

A CONDENSED GENEALOGY

OF ONE BRANCH OF THE

EDWARDS FAMILY

OF

CONCORD AND ACTON

MASSACHUSETTS

AND OF THE ALLIED FAMILIES

HARRINGTON, HEALD, HAVEN, LOCKE, CONANT, FLETCHER, TOWER,
HASKELL, CLEMENS, PIERSON, STARR, VAN VEGHTEN.
KNICKERBOCKER, CRANDALL, SMITH,
CHETLAIN, AND OTHERS

WITH

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PREFATORY.

"The man who feels no sentiment of veneration for the memory of his forefathers; who has no natural regard for his ancestors, or his kindred, is himself unworthy of kindred regard, or remembrance"--DANIEL WEBSTER.

This pamphlet does not assume to be a genealogy in the technical sense. It grew out of the desire to perpetuate the names and memories of a worthy ancestry in the particular branch of the family to which the compiler belongs. The plan includes quite a number of related families, but it has been impossible to make a complete record of all the branches upon so many family trees. The purpose has been to trace back to the founder of each line of descent in this country, without attempting to catalogue all the members of every household in each generation; thus honoring the first fathers and mothers of our near kindred in our beloved land, and leaving to individuals the pleasant task of doing all the cousining they wish in their own family groups. Sincere thanks are here given to the friends who have responded to repeated letters of inquiry, and so permitted the inquirer to grasp their hands by way of pen and paper. If they discover any slip in names or dates, let them try to hunt genealogical golf balls in high grass and thicket, grown high and thick in the course of centuries, and they will surely pardon fortuitous faults in this booklet. When books, family records and memories do not agree, as they often do not, the compiler has used his best judgment without laying claim to infallibility. To make room for reading matter of greater interest than dates and names, these have been compressed more than is usual, but it is believed that the family lines will not be found difficult to trace. The following suggestions will help:

Names in capitals are those of first immigrants; those in the Edwards line who were the connecting links; and those who have married into the Edwards family.

Roman numerals indicate generations.

Parenthesis marks and brackets are used to denote the two latest generations mentioned

Towns without State names belong, as a rule, to Massachusetts, or in later years to Illinois.

While no very distinguished personages are found in the history of our clan, we may well be thankful for an ancestry so honorable in all that makes for good citizenship, and maintains the character of a Christian people. The prominent military element in our roster shows unquestionable patriotism, but the heroism of every day life has been as marked, and deserves commemoration and imitation.

For their historical interest the last two articles deserve attention. J. H. E.

A CONDENSED GENEALOGY.

EDWARDS.

Fifteen years after the Mayflower brought the Pilgrim Fathers to Plymouth, another company of emigrants set sail for New England, this time from London. The passenger list contained fifty-four names of forefathers and foremothers, who are thus described in the ship's manifest: "Theis Vnder-written names are to be transported to New England imbarqued in the *Hopewell*, Tho. Babb, mr p. Cert. from the Ministers & Justices of their conformitie in Religion to or Church of England: & yt they are no Subsedy Men they have taken ye oaths of Alleg. & Supremacy. xj^o Sept. 1635."

Among these "no Subsedy Men", who had either paid their part of the subsidy granted by Parliament to Charles I, or who, as younger sons or propertyless, had a certificate to that effect from the magistrate of their locality, was one Robert Edwards, a young man, "22 yeres" old, who finally settled in Concord about 1640. Here he founded the family, an abbreviated genealogy of one branch of which it is the object of this pamphlet to give. The early pages of the record are imperfect.

ROBERT EDWARDS was a "freeman" in 1642, and died about 1650. He married CHRISTIAN —, and of their children the names of only two remain, Sarah, "borne the 12^o (7^o) 1640," and Christian, "borne 15^o (1^o) 1645." The family owned land at Concord in 1660, but the names of descendants are lost till we come to—III. JOHN, b. 1686, m. MARY MELVIN, d. Sept. 26, 1760. Their son,—IV. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 25, 1721, d. April 26, 1800, m. Jan. 11, 1750, HANNAH PRESCOTT, b. May 7, 1730, d. Feb. 3, 1807;—V. Ch.:

1. Ebenezer, b. Mar. 23, 1757, d. Mar. 21, 1826, in Temple, N. H.
2. JOHN, b. Sept. 19, 1760, d. Dec. 26, 1803, in Acton.
3. Mary, b. July 24, 1767, m. Charles Farrar, and d. Nov. 28, 1851.
4. Hannah, b. Nov. 8, 1769, m. James Billings.
5. Nathaniel, b. Aug. 19, 1770.

(Col) JOHN EDWARDS, m. May 26, 1793, SUSANNA HARRINGTON, b. at Watertown, April 24, 1764, d. at Lowell, Oct., 1842;—VI. Ch.:

1. Sukey, b. May 22, 1794, m. Jan. 3, 1813, Luther Conant, and d. at Acton, June 2, 1860 (See CONANT).
2. Nancy, b. May 16, 1796, m. Oct. 26, 1826, Horatio Fletcher, d. at Lowell, April 4, 1872 (See FLETCHER).
3. Mary, b. Aug. 13, 1798, m. Charles Tuttle; dau. Caroline, m. — Hutchins (Templeton, Mass.).
4. JOHN, b. Aug. 18, 1800, d. at Rockford, Ill., June 14, 1871.
5. Julia, b. Jan. 29, 1802, d. Nov. 26, 1880, m. (1) Caleb E. Tower, (2) Nathaniel Wilder, (See TOWER).
6. Eunice Prescott, b. April 13, 1804, m. George Haskell, M. D., d. Jan. 19, 1893 (See HASKELL).

JOHN EDWARDS, m. Dec., 1825, MARIA ADELAIDE HEALD, lived in Acton till 1838, Lowell till 1851, and Rockford till death. She d. in Chicago, May 4, 1893 (See HEALD);—VII. Ch.:

1. Julia Eliza, b. July 2, 1827, m. Oct. 24, 1850, Stillman Allen Clemens (See CLEMENS), lives in Rockford;—(VIII. Ch.: Edwards, b. April 11, 1853, d. Jan. 29, 1872; Ernest Allen, b. Dec. 10, 1859, lives in Magdalena, N. M.).

2. Francis Marshall, b. Oct. 21, 1828, d. April 30, 1862.

3. (Rev.) John Harrington, b. Sept. 21, 1834, m. (1) Oct. 1, 1862, Caroline Starr, b. Jan. 28, 1829, d. Nov. 25, 1898 (See STARR); m. (2) Anna Van Veghten Starr (See VAN VEGHTEN), live in Brooklyn, N. Y.—(VIII. Ch.: by (1) Chandler Starr, b. Nov. 13, 1863, in West Lebanon, N. H., m. (1) Sept. 30, 1889, Margaret Von Nieda,—[IX. Ch: Starr Von Nieda, b. and d. July, 1891; John Chandler, b. Mar. 14, 1893]; m. (2) April 26, 1899, Alice Rhome Crandall (See CRANDALL), live in Mayville, N. D.; John Harrington, b. Dec. 26, 1866, m. (1) June 14, 1893, Mary Rebecca Dixon (Ottumwa, Iowa), d. Oct., 1898; m. (2) June 26, 1902, Florence Elizabeth Houston, b. Aug. 13, 1875, at Beloit, Wis. (See HEALD), live in Seattle, Washington).

4. Annie Maria, b. April 3, 1836, m. (1) Feb. 18, 1857, Melancthon Smith (See SMITH);—(VIII. Ch: Edith Maria, b. Mar. 29, 1860, m. Oct. 10, 1892, Thomas J. Drummond, of Montreal (brother of Dr. William Henry Drummond, the Canadian poet);—[IX. Ch: Thomas Edwards, b. June 26, 1893; Louis Chetlain, b. Aug. 3, 1897]; m. (2) Augustus L. Chetlain (See p. 19).

— George Drummond (Captain in the Irish Constabulary), son of Charles Drummond, was b. in Longford County, Ireland, 1812, and

died in Montreal, Can., Nov. 13, 1865; m. Elizabeth Morris Soden, dau. of Edward Soden, b. in County Leitrim, Ireland, 1823, d. in Montreal, May 17, 1906;—Ch: THOMAS J., b. (as also his brothers) at Tauley House, County Leitrim, Sept. 26, 1860, m. Oct., 1892, Edith M. (Smith) Cheplain, live in Montreal and St. Bruno, P. Q.; William Henry, M.D. (called "the most popular man in Canada," in the best sense), b. April 13, 1854, d. April 6, 1907; John J., b. July 5, 1856; George E., b. Oct. 21, 1858.

HARRINGTON.

ROBERT HARRINGTON (spelled also Errington and Arrington) came to Watertown in 1625. He was a "proprietor" in 1642, took the oath of fidelity in 1652, was a "freeman" in 1663, a selectman 1679–1700, and owned a house and mill. In 1648 he married Susanna George (d. 1694) and died May 11, 1707, aged 91. In his will he mentions his sons John, Benjamin, Samuel, Thomas, and Edward to whom he gave the homestead; and his daughters, Susanna (Beers), Mary (Bemis), and Sarah (Winship). His inventory specifies 16 lots of land containing 642½ acres, appraised at £717. From him came probably all of the name in New England. Descendants:—II. Edward, b. Mar. 2, 1668; m. Mary Ocington, Mar. 30, 1692;—III. Edward, b. June 17, 1702, d. Oct. 6, 1771, m. Anna Bullard, b. Dec. 15, 1731, d. Dec. 6, 1792;—IV. (Capt.) Edward, b. May 22, 1735, m. Anna Lawrence, d. at Fort Ticonderoga, Sept. 23, 1776. His sister, SUSANNA, m. Col. John Edwards of Acton.

HEALD.

Arms —Argent, on a chevron gules between three bombs sable fired proper, as many bezants; a chief of the second: crest,—a sword and key in sallire proper. Motto, *Nemo sibi nascitur* (No one is born for himself alone).

JOHN HEALD and DOROTHY, his wife, came from Berwick, Northumberland, to Concord in 1635. He became a "freeman" in 1641, and died May 24, 1662. Descendants:—II. (Lieut.) John, d. June 17, 1689, m. June 10, 1661, Sarah Dean, d. July 22, 1689;—III. John, b. Sept. 19, 1666, d. Nov. 25, 1721, m. Dec. 18, 1690, Mary Chandler, b. Mar. 3, 1672, d. Aug. 14, 1759;—IV. Timothy, b. June 7, 1696, d. Mar.

28, 1736, m. Hannah Parlin;—V. (Col.) Thomas, b. Jan. 14, 1731, d. July, 1821, m. Dec. 6, 1800, Elizabeth Locke, b. Mar. 5, 1770, d. May, 1843;—VI. Ch: MARIA ADELAIDE, b. Oct. 15, 1802, d. May 4, 1893, m. John Edwards of Acton, Dec. 5, 1826; Eliza Locke, b. Mar. 29, 1805, d. Feb. 18, 1887, m. Dec. 13, 1835, Horatio Stone (son of Abner and Sarah Russell Stone of Framingham), b. May 27, 1813, d. 1896; Caroline, b. and d. April, 1817; Sarah Ann, b. Sept. 10, 1809, d. Feb., 1864, m. (1) June 7, 1831, Samuel L. Wilkins, b. May, 1804, d. Aug. 31, 1843, (2) Aug. 30, 1848, Jacob Q. A. Kettelle, b. Sept., 1804; George Albert, b. Nov. 12, 1812, d. Aug., 1863, m. Jane Cherrytree;—(VII. Ch: Albert, Julia Eliza, George Horatio).

The Healds and Edwardses seem to have had special affinity, as nine intermarriages between members of the two families have been noted in these investigations. In the union at Ottumwa, Iowa, June 14, 1893, of John Harrington Edwards, Jr., with MARY R. DIXON, the Puritan and Quaker branches of the Heald family came together after a separation of perhaps three centuries. She was the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Dixon, and died at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 1898. In the fourth generation of Healds in this country, Ephraim, brother of Timothy, founded another line which ran as follows: Ephraim, b. Feb., 1710, m. Eleanor ——. Then (Maj.) Ephraim, b. 1734, d. 1815, m. Sarah Conant, Nov., 1757. Next, Sarah Heald, b. Sept. 4, 1759, m. Samuel Spalding. Their son, Ira Spalding, m. Eliza Atwood, whose sister, Eunice C., b. Aug. 17, 1807, m. John P. Houston, b. May 20, 1798. Their son, George Alfred, b. in Bedford, N. H., Oct. 24, 1829, m. at Beloit, Wis., Sept. 28, 1858, Elizabeth Rhoda Keeler, b. in St. Joseph, Mich., Nov. 13, 1838. Their dau., Florence Elizabeth, b. in Beloit, Aug. 13, 1875, m. J. H. Edwards, Jr., of Seattle, Washington, at Rockford, June 26, 1902, thus uniting the Heald and Edwards lines once more. Her only brother, Fred Keeler Houston, b. in Beloit, April 10, 1866, m. at Belvidere, Ill., Aug. 4, 1904, Mary Asenath Sabin, b. Sept. 15, 1867. They have one dau., Helen Sabin, b. June 6, 1906.

HAVEN-LOCKE.

RICHARD HAVEN is said to have come from the West of England to Lynn in 1645. Descendants:—II. John, m. Oct. 3, 1682, Hannah Hitchens;—III. Joseph, d. Feb. 27, 1776, m. his cousin Mehitabel (dau. of Moses Haven), d. Jan. 25, 1780;—IV. Mary (Nichols), b. April 14, 1730, m. (2) Oct. 2, 1761, Jonathan Locke of Ashby;—V.

Betsy (Elizabeth), b. Mar. 5, 1770, d. May, 1843, at Lowell, m. (Judge) Thomas Heald.

(Dea.) WILLIAM LOCKE, b. at Stepney Parish, London, Dec. 13, 1628, came on the ship *Planter* to Mass., settled at Woburn, m. Dec. 27, 1655, MARY CLARKE, of Watertown, b. Dec. 20, 1640, d. July 18, 1715. Their house in Woburn, in which he died June 16, 1720, is still standing, or was not many years since. Descendants:—II. James, b. Nov. 14, 1677, m. Dec. 5, 1700, Sarah Cutter;—III. James, b. June 17, 1700, m. Jan. 11, 1727, Elizabeth Burnap;—IV. Jonathan, m. Mary (Haven) Nichols;—V. Betsy, m. Thomas Heald, and was mother of Mrs. John Edwards (See HEALD and EDWARDS). Mary Haven Locke was a woman of great mental powers, amiable and devout, and author of a volume of patriotic poems published in Revolutionary times.

CONANT.

The name Conant (spelled in 32 ways, of which 18 are known in America) means in Welsh, Cymric, and Irish "chief," and is related to the word for king or leader in the Germanic languages. An early ancestor settled in Devonshire in the fourteenth century, whence two brothers of the name came two hundred years later to the New World. The younger brother, Roger, arrived in Plymouth in 1623, and from him nearly all the Conants descended. Being a sturdy Puritan he was not in full sympathy with the Pilgrims of Plymouth, and soon left them for Cape Ann. Governor's Island in Boston harbor was for many years called Conant's Island, probably because he first occupied it. For more than three years he was in charge of the colony in or near Gloucester, which removed to Salem, and so he is regarded as the first Governor, *de facto*, of Massachusetts. He is described as "a sober, pious, and prudent gentleman," and as having been an efficient and respected administrator of the first permanent settlement in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The descendants of ROGER and SARAH (HORTON) CONANT were:—II. Lot, b. about 1624, d. 1683;—III. John, b. Dec. 15, 1652, d. Sept. 30, 1724;—IV. Lot, bap. June 1, 1679, d. Sept. 20, 1767;—V. Andrew, bap. Jan. 25, 1702;—VI. Abel, b. April 5, 1747, d. Dec. 31, 1833;—VII. LUTHER, b. 1790 in Concord, settled in Acton, m., Jan. 3, 1813, Sukey Edwards, and d. July 6, 1866;—VIII. Ch: two died in infancy; Augustine, b. Sept. 8, 1828; Luther, b. June 4, 1831, (member of Mass. Legislature 1867 and 1887, and Hon. member of G. A. R. Post 138), m. (1) Nov., 1860, Celeste Josephine Rob-

bins;—(IX. Ch. Lyman Edwards, b. Jan , 1862, d. Aug. 15, 1864; Herbert Augustine, b. Aug. 2, 1863, d. Sept. 8, 1864; Elbridge Robbins, b. Sept. 23, 1865, m., Jan. 3, 1895; Elfleta Pearl Launey, b. at Shelbyville, Ill., Oct. 16, 1869;—[X. Luther Launey, b. May 24, 1896, d. June 8, 1897; Lucile Bradford, b. Sept. 19, 1898; Charlotte; Frances, b. Aug. 9, 1902]); m. (2) Jan. 21, 1869, Susan Augusta Davis, d. 1906;—(IX. Ch: Susan Edwards, b. Sept. 24, 1870, m. Oct. 6, 1896, Herman Wesley Parker;—[X. Ch: Augusta Conant, d. Mar. 4, 1903]; Luther, b. Dec. 21, 1872. m. Jan. 10, 1900, Margaret Dunham Farnam, b. at Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1875; Charlotte Louise, b. Sept. 29, 1875; Augustine Bradford, b. Sept. 29, 1878).

FLETCHER.

The name Fletcher means "maker (or *fledger*, featherer) of arrows." ROBERT, the first of the name in this country, came from Yorkshire to Concord in 1630, and was thus one of the earliest settlers there, of whom Shattuck, the town historian, says, that they "were among the most wealthy, intelligent, and pious of the early colonists." He was b. 1592, and d. April 3, 1677. Descendants:—II. Samuel, d. Dec. 9, 1697;—III. William, b. Jan. 1, 1671, d. about 1743;—IV. (Capt.) Samuel, b. 1707, d. Mar. 11, 1780, in Westford;—V. (Dea.) Samuel, b. Jan. 24, 1754, d. Aug. 25, 1838, m. (1) Lucy Jones, (2) Miriam Keyes, b. Mar. 13, 1767, d. Mar. 1, 1869, almost 102 years old;—VI. HORATIO, b. Mar. 28, 1796, d. Feb. 8, 1882, in Lowell, m. Nancy Edwards, Oct. 26, 1826;—VII. Ch: Caroline, b. Sept. 13, 1827, d. Dec. 20, 1853; Samuel Edwards, b. Jan. 22, 1829, d. Sept. 23, 1840; Julia Maria, b. Oct. 7, 1830, m. Luther Blodgett Morse, M. D.;—(VIII. Ch: Edward Luther, b. Oct. 18, 1857, m. Elsie Linsley; Henry Fletcher, b. July 16, 1860, m. Emma Bean;—[IX. Ch: Stanley Fletcher; Ruth; Alan], Clara Belle, b. Oct. 6, 1867; Mary Edwards, b. Mar. 16, 1832, m. Oct. 26, 1854, William Phillips Brazer, b. Aug. 3, 1820;—(VIII. Ch: Ralph Fletcher, b. April 11, 1856, m. Sept. 22, 1892, Anna Bergitta Olsen;—[IX. Ch: Helen Ingeborg, b. Sept. 15, 1893; Hilda Fletcher, b. Sept. 15, 1893; Norman, b. Mar. 8, 1895]; Kate Edwards, b. April 20, 1860; May, b. Sept. 24, 1865; Horatio Richmond, b. Aug. 28, 1835, m. Mary Frances Knapp;—(VIII. Ch: Miriam, b. April 1, 1868, m. Walter Boyden Whittier;—[IX. Ch: Paul Fletcher, b. June 14, 1893; Sydney Boyden, b. Jan. 4, 1896; Roger Knapp; b. Oct. 1, 1897; Gertrude, b. Feb. 27, 1899; Emily, b. July 8, 1900; d. Nov. 8, 1901]; Richmond

Knapp, b. 1895); Clara Augusta, b. Mar. 13, m. John E. Humphrey, d. Aug. 5, 1879;—(VIII. Ch: Arthur Fletcher, b. May 16, 1868; John Richmond, b. Dec. 24, 1873;—[IX. Ch: Clara; Delia; Gilbert]).

TOWER.

CALEB E. TOWER m. Julia Edwards in Acton, and their first child was born there. They removed to Edwardsville, Ill., where he d. June, 1841. Their children were (VIII.) Anna, d. in Edwardsville, 20 years of age; Susan A. (Marie), m. Orlando Clark of Rockford;—(IX. Ch: Julia, d. in Portland, Or.; Nelly (Pilkington) d. in Portland, leaving one son; Harry T.; May; the last two living in Portland); Julia, m. Cyrus F. Miller, Esq., of Rockford;—(IX. Ch: Belle (Shoudy), lives in Fairchild, Wis.; Luther Lincoln, lives in Chicago, Ill.); Caleb Edward, b. Nov. 13, 1841, m. 1865, Helen Rebekah Dunn in Rockford, b. Sept. 21, 1836, d. in South Bend, Ind., April 16, 1907. The family moved to Rockford in 1855, where Mrs. Tower m. Nathaniel Wilder. Of the two generations then living only Caleb remains

HASKELL.

William Roger and Mark Haskell came from England and settled in Beverly in 1632. WILLIAM removed to Gloucester in 1643, and d. there Aug. 1693. Descendants:—II. William, b. 1644;—III. Henry, b. 1678;—IV. Samuel, b. 1715;—V. Samuel, b. in Harvard, 1746, d. 1825 at Waterford, Me., m. Ruth Safford, and served in Revolutionary army;—VI. GEORGE HASKELL, M.D., b. in Harvard, Mar. 23, 1899, d. 1867, m. Eunice Prescott Edwards (named after her uncles, Gens. Oliver and William Prescott of Bunker Hill fame), June 13, 1827, (See EDWARDS);—VII. Ch: Ellen, b. at Ashby, Jan. 20, 1829, m. Oct. 19, 1852, Henry Plummer Kimball, b. in Stafford, N. H., Mar. 8, 1829, d. May 10, 1889;—(VII. Ch: Frank Henry, M.D., b. July 13, 1855, m. (1) Henrietta Kirk, (2) Gudrun Tillish;—[IX. Ch: Elizabeth, b. 1895; Alice, b. 1897; Ellen, b. 1906]; Willis M., b. April 21, 1858, m. Nov. 16, 1882, Isabel M. Mears, b. July 24, 1857;—[IX. Ch: Robert Haskell, b. Oct. 2, 1883; Vera M., b. Jan. 20, 1885]; Carleton C., b. May 8, 1868, m. Jan. 1 1895, May Irish;—[IX. Son, b. 1896]; George S., b. Oct. 4, 1836, d. Aug. 12, 1891, m. Lydia E. Howell, b. Oct. 26, 1843, d. in

Paris, France, 1901;—[IX. Ch: George Edwards, b. April 5, 1861, d. Nov., 1870; Mark Tracy, b. 1863, d. 1881].

CLEMENS-PIERSON-STILLMAN.

WILLIAM WYLLYS CLEMMONS came from England in 1654 to Lyme, Ct. Descendants:—II. Theodore, of Hartland, Ct.; —III. Ferdinand, b. 1764, d. 1836, adopted by (Lieut.) Silas Holcomb (who fought at Quebec under Wolfe) and m. his dau. Anna, b. at N. Granby, Ct.—IV. Allen Clemens (member of Coast Guard in 1812), b. Dec. 7, 1793, d. Sept. 12, 1864, m. Jan. 16, 1816, Catherine Helen Stillman;—V. STILLMAN ALLEN CLEMENS, b. at N. Granby, Nov. 2, 1816, d. at Chicago, Ill., April 17, 1875, m. Oct. 24, 1850, Julia Eliza Edwards (See EDWARDS).

Rev. ABRAHAM PIERSON, b. in 1613 at Newark-on-Trent, vicar in Church of England, became Non-Conformist, and came to Boston in 1639, settled over a Congregational church at Lynn, aided in founding the churches at Southampton, L. I., and Branford, Ct., removed with most of his congregation to N. J., bought from the Indians lands along the Passaic river, and laid the foundations of Newark, named after his birthplace. His son, (Rev.) Abraham, b. at Lynn, d. at Killingworth, Ct., in 1707, m. Abigail Clark, and was the first Rector of Yale College. His son, (Rev.) John, b. at Newark in 1689, m. Ruth Woodbridge, in 1712, and d. at Hanover, N. J., in 1789, after a ministry of 56 years. Their dau. Anna, b. 1722, m. Henry St. John in 1752, and d. in 1780. Their dau. Anna, b. at New Haven, 1754, m. (Dr.) Benjamin Stillman, and d. in 1812. Catherine Helen Stillman, dau. of above, b. Sept. 24, 1798, m. Jan. 16, Allen Clemens, 1816, and d. June 18, 1856.

GEORGE STILLMAN came from Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire, Eng., to Hadley in 1654. Descendants:—Benjamin; Samuel, New Haven, (wounded at Fort Griswold, Groton, Ct., when Col. Ledyard was killed); (Dr.) Benjamin, m. Anna St. John.

Of Rev. Abraham Pierson, first President of Yale College, Dr. Stearns, of Newark, said, "You perceive in him one of the best specimens of the first growth of the American Colonies, and tradition says he was an excellent preacher and an exceedingly pious and good man." Gov. Trumbull said of him, "He had the character of a hard student, a good scholar and a great divine; steady, admirable in his whole conduct, he instructed and governed the collegians to general approbation."

Stillman Allen Clemens was a man of high culture, a successful teacher, and a remarkably gifted inventor. In Scribner's Magazine for August, 1875, Dr. J. G. Holland, then its editor, gave an extended eulogy of his old friend, closing thus, "The community in which rest his precious remains could do itself no higher honor than to erect over them a stone bearing the inscription: "Here lies Stillman A. Clemens, who died poor in this world's goods and poor in spirit, but rich in faith, rich in mind and heart, rich in character and in all the graces of a Christian gentleman, and rich in the affection of all who knew him and were worthy of his acquaintance?"

STARR.

Dr. COMFORT STARR lived and practiced in Ashford, Kent, England, till he left for New England in 1635. He came with three children and three servants in "the good ship called the *Hercules* of Sandwich to the Plantation called New England in America with the Certificates from the ministers where they last dwelt of their conformitie to the orders and discipline of the Church, and that they had taken the Oath of Allegiance and supremacy." His wife, Elizabeth, seems to have sailed in another vessel with four other children, the last being born the day after the above certificate was signed. She d. at Boston, June 25, 1658, aged 63. He was a man of property and position in Ashford, and became such in his new home. That he had a large practice in Boston appears from the estate having claims against 78 different persons. The names of a brother, "Joyful," and two sisters who joined him later in Massachusetts, "Suretrust," and "Constant," suggest qualities which have characterized his posterity in a marked degree. He d. at Boston Jan. 2, 1659-60. Descendants:—

- II. (Dr.) Thomas, b. in England, d. Oct. 26, 1658, m. Rachel ———.
- III. (Capt.) Josiah (founder of the Danbury branch), b. in Charlestown, d. in Danbury, Ct., Jan. 4, 1715-16, m. Rebekah ———, d. July 15, 1739, aged 74.—IV. Samuel, b. 1700, d. Dec. 29, 1744, m. Abigail Dibble.—
- V. (Rev.) Peter (See p. 23), b. Sept., 1744, d. July 17, 1829, m. (1) Dec. 24, 1772, Sarah Robbins, of Branford, Ct., b. Jan. 11, 1749, d. July 17, 1809, m. (2) Oct. 24, 1810, Phebe (Warner) Stevens, b. 1798, d. Mar. 3, 1832.—VI. Chandler (See p. 27), b. Jan. 11, 1792, d. at Stamford, Ct., July 15, 1876, m. Aug. 23, 1813, Hannah, dau. of Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Van Veghten) Smith, b. Nov. 20, 1795, d. at Norwalk, Ct., Dec. 29, 1866 (See SMITH and VAN VEGHTEN);—
- VII. Ch: Henry, b. June 14, 1814, d. Oct. 6, 1884, m. Sept. 10, 1839,

Catherine Schuyler Zabriskie (sister of Abraham Oothout Zabriskie, Chancellor of N. J.), b. Jan. 21, 1817, d. Jan. 4, 1894;—(VIII. Ch: John Lansing, b. Jan. 18, 1842, d. April 28, 1843, at Tallahassee, Fla.; ANNA VAN VEGHTEN, b. Aug. 9, 1845, m. Rev. John Harrington Edwards); Melancthon, b. April 17, 1816, d. at Rockford, Ill., Nov. 28, 1885, m. (1) Lucretia Mary Nevins, b. June 26, 1817, d. at Rockford, April 26, 1857; m. (2) Ellen Marilla Townsend, b. Jan. 13, 1844.—(VIII. Ch. by (1): Henry Nevins, b. Aug. 12, 1840, m. (1) July 14, 1861, Emma Stewart, b. Nov. 8, 1842, d. Jan. 26, 1882;—[IX. Ch: Laura Lucretia (Beale), b. July 28, 1863; Mabel (Cheyney), b. April 4, 1868]; m. (2) July 28, 1883, Caroline Humphrey, b. Oct. 28, 1859;—[IX. Ch: Carroll Humphrey, b. Sept. 22, 1884];—VIII. Florida Lucretia, b. Aug. 13, 1842, m. (1) Addison Brown, Lieut. Col. 5th Reg. Vt. Vol., d. after battle of Winchester; m. (2) John Pells Manny (inventor and manufacturer), d. Nov. 16, 1897;—[IX. Ch: Mary Elizabeth (Sackett), b. May 31, 1869; Lucretia, b. Jan. 22, 1871, d. May 18, 1872; John Starr, b. Sept. 3, 1872; Henry Haven, b. May 7, 1877, m. Jan. 3, 1907, Katherine Myers; Virginia Ross (Larkin), b. Mar. 14, 1879];—VIII. Elizabeth Smith, b. Jan. 5, 1846, d. June 27, 1904, m. Aug. 20, 1867, Charles Weatherby Brown, b. Nov. 7, 1840, at Brattleboro, Vt.;—[IX. Ch: Melancthon Starr, b. Sept. 19, 1868, m. Jan. 22, 1902, Edna Knight Taylor; Elizabeth (Needham), b. April 4, 1870; Frances (Williams) b. Mar. 10, 1880; Alice Starr (Green), b. July 16, 1882];—VIII. Chandler, b. April 29, 1851, m. Jan. 1, 1874, Clara Blanche Ellis (dau. of Lieut. Col. E. F. W. Ellis of 15th Reg. Ill. Vol., killed at Battle of Shiloh), b. Sept. 26, 1854;—[IX. Ch: Norma (Miller), b. Dec. 30, 1877];—VIII. David Nevins, b. Oct. 9, 1853, m. Mary Robertson; Lucretia Mary, b. April 20, 1857];—VII. Elizabeth, Mar. 31, 1818, d. May 17, 1884, m. July 17, 1849, Lebbeus Baldwin Ward; William, b. April 17, 1820, d. Dec. 28, 1824; Sarah Anna, b. Mar. 19, 1822, d. Mar. 11, 1887, m. June 30, 1846, Charles Jones Starr, b. Mar. 22, 1809, d. Nov. 2, 1893; Walter Smith, b. Sept. 5, 1831, d. Aug. 11, 1893, m. June 3, 1857, Mary Caroline Dannat, b. April 27, 1838, d. Aug. 9, 1904 (as Rev. Mother Mary Veronica, founded Order of Sisters of the Divine Compassion, and two large institutions for the care and education of poor children of New York);—(VIII. Ch: Chandler Dannat, b. Sept. 3, 1853; Walter Dannat, b. Mar. 11, 1860, m. June 2, 1889, Mari Imogene Eidlitz, b. Jan. 3, 1861;—[IX. Ch: Walter Knickerbocker, b. Sept. 12, 1892; Thomas Leopold Eidlitz, b. Mar. 13, 1896]);—VII. Mary, b. Oct. 15, 1825, d. Mar. 17, 1895, m. Mar. 1, 1849; John Calvin Barnes,

b. Aug. 15, 1823, d. April 15, 1905;—(VIII. Ch: Carrie Starr, b. Dec. 28, 1849, d. Dec. 4, 1857; Charles Willett, b. Oct. 20, 1851; Elizabeth Ward, b. July 5, 1855, d. Jan. 31, 1857; Thomas Rhoads, b. Jan. 25, 1857, d. 189—; Mary Storrs (Dykes), b. July 25, 1861; d. Nov. 29, 1892; Sarah Adeline Swartwout (Livingston), b. April 25, 1865; Alfred Street, b. Jan. 12, 1868); CAROLINE, b. Jan. 28, 1829, d. Nov. 25, 1898, m. Rev. John Harrington Edwards (See EDWARDS).

VAN VEGHTEN-KNICKERBOCKER.

The name Van Veghten, or Vechten, indicates that the village of Veght, three miles from Utrecht, Holland, was the cradle of the family. The little river Veght flows through it, and is said to have been so called from the fact that Caesar crossed the Rhine at Utrecht (*Ultrajectum*) on his way to Britain, had a fight here with the local tribes, and made two camps, one at Utrecht and the other at Veghten. Hence the spot got its name, meaning "fighting-place" (Anglo-Saxon *feohtan*, German *fechten*, Dutch *vechten*, Eng. fight), while Van means *of* or *from*.

TEUNIS DIRKSE VAN VEGHTEN, *alias* Poentie, came over in 1638 in the ship *Arms of Norway* with wife, one child, and two negro servants, and had a farm at Greenbush (nearly opp. Albany) in 1648. He is spoken of as an old inhabitant in 1663, and is said to have taken an active part in the councils and management of the colonies. Descendants:—II. Cornelius Teunise (the name-endings *se*, *sic*, *tie*, and *je* were Dutch diminutives of affection), *alias* Keeson, of Papsknee (an island below Albany), m. Sara Salomonse Goeway. —III. Dirk Cornelise, m. Nov. 20, 1703, Margareta Harmense Luwes (Lievense?), will proved Oct. 17, 1752.—IV. Harmen, b. Feb. 16, 1704, d. (shot by the Indians) April 25, 1746, m. Elizabeth Van Buren, d. April 17, 1746.—V. (Col.) Cornelius (of Schagtekook—spelled various ways), b. Mar. 9 1735, d. Oct. 20, 1813, m. Dec. 10, 1757, Anna Knickerbocker, b. in Albany Nov. 16, 1735, d. Dec. 3, 1809; dau. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 12, 1770, m. Rev. Samuel Smith (See SMITH).

Col. V. V. lived in summer at his farm in Saratoga (Schuylerville) called "Do-ve-gat," adjoining Gen. Philip Schuyler's farm. He was a prominent Whig and active in military matters, being Lieut. Col. of the 13th Reg. N. Y. militia, and on Gen. Gates's staff. When Burgoyne marched from Fort Edward he was ordered to remove all Tory families from the neighborhood into Conn. as a precautionary step; but made himself responsible for the conduct of his suspected neighbors, and was

rewarded by seeing some of them become good patriots. After the battle of Saratoga, Burgoyne had the houses of the Whigs burned, and Col. V. V.'s mill, houses, and barns were fired first, the Schuyler's next, their families fleeing to Albany. Having held a commission in the Royal army, he was subject to the penalty of death if captured, a fact which emphasizes his courage and patriotism. See Lossing's *Field Book of the Revolution*. He was buried in the Rural Cemetery at Albany.

JOHN VAN BERGHEN KNICKERBOCKER (Knickkelbacker, 'baker of boys' marbles'), third son of Godfrey, Count Van Grimberghen, was a captain in the navy of the United Provinces. After the death of the second Prince of Orange, to whom he was devoted, he came to North America where he died. By his wife Juliana, dau. of Rutger Van Marnier, he had two sons, of whom—II. Herman Jansen, the second, b. Mar. 18, 1648, in Friesland, was an officer in the Dutch navy, and came to America after the battle with the French and English fleet at Solebay, 1672, where he was wounded. Jan. 3, 1675, he m. Elizabeth (Lysbeth) Van De Bogaert, and d. April 2, 1721.—III. John, (Johannes Harmense) b. Mar. 16, 1679, d. Oct. 4, 1749, m. Oct. 19, (Sept. 27?), 1701, Anna Quackenbos b. Mar. 4, 1681, d. Jan. 3, 1738. He lived much among the Indians, and was often interpreter for the colony.—IV. Walter (Wouter), b. Oct., 1712, d. Aug. 9, 1797, m. Jan. 9, 1735, Elizabeth Fonda.—V. Anna (Annatje, Annetta), bp. Nov. 19, 1735, m. Col. Cornelius Van Veghten.

CRANDALL.

Like several of this group of family names, Crandall is Welch in origin, and in its old form, Craun Dall, meant iron dale. Like others in our record the first immigrant, Rev. JOHN CRANDALL came to New England in 1635. Being a Baptist minister, he did not meet with favor from the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay, and, persecuted in Salem, he departed to Rhode Island in 1637, and joined Roger Williams at Providence, removing later to Newport and Westerly. He m. Ann Langworthy, and the line now followed leads through—II. Joshua, b. Oct. 15, 1727, d. Feb. 12, 1817, and m. Abigail;—III. Peter, b. Aug. 1, 1763, d. Oct. 12, 1838, m. Feb. 9, 1785, Nancy Bliven, b. June 29, 1765;—IV. Daniel, b. in Westerly Dec. 23, 1786, d. at Palmyra, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1836, (author of *Columbian Spelling Book*), m. Aug. 31, 1807, Olivia, dau. of William and Elizabeth Kendall, b. in Berlin Aug. 31, 1788, d. Nov. 4, 1865;—V. William Baker (M.D.), b. at Springfield, N. Y., Aug. 20,

1820, d. at Palmyra April, 14, 1874, m. Mary Jane Vosburgh, b. at Stockport, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1831, and lived in Rochester from 1863;—VI. ALICE RHOME, b. at Palmyra Nov. 13, 1862, m. April 26, 1899, Chandler Starr Edwards at Chicopee, Mass.

SMITH.

JOHN SMITH, b. in England about 1597, came first to Taunton, and about 1642 removed with Rev. Francis Doughty and his brother, Richard Smith, to Rhode Island. Obtaining a large land grant from the Dutch in Long Island, they came to Maspeth (now Maspeth, a part of Brooklyn) and there he was killed by the Indians the next year. Descendants:—II. Samuel, b. 1636, and settled in Jamaica, L. I.;—III. Samuel, b. about 1669;—IV. Samuel, b. Dec. 13, 1700, m. (1) Jan. 28, 1723, Elizabeth Waters; one son,—V. Waters, b. Oct. 25, 1725, d. Nov. 5, 1782; m. (2) Deborah Fields Betts;—VI. Melancthon, b. May 7, 1744, d. July 29, 1798 (an anti-Federalist, and said to have been the ablest opponent of Hamilton and Livingston. His son, Melancthon, Col. of 29th Reg., commanded at Fort Brown at the battle of Plattsburg in 1812. His grandson, Melancthon, was Admiral in U. S. Navy), m. (2) Jan. 22, 1733, Elizabeth Bayles, b. Aug. 8, 1711, d. Nov. 19, 1776;—VI. Samuel, b. Aug. 14, 1736, d. April 18, 1786, m. Jan. 27, 1767, Hannah Stringham, b. May 3, 1739, d. Mar. 21, 1810;—VII. (Rev.) Samuel, b. June 17, 1768, d. Oct. 10, 1801, (grad. Columbia College 1786, in the first class after the Revolution in the reconstructed King's College, De Witt Clinton and two of the Livingstons being classmates. He was pastor of R. D. church in Saratoga more than ten years, and for sixteen months of the Pres. church at Ct. Farms, now Union, N. J., where he d. greatly lamented), m. Elizabeth Van Veghten, b. Dec. 23, 1767 (See VAN VEGHTEN);—VIII. Their dau. Hannah, b. Nov. 20, 1795, d. Dec. 29, 1866, m. Chandler Starr (See STARR). Her brother Samuel Melancthon, b. Aug. 21, 1791, d. at Rochester July 25, 1829 (Lieut. in war of 1812, and promoted Col. for gallantry at battle of Queenstown Heights), m. Dec. 15, 1818, Prua Hanford, b. May 13, 1803; their son—IX. George Melancthon, b. Mar. 25, 1826, served with distinction in Civil War, and was killed at Vicksburg (see EDWARDS and p. 18); their dau. Elizabeth Swartwout, b. Feb. 18, 1820, at Rochester, N. Y., d. in N. Y. City Aug. 1898, m. Azel Backus Brown;—X. Walter Backus Brown;—X. Walter. The Brown pedigree runs back in this country to ABRAHAM, who was a "freeman" in Watertown, 1631, whose house is still in the family; and in England to John Brown, Esq.,

chief magistrate of Stamford in 1378, including in the kin such distinguished men as Lord Chancellor Cecil, and Robert Brown the Reformer, who founded the sect of Brownists, afterwards called Independents.

LIEUT. COL. MELANCTHON SMITH.

Extracts from a Discourse Delivered at Rockford, Ill., August 2d, 1863,

By Rev. Henry M. Goodwin.

"Melancthon Smith was born at Rochester, N. Y., March 25, 1826. His father, Capt. Melancthon Smith, was himself a soldier in the last war with Great Britain and fought with valor at the battle of Queens-town, and from him the son doubtless inherited those soldierly qualities which distinguished him during the last years of his life. Of his youth and early manhood I am unable to speak, except that he was early thrown upon his own resources, and travelled extensively in the South and West, where he acquired that knowledge of the world, and those habits of self-reliance and patient endurance of toil and hardship, which admirably fitted him for the part he was afterward to act. He came to this city in 1854, and entered into mercantile business with his cousin, Melancthon Starr. Finding in this employment not sufficient scope for his active and nobly ambitious spirit he abandoned, after a few years, the pursuit of trade and devoted himself to the study of law, for the science of which he possesses an ardent love and a fine mental adaptation. He was admitted to the bar in 1859, and engaged with ardor and ability in the practice of his profession, till the political campaign of 1860, with the momentous issues then at stake, called him away from professional to public and patriotic efforts for the redemption of the country. He threw his whole soul into this campaign, speaking earnestly and eloquently on the great questions of the hour.

"When the President's call for 300,000 volunteers sounded like a midnight bell throughout the land, young Smith was one of the first to respond. He issued a call for a volunteer company, which was promptly answered and filled. Enlisting as a private, he was immediately chosen Captain, and the company then joined what was known as the Lead Mine Regiment, of which he was made Lieutenant-Colonel. He soon gained a high reputation as a gallant and efficient field officer, securing both the admiration and love of his soldiers. He was actively engaged in seven battles, among which those of Donelson and Shiloh afforded conspicuous demonstrations of his heroic bravery. Soon after the occupation by our army of Western Tennessee he was appointed Provost Mar-

shal of Jackson, and later transferred to the larger and more important post of Memphis.

"Ordered to join his regiment he went to Vicksburg, but was recalled to Memphis at the earnest request of the citizens. His regiment being ordered to make a desperate charge on Fort Hill, he asked permission to remain and lead his men. Foremost in the assault was the gallant Forty-fifth, and foremost in it was Lieut.-Col. Smith, who had command in the absence of his snperior officer. While in the act of cheering on his men he fell wounded in the head by three balls. He immediately felt that his wound was mortal, and said: 'I die as a true soldier, and as I would wish to die.' He expired Sunday morning, June 28, in the thirty-eighth year of his age."

BREV. MAJ.-GEN. AUGUSTUS L. CHETLAIN.

LOUIS CHETLAIN (originally Chatelain, castle keeper or commander), father of Gen. Chetlain, was of Swiss Huguenot extraction, b. in Canton Bern, Oct. 17, 1796, and died at Galena, Ill., August 21, 1872. His wife, JULIA HOMBERT DROZ, was born in Canton Neuchatel, December 5, 1799, and died at Galena, October 17, 1887. She was a cousin of Pres. Droz, of the Swiss Confederation, who occupied that position 1886-88. In 1821 the Chetlains joined Lord Selkirk's colony, which settled temporarily at a place some 500 miles south of Hudson's Bay. Two years later they removed to St. Louis, Mo., where their son Augustus was born, establishing for him the claim of being now the oldest living citizen of the West born beyond the Mississippi. In 1826 the family moved to Galena and shared the experiences of pioneer life in the new West. When Fort Sumpter was fired on in 1861, Augustus Chetlain was the first one west of Chicago to volunteer for the war. General, then Captain, U. S. Grant helped him enlist, organize and drill the company which marched in a few days to enter the great conflict, and they were room mates at Springfield while waiting orders. Gen. Chetlain's reminiscences of his acquaintance with Gen. Grant during the early years of the war, first given in lectures throughout the West, have appeared in the *Magazine of History* for March and April, 1907, and are a valuable contribution to American history. He has also published an account of the Red River Colony, and "Reminiscences of Seventy Years." His war record was long and honorable. During his first year of service he was with the Army of the Tennessee in all its heaviest battles. Then he com-

manded the post of Corinth, Miss., till May, '63, and later was in charge of recruiting service in Tennessee and Kentucky, in which he organized and commanded a force of 17,000 colored men. He commanded the post of Memphis most of '65, and then the District of Talladega, Ala., till mustered out Jan. 15, 1866. After the war he was Assistant U. S. Collector for the District of Utah in 1867-69, and U. S. Consul-General at Brussels in 1869-72. Returning to this country, he has since resided in Chicago, completing with useful service as a citizen his most honorable career as merchant, soldier, diplomat, and banker.

AUGUSTUS LOUIS CHETLAIN, m. Oct. 28, 1847, Emily Tenney, who d. in 1849. Their only child, Arthur Henry, b. in Galena April 12, 1849, m. in 1892 Carlotta Lillie de Berg, of Stockholm, Sweden, and has four sons and one daughter. He practised law in Chicago in 1873-92, when he was elected Judge of the Superior Court, and is filling his third term of six years each in that position. April 6, 1865, Gen. Chetlain m. Annie Maria (Edwards) Smith, widow of Lieut. Col. Melancthon Smith. (See EDWARDS and SMITH). Her only daughter, Edith, m., Oct. 10, 1892, Thomas J. Drummond of Montreal, Can. They have two sons, Thomas Edwards, and Louis Chetlain.

COL. JOHN EDWARDS.

Biographical note to his funeral sermon, preached in Acton, Mass., "Lord's Day, January 1, 1804, by Rev. Moses Adams, Minister of said town."

"Col. John Edwards died December 26, 1803, after a few days' sickness, aged 43 years. He was sober-minded from his youth, and possessed the love and esteem of his companions. He was early promoted in the military line, and rose through almost all the subordinate grades of office to the command of a regiment. He was highly approved by his fellow and superior officers. He did himself great honour the last time he appeared on command, a few weeks before his death, leading a large military escort, at the funeral of Brig. Gen. COLBURN, of Concord. As a man he enjoyed in a high degree the confidence of his fellow-citizens. The town employed him in their highest offices of police, as long as he could make it convenient to serve. He was much beloved by his neighbours, and had the grateful affections of the poor. His death is universally lamented. He was buried with military honours, but the number of troops was small in conformity to a desire which he had ex-

pressed. Few deaths make so great a breach in family or in society as the death of Col. Edwards."

He was town clerk of Acton, 1798-99, and one of its eleven justices of peace.

HASKELL PARK and EDWARDS FOUNTAIN,

Rockford, Illinois.

"Whereas, Mrs. J. E. Clemens has presented to the city of Rockford a beautiful memorial fountain, in memory of her father, John Edwards, Esq., one of the donors of Haskell Park, to be placed in said Park as an ornament thereof, therefore

Resolved, That the city council accept the same, and hereby express their own and the thanks of the citizens at large, for this valuable and appropriate offering.

Resolved further, That said memorial structure be erected under the supervision and subject to the approval of the West Side park commissioners."

A note appended to the record states that Mrs. Clemens was aided in securing this fountain by Mrs. M. H. Edwards, Mrs. A. L. Chetlain, and Rev. J. H. Edwards. In 1891, the street on the south side of Haskell Park was named "Edwards Place." The Park was given to Rockford in 1849 by Dr. George Haskell and John Edwards.

In the address presenting the fountain to the city, the Rev. Dr. F. P. Woodbury said: "Representatives of the first and second generations combine to give and receive this beautiful fountain, as a memorial of our honored fellow citizen, John Edwards, whose ashes repose within the bounds of the city he loved and served. To you who knew him I need not speak of his life or characterize his services here. His simplicity, modesty, straight-forwardness, his conscientiousness and wisdom, both in the form of practical sagacity and of a large foresight of the future, his living interest and co-operation in every form of good endeavor for the industrial, educational, civil and religious benefit of our community are clearly and permanently fixed in your memories. His character was, indeed, typical of some of the best qualities of American manhood and citizenship."

HON. THOMAS HEALD.

From History of Corinthian Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, Concord, Mass.

OUR SECOND MASTER, 1801-1803.

Bro. Hon. THOMAS HEALD was a petitioner for our charter. He was chosen Junior Warden in 1797, Senior Warden in 1798, and Master in 1801. He was re-elected Master for 1802, but declined the office. In 1803 he was again elected Master, and accepted at the urgent request of the members. On the 16th day of January, at the joint request of the Masons and citizens of Concord, he delivered a very appropriate address upon the Life and Character of Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Bro. Heald was born in New Ipswich, N. H., Mar 31, 1768, and was the son of Col. Thomas and Sybil Heald. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1794, and studied law with Jonathan Fay, Esq., of Concord. In 1796 he went to the West Indies on business connected with a commercial house in Boston. In December, 1798, he was appointed an Ensign in the United States army, but did not accept the appointment. He was admitted to the Bar in 1800, and during the same year was married to Miss Betsy Locke, of Ashby, Mass. He at once commenced the practice of his profession in this town, first in the office of William Jones, on the Mill-Dam, where he remained but a short time; thence he removed to the L part of a house then owned by Samuel Parkman, of Boston, and now (1859) owned and occupied by Bro. Benjamin Tolman. In the year 1813 he resided a short time in Boston; thence he went to Montpelier, Vt. In 1818 he was in the practice of Law with Judge Howe, at Albany, N. Y. He finally (for reasons of health) removed to Blakely, Alabama, where he was appointed Clerk, and afterwards Judge, of the Supreme Court of that State. He died there in July, 1821, at the age of fifty-three.

Bro. Heald was the first captain of the Artillery Company of Concord, organized Feb. 4th, 1804. He was a good lawyer, and a man of more than ordinary talents. He took an active part in the affairs of our Lodge, and was a great favorite with its members. He was pure hearted and generous, very cheerful and social in his disposition, full of humor, and considered a great wit among his brethren of the Green Bag. His widow married Elijah Newhall, of New Ipswich, N. H., where she died in May, 1843.

In the same history are found these items of interest;—

1800—Jan. 6. A committee was chosen to meet the citizens of Concord at Wyman's Tavern (Middlesex Hotel), and make all necessary

arrangements to commemorate the death of our much beloved Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON, on the 16th day of January.

1800—Jan. 16 The Lodge met according to summons. The Worshipful Grand Master informed the Brethren of the arrangements entered into between the Masons and the citizens. The procession being formed of the Fraternity and various descriptions of citizens, moved circuitously to the Meeting House, where the following exercises were attended to, viz : an occasional and plaintive hymn was sung, an appropriate prayer was made by Bro. Rev. Ezra Ripley (Hawthorne's minister of the "Old Manse"), and a just and pertinent eulogy was delivered by Bro. Thomas Heald. Between the prayer and the eulogy was sung an ode, *The Dying Christian*. A Masonic anthem was next performed, a Masonic prayer by Bro. Ripley, and funeral honors and sepulchral ceremonies by Worshipful Master Bro. Isaac Hurd. A funeral dirge closed the ceremonies.

1802—April 12. Bros. Rev. Ezra Ripley, Reuben Bryant and Thomas Heald were appointed a committee on charity to assist poor and needy Brethren. The amount was limited to ten dollars on any one application.

1805—June 24. Celebrated St. John's Day in Concord, with Hiram, Meridian and Middlessex Lodges. . . After dinner (at Court House) the Grand Officers were waited upon by a large procession at the house of Bro. Thomas Heald.

1821—July. Past Master Bro. Thomas Heald, an original member and first Junior Warden of this Lodge, died in Blakely, Alabama.

1832—Bro. Nathan Heald, initiate of 1797, died in Stockland, Mo., aged fifty-seven. He was born in New Ipswich, N. H., in 1775, and early in life joined the United States Army.

REV. PETER STARR.

A New England minister of the old school, this forebear of a well-known family deserves remembrance. He was a graduate and fellow of Yale College, and pastor of the Church in Warren, Conn., for fifty-seven years. His biographers say of him, "He was of moderate size and active habits, well educated, studious and intelligent ; for judgment and discretion distinguished. More of confidence, respect and affection than Mr. Starr enjoyed, no pastor has occasion to require from the people of his charge. He was cheerful, and diffused cheerfulness around him : " * * * the small, slender, guileless Starr, with his slight

and almost feminine face, sleek hair and mild look, * * * the slow, considerate words, and the preference of silence if others would speak, though his good sense, deep piety, and peculiar sincerity of tone and manner made his few and pithy words alike acceptable and useful ”

Of his five sons mention is made in another place of Chandler Starr. The eldest son, Hon. Peter Starr, LL.D., was a prominent citizen of Vermont, a representative in Congress, State Senator, and director of Middlebury College. Chandler and Philemon were distinguished merchants in New York ; Henry was a leading lawyer in Cincinnati ; George remained in the old home, Warren, Conn., to till the farm and represent the town in the Legislature. Egbert was a successful merchant in New York, and his only son is M. Allen Starr, M.D., LL.D., medical professor and author.

CHANDLER STARR.

Extract from minutes adopted by the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, August 3, 1876.

“ Chandler Starr, whose decease we now record, at Stamford, Conn., on the 15th of July, 1876, and with a brief interval continued his service till the close of his age. He was elected a member of the Board in 1853, and with a brief interval continued his service till the close of his life. Though residing out of the city, few men were more regular in attendance on the monthly meetings of the Board. His long life was one of active usefulness, not only in the sphere of private Christian life but in the more prominent activities of public duty. He represented the Albany district in the legislature of our State, and in various other public appointments received evidence of the confidence and esteem of the community in which he lived.

“ Our deceased friend was a man of more than ordinary attainments. Of logical mind, sound judgment and practical wisdom, he possessed also in an unusual degree the power of presenting his own convictions with clearness and force to others ; but his crowning excellence was his long life of consistent Christian faithfulness. Having at the early age of seventeen given his heart to the Saviour, he united with the church in Warren, Conn., his native place, of which his father was long (for fifty-seven years) the venerated pastor, and sustained by the grace of God walked as an humble professed follower of Christ for nearly seventy years of his subsequent life, exercising the office of ruling elder in more

than one of the churches with which he was providentially connected. To few is accorded the privilege of so long a service, and few render so good account of their stewardship."

Among the places of public and official trust filled by Chandler Starr may be mentioned the following. He was for three years Bank Commissioner for the State of New York, was President of the Brooklyn Athenæum and the Brooklyn New England Society, and made the nominating address in moving the nomination of the first President Harrison for that office. He was a gifted and popular speaker.

A biographer says of him : "As a professional man he would have made a far deeper mark in the annals of society than it was his lot to accomplish in a business capacity. He possessed always a fondness for politics, which in its indulgence interferes with mercantile pursuits, and a gift of speech which was comparatively wasted in his position. He was a staunch supporter of the Whig party as long as it existed, and then transferred his allegiance to its legitimate successor. A warm personal and political friendship existed between himself and De Witt Clinton, and he was from the first an advocate of the latter's canal policy. In his relations with the world he was a man of punctilious honor and high principle, possessing at the same time a childlike simplicity and benevolent tenderness which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. His path in life was directed by the light of divine grace, and it may be truly said that he loved his neighbor as himself."

REMINISCENCES OF THE "BATTLE" OF LEXINGTON.

These reminiscences of the battle, or massacre, of Lexington, narrated to me by my grandmother, I have repeated to several Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They were considered interesting because I am, probably, the only person now living who has had the story of that momentous event from an eye witness of it. I am recording them particularly for my son, and for two of our family who are carrying down the honored name of Harrington, my brother and my nephew, whose prefix "John" is doubtless an abbreviation of Jonathan.

Julia Edwards Clemens.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

On the early morning of April 19, 1775, our grandmother, Susannah Harrington, a young girl of a dozen years or more, was awakened by the alarm, "The Redcoats are coming"! This was the name given to the British soldiers by our people, on account of the color of their uni-

forms. The body of eight hundred British regulars sent from Boston under command of Major Pitcairn, had reached Lexington on their way to Concord, with the purpose not only to capture the ammunition secreted there by the patriots, but also to get possession of the persons of John Hancock and Samuel Adams, those two "arch rebels," so called by the Tories.

My grandmother would graphically tell how the women of the village, taking their little children with them, gathered on a small eminence overlooking the village green, and there, as the murderous fire of the British soldiers swept down their loved ones, fell on their knees, and groaned, and shrieked, and prayed.

Among those who fell, fatally wounded, she recognized her favorite cousin, Jonathan Harrington, whose home was only a few rods away, across the road from the battle ground. As she watched, she saw him struggle to his feet and then fall again, trying painfully to crawl to his door step, where stood his young wife with her babe in her arms. Not once thinking of the danger to herself from the enemy's bullets, the young girl fled like a deer down the steep little hill, and came to the door just as her cousin reached it to fall dying in the arms of his wife. Together they dragged their dead hero into the hall, and laid him on the couch.

In the meantime another cousin, Caleb Harrington, had rushed to the old meeting house, in the gallery of which ammunition was concealed, and was shot dead on the steps as he was leaving. A third cousin, also named Jonathan, a mere stripling, on the first appearance of the British, had blown his fife shrilly, accompanying the roll of the drum, as a signal that the enemy were in sight. And what a sight that was, eight hundred trained soldiers, in their brilliant red coats, bearing down upon the sixty or seventy plain farmers gathered on the green, none of them in uniform, and many of them coatless and hatless, armed with various and unique weapons! It is needless to tell again the story of that day's work. Is it not written in all histories of that time, and, in its results, of all later time?

As this story is told by me for our children in whose veins flows the blood of those patriots, it will not I am sure, be deemed too personal if I dwell for a moment on that grandmother, as memory pictures her, a typical Daughter of the American Revolution. She was not at all like our idea of the stately colonial dame, but just a dear, loving, wise grandmother. To her chamber, "grandmother's room," we children instinctively turned, when, as sometimes happens even with very small children, our days were, like Longfellow's "Rainy

Day," "cold and dark and dreary." The tone of her voice was itself a cordial, as she would say, "Come in, dearie!" A haven of rest was the four poster with its high heaped feather bed, so high that her strong arms would help us to the height we could not climb, and in whose luxurious pillows we felt as safe as little birds in a nest. Snugly settled there, came the joy of the story or song we would coax from her. The stories were from the Bible, or of the Revolution; the songs were sung in a weird, minor key that filled us with fearsome delight, for children, like some animals, are very susceptible to minor strains of music. Two of the songs I can still recall, "The Death of the Pirate," Captain Robert Kidd, and "Barbara Allen." There were also Watts's cradle hymns for infant minds. On Sunday she would take me beside her in the "one hoss shay," and jog along the three miles of hill and dale between the homestead and the meeting house, singing in a quavering voice some of the old fugues then popular. One of her favorites was,

" Come, my beloved, haste away,
Cut short the hours of thy delay.
Fly like a youthful hart or roe
Over the hills where spices grow."

Later in life I learned that she had been, during the long years of widowhood, a notable woman of affairs, managing with skill the home farm, and bringing up a large family of small children, for her youngest child was born several months after the death of her husband, Col. John Edwards, who was my grandfather. During the winter drives which she often took, she wore on her head what we called a "pumpkin hood," of the shape and size of that vegetable product, and in summer a green silk "calash," from one side of which dropped a long, green berage veil. Nothing in my child eyes could excel the beauty and wonder of those head gears.

This picture of her, as she moves through the hall of the old house, with a white handkerchief crossed over her ample bosom, and on her neck a string of gold beads, large as peas, which filled my childish mind with envy, and above all a placid face framed with silver hair, always covered with a close-fitting muslin cap, its queer border, like the halo around the heads of saints in the old masters, tied beneath her chin with a decorous bow of black, for "was she not a widow!"—this picture of her remains with me after more than threescore years and ten. Long before her death, however, she had placed among her grave clothes a cap with white satin ribbons, for then, she said, she

would "be going out of mourning." Such and so I remember my grandmother, the one-time little girl of the Lexington fight, Susannah Harrington Edwards.

ACTON AND WOODLAWN CEMETERY.

The town of Acton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, was set off from Concord, of which it had been a part for a century, in 1735, and later lost a portion of its territory and population to form the town of Boxboro. In the centre of the town stands the fine monument to the Revolutionary soldiers who gave their lives for liberty in the first struggle with the enemy. Lying in the pretty, well-kept Woodlawn Cemetery are the remains of more soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War than are found, it is said, in any other cemetery in the country, excepting those like Bethlehem, Pa., where soldiers who died in hospitals or on the battle field were interred. The Acton men who served in the Continental Army and rest here number 105, and among them the following were of the families named in this pamphlet: Edward Harrington, Nathaniel Edwards, Col. John Edwards, Timothy Heald, Jonas Heald, John Edwards, John Heald, Israel Heald, Col. John Heald, and Capt. John Heald, besides others near akin of different names