife, Mary Atwood, June 20, 1728, by whom he had 6 sons and 2 daughters; died about 1750. His wife lived till 1794, and died, Bethlem, aged 92.—*Joseph* was born Dec. 27, 1696, went to Litchfield 1718 or 19, married (1721,) Dorcas Norton, daughter of Jno. Norton, Jr., and of Ruth Moore his wife, (who was dau. of Dea. Isaac Moore,) all of Farm'n; removed to Salisbury 1748, lost his wife Dorcas 1750-1, md. widow Eldredge 1752, by whom he had one daughter. He died 1754. He had 7 sons and 3 daughters.—*Jonathan* was born Dec. 28, 1699, married Hannah Thomson 1732, had 3 sons and 4 daughters, died in Kensington 1748, worth £1600.

GENERATION V.

JOSEPH of Samuel, was b. 1736, had 3 wives and many children, of whom one son only survives.

Sons of JOHN, JOSEPH and JONATHAN.—1. Of John, *Seth*, *Ebenezer*, *Atwood* and *Jonathan*.—*Seth* was b. Jan. 4, 1733, md., 2d. wife, Hannah Sheldon, Feb. 8, 1768, one surviving son; d. 1805 at Litchfield, S. Farms. He was a physician of considerable eminence. *Ebenezer* was b. 1739, married Miss — about 1773, d. Bethlem, 1789. Left 4 sons, Amos, David, Ebenezer and Daniel. *Atwood*, b. about 1741, was md. twice, d. Verona, N. Y.—a man remarkable for his integrity. He had one son by 1st wife. Had 8 children by his 2d. One by the name of Chauncey is supposed to be still living. *Jonathan*—b. 1743, md. Amy Humphrey about 1777; had 2 sons and 4 daughters; d. 1786, in Simsbury, Ct., aged 43. Was a physician. The daughters left children by the names of Bodwell, Everett, and Goodwin.

2. Sons of Joseph—*James, Joseph* and *Amos*.—*James* was b. in Litchfield, 1722; md. Abigail Gridley of Kensington, 1750; had 2 sons and 3 daughters; d. in Salisbury, Sept. 28, 1794, aged 72; his wife d. 1815, aged 84. Of his 3 daughters, Dorcas md. Col. Noah Lee, of Castleton, Vt.; Abigail md. D. McIntosh, and Eunice, 1st J. Lord, 2d Wm. Mather, a physician from Torrington, Ct. All have numerous descendants.—*Joseph* b. in Litchfield, June 18, 1733; md. Huldah Sprague; had 6 sons and 6 daughters; d. in Tyngham, Mass., June 23, 1811; his daughters intermarried with Messrs. Gaffield, Herrick, Chapin, Fowler, and Curtis.—*Amos* was b. in Litchfield, May 13, 1741; md. Hannah Swift of Salisbury; d., greatly respected, in Castleton, Vt., 1773, leaving a young daughter, Dorcas, who md. Wm. Holabird, of Canaan, Ct.

3. Son of Jonathan.—*Jonathan* b. Avon, 1747; graduated Yale College, 1768; md.——Hogeboom; lost son and wife early; d. Hebron, Ct., 1813; was a preacher and a physician.

GENERATION VI.

I. BENJAMIN, (s. of Joseph of Samuel) was b. Oct. 23, 1780; md. Deborah Carrington 1801; had 2 sons and 3 daughters. The daughters md. respectively Messrs. Cloyes, Hammond, and Lewis. Benj. still lives. His residence is in Plainville, Ct.

II. Grandsons of John of Litchfield.—1. *John* of Seth; b. Litchfield 1769; grad. Yale Coll., 1786; md. 1st, Eunice, daughter of Col. Joshua Porter of Salisbury, 2nd Sally Buell of Litchfield; had two sons; d. Troy, N. Y., 1806, aged 37. He was a lawyer and politician.—2. Sons of Ebenezer of John, viz: *Amos, David, Ebenezer* and *Daniel*. *Amos* was b. Bethlem, June 13, 1774; married Miss Cook of Wallingford 1797; now living in New Haven, Vt.; has had 3 sons and 6 daughters; only one son living; the daughters married into the names of Ballou, Washburn, and Hinman.—*David*, b. in Bethlem, 1776; md. Elizabeth Church about 1797; both d. in 1849, aged 73. They had 10 children; 3 sons and 3 daughters are all that now sur-

vive. Three of the daughters took the names of Gaylord, Thompson and Loomis.—*Ebenezer* was b. June 6, 1778; md. Lois Barber, 1806; had 5 sons and 6 daughters. Only 3 sons, Daniel, Ebenezer M., and Newton, and 2 daughters, now remain. The daughters md. Thompson, Eddy, Gregory and Crowley. Ebenezer still lives in Victory, Cayuga Co., N. Y.—*Daniel*, supposed to be still living near his children at Prairie Ronde, Kalamazoo Co., Mich.; has 2 sons and 3 daughters. One of the daughters married W. B. Austin of New York.—3. Son of Atwood, viz: *Chauncey*, md. in Farmington, resided a while in Litchfield; afterward removed with his family to some part of Onondaga Co., N. Y., and in 1838 to Michigan. (Another son of Atwood md. in Farmington and lived in Cincinnati where he died. He was wealthy and left a son supposed to be now living in New York city.)—4. Son of Jonathan of John, viz: *Jonathan*, b. Simsbury, 1775; md. Betsey Grinnell, of Greenfield, Mass.; had 3 sons and one daughter; d. Greenfield, March, 1813, aged 37.

III. Grand sons of Joseph of Litchfield and Salisbury.

1. The two sons of James, viz.: Thomas and Isaac.—*Thomas*, son of James, was b. Salisbury, April 22, 1754; md. Betsey Chamberlain, 1777, of South Canaan, Ct.; had 5 sons and 3 daughters. The daughters md. Messrs. Dibble, Rockwell, and Collamer, of Sandy Hill, N. Y. *Isaac*, brother of Thomas; b. May 5, 1757; md. Rhoda Selleck of Salisbury, Feb. 28, 1780; had 4 sons and 3 daughters. He died Salisbury, Jan. 16, 1829. His daughters md. Messrs. Covey of Penfield, N. Y., Wheeler of Salisbury, Ct., and Reed of Bethany, Pa.

2. Three sons of Joseph of Tyringham, Mass.—1. *Moore*, was born Oct. 22, 1756; md. ————— Delavergne, of Amenia, N. Y.; had 4 sons and 2 daughters; d. in Amenia. His daughter, Julia, md. Hiram Brown.—2. *Joseph*, was born Aug. 8, 1759; md. Cynthia Binney; had 5 sons and 4 daughters. He is still living in Bristol, Vt. His daughters md. into the names of Keeler, Foote and Eastman.—3. *Nathaniel*, was b. in Salisbury, 1761; md. Hannah Ballard; lived in N. Marlboro; removed to Westfield, N. Y., 1816; had 5 sons and 6 or 7 daughters. He d. at his daughter Foster's house near

Buffalo, while on a visit. His daughters married into families named Macomber, Foster, Sessions, and Heminway.

GENERATION VII.

I. Son of Benjamin.—*George*, b. March 10, 1802; md. 1st, Elizabeth Stanley, of Plainville, 2d. Miranda Munson, of Plymouth; resides N. Haven, Ct.; has a daughter Sarah Ely, and a son Norton Stanley.

II. Gr. gr. sons of John of Litchfield.—1. Sons of John of Troy, s. of Dr. Seth, of Litchfield, viz. :

John Herman, born 1790; was killed on board the frigate President by a ball from the Belvidere, June 23, 1812.—*Wm. A.*, b. 1797; has 2 sons and 2 daughters; resides at Black Rock, near Buffalo, N. Y.

2. Sons of *Amos*, *David*, *Ebenezer* and *Daniel* of Gen. VI.—*Canfield*, son of Amos, of New Haven, Vt.; b. Feb. 1803; md. Elizabeth Washburn of Leominster, N. H., Dec. 30, 1828; has 3 sons and 4 daughters; resides N. Haven, Vt.—*Harmon*, son of David of Bethlem, Ct.; b. Aug. 1798; md. Nov. 1823; one son, James.—*Joshua* of David; b. May 21, 1800; md. Carol. Jackson, Sept. 5, 1822; chil. 5 sons 3 dau.; resides in Bethlem, Ct.—*David*, of David, b. March 11, 1804; md. Miss Phelps about 1835; chil. a son and a daughter; resides in Winchester, Ct.—*Daniel*, son of Ebenezer of Victory; b. March 20, 1819; md. Mary Thompson, Aug. 1840.—*Ebenezer M.*, do.; b. Oct. 25, 1821; md. Eliza Barney, 1846.—*Newton L.*, do.; b. Dec. 4, 1826; md. Mary Ann Martin, Aug. 1845.—Sons of *Daniel* of Mich., 2 in number; names unknown; reside in Prairie Ronde, in Michigan.

3. Sons of Chauncey unknown.

4. Sons of Jonathan, son of Dr. Jonathan of Simsbury. These are *George*, *Jonathan*, and *Edward*, residing in Belleville, N. J.

III. Gr. gr. sons of Joseph of Litchfield and Salisbury.

1. Son of Thomas son of James of Salisbury.

Orren, b. 1794; d. 1827; Sandy Hill; left one son.

2. Sons of Isaac of James.—*James*, b. Jan. 27, 1785 ; md. Susan Dauchy ; 5 sons and 5 daughters ; resides in Conklin, near Binghamton, N. Y. ; three daughters married. *Isaac*, b. June 19, 1793 ; grad. Yale Coll. 1816 ; md. Ann Parker, of New Hampshire, Nov. 1822 ; 10 chil., 6 living, 2 sons and 4 daughters ; resides in Hartford, Ct.

3. Sons of Moore, of Amenia, N. Y.

Augustus, removed to West Michigan, near Kalamazoo ; d. leaving a family.—*Henry* resides in Amenia with a family ; has two sons married.

4. Sons of Joseph of New Haven, Vt.

Thomas had 2 sons, 4 daughters ; d. Canton, N. Y.—*Gustavus A.*, b. about 1791 ; grad. Midd. Coll. 1812 ; had one son and 2 daughters ; d. in Missouri. One daughter, Jane, md. Lorenzo D., s. of Nath. Bird of Westfield.—*Frederick A.*, had 8 sons and one daughter. The daughter md. H. Dorrance, Rutland, Vt. The surviving sons are Roderick D., Myron L., Charles L., Edwin, Riley, and Doctor.—*Amos*, supposed without family.—*Anson*, is in N. Haven, Vt. ; has 2 sons, James and Joseph.

5. Sons of Nathaniel of Joseph, of Tyringham, Mass.

Amos, went from N. Marlborough to Westfield, N. Y., 1812 ; md. Mary Griffith, 1814 ; d. 1823. Surviving chil. 2 sons, one daughter.—*Frederick*, md. Loisa Warren about 1823 ; d. 1844. Left 7 chil. ; two sons in California ; a married daughter and the remaining children with their mother at Warrentonville.—*Ira R.*, was md. 1834 to Caroline Beecher, niece of Dr. Lyman Beecher ; d. 1841–2. Two surviving chil. ;—*Lorenzo D.*, b. 1813 ; grad. Y. Coll. 1839 ; went to Missouri 1842 ; md. Jane, daughter of Gustavus Bird of St. Genevieve, Mo. ; practising law in Western, a town 400 m. up the Missouri river.—*Charles Lee*, b. 1816 ; md. Ellen Kent ; has one son ; has lately gone to California with his family.

GENERATION VIII.

1. Chil. of George, N. Haven, Ct.,—*Susan E.*, *Norton S.*, and perhaps others.—2. Chil. of Wm. A. of Black Rock,—*John H.*, physician in Chicago; *another son* educated at Union Coll. Two *other* chil. daughters.—3. Chil. of Canfield, of Vt. *Julia*, b. N. Haven, July 6, 1830; *Amos Cook*, b. Oct. 14, 1832; *Ellen Sophia*, b. Dec. 11, 1834; *James Booth*, b. Richland, Mich., Feb. 16, 1837; *Elijah Washburn*, b. N. Haven, Sept. 30, 1840; *Emma Melinda*, June 26, 1845; *Mary Elizabeth*, Nov. 16, 1848.—4. Son of Harmon of Bethlem; *James*.—5. Chil. of Joshua, Bethlem; *Andrew Jackson*, b. Nov. 28, 1823; d. 1824; *Theodore*, June 8, 1825; md. *Eliza*, daughter of Rev. F. Harrison, Oct. 9, 1849; *Elizabeth Mary*, b. Oct. 9, 1826; *Samuel Jackson*, b. Aug. 1, 1828; *David*, d. young; *Stanton* b. July 3, 1833; *Caroline Martha* b. Oct. 19, 1837; *Sarah Imogene* b. June 26, 1840.—Son of David of Winchester, *Sterling*.—6. Gr. ch. of Dan'l of Mich.—7. Gr. ch. of Chauncey who moved from Litchfield to Onondaga and to Mich.—8. *Son of Orren* of Sandy Hill.—9. Chil. of James son of Isaac of Salisbury, viz: *Ripley*, *Virgil*, *Henrietta*, *Annis*, *Isaac*, *Celestia*, *James*, *Sarah*, *Marion*, *George*, all b. in Salisbury; three daughters married. The family homestead is now in Conklin, near Binghamton, N. Y.—10. Chil. of Isaac son of Isaac, viz: *William*, b. on the Island of Malta, (Medit.) Aug. 1823; grad. Dart. Coll. 1844; md. *Sarah F. Gordon* of Exeter, N. H., Feb. 1853; resides near Beirut, Syria. *Emily Ann*, b. Beirut, 1825; md. Rev. H. J. Van Lennep of Constantinople, Turkey, April, 1850. *James*, b. Beirut, 1826. *Martha Jane*, b. Malta; *Mary E.*, b. Beirut; *Caroline*, b. in Smyrna.—11. *Henry* of Isaac of Salisbury; has a widow remaining, and a dau. md. E. N. Hart of Stillwater, N. Y.—12. Chil. of Augustus and Henry, sons of Moore of Amenia, N. Y.; the former are in Mich., the latter in Amenia.—13. Chil. of Thos, son of Joseph of Bristol, Vt.; one son, *Joseph*, and 4 daughters, now living near Canton, N. Y.—14. Chil. of Gustavus A., of St. Genevieve; one son and 2 daughters; one of these daughters md. Lorenzo D. Bird, son of Nathaniel.—15. Chil. of Frederick A.; 8 sons and one dau., viz:

Roderick D. of Waynesburg, Green Co., Pa.; (who has a son and daughter,) *Myron L.*, *Charles L.*, &c., as before mentioned. *M. L.* and *C. L.* have gone to California.—16. Chil. of Anson, viz: *James* and *Joseph*, N. Haven, Vt.—17. Chil. of Amos of Nathl. of Westfield, viz: *Philander*, merchant, Roscoe, Ill.; *Nelson* of Chautauque Co., a farmer. His dau. md. — Boilvin, of Peoria.—18. Chil. of Frederick; *Byron B.* and *Edwin*, in California; *Ellen D.* md. to a physician—with *Henry* and 3 daughters all in Warrenville, Illinois—19. Chil. of *Ira R.*, 2 only survive—viz. *Franklin*, printer, Western, Missouri, and *William*, went to California and China.

It will be seen above that a few forerunners of the GEN. IX are beginning to appear. The *children of that generation* will fill up a Sketch by themselves. They will have stirring scenes to witness, and opportunity to act an important part in the great schemes of benevolence that have been set on foot in the world. May the glory of their good deeds outshine that of all their predecessors.

HISTORICAL REMARKS.

THOMAS BIRD, GENERATION I.

THE name of a Thomas Bird appears in different early Records of Mass., and some have suggested that Thomas B. of Scituate and of Dorchester, Mass., of 1642, might be the same man with our ancestor of Hartford. But the Dorchester Birds seem to have been of a separate origin. Of that family are many of the Birds in Boston and New York, and of the same was the Rev. Samuel Bird, a pastor of one of the New Haven churches just before the Revolution, and who, though he did not graduate, was educated at Cambridge, in the class of 1744, leaving College a little before the Commencement, that year.

Our ancestor came to Hartford some ten years after its first settlement, and was proprietor only of a small homestead south of the city limits, and of a parcel of land of about fourteen acres constituting, as the Records say, "an island in the great river over against the Landing." Whether he removed with his sons to Farmington, or remained and died in Hartford, is unknown.

JOSEPH, GEN. II.

It is remarkable how the male descendants of this son of Thomas, have been, in the providence of God, removed. He appears to have but three of these representatives remaining now alive, one in the VI Generation, one in the VII, and one in the VIII.

THOMAS, GEN. III,

Was the only male heir of his father, and was possessed of an estate valued at £550, a sum which constituted a man *rich* in those days. As Noah occupied the place of the second great head of the human family, so this second Thomas Bird stands as the great second head of nearly all our families of Birds.

JOHN AND JOSEPH, GEN. IV.

These sons of Thomas seem to have been men of unusual enterprise. They were pioneers in the settlement of Litchfield, and were among the chief town officers. The two home lots of land that fell to them in the town, are still pointed out S. S. E. of the present village, they being designated on a map published within a few years, with a pamphlet, by G. C. Woodruff, Esq., of Litchfield. John went on in speculation in lands farther West. He was one of the company known by the name of the Little Nine Partners, who purchased lands extending from the Connecticut line to the North River. This company became involved, and unable to meet the demands of their creditors, and John, overcome by his disappointments, died, it is said, in a state of mental derangement. He built a stone house in Dover, on land, probably, which he owned as one of the company, which house is supposed to be still standing.

Joseph must have obtained some addition to his means by his marriage. Dea. Isaac Moore, one of the wealthiest farmers in Farmington, had 4 children, all daughters. Ruth was married to John Norton, Jr., son of a very respectable settler, lately come from Branford. Dorcas, the youngest daughter of this connexion, became the wife of Joseph Bird. She was sister of Thomas, father of Lot Norton the elder, of Salisbury. Joseph, in ten years, while at Litchfield, was chosen nine times to the General Court or State Legislature, and was at his death a Justice of the Quorum. His grave in Salisbury is marked by a tomb-stone of Italian marble, lately erected by the children of his grandson Isaac.

Dr. Seth B. was one of the most skillful physicians of his time. It is said of him that he lived on very intimate and friendly terms with one of the neighboring physicians, so that they were in habit of generously recommending to each other, their own patients, whenever one thought the other to be more skillful in the cure of any particular complaint. He has a marble monument in the cemetery of Litchfield, S. Farms, erected to his memory by his son John.

Jonathan Bird of Simsbury, brother of Seth, was a physician, and, as it appears, a freemason. There is said to be extant a Eulogy on his character, prepared after his death, and on his tomb stone is this inscription:—"In memory of Dr. Jonathan Bird, who (after exhibiting a striking example of Philosophic Patience and Fortitude through a distressing illness) departed this life on the 17th of Dec., A. D. 1786, in the 43rd year of his age.

Faith. Hope. Charity.
 " Stop brother and impart a generous sigh,
 O'er one in prime called to resign his breath ;
 Since all your social band this scene must try,
 Square all your work before the hour of death."

Jonathan, son of Jonathan, son of Thomas, was educated at Yale College, graduated 1768. He studied for the ministry, and became a preacher about 1773, though he never was ordained, and of course is never called by the title of Reverend. His brethren in the ministry called him a good preacher, and it is related of him that, happening, late in life to be in Boston, Dr. Griffin took him, and would have him preach to his people. He addressed them a number of times in the course of a week, and they were so well pleased and so much profited, that they presented him with a new suit of clothes. He was a sound theologian, but not an awakening, animated speaker. He was embarrassed by deafness, so that, after preaching a while, he betook himself to the practice of medicine. Near the close of his life he prepared a few of his Sermons for the press, which, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Bassett of

Hebron, appeared, in a small volume, after his decease. He had had two or three occasional sermons published previously, and was the author of an article in the Boston Panoplist, on Infidelity, it being the substance of a letter actually written and sent to one of his nieces in Hartford, in 1811. See Panoplist, Feb. 1813. His place of residence at the time he died, was Conway, Mass., but his death occurred in the family of his friend, Rev. Dr. Bassett, at whose house he happened to be on a visit when he was overtaken by his last illness. He had lost both his brothers and his only son, and of course with him expired his father's male branch of the family.

It seems a matter of some doubt whether there was not another son of John Bird belonging to this IV Generation, whose name is doubtful, and does not appear in the sketch. The following are the words of Wm. A. Bird, Esq., of Black Rock, son of John and grandson of Dr. Seth of Litchfield. "In relation to the brother of my grandfather, who went to Philadelphia, my mother knew very well that such a brother resided there. William, I think his name was. Dr. Seth, she told me, once went to see him, and my father met a son of his in New York, when he was in the Legislature in N. Y., say in 1796." May not this be the same case as that mentioned by Gen. David B. of Bethlem, who says that Atwood B. had a son (name unknown) who went to Cincinnati, (Philad.?) became rich and died, and has a son now living in New York.

Of this Generation was Amos, son of Joseph, whose short life may merit a few special remarks. He is spoken of as man of great enterprise, and was the leader in commencing the settlement of the town of Castleton in Vermont, near which, a prominent mountain still bears and perpetuates his name. The settlement was yet in its infancy, when it pleased the Lord to remove him, and the first products of the first saw-mill which he had erected there, were made use of for his coffin. On a new monument lately placed over his remains, are the following inscriptions, viz.:

In Front.

“Erected, Oct. 19, 1842, to the memory of
COL. AMOS BIRD,

by citizens of Castleton and friends, as a tribute of respect to a worthy man.

BORN AT SALISBURY,* CONN.,
and died Sept. 16, 1772, aged 30 years.”

On one side.

“Col. Bird was the first white man who asserted dominion in Castleton, where he arrived in Jan. 1766. He was the first possessor of the soil for civilization, and the first called to resign it, leaving the fruits of his bold enterprise to others.”

On the East side.

“The mortal remains of Col. B. were first interred, by his direction, near his dwelling in the valley of Bird Creek, and after seventy years disinterred and here entombed to wait the summons that awakes the dead.”

It may be added here that the settlement of the town was continued by Noah (afterwards Col.) Lee, who married Bird's niece, a daughter of James, and who had accompanied him in his enterprise. Lee entered into the war of the Revolution which broke out about this time, and there continued to its close. At his own expense, he raised a company of Green Mountain Boys, and acted for a time in concert with Ethan Allen. He was afterwards at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Germantown, and witnessed the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He died in Castleton, 1840, aged 96, leaving a large number of very respectable descendants.

GEN. VI.

John B., son of Dr. Seth, was the second of the descendants of Thomas, of Hartford, who was educated at College. He read Law, it is believed, in Salisbury, Ct., where he had relations. After this he resided in Litchfield, for a time, and then removed to Troy, where he was chosen repeatedly to the State Legislature, and afterwards to Congress. He died suddenly at the early age of 37. He is universally spoken of, by those who knew him, as a

* Litchfield, it should have been.

man of extraordinary powers of mind, and nothing but corresponding endowments of heart were wanting to render him one of the most respected and useful men in his State and country.

Chauncey, son of Atwood, had the reputation among his Litchfield neighbors, of possessing very eminent natural gifts, not falling in this respect, much, if any, behind his cousin John. But Chauncey had not the advantages of education enjoyed by John, and his line of life was not such as to bring him before the public. Of his later history we have very little information. He is supposed to be still alive, and somewhere in the State of Michigan.

Isaac, son of James. At about the age of 18 he enlisted under Col. Burrall, of Canaan, to join the Revolutionary army of the North against the Canadas. The small pox having broken out in the army, he was among the number that had to be inoculated. In connexion with this disease, he was seized with remarkable swellings, which greatly debilitated him. In this condition, by a reverse in the fortunes of the army, he was left, with many other sick men, to shift for himself, and he resolved to attempt finding his way to his sister's (Mrs. Noah Lee's) in Castleton. This he succeeded in accomplishing. After begging his bread for many weary days and nights, he at length presented himself at the door of the log cabin, in the complete habit and condition of a common mendicant. Here, however, he had all the aid which a sister's care, in a new settlement, could afford, but his recovery was too slow and too imperfect to enable him to return to the army.

Joseph, son of Joseph of Tyringham, with one exception, is the only living representative of the Generation to which he belongs. He is also one of those men to whom we owe so much for having, at the expense of great suffering and at the hazard of life, defended our liberties, and achieved our national independence. He enlisted in the army in 1776, spent the summer at Ticonderoga, and, in autumn, in company with others, was discharged. He soon after enlisted again for three years or during the war, and went during the campaign of 1777 as an attendant on Dr. Binney, of Tyringham, whose daughter he afterwards married. He was in the field at the various battles with Burgoyne. When Gen. Frazer was killed, and Maj. Ackland wounded and taken prisoner, the latter was brought to Joseph B's. tent, and there it

was that Lady Harriet, of whose character Burgoyne himself has given so affecting a description, came and nursed him.

After the surrender of Burgoyne, the soldiers of the Northern army were sent to unite with the forces of Washington at Valley Forge, and Bird went with them. When Gen. Clinton commenced his march from Philadelphia toward New York, the Americans moved also to attack him in the rear. The account that follows is in the language of Roderick D. Bird, of Waynesburg, Pa., grandson of Joseph. "My grandfather," he says "was sent with a detachment of 2000 men on the east road, and another detachment of 2000 men was sent on the west road, to harrass the enemy until the main army arrived. On Saturday, June 27, Gen. Lee joined us with 2000 men at Monmouth, with orders to attack Clinton's army. At that point, our army retreated. The British followed until Washington came up, and commanded to file to the right and left. My grandfather was with the left wing. At this period the cannon began to boom on both sides, which lasted from one and a half to two hours. Grandfather says he caught a number of cannon balls in his camp kettle as they rolled upon the ground. The first that he saw coming in that way a young soldier put out his foot to stop, which dislocated his ankle. About one o'clock the British right wing undertook to flank our left. Col. Selby called for volunteers to turn it. Grandfather went with others and turned it, and charged, and drove them back. In this charge he received a wound. The contending parties were not more than one or two rods apart. He was shot through the left arm, the ball breaking the bone and leaving a detached fragment of about one inch in length. The ball then penetrated his left side and remains there to this day. He says he well remembers his sensations when the ball hit him. It beat his breath from him, and he staggered a while and fell. When he came to, he was lying with his face upwards exposed to the rays of the burning sun. He supposed he had been simply asleep, but soon found that he was wounded. That night he was taken with others to Monmouth Church, where his wound was dressed. He was then carried to Elizabethtown, where he was left, through a dreary night, in a barn, having for his only companions the wounded and dying. He suffered most for want of water, and they had no light. The

next day they were taken in wagons to Princeton College, where he remained, having the best of treatment."

He was considered unfit to resume the duties of the army until Oct. '79, when he rejoined his regiment at West Point, and was subsequently employed, without any very important military occurrence, in protecting the inhabitants of the Mohawk Valley from the incursions of the British and Indians.

Benjamin Bird, of Ct., and *Joseph Bird, of Vt.*, are now the only living members of the Generation VI; the one, descended from the elder of the two sons of Thomas of Hartford, the other, from the younger.

Further historical comment, as it will reach individuals of the present age, Generations VII and VIII, will come more fitly from a hand not cotemporary, and at a period when all the achievements of the age shall have been finished.

It is worthy of remark that while the living *male* members of the family, who stand as guardians of the name, scarcely exceed, if they even reach, the number of fifty; the descendants by the *female* lines probably far exceed a thousand.

As we look back upon these several past generations that have risen and fallen in quick succession, we are forcibly reminded of the rapid flight of time and the shortness of life. "We have here no continuing city." The generations of men have been aptly compared to the waves of the sea. They rise and roll on, each urging his predecessor forward, till, one after another, they dash upon the shore and disappear. We ourselves are pressed on by the resistless tide behind, and there is no escape for *us* more than others. But there is a *sea*, and there is a *shore*, where no such surging and dashing, and disappearing exist—where generations of all ages mingle in harmony and rest, and if our days are but spent "in *Wisdom's* ways,

" They'll waft us safely o'er
This life's tempestuous sea,
And soon we'll reach the peaceful shore
Of blest eternity."

HARTFORD, JANUARY, 1855.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

GEN. I.

THOMAS.—*Joseph, James, Hannah, m. — North, one other m. — Scott.*

GEN. II.

JOSEPH.—Elizabeth, *Samuel*, Nathaniel, Thomas, James, *Joseph*, Mary, m. Jonathan Smith ; Mindwell, m. Cogswell.

✕ JAMES.—James, *Thomas*, Hannah, m. Nathaniel Morgan, of Springfield ; Rebecca, m. Samuel Lamb, of Springfield ; Lydia, m. Pelatiah Morgan, of Springfield ; Mehitable, m. Simon Newell ; Elizabeth, m. Ebenezer Alvord.

GEN. III.

SAMUEL, of Joseph.—Esther, Samuel.

JOSEPH, of Joseph.—*Samuel*, Ruth, m. Jno. Patterson ; Mary, m. Joseph Hart.

✕ THOMAS, of James.—Mary, *John, Joseph, Jonathan* ; Mary, 2d m. Abraham Goodwin, Litchfield ; Rebecca, m. Thomas Hart.

GEN. IV.

SAMUEL, of Joseph.—*Joseph*, Esther, m. Eneas Cowles ; Eunice, m. John Gardner ; Samuel.

JOHN, of Thomas.—*Seth, Ebenezer, Atwood, Jonathan.*

✕ JOSEPH, of Thomas.—*James*, Mary, m. 1st Dr. Peck, 2d Ariel Bradley, of Salisbury ; Thomas, Moore, Isaac, Ruth, *Joseph*, Nathaniel, *Amos*.

JONATHAN, of Thomas.—Hannah, m. Dr. Clarke ; Mehitable, m. — Hart ; Lydia, m. Joseph Tryon ; Jonathan, the preacher.

GEN. V.

JOSEPH, of Samuel.—Noadiah, *Benjamin*, Cyprian, Betsey, m. Ira Hadsell.

SETH, of John.—Herman, 2 daughters, *John*.

EBENEZER, of John.—*Amos, David, Ebenezer, Daniel*.

ATWOOD, of John.—*Daniel, Chauncey*, 7 others.

JONATHAN, of John.—Polly, m. J. C. Owen, 2d J. Burr; Amy, m. Dr. K. Everett, Litchfield; *Jonathan*, Sterling, Chloe, m. E. Bodwell, Simsbury; Candace, m. J. Goodwin, Simsbury.

JAMES, of Joseph.—Dorcas, m. Col. N. Lee, Castleton, Vt.; *Thomas, Isaac*, Abigail, m. D. McIntosh, Castleton, Vt.; Eunice, m. 1st J. Lord, 2d Dr. W. Mather, of Torrington, Ct.

✕ JOSEPH, of Joseph.—Ruth, m. Solomon Gaffield, or Garfield; Rachel, m. Maj. Herrick; *Moore, Joseph, Amos, Nathaniel*, Huldah, m. John Garfield; Hannah, m. Dr. Fowler; Lavinia, m. S. Chapin; Electa, m. A. Curtis; John, Charles.

AMOS, of Joseph.—Dorcas, m. Wm. Holabird, of Canaan.

GEN. VI.

BENJAMIN, of Joseph.—*George*, Aaron, Sarah R., m. Benj. F. Cloyes; Esther C., m. L. Hammond; Julia A.

JOHN, of Seth.—John Herman, *Wm. A.*, of Black Rock, N. Y.

AMOS, of Ebenezer.—*Canfield*, Anna, m. P. C. Ballou; Edwin H., Sylvia, m. J. Washburn; Electa, m. F. Washburn; Laura A., Lucy A., Amos C., Susan.

DAVID, of Ebenezer.—*Harmon, Joshua*, Susan, *David*, Lucy, m. P. C. Gaylord, Norfolk, Ct.; Nancy, m. G. P. Thompson, Norfolk; Anna, John Sterling, Frederick, Betsey, m. Loomis.

EBEN., of do.—Daniel, Ebenr. M., Newton, Anna, Lucy, Sylvia.

DANIEL, of do.—Friend Clark, Amos, Emeline, md. William, B. Austin; Susan, Phebe.

DANIEL, of Atwood.—Lived Marblehead, Mass. md. Sarah Blaney, 1786; d. at sea, 1802, left Jane M., md. Capt. Thos. Quiner. Mary, Sarah. m. Wm. Haskell; Hannah B.—Mrs. B. aged 84, and dau. H. still live in Marblehead.

CHAUNCEY, of Atwood.—Has a family. Names unknown.

JONATHAN, of Jonathan.—George, Jonathan, Edward, Julia.

THOMAS, of James.—Asenath, m. C. Dibble ; Betsey, m. J. Rockwell ; Thomas, Sophia, m. D. Collamer ; John M., *Orren*, Orville.

ISAAC, of James.—Salome, m. H. Covey ; *James*, Abigail, m. P. Wheeler ; *William*, *Isaac*, *Henry*, Semanthe E., m. C. Reed.

MOORE, of Joseph.—*Augustus*, Joseph, Milo, *Henry*, Julia, m. H. Brown.

—JOSEPH, of Joseph.—*Thomas*, *Gustavus A.*, *Frederick A.*, *Amos*, Anson, Cynthia, m. — Keeler ; Julia A., m. C. Foote ; Amanda, m. S. Eastman ; Amelia, m. H. Foote.

AMOS, of Joseph.—One daughter, and perhaps a son.

✕ NATHANIEL, of Joseph.—*Amos*, Mary, m. ————— ; Julia, m. S. B. Macomber ; Belinda, m. J. Foster ; *Frederick*, *Ira R.*, Emily, m. twice ; Caroline, m. Rev. S. Sessions ; *Lorenzo D.*, *Charles L.*

GEN. VII.

GEORGE, of Benjamin.—Sarah E., Norton S.

WILLIAM A., of John.—John Herman, 2 daughters, William A.

CANFIELD, of Amos.—Julia, Amos C., Ellen S., James B., Elijah W., Emma M., Mary E.

HARMON, of David.—James.

JOSHUA, of David.—Andrew J., *Theodore*, Eliza M., Samuel J., David, Stanton, Caroline M., Sarah Imogene.

DAVID, of David.—Sarah, Sterling.

FRIEND CLARKE, of Daniel.—Four sons and one daughter.

ORREN, of Thomas.—Orin.

JAMES, of Isaac.—Ripley, Virgil, Henrietta, m. B. Cook ;—Annis, m. Abijah Leach ; Isaac, Celestia A., m. John Leach ; James, Sarah, Marion, George.

WILLIAM, of Isaac.—William.

ISAAC, of Isaac.—*William*, Emily A., m. Rev. H. J. Van Lennep ; James, Martha J., Henry P., Henry P. 2d, Mary E., Caroline, Ellen, George B. W.

AUGUSTUS, of Moore.—Family—names not known.

HENRY, of Moore.—*Edwin, Milo, Mary L., Henry J.*

THOMAS, of Joseph.—Joseph, Aaron, 4 daughters, unknown.

GUSTAVUS A., of Joseph.—Son, unknown. Two daughters,—
Jane, m. L. D. Bird.

FREDERICK A., of Joseph.—*Roderick D., Myron L., Charles L., Achsa, m. H. Dorrance ; Edgar, Wallace, Edwin, Riley, Doctor.*

AMOS, of Joseph.—James, Joseph.

AMOS, of Nathaniel.—*Philander, Nelson, Janette, George, Juliet, m. ——— Boilvin ; 2 children, daughters.*

X FREDERICK, of do.—Byron B., Edwin, Henry, Ellen D., Julia, Frances, Miriam.

IRA R., of do.—Caroline, Franklin C., Lorenzo, William.

LORENZO D., of do.—Nathaniel, several others.

CHARLES L., of do.—Charles.

GEN. VIII.

THEODORE, of Joshua, m. 1849.

WILLIAM, of Isaac, m. 1853 ; daughter, Emily.

EDWIN, of Henry.—Three children.

MIL0, of do.—One child.

RODERICK D., of Frederick A.—Son, William L., daughter Mary, dead.

PHILANDER, of Amos.—Camilla, m. Dr. Hoit, of Buffalo ; Franklin, in California, Josephine, m. Mr. Newton, of St. Charles, Mo.

Any corrections of mistakes in the foregoing, or any important additional information will be thankfully received.