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To Make Permanent Record
of Family Histories
Tracing to Colonial New England
and United in the West
Where Descendants Again
Had Been Pioneers
This Volume
Depicting Lives of Patriotic Services
and Substantial Accomplishments
In Many Generations
Is Dedicated

by

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Dow



OW, as a surname, is of baptismal origin, meaning "the son of David," from the nicknames Daw or Dow. In England the name is found as early as 1200 in a Parliamentary writ directed to a Nicholas le Duv and a Richard le Duv. After a lapse of time the form of the name altered in different counties. In Norfolk, the usual variation was Dowe, while in Hants, Doue was found. The earliest record of the form Dow was in 1505. The name is found more commonly in Scotland, the form being Dhu, than in England.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*. Robert P. Dow: *The Book of Dow*, pp. 18, 19, 23.)

I

THE FAMILY IN ENGLAND

JOHN DOW, earliest known member of the family, was of Great Yarmouth, County Norfolk, England, on July 1, 1544, when he made his will. It indicates that he owned a home and made bequests to charity. By trade he was a joiner. He married Johan Coop.

Children:

1. *Thomas*, of whom further.
2. Christopher.
3. Katherine.

(Robert P. Dow: *The Book of Dow*, pp. 24, 26.)

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THOMAS DOW, son of John and Johan (Coop) Dow, was sixteen years of age when his father died. He kept an inn in Runham Parish for years, and probably also farmed some of his land. He was buried May 10, 1591.

Thomas Dow married, October 5, 1549, Margaret England.

Children:

1. *Henry (1)*, of whom further.
2. Thomas.
3. Katherine.
4. Christopher.
5. John.
6. Edmond.

(Robert P. Dow: *The Book of Dow*, pp. 24, 26. Joseph Dow: *History of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire*, Vol. II, p. 675.)

III

HENRY (1) DOW, son of Thomas and Margaret (England) Dow, was born in 1550 and died April 21, 1613. He was the parish clerk at Runham, and his name occurs as church warden for four years.

Henry (1) Dow married, May 12, 1594, Elizabeth March.

Children:

1. Mary.
2. Thomas, died young.
3. Thomas (again).
4. *Henry (2)*, of whom further.
5. Edward.
6. William.

(*Ibid.*)

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THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

HENRY (2) DOW, the American progenitor of this family, son of Henry (1) and Elizabeth (March) Dow, was born in Runham Parish, County Norfolk,

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England, and baptized October 5, 1605. He died April 21, 1659. He was engaged in farming at Ormsby, near Runham, when he was twenty-five years old. Although he and his wife were of the established Church in 1630, they were evidently influenced by the religious and political dissatisfaction which later caused seven families to embark for the New World. On April 15, 1637, Henry Dow gave the following statement before the commission which received the application of persons intending to emigrate:

Henry Dowe, aged twenty nine, husbandman of Ormsby, wife Joanne, children and servant Ann Manning.

Instead of going directly to Hampton, New Hampshire, as many of the other families did, Henry Dow decided to settle in Watertown, where he remained seven years. He was admitted a freeman, May 2, 1638, but held no public office. In 1644, he removed to Hampton, New Hampshire, selling his homestead and land at Watertown and purchasing a house-lot from John Sanders. In 1649 he secured the homestead of William Wakefield. In Hampton, Henry Dow became a man of influence; selectman in 1651; deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts, 1655-56; and was one of the dozen men of the town styled "Gentleman" and "Mr." He was always interested in real estate and added to his property at intervals. In 1650 he signed his name Doue. The inventory of his estate was taken April 25, 1659.

Henry (2) Dow married (first), February 11, 1630-31, Joan Nudd, who died in Watertown, 20 (4) 1640, widow of Roger Nudd, who had died in Ormsby in 1629. Henry (2) Dow married (second), in 1641, Mary or Margaret Cole, who had known him in Ormsby and who had come to America with the Metcalfe family, who settled in Dedham, Massachusetts. She survived her husband and married (second) Richard Kimball.

Children of first marriage:

1. Thomas, baptized at Ormsby, England, December 27, 1631, died in Watertown, Massachusetts, July 10, 1642.
2. Henry (3), of whom further.
3. Child, born in England, perhaps died on the voyage.

Thoulton



Chayer



Theruch



Quinlet



Thunne



Thou



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Arms—Sable, a fesse dancettée ermine between three doves argent.
(Arms in possession of the family.)

BUNNELL

Arms—Gules, three incresscents argent.
Crest—On a ducal coronet a Cornish chough rising proper.
(Burke: *General Armory*.)

PLUMB

Arms—Ermine, a bend vair or and gules cottised vert.
Crest—Out of a ducal coronet or, a plume of ostrich feathers, argent.
(H. B. Plumb: *The Plumbs*.)

FRENCH

Arms—Argent, a chevron between three boars' heads erased azure.
Crest—A fleur-de-lis.
Motto—*Nec timeo, nec sperno*.
(Crozier: *General Armory*. Vermont: *America Heraldica*.)

THAYER

Arms—Per pale ermine and gules, three talbots' heads erased counterchanged.
Crest—A talbot's head erased or.
Motto—*Fæcundi calices*.
(Matthews: *American Armoury and Blue Book* [1923], p. 330.)

MOULTON

Arms—Argent, three bars gules between eight escallop shells, sable, three, two, two and one.
Crest—On a pellet a falcon rising argent.
(H. W. Moulton: *Moulton Annals*.)

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4. Joseph, born in Watertown, Massachusetts, March 20, 1639, and died April 4, 1703.

Children of second marriage:

5. Daniel, born September 2 or 22, 1641, died March 7, 1718; married Elizabeth Lamprey.
6. Mary, born September 14, 1643, died unmarried in 1731.
7. Hannah, born in Hampton, New Hampshire, died there August 6, 1704; married Jonas Gregorie, of Ipswich, Massachusetts.
8. Thomas, born April 28, 1653, or a little earlier, died in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1728.
9. Jeremiah, born September 6, 1657, or a little earlier, died in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1723.

(Robert P. Dow: *The Book of Dow*, pp. 26, 33. *Records of Hampton, New Hampshire, Deaths*. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. II, p. 63. Henry Bond: *Family Memorials, Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts*, pp. 201-02. Joseph Dow: *History of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire*, Vol. II, p. 678.)

II

CAPTAIN HENRY (3) DOW, son of Henry (2) and Joan (Nudd), Dow, was born in Ormsby, England, about 1634 and died in Hampton, New Hampshire, May 6, 1707.

He came to America with his father and was a freeman in Hampton in 1666. He became one of the most important men of the town. Henry Dow was a land surveyor, selectman and town clerk. He was deputy to the General Assembly, clerk of the house and served as Speaker *pro tem*. He was marshal of Norfolk County from 1673 until the close of the Massachusetts government in New Hampshire, was deputy marshal under royal government and, in 1680, was appointed marshal. In 1686 he was "admitted and sworn in as an attorney and paid his fee." He was ensign of the Hampton company of militia in 1689, and captain in 1692, his commission having been signed by Sir William Phipps, then

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Governor of Massachusetts, with which Colony the New Hampshire towns were temporarily connected. From 1692 he was always called Captain Henry Dow. In 1697 he was justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and was reappointed to this office in 1699. He was senior justice in 1699, holding this office until his death. His business interests were many and varied; including shipping, a store and his large farm, all of which were flourishing businesses.

Henry (3) Dow married (first), in Hampton, New Hampshire, June 17, 1659, Hannah Page, born in Hampton, in 1641, and died August 6, 1704, daughter of Robert and Lucy Page, who came from England on the same ship as the Dows. Henry Dow married (second) the widow Mary (Hussey) Greene, daughter of Captain Christopher Hussey.

Children, all of the first marriage:

1. Joseph, died at the age of twenty.
2. *Samuel (1)*, of whom further.
3. Simon, lived in Hampton.
4. Jabez, lived in Hampton.

(*Records of Hampton, New Hampshire, Marriages, Deaths.* J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. II, p. 63. Family records.)

III

DEACON SAMUEL (1) DOW, son of Henry (3) and Hannah (Page) Dow, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, November 4, 1662, and died there, June 20, 1714, aged fifty-two. He was town clerk for eight years, selectman for five and deacon of the church for many years.

Samuel (1) Dow married (first), in Hampton, New Hampshire, December 12, 1683, Abigail Hobbs, born July 29, 1669, died May 12, 1700, daughter of Morris and Sarah (Eastow) Hobbs. He married (second), in Hampton, February 13, 1708, the Widow Sarah Garland.

Child of first marriage:

1. *Samuel (2)*, of whom further.

(*Records of Hampton, New Hampshire, Births, Deaths, and Marriages.*)

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SAMUEL (2) DOW, son of Samuel (1) and Abigail (Hobbs) Dow, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, May 25, 1693, and died there March 29, 1755. He was baptized March 28, 1697. He was the only son of his parents who lived to grow up, so he inherited the homestead. Like his father and grandfather before him, he was deacon of the church and town clerk of Hampton, as well as selectman and first town treasurer.

Samuel (2) Dow married, in Hampton, New Hampshire, September 12, 1717, Mary Page, born in Hampton, December 13, 1695, and died March 10, 1760, daughter of Christopher and Abigail (Tilton) Page.

Child:

1. *Joseph*, of whom further.

(*Ibid.*)

V

JOSEPH DOW, also known as Squire Dow, son of Samuel (2) and Mary (Page) Dow, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, December 21, 1729, and died there, December 16, 1806. For twenty-five years he was town clerk, as his father and grandfather had been.

Joseph Dow married, at Hampton, December 6, 1759, Dorothy Blake, born in Hampton, May 30, 1734, and died November 9, 1815, daughter of Nathan and Judith (Batchelder) Blake.

Child:

1. *Josiah*, of whom further.

(*Ibid.*)

VI

JOSIAH DOW, son of Joseph and Dorothy (Blake) Dow, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, December 26, 1764, and died there October 11, 1840. For twenty years he served as town clerk of Hampton.

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Josiah Dow married, in Hampton, New Hampshire, October 1, 1801, Hannah Moulton. (Moulton V.)

Child:

1. *Joseph*, of whom further.

(*Ibid.*)

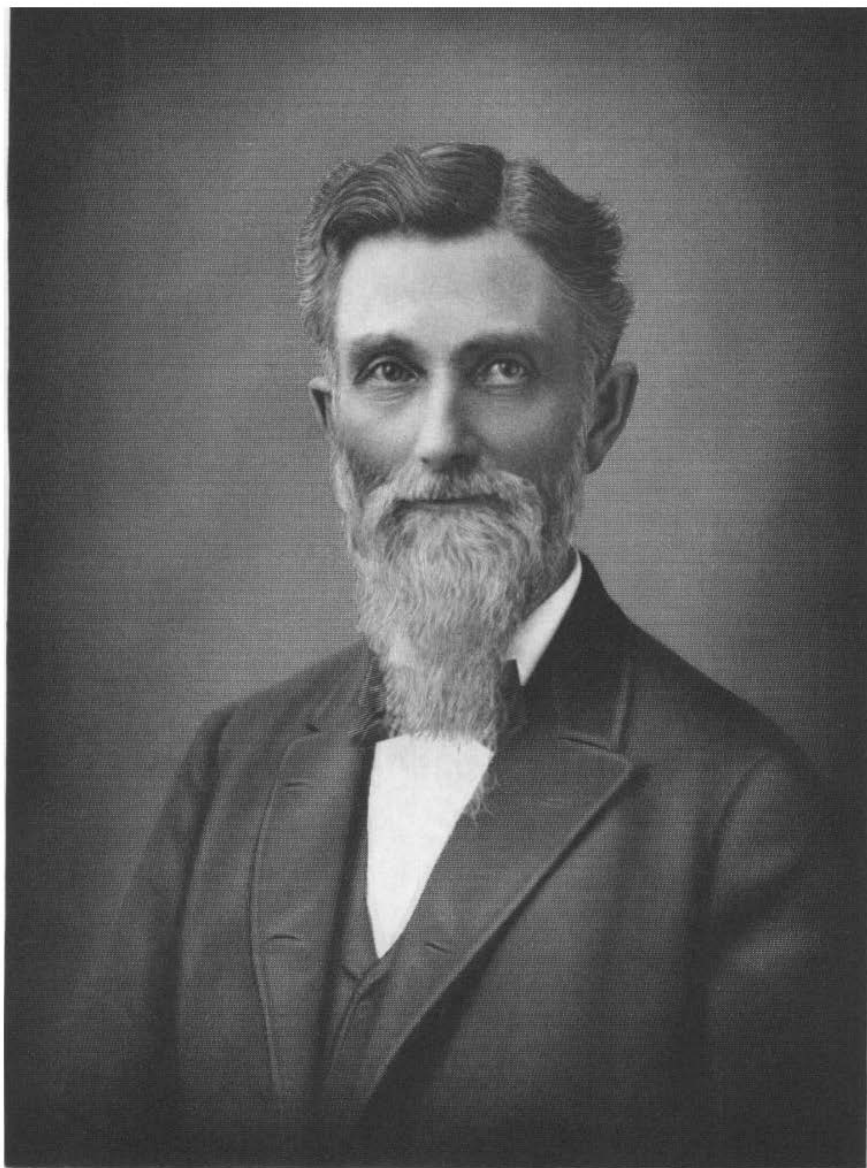
VII

MAJOR JOSEPH DOW, son of Josiah and Hannah (Moulton) Dow, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, April 12, 1807, and died there December 16, 1889. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1833 with the degree of Master of Arts, being salutatorian of his class. For four years he was principal of Pembroke Academy, and subsequently was in charge of the Lyceum in Gardiner, Maine. For several years he was engaged in teaching in East Machias, Maine, and in Pompey, New York. Returning to Hampton in 1862, he made a survey of the town. From 1862 until his death he was engaged in writing a "History of Hampton," for which work he was well qualified, as several of his ancestors had held the office of town clerk of Hampton, in direct succession. The history was not quite finished at his death, and his daughter completed it and published it in two volumes. It is now a rare book and is considered a fine example of town history and genealogical information. Mr. Dow was commissioned a major of the State Militia in 1867 by Governor Isaac Hill. He served as president of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Joseph Dow married, April 14, 1835, Abigail French. (French VI.)

Children:

1. *Joseph Henry*, of whom further.
2. Hannah Maria, born at Gardiner, Maine, March 1, 1838, died at Saginaw, Michigan, January 3, 1919.
3. Lucy Ellen, born October 4, 1840, died at Cleveland, Ohio, in January, 1896; assisted her father in the compilation of the *History of Hampton*.
4. Abby Frances, born December 15, 1842, died December 29, 1869.
5. Eunice Appleton, born June 14, 1846, died September 17, 1847.



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Sarah Jane (Bunnell) Dow

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6. Elizabeth French (twin), born May 19, 1848, died same day.
7. Lemira Farrar (twin), born May 19, 1848, died same day.

(*Ibid.* Family records.)

VIII

JOSEPH HENRY DOW, son of Joseph and Abigail (French) Dow, was born in Pembroke, New Hampshire, April 22, 1836, and died in Midland, Michigan, January 12, 1902. He was the eldest child. Joseph Henry Dow was an inventor along mechanical lines and for many years served as master mechanic for the Chisholm Steel Shovel Works, Cleveland, Ohio. He invented the first turbine in the United States. At various times his work required that he should reside in Canada and eastern Connecticut. For several years before his death, and after he had retired, he lived in Midland, Michigan.

Joseph Henry Dow married, November 24, 1863, Sarah Jane Bunnell. (Bunnell VIII.)

Children:

1. *Herbert Henry*, of whom further.
2. Mary Edith, born in Derby, Connecticut, August 19, 1868.
3. Abby French, born in Derby, Connecticut, June 20, 1870, died in infancy.
4. Helen Josephine, born in Derby, Connecticut, May 30, 1876, died in Midland, Michigan, April 19, 1918.

(*Ibid.* Family records.)

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DR. HERBERT HENRY DOW, son of Joseph Henry and Sarah Jane (Bunnell) Dow, was born in Belleville, Ontario, February 26, 1866, and died in Rochester, Minnesota, October 15, 1930.

He first attended the public schools of Derby, Connecticut, then completed his elementary education in Cleveland, Ohio, to which city his family had removed when he was twelve years of age. Even in his early school days his originality of spirit was evident in his avoidance of routine work and his aptitude for seizing upon usual and creative ideas. Entering the Case School of Applied Science, in



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Cleveland, he was graduated there with the class of 1888. In 1888 and 1889 he was professor of chemistry and toxicology at the Huron Street Hospital College, in Cleveland. In his last year's connection with that institution he experimented with bromine extraction and became deeply interested in the manufacture of chemicals in Canton. This interest led to the organization, in 1890, of the Midland Chemical Company, in Midland, Michigan, from which developed the internationally known industry of the Dow Chemical Company. Mr. Dow chose Midland as the best place of operation because of the amount of bromine contained in the brine of the salt wells that were already drilled in that vicinity.

From the very beginning Dr. Herbert H. Dow was in complete charge of all operations of the Dow Chemical Company, whose first president and general manager he was, continuing to hold those offices for the rest of his life. His exceptional business ability and his mastery of chemistry carried the Dow Chemical Company from comparatively small beginnings forward to a foremost position in its line. Giving attention to every aspect of the enterprise and practicing always the originality that he so early revealed in childhood, he built this company into one of the world's largest and most important chemical manufacturing companies. His inspiration, work and organizing genius were, moreover, fully responsible from the very outset for the creation and growth of this great enterprise.

His talents included a special gift for dealing with the firm's employees, whose welfare he had ever at heart. Many thousands labored in the Midland plant and at the company's other plants and factories of subsidiary organizations. His thought for them was reciprocated in their loyalty to him and in the affection with which they continuously regarded him. Another of Dr. Dow's special talents was for the development of new chemical and mechanical processes. More than one hundred patents were granted him, and he rendered invaluable service in the development of many other patents and improvements. The first manufacture of chemicals in an electrolytic cell took place under his direction and was, indeed, one of the outstanding contributions of Dr. Dow to chemistry. As the many new processes were perfected, new machinery had to be designed and manufacturers had to be induced to make the newly designed machinery. Dr. Dow's will and

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courage were an incentive to others as he successfully pushed forward his plans. Among all his own inventive achievements, many of them patented and used in the world of manufacturing to great advantage, his discovery of a process for the manufacture of bromides was particularly valuable. His abilities were recognized beyond the bounds of the chemical industry, moreover, and for years he was retained by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company as a consulting engineer. That work also brought him national recognition. He made numerous trips abroad and kept in touch with world conditions through direct contact, not relying upon newspapers and indirect reports. An interesting chapter in his industrial career was his battle with the German bromine trust.

When the World War began, Dr. Dow was already known as an industrial leader, and he was named a member of the advisory committee of the Council of National Defense. His aid was sought in the solution of many problems that arose, and his contributions to that end were an aid in bringing the war to a successful conclusion. His company was one of the first to make carbolic acid on a large scale, and at the close of the war it was turning out thirty tons a day. Mustard gas was also made in large quantities, and the Dow Chemical Company was the first organization to ship this product overseas.

Highly esteemed and honored by members of his profession, he received, in 1924, from the Case School of Applied Science, the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering, and later he received a similar degree from the University of Michigan. He maintained always a close connection with the Case School, many graduates of which afterward became associated with him. In 1930 Dr. Dow was selected by vote of the committee of the different national chemical societies to receive the Perkins medal, the highest honor awarded in industrial chemistry in the United States. Presentation of this medal was made by Professor Marston T. Bogert, of Columbia University, at a meeting of the American section of the Society of Chemical Industry, the American Chemical Society, the Société de Chimie Industrielle, and the American Electrochemical Society, held at Rumford Hall, in the Chemists' Club, New York City, January 10, 1930.

Dr. Dow had many professional affiliations. He belonged to the Chemical Alliance, Inc., the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the

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American Electrochemical Society, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and the Society of the Chemical Industry of Great Britain. He was connected with the National Museum of Engineering and Industry, and Franklin Institute, and was a trustee of the Case School of Applied Science. Other groups with which he was associated were the Midland Country Club, the Saginaw Country Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Union League Club of Detroit, the Union Club of Cleveland, the Chemists' Club of New York, the Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Psi fraternities, and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic Order he was one of the few elected to the thirty-third degree. For years he was a thirty-second degree Mason, and he was elected to receive the thirty-third degree in October, 1930. Politically, he was a Republican. He was much interested in the work of the Presbyterian Church, which he attended, and was a generous contributor to charities and other good works, both in and out of the church circle.

His own home community of Midland, Michigan, was a source of special satisfaction to him. Particularly did he strive to beautify the city. From his boyhood days in Connecticut he enjoyed gardening as a hobby. The grounds about his home in Midland were among the most beautiful garden spots in the State of Michigan, and Dr. Dow was never so happy as when working among his flowers. His interests along these lines were responsible, not only for bringing into being his own beautiful gardens and grounds, but for much that was done to improve the appearance of Midland. Despite the great demands on his time, Dr. Dow was ready and willing to help his community with both his time and his material resources. He was a member of the city council and the school board. His service as superintendent of parks was of exceptional value to the city. He was in charge of the city's park system, maintaining this department at his own expense. He donated to the city a portion of Emerson Park, furnished an airport for Midland, supplied materials and engaged an artist for decoration of the courthouse, and aided directly and indirectly in making this courthouse the most unusual in America. He furnished funds for building wading pools for children, whom he always loved. He helped support the Welfare Association and the Flower Show, and liberally contributed to the new clubhouse of the Midland Country Club. In the interest of recreation he sponsored and personally worked

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for establishment of the Midland Community Center, to which he made generous contributions. He belonged to the New York State Horticultural Society, as well as to the Michigan State Horticultural Society, and was a life member of the University of Michigan Union.

Many glowing tributes were paid Dr. Dow at the time of his passing. The "Midland Republican," in an editorial entitled "Midland's Greatest Friend," on October 15, 1930, wrote as follows:

The great benefactor of Midland is gone.

The passing of Dr. Herbert H. Dow leaves our community at once shocked and crushed.

In no other one personage could the affection and well-being of the entire city and county be so completely centered. No other than Dr. Dow could have earned the genuine admiration and the deep, ever-increasing respect and gratitude universally felt in Midland.

Lacking the opportunity of a personal acquaintance with Midland's great chemical genius seems to have lessened not a bit the great regard hundreds of persons have cherished for this big man whom they knew by reputation as the exponent of everything that was honorable, uplifting and at the same time a step ahead. And for those who were privileged to know his every day dynamic, convincing, yet kindly personality—the reverence with which they grew to honor him approached the idealistic.

It was forty years ago that Herbert H. Dow brought his first chemical idea to Midland and the great development and progress that changed the first crude experimental laboratory into the mammoth chemical industry that marks the present prosperous city, have been largely continued application of the new and novel ideas which emanated from this same fertile brain.

Dr. Dow's ideas have not been confined to the chemical field. For years he was retained by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company as a consulting engineer on power matters—simply more notions that had to be expressed. His friends and associates marveled at the ingenuity of his ideas. And the latest one of which the company and the community are bound to profit, is the monster new power house which should be placed in initial operation by the middle of next month

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after a year of building. This great power unit employing for the first time modern use of his own invention, would have proved of especial satisfaction to the inventor could he have lived to witness its first successful use.

The keen foresight of this chemical wizard in surrounding himself with other good men to share the management and production of his growing corporation proved another bit of wise business acumen, in that it now will be able to carry on to a brilliant future in the hands of well-trained and efficient organization, as a worthy monument to the memory of its beloved founder and a permanent heritage for the city which he builded.

The Hon. John Whitman, mayor of Midland, spoke as follows of Dr. Dow:

The City of Midland is today mourning the greatest loss in its history. Through the boundless energy and marvelous civic spirit of this great man has been built this beautiful city. No request for the betterment of Midland was ever refused by him. Perhaps a great many of us do not realize that we have had in our midst one of the greatest men in America. A very modest individual he was, always pleased to converse with our most humble citizens—just one man in a million. The City of Midland will never again have as good a friend as our beloved Dr. Herbert H. Dow, and I earnestly suggest that the people here set aside February 26th, his birthday, as a future memorial to the memory of this great man.

Dr. Herbert Henry Dow married, November 16, 1892, Grace Ann Ball.
(First Ball Line X.)

Children:

1. Helen, born March 16, 1894, died October 16, 1918; married, February 2, 1917, Dr. William J. Hale; child, surnamed Hale:
 - i. Ruth Elizabeth, born February 22, 1918; married Wiley Buchanan; child, surnamed Buchanan:
 - a. Bonnie Ruth.
2. Ruth Alden, born November 16, 1895; married, April 7, 1917, Leland I. Doan; children, surnamed Doan:



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- i. Leland Alden, born January 28, 1918.
 - ii. Dorothy Margaret, born September 5, 1921.
 - iii. Herbert Dow, born September 5, 1922.
3. Willard Henry, born in Midland, Michigan, January 4, 1897; was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1919 with a degree of Bachelor of Science. His business association with the Dow Chemical Company began in 1919, when he became a chemical engineer, and afterward he became a director in 1922, assistant general manager in 1926 (continuing until 1930), and president and general manager in 1930. He is also president of other chemical companies: Cliffs Dow; Dowell, Inc.; Ethyl-Dow; and the Midland Ammonia Company. He held membership on the advisory board of the Chicago Chemical Procurement District of Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. He also belongs to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the Deutsche Chemische Gesellschaft, the Torch Club, the Chemists' Club, the Rockefeller Center Club of New York, the Midland Country Club, the Theta Delta Chi and Alpha Chi Sigma fraternities, the Presbyterian Church, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he holds the thirty-second degree and is an initiate in the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Willard Henry Dow married, in Midland, Michigan, September 3, 1921, Martha L. Pratt; children:
- i. Helen Adeline, born August 13, 1924.
 - ii. Herbert Henry, born August 6, 1927.
4. Osborne Curtis, born November 20, 1899, died October 3, 1902.
5. Alden Ball, born April 10, 1904; attended the University of Michigan Engineering College; was graduated in architecture from Columbia University in 1931; received a fellowship in Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin Foundation at Spring Green, Wisconsin, in 1933. Serving as an architect at Midland, Michigan, he designed, among other structures, the Midland Country Club, the Dow administration offices and many private homes. He won the Grand Prix in residence designing at the 1937 Paris Exposition. He is connected officially with the Dow Chemical Company. Alden Ball Dow married, September 16, 1931, Vada Bennett; children, surnamed Dow:
- i. Michael Lloyd, born February 14, 1935.
 - ii. Mary Lloyd, born August 9, 1937.

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6. Margaret Grace, born January 3, 1906; married, September 14, 1932, Harry A. Towsley; children, surnamed Towsley:
 - i. Margaret Ann, born November 9, 1933.
 - ii. Janis Elizabeth, born February 13, 1936.
 - iii. Judith Dow, born December 13, 1937.
7. Dorothy Darling, born January 2, 1908; married, June 21, 1933, Anderson Arbury; children, surnamed Arbury:
 - i. Kriss Anderson, born May 28, 1935.
 - ii. Robin Anderson, born December 19, 1938.

(*Herbert Henry Dow—A Memorial*, Dow Company. *Dow Diamond*. Tombstone records, Midland Cemetery, Midland, Michigan. Records in possession of the family.)





Hall



Eaton



Bancroft



Woodburgh
WOODBURY



Knowlton



Brewer

BALL

Arms—Argent, a lion passant sable, on a chief of the second three mullets of the first.

Crest—Out of clouds proper, a demi-lion rampant sable powdered with estoiles argent, holding a globe or.

(Arms in possession of the family.)

EATON

Arms—Or, a fret azure.

Crest—An eagle's head erased sable in the beak a sprig vert.

Motto—*Vincit omnia veritas.* (Truth conquers all things.)

(Burke: *General Armory.*)

BANCROFT

Arms—Or, on a bend between six cross-crosslets azure, three garbs or.

Crest—A garb between two wings, expanded or.

Motto—*Dat Deus incrementum.* (God giveth increase.)

(Crozier: *General Armory.*)

WOODBURGH (WOODBURY)

Arms—Barruly of fifteen argent and azure three lions rampant gules crowned or.

Crest—A bundle of five arrows wreathed about the middle with a serpent proper.

(Burke: *General Armory.*)

KNOWLTON

Arms—Argent, a chevron gules between three crowns or ducal coronets sable.

(Charles H. W. Stocking: *Knowlton Ancestry*, p. 1.)

BREWER

Arms—Argent, a lion rampant tail forchée gules.

(Burke: *General Armory.*)

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(LINE ONE)



ALL is of nickname origin from the baptismal name Baldwin, popular among English surnames for generations. In the west of England the word ball is a provincialism for bald, and thus the surname Ball has another derivation.

(Lower: *Patronymica Britannica*.)

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JOHN (1) BALL, from Wiltshire, England, earliest known progenitor of this branch of the family in America, was a resident of Watertown and made a freeman in 1650. He is said to have been one of six sons of William Ball, of Wiltshire, England, all six of whom emigrated to New England in 1635 on the ship "Planter." He died November 1, 1655.

In the town records is the original "inventory of estate of John ball lately decesed barued the ffirst of the 3 mo 1655" £30-6-10, taken by William Hunt, Robert Fletcher and John Smedly. Endorsed "this belonged to Ruth Ball," and in another place "Ruth Bals inventory Entered and Recorded 25-10mo 1655." "Of this family nothing is known except that he had two sons."

John (1) Ball married, but the name of his wife is not known.

Children:

1. John (2), of whom further.
2. Nathaniel (1). (See Generation II of the Second Ball Line.)

(J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. I, p. 107. Middlesex Probate Files, Docket No. 895. Ruthena F. Warren: *Descendants of John Ball of Watertown*.)

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II

JOHN (2) BALL, son of John (1) Ball, was born in England about 1620, and came to America with his parents, where he lived first in Watertown, moving to Lancaster, Massachusetts, between 1670 and 1675. On February 20, 1675-1676, John (2) Ball, his wife and one of their sons were slain by the Indians, and two of their children taken into captivity.

John (2) Ball married (first) Elizabeth Pierce, born in England, died before October 3, 1665, daughter of John and Elizabeth Pierce. He married (second), October 3, 1665, Elizabeth Fox. (Fox I, Child 2.) However, Henry Bond, in his "History of Watertown," states that Elizabeth Pierce, widow of John (2) Ball, made her will in 1667, therein naming granddaughters Mary and Esther Ball.

Children of first marriage:

1. *John* (3), of whom further.
2. Mary.
3. Esther.
4. Sarah, born 1655.
5. Abigail, born April 20, 1658.

Child of second marriage:

6. Joseph, born March 12, 1669-70, slain by Indians with his parents.

(J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. I, p. 107. Henry Bond: *History of Watertown*, pp. 11, 393, 676. Ruthena F. Warren: *Descendants of John Ball of Watertown*.)

III

JOHN (3) BALL, son of John (2) and Elizabeth (Pierce) Ball, was born about 1644 and died in Watertown, Massachusetts, May 8, 1722, "an aged man."

John (3) Ball married, in Watertown, Massachusetts, October 17, 1665, Sarah Bullard, daughter of George and Beatrice (Hall) Bullard, of Watertown,

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and granddaughter of Benjamin Bullard, also of Watertown. Her mother, Beatrice (Hall) Bullard, was of Boston.

Children:

1. Sarah, born July 11, 1666; married, at Watertown, March 13, 1684-85, Allen Flagg.
2. John, born June 29, 1668, died at Waltham, October 24, 1752; married (first), September 27, 1689, Bethia Mattup; (second), in Newton, Massachusetts, November 12, 1730, Mary Clark.
3. James, born March 7, 1670; died at Watertown, February 22, 1729-30; married there, January 16, 1693-94, Elizabeth Fiske.
4. Joseph, born May 4, 1674, died in 1730; married, in Watertown, December 31, 1701, Elizabeth Parkhurst.
5. *Benjamin (1)*, of whom further.
6. Jonathan, born March 29, 1680, died about 1727; married, at Watertown, January 5, 1709-10, Sarah Whitney.
7. Daniel, born August 2, 1683, died at Watertown, March 1, 1717-18; married there, November 10, 1708, Marle Earle.
8. Abigail, born October 5, 1686.

(*Watertown Vital Records*, Vol. II, p. 69. J. H. Temple: *History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts*.)

IV

BENJAMIN (1) BALL, listed in Rev. Temple's *History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts*, as "son of John Watertown," became a resident of Framingham, Massachusetts, in 1703. He leased from Colonel Joseph Buckminster forty-four acres on both sides of Stoneybrook, and took a deed for it January 31, 1734. March 7, 1751, he sold this tract to his nephew, Allen Flagg.

Benjamin (1) Ball married, in Framingham, Massachusetts, March 29, 1704, Mary Brewer. (Brewer III.)

Children:

1. Benjamin, born December 17, 1704.
2. John, born July 16, 1706; married, in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, March 29, 1734, Margaret Hemenway.

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3. Abraham, born December 29, 1707; married, at Framingham, June 13, 1732, Martha Bridges.
4. Isaac, born about 1710; married, in 1738, Rachel How, of Marlborough.
5. Jacob, born May 28, 1712; married, at Sudbury, Massachusetts, January 9, 1749, Deborah Belknap.
6. *Thomas*, of whom further.
7. Mary, born February 11, 1717; married, at Framingham, Massachusetts, January 22, 1737-38, William Wright. (Wright III, Child 4.)
8. Abigail, born February 16, 1719-20; married, in Framingham, April 27, 1742, Simon Mellen, Jr.
9. Daniel, born December 29, 1722; married, in Framingham, August 25, 1748, Patience Gleason.

(J. H. Temple: *History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts. Middlesex Deeds*, Vol. XXXVI, p. 569; Vol. L, p. 361.)

V

THOMAS BALL, son of Benjamin (1) and Mary (Brewer) Ball, was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, August 16, 1714, and died in Brookfield, Massachusetts, in 1760, after being run over by a team coming down the Shrewsbury Hill.

He built a saw and gristmill and carried these on until his death, at which time his widow sold them to Isaac Johnson, of Southborough, in 1761.

Thomas Ball married, in Framingham, February 17, 1739-40, Hannah Wright. (Wright IV.)

Children, the first born at Framingham, the rest at Brookfield:

1. Hannah, born March 19, 1740-41, died young.
2. Zerubabel, born May 18, 1742; married, intentions filed at Brookfield, March, 1765, Mary Bruce.
3. Hannah, born April 29, 1744, died at Colrain, December 28, 1828; married Moses Ranger, of Brookfield, who died in Colrain, January 1, 1829, at the age of eighty-four.
4. Thomas, born April 20, 1748, died at Brookfield, Massachusetts, November 29, 1811; married there, February 20, 1774, Sarah Woodbury. They had no children.

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5. Sarah, born August 30, 1749.
6. Abraham, born April 26, 1750.
7. *Benjamin* (2), of whom further.
8. Silas, born April 23, 1754, died at Leverett, July 15, 1807, a physician; married, at Leverett, April, 1775, Rhoda Griffin, of Tewksbury.
9. Eli, born August 20, 1756.

(Rice: *Vital Records of Brookfield, Massachusetts*, pp. 25, 241, 259, 443, 457. J. H. Temple: *History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts*, p. 503. Barry: *History of Framingham*, p. 449. John Montague Smith: *History of Sunderland*.)

VI

BENJAMIN (2) BALL, son of Thomas and Hannah (Wright) Ball, was born in Brookfield, Massachusetts, February 12, 1752, and died in Leverett, Massachusetts.

He served as corporal in Captain Moses Harvey's company, Colonel Woodbridge's regiment of the Massachusetts troops, in the American Revolution.

Benjamin (2) Ball married, intentions filed at Brookfield, Massachusetts, October 18, 1774, Jerusha Woodbury. (Woodbury V, Child 4.)

Child:

1. *Benjamin*, of whom further.

(D. A. R. Records, No. 133929, No. 133930. Rice: *Vital Records of Brookfield, Massachusetts*, pp. 25, 241, 259, 443, 457.)

VII

BENJAMIN (3) BALL, son of Benjamin (2) and Jerusha (Woodbury) Ball, was born in Leverett, Massachusetts, in 1780, and died in 1816. He was a physician and lived in Leverett and Montague, Massachusetts.

Benjamin (3) Ball married, May 28, 1805, Charlotte Ewers. (Ewers IV.)

Child:

1. *George Fordyce*, of whom further.

(D. A. R. Records Nos. 133929, 133930. Cemetery Records, Midland, Michigan.)

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VIII

GEORGE FORDYCE BALL, son of Benjamin (3) and Charlotte (Ewers) Ball, was born in Montague, Massachusetts, February 4, 1815, and died in Midland, Michigan, September 9, 1907.

As a young man he went from Montague, Massachusetts, to Lapeer, Michigan, but later returned to Montague and married there. As their wedding trip he and his wife first went to Schenectady, New York, then went on to Albany in order to ride part of their way on the first railroad train, making part of their journey by that train, part by the Erie Canal, part by boat on Lake Erie, and from Detroit to Lapeer, Michigan, they traveled by stagecoach.

George Fordyce Ball married, in Montague, Massachusetts, July 5, 1837, Julia Ann Bancroft. (Bancroft VIII.)

Child:

1. *George Willard*, of whom further.

(D. A. R. Record No. 133930. Tombstone Records, Midland Cemetery, Midland, Michigan.)

IX

GEORGE WILLARD BALL, son of George Fordyce and Julia Ann (Bancroft) Ball, was born in Lapeer, Michigan, August 21, 1845, and died in Midland, Michigan, August 31, 1928. He was named Willard, after his mother's younger brother.

He moved to Saginaw with his parents, and thence to Midland, in 1861. In 1876 he opened and owned the first bank in Midland. Later he opened a hardware store, which he ran as one of the city's prominent merchants until 1914, at which time he retired. As his wife had died in 1910, he lived at the home of his son until his death.

George Willard Ball married, in 1866, Amelia Eaton. (Grace Ann [Ball] Dow Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd, or North Wales XLIX.)

Children:

1. Helen, born February 21, 1867, died July 26, 1867.

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2. *Grace Ann*, of whom further.
3. Ralph Hamilton, born August 3, 1872, died September 27, 1872.
4. Charles Edward, born August 23, 1874, died September 8, 1874.
5. Ray Abbey, born in 1876, died in 1915; married Beulah Gordon.
6. Leila Charlotte, born August 16, 1880, died April 6, 1893.
7. Harry Willard, died December 17, 1936.

(Cemetery Records, Midland, Michigan. Family records.)

X

GRACE ANN BALL, daughter of George Willard and Amelia (Eaton) Ball, was born in Midland, Michigan, January 26, 1869. She married Dr. Herbert Henry Dow. (Dow—American Line—IX.)

(Family records.)



Grace Ann (Ball) Dow Royal Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd, or North Wales



HE surname Eaton is of local derivation for a town, farm or estate near a river. The Old English *ea* is river or water, plus *tun* for town or estate.

(H. Harrison: *Surnames of the United Kingdom.*)

The Eaton or Eton family traces back through an ancient English and Welsh lineage to Banqui, Thane of Lochabar, by the marriage of his son Fleance to Guenta, Princess of North Wales, and twenty-second in descent from Cunedda the Great, a Celtic Prince, who, after the withdrawal of the Roman legions, assumed the recognized powers of *Dux Britannarium*, a Roman official who governed the province of Britain.

Members of the Eaton family have figured prominently in the history of America, among the more celebrated being: Theophilus Eaton, one of the founders of New Haven and first Governor of the New Haven (Connecticut) Colony; his stepson, Elihu Yale, was a patron of Yale College, now Yale University. Amos Beebe Eaton (1806-87), served as a major general in the army of the United States. George Washington Eaton (1804-72), was president of Madison (now Colgate) University, Hamilton, New York. John Eaton (1611-58), was a noted engineer and surveyor of boundaries. Mrs. Grace Ann (Ball) Dow is a direct descendant from this John Eaton through the marriage of two of his children,

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i. e., Mary, who married John Mason (Mason II), and John Eaton, his son, through whom the lineage is carried down to Amelia (Eaton) Ball, mother of Grace Ann (Ball) Dow.

I

CUNEDDA THE GREAT, a Celtic Prince who drove the Scots from Gwynedd, or North Wales, and assumed the Roman office of *Dux Britannarium*, died about 480.

(*Encyclopedia Britannica*, Eleventh Edition, Vol. XXVIII, pp. 261-63. J. E. Lloyd: *A History of Wales from the Earliest Times to the Edwardian Conquest*, Vol. I, pp. 116-17, 120, 128, 129, 131, 167-68. O. Vaughan: *Flame Bearers of Welsh History*, pp. 34-39, 68, 73, 88-91, 118-48, 171-77, and pedigree. G. H. de S. N. Plantagenet-Harrison: *The History of Yorkshire*, Vol. I, Part i, p. xx. L. Dwnn: *Heraldic Visitations of Wales and Part of the Marches*, Vol. II, pp. 9-10, 106, 107, and footnotes. G. E. Cokayne: *Complete Peerage*, New Edition, Vol. IX, p. 276. T. Nicholas: *Annals and Antiquities of the Counties and County Families of Wales*, Vol. I, p. 68.)

II

EINION YRTH, son of Cunedda, was given the rule of Lancashire, part of Cheshire, and a strip of the coast of Gwynedd. (*Ibid.*)

III

CADWALLON LAWHIR, "the Long-Handed," son of Einion Yrth, succeeded in conquering the Goidels of North Wales. (*Ibid.*)

IV

MAELGWN GWYNEDD, called MAELGWN HIR, "the Tall," son of Cadwallon Lawhir, died of the plague about 547. (*Ibid.*)

V

RHUN AP MAELGWN, son of Maelgwn Gwynedd, succeeded his father in Gwynedd. (*Ibid.*)

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VI

BELI, called MAWR, "the Great," son of Rhun ap Maelgwn, succeeded his father. *(Ibid.)*

VII

IAGO AP BELI, son of Beli Mawr, was next in succession. *(Ibid.)*

VIII

CADFAN AP IAGO, King of Gwynedd, son of Iago ap Beli Mawr, lived in the seventh century. *(Ibid.)*

IX

CADWALLON AP CADFAN, King of Gwynedd, son of Cadfan ap Iago, died in 634. *(Ibid.)*

X

CADWALADR, son of Cadwallon ap Cadfan, bore the title of King of the Britons, and died in the great plague of 664. *(Ibid.)*

XI

IDWAL, son of Cadwaladr, was the ruler of Anglesey. *(Ibid.)*

XII

RHODRI MOLWYNOG, son of Idwal, succeeded his father in Anglesey, and died in 754. *(Ibid.)*

XIII

CYNAN AP RHODRI, called, from his residence, CYNAN TINDAE-THWY, son of Rhodri Molwynog, contested with his brother for the lordship of Mon, and died in 816. *(Ibid.)*

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XIV

ETHYLLT, daughter of Cynan Tindaethwy, married Gwriad, King of the Isle of Man, who descended from Cunedda the Great through his son, Coel Hen.
(*Ibid.*)

XV

MERFYN FRYCH, "the Freckled," King of Gwynedd, son of Gwriad and Ethyllt, succeeded to Gwynedd about 825 and died in 844. He married Nest, daughter of Cadell ap Brochwel, of the royal house of Powys. (*Ibid.*)

XVI

RHODRI MAWR, King of Gwynedd and part of South Wales, son of Merfyn Frych and Nest of Powys, died in 877-78. He married Angharad, daughter of Meurig, King of Cardigan. (*Ibid.*)

XVII

ANARAWD, son of Rhodri Mawr and Angharad of Cardigan, ruled Anglesey and the adjacent parts of Gwynedd, and died in 916. (*Ibid.*)

XVIII

ELISSAU, second son of Anarawd.

(J. Y. W. Lloyd: *History of Princes, Lords Marches and Nobility of Powis Fadog*, Vol. I, p. 69.)

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TRAUST, daughter of Elissau, married Slisyllt. (*Ibid.*)

XX

LLEWELLYN AP SLISYLLT married Angharad, daughter of Maredudd ap Owain, King of all Wales. (*Ibid.*)



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XXI

GRYFFYTH AP LLEWELLYN, Prince of North Wales, fought against Harold, King of England. He offered his hospitality to Fleance, son of Banqui, Thane of Lochabar, who won the affections of his daughter, for which he was put to death. He married Agatha, daughter of Algar, Earl of Mercia. (*Ibid.*)

XXII

GUENTA, Princess of North Wales, daughter of Gryffyth ap Llewellyn, married Fleance, son of Banqui, Thane of Lochabar, who ruled in 1000 A. D.

(J. P. Yeatman: *House of Arundel*, pp. 324-25. Molyneux: *Eaton Families*.)

XXIII

ALAN FITZLAALD married Amiera. They had a son, William Fitz-Alan. (Molyneux: *Eaton Families*.)

XXIV

WILLIAM FITZALAN married Isabel de Say (De Say IV) and from them descended the Earls of Arundel. The Arundel Castle stands at the lofty edge of a spur which overhangs the River of Arun, in Sussex. Its site is a part of the ancient manor or honour "of that name granted with other holdings to Roger de Montgomeri in return for services in the battle of Senlac, or Hastings." The holdings included the earldoms of Arundel and Shrewsbury, with two of the six divisions into which the County of Sussex is divided. Earl Roger built the Norman Castle and resided there chiefly, but after his death it went to his second son Hugh, then to his elder brother Robert de Beleme, from whom it passed to the Crown when Beleme was banished and his lands forfeited. The lands and dignities were settled by Henry I upon his Queen, Adeliza, who later married William de Albini, when Albini became the Earl of Arundel.

The Albinis held Arundel until the death of Hugh, fifth Earl, who died without male issue in 1243, when the earldom went to Isabel de Albini, who married

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John FitzAlan. The FitzAlan family held possession until 1580, when Henry, fourteenth and last Earl of Arundel, died without issue and it was inherited by Mary, daughter of the eleventh Earl, who was married to Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, in which noble family it has remained.

During the period of negotiation prior to the signing of the Magna Charta, King John (1199-1216) was a frequent guest at Arundel Castle, where he met the barons, ever resisting their threatening demands. But the chivalry of the times made more difficult the denial of the pleas of his charming hostess, Countess Mabel of Arundel. Schooled in France, speaking the language with a charming grace, so history says, that excelled the French themselves, we can well realize how irresistible must have been this blue-eyed, golden-haired Countess, and hear the defiant King say: "Barons, I grant the charter, not through fear of ye, but for yon bonny Lady."

Years ago the descendants of the Magna Charta Barons produced, at Arundel Castle, a pageant of its signing on June 19, 1215, each taking the part of his ancestor. . . . The scene, as reproduced in a stained-glass creation known as The Great Norfolk Window of Arundel Castle, is shown in the English engraving of 1818, and probably constitutes the most accurate record of this great event that Lord Macaulay designates as "the beginning of English history." (Coats-of-Arms of the Sureties of the Magna Charta.)

Their son, Robert, who lived in the "town by the river," was the first to be known by the name of Eaton. (*Ibid.*)

XXV

ROBERT DE EATON.

XXVI

PETER DE EATON.

XXVII

SIR PETER DE EATON married Alice.

(*Ibid.*)

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XXVIII

WILLIAM EATON married Matilda.

XXIX

SIR PETER DE EATON married Margery.

XXX

PETER DE EATON.

XXXI

JOHN EATON.

(*Ibid.*)

XXXII

ROBERT DE EATON, of Eyton-on-the-Waldmores, who was grantee of the lands of Buttery to the Abbey of Shrewsbury, and was living in the reign of Henry II.

XXXIII

HUMPHREY EATON or EYTON, ESQUIRE, was ranger of the forest on Wrenkin and Waldmores, about 1394. (Molyneux: *Eaton Families.*)

XXXIV

GEORGIUS EATON.

XXXV

SIR NICHOLAS EATON was sheriff of Shropshire in 1440 and Knight of the Shire in 1449. He married Katherine Talbot. (*Ibid.*)

XXXVI

LOUIS (LEWIS) EATON, ESQUIRE, of Eyton, married Anne Savage, daughter of Sir John Savage, Knight of Cheshire.

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XXXVII

HENRY EATON married Jane Cressett. *(Ibid.)*

XXXVIII

WILLIAM EATON.

XXXIX

WILLIAM EATON, son of William Eaton, grandson of Henry and Jane (Cressett) Eaton and great-grandson of Louis (Lewis) and Anne (Savage) Eaton, was of Dover, England, and died before 1584.

He married Jane Hussey, whose will was dated August 27, 1584. She died the same year and was buried in the churchyard of St. James in Dover. From the above document it is learned that she was the widow of William Eaton and executrix of his estate. She named her eldest son William, her other sons John, Peter, and Nicholas, then under age, directing in her will for the education of Peter and Nicholas: "they shall be kept for one year more in France to learn the French tongue, and shall afterwards be put to some science or occupation," and also mentions "my other children." Her son-in-law, Jacques (or James) Huggenson, was named sole executor.

Children of William and Jane (Hussey) Eaton:

1. Joyce, married Jacques (or James) Huggenson.
2. Barbara, married Mr. Allen.
3. William, born in 1570, married Joan Winch.
4. John, ancestor of the Welsh branch of the Eaton family which settled in Pennsylvania.
5. Peter, married Elizabeth Patterson, a widow.
6. *Nicholas*, of whom further.

(Ibid.)

XL

NICHOLAS EATON, son of William and Jane (Hussey) Eaton, was born in 1573 and died in 1636/7. He was buried at St. Mary the Virgin, in Dover,

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County Kent, England, where he was church warden in 1603. "He was a Jurate of Dover and at one time Mayor of the town."

He married (first), November 2, 1596, Katherine Masters; (second), in 1626, Joan (Tidderman) Gibbs, widow of John Gibbs, of Horsleydown. She was of Dover.

A child of the first marriage was:

1. *John*, of whom further.

(*Ibid.*)

XLI

JOHN EATON, son of Nicholas and Katherine (Masters) Eaton, was baptized in Dover, County Kent, England, August 21, 1611, and died in Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1658. With his wife and two children he came to America on the ship "Elizabeth and Ann" in 1635 and was a freeman of Watertown in 1636. Endowed by his ancestors with a natural culture, he was also a man of learning and education. He became a civil engineer and a notable surveyor of boundaries. He supervised the building of a bridge across the Charles River.

John Eaton married, in England, April 5, 1630, by Walter Richards, rector, Abigail Damont, a widow.

Children:

1. *Mary*, of whom further. (Second descent from the Kings of Gwynedd, or North Wales I.)
2. John, baptized in Dover, England, October 17, 1633, buried there, January 27, 1634.
3. Thomas, born in Dover, England, in 1634, died at Dedham, Massachusetts, September 10, 1649.
4. *John* (2) (again), of whom further.
5. Abigail, born February 6, 1639/40, died at Medfield, Massachusetts, September 21, 1714; married Robert Mason. (Mason I, Child 2.)
6. Jacob, born June 8, 1642, died March 20, 1646.

(Molyneux: *Eaton Families*, pp. 113-14-15. *Dedham Historical Register*, Vol. II, p. 79. *Dedham, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, pp. 15, 126, 128, 221.)

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XLII

JOHN (2) EATON, of "The Hill," son of John (1) and Abigail (Damont) Eaton, was born at Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1636, and died some time after October 23, 1694.

He married Alice, whose surname is not known, and who died May 8, 1694. They were the parents of nine children, one of whom was:

1. *Thomas (1)*, who was the third.

(Molyneux: *Eaton Families*, p. 120. Hottons: *Original List of Persons of Quality*, p. 5. Dedham, Massachusetts, *Vital Records*, p. 15. Pope: *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, pp. 150-51.)

XLIII

THOMAS (1) EATON, son of John (2) and Alice Eaton, was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, July 23, 1675, and died at Ashford, Connecticut, August 17, 1748. He lived at Dedham until his marriage in 1697, when he removed to Roxbury, where he lived two or three years. In 1702/3 he was living in Woodstock, Connecticut, from where he removed to Ashford. He was a man of considerable wealth, a blacksmith and farmer, and of much importance in the town.

Thomas (1) Eaton married, in 1697, Lydia Gay, daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia (Starr) Gay. They were the parents of seven children, the eldest of whom was:

1. *Thomas (2)*, of whom further.

(Molyneux: *Eaton Families*, pp. 127-28. Larned: *History of Windsor, Connecticut*, pp. 1-235.)

XLIV

THOMAS (2) EATON, son of Thomas (1) and Lydia (Gay) Eaton, was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, September 13, 1698, and died in Tolland, Connecticut, in 1773. He removed with his parents to Woodstock, Connecticut, thence to Ashford. After his marriage he settled in Tolland, Connecticut, where

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he cultivated land owned by his father. This land was deeded to him in 1720 and in time he became an extensive landowner.

Thomas (2) Eaton married, at Woodstock, Connecticut, December 1, 1721, Elizabeth Parker.

They were the parents of ten children, the fifth born being:

1. *Joseph*, of whom further.

(Molyneux: *Eaton Families*, pp. 136-37. *Daniel Cady Eaton's Manuscript*, p. 16. *Annals of Buffalo Valley*, p. 45.)

XLV

JOSEPH EATON, son of Thomas (2) and Elizabeth (Parker) Eaton, was born in Tolland, Connecticut, May 10, 1730. He received a gift of fifty acres of land in Tolland, July 5, 1758, from his father, and later removed to Kent. In 1794, with several of his younger children, he located in Duanesburg, Schenectady County, New York, where his sons, Stephen and Lemuel, had preceded him. Joseph Eaton served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Colonel Doolittle's Regiment, Captain Josiah Stearn's company, muster roll, August 1, 1775.

Joseph Eaton married (first) Elizabeth, whose surname is not known; (second) Sarah Smith.

Children, born in Tolland, Connecticut, all by the first marriage:

1. Jerusha, born in 1752, died in 1754.
2. Joseph, born in 1753.
3. Moses, born in 1754.
4. Thankful, married Mr. Patton and lived in Duanesburg, New York.
5. *Stephen*, of whom further.
6. Hannah, born January, 1760; married John Cady, of Duanesburg, New York.
7. Jerusha (again), born in October, 1761, died at Kent, July 13, 1767.
8. Aaron, born June 12, 1763, died in 1816.
9. Lucy, married Mr. Linn.

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10. Beulah, married Eleasure Eaton, son of Thomas and Asenath (Cady) Eaton.
11. Betsey, married Mr. Kinney.
12. Lemuel, born in 1770, died in 1837; as a young man removed to Duanesburg, New York; married, February 16, 1792, Sarah Ware.
13. Asahel, born in 1771, died in 1820.
14. Thomas, born in 1773, died in 1819; married Amy Hibbard.

(Molyneux: *Eaton Families*, pp. 157-58. *Daniel Cady Eaton's Manuscript*, pp. 49-50.)

XLVI

STEPHEN EATON, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Eaton, was born in Tolland, Connecticut, January 23, 1756. In his youth he removed to Duanesburg, New York, which town later became the home of many of the Eaton family. In this locality he attained wealth and influence.

He married, but the name of his wife is not known. They had eight children, six of whom reached maturity:

1. Lewis, born in 1789, was elected representative congressman from New York State, 1823-25.
2. James.
3. Anson, of whom further.
4. Eli, served in the War of 1812.
5. Thomas, served in the War of 1812.
6. Sarah.

(Molyneux: *Eaton Families*, p. 187. *History of the County of Schenectady, New York and the Township of Duanesburg*. Family records.)

XLVII

ANSON EATON, son of Stephen Eaton, was born in Duanesburg, New York, in 1793. As his eldest son was born in 1817, in Duanesburg, it is known that Anson Eaton was married prior to that date. Owing to a disastrous fire in 1830, many of the town records of Duanesburg were destroyed and it is impos-

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sible to give the names of Anson Eaton's mother or his wife. The Federal census of 1820 includes Anson Eaton in the town of Duanesburg, his family consisting of one male over twenty-six (himself) one male between sixteen and twenty-six, two males under ten, one female between ten and sixteen, and one female under ten. This indicates that he was then a widower, with three children, the eldest being but three years of age. The male between sixteen and twenty-six was evidently a farm servant and the female between ten and sixteen was probably a maid servant taking care of the three motherless children. The record of Anson Eaton's appointment as cornet in the Albany Military Company is dated November 10, 1820, in the "Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment of the State of New York, 1783 to 1821." Eaton appears to have been a man of importance in his community. Shortly after 1824, with his children, he removed to Orleans County, New York.

Anson Eaton married, but the lady's name has been lost. Evidently she died young.

Children:

1. Daniel Lovejoy Cady, born in Schenectady County, New York, May 30, 1817; removed with his father to Orleans County, New York, as a small boy; in 1848, located in Saginaw, Michigan, engaging first in the mercantile business; later became prominent as a lawyer and an insurance man, with offices in the Bernhard Block; was a leader in the lumber industry, identified with the firms of Rust, Eaton & Company, of Saginaw, Michigan, and Eaton, Potter & Company, of East Saginaw; served as vice-president of the Saginaw Bridge Company; was engaged in the manufacture of salt; was a member of the boot and shoe firm of Eaton, Smith & Company; in 1853-54, served as postmaster of Saginaw and was one of the organizers of the Saginaw Board of Trade in 1863. His daughter, Maria Eaton, married, March 3, 1869, Dallas M. Pendleton.
2. *Hamilton*, of whom further.
3. Betsey Lorena, died in 1831, and was buried at Esperance, Schoharie County, New York.

(J. H. French: *Gazetteer of the State of New York*, pp. 320-512. M. A. Leeson: *History of Saginaw County, Michigan*, p. 658. *United States Census*,

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1820, *Duanesburg, Schenectady County, New York*, pp. 601-02. Hugh Hastings: *Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment of the State of New York, 1783-1821*, Vol. III, p. 2223. James Cooke Mills: *History of Saginaw County, Michigan*, Vol. I, pp. 169, 244, 263, 278, 500, 664. *Cemetery Inscriptions, Esperance, Schoharie County, New York*: copy at State Library, Albany. Collections and Researches made by the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXII, pp. 157-58. Family records.)

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HAMILTON EATON, son of Anson Eaton, was born in Duanesburg, New York, in 1819, and died on his farm in Clinton County, Michigan, about 1861, his daughter Amelia being then about eighteen years of age. As a small boy he removed, with his father, brother and sister, from Duanesburg to Orleans County, New York, and later located in Newfane, Niagara County, New York, where for many years he engaged in the milling business. In both the Federal census of 1850, which gives only the State and not the county of birth, and in the New York State census of 1855, his birthplace is given as Schenectady County, New York. He is listed in the town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York, in the State census of 1855, as follows:

Hamilton Eaton	age	36,	born	in	Schenectady	County,	New	York
Abigail M., wife	"	32,	"	"	Ontario	County,	New	York
Charles H., son	"	12,	"	"	Niagara	County,	New	York
Amelia, dau.	"	11,	"	"	"	"	"	"

The family had been residents of Niagara County since 1842, and not long after 1855 Hamilton Eaton disposed of his business interests and removed with his family to Michigan, locating on a farm in Clinton County, between St. John and Lansing.

Hamilton Eaton married, about 1841, Abigail Ewing. (Ewing II.)

Children:

1. Charles H., born in 1842.
2. *Amelia*, of whom further.

(*Census Records of the Town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York* 1850-55. Family records.)

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AMELIA EATON, daughter of Hamilton and Abigail (Ewing) Eaton, was born in Niagara County, New York, August 7, 1843, and died at Midland, Michigan, July 31, 1910. She was a lady of culture and refinement and much better educated than the average girl of her day. Her father, being a man of means, and evidently far ahead of his times, gave her exceptional educational advantages, sending her to a boarding school in Lockport, New York.

Amelia Eaton married George Willard Ball. (Ball IX.)

(Family records.)

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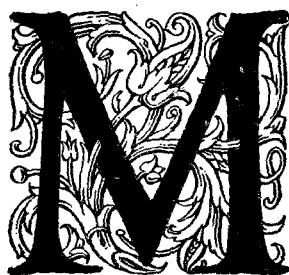
GRACE ANN BALL, daughter of George Willard and Amelia (Eaton) Ball, was born in Midland, Michigan, January 26, 1869. She married, November 16, 1892, Dr. Herbert Henry Dow. (Dow—Family in America—IX.)

(*Ibid.*)



Second Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd,
or North Wales (Through Mary Eaton,
Sister of John Eaton-Generation XLII-
of the Grace Ann (Ball) Dow Royal
Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd,
or North Wales)

I



MARY EATON, daughter of John and Abigail (Damont) Eaton, was baptized in Dover, England, March 20, 1630/1 and died in Dedham, Massachusetts, May 6, 1676. She married, May 5, 1651, John Mason. (Mason II.)

(Dedham, Massachusetts, Vital Records, pp. 6, 17, 126.)

II

HANNAH MASON, daughter of John and Mary (Eaton) Mason, was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, July 4, 1655. She married, September 25, 1677, Jonas (2) Eaton. (Eaton II.)

(Dedham, Massachusetts, Vital Records, pp. 16, 17.)

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III

ABIGAIL EATON, daughter of Jonas (2) and Hannah (Mason) Eaton, was born in Reading, Massachusetts, February 11, 1687/8, and died March 26, 1728. She married, December 13, 1706, Deacon Raham Bancroft. (Bancroft IV.)

(*Wakefield, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, p. 259.)

IV

JOSHUA BANCROFT, son of Deacon Raham and Abigail (Eaton) Bancroft, was born in Reading, Massachusetts, August 16, 1712, and died there in 1791. He married Mary Lampson.

(D. A. R. National No. 133930. *Reading, Massachusetts, Vital Records*.)

V

KENDALL BANCROFT, son of Joshua and Mary (Lampson) Bancroft, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, March 13, 1751, and died in Montague, Massachusetts, in 1806. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married, in Concord, Massachusetts, March 9, 1755, Susanna Ewers. (Ewers II, Child 4.)

(*Vital Records of Worcester, Massachusetts. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War*, Vol. I, p. 565.)

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ABEL BANCROFT, son of Kendall and Susanna (Ewers) Bancroft, was born in Worcester, Ward of Auburn, Massachusetts, August 25, 1782, and died in 1833. He lived most of his life in Montague, Massachusetts, where he married, January 20, 1804, Susanna Woodbury. (Woodbury VII.)

(L. Eaton: *History of Reading. Montague, Massachusetts, Vital Records*.)

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JULIA ANN BANCROFT, daughter of Abel and Susanna (Woodbury) Bancroft, was born in Montague, Massachusetts, June 28, 1819, and died in Midland, Michigan, June 13, 1900. She married, July 5, 1837, George Fordyce Ball. (First Ball Line VIII.)

(D. A. R. Record National No. 133929 and No. 133930. *Vital Records of Montague, Massachusetts.*)

VIII

GEORGE WILLARD BALL, son of George Fordyce and Julia Ann (Bancroft) Ball, was born in Lapeer, Michigan, August 21, 1845, and died in Midland, Michigan, August 31, 1928. He married, in 1866, Amelia Eaton. (Grace Ann [Ball] Dow Royal Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd, or North Wales XLIX.)

(Cemetery records, Midland, Michigan. Family records.)

IX

GRACE ANN BALL, daughter of George Willard and Amelia (Eaton) Ball, was born in Midland, Michigan. She married Dr. Herbert Henry Dow. (Dow—Family in America—IX.)

(Family records.)



De Say



THE early history of the de Say family is obscure. The name is derived from Sai, a village situated two miles southeast of Argentan and nine miles west of Exmis, the caput of Roger de Montgomery's Norman Vicomte.

Eustachia de Say, whose connection with other De Says is not known, is mentioned in the reign of Henry I. She married Thurston Fitz Osborn, who held the manor of Burford and "Richard's Castle." Her son, grandson and great-grandson used the name Say, the great-granddaughter bringing the castle to a branch of the Mortimers, and they, in turn, brought it to the Talbots.

Also, in the reign of Henry I, Theodoric de Say obtained the manor of Stokesay from Roger or Hugh de Lacy. Since his son was named Helias, a name found in the family which follows, he is regarded as being related to Picot de Say. This branch of the family held Stokesay for about a hundred and fifty years, but alienated their property to the De Verdons and probably located in Ireland.

(R. W. Eyton: *Antiquities of Shropshire*, Vol. XI, p. 225. Segar and Edmundson: *Baronagium Genealogicum*, Vol. II, p. 340. T. C. Banks: *Dormant and Extinct Baronage*, Vol. II, p. 461. G. E. Cokayne: *Complete Peerage*, Vol. VII, p. 62.)

I

PICOT DE SAY was a vassal of Roger de Montgomery in Shropshire at the time of the Domesday Survey and, therefore, a contemporary of William de Say, ancestor of the Magna Charta Surety. Picot de Say, also called Robert de

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Say, is named in connection with a monastery known as the House of St. Martin de Seez, six years before the Norman Conquest of England. In the Domesday Survey he held twenty-seven manors, the greatest of them being Clun.

He married Adeloya.

Children:

1. *Henry*, of whom further.
2. *Robert*.

(R. W. Eyton: *Antiquities of Shropshire*, Vol. IV, p. 303; Vol. V, p. 305; Vol. II, pp. 225, 228.)

II

HENRY DE SAY, son of Picot and Adeloya de Say, was Baron of Clun in the reign of Henry I, and is last mentioned in 1129 or 1130 in a charter confirming an exchange of land he had made with the monks of Shrewsbury.

(R. W. Eyton: *Antiquities of Shropshire*, Vol. II, p. 228.)

III.

HELIAS DE SAY, probably son of Henry de Say, was Baron of Clun and lived during the reign of King Stephen. At this time Clun was made a hundred by itself. (*Ibid.*)

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ISABEL DE SAY, daughter of Helias de Say, as heiress of Clun, brought this barony to the FitzAlans by her marriage.

She married William FitzAlan. (Grace Ann [Ball] Dow Royal Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd, or North Wales XXIV.) The FitzAlans thus became the FitzAlans of Clun and later the Earls of Arundel. As stated above, Isabel de Say brought to the FitzAlans the barony of Clun.

As the birthplace of the Magna Charta, Arundel Castle should be the shrine of shrines of the English-speaking world, and June 19, 1215, should be a date cherished by all Anglo-Saxons and their descendants, for upon that date King John of England signed that perfect instrument of liberty, the Magna Charta, at Runnemedede.



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Arms—Argent, a chevron embattled azure, ensigned with a banner gules charged with a canton of the second, thereon a saltire of the first, all between two mullets in chief and the sun in his splendor in the base of the third.

Crest—A demi-lion rampant in his dexter paw a mullet gules.

Motto—*Audaciter.*

(*The Ewing Genealogy with cognate branches* by Presley Kittredge Ewing, giving Burke's *General Armory* as a reference.)

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WING, as a surname, with its variants Ewen, Ewan, Ewings and Ewins, is of baptismal origin, signifying "son of Ewan." It is similar to the Welsh Evan, popular in North England, but often Scotch. Earliest records of the name were: Ewanus Byrches, Ewanus Burye, Ewanus Berwick, Ewanus Dilworth, and Ewanus Kellett, all listed on the Preston Guild Rolls in 1562.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

The Ewing family, originally from Scotland, because of religious persecution, removed to Londonderry, Ireland.

Presley K. Ewing, in his "The Ewing Genealogy With Cognate Branches," states that Captain Charles Ewing was rewarded with a silver-handled sword by William, Prince of Orange, for his valor in the battle of the Boyne, July 1, 1690, and this sword was brought to America by one of his descendants and used in the Revolutionary War. It also states that he had two sons, Findley Ewing, who married Jane Porter, and Thomas Ewing.

Thomas Ewing, son of Captain Charles Ewing, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1695, and died in Greenwich, New Jersey, in 1748. He came to America in 1718, settled first on Long Island and later removed to Greenwich, New Jersey, where he married, March 27, 1720, Mary Maskell, daughter of Thomas and Mercy (Strathem) Maskell. They had seven sons and three daughters.

Among the immigrant Ewing ancestors was Nathaniel Ewing, born in Coleraine, County Londonderry, Ireland, in 1692, and died September 6, 1748. He

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married, in Ireland, his cousin Rachel Porter, and, with his wife and several children, came to America between 1725 and 1728 and settled in Cecil County, Maryland. Elbert R. Ewing, in his "Clan Ewing of Scotland," states that Nathaniel Ewing was the only son, by his first wife, of William Ewing, who was born near Stirling Castle in Scotland in 1665-70. William Ewing moved to Londonderry, Ireland, in 1685. Nathaniel and Rachel (Porter) Ewing had ten children, among whom was George Ewing, who was born in Maryland in 1738. He married his cousin, Mary Porter, and they removed to Pennsylvania, where their son, William, was born in 1769.

Many different members of the Ewing family came to America and authorities do not agree as to their parentage, but do agree that they were all related in some way and all used the same coat-of-arms. Further evidence that they were all related is the fact that Findley Ewing, brother of Thomas Ewing, married Jane Porter, while Nathaniel Ewing, who came from Londonderry, Ireland, to Maryland, married his cousin, Rachel Porter.

Many members of the Ewing family removed to Pennsylvania. General James Ewing, an "intimate friend of General George Washington," lived in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania. Rev. John Ewing, D. D., from the Maryland family of Ewings, was for forty-five years, beginning in 1758, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was active in the founding of the University of Pennsylvania. Alexander Ewing settled in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, about the middle of the eighteenth century and many of his descendants now live in Ontario, Canada, not far from Newfane, Niagara County, New York, the home of Thomas and Rebecca Ewing, parents of Abigail, who married Hamilton Eaton. However, it has not been ascertained from which of these numerous ancestors Thomas Ewing descends.

I

THOMAS EWING, earliest known ancestor of the Ewings of the town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York, was born in Pennsylvania in or about

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1782. He was living in the town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York, in 1850, "age 68," and was living there also in 1855.

There is on record in Ontario County, New York, a deed evidently recorded in the 1820s, by which "Thomas Ewing and wife Rebecca, of the town of Gorham, Ontario County," conveyed land to Nezur Sutherland; deed recorded in Book 41, page 218. He, with his wife and family, are listed in the Federal Census of 1820 as residents of the town of Gorham, Ontario County, New York. Sometime between 1820 and 1830, Thomas Ewing and family removed to the town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York, they being listed in the 1830 census from Newfane. Recorded on the same page with Thomas Ewing, in the 1830 census, were Alexander and Francis Ewing, each being aged between twenty and thirty in 1830, each being head of a family. They may have been sons of Thomas and Rebecca Ewing. Thomas Ewing, wife and family again are listed in the census record of 1840 of Newfane. The Federal Census of 1850, the first which names persons other than the heads of families, has this record, still in the town of Newfane:

Thomas Ewing	aged	68,	born	in	Pennsylvania.
Rebecca	"	"	70,	"	" Maryland.
Elijah	"	"	33,	"	" New York.
Ann	"	"	24,	"	" " "
Sarah	"	"	9,	"	" " "

The 1855 local census record of Newfane, Niagara County, New York, reads thus:

Thomas Ewing, in family of Hamilton Tice, Father-in-Law.
 Hamilton Tice, age 38, born in New Jersey.
 Sarah Tice, age 37, born in Ontario Co., New York.
 James W. Tice, son, age 5, born in Newfane, N. Y.
 Tamer W. Tice, dau., age 7 months, born in Newfane, N. Y.

Thomas Ewing married Rebecca, surname not known, who was born in Maryland about 1780, and was living in Newfane, Niagara County, New York, in 1850, "age 70." As she did not appear in the 1855 census, at which time her

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husband, Thomas Ewing, was living with his son-in-law, Hamilton Tice, it is assumed that Rebecca Ewing died sometime between 1850 and 1855.

Children, as indicated from census and family records:

1. Alexander, born between 1800 and 1810; resided near Thomas Ewing in 1830; evidently married and was head of a family.
2. Francis, born between 1800 and 1810; resided near Thomas Ewing in 1830; evidently married and was head of a family.
3. Elijah, born in New York State about 1817; resided in Thomas Ewing's family in 1850.
4. Sarah, born in Ontario County, New York, about 1818; married Hamilton Tice, born in New Jersey; children, born in Newfane, surnamed Tice:
 - i. James W., age five years in 1855.
 - ii. Tamer M., age seven months in 1855.
5. Abigail, of whom further.

(*Ontario County, New York, Deeds*, Book 41, p. 218. *United States Census*, 1820, *Town of Gorham, Ontario County, New York*, Part 23, p. 238. *United States Census*, *Newfane, Niagara County, New York*, 1830, p. 341; 1840, p. 67; 1850, p. 405. *New York State Census*, 1855, *Town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York*. Family records.)

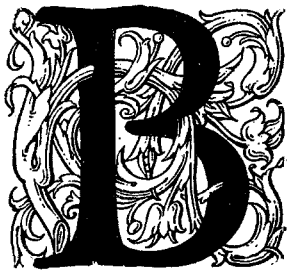
II

ABIGAIL EWING, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Ewing, was born in Ontario County, New York, about 1822 or 1823. The Federal census of Newfane, Niagara County, New York, in 1850 calls her Abigail Eaton, age twenty-eight, born in New York, and indicates that she was then wife of Hamilton Eaton, miller. The State census of the same town, 1855, called her Abigail A. Eaton, age thirty-two, born in Ontario County, New York, and calls her wife of Hamilton Eaton, age thirty-six, born in Schenectady County, New York.

Abigail Ewing married Hamilton Eaton. (Grace Ann [Ball] Dow Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd, or North Wales XLVIII.)

(*United States Census*, 1850, *Town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York*. *New York State Census*, *Town of Newfane, Niagara County, New York*. Family records.)

Bancroft



ANCROFT is a surname of locality origin, meaning "of the bankcroft," *i. e.*, the enclosure on the slope. It is an east Cheshire name, earliest record being of:

1570—Buried—Jone Bancrofte of Butley: Prestbury Church (County Church).

1595—John Bancroft, of Macclesfield. Wills at Chester (1545-1620).

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

JOHN BANCROFT, progenitor of this family in America, arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, on the "James," which left London, April, 1632, and arrived in Salem, June, 1632. With him were his wife Jane and their children Thomas and John.

John Bancroft died in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1637, and his widow was granted one hundred acres of land in Lynn, the part now called Lynnfield.

John Bancroft married, before coming to America, Jane, whose surname is not known, and who survived her husband.

Children:

1. *Thomas (1)*, of whom further.
2. John.

(L. Eaton: *History of Reading. Essex Antiquarian*, Vol. II, p. 94. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*.)

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II

THOMAS (1) BANCROFT, son of John and Jane Bancroft, was born in England, in 1622, and died in Reading, Massachusetts, August 19, 1691. He was called "Lieutenant" and was made a freeman in Reading in 1678.

Thomas (1) Bancroft married (first), at Dedham, March 31, 1647, Alice Bacon, who died in Dedham, March 29, 1648, daughter of Michael Bacon. He married (second), at Dedham, September 25, 1648, Elizabeth Metcalf, born in Norwich, England, October 4, 1626, died in Reading, Massachusetts, May 1, 1711, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Ellyn) Metcalf, of Dedham.

Child of first marriage:

1. Thomas, born in Dedham, March 11, 1648, died March 24, 1648.

Children of second marriage:

2. *Thomas (2)*, of whom further.
3. Elizabeth, born at Dedham, October 7, 1653; married, at Reading, May 26, 1674, Joseph Brown.
4. John, born at Reading, March 3, 1656.
5. Sarah, born January 14, 1657-58, died July 19, 1661.
6. Raham, born June 27, 1662, died May 19, 1688.
7. Sarah (again), born April 1, 1665, died at Reading, February 23, 1697; married there, July 7, 1686, John Woodward.
8. Ebenezer, born at Lynn, April 26, 1667.
9. Mary, born at Lynn, May 16, 1670.

(*Dedham Vital Records. Reading Vital Records. L. Eaton: History of Reading, p. 43.*)

III

DEACON THOMAS (2) BANCROFT, son of Thomas (1) and Elizabeth (Metcalf) Bancroft, was born in Dedham, "14 or 7 Mo." (September 14) 1649, and died in Reading, June 12, 1718. He left a will dated January 15, 1713, proved July 8, 1718. In it he named his wife Sarah, three sons: Thomas, Raham, and Samuel; three daughters, Sarah Briant, Judith Parker, Elizabeth Lampson;

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and grandson, Jonathan Bancroft. He was a lieutenant in King Philip's Indian War, having entered service in 1675. Deacon Bancroft lived in the westerly part of Reading, where the ancient Bancroft homestead stood, and he built the fourth house in West Parish near the Abraham Temple place. He was a selectman of the town of Reading.

Deacon Thomas (2) Bancroft married, in Reading, in 1673, Sarah Poole, born about 1656, died in Reading, May 20, 1723, daughter of Jonathan and Judith Poole.

Children:

1. Thomas, born September 18, 1673, died in Reading, November 9, 1731; married there, August 1, 1693, Mary Webster.
2. Sarah, born December 28, 1675, died at Reading, February 13, 1723-1724; married Abraham Briant.
3. Mehitable, born February 1, 1678, died at Reading, July 18, 1703; married there, January 2, 1699-70, Jonathan Parker.
4. Jonathan, born October 3, 1681, died at Reading, January 28, 1702; married Sarah, whose surname is not known.
5. *Raham*, of whom further.
6. Judith, born March 7, 1687-88; married, at Reading, November 22, 1709, David Parker.
7. Samuel, born December 13, 1691, died January 27, 1692.
8. Samuel (again), born December 26, 1693.
9. Elizabeth, born June 22, 1696; married, at Reading, November 26, 1713, John Lampson.

(Middlesex Probate Files, Docket No. 987. *Reading Vital Records*. L. Eaton: *History of Reading*, pp. 22, 43, 44.)

IV

DEACON RAHAM BANCROFT, son of Thomas (2) and Sarah (Poole) Bancroft, was born in Reading, Massachusetts, February 14, 1684, and died there September 5, 1758. He left a will dated March 14, 1754, and proved October 21, 1758, in which he named his wife Ruth; his sons, Joshua, David, and

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James; his daughter Judith and his grandson Ephraim Parker, son of his deceased daughter Ruth. He was a private in the Colonial service and like many of the Bancroft men, learned military tactics.

Deacon Raham Bancroft married (first), in Reading, Massachusetts, December 13, 1706, Abigail Eaton. (Eaton III.) He married (second) at Woburn, Massachusetts, January 2, 1729, Ruth Kendall, born in Woburn, April 23, 1703, died in Reading, September 18, 1758, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Locke) Kendall.

Children of first marriage:

1. *Joshua*, of whom further.
2. David, born August 2, 1718; removed to Worcester.

Children of second marriage:

3. James, born October 17, 1729, died young.
4. Ruth, born December 6, 1731, died in Reading, June 1, 1751; married there, December 14, 1749, Ephraim Parker.
5. Abigail, born February 12, 1733-34, died June 1, 1750.
6. Judith, born November 28, 1735, died February, 1796; unmarried.
7. James (again), born May 9, 1739, died in Reading, May 17, 1831; married (first), at Reading, May 11, 1758, Sarah Pearson; (second), November 16, 1786, Sarah Parker.

(Middlesex Probate Files, Docket No. 979. *Reading Vital Records*. I. Eaton: *History of Reading*, p. 44.)

V

JOSHUA BANCROFT, son of Raham and Abigail (Eaton) Bancroft, was born in Reading, Essex County, Massachusetts, August 16, 1712, and died there in 1791. He was a private during the Revolution in Captain Thomas Eaton's company of Massachusetts troops.

Joshua Bancroft married (first), in Reading, Massachusetts, Mary Lampson, who was born about 1712 and died in Reading, January 17, 1776. He married (second), December 4, 1776, the widow Betty Eaton.

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Children, all of first marriage:

1. Mary, born July 17, 1733, died young.
2. Raham, born April 12, 1735.
3. Joshua, born March 2, 1737, died in Reading, May 11, 1782.
4. Mary (again), born August 1, 1739.
5. Kendall, born August 23, 1742, according to Reading Vital Records.
6. Abigail, born February 8, 1744-45.
7. Jonas, born November 21, 1746.
8. *Kendall* (again), of whom further.

(D. A. R., National No. 133930. L. Eaton: *History of Reading*, p. 45. *Reading Vital Records*. *Worcester Vital Records*. James F. D. Garfield: *Fitchburg's Soldiers in the Revolution*.)

VI

KENDALL BANCROFT, son of Joshua and Mary (Lampson) Bancroft, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, March 13, 1751, died in 1806, in Montague, and is buried in the Dry Hill Burying Grounds. His birth record reads as follows: "Kendall, son of Joshua and Mary Bancroft, born March 13, 1751."

His record of service during the Revolutionary War is shown below:

Kendall Bancroft, Fitchburg, private Captain Ebenezer Woods Company, Col. Asa Whitcomb's regiment, which marched April 22nd, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19th, 1775, service 9 days; also Captain Mannasseh Sawyer's Company, Col. Dike's regiment, pay abstract for mileage from Fitchburg to Dorchester Heights, probably 1776; also Captain William Thurlow's Company, Major Ebenezer Bridge's Regiment, enlisting August 22, 1777, service 9 days; marched on an alarm to Bennington by order of Gen. Stark and Gen. Warner; dismissed after proceeding 90 miles; also Captain John White's company, Col. Abijah Stearns regiment, enlisting April 5, 1778; discharged June 20, 1778, service two months, nineteen days, in and about Boston.

Kendall Bancroft, whose birth record indicates that the first Kendall Bancroft had died prior to his brother's birth, moved first to Fitchburg, where he lived ten years, and then to Montague, where he died.

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Kendall Bancroft married, in Concord, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, March 9, 1775, Susanna Ewers. (Ewers II, Child 4.) Banns for this marriage were published in Fitchburg, December 21, 1774.

Child:

1. *Abel*, of whom further.

(*Vital Records of Worcester, Massachusetts. The Old Records of Fitchburg, Massachusetts*, Vol. II, pp. 252, 293, 492, 494. D. A. R. National No. 133930. *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution*, Vol. I, p. 565. James F. D. Garfield: *Fitchburg's Soldiers in the Revolution*.)

VII

ABEL BANCROFT, son of Kendall and Susanna (Ewers) Bancroft, was born in Worcester, Ward of Auburn, Massachusetts, August 25, 1782, and died in 1833. He moved to Montague, Massachusetts, and lived there most of his life.

Abel Bancroft married, in Montague, Massachusetts, January 20, 1804, Susanna Woodbury. (Woodbury VII.)

Children:

1. Kendall, born in Montague in 1808, died there July 19, 1870; married, intentions entered at Montague, September 27, 1834, Lucinda Root, who was born at Montague February 18, 1807, died there December 15, 1867, daughter of Martin and Lucinda (Clary) Root.
2. Susan E., died December 26, 1829, aged seventeen years.
3. Mary, born about 1816; married, at Montague, May 16, 1850, Samuel C. Joyce, of Boston, son of John Joyce.
4. Lucy J., married, at Montague, April 30, 1838, Joel Kenney, of Montague.
5. *Julia Ann*, of whom further.
6. Willard A., of Montague; married, at Longmeadow, Massachusetts, October 3, 1847, Louise Bliss, daughter of James and Eunice Bliss.
7. Melvin, of Montague.

(L. Eaton: *History of Reading. The Old Records of Fitchburg, Massachusetts*, Vol. II, pp. 293, 492, 494. D. A. R. National No. 133930. *Montague*,

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Massachusetts, Vital Records. New England Historical Genealogical Register.
Vol. XCV, p. 367. Family records.)

VIII

JULIA ANN BANCROFT, daughter of Abel and Susanna (Woodbury) Bancroft, was born in Montague, Massachusetts, June 28, 1819, and died in Midland, Michigan, June 13, 1900. She married George Fordyce Ball. (First Ball Line VIII.)

(D. A. R. Record, National Nos. 133929 and 133930. *Vital Records of Montague, Massachusetts*, p. 54. Tombstone records, Midland, Michigan.)



Woodbury



WOODBURY, as a surname, with its variants Woodberry, Woodborough and Woodburgh, is of locality origin, meaning "of Woodbury," a parish in County Devon, England, or of Woodborough, a parish in County Nottingham. In 1216 Willin de Wodebere held a knight's fee at Plymtree. The name occurs in Domesday Book (A. D. 1086) spelled Wodebere. Other early records were in 1273; of David de Wodebir of County Devon, Edmund de Wodeburg of County Suffolk, Henry and Ralph de Wodeburg of County Nottingham.

(W. R. Cutter: *Genealogical History of Massachusetts*, p. 245. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

1

WILLIAM WOODBURY, earliest known ancestor of this line in America, was born about 1588, in England, and died in Beverly, Massachusetts, January 29, 1676-77. He is said to have come to America in 1628 and built a house, in 1630, at Mackerel Cove in what is now Beverly. He was made a freeman in Beverly, June 2, 1641.

He left a will, dated June 5, 1663, proved June 26, 1677, in which he named wife Elizabeth, sons Nicholas, William, Andrew, Hugh, Isaac, and daughter Hannah Haskell. He and his wife joined the Salem Church, October 21, 1640.

William Woodbury married, January 29, 1616, Elizabeth Patch. She married (second), March 12, 1678-79, John Walker.

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Children:

1. *Nicholas*, of whom further.
2. *William*.
3. *Andrew*.
4. *Hugh*.
5. *Isaac*.
6. *Hannah*, married Mr. Haskell.

(*Essex Probate Records*, Vol. III, p. 140. Pope: *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, p. 511. C. E. Leonard: *Fulton-Hayden Ancestry*, p. 113. Sidney Perley: *History of Salem*, Vol. I, p. 402. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. IV, p. 637.)

II

NICHOLAS WOODBURY, son of William and Elizabeth (Patch) Woodbury, was born in England, in 1617, and died in Beverly, Massachusetts, May 16, 1686. He was a freeman in Beverly in 1673, made his will August 1, 1685, mentions widow Ann, children Isaac, Andrew, Benjamin, Joanna, Abigail, who were given the estate in America and land in Yarmouth, England, to his son Nicholas.

Nicholas Woodbury married Ann Paulgrave (Palgrave), who was brought over from England by her "father-in-law" or guardian, John Young. She survived her husband and died June 10, 1701.

Children:

1. *Joanna*, born in March, 1653; married, December 5, 1670, Samuel Plumer.
2. *Abigail*, born August, 1655; married, December 26, 1671, Richard Ober.
3. *Nicholas*, married, June 4, 1684, Mary Elliott.
4. *Joseph*, of whom further.
5. *Isaac*, baptized November 20, 1665.
6. *Andrew*, baptized April 20, 1665.
7. *Benjamin*, baptized April 26, 1668.

(Sidney Perley: *History of Salem*, Vol. I, p. 402. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. IV, p. 636.)

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III

JOSEPH WOODBURY, son of Nicholas and Ann (Paulgrave) Woodbury, was baptized at Salem, Massachusetts, November 20, 1665, and died October 14, 1714, at Manchester, Massachusetts, where he had a large landed estate.

Joseph Woodbury married, at Beverly, Massachusetts, December 19, 1687, Elizabeth West, died at Manchester, October 27, 1714, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth West, of Beverly.

Children:

1. Sarah, born August 27, 1688.
2. Joseph (twin), born May 22, 1690.
3. Elizabeth (twin), born May 22, 1690.
4. Abigail, born July 4, 1692.
5. Hannah, born August 21, 1694.
6. Samuel, born April 15, 1697.
7. *John*, of whom further.
8. Anna, born September 5, 1703.
9. Benjamin, born June 24, 1705.

(*Manchester Vital Records*. J. H. Temple: *History of North Brookfield, Massachusetts*, p. 796.)

IV

JOHN WOODBURY, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (West) Woodbury, was born in Manchester, Massachusetts, April 14, 1701, and died probably when lost at sea.

John Woodbury married, at Ipswich, April 2, 1722-23, Sarah Knowlton. (Knowlton V.)

Children:

1. John, born February 27, 1723-24.
2. Elizabeth, born April 6, 1726.
3. *Jeremiah*, of whom further.
4. Sarah, born April 19, 1729.

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5. Ezekiel, born December 4, 1734, died at North Brookfield, October 21, 1821; married (first), at Brookfield, August 19, 1755, Mary Barnes; (second) Anna Hubbard, of Sunderland.

(Charles H. W. Stocking: *Knowlton Ancestry*, p. 33. *Manchester Vital Records*. J. H. Temple: *History of North Brookfield*, p. 796.)

V

JEREMIAH WOODBURY, son of John and Sarah (Knowlton) Woodbury, was born in Manchester, Massachusetts, September 23, 1727, and died in July, 1820. He removed to Brookfield in 1750, and served in the French and Indian War from 1754 to 1763. He also served his country in Captain Obadiah Cooley's company in 1756, and was a private in Captain Jacob Abbott's company in 1757. His grandfather's farm on Barre plains was the first reached by the savages as they returned from an assault on Medfield, February 21, 1765. The Indians called the place "Menamaset."

Jeremiah Woodbury married, in Brookfield, Massachusetts, March 22, 1750, Jerusha Tooker or Tucker, daughter of Arthur Tooker, who had come to Brookfield from Lancaster.

Children:

1. Sarah, born October 10, 1750; married, in Brookfield, February 20, 1774, Thomas Ball, of Brookfield.
2. *John*, of whom further.
3. Mehitable, born February 14, 1755; married, in Brookfield, May 13, 1779, Jesse Cutler, of Brookfield.
4. Jerusha, born May 27, 1757; was of Sunderland; married Benjamin (2) Ball. (First Ball Line VI.)
5. Elizabeth, born December 24, 1759; married in Brookfield, March 9, 1780, Reuben Hamilton, Jr., of Brookfield.
6. Diana, born December 21, 1761.
7. Theodore, baptized November 18, 1764.
8. Hannah (twin), born October 27, 1767.

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9. Thomas (twin), born October 27, 1767.
10. Sybil, born May 20, 1770.

(Rice: *Vital Records of Brookfield, Massachusetts*, pp. 25, 241, 259, 443, 457. W. R. Cutter: *Genealogical History of Massachusetts*, p. 245. *Brookfield, Worcester County, Massachusetts, Records*, pp. 520, 521.)

VI

CAPTAIN JOHN WOODBURY, son of Jeremiah and Jerusha (Tooker) Woodbury, was born in Brookfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, June 30, 1752, and died in Leverett, Massachusetts, in 1821. Five generations of this family are buried in Cave Hill Cemetery at Leverett. He was first a private in the Massachusetts troops under Colonels Porter and Bigelow during the Revolution. He was one of the Minute Men of Concord, Massachusetts, April 14, 1775, going with the New Salem company of soldiers under Colonel Ebenezer Learned. Later he was a lieutenant and captain as the following accounts of his war record show:

Lieutenant John Woodbury was chosen as one of the committee to procure thirty six soldiers to serve in Continental service in 1780.

In 1781, Lieutenant John Woodbury was chosen one of a committee of correspondence, Inspection, and Safety for that year. In 1786, December 4, Captain John Woodbury was chosen on a committee of nine to treat with insurgents of Shay's Rebellion and instruct delegates and representatives.

Captain John Woodbury married, in 1774, Mary Ward. (Ward V.)

Children:

1. Electa, born in 1776, died in 1832; married William Williams, and removed to New York State.
2. Jerusha, married, in 1805, Rev. Elisha Montague, of Leverett.
3. John, born in 1780; married (first), in 1805, Lydia Gunn; (second) Charlotte Ball.
4. Mary Elizabeth, born in 1782; married, in 1804, Deacon Silas Field, of Leverett.

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5. *Susanna*, of whom further.
6. Lucy, born in 1786, died in 1815; unmarried.
7. Isaac, born in 1788, died in 1845; married, in 1813, Eunice Osgood.
8. Jeremiah, born in 1791; married, in 1814, Betsy Bartlett.
9. Sybil, born in 1794; married, in 1814, Joshua Hobart, of Leverett.
10. Ward, born in 1796; married, in 1822, Nancy Field.

(D. A. R. National Nos. 133929, 133930. Charles Martin: *The William Ward Genealogy*, p. 141. *History of Sutton*, pp. 4, 127, 199, 783. W. R. Cutter: *Genealogical History of Massachusetts*, p. 245.)

VII

SUSANNA H. WOODBURY, daughter of Captain John and Mary (Ward) Woodbury, was born in 1784, and lived in Leverett, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. She married Abel Bancroft. (Bancroft VII.)

(D. A. R. National Nos. 133929, 133930. Charles Martin: *The William Ward Genealogy*, p. 141. J. M. Bancroft: *Thomas Bancroft and His Descendants*.)



Ward



WARD is a surname of official origin, meaning "the ward," being a guard or watchman. First written records of the name were of "Robert le Warde, county Oxford, 1273." In the same year were Simon le Ward of County Bucks, John le Warde of County Hunts, Warin Warde of County Cambridge.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

WILLIAM WARD, earliest known ancestor of this line in America, was a resident of Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1639, admitted a freeman in 1643, representative to the General Court in 1644, and selectman there for a number of years. He was one of the petitioners for Marlboro, Massachusetts, in 1656, whence he removed in 1660. He was chosen deacon at the organization of the church there.

William Ward married (first), in England, but the name of his wife is not known. He married (second) Elizabeth, surname not known, who died in Marlboro, December 9, 1700, in her eighty-seventh year.

Children of first marriage:

1. John, born about 1626, died at Newton, July 8, 1708; married, about 1650, Hannah Jackson, daughter of Edward Jackson.
2. Joanna, born about 1628, died at Marlboro, December 8, 1718; married, about 1659, Abraham Williams.
3. Obadiah, born about 1632, died at Marlboro, January 5, 1718; married, at Marlboro, November 28, 1667, Mary, surname not known.

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4. *Richard*, of whom further.
5. Deborah, born about 1637, died at Marlboro, August 9, 1697; married, at Sudbury, November 19, 1657, John Johnson.

Children of second marriage:

6. Hannah, born about 1639, died in Marlboro, November 3, 1717; married, at Watertown, Massachusetts, March 26, 1657, Abraham Howe.
7. William, born January 22, 1640.
8. Samuel, born September 24, 1641, died in Marlboro, November, 1729; married (first), at Marlboro, June 6, 1667, Sarah Howe; (second), May 25, 1710, Elizabeth Beers.
9. Elizabeth, born April 14, 1643, died at Marlboro, April 26, 1710; married (first), at Sudbury, January 22, 1662, John Howe; (second), at Charlestown, February 18, 1677, Captain Henry Kerley.
10. Increase, born January 22, 1645, died at Marlboro, August 25, 1690; married, at Medfield, October 3, 1672, Record Wheelock.
11. Hopestill, born January 24, 1647, died at Marlboro, December 23, 1718; married there, April 22, 1678, James Woods.
12. William, born February 22, 1649, died at Marlboro, November 25, 1697; married, there, August 4, 1679, Hannah (Brigham) Eames.
13. Eleazer, born about 1650, killed by Indians, April 20 or 21, 1676; married, at Marlboro, July 10, 1675, Hannah Rice, daughter of Henry Rice.
14. Bethia, born about 1659, died in Marlboro, December 8, 1721; married there, January 10, 1681, Daniel Rice, son of Edward Rice.

(Charles Martin: *The William Ward Genealogy*, pp. 60-67. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, p. 414.)

II

RICHARD WARD, son of William Ward, was born in England about 1635 and drowned in the Sudbury River, March 31, 1666. He married, at Sudbury, Massachusetts, September 8, 1661, Mary Moores, who died in Sudbury, June 10, 1703, daughter of John and Elizabeth Moores, of Sudbury. She married (second) Daniel Stone, of Sudbury.

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Children:

1. *Obadiah*, of whom further.
2. Lydia, born in Sudbury, March 16, 1664-65, died in Sudbury, January 10, 1740; married John Maynard.

(Charles Martin: *The William Ward Genealogy*, p. 81. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. IX, p. 412.)

III

OBADIAH WARD, son of Richard and Mary (Moore) Ward, was born in Sudbury, Massachusetts, April 19, 1663, and died in Worcester, Massachusetts, December 17, 1717. He removed to Worcester after 1712.

Obadiah Ward married, in Sudbury, December 20, 1693, Joanna (Mixer) Harrington, widow of Joseph Harrington and daughter of Isaac and Mary (Coolidge) Mixer.

Children, all born in Sudbury, Massachusetts:

1. Richard, born in 1694, died in Holden in 1756; married, in Sudbury, January 1, 1718-19, Lydia Wheelock, of Sudbury.
2. Obadiah, born in 1695; married Eunice, surname not known.
3. Hannah, born in 1696, died in Worcester, February 24, 1760; married, in Marlboro, September 25, 1718, Daniel Heywood.
4. Daniel, born September 3, 1700, died in Worcester, May 21, 1777; married (first) Sarah, surname not known; (second), in Framingham, February 20, 1733, Mary (Stone) Coggin.
5. Domindo or Dorinda, born November 20, 1702.
6. Uriah, born December 3, 1704, killed by Indians at Rutland, August 3, 1724; unmarried.
7. Sarah, born in 1706.
8. *Isaac*, of whom further.
9. Thankful, born February 4, 1711-12; married Jonas Farnsworth, of Groton. (*Ibid.*)

IV

ISAAC WARD, son of Obadiah and Joanna (Mixer-Harrington) Ward, was born at Sudbury, Massachusetts, March 25, 1707, according to *Sudbury Vital*

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Records, yet the date of birth is given March seventh in the *Ward Genealogy*. He died at Leverett, Massachusetts, October, 1777, the day the news of Burgoyne's surrender reached the town. He resided for a time in Petersham (although the printed records of the town do not contain his name), then he lived in Amherst and, in 1775, removed to Leverett, where he died.

Isaac Ward married Sybil Moore, daughter of Nathaniel Moore. She died while the family was still living in Amherst.

Children:

1. Sarah, born in 1735, died in 1815; married Joseph Clarey, of Leverett.
2. Isaac, born in 1738, died in the army in 1759.
3. Betsey, born in 1740, died in 1837; married, in 1764, John Adams, of Rome.
4. Sybil, born in 1742, died at Leverett, October 29, 1839; married, as his second wife, in 1768, Nathan Adams.
5. Lucy, born in 1747, died at Leverett, in February, 1817; married, in 1770, Gideon Lee, of Amherst.
6. *Mary*, of whom further.
7. Grace, born in 1752, died in Shutesbury, January 26, 1823; married, as his second wife, in 1771, Asa Adams.
8. Susan, born in 1755, died in 1838; married (first), Noah Dickinson, of Amherst; (second) Nathaniel Wilder, of Wendell; (third) John Dickinson, of Amherst.
9. Nahum, born in 1757; married Joanna (Hibbard) Hubbard, and removed to White Creek, New York.
10. Lois, born in 1759; married, in 1807, Mr. Cady, and was living in North Adams in 1850.
11. Lucretia, born in 1761; married Mr. Marsh and was living in Adams, New York, in 1850.

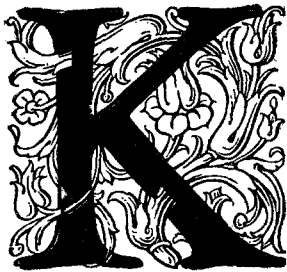
(*Sudbury Vital Records*. Charles Martin: *The William Ward Genealogy*, p. 100.)

V

MARY WARD, daughter of Isaac and Sybil (Moore) Ward, was born in 1750 and died in 1829. She married Captain John Woodbury. (Woodbury VI.)

(*Ibid.*)

Knowlton



NOWLTON, as a surname, with its variant, Knowlden, is of locality origin, meaning "of Knowlton," a parish in County Kent. In 1658, record is found of the marriage of Thomas Godfrey and Anne Knowlden at the Canterbury Cathedral. In 1665, John Smyth and Mary Knolden were married at St. George's, Hanover Square.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

CAPTAIN WILLIAM (1) KNOWLTON, earliest known ancestor of this family in America, came from Chiswick, County Kent, England. He married, but the name of his wife is not known.

Child:

1. *William* (2), of whom further.

(Charles H. W. Stocking: *Knowlton Ancestry*, p. 4.)

II

WILLIAM (2) KNOWLTON, son of Captain William (1) Knowlton, was born in Chiswick, County Kent, England, about 1615, and died in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1655. He came over with his father, was admitted as freeman in Ipswich in 1641-42, and earned his living there as a bricklayer.

William (2) Knowlton married Ann Elizabeth, surname not known, who was still living in 1688.

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Children:

1. Thomas, born in 1640; married, November 24, 1688, Hannah Green.
2. Nathaniel, born 1641; married, May 3, 1662, Deborah Grant.
3. William, born in 1642; married Susanna, surname not known.
4. *John*, of whom further.
5. Benjamin, born in 1646; married, November 30, 1676, Hannah Merrick.
6. Samuel, born in 1647; married, in 1669, Elizabeth Witt.
7. Mary, born in 1649; married, October 12, 1672, Samuel Abbe and removed to Windham, Connecticut. (*Ibid.*)

III

JOHN KNOWLTON, son of William (2) and Ann Elizabeth Knowlton, was born at Ipswich in 1644 and died in Manchester, Massachusetts. He was a carpenter and "Captain of Militia."

John Knowlton married Bethia Carter.

Children:

1. John, born in 1670; married, in Manchester, December 20, 1697, Abigail Batchelder.
2. Robert, born in 1672.
3. *Ezekiel*, of whom further. (*Ibid.*)

IV

EZEKIEL KNOWLTON, son of John and Bethia (Carter) Knowlton, was born in Manchester, Massachusetts, in 1679, and died there September 29, 1706. He was a weaver by trade. November 4, 1706, administration on his estate was granted to his widow Sarah.

Ezekiel Knowlton married, at Manchester, January 29, 1698-99, Sarah Leach, who married (second), at Beverly, January 20, 1712-13, a Mr. Allen.

Children:

1. Deborah, born October 29, 1699; married, April 27, 1722, Thomas Adams.

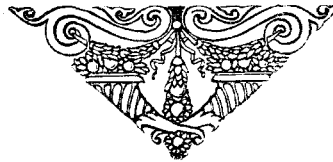
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2. Robert, born July 17, 1701, died at Manchester, March 7, 1776; married there, December 24, 1724, Lydia Bishop.
3. Ezekiel, born February 7, 1702-03; married, at Manchester, December 23, 1724, Emma Foster. "Thought to have been shipwrecked at Ilesables, March 18, 1734-35." Widow Anne Knowlton died, Manchester, January 7, 1788, aged eighty-one.
4. Sarah, of whom further. (*Ibid. Manchester Vital Records.*)

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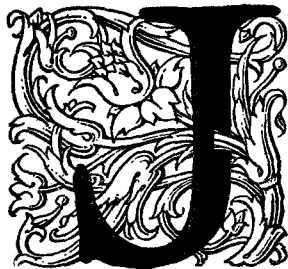
SARAH KNOWLTON, daughter of Ezekiel and Sarah (Leach) Knowlton, was born October 24, 1704. She married John Woodbury. (Woodbury IV.)

(*Ibid.*)



Eaton

I



ONAS (1) EATON, earliest known ancestor of this line in America, was known to have been a resident of Watertown, Massachusetts, on January 6, 1646-47, when he sold to Richard Cutting, also of Watertown, his house and ground formerly bought of Simon Onge, between Edward How and William Seger. In 1647 he moved to Reading, Massachusetts, where he lived on the northwest part of Cowdrey's Hill and was a town officer. In 1648 he and his wife, Grace, were church members.

Jonas Eaton left a will dated January 7, 1673, and two codicils, the first January fifteenth, the second February fifth; and the whole was proved February 5, 1674-75. In this he provided for his wife, Grace; gave his lands to his sons Jonas and John; cash bequests to sons Joseph, Joshua, and Jonathan each "when his new apprenticeship is out," and forty shillings per year to his daughter Mary.

Jonas (1) Eaton married Grace, whose surname is not known. She married (second), at Lynn, Massachusetts, November 18, 1680, Henry Silsbee, as his second wife.

Children, all born at Reading, Massachusetts:

1. Mary, born February 8, 1643, died April 4, 1732; unmarried.
2. John, born October 10, 1645; lived on Cowdrey's Hill; married Dorcas Green and had eleven children.
3. Jonas, born September 28, 1647, died October 16, 1647.
4. *Jonas* (2) (again), of whom further.

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5. Joshua, born in 1653, died November 19, 1717; married (first), at Reading, Massachusetts, April 25, 1678, Rebecca Kendall; (second), December 18, 1690, Ruth, surname not known.
6. Jonathan, born December 6, 1655, died, Reading, July 8, 1743; married (first), at Reading, August 15, 1683, Elizabeth Burnap; (second), April 2, 1691, Mary, surname not known.
7. David, born September 22, 1657, died October 7, 1657.
8. Sarah, married, Reading, February 28, 1671, Joseph Dodge.

(Pope: *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, p. 150. *Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. I, folio 81. L. Eaton: *History of Reading*, p. 63. Middlesex Probate Files, No. 6,754. *Lynn Vital Records*, Vol. II, p. 27. *Reading Vital Records*, pp. 76-78, 329. *Wakefield Vital Records*, p. 278. Gravestone Records, Wakefield, Massachusetts.)

II

JONAS (2) EATON, son of Jonas (1) and Grace Eaton, was born at Reading, Massachusetts, September 24, 1648. He became an early settler of the West Parish "near the Prescott place."

Jonas (2) Eaton married, at Reading, September 25, 1677, Hannah Mason. (Mason III.)

Children:

1. Jonas, born October 9, 1678.
2. John, born October 24, 1680.
3. Mary, born December 29, 1683.
4. Hannah, born December 29, 1685.
5. *Abigail*, of whom further.
6. Jonas, born March 7, 1689-90.
7. Sarah, born March 25, 1693.

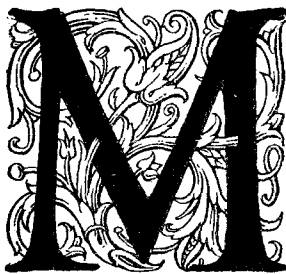
(L. Eaton: *History of Reading*, pp. 64, 65. *Reading Vital Records*, pp. 76-80.)

III

ABIGAIL EATON, daughter of Jonas (2) and Hannah (Mason) Eaton, was born in Reading, Massachusetts, February 11, 1687-88, and died March 26, 1728. She married Deacon Raham Bancroft. (Bancroft IV.)

(*Reading Vital Records*, pp. 76-80. *Wakefield Vital Records*, p. 259.)

Mason



ASON, as a surname, originates from two sources: one, occupational, that is, from the person who was a stone mason or a woodmason. The other baptismal, signifying the son of Matthew, the old French term having been Mayheu, shortened to Maye, and, therefore, Mayeson.

Earliest records found of this name were: Gotte le Mazoun of County Hunts in 1272; Nicholas le Macun, County Bucks, 1273; in 1579, baptized Eliz. daughter of John Mason in Kensington Church.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

ROBERT MASON, earliest known ancestor of this line in America, was an early resident of Roxbury, Massachusetts. He died in Dedham, October 5, 1667. He sold land in Roxbury, March 16, 1639-40, to William Perkins and, November 24, 1640, to Lambert Genery. On November 26, 1639, he was enrolled as a proprietor in Dedham. February 2, 1646-47, he mortgaged his house and eleven acres of land in Dedham as security for the purchase price of two oxen.

The inventory of Robert Mason's estate was taken October 23, 1667, and amounted to £187-03; administration was granted November 14, 1667, to his sons Johns, Robert, and Thomas. A certificate from Eben Lusher is still preserved and reads: "Abigail Mason, late wife of Robert Mason of Dedham, came yesternight before me and declared herselfe not willing to administer upon the estate of her Said late deceased husband."

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Robert Mason married, but the name of his wife is not known, although she was buried in Roxbury, Massachusetts, April, 1637. Other than the certificate, no mention is made of Robert Mason's widow, or of his even having one.

Children:

1. *John*, of whom further.
2. Robert, lived in Dedham; married there, November 10, 1659, Abigail Eaton. (Grace Ann [Ball] Dow Royal Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd—XLI, Child 5.)
3. Thomas, killed with two of his sons by Indians in their attack on Medfield, February 21, 1675-76, when his house was also burned; married in Medfield, April 23, 1653, Margery Partridge.

(*Roxbury, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, pp. 10, 222. *Land Records*, pp. 1, 2. Pope: *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, p. 304. *Suffolk Deeds*, pp. 1-81. *Probate Records*, pp. 5-78. Probate files No. 472.)

II

JOHN MASON, son of Robert Mason, was born in England and died in Dedham, Massachusetts, either January 18, 1688-89, or April 9, 1714.

John Mason married (first), at Dedham, Massachusetts, May 5, 1651, Mary Eaton. (Second Descent from the Kings of Gwynedd, or North Wales I.) He married (second), at Dedham, January 5, 1676-77, Hannah Hawes, born in Dedham, February 1, 1654-55, daughter of Edward and Elione (Lumber) Hawes.

Children, all of first marriage:

1. Mary, died young.
2. Mary (again), born March 1, 1653.
3. *Hannah*, of whom further.
4. John, born August 6, 1657.
5. Abigail, born January 6, 1659; married in Dedham, April 7, 1679, William Briggs.
6. Rebecca, born August 22, 1661; married, at Dedham, February 5, 1682-1683, Thomas Ockinton.
7. Judith, born January 27, 1665.
8. Elizabeth, born December 26, 1666.

(*Dedham, Massachusetts, Vital Records*, pp. 6, 17, 126.)

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III

HANNAH MASON, daughter of John and Mary (Eaton) Mason, was born in Dedham, Massachusetts, July 4, 1655. She married Jonas (2) Eaton. (Eaton II.)

(Dedham, Massachusetts, Vital Records, pp. 16, 17.)



EWERS



WERS, as a surname, with its variants, Yours, Eurs, Eeurs, Euers, and Ewer, was first applied to designate the duty of its earlier possessors. "The ewer" was an officer of the ewery, one who ministered at the table of his lord and carried water around for his guests.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

HENRY (1) EWERS, earliest known member of this family in America, was designated as a "sailor" at the time of his marriage in Concord. On October 21, 1725, Henry Ewer, "formerly of the Parish of Concord in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, now Indweller in the bay of Honduras," made his will. In this he named Mathew Bond of the Bay of Honduras, executor of the property there, and his wife executrix of the New England property. He named also his children: Henry, Robert, James, and Susanna. There is evidence that the will was proved or admitted to probate, and the original, somewhat faint and worn, is preserved in the Middlesex County Probate files. September 9, 1726, the widow Susanna was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, "Henry Yours late of Concord, deceased intestate beyond the seas in the Bay of Honduras." She gave bond for £300, with Nathaniel Ball as surety. The inventory taken March 14, 1726-27, £144-18-4, was attested by the widow October 21, 1727, and bears this notation in the handwriting of the Judge of Probate:

The admx. makes no mention of what she recd. of her father's estate and supposes she is not accountable for it. To be inquired into.

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On February 5, 1727, her account was allowed, "present Nathaniel Ball, and Thomas Ball, uncles to the deceased's four children, namely, Henry, eldest, Robert, James and Susanna, and Samuel Merriam and Ebenezer Brooks, their guardians. On July 15, 1729, a citation was issued to Susanna Stoughtenburgh, formerly Yours, admx. of Henry Yours, formerly of Concord, July 21, 1729, an additional inventory, was filed of £ 50, note of Henry Bond, paid to her present husband Luke Stotenburg."

Henry (1) Ewers married, in Concord, Massachusetts, February 20, 1715-1716, Susanna Ball. (Second Ball Line IV.)

Children:

1. *Henry* (2), of whom further.
2. Robert, born in Concord, June 14, 1719.
3. James.
4. Susanna, born June 25, 1723.

(*Vital Records of Concord*, p. 109. *Middlesex Probate Files*, Docket No. 7,103.)

II

HENRY (2) EWERS, son of Henry (1) and Susanna (Ball) Ewers, was born in Concord, December 24, 1716, and died there August 30, 1757. Administration on his estate was granted November 7, 1757, to his widow Tabitha and division was made March 28, 1768. He named his widow and children: James, Tabitha, Susanna, Henry, and John.

Henry (2) Ewers married, in Concord, January 10, 1743, by the Rev. Daniel Bliss, Tabitha Fox. (Fox IV.)

Children:

1. James, born January 23, 1744; drowned in the Kennebec River.
2. Henry, born December 7, 1746, died December 18, 1746.
3. Tabitha, born March 30, 1748.
4. Susanna, born December 2, 1750, died in Montague, Massachusetts, January 15, 1837; married Kendall Bancroft. (Bancroft VI.)

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5. *Henry (3)*, of whom further.

6. John, born May 13, 1756.

(*Vital Records of Concord, Massachusetts*, pp. 88, 160, 180, 181, 182, 193,

205. *Middlesex Probate Files*, Docket Nos. 7,106, 7,107.)

III

HENRY (3) EWERS, son of Henry (2) and Tabitha (Fox) Ewers, was born in Concord, Massachusetts, March 7, 1753, and died in Montague, Massachusetts, March 9, 1833. His father having died when he was about four years of age, he went to live with Captain Severance Montague. When a small party of British came to the house to take the flag, he fought them, put them to flight and saved the flag.

He first served as a private, but later was promoted to the rank of corporal in Captain Asahel Gunn's company, Colonel David Wells' regiment, of the Massachusetts Troops, in the American Revolution.

Henry (3) Ewers married, in Montague, Massachusetts, March 12, 1775, Tryphena Scott.

Child:

1. *Charlotte*, of whom further.

(D. A. R. National Nos. 133929, 133930. *Concord, Massachusetts, Vital Records, 1635-1850*, p. 193.)

IV

CHARLOTTE EWERS, daughter of Henry (3) and Tryphena (Scott) Ewers, was born November 11, 1783, and died April 13, 1878. She married Benjamin (3) Ball. (First Ball Line VII.)

(*Ibid.* Cemetery records, Midland Cemetery, Midland, Michigan.)



Fox



OX, as a surname, with its variants Foxce and Ffox, is derived from the nickname "the fox," applied first to one of a somewhat sly, cunning or clever turn of mind. Early written records of this popular name were of John Fox, of County York, in 1273, and of Richard Fox, of County Norfolk, in the same year.

(Barsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames.*)

I

THOMAS FOX, earliest known ancestor of this family, was a resident of Concord in 1640, and was made a freeman in 1644. His will, dated January 25, 1657-58, proved June 15, 1658, reads as follows:

I Thomas ffox of Concord in the County of Middlesex in Massachusetts Colony being sicke & weake in body butt of pfect mind & memory doe make this my last will & Testamt in maner & forme following. ffirst I Comitt & Comend my soule into the hands of the Lord my God trusting in the Riches of his grace, that hee hath redeemed it by the precious blood of Christ Jesus, and my Body to bee decently buried, beleeving of that though soule & body bee seperated for a time, yeet they shall bee united againe at the resurrection of the Just to reigne with Christ in eternall glory. And for the outward estate wch the Lord hath beene pleased to give me, I for the p'sent leave both house & lands Cattle & moveables in the possession of my wife Hannah, and my will is that shee have & hold all untill my eldest sonne Eliphalett shall accomplish the age of one & twenty years. And then in case my said sone Eliphalett

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will then undertake the payment of ffive pounds to each of the rest of my children as they shall come to the said age of one & twenty years, that then hee shall have & inioy two thirds of the said land & meadow, my said wife enioying the said dwelling house & a third part of the barne & of the land during the terme of her life, except in the Case hereunder expressed, and after her decease then the other 3d part of the Land wth the house & other appurtenances to come to my said son Eliphalett. Butt in case hee shall refuse to pay the said portions to the rest of my Children, to my daughter Elisabeth five pounds within one yeare after, & to the rest at the Age of one & twenty years, that when my said wife Hanah shall pay or Cause to bee paid by her Executors & Assigns to my said sone Eliphalett the sume of ten pounds, wthin six monthes after the said refusall. And shee shall have full power to dispose of the said house & Lands to one or more of the rest of my sones as shee shall thinke most meete, & shee he or they to whom they are disposed shall pay to the rest of my children the said sume of five pounds a peice at the time & age aforesaid. Also my will is that the said house & Lands shall remayne to one or more of my said sons except there (two or three words here omitted; original damaged, illegible) of selling of part of the Land for the payment of the said portions. And in case that part be sold, my will is that no part of the house lot bee sold from the said house, or two Ackers of Land at the (sowne?) and in Brickilne feild, nor an Acre & halfe of Meadow in Bridge Meadow, nor two Ackers of Meadow at the upper end in Tomkins Meadow beyond Crane feild Butt what other pcells of the said Land or Meadow shee or they shall see cause to sell, they have Liberty & power soe to doe. Also my will is that in case my said sone Eliphalett shall accept the said two thirds of the Land at the age of one & twenty yeares on ther termes aforesaid, that then my said wife Hanah shall hold for her third part during her life with the house & a third part of the barne an Acker of plowland usually called the hollow on the top of the hill behind the house, & all the house lott below the house on the other side of the high way & the said two ackers in brickilne feild & the two pcells of Meadow before expressed, & six Ackers of Woodland adioyning to my house lott Meadow. Also in Case my said wife Hanah bee married to another man & shall not live on the said house & Lands when the said Eliphalett shall be one & twenty yeares

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old, that then in case hee accept the Land on the termes aforesaid, hee shall also enioy the house & whole house lot & the other pcells before excepted, he payinge to my said wife yeerely duringe her life the third part of the yearely worth of the whole as it shall be judged to be worth by the year. Also in case my said wife Hanah dye before my said sonne Eliphalett come to the Age aforesaid, that then the Overseers of this my will hereunder mentioned or their Assignes for that purpose shall have power to deale in & dispose of things for the benefit of my said Children as the said Hanah hath in Case hee live & my said sonne Eliphalett refuse to accept the Land on the termes aforesaid. Also the overseers shall have power to dispose of all my children to trades & abroad as they shall see cause, only my said wife Hanah hath liberty to Choose any one of those I had by her to Continue with her. Also I appoint & Constitute my said wife Hanah the Executrix of this my last Will & Testamt for the payment of debts & ordering the Estate in Land & Chattles, untill my said sone Eliphalett bee at the said age of one & twenty yeares; & the two thirds of the Land to come to him if he accept thereof as aforesaid, but otherwise to dispose of things as is before expressed, And whether shee Live till that time or noe, shee hath, when shee dyeth full power to dispose of the cattle & Moveables as shee shall Thinke best; Also I appoint & Constitute my Loving Unckle Thomas Brooks, my Loving brethern Moses Wheate & Thomas Bateman & my Loving ffreind & neighbor Robert fletcher the overseers of this my last will & testament. In Wittnesse whereof I the said Thomas Ffoxe have hereunto sett my hand & seale this ffive and Twentieth day of January 1657.

THOMAS FFOXE
(Seal)

Witnesses hereof
EDWARD BULKELEY
ROBERT FLETCHER

This was witnessed upon oath by those above written the:14: (10:
(mo 1658. before me

SIMON WILLARD

At a Couy Court held at Charleston, June 15th 58. Major Simon Willard was appoynted by the Court to take ye attest & p'bate of the Will of Thomas Ffox as attest. Thomas Danforth R entered & Recorded 28 (10(58, p. 179. lib. 1 as attest.

THOMAS DANFORTH Recordr.

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Thomas Fox married (first) Rebecca, whose surname is not known, and whom some authorities have concluded to be the sister of Moses Wheat, mentioned in the will of Thomas Fox; others conclude that she was the sister of Moses Wheat's wife, but no satisfactory proof of her identity has been found. Thomas Fox married (second), in Concord, December 13, 1647, Hannah Brooks, daughter of Henry Brooks, of Woburn.

Children of first marriage:

1. Mary (twin), born September 18, 1642, died October 9, 1642.
2. Elizabeth (twin), born September 18, 1642, slain by Indians at Lancaster, with her husband and child February 20, 1675-76; married, in Watertown, October 3, 1665, as his second wife, John (2) Ball. (First Ball Line II.)
3. *Eliphalet*, of whom further.

Children of second marriage:

4. Hannah, born September 25, 1648; married, at New London, Connecticut, in October, 1668, Daniel Lester.
5. Thomas, born February 26, 1649-50, died young.
6. Samuel, born about 1651, died at New London, September 4, 1727; married four times and had seven children.
7. John, born about 1653, died at New London, April, 1730; married four times and had six children.
8. Daniel, born about 1656; married twice, but appears to have left no children.
9. Isaac, born October 17, 1657, lived in Medford until 1693, when he removed to New London; married, at Billerica, July 18, 1678, Abigail Osborn.

(*Middlesex Probate Files*, Docket No. 8397. William F. Fox: *Thomas Fox of Concord and His Descendants*. *Vital Records of Concord, Massachusetts*. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. II, pp. 196-97.)

II

ELIPHALET FOX, son of Thomas and Rebecca Fox, was born in Concord, Massachusetts, about 1644, and was a freeman in 1690. He died in Concord,

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August 15, 1711, leaving the following will, dated August 13, 1711, proved September 11, 1711:

In the Name of the Lord God Amen I Eliphalet Ffox of the Town of Concord in the county of Middlesex in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in Newengland yeoman Being of sound good and Perfect memory Praise be given to god for the same yet Knowing the uncertainty of this Life on Earth and being willing to gett al things in order Do make and ordaine this to be my Last Will and Testament Hereby Revolking all former Wills by me made and signed to be null and of none Effect.

In Primas—My soule I give unto the hands of allmighty god that gave it in sure and certaine hopes of eternal Life through our Lord Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be Decently interred at the Discretion of my executrix hereafter Mentioned and after my funerall expenses and debts satisfied and paid what world goods it hath please god to endow me withall. I Do give and Bequeath in manner as follows:

Item—I do give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Mary ffox all my whole estate, Both Reall and Personall of all sorts and kinds whatsoever and wheresoever during the time of her widowhood to Improve as she shall have occasion and in case she shall stand in need thereof then to sell any part or parcell of the reall estate for her comfortable subsistance.

Item—I Do give and Bequeath to my son Samuel Ffox my Lot in the plaine which is bounded south by John "Wheelers" Land and north with the Land of Jacob Taylor if it shall be left after my decease and after the time of My Wives widowhood if she doth not need to Make sale of it for her comfortable subsistance to him and his heirs forever.

Item—I Do give to my daughter Mary Harwood and her heirs my Lott in the Brickelfeild and what moveable estate there shall be left of all sorts excepting my wearing apparel which I give to my son Samuel ffox if the Land and estat of moveable goods be left as above mentioned after the time of my wive's widowhood.

Item—I Do give and Bequeath to my two sons John ffox and Nathaniel ffox all my Land and medow in the pastuer below nathaniel

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ffox's House to be equally divided in Quantity and Quality between them two both if it or any part of it be left as afore mentioned.

Item—I do give and Bequeath to my son Benoni ffox my homestead housings and Land it be Left after the time of my Wive's Widowhood: all the whole estate I give to my Wife so long as shee shall Live and Remaine a Widow in my name to Improve the Whole for her use and comfort and to make sale of any part or parcell of the estate both real and personal if she shall be in want thereof and what which may be Left to be for my Children as aforesd. Hereby authorizing and fully Impowering My Loving Wife Mary ffox to be Whole and Sole executrix of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I the said Eliphalet ffox have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirteenth day of August Annodomini 1711 and in the tenth year of the Reign of our sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of god of Great Britain France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith etc.

Signed sealed and published In the presence of us to be the Last Will & Testament of Eliphalet ffox.

his

DANIEL x HOAR

mark

Before signing and sealing this I do give to my
ELIZOR FLAGE son Samuel Fox my Lott Lying in the seader
JOHN MERIAM swamp.—Middx.

At court 11 7ber 1711 Mary Fox exhibited this will. Elizar fflag and John Meriam made oath yt (that) they see the sd. testator sign seale & hearde hime publish this instrument as his last will and Testament & yt. he was of sound mind & the admx. is comitted to the said Mary ffox and to prforme the same according to law.

Attest. Fra's Foxcrofte Jd. Prob.

Eliphalet Fox married (first), in Concord, Massachusetts, October 26, 1665, Mary Wheeler, born in Concord, September 6, 1645, died December 24, 1678-79, daughter of George and Margery (Stone) Wheeler. Eliphalet Fox married (second), at Concord, September 30, 1681, Mary (Stone) Hunt, born in Concord, in 1649, died before April 15, 1702, the widow of Isaac Hunt, the daughter of John and Anne Stone, of Sudbury, and granddaughter of Gregory and Margaret (Garrard) Stone. Eliphalet Fox married (third) Mary (Bishop) Coburn,

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widow of Robert Coburn, and daughter of Edward Bishop. She married (third) Joseph Lee; (fourth) Daniel Hoar.

Children of first marriage:

1. Thomas, born September 10, 1666, not named in his father's will.
2. Eliphalet, born November 15, 1668, also not named.
3. Samuel, born September 11, 1670, died at Concord, January 15, 1733-1734; married Ruth surname not known.
4. Mary, born June 30, 1673; married, at Concord, November 7, 1700, Peter Harwood.
5. Joseph, born July 17, 1675, not named in his father's will.
6. Benoni, born February 17, 1678-79; married (first), in Concord, April 8, 1707, Mary Ball, who died May 23, 1711; (second), September 12, 1712, Experience Page.

Children of second marriage:

7. *John*, of whom further.
8. Nathaniel, born February 18, 1683, died at Dracut, December 20, 1765, in his eighty-third year. He was a "Deacon" and married in Concord, January 11, 1709, Hannah Merriam. (Merriam—American Line—II, Child 6.)

(*Vital Records of Concord, Massachusetts*, pp. 12, 13, 15, 23, 25, 62, 186, 251. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. II, p. 195. J. Gardner Bartlett: *Gregory Stone Genealogy. Middlesex Probate Files*, Docket No. 8371.)

III

JOHN FOX, son of Eliphalet and Mary (Stone-Hunt) Fox, was born in Concord, Massachusetts, July 15, 1682, and died there in 1754. He left the following will dated November 13, 1754, proved December 16, 1754:

In the Name of God Amen, I John Fox of Concord in the county of Middlx in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, at the present writing of this my Last Will & testamt, Being of sound and disposing mind and memory For which I bless God, And First I recom-

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mend my precious and mortal Sould into the merciful hands of God who gave it hoping in and thru the merit of Christ my gracious Redeemer to obtain the forgiveness of all my Sins, & my Body I comitt to the earth from whence it was taken to be Buried in a Decent & Christian maner By my Exect. hereafter mentioned.

And my worldly Goods I dispose of as follows, *viz.* :

Item—I give to my Dutiful son John Fox and his heirs my Gold ring & my shaft with an ivory head.

Item—I give to my Dutiful Son Isiah Fox and his Heirs my Sword & my gun & all my Utincils of husbandry of Every Sort and all my Carpenter & Joyner's Tools & my Chest that hath a Lock & Key & all my writings in it & my flock Bed and three Cows & all my wearing apparel and my mare.

Item—I give to my dutiful son Abel Fox The Sum of five Shillings Lawful money to be paid in one year after by Decease.

Item—I give to my Dutiful Daughter Susannah Soper and her heirs two pounds Lawful money and my red chest & one iron pot that she hath—& a little Box and my largest pewter platter.

I give to my Dutiful Daughter Abigail Miriam and her heirs two feather beds and Bolsters & pillows and two tables and one book entitled Mosers choice, & my Tongs & Slice & hand irons & my iron Pot & Skillet & my warming pan and four puter plates and one puter bason.

Item—I give to my Dutiful Daughter Tabitha Eurs & her heirs and one pound & six shillings & Eight Pence Lawful money to be paid in one year After my Decease.

And I do nominate & appoint my Dutiful Son Jacob Fox to be the Sole exect. of this my Last Will and Testm't thereby ordering him to pay the Legacies above expressed & to Execute this my Last Will in every article thereof & I do utterly revoke and Disanul all other & former will by me hereuntofor made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirteenth day of November anno Dom 1754. In the twenty eighty year of his majes Reign.

Signed Sealed and Declared by the John Fox to be his Last Will and testam't in presence of

SIMON HUNT, JR.
ESTHER KITTEREDGE
EBEN CUTLER

JOHN FOX

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John Fox married, in Concord, Massachusetts, ceremony performed by the Rev. Joseph Estabrooke, June 6, 1704, Susanna Merriam. (Merriam—American Line—III.)

Children:

1. John, born February 7, 1704-05, died February 17, 1705-06.
2. John (again), born July 18, 1707.
3. Eliphalet (twin), born January 21, 1708-09, died at Concord, July 24, 1746; unmarried.
4. Susanna (twin), born January 21, 1708-09; married Mr. Soper, who was probably Consider Soper, who had six children born in Concord, 1735-49.
5. Abigail, born May 26, 1713, died at Concord, January 16, 1759; married there, February 8, 1753, Ebenezer Merriam.
6. *Tabitha*, of whom further.
7. Jacob, born December 1, 1717; married Abigail, surname not known.
8. Abel, born June 4, 1719; married Sarah, surname not known.

(*Vital Records of Concord, Massachusetts*, pp. 12, 13, 23, 25, 62, 186, 251. *Middlesex Probate Files*, Docket No. 8382.)

IV

TABITHA FOX, daughter of John and Susanna (Merriam) Fox, was born in Concord, Massachusetts, August 23, 1715. She married Henry (2) Ewers. (Ewers II.)

(*Vital Records of Concord, Massachusetts*, p. 205.)



Merriam



THE Merriam family was chiefly identified with the county of Kent, England, where fifty-four original deeds, dating from A. D. 1354 to 1641, have been found referring mostly to lands belonging to the Merriams. Alexander, Stephen, and Henry Merriam, of Boughton, Monchelsea, were taxed in 1523 and later at Horsmonden. The history of the family, as found in early records, centers in an eleven-mile radius, with the exception of descendants known to be at London and at Canterbury, where John Merriam was mayor in 1631. At Trinsted, in the Hundred of Eyhorne, County Kent, is a very ancient manor called "Meriam's Court." The name was later corrupted and became known as "Madam's Court."

The name appears as "Meriam" on the parish registers with consistency. In some documents, however, one may find Merryham, Meryham, Mereham, Meriham, Mirrhiam, Mirriam, etc. The name is Saxon, derived from *murige*, *myrig*, or *merry*, and *ham*, a house or home, meaning "Happy Home."

In 1900, when the research of C. E. Gildersome-Dickson was made in England, a large number of wills and parish registers of Merriams were discovered in the county of Kent, but the American family descending from Joseph Merriam, of Concord, could not be traced back any earlier than his father, William Merriam, of Goudhurst, Kent. S. A. Merriam, writing in 1929, adds to this record, using many old deeds not found in the previous search, and these supply records for several generations.

(S. A. Merriam: *Ancestry of Franklin Merriam Peabody*, p. 40.)

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THE FAMILY IN ENGLAND

I

WILLIAM (1) MERYHAM, as the name was then spelled, resided at Boughton, Monchelsea, when his will was proved in 1478. He was probably related to Robert Meryham, who lived there in 1381. While William Meryham's children are mentioned, their names are not given in his will.

William (1) Meryham married Benedict, whose surname is not known. Their children are mentioned in the wills of his brothers, John, in 1455; Robert, in 1468; and Henry, in 1483.

Children:

1. Alexander.
2. *Stephen*, of whom further.
3. Henry.

(*Ibid.*)

II

STEPHEN MERYHAM, son of William (1) and Benedict Meryham, is mentioned in the will of his uncle Henry, in 1483, by which he received land called Clementes Brome. Stephen Meryham's will was dated October 3, 1506, and was proved May 18, 1507. He resided at Goudhurst, about seven miles from Boughton, Monchelsea. His will mentions his wife, Juliana.

Stephen Meryham married Juliana, whose surname is not known.

Children:

1. *Richard*, of whom further.
2. Joan.

(*Ibid.*, pp. 41-42.)

III

RICHARD MERYHAM, son of Stephen and Juliana Meryham, died in 1548. He was taxed in West Burnefield Hundred in 1543. The name of his wife is not known, nor is she mentioned in his will, which was dated February 1, 1547-48, and proved May 16, 1548.

Children:

1. *William* (2), of whom further.

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2. Henry.
3. Stephen.
4. John.
5. Johane.
6. Deonys.
7. Catheryn.

(*Ibid.*)

IV

WILLIAM (2) MERYHAM, son of Richard Meryham, resided at Goudhurst, County Kent. His will, dated January 27, 1565-66, was proved March 10, 1565-66. He mentions his wife, Alice, and his children. He appointed John Horsmanden overseer. Henry Meryham, brother of William, in his will, dated 1567, mentions John Horsmanden as a kinsman. In 1578 John Horsmanden gave £30 to William, the son of William Meryham. Since William and Henry Meryham both mention John Horsmanden, it is possible that their mother was a Horsmanden, but this cannot be proved.

William (2) Meryham married Alice, whose surname is not known.

Children:

1. John, baptized at Goudhurst, November 16, 1561.
2. *William* (3), of whom further.
3. Joane, baptized at Goudhurst, May 11, 1564, buried May 14, 1564.

(*Ibid.*, p. 54.)

V

WILLIAM (3) MERYHAM, son of William (2) and Alice Meryham, was baptized at Goudhurst, County Kent, England, May 11, 1564, and died in 1635. He resided at Goudhurst and was a clothier. At Hadley, William Sumner Appleton, Esq., of Boston, discovered the will of William Merriam, of Hadlow, County Kent, clothier, dated September 8, 1635, proved November 27, 1635 (consistory of Rochester). This will names his wife and children.

William Meryham was taxed in Tudeley in 1598, 1599, 1600, 1610, and 1611; he also owned land at Yalding and Hadlow. In 1616 Robert Pyper, of

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Tunbridge, also a clothier, mentions his brother-in-law, William Meryham, but at that time the term "brother," in addition to its usual sense, sometimes indicated a "step" relationship. The will of James Burgess, of Tudeley, in 1500, indicates a relationship.

William (3) Meryham married Sara, whose surname is not mentioned.

Children:

1. Susan.
2. Margaret.
3. A daughter, who married Thomas Howe.
4. Joseph.
5. *George*, of whom further.
6. Joane.
7. Sara.
8. Robert, born about 1613, died in Concord, Massachusetts, February 15, 1682; married Mary Sheape, daughter of Edmond Sheape, of Branbrook, County Kent.

(S. A. Merriam: *Ancestry of Franklin Merriam Peabody*, p. 43. Pope: *Merriam Genealogy in England and America*, pp. 27-29, 30-31, 32, 36-37, 38-39.)

THE FAMILY IN AMERICA

Ralph Waldo Emerson, in an ode honoring the pioneers of Old Concord, Massachusetts, wrote as follows:

Bulkeley, Hunt, Willard, Hosmer, Meriam, Flint,
Possessed the land which rendered to their toil
Hay, corn, roots, flax, hemp, apples, wool and wood;
Each of these landlords walked amongst his farm
Saying, "It is mine, my children's and my name——."

So long as the Nation exists and history remains recorded, at least one spot of land which was the pioneer Meriam's will continue to bear his name. The British, driven back from the North Bridge, were outflanked by the pursuing "minute-men" at a corner of the Meriam farm where the roads forked, and were driven in the utter rout and confusion of retreat toward Boston.

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Meriam's Corner is marked by a bronze tablet and shares equally in the victory of the day with the North Bridge, both having played their part in the famous "Concord Fight."

I

GEORGE MERRIAM, as the name came to be spelled, son of William (3) and Sara Meryham, was the earliest member of this branch of the family in America. He was born in England about 1603 and died in Concord, December 29, 1675. He was made a "freeman" June 2, 1641, and resided in Concord. George Merriam left a will, dated October 8, 1675, proved April 4, 1676, in which he names his wife Susanna, only son Samuel and five daughters: Sarah Grove of Cambridge, Elizabeth West of Salem, Hannah Axtell of Marlboro, Susan Scotchford of Concord, and Abigail Bateman of Concord.

George Merriam married, October 16, 1627, Susanna Raven, who died October 8, 1675.

Children:

1. Mary, baptized at Tunbridge, County Kent, November 14, 1628.
2. Mary (again), baptized November 14, 1630, died at Concord, August 10, 1646.
3. Susan, died at Concord, February 2, 1707; married John Scotchford.
4. Elizabeth, baptized January 18, 1635, buried May 14, 1636.
5. Joseph, baptized February 26, 1637, died young.
6. Sarah, born at Concord, 17-5 mo. 1639 (July 17th), died before 1681; married (first), at Concord, October 14, 1658, William Hall; (second) Mr. Gove.
7. Elizabeth, born November 8 or 11, 1641, died at Salem, in August, 1691; married, in Salem, September 7, 1664, Henry West.
8. *Samuel*, of whom further.
9. Abigail, born 15-5 mo. 1645, died at Concord, July 14, 1684; married there, April 25, 1672, Thomas Bateman.
10. Hannah, born 14-5mo., 1647; married (first), at Concord, June 14, 1665, Henry Axtell; (second), July 16, 1677, William Taylor, of Concord.

(Pope: *Merriam Genealogy in England and America*, p. 38. Concord printed records. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. III, p. 197.)

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II

SAMUEL MERRIAM, son of George and Susanna (Raven) Merriam, was born in Concord, July 21, 1643. He married, in Lynn, April 25, 1671, Elizabeth Townsend, who died in Concord, November 19, 1705.

Children:

1. Mary, born September 30, 1671; married Mr. Gates.
2. Elizabeth, born October 5, 1673; married, December 6, 1699, John Farrar. (Farrar II, Child 3.)
3. Sarah, born August 16, 1675, died October 25, 1738; married, November 23, 1697, Edward Wheeler.
4. *Susanna*, of whom further.
5. Samuel, born October 17, 1679, died at Concord, June 1, 1764; married, May 12, 1708, Abial Lea. Their only child Samuel died in 1736; unmarried.
6. Hannah, born February 16, 1682; married Nathaniel Fox. (Fox II, Child 8.)
7. Abigail, born October 19, 1684, married Mr. Marble of Stow.

(C. H. Pope: *Merriam Genealogy in England and America*, p. 47.)

III

SUSANNA MERRIAM, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Townsend) Merriam, was born August 15, 1677, and died before 1754. She married John Fox. (Fox III.)

(William F. Fox: *Thomas Fox and His Descendants*. Pope: *Merriam Genealogy in England and America*, p. 47.)



Ball

(LINE TWO)



OR Introduction and Generation I, see First Ball Line.

II

NATHANIEL (1) BALL, son of John Ball, was born in England, in 1625, and died in Concord, Massachusetts, January 14, 1705-06. He came over with his parents and brother John and lived first in Watertown, then settled in that part of Concord which is now Bedford.

Nathaniel (1) Ball married (first) Mary, surname not known, who died in Concord, February 14, 1669. He married (second), February 7, 1670, Margery (Knight) Bateman, died April 10, 1709, and was widow of Thomas Bateman.

Children, all of the first marriage and all born in Concord:

1. John, died 27-5mo., 1649.
2. Nathaniel, born 28-7mo., 1649, died 23-9mo., 1649.
3. Eleazer, born about 1651, died at Concord, November 15, 1698; married (first), in Concord, September 25, 1675, Priscilla Wood; (second), June 14, 1688, Sarah Meriam, of Cambridge.
4. Ebenezer.
5. John (again), born August 15, 1660, died at Concord, October 27, 1703; married (first), at Concord, 29-9mo., 1682, Martha Bignall; (second), October 16, 1690, Hannah Rugg.
6. *Nathaniel* (2) (again), of whom further.

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7. Hannah, born January 22, 1665; married, at Concord, December 12, 1705, John Whitaker, of Stow.

(Ruthena F. Warren: *The Descendants of John Ball of Watertown. Vital Records of Concord, Massachusetts*, pp. 69, 74.)

III

NATHANIEL (2) BALL, son of Nathaniel (1) and Mary Ball, was born in Concord, Massachusetts, July 3, 1663, and died there March 4, 1724-25. The administration on his estate was granted April 6, 1725, to widow Mary and son Nathaniel Ball, Jr.

Nathaniel (2) Ball married, in Concord, Massachusetts, April 19, 1688, Mary Brooks, born in Concord, April 3, 1666, and died there August 22, 1722, daughter of Caleb and Susanna (Atkinson) Brooks.

Children:

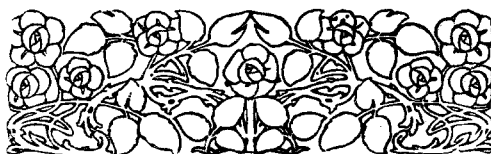
1. *Susanna*, of whom further.
2. Caleb, born August 10, 1690, died before 1753; married Experience Flagg.
3. Nathaniel, born April 1, 1692, died at Concord, June 3, 1749; married (first), in Concord, May 31, 1711, Sarah Baker; married (second), September 10, 1746, Sarah Merriam.
4. Thomas, born February 2, 1693-94, killed at Brookfield, in the French and Indian War; married Abigail, surname not known.
5. Samuel, born March 24, 1696-97; married Abigail, surname not known.
6. Mary, born May 11, 1699.
7. Jeremiah, born May 1, 1701, died in Townsend, Massachusetts, April 12, 1780; married, in 1727, Mary Stevens.
8. Benjamin, born June 19, 1704, died March 5, 1738-39.
9. Ebenezer, born May 30, 1712, died October 26, 1726.

(*Vital Records of Concord, Massachusetts*, pp. 9, 11, 27, 33, 36, 38, 44, 47, 51, 61, 79, 100, 143. Ruthena F. Warren: *Descendants of John Ball of Watertown, Massachusetts. Middlesex Probate Records*, Docket No. 915.)

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IV

SUSANNA BALL, daughter of Nathaniel (2) and Mary (Brooks) Ball, was born January 24, 1688-89. She married (first) Henry (1) Ewers. (Ewers I.) She married (second) Luke Stoughtenburg. (*Ibid.*)



Wright



RIGHT, as a surname, is of occupational origin meaning "the wright," used to designate the skilled worker in various metals. At a later date, more detailed distinction was made and people were called "Cartwright," "wheelwright" and the like. Earliest written records of the name were found in County Cambridge in 1273, as follows: Robert le Wricte, Roger le Wricte, Margery le Wrytte.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

DOROTHY WRIGHT, earliest known member of this branch of the family to come to America, was in Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1639, for she shared in the division of meadow there at that date.

Dorothy Wright married (first), the name of her husband is not known. She married, in Sudbury, March 10, 1642, John Blandford, as her second husband. His will of October 21, 1687, names his "son-in-law," Edward Wright.

Children of Dorothy Wright and her first husband:

1. *Edward* (1), of whom further.
2. Samuel, died in Sudbury, August 21, 1664; married there, May 3, 1664, Lydia Moores.
3. Lydia, married, at Sudbury, June 15, 1665, James Cutler. (She may have been the widow of Samuel above, rather than his sister.)

(J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. IV, p. 655. Pope: *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, pp. 54, 56. Barry: *History of Framingham*, p. 449.)

WRIGHT

II

EDWARD (1) WRIGHT, son of Dorothy Wright, died in Sudbury, August 7, 1703, and was called "Captain" in the settlement of his estate. The administration of his estate was granted September 6, 1703, to widow Hannah and eldest son Samuel. The agreement of the heirs, June 15, 1708, was signed by Samuel Wright, Edward Wright, Benjamin and Dorothy Moore, Noah and Mary Clap, John and Abigail Moore, Benoni and Sarah Larned, of Sherborn, Elizabeth Wright and Martha Wright.

Edward (1) Wright married, at Subury, June 18, 1659, Hannah Epton (according to the marriage record, but at Axtell according to Barry's *History of Framingham*).

Children:

1. Hannah, born January 9, 1660, not named in 1708.
2. Dorothy, born October 20, 1662, died October 20, 1717; married there, November 11, 1686, Benjamin Moore.
3. Sarah, born January 17, 1664-65, died in Sherborn, January 25, 1736-1737; married, about 1689, as his second wife, Deacon Benoni Larned, of Sherborn.
4. Mary, born January 2, 1666, died in Sudbury, June 5, 1725; married there, July 28, 1690, Noah Clap.
5. Elizabeth, born March 6, 1668, died May 12, 1669.
6. Samuel, born April 9, 1670; living in 1708.
7. Abigail, born September 15, 1672, died in Sudbury, December 17, 1792; married John Moore, of Sudbury.
8. *Edward (2)*, of whom further.
9. Elizabeth (again), named in the agreement of 1708.
10. Martha, born December 25, 1681; not married in 1708.

(Barry: *History of Framingham*, p. 449. *Sudbury Vital Records*. *Middlesex Probate Files*, Docket No. 25665. *Middlesex Deeds*, Vol. XVI, p. 491. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. IV, p. 655.)

III

EDWARD (2) WRIGHT, son of Edward (1) and Hannah (Epton) Wright, was born in Sudbury, March 16, 1677. He married Hannah, whose surname is not known.

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Children :

1. Nehemiah, born in Sudbury, May 23, 1707; married, at Framingham, May 24, 1733, Mary Gates.
2. Zerubabel, born August 14, 1708.
3. Bezeleel, born July 22, 1710, died in Framingham, September 10, 1759; married Susanna, surname not known.
4. William, born September 21, 1711; married, in Framingham, January 22, 1737-38, Mary Ball. (First Ball Line IV, Child 7.)
5. Tabitha, born March 27, 1713; married, at Framingham, October 12, 1742, James Arms, of Leicester.
6. Mary, born November 17, 1714.
7. Elizabeth, born March 11, 1716-17; married, in Framingham, December 1, 1737, William Newton, of Marlboro.
8. *Hannah*, of whom further.
9. Edward, born March 10, 1720-21.
10. Mehitable, died March 18, 1743-44.
11. Lois, born 1728, died 1813.

(Barry: *History of Framingham*, p. 449. *Framingham Vital Records*. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. IV, p. 656.)

IV

HANNAH WRIGHT, daughter of Edward (2) and Hannah Wright, was born April 15, 1719, and died in Brookfield, August 21, 1785. She married Thomas Ball. (First Ball Line V.) (*Ibid.*)



Brewer



REWER, as a surname, is of occupational origin from "the brewer." Earliest written records were of William le Brewere, London, in 1273, and William le Brywer, County Devon, the same year.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

JOHN (1) BREWER, son of Christopher Brewer, the first of this line of whom we have definite record, was early in Cambridge, Massachusetts, about 1642, and removed to Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1674.

John (1) Brewer married (first) Ann, whose surname is not known. He married (second), October 23, 1647, Mary, at one time believed to be Mary Whitmore, daughter of the first John Whitmore, but later authorities state that this is not correct.

Children of first marriage:

1. John (2), of whom further.
2. Hannah, born January 18, 1644-45; married, in Sudbury, Massachusetts, February 25, 1663, Daniel Goble.

Children of second marriage:

3. Mary, born September 23, 1648.
4. William, born October 6, 1653.
5. Sarah, born March 27, 1658.

(Pope: *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, p. 67. *Cambridge Vital Records*. Paige: *History of Cambridge*, p. 500. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First*

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Settlers of New England, Vol. I, p. 243. J. H. Temple: *History of Framingham, Massachusetts*, p. 481.)

II

JOHN (2) BREWER, son of John (1) and Ann Brewer, was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 10, 1642, and died in Sudbury, Massachusetts, January 1, 1690-91. He married Elizabeth Rice, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Moore) Rice. She was born in Sudbury, August 4, 1648, and died before March 12, 1693-94, when her estate was settled.

Children:

1. John, born September 29, 1669, died at Weston, in 1709; married, in Sudbury, July 5, 1693, Hannah Jones, of Watertown.
2. Elizabeth, born May 21, 1671.
3. Hannah.
4. Deacon James, born September 10, 1675, died at Sudbury, November 18, 1764; married (first), in Sudbury, December 30, 1703, Elizabeth Scott; (second), at Sudbury, March 12, 1719, Abigail Smith; (third), at Framingham, June 22, 1731, widow Joanna (Newton) Singletary.
5. Sarah, born January 14, 1678-79; married, at Framingham, November 26, 1700, Caleb Bridge.
6. Mary, of whom further.
7. Abigail, born April 5, 1682, died at Sudbury, June 6, 1758; married, at Sudbury, February 12, 1712-13, David Parmenter.
8. Martha, born March 5, 1685.
9. Jonathan, born June 21, 1689.

(J. H. Temple: *History of Framingham, Massachusetts*, p. 481. William Barry: *History of Framingham, Massachusetts*, p. 191. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. I, p. 244. Paige: *History of Cambridge*, p. 500. *Cambridge Vital Records*.)

III

MARY BREWER, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rice) Brewer, was born in Sudbury, March 17, 1679-80. She married Benjamin (1) Ball. (First Ball Line IV.) (Ibid.)

Bunnell



SEVERAL origins are assigned to the surname Bunnell or Bonnell. One is that it is of French origin, being brought over by one of the families which sought asylum in England, and there gained a position of prominence. The history of the name contains records of men of distinction in arms and statecraft, while two at least are reported as being knighted. Notable among these early members of the line is James Bonnell, who was born at Geneva, November 14, 1603, and became mayor of Norwich, England, where he had settled. O'Hart, in his "Irish Pedigrees," in naming the refugees who settled in Great Britain and Ireland before the reign of Louis XIV of France, lists one Thomas Bonnell, and mentions his son, Daniel Bonnell, merchant of London, father of Samuel Bonnell, who became accountant-general for Ireland and was succeeded in that office by his son, whose biography has been written by Archdeacon Hamilton, of Armagh.

Another is that it is of locality origin, meaning of Bonehill, in Stafford, England.

(O'Hart: *Irish Pedigrees*. Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

WILLIAM BUNNELL, the progenitor of our line, came from England and was in New Haven, Connecticut, as early as April 3, 1650. On August sixth of the same year, William Bunill and two others were ordered to "pay 5s a peece because ye names of each of them a child was not brought in wth in three

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monethes after they were borne." At some time before October, 1651, he went to England, and returned again to New Haven, his wife and children remaining in New Haven while he was gone. In May, 1654, his wife and youngest child (Ebenezer) having died, William Bunnell returned to England.

William Bunnell married Ann Wilmot.

Children:

1. Lydia, died April 1, 1708; married, April 10, 1661, Francis French, son of William French from Halsted, County Essex, England.
2. *Benjamin* (1), of whom further.
3. Nathaniel, removed from New Haven to Elizabeth, New Jersey. His descendants spell the name Bonnell.
4. Mary, born May 4, 1650, died July 20, 1724; married Eleazer Peck.
5. Ebenezer, born August 28, 1653, died before May, 1654.

(F. B. Dexter: *New Haven, Connecticut, Town Records*, Vol. I, pp. 20, 44, 89, 208. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. LIX, p. 67. *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, Vol. I, p. 358. *Lieutenant William French and His Descendants*, in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, October, 1890.)

II

BENJAMIN (1) BUNNELL, son of William and Ann (Wilmot) Bunnell, was born in 1631, baptized in New Haven, Connecticut, at the First Congregational Society, in the year 1690, and died about 1696. He took the oath of fidelity on April 7, 1657. He was of New Haven in 1668, and became an early settler of Wallingford, Connecticut. He was made a freeman in 1670.

Benjamin (1) Bunnell married (first) Rebecca Mallory, born March 18, 1649, died March 12, 1691, daughter of Peter and Mary (Preston) Mallory. He married (second) Elizabeth (Post) Sperry, born in Saybrook, Connecticut, February 22, 1655, died in 1715, daughter of John and Hester (Hyde) Post, and widow of John Sperry. She married (third) Edmund Dorman.

Children of first marriage:

1. Rebecca, born January 19, 1667, died January 26, 1667.

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2. Rebecca (again), born February 11, 1668-69, baptized in 1691; married, November 27, 1684, Samuel Burnell.
3. Judith, born April 13, 1672, died July 21, 1746; married (first) Thomas Hodge; married (second) Daniel Bristol.
4. Benjamin, born January 4, 1675, died January 8, 1675.
5. *Benjamin* (2) (again), of whom further.
6. Anna, born January 8, 1677, died February 23, 1690.
7. Hezekiah, born March 23, 1681-82, baptized April 27, 1690; married (first) wife's name unknown; married (second) Ruth Plumb. (Plumb—American Line—III, Child 8.)
8. Rachel, born December 16, 1683, baptized April 27, 1690, died July 21, 1728; married John Plumb.
9. Nathaniel, born in May, 1686, died May 4, 1732; married (first) Desire Peck; married (second) Mary Brooks. (*Ibid.*)

III

BENJAMIN (2) BUNNELL, son of Benjamin (1) and Rebecca (Malory) Bunnell, was born in New Haven, Connecticut, November 29, 1675. He was one of the earliest settlers of New Milford, Connecticut, and died there August 20, 1749.

Benjamin (2) Bunnell married (first) Hannah Plumb. (Plumb—American Line—IV.) He married (second), August 2, 1717, Patience Miles.

Children, all of first marriage:

1. Rebecca, born March 8, 1701.
2. Hannah, born April 11, 1702.
3. *Benjamin* (3), of whom further.
4. Solomon, born October 27, 1706.
5. Gershom.
6. Isaac, born August 29, 1713.
7. Keziah.

(C. J. Headly: *New Haven Colonial Records* [1638-49], p. 149. D. L. Jacobus: *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, Vols. II-III, pp. 359-60.)

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IV

BENJAMIN (3) BUNNELL, son of Benjamin (2) and Hannah (Plumb) Bunnell, was born April 30, 1704. He married Mehitable Baldwin, of Derby, Connecticut.

Children:

1. Abigail, died young.
2. Mehitable, born February 20, 1728.
3. Mercy, born August 30, 1729.
4. Benjamin, born March 7, 1731.
5. Abigail (twin), born June 12, 1734.
6. *Isaac* (twin), of whom further.
7. Luke, born September 20, 1736.
8. Charles, born September 15, 1738.
9. Lois, born September 18, 1740.

(*Ibid.*)

V

ISAAC BUNNELL, son of Benjamin (3) and Mehitable (Baldwin) Bunnell, was born June 12, 1734, and died at the age of seventy-two in Oxford, Connecticut. He married Anne Collins, born August 26, 1737, died August, 1822, daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Clark) Collins.

Children:

1. Luke, born February 28, 1758.
2. Isaac, born May 11, 1759.
3. William, born December 16, 1761.
4. Mehitable, born February 6, 1765.
5. *Philemon*, of whom further.
6. Truman, born about 1770, lived in Oxford.
7. Probably David.
8. Hannah.

(D. L. Jacobus: *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, Vols. II-III, p. 365.)

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VI

PHILEMON BUNNELL, son of Isaac and Anne (Collins) Bunnell, was born in Oxford, Connecticut, between 1766 and 1770. He is the only Bunnell listed in the Derby Census of 1800, as follows:

Philemon Bunnell, head of family
three males under 10 years.
one male between 26-45.
one female under 10.
one female between 26-45.

Again, in 1830, thus:

Philemon Bunnell, head of family
one male aged between 60-70.
one female aged " 10-15.
one female " " 60-70.

He did not appear in the 1850 census, so it is assumed that he died some time before 1850.

Philemon Bunnell married, but the name of his wife is not known. As he was the only head of the family in Derby at the 1800 census and had a son under ten, and as Alva Bunnell's birth record stated that he was born in Great Hill, Seymour, then part of Derby, about 1798, it is concluded that Philemon Bunnell had a son:

1. *Alva*, of whom further.

(Census, Derby, Connecticut, 1800, 1830, 1850. Death Certificate of Alva Bunnell, *Derby, Connecticut, Town Records*, Vol. IV, p. 582. D. L. Jacobus: *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, Vols. II-III, p. 365.)

VII

CAPTAIN ALVA BUNNELL, evidently the son of Philemon Bunnell, was born at Great Hill, Seymour, then a part of Derby, Connecticut, in 1798, died there April 22, 1883. In his younger days he was a leader of the local militia as its sergeant, later as lieutenant, and finally as captain.

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He was a cooper by occupation and is thus recorded:

In the line of cooperage—Willis Hotchkiss, Levi Hotchkiss and Isaac Thompson at the Narrows, and Capt. Alva Bunnell and Deacon John Carrington at Sugar Street carried on extensive operations in the manufacture of casks. In one season Capt. Bunnell made one thousand casks and shipped them to New Orleans.

He first appeared in the 1850 census for Derby thus:

Alva Bunnell, head of family,
one male aged between 30-40.
one female aged under 5.
one female aged between 30-40.

And in the 1850 census he is listed with his family enumerated:

Alva Bunnell,	cooper,	aged 52,	born Conn.
		Estate \$1000.	
Lucy	"	aged 44,	born Conn.
Hannah A.	"	21,	" Conn.
Roxanna	"	19,	" Conn.
George W.	"	16,	" Conn.
Sarah J.	"	12,	" Conn.
Mary E.	"	6,	" Conn.
Delia Barnes	"	20,	" Conn.

Alva Bunnell left the following will:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, Alva Bunnell, of the Town of Derby, County of New Haven and State of Connecticut, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and free from all restraint and compulsion, do make, publish and declare this instrument, as and for my Last Will and Testament, as follows; hereby revoking and declaring null and void all former wills by me made.

1. I order and direct my executor pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.
2. I give and bequeath my gold-headed cane to my grandson, Alva Bunnell.

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3. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy Bunnell, the homestead where I now live, being a lot sixty-feet wide on Elizabeth Street in the Borough of Birmingham, by One Hundred feet deep on Fifth Street, with the buildings thereon. To have and to hold, and to take the use, rents, issues and profits thereof during her natural life.

4. I give and bequeath to my grandson Herbert Dow, my large pictorial Bible.

5. I give and bequeath to my son George W. Bunnell, my said homestead subject to the previous devise of a life estate to my said wife, to have and to hold and his heirs, forever. I also give, devise and bequeath to my said son, all my estate, real and personal, not otherwise herein disposed.

6. I hereby nominate and appoint my said son George W. Bunnell the sole executor of this my last will and testament.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at said Derby this 21st day of February A. D. 1880.

ALVA BUNNELL (L. S.)

Subscribed by the testator and by him declared to be his last will and testament, and we, at his request, in his presence, and in presence of each other subscribed our names thereto as witnesses:

WM. SIDNEY DOWNS.

NELSON HINMAN Witnesses

DAVID HUSKINGS

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

NEW HAVEN COUNTY, Derby, February 21st, A. D., 1880.

Captain Alva Bunnell married, about 1828, Lucy, whose surname is not known, who was born in Connecticut about 1806.

Children, all born in Connecticut:

1. Hannah, born in 1829.
2. Roxanna, born in 1831.
3. George W., born in 1834.
4. *Sarah Jane*, of whom further.
5. Mary E., born in 1844.

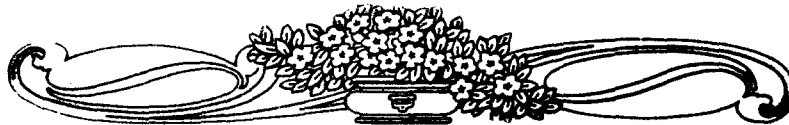
(*Derby Town Records*, Vol. IV, p. 582. Orcutt: *History of Old Town of Derby*, p. 258. Census 1830, 1850, Derby, Connecticut. Probate Records, Derby, Connecticut.)

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VIII

SARAH JANE BUNNELL, daughter of Captain Alva and Lucy Bunnell, was born in Derby, Connecticut, April 20, 1838, and died in Midland, Michigan, January 1, 1909. She married Joseph Henry Dow. (Dow—American Line—VIII.)

(*Derby Town Records*, Vol. IV, p. 582. Tombstone Records, Midland, Michigan.)



Plumb



HOW the surnames Plume, Plumme, Plumb and Plumbe originated, is uncertain. The first of the name is found on the *Great Rolls of Normandy*, in 1180, during the reign of Henry II, of England. We find it next, in 1195, during the reign of Richard I, Coeur de Lion. The Plumbs are said to have settled first in Norfolk, England, but the earliest settlement by one of that name seems to have been in Apseden, Herts, in 1240. In 1274 the name was on record in Counties Herts, Norfolk, Cambridge and Somerset; in 1385 in County Essex; and in 1395 in County Northampton. (H. B. Plumb: *The Plumbs*, p. 3.)

THE FAMILY IN ENGLAND

I

JOHN PLUME, yeoman, of Toppesfield, County Essex, England, was born about 1505. He married Elizabeth, surname not known, who was buried October 1, 1586. They had seven children, including:

1. *Robert (1)*, of whom further. (*Ibid.*, pp. 8-9.)

II

ROBERT (1) PLUME, son of John and Elizabeth Plume, was a yeoman of Great Yeldham, County Essex, and was baptized about 1530. He owned Spaynes and Butlers manors, as well as Yeldman Manor and Hawkdon Hall in Suffolk.

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Robert (1) Plume married (first), about 1555, Mrs. Elizabeth Purcas, who was buried June 25, 1596. He married (second), about 1600, Mrs. Ethelred Fuller, who was buried in May, 1615. He had nine children, including:

1. *Robert (2)*, of whom further. (*Ibid.*)

III

ROBERT (2) PLUME, Gentleman, son of Robert (1) Plume, was baptized about 1558 and was buried July 22, 1615. He lived and died in Great Yeldham, where he was born.

Robert (2) Plume married, about 1586, Grace Crackbone, who was buried August 14, 1628.

Child:

1. *John*, of whom further. (*Ibid.*)

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I

JOHN PLUME, son of Robert (2) and Grace (Crackbone) Plume, was born in Great Yeldham, County Essex, England, July 28, 1594, and died, probably in 1648, in Branford, Connecticut. He was seated in Ridgewell Hall, County Essex, England, in 1634, and the following year he came to America, where he appears early on the Colonial records of Connecticut. February 9, 1637, "Mr. Plum" was a member of the court, while on March 8 of that year the court appointed him to buy corn from the Indians. He was a member of the court from time to time and held various offices up to 1644. He was appointed to attend the clearance of vessels at Wethersfield, February 4, 1644. He sold land in Wethersfield in 1646, and is not found on the records there again. He removed to Branford, Connecticut, in that year.

John Plume married, about 1616, Dorothy, surname not known, who died July, 1648. She is recorded merely as "Mrs. Plume" on the Connecticut records, but the English records give her name as Dorothy.

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Children:

1. *Robert*, of whom further.
2. John, Jr., born May 27, 1619.
3. William, born May 9, 1621.
4. Ann, born October 16, 1623.
5. Samuel, born January 4, 1625, died January 22, 1703.
6. Dorothea, born January 16, 1626-27.
7. Elizabeth, born October 9, 1629.
8. Deborah, born July 28, 1633.
9. Dorcas, born about 1635; married, January 12, 1654-55, John Liman.

(*Ibid.*, pp. 17-18. H. R. Stiles: *The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut*, Vol. II, p. 532. J. H. Beers: *Commemorative Biographical Record of New Haven County, Connecticut*, Vol. I, p. 694.)

II

ROBERT PLUME, son of John and Dorothy Plume, was born in Ridgewell, England, December 30, 1617, and died in Milford, Connecticut, May 12, 1655. He came with his father to Wethersfield, Connecticut, where they settled, but later, in 1639, before his father left Wethersfield for Branford, Robert Plume became one of the first settlers of Milford.

Robert Plume married, in Milford, Connecticut, January 9, 1642, Mary Baldwin. (Baldwin—American Line—II.)

Children:

1. Mary, born in February, 1644-45, died after 1703; married, June 16, 1668, Matthew Woodruff.
2. *John*, of whom further.
3. Robert, born December 21, 1648, died December 4, 1703; married, about 1670, Ruth Clark.
4. Samuel, born February 16, 1652-53, died in 1691.
5. Joseph, born July 10, 1655, died young.

(H. B. Plumb: *The Plumbs*, p. 18. *American Ancestry*, Vol. V, pp. 178-79.)

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III

JOHN PLUME or PLUMB, son of Robert and Mary (Baldwin) Plume, was born August 12, 1646, according to Milford, Connecticut, church records, as given in "The Plumbs," and died in Milford, Connecticut, in March, 1728. His son Joseph was an administrator of his father's estate on April tenth of that year. John Plume spent his life in Milford and owned considerable land, deeding most of it to his sons. In one deed he signs himself "John Plume," in another "John Plumbe."

John Plume or Plumb married, November 24, 1668, Elizabeth Norton, probably the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Norton, of Saybrook, Connecticut, according to H. R. Stiles.

Children:

1. Elizabeth, born November 1, 1669, died October 17, 1749; married Samuel Hickox.
2. John, born July 29, 1671, died about August, 1716.
3. Mary, born May 15, 1673; married, October 17, 1704, Joseph Kerby.
4. Sarah, born April 5, 1675, died August 17, 1712; married, November 25, 1702, Joseph Kellogg.
5. *Hannah*, of whom further.
6. Dorothy, born March 23, 1679; married, January 11, 1699, Samuel Prindle.
7. Joseph, born in 1683, died May 27, 1742; married (first), December 5, 1709, Elizabeth Bailey; (second) Thankful Gaylord.
8. Ruth, born November 29, 1685; married (first), July 3, 1706, Hezekiah Bunnell. (Bunnell II, Child 7.) She married (second) a man whose name is not known; (third) John Wheeler.
9. Josiah, born February 6, 1686-87, died before 1719.
10. Robert, born April 19, 1691, died November 30, 1699.

(H. B. Plumb: *The Plumbs*, p. 18. H. R. Stiles: *The History of Ancient Wethersfield, Connecticut*, Vol. II, p. 532.)

IV

HANNAH PLUMB, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Norton) Plume or Plumb, was born April 15, 1677, and died November 16, 1716. She married Benjamin (2) Bunnell. (Bunnell III.) (*Ibid.*)

Baldwin



DOMESDAY BOOK shows that the name of Baldwin, one of the oldest and most historic in England, was of record in the neighborhood of Dundridge, County Bucks, before the Conquest. Baldwin, son of Herluin, had several vassals in the northern part of Bucks and Gloucestershire, all of whom he lost, as they became vassals under the Conqueror. From the year 1200, the name of Baldwin is frequently found in the vicinity of Aylesbury, Bucks, and among those on record from 1212 to 1272 are John Baldwin and his wife Cecil.

(C. C. Baldwin: *The Baldwin Genealogy*, Supplement, pp. 983-86. *New England Genealogical and Historical Register*, Vol. XXVI, p. 300.)

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I

RICHARD BALDWIN, of "Donrigge" (Dundridge), in the parish of Aston Clinton, County Bucks, England, yeoman, left a will, dated 1552-53. In this document his name is spelled Bawldwyn and Baldwyn. He names his wife and children and makes his brothers, John Baldwin and John Apuhe, overseers of the will. It was proved in the Court of the Archdeaconry of County Bucks, February 21, 1552-53, by the executors given. Richard Baldwin left money, property and personal belongings, indicating that he was a man in comfortable circumstances. He removed his tenants and also mentioned a bequest "to every servant wch hath dwelt wth me xii months, iiiid."

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Richard Baldwin married Ellen Pooke, whose will was dated at Aston Clinton, County Bucks, 1566.

Children:

1. *Henry*, of whom further.
2. John, under twenty-three years of age in 1552-53, when his father's will was made.
3. Richard, under twenty-three years of age, when his father's will was made.
4. Alice.
5. Agnes, died in 1567; married, in 1566, William Grange.
6. Cicely.
7. Lettice, in 1599-1600 was the wife of a Mr. Foster, and in 1605-06 was mentioned in the will of her nephew, Robert, as living in County Herts.

(C. C. Baldwin: *The Baldwin Genealogy*, pp. 20, 22-24; Supplement, p. 988.)

II

HENRY BALDWIN, son of Richard and Ellen (Pooke) Baldwin, was executor of his father's will in 1552-53, and in 1577-78 became owner in fee of Dundridge, Aston Clinton, County Bucks. His will was dated January 2, 1599-1600, and proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, July 2, 1602, by Richard, his son and executor.

Henry Baldwin married Alice, surname not known, who left a will, dated June 4. 1622.

Children:

1. Richard, died childless in 1636; married, at Cholesbury, in 1592, Christian Towksfield (Tucksfield), who died in 1641.
2. *Sylvester* (1), of whom further.
3. John, living in 1634; married Hannah, surname not known.
4. Robert, left a will, dated March 22, 1605-06, and proved at North Church, Herts, the following April; married Joane, surname not known.

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5. Jane, married James Bonus.
6. Mary, married Richard Salter.
7. Agnes, baptized in 1579; married Henry Stonehill.

(*Ibid.*, pp. 24, 30. Supplement, pp. 988-90.)

III

SYLVESTER (1) BALDWIN, son of Henry and Alice Baldwin, was living at the date of his grandmother's will, 1565-66, and also when his mother made her will in 1622. He had apparently died before his brother, Richard, made his will in 1632-33. As Richard died childless, the line continued through Sylvester, and Dundridge passed to his descendants, who held it until 1748, when the estate was sold out of the family.

Sylvester (1) Baldwin married, September 28, 1590, Jane Wells.

Children:

1. George, died young, was buried in Cholesbury, November 21, 1596.
2. John, was living in 1599-1600, but was evidently dead in 1632-33; unmarried.
3. Henry, was a barrister-at-law of Clifford's Inn, London; left a will, dated in 1661; married Mary Hurst.
4. *Sylvester* (2), of whom further.
5. Richard, living in 1632; married, at Aylesbury, in April, 1607, Philippa Corbmann.
6. William.
7. Jane.
8. Alice, married, May 4, 1629, John Edwards, and died the same year.

(*Ibid.*, pp. 35-36; Supplement, pp. 988-89, 992, 994-95.)

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SYLVESTER (2) BALDWIN, son of Sylvester (1) and Jane (Wells) Baldwin, sailed for New England on the ship "Martin" in June or July, 1638.

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He was first mentioned in the will of his Uncle Richard, made in 1632-33, as executor and residuary legatee.

Sylvester (2) Baldwin married, in England, Sarah Bryant, who survived him, and married (second) Captain John Astwood, a leading citizen of Milford, Connecticut, who died in London, while serving as agent for the Colony. Her will was proved November 9, 1669.

Children, baptized in Aston Clinton, County Bucks, England:

1. Sarah, baptized April 22, 1621; married the Hon. Benjamin Tenn, of Milford, Connecticut.
2. Richard, baptized in Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, England, August 25, 1622, died in Milford, Connecticut, July 23, 1665; married Elizabeth Alsop.
3. Mary, baptized in 1623-24, buried in 1625.
4. *Mary* (again), of whom further.
5. Martha, baptized April 20, 1628, apparently died without issue.
6. Samuel, baptized in 1632, buried the next January.
7. Elizabeth, baptized January 28, 1633-34, buried three days later.
8. John, baptized October 28, 1635, buried in Milford, June 21, 1681; married (first) Mary, surname not known; (second) Mary Bruen.
9. Ruth, not in record of baptisms, but her name is in her father's nuncupative will at Boston; probably died young.

(*Ibid.*, pp. 36-41 Supplement, pp. 992-93, 1046.)

II

MARY BALDWIN, daughter of Sylvester (2) and Sarah (Bryant) Baldwin, was baptized February 19, 1625-26. She married (first) Robert Plume. (Plumb—American Line—II.) She married (second), William East.

(*Ibid.*)



French



FRENCH, as a surname, is of locality origin, meaning "the French." The earliest written records of this name are: Symon le Frensch, County Wiltshire, 1273; William le ffrensch, of the Close Rolls, 33, at the time of Edward I; in 1564, Thomas Frenche and a widow, Cicelie Sylsey, applied for a marriage license in London.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

JOHN FRENCH, earliest known ancestor of this branch of the family in America, was born about 1612 and died in Braintree, Massachusetts, August 6, 1692, at the age of eighty. He was a resident of "Monoticott" (the part of Dorchester established at Milton, May 7, 1662) on February 24, 1639-40, when he was granted forty acres at Mount Wollaston, now Quincy, for five persons in his family.

A petition was filed with the Judge of Probate regarding the division of John French's lands and named the heirs as John French, eldest son; Dependence French; Thomas French; Samuel French; William French, orphan son of William French, deceased; Temperance, wife of John Bowditch; Elizabeth Wheelock, of Mendon; and children of daughter Mary Lamb, deceased, namely: Mary Poole and Alice Thayer by her first husband Poole, and John, Samuel, Margaret, Mary, Grace and Hannah Lamb. Also on file is the declination of the widow to administer John French's estate, dated October 12, 1692, signed "Helen French." Under

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date of the following day, is filed the bond of administration signed by John and Dependence French, administrators, with John Baxter and Joseph Crosbey sureties. The inventory, taken October 24, 1692, by Samuel White, Nathaniel Wales and Joseph Allen, amounted to £317-10-4.

John French married (first) Grace, whose surname is not known, and who died in Braintree, Massachusetts, February 28, 1680-81. He married (second), July 8, 1683, Eleanor Veazie, of Braintree, widow of William Veazie.

Children, all of first marriage:

1. Mary, married (first) Mr. Poole; married (second) John Lamb. She is named in the above-mentioned petition as already deceased, but her children are listed therein.
2. John, born February 28, 1641; married Experience Thayer, and had seven children.
3. Thomas, born July 10, 1643, died October 20, 1656.
4. Dependence, born March 7, 1648-49; married (first) Mary Marsh; (second), at Milton, April 27, 1688, Rebecca Fenno.
5. Temperance, born March 30, 1651, died August 12, 1720; married, about 1682, John Bowditch.
6. William, born March 31, 1653, died at Braintree, February 22, 1691-92; married Rachel Twells, and had an only child, William, of whom Robert Twells was guardian.
7. Elizabeth, born September 29, 1655; married a Mr. Wheelock, of Mendon.
8. *Thomas* (again), of whom further.
9. Samuel, born February 22, 1659-60, died at Braintree, October 13, 1718; married Anna Marsh.

(Pope: *Pioneers of Massachusetts*. S. French: *Ancestors of John French of Stoughton, Massachusetts*. Suffolk, Massachusetts, Probate Files, Vol. XIII, p. 66. Elisha Thayer: *Thayer Memorial*. J. A. Vinton: *Vinton Memorial*.)

II

THOMAS FRENCH, son of John and Grace French, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, March 10, 1657-58, and died there September 22, 1717. On

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March 4, 1696, Thomas French, of Braintree, husbandman, and wife Elizabeth, gave a quitclaim deed to their brother, Gregory Belcher, of their interest in the homestead and estate of their father, Samuel Belcher, of Braintree, deceased.

Thomas French married, about 1695, Elizabeth Belcher. (Belcher III.)

Children:

1. Elizabeth, born December 16, 1696; married, in Braintree, November 9, 1720, Edward Dorr.
2. Thomas, born August 5, 1698; married (first) Rebecca, whose surname is not known; (second), at Braintree, November 5, 1723, Mary Owen.
3. *Moses*, of whom further.
4. Jonathan, born June 20, 1702; married Rebecca, surname not known.
5. Rachel, born March 26, 1704; married, in Braintree, April 28, 1730, Eleazer Thayer.
6. Samuel, born September, 1706.
7. Abijah, born March 25, 1709; married Joanna, surname not known, and settled in Mendon.
8. Ebenezer, born September 9, 1711; married Mary Fuller, and settled in Milton.
9. Sarah, born February 16, 1713-14.
10. Seth, born October 25, 1716; married, February 7, 1745, Patience Stevens.

(*Braintree Vital Records. New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. LX, p. 131. *Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. XLI, p. 249. J. A. Vinton: *Vinton Memorial*.)

III

MOSES FRENCH, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Belcher) French, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, February 26, 1699-1700, and died there, September 19, 1768. He married, at Braintree, December 24, 1730, Esther Thayer. (Thayer IV.)

Children:

1. Moses, born September 16, 1731, died at Braintree, January 19, 1807; was called Deacon; married, August 11, 1756, Elizabeth Hobart.

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2. Elisha, born January 12, 1733-34, died in Braintree, October 19, 1818; married Mary Ludden.
3. Esther, born December 21, 1735; married Richard Thayer.
4. Sarah, born January 15, 1737-38.
5. *Jonathan* (1), of whom further.
6. Deliverance, born November 7, 1742, died in Franklin, Connecticut, June 22, 1778; married, April 6, 1775, Rev. Nathaniel Emmons.

(J. A. Vinton: *Vinton Memorial*, p. 320. Elisha Thayer: *Thayer Memorial*, pp. 54, 95. *Braintree Vital Records*.)

IV

REV. JONATHAN (1) FRENCH, son of Moses and Esther (Thayer) French, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, January 19, 1739-40, and died at Andover, July 28, 1809. He was graduated from Harvard in 1771 and was ordained pastor of the South Church in Andover, Massachusetts, September 22, 1772, and served thirty-seven years in the ministry.

Rev. Jonathan (1) French married, August 26, 1773, intentions published in Andover, June 18, 1773, his cousin, Abigail Richards, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Abigail (Thayer) Richards. (Thayer III, Child 14.)

Children:

1. Sarah, born November 18, 1774, died November 25, 1774.
2. Abigail, born May 29, 1776; married, in Andover, May 9, 1797, Rev. Samuel Stearns.
3. *Jonathan* (2), of whom further.
4. Mary-Holyoke, born August 6, 1781; married, in Andover, April 17, 1812, Rev. Ebenezer Peck Sperry, of Bedford.
5. Sarah (again), born December 13, 1784, died April 12, 1788.

(J. A. Vinton: *Vinton Memorial*, p. 322. *Andover Vital Records*. *Braintree Vital Records*.)

V

REV. JONATHAN (2) FRENCH, son of Rev. Jonathan (1) and Abigail (Richards) French, was born in Andover, Massachusetts, August 16, 1778, and

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died in North Hampton, New Hampshire, December 13, 1856. He was graduated from Harvard in 1798, and received his degree as Doctor of Divinity at Dartmouth in 1851. He was ordained as pastor at North Hampton, November 18, 1801. His "Half-Century Discourse," delivered November 18, 1851, was printed at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1852. The Rev. Alvin Tobey, of Durham, New Hampshire, preached the sermon at the funeral of the Rev. Jonathan French on December 16, 1856. This was presented in Boston the same year.

Rev. Jonathan (2) French married, in Lincoln, Massachusetts, December 4, 1804, Rebecca Farrar. (Farrar VI.)

Children, all born in North Hampton, New Hampshire:

1. Jonathan, born December 13, 1805, was graduated from Union College, 1829; married Charlotte (Gibson) Fogg.
2. Rebecca Mercy, born February 2, 1807, died March 8, 1870; unmarried.
3. Samuel Farrar, born January 11, 1809; married, April 20, 1836, Ann R. Pickering.
4. *Abigail*, of whom further.
5. Mary-Holyoke, born November 23, 1812; married, April 16, 1833, Jonathan Hobbs.
6. James, born April 1, 1815; was living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1833; married Nancy S. Tenney, of Wilmot, New Hampshire.
7. John Farrar, born February 10, 1818; was living in North Hampton in 1883; married, November 8, 1843, Lemira Leavitt.
8. Sarah, born May 25, 1820; living in Andover, Massachusetts, in 1883; married, August 15, 1839, Rev. Sereno T. Abbott.
9. Sperry, born January 9, 1823, living in Exeter, New Hampshire, in 1883; married, October 31, 1853, Harriet N. Robinson.
10. Lucy Ann, born September 5, 1825, living in Andover, in 1883; unmarried.
11. Elizabeth Dorcas, born January 26, 1829; married John A. Farrar, of Lincoln, Massachusetts.

(*Andover Vital Records. Memorial Biographies of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Vol. III, A Memoir of Rev. Jonathan French.*)

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ABIGAIL FRENCH, daughter of Rev. Jonathan (2) and Rebecca (Far-rar) French, was born in North Hampton, New Hampshire, August 4, 1810, and died in Hampton, New Hampshire, January 28, 1870. She married Joseph Dow. (Dow—American Line—VII.)

(Ibid. J. Dow: History of Hampton, New Hampshire.)



Farrar



FARRAR, as a surname, with its variants Farrer and Ferrer, is of occupational origin, meaning one who made horseshoes. It is derived from the old French verb *ferrer*, "to shoe horses." It is a popular Yorkshire trade-name, and is now a widely used surname of the same county. Earliest written records of this name were: Willelmus Ferour, "ferour," in the Poll Tax Lists of Yorkshire in 1379; Hugo Farrou and Thomas Farrou on the same lists at the same date.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

JACOB (1) FARRAR, "younger brother" of John Farrar, was born, probably in England, before 1620, and died at Woburn, Massachusetts, August 14, 1677. Tradition says that he and his brother John came from Lancashire, England. John and Jacob Farrar signed the covenant September 24, 1653, at Lancaster, Massachusetts, four months and six days after the incorporation of that town. John Farrar died November 3, 1669, leaving a widow and children.

Jacob Farrar's wife and four children remained in England until about 1658, when they also emigrated to New England. "Young Jacob Farrar was appointed to assist in marking the bounds of the town" in 1659. In a list of Lancaster estates first made in 1654 and with later additions "entered since 1655" is that of "Jacob Farrar added when his wife came £ 168-7-0."

Two of his sons having been killed in King Philip's War in 1675, and the town having been taken by the Indians, February 10, 1675-76, he, with his wife.

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his remaining son Joseph, and his daughter Mary with her husband, removed to Woburn. His widow Ann and her son-in-law, John Houghton, were administrators of Jacob Farrar's estate, which was divided among the widow, the "two children now surviving," and the children of his deceased son Jacob.

Jacob (1) Farrar married, supposedly in England, about 1640, Ann, whose surname is not known. She married (second), November 2, 1680, John Sears, of Woburn, as his third wife.

Children, first four born in England, fifth at Lancaster, Massachusetts:

1. *Jacob* (2), of whom further.
2. John, married, June 30, 1667, Mary, surname not known.
3. Henry, was killed by Indians, February 10, 1675-76.
4. Mary, married, February 22, 1671-72, John Houghton.
5. Joseph, born August 6, 1660.

(Timothy Farrar: *Memoir of the Farrar Family*, pp. 2-4. John W. Houghton: *The Houghton Genealogy*, p. 299.)

II

JACOB (2) FARRAR, son of Jacob (1) and Ann Farrar, was born in England, probably about 1642 or 1643, and was killed by the Indians at Lancaster, Massachusetts, August 22, 1675. "On that day eight persons were killed in different parts of the town. These are their names: George Bennet, grandson of Mr. Linton, William Flagg, Jacob Farrar, Joseph Wheeler, Mordicai McLoud, his wife and two children. Jacob Farrar lived on the Neck road, somewhere north of the house of S. R. Damon."

Jacob Farrar's widow, Hannah, was granted administration on his estate, October 3, 1676, and at the same time returned an inventory dated "27th 7th mo. 1675." After the four sons had all come of age they united in a deed, dated October 6, 1697, conveying to their uncle, John Houghton, all the real estate in Lancaster which they had inherited from their grandfather, Jacob Farrar.

Jacob (2) Farrar married, at Lancaster, Massachusetts, November 11, 1668, Hannah Hayward, daughter of George Hayward, of Concord, Massachu-

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setts. She married (second), March 5, 1681, Adam Holoway, of Marlborough, Massachusetts. She married (third), January 2, 1705-06, Jonathan Furbush.

Children:

1. Jacob, died April 29, 1722; married, December 26, 1692, Susanna Radiate.
2. *George*, of whom further.
3. John, born about 1672, was "killed in Indian fight August 17, 1707, aged 35 years"; married December 6, 1699, Elizabeth Merriam. (Merriam—American Line—II, Child 2.)
4. Henry, was living October 6, 1697.

(Timothy Farrar: *Memoir of the Farrar Family*, pp. 4-5. Abijah P. Marvin: *History of the Town of Lancaster, Massachusetts*, pp. 101-02. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. XVI, p. 358. Henry S. Nourse: *The Birth, Marriage and Death Register, Church Records and Epitaphs of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1643-1850*, pp. 13-17.)

III

GEORGE FARRAR, son of Jacob (2) and Hannah (Hayward) Farrar, was born at Lancaster, Massachusetts, August 16, 1670, and died May 15, 1760. He was carried by his mother to Concord when he was five years old, and brought up a farmer in the south part of the town, now Lincoln, by a Mr. Goble. "When he arrived at twenty-one years of age, he had but a quarter of a dollar in his pocket. He called together his associates and told them he would treat them with all he had, and begin the world square." He was for several years a selectman of Concord. While still a young man, he purchased a large tract of land near where he had been brought up, and "was a man of great energy and thrift." His will, dated March 17, 1749, proved June 9, 1760, mentions his wife and all his children except Joseph, and the five children of his son Joseph.

George Farrar married, at Concord, Massachusetts, September 9, 1692, Mary Howe, "who had been brought up with him in the same family, and with whom he lived, including *their* apprenticeship, more than eighty years." She was born in Concord, Massachusetts, January 17, 1674, and died April 12, 1761, the daughter of Sergeant Samuel and Mary (Woolie) Howe.

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Children, born at Concord, Massachusetts:

1. Joseph, born in 1693, died about 1731; married, in 1715, Mary, whose surname is not known. He was in Lovell's Fight.
2. Daniel, born November 30, 1696, died between April 2, 1755, and September 22, 1755; married Hannah Fletcher.
3. George, born February 16, 1704-05, died of smallpox May 28, 1777, "aged 73 years"; married Mary Barrett.
4. Mary, born October 12, 1706; married Abishai Brown, of Concord. (Another record says Nathan Brown.)
5. *Samuel* (1), of whom further.

(*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. VI, pp. 322, 324. D. W. Howe and G. B. Howe: *Howe Genealogies*, Vol. II, pp. 406-07. *Concord, Massachusetts, Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1635-1850*, pp. 37, 43, 62, 66, 71.)

IV

DEACON SAMUEL (1) FARRAR, son of George and Mary (Howe) Farrar, was born in Concord, Massachusetts, September 28, 1708, and died at Lincoln, Massachusetts, April 18, 1783, "in his 75th year." He settled on the central or homestead position of his father's farm. "He was a deacon of the church, and much distinguished in his day."

Deacon Samuel (1) Farrar, "of Concord," married there, January 13, 1731-1732 (by James Minott, Esq.), Lydia Barrett, "of Concord," who died at Lincoln, Massachusetts, June 27, 1802, "aged 90 years."

Children:

1. Lydia, born September 2, 1735; married, March 6, 1755, William Bond.
2. *Samuel* (2), of whom further.
3. Rev. Stephen, born September 8, 1738, died June 23, 1809; married, in 1764, Eunice Brown. He was graduated from Harvard in 1755.
4. James, born July 24, 1741, died July 11, 1767.
5. Rebecca, born August 13, 1743; married, November 29, 1764, Dr. John Preston.
6. Lucy, born April 27, 1745; married Humphrey Farrar.

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7. Timothy, born June 28, 1747, died February 21, 1849, aged one hundred and one years, seven months, twelve days; married, October 14, 1779, Anna Bancroft. He was graduated from Harvard in 1767; was Chief Justice of the Superior Court, in New Hampshire.
8. Mary, born at Lincoln, Massachusetts, July 5, 1754, died September 2, 1756.

(L. Shattuck: *The Minot Family*, in *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. I, pp. 175, 258. D. W. Howe and G. B. Howe: *Howe Genealogies*, Vol. II, p. 407. *Vital Records of Lincoln, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, pp. 33, 160. Timothy Farrar: *Memoir of the Farrar Family*, pp. 13-14. *Concord, Massachusetts, Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1635-1850*, pp. 71, 124, 140, 141, 148, 154, 157, 169, 170.)

V

SAMUEL (2) FARRAR, son of Samuel (1) and Lydia (Barrett) Farrar, was born at Concord, Massachusetts, February 14, 1736-37, and died at Lincoln, Massachusetts, September 19, 1829, "aged 93 years, 7 months." He resided on the paternal estate in Lincoln, and succeeded his father as deacon of the church. "He was a man of great energy of character and strength of mind." He was "captain of the militia, and much distinguished in active service during the Revolution."

Samuel (2) Farrar married, at Lincoln, Massachusetts, February 13, 1772, Mercy Hoar, who died at Lincoln, Massachusetts, December 31, 1829, "aged 79 years."

Children, born at Lincoln:

1. Samuel, born December 13, 1773.
2. James, born October 12, 1776, married Dorcas, whose surname is not known.
3. John, born July 1, 1779.
4. Rebecca, born November 21, 1782.
5. *Rebecca* (again), of whom further.

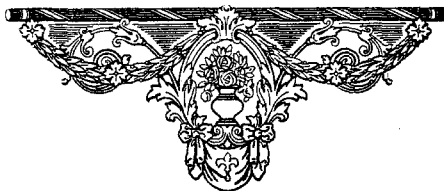
(Timothy Farrar: *Memoir of the Farrar Family*, pp. 12-14. *Concord, Massachusetts, Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1635-1850*, p. 141. *Vital Records of Lincoln, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, pp. 33, 106, 160.)

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REBECCA FARRAR, daughter of Samuel (2) and Mercy (Hoar) Farrar, was born at Lincoln, Massachusetts, December 21, 1785. She married, at Lincoln, Massachusetts, December 5, 1804, Rev. Jonathan (2) French. (French V.)

(Timothy Farrar: *Memoir of the Farrar Family*, p. 13. *Vital Records of Lincoln, Massachusetts, to the year 1850*, pp. 35, 105.)



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HAYER, originally Tayer, is a name of Saxon origin, thought to be derived from the Saxon "taw," to tan; hence, tawer or tayer, a tanner. The Tayer family owned lands in the parish of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, from the reign of Edward II, and its members were described with the prefix "gent."

(*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. XXXVII, p. 84; Vol. LX, pp. 284, 287.)

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THOMAS THAYER or TAYER, the first of this line to be of definite record, was probably identical with the Thomas Tayer who was baptized in Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, August 16, 1596, with Thomas Gibbs and William Dimery as godfathers. He died in Braintree, Massachusetts, June 2, 1665. He was a brother of Richard Tayer, who was baptized in the same church, April 6, 1601, with Richard Dimery and Nicholas Tayer as godfathers and Elizabeth Griffing as godmother. This Richard is believed to be identical with the one who married, April 5, 1624, Dorothy Mortimore, and removed to New England.

Thomas Thayer was in Boston, Massachusetts, before February 24, 1639-1640, when land was granted him at Mount Wollaston (Braintree), for "9 heads" in his family. Possibly two of the "heads" were servants or children who died young. "Thomas Thayer, of Braintree, in the County of Suffolk, in the Massachusetts Colony, of New England, shoe maker, being in perfect health and memory," made his will June 21, 1664. It was proved September 13, 1665. To

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his "wife Margery, that now is," he bequeathed the life use of all his estate in Braintree. After his wife's decease, his son Thomas was to have "all that my ground lying and being over the Monotoquott River," in Braintree. The testator's son Ferdinando was to have "my house and orchard thereunto adjoining," in Braintree, "with all the planting ground and pasture, lying between the highway and river called Monotoquott river, aforesaid, and on the other side of the highway from the south side of the barn to the end of the lot"; also the right to cut "fire wood for his and his now wife's own burning" from the twenty-acre lot. The testator's son, Shadrach, was to have a parcel of land in Braintree, "which shall begin at the corner of the barn next his dwelling house and shall run with a straight line to upper end of the lot"; also the twenty-acre lot from which Ferdinando has the right to cut wood. All his "goods and chattles" he bequeathed to his grandchildren. As executors, he named his wife Margery and his son Ferdinando.

Thomas Thayer or Tayer married, in Thornbury, Gloucestershire, England, April 13, 1618, Margerie or Margery Wheellar, died in Braintree, Massachusetts, February 11, 1672-73, daughter of Abell and Jane (Shepherd) Wheellar or Whillar.

Children, the first three baptized in Thornbury, England:

1. Thomas.
2. Ferdinando.
3. *Shadrach*, of whom further.
4. (Perhaps) Sarah, married, in Braintree, May 6, 1663, Jonathan Hayward.
5. (Perhaps) Hannah, married, in Braintree, October 28, 1664, Samuel Hayden.

(*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. XXXVII, p. 84; Vol. LX, pp. 284, 287, 290; Vol. LXIV, p. 185. Bezaleel Thayer: *Memorial of the Thayer Name, from the Massachusetts Colony of Weymouth and Braintree, Embracing Genealogical and Biographical Sketches of Richard and Thomas Thayer and Their Descendants*, pp. 184, 185, 221, 587. Records in possession of descendants of the family.)

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SHADRACH THAYER, son of Thomas and Margerie or Margery (Wheellar) Thayer or Tayer, was baptized in Thornbury Parish, Gloucestershire, England, May 9, 1629, his godfathers being John Alpas and John Pendock, and his godmother Katherin Tayer. He died at Braintree, Massachusetts, October 19, 1678. He came to New England with his parents and settled in Braintree, Massachusetts. By his father's will he was to inherit, after his mother's decease, "a parcel of ground in Braintree—which shall begin at the corner of the barn next his dwelling house, and shall run with a straight line to upper end of the lot"; also another twenty acres, subject to the right of his brother Ferdinando and wife to "take wood thereof for their own burning."

After Shadrach Thayer's death at the age of about fifty, his widow bought and sold land in Suffolk County. By a deed dated March 3, 1681, "William Pen of Braintry in the County of Suffolke in the Colony of the Massathusetts," for twelve pounds conveyed to "Deliverance Thayer widow of Braintry Relict of Sydrach Thayer, one plot or parcel of upland adjoining to the homestead of Sydrach Thayer deceased containing Six Acres bounded Southerly by Monotoquod highway, Eastward and Northward with the land of Sydrach Thayer dece'd westward butting upon the Eastern edge of two Rocks, and upon a streight line to the fence of s'd. Thayer." By a deed dated April 14, 1687, "Deliverance Thayer wido. of the town of Braintry," for seventeen pounds, conveyed to Jacob Nash, Senr., "her messuage or tenement at the Northerly End of the towne of Boston with all the Land belonging to the sd. Tenement," thirty-one feet by one hundred feet.

Shadrach Thayer married (first), at Braintree, Massachusetts, 11mo.-1-1654 (January 1, 1654-55) Mary Barrett, who died 2mo. (April) 2, 1657-58. It is probable that Mary Barrett, who married Sidrath Thayer in 1655, was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Barrett. Shadrach Thayer married (second), about 1661, Deliverance Priest, born in 1644, died at Braintree, Massachusetts, January 17, 1723, "in ye 79th year of her age," daughter of James and Elizabeth Priest.

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Children of first marriage:

1. Rachel, born 9 mo.-9-1655, died 9 mo.-23, 1656.
2. Tryall, born 12 mo.-7-1657.

Children of second marriage:

3. Freelove, born 4 mo.-30-1662, died 6 mo.-5, 1662.
4. Mary, born 10 mo.-4-1663.
5. Timothy, born 3mo.-1666.
6. Samuel, born 7 mo.-7-1667, died in 1710; married, January 18, 1694, Susanna Scant.
7. Ephraim, of whom further.
8. Hannah, born 8 mo.-2-1672, died 12 mo.-5-1677.
9. William, born 6 mo.-1-1675; married Mrs. Hannah Haywood, a widow.

(Bezaleel Thayer: *Memorial of the Thayer Name from the Massachusetts Colony of Weymouth and Braintree, Embracing Genealogical and Biographical Sketches of Richard and Thomas Thayer and Their Descendants*, pp. 184-85, 587, 590, 642. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. LX, p. 285. *Suffolk Deeds*, Liber XII, p. 59; Liber XIV, p. 132. Samuel A. Bates: *Records of the Town of Braintree, 1640-1793*, pp. 634, 637, 638, 643, 645, 650, 651, 656, 657, 716, 726. George E. Foster: *The Priest Family*, pp. 3-7. William Barrett: *Genealogy of Some of the Descendants of Thomas Barrett, Senior, of Braintree*, p. 10.)

III

EPHRAIM THAYER, son of Shadrach and Deliverance (Priest) Thayer, was born 11mo.-17, 1669 (January 17, 1669-70). His death is thus noticed in the church records:

1757, June 15, died Ephraim Thayer, suddenly, in the 88th year of his age, occasioned as is supposed by the sharp end of a rail at the barn door, where he was found dead. A great concourse of people attended his funeral.

He settled in Braintree and became a member in full communion of the First Congregational Church of Braintree at the time of the settlement of Rev. Samuel Niles as its pastor in 1711; and his wife was presumably the "Sarah Thayer" who

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was also a member at that time. At a Braintree meeting, March 5, 1693-94, Ephraim Thayer was chosen one of the two "haywards or feild drivers for manaticutt." He was chosen a fence viewer several times between 1705 and 1715; constable in 1714; tithingman in 1717, selectman in 1725, tithingman in 1730, and in 1731 on a committee to let the town lands.

Ephraim Thayer, of Braintree, weaver, in his will dated April 10, 1755, proved at Boston, July 15, 1757, mentioned his wife Mary, his sons Ephraim, Philip, Joseph, Shadrach, Naphtali, Peter; granddaughter Ruth Vinton, daughter of daughter Sarah Dorman, deceased; daughters Hannah Blanchard, Ruth Capen, Esther French, Priscilla Ford and Abigail Richards; sons Christopher and James, who were to be executors.

In a poem of eighteen stanzas, on the death of Mrs. Sarah Thayer, written by Edward Chesman, of Braintree, in 1751, the following appear:

Her grandfather, he was a man
Who did the truth reveal;
And to defend Christ's kingdom great,
He burned with Holy Zeal. . . .
From old England he did come o'er,
Where heathen did possess,
For to enjoy religion pure,
And God this man did bless:—
And made him once a ruler here,
Let's not forget his fame;
He lived above the age of man,
JOHN ALDEN was his name. . . .
She wedded was in youthful days,
To Mr. Ephraim Thayer;
He lived a good religious life,—
This truth I can declare.
They lovingly together lived,
And never did provoke—
But like two lambs they did agree,
And both pulled in one yoke.

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Ephraim Thayer married (first), by "Mr. Peter Thacher," January 7, 1691-92, Sarah Bass. (Bass III.) He married (second), about 1754, Mrs. Mary Burrill Kingman, widow of Mr. Burrill and of Thomas Kingman. She was born about 1675. Regarding his second wife, whom he married when he was eighty-four years of age, "Tradition is that his children provided for her comfort in old age with dutiful attention."

Children, all of first marriage:

1. Sarah, born January 22, 1692-93, died June 12, 1753; married, August 4, 1715, Seth Dorman.
2. Ephraim, born July 8, 1694; married, April 1, 1718, Mary Copeland.
3. Philip, born April 14, 1696; married, April 1, 1718, Mary Wilson.
4. Hannah, born January 13, 1698; married, in 1724, Nathaniel Blanchard.
5. Joseph, born July 28, 1699, died January 8, 1778; married (first), December 16, 1725, Sarah Faxon; (second), November 16, 1738, Eunice Luddon.
6. Shadrach, born April 18, 1701, died February 17, 1783; married, May 2, 1723, Rachel White.
7. Christopher, born March 4, 1703, died December 10, 1787; married, in 1735, Mary Morse.
8. Ruth, born April 1, 1704; married, September 20, 1722, John Capen.
9. *Esther*, of whom further.
10. Naphtali, born January 30, 1706-07; married, February 3, 1731-32, Bathsheba Bass.
11. Peter, born July 12, 1708, died September 27, 1778; married, June 1, 1732, Anna Porter.
12. Priscilla, born March 7, 1710, died about 1795; married (first), July 11, 1732, Elijah Hayden; (second), between 1735 and 1739, Joseph Ford; (third), about 1781, William Spear.
13. James, born March 16, 1712, died June 19, 1790; married, December 6, 1748, Deborah Arnold.
14. Abigail, born November 15, 1713, died March 10, 1765; married, November 21, 1734, Dr. Benjamin Richards. Their daughter, Abigail Richards, born in Braintree, November 17, 1742, died in Andover, August 28, 1821; married Rev. Jonathan (1) French. (French IV.)

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(Bezaleel Thayer: *Memorial of the Thayer Name from the Massachusetts Colony of Weymouth and Braintree, Embracing Genealogical and Biographical Sketches of Richard and Thomas Thayer and Their Descendants*, pp. 587, 590, 593, 596, 620, 625, 626, 629, 634, 642. *A Church Manual of the First Congregational Church in Braintree*, p. 9. Samuel A. Bates: *Records of the Town of Braintree, 1640 to 1793*, pp. 29, 61, 65, 74, 77, 82, 83, 90, 112, 135, 141, 647, 649, 668, 670, 674, 675, 677, 680, 682, 684, 686, 687, 689, 692, 697, 716, 720, 743, 744, 746, 748. *The Mayflower Descendant*, Vol. XVIII, pp. 105, 113-15. William S. Pattee: *A History of Old Braintree and Quincy*, p. 158. Bradford Kingman: *Descendants of Henry Kingman, Some Early Generations of the Kingman Family*, p. 26. *New England Genealogical and Historical Register*, Vol. LX, p. 42.)

IV

ESTHER THAYER, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Bass) Thayer, was born at Braintree, Massachusetts, July 24, 1705, and died December 13, 1800, "aged 95 years, 5 months." "Esther Thayer" was in 1727 "admitted to full communion" in the First Congregational Church of Braintree. Her father, in his will, bequeathed to "my Daughter Esther French a Feather Bed & furniture belonging to it."

Esther Thayer married Moses French. (French III.)

(Bezaleel Thayer: *Memorial of the Thayer Name from the Massachusetts Colony of Weymouth and Braintree, Embracing Genealogical and Biographical Sketches of Richard and Thomas Thayer and Their Descendants*, pp. 590, 625. *A Church Manual of the First Congregational Church in Braintree*, p. 10.)



Bass



ASS, as a surname, has for its derivation a nickname meaning "of low stature," that is, short and stout, corresponding to the French "le Bas."

The Bass family has an ancient lineage in England, and its members were early established in the counties of Somerset, Bucks, and Oxford, as shown by the following examples listed in early records: Nicholas Basse, County Somerset, in Kirby's *Quest*, 1 Edward III; Hugh Basse, County Bucks; John Basse, County Oxford, in the Hundred Rolls of 1273; Edward Basse, St. Michael, Cornhill, in 1646.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*. Lower: *Patronymica Britannica*.)

I

DEACON SAMUEL BASS, first of our line to be of record, was born in England about 1600, died September 13, 1694, and is buried in the First Church Cemetery at Quincy, Massachusetts. He came to the American Colonies with his wife and probably one or two children in 1630, or soon after. They settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, where they were numbered among the earliest members of the first church there. Deacon Samuel Bass was admitted a freeman, May 14, 1634, and remained a resident of Roxbury for several years. In 1640 he settled in Braintree (now Quincy), Massachusetts, and became a member of the First Congregational Church there, being chosen and ordained the first deacon of the church and remaining in that office for about fifty years. He was a man of vigor-

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ous personality and was held in high esteem in the town. He was deputy to the General Assembly from Braintree for several years, ranging variously from 1641 to 1664.

Deacon Samuel Bass married, probably in England, Ann, surname not known, who was born in England about 1600 and died at Braintree, Massachusetts, September 5, 1665. She was buried in the First Church Cemetery at Quincy.

Children:

1. Samuel, born in England; married Mary Howard.
2. Mary, born in England; married, in 1647, Elder John Capen.
3. Hannah, born in England; married 9 mo.-15-1651, Stephen Paine.
4. *John*, of whom further.
5. Thomas, married, October 4, 1660, Sarah Wood.
6. Joseph, died about January 16, 1714; married Mary, surname not known.
7. Sarah; married (first) Deacon John Stone (second) Deacon Joseph Penniman, who died November 5, 1705.

(Elisha Thayer: *Family Memorial*, Parts I and II, pp. 54-65. C. P. Ohler: *Ancestors and Descendants of David Paine and Abigail Shepard, of Ludlow, Massachusetts*, pp. 230-31.)

II

JOHN BASS, son of Deacon Samuel and Ann Bass, was born probably in Roxbury, Massachusetts, about 1632 and died in September, 1716, in his eighty-fourth year. He was a resident of Braintree, Massachusetts, of which town he was made fence-viewer in 1695, and one of the "tithing men" in 1701.

John Bass married (first), 3mo.-12-1657, Ruth Alden. (Alden II.) He married (second), 7 mo.-21-1675, Hannah Sturtevant, of Plymouth, who was dismissed from the church of Plymouth and admitted to the church of Braintree, 8mo.-30-1676.

Children of first marriage:

1. John, born June 3, 1658; married (first), Abigail Adams; (second), in 1698, Rebecca Savil.

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2. Samuel, born 1mo.-25-1660; married, Mary (Adams) Webb, who died March 9, 1706, widow of Samuel Webb.
3. Ruth, born 11mo.-28-1662.
4. Joseph, born in Braintree, Massachusetts, 10mo.-5-1665, died, in Boston, November 22, 1732-33; married (first), June 5, 1688, Mary Belcher. (Belcher I, Child 4.) He married (second), February 23, 1708, Lois Rogers.
5. Hannah, born 4 mo.-22-1667; married Joseph Adams. Through this marriage Herbert H. Dow was a blood connection of the two Presidents, John and John Quincy Adams, as follows:
John (1) Adams, son of Joseph and Hannah (Bass) Adams, married Susanna Boylston, and they were the parents of:
John (2) Adams, second President of the United States, who married Abigail Smith, and they were the parents of:
John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States.
6. Mary, born 12mo.-11-1669; married (first), 3mo.-24-1686, Christopher Webb, who died in March, 1690; (second), April 13, 1694, William Copeland.
7. Sarah, of whom further.

(Elisha Thayer: *Family Memorial*, pp. 55-56, 59, 61-62, 65. J. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. I, p. 135. S. A. Bates: *Records of the Town of Braintree, Massachusetts*, pp. 31, 49. Family records.)

III

SARAH BASS, daughter of John and Ruth (Alden) Bass, was born 1 mo.-29-1672, and died August 19, 1751. She married Ephraim Thayer. (Thayer III.) (*Ibid.*)



Alden



LDEN, as a surname, originated from the baptismal name Aldwin, a variation of Ailwin and Aylwin. The Alden family was well known in England at the time of the Norman invasion of 1066, and is mentioned in all the eastern counties from Hertfordshire to York in Domesday Book. Many Aldens are mentioned as landowners in the time of Edward the Confessor, while others are described as tenants-in-capite, or holding lands directly from the King. William Aldyn, of County Somerset, is recorded in Kirby's Quest, and in the Hundred Rolls of 1273 we find Richard Aldewyn of County Wilts, Alexander Aldeyn and Robert Aldun of County Oxford.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*. F. W. Alden: *Descendants of Daniel Alden*, p. 6.)

I

JOHN ALDEN, whose birthplace and parentage, like that of many other passengers of the "Mayflower," is not known, was "hired for a cooper" at Southampton just prior to the sailing of the expedition, according to Bradford. While the name Alden is found at Southampton, it has been impossible, up to the present, to identify him with these families. A Richard Alden was buried April 30, 1598, according to the register of St. Michael, and the marriage of Widow Avys Alden occurred three months later. George Alden, an arrowmaker, resided in the parish of All Saints, and his name is frequently mentioned in the Court Leet Books of

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Southampton between 1587 and 1620, Jane Alden, a widow, was his mother and Richard and Avys Alden may have been the grandparents. However, the fact that John Alden joined the company at Southampton does not necessarily mean that he resided there, and he may have been a member of any of the many Alden families living in other parts of England. According to Charles E. Banks, in his *English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers* (1929), an equally probable and more plausible identification has recently been suggested by B. Carlyon-Hughes, who is compiling a history of Harwich, England, and who found an Alden family there, which was related by marriage to Captain Christopher Jones, of the "Mayflower." This family was engaged in seafaring pursuits, and a John appears among them of about the same age as the American pioneer.

John Alden was born about 1599, as is shown from a deposition made at Plymouth, July 6, 1682, in which he stated that he was eighty-three years of age. Bradford, in his *History of Plymouth Plantation*, informs us that he was "hired for a cooper at Southampton, where the ship victualed; and being a hopeful young man was much desired but left to his own liking to go or stay when he came here; but he stayed and married here." He identified himself with the Pilgrims, and was a devoted and useful member of the Colony during his long life. At the time of his arrival in America he was twenty-one years old and the youngest to sign the Mayflower Compact, drawn up a few days prior to the landing of the company. In 1633 he was elected a member of the board of assistants to the Governor, a position which he held with few interruptions as long as he lived. From 1666 to 1687 he was the head of that body and styled Deputy Governor, presiding in the absence of the Governor. He was made a member of the Council of War in 1646, and acted in that capacity for many years. From 1641 to 1650 he was deputy in the General Court and from 1658 to 1659 a treasurer of the Colony. Constant devotion to public service at a time when salary was small so reduced his estate that the court voted: "In regard that Mr. Alden is low in his estate and occasioned to spend time at the courts on Contrey's Actions and so hath done these many years, the Court have allowed him a small gratuity, the sum of ten pounds to be payed by the treasurer."

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After residing in Plymouth until 1627, John Alden removed with Miles Standish and others to Duxbury, Massachusetts, which is about eight miles from Plymouth, and he located there on a farm at "Eagle Tree Point." His home was near the site of the house built by his son, Jonathan, where he resided after his first homestead was destroyed by fire. The house now standing and known as the John Alden house is regarded by some as the one built by Jonathan and the one in which John Alden spent his last days, while others believe it was built in 1700 by his grandson, Colonel John Alden. It is now a part of the original farm controlled by the Alden kindred of America. It has never left the possession of some of his descendants. He died at Duxbury, Massachusetts, September 12, 1687.

John Alden married, probably in 1621, Priscilla Mullins, daughter of William and Alice Mullins, who also came to America in the "Mayflower." The romance of their courtship and John Alden's friendship for Captain Miles Standish, as recorded by Longfellow, is familiar to all American readers.

William Bradford, in his *History of Plymouth*, states that at the time of his writing, John Alden and his wife were both living and had eleven children, but he does not name them. The administration of John Alden's estate mentions eight or nine children, depending upon the identity of the Priscilla Alden, who signed it as widow or daughter. However, the following eight children are generally accepted by authorities.

Children:

1. Elizabeth, born about 1624, died at Little Compton, Rhode Island, May 13, 1717; married William Peabody.
2. John, born about 1626, as his gravestone gives his age as seventy-five at the time of his death, March 14, 1702; was a mariner of Boston; married (first) Elizabeth, surname not known; (second) Elizabeth (Phillips) Everell, widow of Abiel Everell.
3. Joseph, born about 1627, died at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, February 8, 1697; married Mary Simmons, daughter of Moses Simmons, Jr., and Sarah Simmons, of Duxbury, who came to America in the ship "Fortune" in 1621.

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4. Sarah, born about 1629, died before June 30, 1688; married Alexander Standish, son of Captain Miles Standish of the "Mayflower."
5. Jonathan, born about 1632, as his gravestone states that he died February 14, 1697, in the sixty-fifth year of his age; was a captain of the militia; married Abigail Hallett.
6. *Ruth*, of whom further.
7. Mary, date of birth unknown, died prior to 1699, when her husband remarried; married Thomas Delano, of Duxbury.
8. David, born in 1646, died in 1719; believed to have been the last born of the children of John and Priscilla Alden; active in church and public affairs at Duxbury; married Mary Southworth, daughter of Constant Southworth.

C. H. Alden, in his *Eliab Alden*, also lists the following three children, completing the number to the eleven as given by Bradford, who were born prior to 1646, but of whom very little is known:

9. Zachariah, according to one authority, was the father of Anne Alden, who married, in 1699, Josiah Snell.
10. Rebecca, mentioned in colonial records as of marriageable age in 1661.
11. Priscilla, signed the settlement of John Alden's estate; however, it is doubtful whether she was the widow or a daughter.

(C. H. Alden: *Eliab Alden*, pp. 12-14. C. E. Banks: *English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers*, pp. 27-28. F. W. Alden: *Descendants of Daniel Alden*, pp. 6-11. *Mayflower Descendant*, Vol. III, p. 11.

II

RUTH ALDEN, daughter of John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden, died October 12, 1674. She married John Bass. (Bass II.) (Ibid.)



Belcher



ELCHER, as a surname, and its variant Belchier, is derived from the nickname "belsire," meaning grandfather or "bel cher," good friend. Earliest records of the name in print were the following in 1273: Richard Belchere, County Gloucester; John Belsire, County Kent.

(Bardsley: *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*.)

I

GREGORY BELCHER, earliest known ancestor, was born about 1605, according to his deposition made in June, 1665, giving his age as about sixty. In 1637 he was a proprietor at Braintree, was made a freeman in 1640, and a selectman in 1646. He and his wife Katherine sold land in Braintree on June 6, 1667. His widow Katherine was granted administration on his estate January 30, 1674, and his son Josiah was afterwards joint administrator.

Gregory Belcher married Katherine, whose surname is not known, whose will was dated September 3, 1679, and proved July 20, 1681. In it she named her sons Josiah, John, and Moses, and her daughters Elizabeth Gilbert and Mary, wife of Alexander Marsh.

Children:

1. Elizabeth, married Thomas Gilbert.
2. Josiah, was a wheelwright in Boston, and died April 3, 1683; aged fifty-two; married, in Boston, March 3, 1654-55, Ranis Rainsford.
3. John, died in Braintree, in 1693; married Sarah, whose surname is not known.

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4. Moses, died in Braintree, July 5, 1691, was called "corporal"; married, at Braintree, May 23, 1666, Mary Nash, daughter of James and Alice Nash, of Weymouth. Their daughter, Mary, married Joseph Bass. (Bass II, Child 4.)
5. *Samuel*, of whom further.
6. Mary, born July 8, 1639; married, at Braintree, December 19, 1655, Alexander Marsh.
7. Joseph, born December 25, 1641, resided in Milton.

(C. H. Pope: *Pioneers of Massachusetts*, p. 41. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. LX, p. 128.)

II

SAMUEL BELCHER, son of Gregory and Katherine Belcher, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, August 24, 1637, and died there June 17, 1679. "His father-in-law and two of his brothers," Roger Billings, Alexander Marsh and Moses Belcher, were granted administration on his estate, May 6, 1680. His inventory amounted to £ 576-17-6.

Samuel Belcher married, in Braintree, December 15, 1663, Mary Billings, daughter of Roger Billings, of Dorchester, who died before 1727. She married (second), in Braintree, April 20, 1680, Samuel Niles.

Children, born at Braintree:

1. Gregory, a deacon, born February 28, 1664-65, died there July 4, 1727; married, in Braintree, March 25, 1689-90, Elizabeth Ruggles.
2. Samuel, born September 21, 1666, died at Braintree, December 19, 1714; married, about 1688, Comfort Harbor.
3. William, born May 3, 1668, died in 1701; unmarried.
4. Mary, born October 16, 1670; died at Milton, June 22, 1758; married, at Milton, December 16, 1696, Nathaniel Vose.
5. Moses, born August 14, 1672, died at Preston, Connecticut, May 4, 1728; married, at Milton, December 19, 1694, Hannah Lyon.
6. Abigail, born October 24, 1674; married, in Milton, April 28, 1697, William "Wadle," of Stonington, Connecticut. William "Wattle," of Lebanon, Connecticut, and wife Abigail, made a deed August 8,

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1727, to Samuel Belcher, of Braintree, of their interest in their mother Mary Niles' dower rights in estate of her former husband "our father Samuel Belcher."

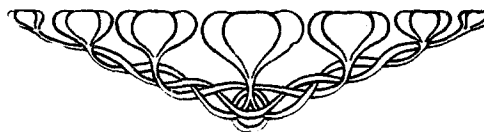
7. *Elizabeth*, of whom further.
8. Silence, born June 24, 1679, living in Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1698; married John Saunders.
9. Rebecca, married Jacobus Eallmanturp, of Braintree. On August 15, 1727, he, a physician, and his wife Rebecca, "one of the daughters of Samuel Belcher," deeded to Grégory Belcher.

(*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. LX, p. 131. *Braintree Vital Records. Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. XVI, folios 253, 254.)

III

ELIZABETH BELCHER, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Billings) Belcher, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, June 22, 1677, and died there December 23, 1718. She married Thomas French. (French II.)

(*Ibid.* S. French: *Ancestors of John French of Stoughton, Massachusetts.*)



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WHEN William the Conqueror embarked for England, Sir Thomas de Moulton was one of the brave knights who accompanied him and fought at the battle of Hastings, A. D. 1066. In or about the year 1100, the town of Moulton on the River Mole was founded in England and its name was so spelled until about 1900. The remote origin of the family name has not been fully traced. Some claim that it is of occupational origin coming from the trade of working "molten metals." It is interesting to note that William Moulton, son of William, the emigrant, who settled in Newbury in 1682, was the founder of the silversmith industry in New England. The family name is also supposed to be of French origin. It may also be of locality origin, meaning "of Moulton," a parish name occurring in several counties. Variants of it are Multon, Molton, and Mowlton. In old English records the name of Moulton was often spelled by dropping either the "o" or the "u," although some descendants of those who dropped the "o" resumed its use.

(H. W. Moulton: *Moulton Annals*, pp. 9, 12, 329. Thomas Moulton: *A Genealogical Register of the Moulton Family*, pp. 5-12.)

I

JOHN (1) MOULTON, emigrant ancestor of this line, was born in Ormesby, County Norfolk, England, about 1599 and died between January 23, 1649, the date of his will, and October 1, 1650, the date of its probate. In an English record of persons "desirous to pass beyond seas," under date line of April

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11, 1637, appears this entry: "The examination of John Moulton of Ormsby, in Norfolk, husbandman, aged 38 years, and Ann, his wife, aged 38 years, with five children: Henry, Mercy, Anne, Jane and Bridgett, and two servants, Adams Gooddens, aged twenty years and Allis Eden, aged 18 years; all desirous to passe to New England, there to inhabit and abide." John Moulton embarked either on the ship "John and Dorothy" of Ipswich, William Andrews, master, or the "Rose" of Yarmouth, commanded by a son of the same Andrews, which two ships seem to have sailed together.

From the records it appears that John Moulton, his wife Anne, and their one son and four daughters came to New England in the spring of 1637. Like the Marstons, these immigrants first went to Newbury, Massachusetts. They were accompanied to Newbury by Thomas Moulton and wife Martha, of Ormesby, St. Margaret, England. Thomas was born about 1605 and was perhaps the brother of John, although no record has been found to prove that this was so. Thomas and John, and their families, had land grants at what is now Hampton, New Hampshire, as shown by the following entry in "Provincial Papers," Vol. I, page 236, dated September 6, 1638: "The Court grants these petitioners John Molton, Thomas Molton, and divers others, shall have liberty to begin a plantation at Winnacunnett, apportioning a separate quantity of land to each man." John's house-lot lay on the west side of that of Thomas, and was transmitted in his family down to Daniel Moulton of the sixth generation, who sold the larger part of it in 1866, the rest after 1886. Thomas and John lived at Hampton as neighbors until about 1654, when Thomas sold his property to Rev. Timothy Dalton, and removed to York, Maine. John Moulton was a useful citizen in Hampton. He was admitted freeman, May 22, 1639, and was chosen first deputy of Hampton to the General Court at Boston in September, 1640.

John (1) Moulton married, at Ormesby, St. Margaret, England, September 24, 1623, Anne Green, who was born in 1599 and died April 12, 1668.

Children:

1. Henry, born in England, died September 8, 1701; married Sobriety Hilton.

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2. Mary or Mercy, born in England, died October 11, 1686; married William Sanborn, of Hampton.
3. Anne, born in England; unmarried when father's will was made.
4. Jane (twin), born in England about 1634, died March 19, 1699; unmarried.
5. Bridget (twin), born in England about 1634, died March 19, 1699, only a few hours apart from Jane; unmarried.
6. *John* (2), of whom further.
7. Ruth, baptized at Hampton, New Hampshire, March 7, 1641, died September 7, 1718; married, April 3, 1660, Peter Johnson, who was drowned in the Hampton River, November 15, 1674.

(H. W. Moulton: *Moulton Annals*, p. 208. *Norfolk Parish Register*, Vol. VII, p. 42. Joseph Dow: *History of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire*, Vol. II, p. 862. Thomas Moulton: *A Genealogical Register of the Moulton Family*, pp. 10-11. *Americana*, Vol. XVI, pp. 172-73. Cuyler Reynolds: *Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs*, 1911, Vol. I, p. 371.)

II

LIEUTENANT JOHN (2) MOULTON, called "The Giant," son of John (1) and Anne (Green) Moulton, was baptized at Newbury, Massachusetts, March 16, 1638, and died in 1705. He remained on the homestead.

Lieutenant John (2) Moulton married, March 23, 1666, Lydia Taylor, who was born in 1646 and died in 1729, daughter of the first Anthony Taylor.

Children:

1. Martha, born in 1666; married Humphrey Perkins, son of Abraham Perkins, of Hampton, New Hampshire.
2. *John* (3), of whom further.
3. Lydia, born July 13, 1671, died July 13, 1678, aged seven years.
4. Daniel, born January 16, 1674, died January 14, 1718; married Mary, surname not known.
5. James, born July 29, 1675; married, October 15, 1702, Dorothy Clements, who died March 23, 1704, soon after the birth of her only child Dorothy, who was brought up by her grandparents, John and Lydia Clements.

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6. Nathan, died (probably) February 5, 1733; married Sarah Reaser.
7. David, died (probably) February 5, 1733; married Sarah Leavitt.
8. Anna, born March 2, 1679; married, about 1696, Caleb Marston.
9. Lydia, born July 19, 1681; married July 1, 1702, Thomas Marston.
10. Jacob, born June 21, 1688, died March 7, 1751; married, December 10, 1714, Sarah Smith, who died in 1739, daughter of John and Rebecca (Marston) Smith.
11. Rachel, born October 4, 1690, died June 8, 1758; married, May 21, 1718, Jabez Smith.

(*Essex Institute Historical Collections*, Vol. LIII, p. 248. Thomas Moulton: *A Genealogical Register of the Moulton Family*, pp. 11-12. H. W. Moulton: *Moulton Annals*, pp. 209, 253. Joseph Dow: *History of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire*, Vol. II, p. 863. Savage: *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, Vol. III, pp. 248-49. *Americana*, Vol. XVI, p. 172. Cuyler Reynolds: *Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs*, 1911, Vol. I, p. 371.)

III

JOHN (3) MOULTON, son of John (2) and Lydia (Taylor) Moulton, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, May 30, 1669, and died there April 1, 1740. He married, December 11, 1713, Rebecca Smith, born June 25, 1687, and died February 25, 1741, daughter of John and Rebecca (Marston) Smith.

Child:

1. *John (4)*, of whom further.

(Joseph Dow: *History of Hampton, New Hampshire*.)

IV

JOHN (4) MOULTON, son of John (3), and Rebecca (Smith) Moulton, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, August 11, 1717, and died there July 8, 1779. He married Mary Marston, born in 1724, died January 19, 1804, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Smith) Marston.

Child:

1. *Hannah*, of whom further.

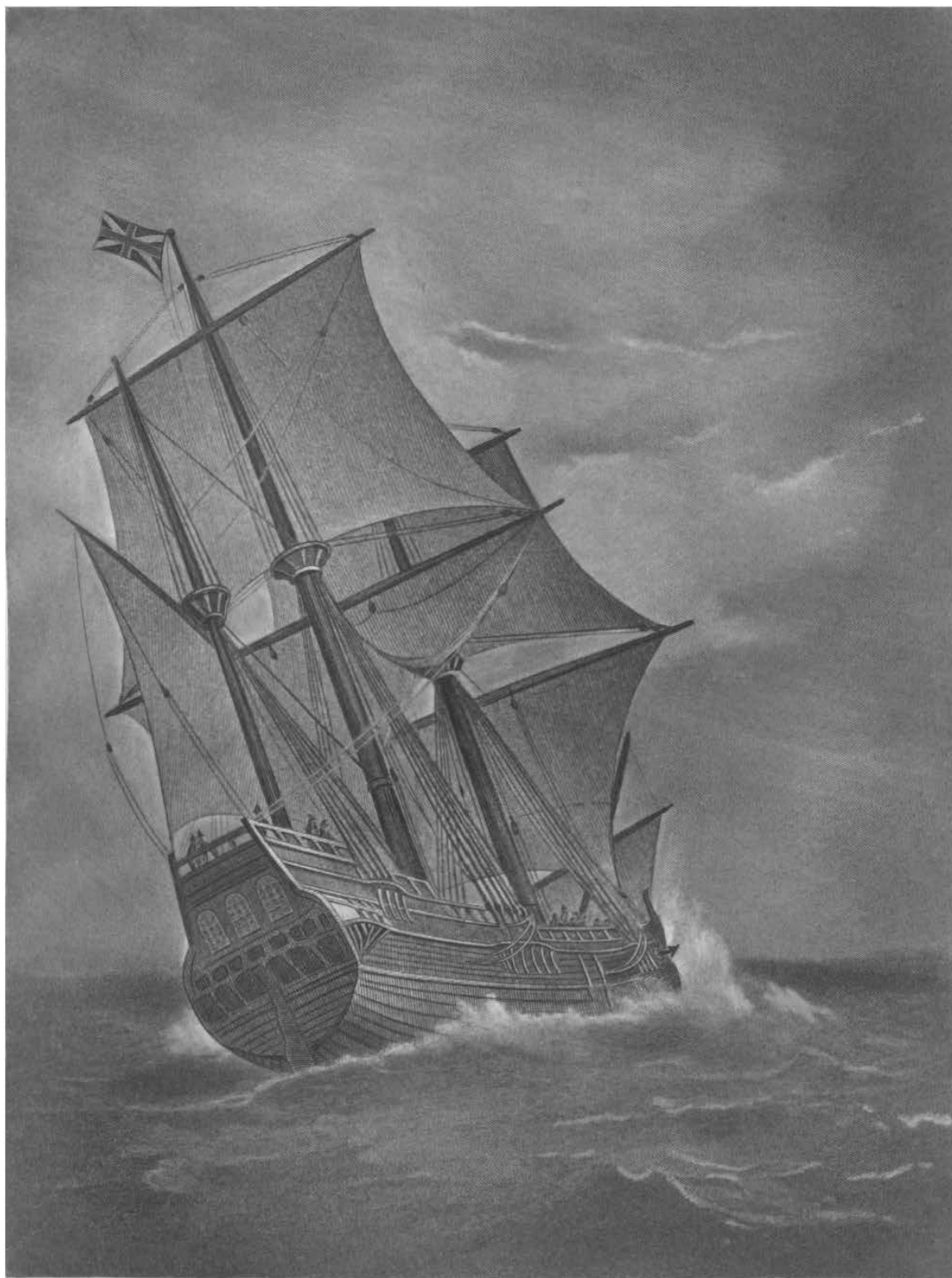
(*Ibid.*)

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V

HANNAH MOULTON, daughter of John (4) and Mary (Marston) Moulton, was born in Hampton, New Hampshire, May 6, 1766, and died August 11, 1839. She married (first), February 1, 1791, John Moulton, who died March 4, 1794, no issue. She married (second) Josiah Dow. (Dow—American Line—VI.) *(Ibid.)*





THE MAYFLOWER

Mayflower Descent of Herbert Henry Dow

I

JOHN ALDEN, immigrant ancestor, whose birthplace is not known, was born about 1599. He came to America on the "Mayflower" in 1620.

John Alden married Priscilla Mullins. Among their children was *Ruth*, of whom further.

II

RUTH ALDEN, daughter of John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden, died October 12, 1674. She married John Bass. (Bass II.) They had a daughter: *Sarah*, of whom further.

III

SARAH BASS, daughter of John and Ruth (Alden) Bass, was born 1 mo.-29-1672, and died August 19, 1751.

Sarah Bass married Ephraim Thayer. (Thayer III.) Among their children was: *Esther*, of whom further.

IV

ESTHER THAYER, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Bass) Thayer, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, July 24, 1705, and died in 1800.

Esther Thayer married Moses French. (French III.) A son was *Jonathan* (1), of whom further.



SIGNING OF THE COMPACT

IN THE CABIN OF THE MAYFLOWER. 1620

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V

JONATHAN (1) FRENCH, son of Moses and Esther (Thayer) French, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts, January 19, 1739-40, and died in Andover, Massachusetts, July 28, 1809.

Rev. Jonathan (1) French married, intentions published in Andover, June 18, 1773, Abigail Richards. (Thayer III, Child 14.) A son was: *Jonathan* (2), of whom further.

VI

REV. JONATHAN (2) FRENCH, son of Jonathan (1) and Abigail (Richards) French, was born in Andover, Massachusetts, August 16, 1778, and died in North Hampton, New Hampshire, December 13, 1856.

Rev. Jonathan (2) French married, December 4, 1804, Rebecca Farrar. (Farrar VI.) They had a daughter: *Abigail*, of whom further.

VII

ABIGAIL FRENCH, daughter of Jonathan (2) and Rebecca (Farrar) French, was born in North Hampton, New Hampshire, August 4, 1810, and died in Hampton, January 28, 1870.

Abigail French married Joseph Dow. (Dow—American Line—VII.) They had a son: *Joseph Henry*, of whom further.

VIII

JOSEPH HENRY DOW, son of Joseph and Abigail (French) Dow, was born in Pembroke, New Hampshire, April 22, 1836, and died in Midland, Michigan, January 12, 1902.

Joseph Henry Dow married, November 24, 1863, Sarah Jane Bunnell. (Bunnell VIII.) They had a son: *Herbert Henry*, of whom further.

IN YE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread fovereigne Lord, King James, by ye grace of God, of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, King, defender of ye faith, etc., having undertaken for ye glory of God and advancement of ye Christian faith, and honour of our King and countrie, a voyage to plant ye first Colonie in ye Northerne parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly, and mutually, in ye presence of God, and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politick for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of ye end aforesaid, and by vertue hereof to enacte, constitute and frame such just and equal lawes, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meete and convenient for ye generall good of ye Colonie, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witnes whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape-Codd ye 11 of November, in ye year of ye raigne of our fovereigne Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, ye eighteenth, and of Scotland ye fiftie-fourth. Ano Dom. 1620.

1. John Carver,
2. William Bradford,
3. Edward Winslow,
4. William Brewster,
5. Isaac Allerton,
6. Myles Standish,
7. John Alden,
8. Samuel Fuller,
9. Christopher Martin,
10. William Mullins,
11. William White,
12. Richard Warren,
13. John Howland,
14. Stephen Hopkins,

15. Edward Tilley,
16. John Tilley,
17. Francis Cooke,
18. Thomas Rogers,
19. Thomas Tinker,
20. John Rigdale,
21. Edward Fuller,
22. John Turner,
23. Francis Eaton,
24. James Chilton,
25. John Crackston,
26. John Billington,
27. Moses Fletcher,
28. John Goodman,

29. Degory Priest,
30. Thomas Williams,
31. Gilbert Winslow,
32. Edmond Margeson,
33. Peter Brown,
34. Richard Bitteridge,
35. George Soule,
36. Richard Clarke,
37. Richard Gardiner,
38. John Allerton,
39. Thomas English,
40. Edward Doter,
41. Edward Lister,

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IX

HERBERT HENRY DOW, son of Joseph Henry and Sarah Jane (Bunnell) Dow, was born in Belleville, Ontario, February 26, 1866, and died in Rochester, Minnesota, October 15, 1930.

Herbert Henry Dow married Grace Ann Ball. (First Ball Line X.)



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