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THE writer was recently called to Jamestown, R. I., by the executor of an estate to appraise some relics, including rare books and pamphlets, at the old Silas Carr Homestead. The Carrs were early settlers in Portsmouth, R. I. (Circa 1670).

Laid between the leaves of an old Family Bible, I found two copies of an unknown Broadside on the Congdon Family, which has no place of publication, date thereof, nor compiler's signature.

According to the best information obtainable, this was printed about 1870. No copy has been found, after an exhaustive search, as being in any American library.

Both copies of these records have been marketed with American libraries specializing in genealogy.

At the solicitation of other librarians, I am reprinting a special limited edition of twenty copies, of which this is a facsimile of the original copy, in size, length, composition, and type.

The above is not in the Library of Congress, nor listed in Munsell's Index, 1900, nor Supplement, 1908. No sales record found.

Munsell's Index, 1900, and Supplement, 1908, shows but four references to this ancient and honorable Rhode Island Family, and no publication, with the exception of this hitherto unknown Family Record, is devoted wholly to the Congdon Family.

A comparison of this Record with Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, page 53, shows, that Benjamin (2), son of Benjamin (1), the original settler, had eleven children, instead of four, as named by Austin. This same omission, by the same author, is found in the Newport Historical Magazine, Vol. 4, No. 4, April, 1884, pages 236-38.

This Record gives the line of descent through John (3) (unknown to Austin), son of Benjamin (2), son of Benjamin (1), recording the death of Susan Congdon, in 1869, as the last paragraph.

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## Family Record.

The first notice we find of Benjamin Congdon from whom we are descended, is in the Records of Portsmouth, R. I., under date of June 16th, 1670; where he stands propounded to become a freeman (or voter). He married Elizabeth Albro, the daughter of Major John Albro, date unknown; she received as a bequest from her Father 50 shillings in English money, 1 bolster case, 1 pair of sheets and 2 pewter platters. Benjamin Congdon bought land of the original proprietors (the Indians) at Potaquamscut, R. I., Sept. 22d, 1671,—he died June 19th, 1718. In his will which is dated July 2d, 1715, he mentions his wife, Elizabeth Congdon and his loving sons William, John, Benjamin, and James. His daughters were Elizabeth Wells and Susannah Anthony. His son Benjamin married Frances Stafford, December 1, 1701; his children were as follows—Benjamin, born October 2d, 1702, Frances, October 6, 1703, Joseph, February 15, 1705, John, September 23, 1706, Sarah, June 26, 1708, William, November 6, 1709, James May 15, 1713, Elizabeth, April 8, 1715, Mary, March 10, 1718, Susannah, February 7, 1720, Stukeley, December 11, 1721. His son, John Congdon, married Patience Northup, November 16, 1727; the children were as follows—Mary, born December 12, 1728, Francis, September 1, 1730, Esther, July 28, 1733, John, February 28, 1736, Patience, September 28, 1738, Sarah, August 15, 1741, Abigail, May 22, 1747. His son John Congdon, Jr., married Abigail Rose, July 9, 1758; their children were—Phebe, born May 25, 1759, Abigail, April 26, 1761, John, March 24, 1763, Susannah, February 3, 1765, Thomas Rose, May 10, 1767, Ira, February 11, 1769, Darius, September 30, 1771, Stephen, June 4, 1774, Charles, August 10, 1776, Elizabeth, May 9th, 1779.

Thomas Rose Congdon, son of John Congdon, Esq., was born 10th of May 1767, Betsey Stewart, daughter of Alexander Stewart and Thankful, his wife, of Preston, Conn., was born September 28, 1771. Thomas R. Congdon, of North Kingstown, R. I., was married to Betsey Stewart, of Preston, Conn., February 19, 1789, Abigail Congdon, daughter to the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born December 4th, 1789; Betsey Congdon, daughter to the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born 22d of September, 1791; Susannah Congdon, daughter to the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born the 24th of January, 1794; Phebe Congdon, daughter to the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born June 19, 1796; John Congdon, son of the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born November 20, 1793; Mary Congdon, daughter of the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born November 2d, 1800; Alexander Stewart Congdon, son of the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born January 31, 1803 and died February 2, 1803; Patty Stewart Congdon, daughter of the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born April 12, 1804; Alexander Stewart Congdon, son of the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born September 1, 1808; Esther Carpenter Congdon, daughter of the above Thomas R. and Betsey, was born January 27, 1813.

Alexander Stewart Congdon, son of Thomas R. and Betsey his wife, departed this life May 9, 1814, aged 5 years, 8 months and 9 days. His death was occasioned by a cart in which he was riding, turning over, which caught him under it, which put an end to his existence instantaneously.

Betsey Congdon, wife of Thomas R., departed this life February 21, 1818, 10 minutes past 3 P.M., aged 46 years, 4 months and 24 days.

Susan Chase, wife of James Chase, Jr., and daughter of Thomas R. Congdon and Betsey, his wife, died December 31, 1822, aged 23 years 11 months and 9 days; she lived but six hours after giving birth to a still born child.

John Congdon, son of Thomas R. Congdon, and Betsey his wife, died at New Orleans, Miss., 16th January, 1834, in the 36th year of his age.

Thomas R. Congdon, husband of Betsey Congdon, departed this life January 27th, 1844, about 5 P. M. aged 76 years 8 months and 17 days.

Betsey Potter, wife of Peleg Potter, and daughter of Thomas R. Congdon and Betsey his wife, died May 26, 1847, at a quarter to 12 M., in the 56th year of her age.

Mary Watson, daughter of Thomas R. Congdon and Betsey his wife, and wife of Daniel W. Watson, died September 9th, 1861, in the 61st year of her age.

Susan Congdon, only daughter of the above John Congdon and Thankful D. his wife, died March 10, 1869, in the 42d year of her age.

