

# The Elmwood Eatons

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THE estate of Elmwood at Kentville, in the County of Kings, Nova Scotia, comprising a hundred and fifty acres, came into possession of our mother's family in 1808. In 1852 our father, William Eaton, purchased it from the heirs of our grandfather, the late Otho Hamilton, and at his death in 1893, it came into the hands of Leslie-Seymour Eaton, his youngest son. It is a picturesque place, well wooded with elms, oaks, maples and other native Nova Scotian trees, and affording many delightful views. The Kentville brook winds through it, and the tides of Minas Basin flowing up the ancient Habitant river leave their rich deposits on its dykes.

William Eaton, Esquire, the founder of this distinct branch of the Eaton family, was the second son of Ward Eaton, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, &c., &c., for the township of Cornwallis. He was born in Cornwallis, September thirtieth, 1823, and died at Elmwood, Kentville, May third, 1893.

In the monograph published by his family at his death and deposited in many libraries in this country and abroad, the details of his public life are told. His tombstone in "The Oaks" Cemetery bears the following inscription :

"For nearly fifty years he was a respected member of this community, where he held many public positions, both local and provincial. Upright, sincere, kindly, courteous, he did his duty in the fear of God, and won for himself an abiding place in the hearts of his fellow men."

The following pages contain a brief record of the family he founded and its immediate connexions.

WILLIAM EATON, Esquire, second son of Ward and Deborah-Eaton Eaton, born September 30, 1823, died, May 3, 1893. He married February 15, 1849, at St. James' Church, Kentville, Rev. John Storrs, Rector, Anna-Augusta-Willoughby Hamilton, fifth and youngest daughter of Otho and Maria-Starr Hamilton, born September 11, 1828, died September 23, 1883. Former Residence: Elmwood, Kentville, Nova Scotia.

## CHILDREN

Arthur-Wentworth-Hamilton,	b. Dec 10, 1849
[ B. A. Harvard ]	
Francis-Herbert	" July 29, 1851
[ B. A. Harvard ]	
Anna-Morton	" Jan'y 1, 1853
Rufus-William	" Aug. 23, 1856
Harry-Havelock	" Jan'y 23, 1858
Leslie-Seymour	" May 17, 1865
Emily-Maria-Hamilton	" Feb'y 14, 1868

A memorial sketch of William Eaton, Esq., giving an account of his life and public services, was printed at the time of his death and may be found in all the leading libraries. Of his sons, Arthur-Wentworth-Hamilton, B. A. Harvard, is a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of New York, and an author; Francis-Herbert, B. A. Harvard, M. A. Acadia, has filled important educational positions; Rufus-William (took a partial course at Acadia College) is a successful merchant; Harry-Havelock (also took a partial course at Acadia College) studied law and was admitted the Bar of the State of Illinois. He is now a lawyer and Prosecuting Attorney in the State of Washington. Leslie-Seymour resides at Elmwood. George-Albert Layton, the husband of Anna-Morton Eaton, is in the Customs department of the Canadian Civil Service. He is a well known provincial shot and was at one time on the famous Canadian Wimbledon Team.

ANNA-MORTON EATON, born January, 1, 1853, was married at Elmwood, December 6, 1882, to George-Albert Layton, eldest son of Francis Layton, Esq.<sup>3</sup> (Francis<sup>2</sup>, Francis<sup>1</sup>) Residence: Ravensworth, Truro, Nova Scotia.

## CHILD

Francis-Paul-Hamilton      b. April 13, 1888

RUFUS-WILLIAM Eaton, born August 23, 1856, married September 11, 1888, in St. James' Church, Kentville, Rev. John-Owen Ruggles, Rector, officiating, Anna-Laurie Sutherland, born June 8, 1863, only daughter of Kenneth-Ronaldson Sutherland, formerly of Edinburgh. Residence: Dunrobin, Kentville, Nova Scotia.

## CHILDREN.

Kenneth-Sutherland	b. April 30, 1890
	bap. July 14      "
William-Ronald	b. Sept. 27, 1891
	bap. Dec. 2,      "
Jean-Hamilton	b. May 20, 1894
	bap. July 31      "

LESLIE-SEYMOUR EATON, born May 17, 1865, married June 16, 1887 (at Mrs Thorne's house, Kentville), Rev. Arthur-Wentworth-Hamilton Eaton and Rev. John-Owen Ruggles officiating, Augusta-Billing Thorne, born Jan'y 26, 1866, third daughter of James-Hall and Mary-Piper Thorne. Residence: Elmwood, Kentville, Nova Scotia.

## CHILDREN

Emily-Augusta-Thorne	b. March 7, 1889
	bap. May 2,      "
Helen-Wentworth-Hamilton	" July 20, 1891
	bap. July 20,      "

EMILY-MARIA-HAMILTON EATON, born February 14, 1868, died at Elmwood, May 2, 1871, of croup, and was buried in the Family Burial Lot at "The Oaks."

Of the American Eatons five distinct families are known in New England and one in New Jersey. That there is any close connexion between our own, the family of John and Anne Eaton of Haverhill, and either of the others has never been shown, nor has it so far been possible to discover from what county in England our ancestor came. He first appears in the Haverhill, Massachusetts records in

June, 1640, and we know absolutely nothing about him prior to that time. Nor would it perhaps be at all an easy task to trace his family far in England if we could know. The name "Eaton" is of Anglo-Saxon origin (*Ea or Aa-tun*), and means "the town or village by the river," and it is believed that families of Eatons, taking their name from the little river-towns in which they lived, arose in many different parts of the country. There were Eatons all over the midland counties of England, from Suffolk and Kent to Cheshire, in the time of Queen Elizabeth, many of them bearing arms which as a rule, however, are so entirely different as to make it impossible by their means to trace descent. A record of these arms will of course be found in Burke's General Armory, Two Eaton families at least, the Cheshire and Shropshire families, may be traced to a very early period, but no general classification of the English Eatons has ever been made. Of *John* Eatons, the ancient English wills that have been brought to light show that there were probably as many as fifty living in England in the time of James I.

Our great-great-grandfather, David Eaton, who in 1760, removed from Tolland, Connecticut, to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, was a great-great-grandson of John and Anne Eaton, whose names first appear in New England records, in June, 1640. David Eaton was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and from there in early life went to Connecticut, where he married in his twenty-third year, October 10, 1751, Deborah, daughter of Mr Thomas White, a descendant of Mr John White one of the first settlers of Cambridge, who owned part of the land on which the buildings of Harvard College now stand.

The circumstances of David Eaton's removal with his family to Nova Scotia, have been so often incidentally told in print that I need only allude to them here. Together with our Starr, De-Wolf, Bliss, and Rand great-great-grandfathers, and the progenitors of nearly all the other Kings County families of note, he came in 1760 by invitation of the Nova Scotia Government to settle on the vacant lands of the exiled Acadians. He received his own large and valuable estate in Cornwallis, and at his death, by a will which may be

seen in the Probate Office at Kentville, divided it among his seven sons. His second wife was Alice-English, widow of Dr. Samuel Willoughby, but by her he had no family. From two of his sons, John and Elisha, we are descended, our Grandfather Ward a son of John, having married his first cousin, our Grandmother Eunice-Deborah, daughter of Elisha. The wife of John Eaton was Tabitha Rand, a daughter of John and Catherine Rand, of an honourable Massachusetts family; and the wife of Elisha was Irene Bliss, a daughter of Nathaniel and Eunice Bliss, who also came to Nova Scotia from Connecticut, and of whom I shall have something more to say.

Our grandparents, Mr and Mrs Ward Eaton, we remember with affection and pride. They were recognized in this county as people of the greatest worth, and their social position was unqualified. Nothing but pleasant memories remain to us of them. They lived in great comfort, and their hospitality was so refined and generous that it has passed into a tradition. Our Grandfather, "the Squire," as he was usually called, had strong political convictions, and was a great friend and ardent admirer of Judge Johnstone and the other Tory leaders, of the most interesting period of the political history of Nova Scotia. At his house we saw the most eminent Nova Scotians of the day, and there were few of them who did not entertain for their genial host the same respect with which we now remember him. Of our dear Grandmother we can never say too much. She was a noble woman, firm where firmness was necessary, yielding where it was right to yield, tender and thoughtful towards all who approached her, and as free from faults, I believe, as it is possible for any one to be. Her memory is a benediction,, and our only regret is that we were not sufficiently mature when she was alive to appreciate her as we now could do.

It is with our grandmother's immediate connexions alone, in the Eaton family, that we have ever had much intercourse. One of her nephews was Daniel Lewis Eaton, a graduate of Bowdoin College

in 1851, who was Paymaster of the American Army during part of the late war and at his death was Cashier of the Second National Bank, in Washington, D. C. Another is Clement Belcher Eaton, a prominent merchant of St. Stephen, New Brunswick; and still another was the late Mr George Eaton, of St. John, one of whose sisters married into the Portsmouth Cutts family, one becoming the wife of Rev. Thomas D. Howard, a Unitarian clergyman of Boston, and a graduate of Harvard. Our Grandmother's nephew, Brenton Haliburton Eaton is a well known lawyer of Halifax; a grand-nephew, the Hon. George Wheelock Burbidge, has been Deputy Minister of Justice for the Dominion of Canada, and is now an honoured Judge at the Canadian Court of Exchequer; and still another grand-nephew, Dr. Theodore Harding Rand, was for years Chief Superintendent of Education for the Province of Nova Scotia, and then for New Brunswick. Of our own first cousins, Dr. Benjamin Rand is connected with Harvard College, and his brother, Mr Frederic C. Rand, has succeeded his father as Collector of Customs for Kings County.

An important person in the family, three generations ago, was Mr John Wells, who represented the County of Kings in the Provincial legislature for thirteen years. His wife was Prudence-Eaton, a sister of our great-grandfathers Elisha and John, and he was the grandfather of the present High Sheriff of Kings County, Mr Stephen Belcher. Mr. John Manning, of Falmouth, married Deborah Eaton, another of our Father's great-aunts, and he also was for seven years in the Provincial legislature, as member for the Township of Falmouth. One of our most honoured relations to-day is Wyatt Eaton, the painter, who belongs to a branch of the family that remained in the United States; another is General John Eaton, the late Commissioner of Education, at Washington. D. C.; and another is Rev. Dr. William Hadley Eaton, a New Hampshire clergyman.

Our Grandmother's brother William, married, in 1809, Nancy DeWolf, a niece of the Hon. Benjamin DeWolf, of Windsor, and first cousin of Mrs Fraser, the mother of Lady Gore, wife of General



the Hon. Sir Charles Stephen Gore, whose daughter is the Countess of Erroll, one of the Ladies-in-Waiting of Her Majesty the Queen. Our Grandmother's brother David married, in 1814, Susannah Strong, and her brother James, in 1822, Hannah Strong, who were second cousins of Lady Gore. Our cousin Brenton Halliburton Eaton, who is related to us on our Father's, and through the DeWolfs also on our Mother's side, is therefore a third cousin of the Countess of Erroll, who is through the DeWolfs, our sixth cousin.

## HAMILTON

Few more distinguish families are represented in America than the Olivestob Hamiltons. With the exception of Major Otho Hamilton, and his sons John and Otho, who were long connected with the military government of Nova Scotia, the father late in life assuming the governorship of Placentia in Newfoundland, our grandfather and his children have been the only representatives of the family in this province. Unfortunately with the death of our two unmarried aunts in 1892 the Hamilton name among the descendants of our great-grandfather, became extinct in America. Of the grandchildren of Henry Hamilton 1st, our great-grandfather, but three are now living, Mary-Elizabeth-Hamilton Merrill, only daughter of Henry Hamilton 2d.; and our two aunts, Margaret-Maria and Josephine-Collins, who are mentioned farther on.

HENRY HAMILTON, of the Olivestob Hamiltons, born in Scotland in 1747, m. in Berwick, Maine, October 5, 1780, Eunice, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah-Grant-Hamilton Lord, bap. July 22, 1761. He died February 21, 1819. She died June 8, 1793. Former Residence: Sanford, Maine.

## CHILDREN

Sarah	b.	25 Oct., 1782
Otho	"	2 May, 1784
Jeremiah	"	8 May, 1786
Henry	"	2 Nov., 1787
Margaret	"	7 Aug., 1789
Simeon	"	22 Nov., 1791
Archibald	"	11 Feb'y, 1793

OTHO HAMILTON, b. 2 May, 1784, m. in Horton, Nova Scotia, June 19, 1813, Rev. Robert Norris, Rector of St. John's Church, Cornwallis, officiating, Maria, only daughter of Samuel and Lydia-De-Wolf Starr, b. Jan'y 1, 1795. Mr. Hamilton d. May 21, 1831, Mrs Hamilton d. Jan'y 3, 1872. Former Residence: Kentville, Nova Scotia.

## CHILDREN.

Susan	b.	10 March, 1814
	d.	17 Feb'y, 1892
Minetta Bath	b.	15 March, 1816
	d.	13 Feb'y, 1892
Henry Starr	b.	18 August, 1818
	d.	9 May, 1867
Margaret Maria	b.	6 Feb'y, 1821
Otho	b.	2 Aug., 1823
	d.	24 March, 1886
Josephine Collins	b.	11 Dec., 1826
Anna Augusta Willoughby	b.	11 Sept., 1828
	d.	23 Sept., 1883

MARGARET-MARIA HAMILTON, b. Feb'y 6, 1821, m. Feb'y 19, 1857, to Brenton-Halliburton, fifth son of Hon. James-Delap (M. L. C.) and Wilhelmina-Wemyss-Campbell Harris, born March 3, 1831. No children. He died January 5, 1868. Residence: Kentville, Nova Scotia.

JOSEPHINE-COLLINS HAMILTON, b. December 11, 1826, m. December 1, 1849 (Rev. John Storrs officiating) to John-Rufus Eaton, third son of Ward and Deborah-Eaton Eaton, b. July 3, 1826, d. in Boston, Nov. 4, 1851. Former Residence: Chelsea, Massachusetts.

## CHILDREN.

Emma-Maria	b. 12 January, 1851
	d. 8 June, "
Grace-Hunnewell	b. 12 March, 1852

Josephine-Collins-Hamilton Eaton m. (2) at St. James Church, Kentville, by Rev. John Owen Ruggles, August 5, 1863, to David-Stuart Hamilton, B.A., son of John and Anne-Richardson-Marshall Hamilton, born September 1, 1825, graduated at Kings College, Windsor, June 30, 1847. In 1868 he received the degree of D. C. L. from the University of Bedford at Shelbyville, Tennessee, and May 18, 1873, at Mobile, Alabama, was ordained deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, he having originally intended to take Holy Orders. He died suddenly at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, May 4 1874.

## CHILDREN.

Harold Harris	b. 6 May, 1864
Mary Stuart	" 13 April, 1865
Janet Gordon	" 22 Oct., 1867
Victor Prescott	" 19 Feb'y, 1870
Charles Frederick	" 8 Nov., 1872
	d. 5 May, 1873

GRACE-HUNNEWELL EATON(daughter of John Rufus and Josephine Collins-Hamilton Eaton) b. March 12, 1852, m. October 7, 1872, to William-Collins Porter, son of Judge Joseph Porter, of Waterford, New Jersey. He died October 28, 1882.

## CHILDREN.

William-Hamilton	b. 5 Dec., 1873
Frank-Ruggles	" 27 Feb'y, 1876

Grace-Hunnewell-Eaton Porter m. (2), June 23, 1890, at St. James' Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey, by Rev. Arthur-Wentworth-Hamilton Eaton, to Wilford-Henry Chipman, born March 21, 1853, only son of Leverett deVeber and Nancy-Moore Chipman. Residence: Kentville, Nova Scotia.

## CHILDREN

Leverett-deVeber	b.	17 April,	1891
	bap.	12 July,	"
Reginald-Wemyss	b.	5 June,	1892
	bap.	7 Aug,	"

HAROLD-HARRIS HAMILTON (son of Rev. D. Stuart and Josephine-Collins Hamilton) married June 27, 1892 Winnifred-Rebecca daughter of George-Henry and Mary Adams, of Concord, New Hampshire.

## CHILDREN.

Stuart-Adams	b.	17 April,	1893
Beatrice	b.	29 July,	1894

JANET-GORDON HAMILTON (daughter of Rev. D. Stuart and Josephine-Collins Hamilton), married October 6, 1887, to William-Lamond MacMillan of Philadelphia.

## CHILDREN.

Janet-Hamilton	b.	June 3,	1888
William-Stuart	b.	August 18,	1890

Arms of the Olivestob Hamiltons registered in 1673 : Gules, a martlet between three cinquefoils argent, within a bordure embattled or. Crest : An antelope's head proper, gorged and attired gules. Motto, *In via virtuti pervia*.

A monograph on the Olivestob Hamilton published by me in 1894, will be found in all the leading libraries of this country and Great Britain. Further records of the family will be found in manuscript in the library of the New England Historic-Genaealogical Society in Boston.

## STARR

The Starr family, from which we are descended through our Grandmother Hamilton, traces to Ashford, anciently the Manor of Esshetesford, near Canterbury, in Kent, forty-five miles south east of London. "The most conspicuous object to the traveller as he passes through, on his way to or from the continent," says the author of the *Starr Genealogy*, "and the most interesting to all who love our name, is the grey old parish church of St. Mary, a large building, with a transept, three aisles, three chancels, and a beautiful grey stone tower. Its age is unknown. It had already stood for centuries, when early in the seventeenth century, our ancestor, Dr. Comfort Starr, worshipped within its walls and brought his children to its altar for baptism."

The well known arms of the Starr family are : Azure, a pair of scales or balances within an orle of eight estoiles, or. Crest, A lion couchant, or, charged with an estoile gules.

Our first American ancestor, Dr. Comfort Starr, was born in Ashford ; and came to America in 1634. His wife Elizabeth died in Boston, June 25, 1658, aged sixty-three, and he died there January 2, 1659-60. Dr. Starr and his wife had eight children all born in England : Thomas, Elizabeth, Comfort, Mary, John, Samuel ( buried in Ashford churchyard ), Hannah, and Lydia. Of these children, our ancestor *Dr. Thomas*, the eldest, like his father was a Physician ; Comfort graduated at Harvard College in 1647, returned to England, and became an Independent Minister ; John married Martha, daughter of George Bunker, who owned Bunker Hill, in Boston ; and Hannah became the wife of Mr John Cutts, of Portsmouth. Dr. Comfort Starr practised both in England and in America.

This Church dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, dates from the reign of Henry III, and was probably erected about the middle of the thirteenth century. It is a fine cruciform building of Early English architecture, 136 feet in length, its broadest part 100 feet wide ; with north and south aisles, a transept, and three chancels. I visited the Church August 23, 1893.

Our first Nova Scotia Starr ancestor was David, youngest child but one, of Samuel and Ann-Bushnell Starr, of Norwich, Connecticut, a great-great-grandson of Dr. Thomas Starr, son of Dr. Comfort. He was our great-great-grandfather, was born in Norwich, October 16, 1742, came to Nova Scotia about 1760, and married August 5, 1770, Susannah, daughter of Henry and Martha Potter, born in Halifax, April, 1752, died, November 5, 1817. He had thirteen children, of whom our great-grandfather Samuel was the eldest. These were Samuel and Henry, twins; born, August fifth, 1771; Elizabeth born in 1773; John, Anne, Sarah, Joseph, Hannah, Susannah, David, William, James, and Daniel, almost all of whom founded families of considerable importance. Our great-grandfather *Samuel*, married in 1794, our great-grandmother Lydia, daughter of Jehiel Sr. and Phebe-Cobb DeWolf, who died at Kentville, in 1850, aged eighty-one, and was buried at The Oaks, where the later generations of our family also lie. They had but two children, Maria, our grandmother, and Henry, who died unmarried in the West Indies, in 1822; where, as it singularly happened, his father also did in 1801. The place of the latter's death was Jamaica, but where the son died I do not know. He had gone for his health to the West Indies and died of fever rather suddenly. Our great-grandmother Lydia was married twice after her first husband's death, and by her second marriage acquired the estate which was so long owned by our Father. Our great-grandmother, Mrs Samuel Starr, was a fine commanding looking woman, with fresh complexion, and light hair and eyes. She and her relative and intimate friend, Mrs Stephen DeWolf, were often spoken of as two of the most attractive women in the county. In appearance she resembled the DeWolfs, while our grandmother, her daughter Maria, was more like the Starrs. Her last days were spent at Kentville, with her daughter and grandchildren, all of whom had for her the utmost love and reverence. Our Mother and Aunts have so often described her, that her personality stands out to me far more distinctly than that of any other of our ancestors of her generation. She was a woman of superior sense and of a magnetic and generous

spirit. Not only her grandchildren, but all her relations, of both the DeWolf and Starr families, admired and loved her, and some of them were constantly visitors at her house. She died of cancer, after a long and trying illness, through which our Mother and Aunts tenderly nursed her.

Our great-uncle, Henry Starr, named for his father's twin brother, is thought to have been engaged to Mary, daughter of his fourth cousin, Judge Elisha DeWolf, who after his death become the wife of Rev. John Clark, at one time Rector of St. John's Church, Cornwallis. But it was also believed by some that he was engaged to Harriet daughter of the Loyalist Col. William Moore. Whatever may have been the truth, the handsome young fellow went for his health on a voyage to the West Indies, with a connexion of the family, Mr. James Ratchford of Parrsborough, and there died of fever at the age of twenty-six. His sister, our grandmother Maria, thus became the sole surviving descendant of her father, Samuel Starr, and the eldest representative of our branch of the Starr family in Nova Scotia, the children of her aunt, Elizabeth Willoughby, ranking next in seniority, and the children of her uncle, the Hon. John Starr, next. It will thus be seen that on her Mother's side, our Mother had no first cousins. From our great-grandmother, Lydia-DeWolf Starr, I inherit a Family Bible, and Hymn Book, while among various members of the family was distributed by our Aunt Minetta, before her death, a beautiful old china tea set, which she had had from her grandmother.

*Elizabeth Starr*, our grandmother's aunt, was married, March sixth, 1794, to Augustus, son of Dr. Samuel and Alice-English Willoughby, b. Feb'y. second, 1771, at Cornwallis. Their children were Minetta, Seraphina, Lucretia, Samuel-Augustus, Elizabeth, Clarissa, and Susannah-Alice, all baptized in St. John's parish, Cornwallis. Of this family, our grandmother's cousin, *Samuel-Augustus Willoughby*, b. Jan'y. first, 1800, moved to Brooklyn, New York, where he married, (1) Margaretta Duffield, daughter of Dr. John Duffield, of Virginia, and Margaretta-Debevoise, a lady of wealth, and had two daugh-

ters who lived, *Anna-Augusta* (for whom our Mother, her second cousin, was named), who became the wife of the Rev. George Duffield, D. D.; and *Margaretta*, who became the wife of the Hon. Judge Edwards Pierrepont, D. C. L. (Oxon.), of New York, Attorney General of the United States, and from 1876 to 1878, Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at the Court of St. James. Mrs Pierrepont, is still living, but Judge Pierrepont died, March sixth, 1892. Their only son Edward, a graduate of Christ Church, Oxford, of 1882, in 1884 was appointed Secretary of the United States Legation, at Rome, and on the resignation of Mr William-Waldorf Astor, shortly after, *Chargé d'Affaires* of the United States, in Italy. He died in Rome, greatly lamented, in April 1885. Their only daughter *Margaretta-Willoughby*, is the wife of Mr Leonard-Forbes Beckwith, C. E., of New York.

*Samuel-Augustus Willoughby* m. (2) Mrs Estelle-Laurette Cook, and had by her, one son, Hugh-Laurette Willoughby. Both he and his mother are living, their residences being in Newport and Philadelphia. Samuel-Augustus Willoughby died at Saratoga in 1880. Through his sisters we are related to the Baths and Fellows', of Bridgetown, the Shannons of Halifax, the John Lawrences, of Brooklyn, and the Ballisters of Newton, Mass. Judge S. L. Shannon married our Mother's second cousin, Anna-Starr Fellows, and the late Mr J. F. Ballister an uncle of ex-Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, married Mrs Shannon's sister, Minetta-Bath Fellows. Mr Samuel-Augustus Willoughby, who founded a bank in Brooklyn, and gave his name to a street, *Willoughby Avenue*, was long the owner of a fine old estate on Fulton Avenue. A fact of some interest to us, as I have already stated, is that our great-great-grandfather David Eaton, the first of our name in Nova Scotia, married for his second wife, Alice-English, widow of Dr. Samuel Willoughby, and grandmother of Samuel-Augustus Willoughby.

Our grandmother's uncle, *Hon. John Starr*, became a wealthy merchant and ship-owner in Halifax, and for some time represented the County of Kings in the House of Assembly. His commercial



flag, used by the family for more than half a century, was white, with a blue star in the centre. In the College of Arms, London, he registered a separate coat of arms, which is carved on his monument in Halifax. A fine portrait of him may be seen in the Starr Genealogy. His wife was Desiah Gore, daughter of Moses and Mollie-Newcomb Gore. His family left the Church of England and became Wesleyan Methodists, thus helping establish for that body the prestige it has ever since held in Halifax. They lived at "Poplar Grove," a place formerly owned by the Wentworth family, and the street since cut through the estate is known as "Starr Street." Hon. John Starr died, December 30, 1827. His wife died 15 May, 1843. Of their thirteen children: *Margaret-Sophia* became the wife of the Hon. James Ratchford, M. L. C. *Hon. John-Leander*, M. L. C., who lived handsomely in Halifax, in 1829 was commissioned Col. of the 3d Regt. of Militia; in 1837 was appointed aide-de-camp to Gen. Sir Colin Campbell, and afterward aide-de-camp to Lord Falkland, Governors of Nova Scotia; and later was made a member of the Legislative Council. When in England with his second wife he was presented at court, and in Paris dined with Louis-Philippe, by special invitation, the King thus recognizing the kindness he as Provincial Aide-de-Camp, had shown the French princes some years before, when they had visited Halifax in a French man-of-war. His first wife, whom he married Nov. 1, 1823, was Mary-Sophia Ratchford, sister of Hon. James Ratchford. His second wife, whom he married Dec. 22, 1830, was Frances-Barberie, dau. of William and Catherine Throckmorton, of New Jersey. *William-Joseph* m. (1), 16 Nov. 1830, in Bermuda, Mathilda, dau. of the Hon. Richard and Frances-Peniston-Peniston, of Peniston-Hall, Peniston, Bermuda, (2), September 25, 1848, Mrs Harriet, widow of Thomas Bartlett, Esq., and daughter of Timothy Ruggles, Esq., President of the Congress of 1765, of the United American Colonies, and afterward a general in the British army. *Mary-Eliza* was m. October 17, 1826, to Elisha, son of Judge Elisha and Margaret-Ratchford DeWolf. *Susan-Arabella* became the

wife of Admiral William-Henry Jervis, R. N., (afterwards knighted), a relation of the Earl of St. Vincent. *Lucretia-Jane* was married to the Hon. Judge Charles Young, LL. D., of Prince Edward Island, son of the Hon. John Young, M.P. and brother of the late Sir William Young, of Halifax. *Frederick-Ratchford*, who married (1) Mary-Jane Jarvis, of a Loyalist family, of New Brunswick, (2) Henrietta-Maria, daughter of John and Henrietta-Maria-Coffin Atwood, of Philadelphia, was the owner of "Echo Farm," the widely known dairy farm of Jersey stock, at Litchfield, Conn.

Our grandmother's aunt, *Anne Starr*, was married to Walter, son of Ezra and Mary-Watrous Reid, of Cornwallis. Her aunt *Sarah* was married February sixth, 1800, to Benjamin Belcher of Cornwallis, (2) April 17, 1805, to Walter C. Manning, and by her first marriage had a son, Clement-Horton Belcher, b. March 5, 1801, who m. June 6, 1826, his first cousin, Mary-Jane, born December 19, 1806, daughter of Joseph and Mary-Gore Starr. Her uncle *Joseph* married (1), February 25, 1804, Mary, daughter of Moses and Mollie-Newcomb Gore, born January 29, 1778, at Cornwallis; (2) April 4, 1843, Mrs. Margaret-Maria Calkin, daughter of Judge Elisha and Margaret-Ratchford DeWolf, b. September 22, 1793, at Horton. Joseph Starr's children by his first marriage were: (a) *John-Edward*, b. 4 Feb'y, 1805 m. 11 Nov., 1828, Mary-Anne, dau. of James-Russell and Ann-Lousia-Chipman Lovett [Children: *Rev. Joseph-Herbert Starr*; *Elizabeth-Anne*, widow of Dr. Douglas-Nicholas Tucker, Surgeon R. N.; *Alida-Ellen*, wife of Frederick-Newton Gisborne, C. E.; *Mary-Gore*, deceased, wife of Israel Longworth, Barrister, of Truro; and *Reginald-Heber Starr, D. D.*, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States]; (b) *Mary-Jane* b. December 19, 1806, m. to her cousin Clement-Horton Belcher.

Our grandmother's aunt, *Susannah*, was married March, 1811, to Rev. James Knowlan, an Irish Wesleyan minister. Her uncle *David*, a prominent Halifax merchant, m. February 1811, Lavinia, dau. of Joseph (Samuel, Samuel, Jonathan, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Comfort)

and Joanna-Leffingwell Starr, and had : Sarah-Elizabeth ; Joanna, wife of Rev. Roland Morton; Mary Sophia; Fanny-Lavinia, wife of Rev. Dr. Samuel Dwight; Harriet-Augusta, wife of Rev. Dr. Charles Stewart; David-Henry, and John, two well known merchants of Halifax.

Her uncle *William* married, January 31, 1815, Harriet, daughter, of Francis and Bathsheba-Ruggles Hutchinson. Her uncle *James*, married May 19, 1813, Nancy, daughter of Miner and Martha-Walker Huntington, and had two daughters : Mary-Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Allen, and Susan-Martha, wife of the late Sheriff William-Kaines Dudman, of Yarmouth. Her uncle, *Daniel* m. September 3, 1825, Sarah-Alice, daughter of Daniel and Lydia-Kirtland-Harris De Wolf, born July 29, 1802, at Horton, and had six children, of whom George-Herbert was his father's successor in the British Vice-Consulate at Portland Me., and Caroline-Jane, was the first wife of Dr. Israel-Thorndike Dana, of Portland, a brother of Mrs William Lawrence, of Longwood, Mass. Joseph, the youngest, married Alice Merkel of Halifax.

It will thus be seen that we are in the line of the eldest son of Dr. Comfort Starr, and that we and the children of our aunt Josephine, are the sole representatives in this generation, of the *eldest* branch of the Nova Scotia David Starr's family.

To the Starrs of our line are of course closely allied the descendants in Nova Scotia and elsewhere of *Major Samuel Starr*, the eldest brother of our ancestor David Starr. Major Samuel Starr, son of Samuel and Ann-Bushnell-Starr, of Norwich, a very prominent man, was one of the committee appointed and sent by the intending New England settlers, to Nova Scotia, to survey and report on the Acadian lands. His own valuable estate was at Starr's Point, Cornwallis, and the Starrs of that place, including, of course, *John-Edward Starr*, who married our aunt Martha Eaton, and his sister *Pauline-Starr*, who was the wife of our uncle, Leander Eaton, are his descendants.

## DE WOLF

Our first American DeWolf ancestor was Balthazar DeWolf, who with his wife Alice appears in Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1664, and then in Lyme in 1668. His ancestry was no doubt continental, though Mr and Mrs Salisbury, of New Haven, the eminent genealogists of the DeWolf and many other Connecticut families, feel convinced that he came directly from England to Connecticut. His family consisted of six children: Edward, Simon, Stephen, Mary, Susannah, and probably Joseph; of whom Edward and Stephen have descendants in Nova Scotia. We are descended from *Stephen*, whose grandson *Jehiel* (b. between 1727 and 1731, m. Phebe Cobb) in 1761, came with his second cousin *Simeon*, a grandson of *Edward*, and his second cousin, once removed, *Nathan*, a great-grandson of *Edward*, to Horton, Nova Scotia. The intermarriages of the children and grandchildren of Balthazar DeWolf, in Connecticut, with the Lees, Griswolds, Watermans, Mathers, and other families of note, is indicated in the second volume of the magnificent "Family Histories and Genealogies," of Mr and Mrs Salisbury, and in the first of their two DeWolf charts. To Mary DeWolf belongs the honour of having been the grandmother of Mathew Griswold, a noted governor of Connecticut.

In each of the three Nova Scotia families of DeWolf are some well known names, and in every generation there has been much friendly intercourse among the families. The pretty college town of Wolfville, in sight of the Basin of Minas and the famous Grand Pré, is perhaps the family's best monument, for it was in that historical locality that its earliest members settled, and it is there that it has left its most abiding traces. It is impossible for me to follow the families in detail, but in the Salisbury Genealogies and in the manuscripts of Dr. James Ratchford DeWolf and myself, which are carefully preserved, will be found complete records of the family, to our own time.

Our own ancestor, Jehiel DeWolf, who came directly from Killingworth, Connecticut, to Nova Scotia in 1761, married, as I have said, about 1752, Phebe Cobb, daughter of Elisha and Mary-Harding Cobb of Eastham, Massachusetts. Their children were: Phebe, Jehiel, Jr, Margaret, *Oliver*, *Daniel*, Jerusha, Eunice, and *Lydia*. These daughters all married into well known Kings County families, but intimacy between their descendants and our grandmother Lydia's family ceased, for the most part, at the latter's death. With the families of Jehiel, Oliver, and Daniel, the three sons, we have had more to do. Jehiel, Jr, was a ship-owner, and died, I believe, in New York. His son Aaron dying without issue, the DeWolf name in his branch of the family became extinct, but he had several daughters, *Anna-Eliza*, wife of Daniel Harrington; *Elizabeth*, who d. young; *Mary*, who m. Josiah Dana, of Eastport, Maine, and had one son William DeWolf, for many years in the Treasury Department at Washington; *Hannah*, who m. Jonathan Bartlett, a cousin of the poet Longfellow's mother, and had, among other children, *Anna-Maria*, who became the wife of Daniel T. Granger, of Saco, Maine; *Phebe*, who was m. to John-Sigourney Webster; and *Charlotte*, who was married in New York, first to a Mr. Brower, and then to a Mr. Vanderpoel. In the Harrington family, children and descendants of Anna-Eliza DeWolf, daughter of Jehiel, Jr, there have been many persons well known in this province. The two eldest Miss Harringtons, daughters of Anna-Eliza, were Charlotte-Leonora, who married Dr. Alexander McDonald; and Eliza-Caroline, who married in Eastport, Me., Samuel B. Wadsworth, uncle of the poet Longfellow.

Of the family of *Oliver*, the relation whom we know best is Mrs. Anna-Augusta-Fitch Brown, of Newburyport, Massachusetts. Among Oliver's descendants there are a few persons of the DeWolf name living, but very few.

The most prominent of the DeWolf uncles of our grandmother Hamilton, was *Daniel*, born May 28, 1761, m. Lydia Kirtland Harris,

and d. January 31, 1837. He was a large land-owner, having an estate at Wolfville, on which he lived, and a great deal of property besides. For many years he held the office of Justice of the Peace, and from 1806, for several years represented the Township of Horton in the Provincial Assembly. His children were: Daniel Kirtland, who died unmarried; Thomas Cochran, Caroline Sophia, who became the wife of Thomas Ratchford, of Parrsborough; Robert Dickson, who m. Sophia Dennison; *Sarah-Alice*, who was m. Sept. 3. 1825, to our grandmother's uncle on her father's side, Daniel Starr, and became the mother of Mrs. Israel T. Dana, of Portland, Me.; *Catherine-Anne*, who m. John Scott, and whose daughter Anne became the second wife of Edward Lawson, of Halifax; and *Lucilla-Olivia*, who became the second wife of Winckworth Chipman, Esq., of Kentville. *Lydia*, the youngest of the eight children of Jehiel DeWolf, Sr, was, as I have said, our mother's grandmother; her first husband, our great-grandfather, was Samuel Starr, to whom she was m. in 1794.

The most prominent of the sons of Nathan DeWolf<sup>s</sup> was *Judge Elisha DeWolf*, of Wolfville, who m. Margaret, dau. of Capt. Thomas Ratchford, of Cornwallis. He was for many years an Assistant Judge of the County Court, and held other important offices. His place at Wolfville was one of the handsomest in Kings County, or indeed in Nova Scotia, and there were few families in the Province better known than his. His son *Thomas-Andrew-Strange*, who m. Nancy Ratchford, also a well known man, was the father of our valued friend, Dr. James-Ratchford DeWolf of Halifax. His daughter Olivia married Captain Joseph Barss, his daughter Sophia married Simon Fitch, his daughter Margaret-Maria (for whom our Aunt Margaret was named) married (1) James Calkin, and (2) *Joseph Starr*; and his daughter Mary Lucilla m. the Rev. John Clark. The exact relationship of our grandmother to Judge Elisha DeWolf, was fourth cousin; and thus our mother was fifth cousin to Mr. Thomas-Andrew-Strange DeWolf, and we are sixth cousins to Dr. James-Ratchford DeWolf. An older son of Judge Elisha was William, who

m. Amelia Fitch, and had a daughter Mary, who became the wife of Zechariah Chipman, of St. Stephen, N. B., a brother of Mr. Winckworth Chipman, who was also related to us through the Simeon DeWolf<sup>4</sup> family. Their daughter, Alice-Starr-Chipman, is Lady Tilley, wife of Hon. Sir Samuel-Leonard Tilley; and their daughter, Laura, was married to a son of Sir William Howland. Lady Tilley's mother is our sixth cousin; and she is of course our sixth cousin once removed. The "Stephen DeWolfs" of Woltville, represented now in Kentville by Melville G. DeWolf and his wife, are likewise of this family, and so are our distant cousins.

Simeon DeWolf<sup>4</sup>, the third of the earliest Nova Scotia DeWolfs, was a second cousin of our great-great-grandfather Jehiel<sup>4</sup>. He m., in Connecticut, Parnell Kirtland, and had six children: *Elizabeth*, who m. William Andrews, and was the grandmother of Winckworth and Zechariah Chipman, and the great-grandmother of Judge John-Pryor Chipman, of Kentville; *Hon. Benjamin*, who settled in Windsor and m. Rachel Otis, of the Massachusetts Otises; *John*; *James*; *Charles*; and *Lucy*, who m. Jonathan Wilson, and was the grandmother of the third Mrs. Winckworth Chipman. The marriage of the Hon. Benjamin DeWolf, at Windsor, to Rachel Otis, allied his family closely to that of the famous "Sam Slick," Judge Thomas-Chandler Haliburton, and his family were all well known. His daughter Sarah-Hersey-Otis m. Major Nathaniel-Ray Thomas, a cousin of Sir John (or Lady) Wentworth, his daughter *Rachel Otis* married the Hon. James Fraser, M. L. C., and became the mother of *Sarah-Rachel*, wife of Gen. the Hon. Sir Charles-Stephen Gore; and his daughter Harriot-Sophia m. the Rev. W. C. King, of Windsor. Lady Gore's daughter, Eliza-Amelia, is the *Countess of Erroll* (wife of William Henry Hay, Baron Kilmarnock and Earl of Erroll), one of the Ladies-in-waiting of the Queen. Lady Gore's sister, Catharine, was the wife of the Rt. Rev. Thomas-George Suther, Bishop of Aberdeen, Scotland. *Lady Gore and her sister were accordingly our mother's fifth cousins, and the Countess of Erroll is our sixth cousin.* Mrs. Henry

Almon, late of Windsor, and her brother, Judge Edgar DeWolf, and the late Mr. Harry King, were thus also our relations.

To the DeWolfs of Bristol, Rhode Island, we bear a similar relationship. The founder of that prominent family, Mark-Anthony DeWolf<sup>5</sup> was our great-grandmother Lydia's third cousin, as he was also third cousin to Nathan DeWolf<sup>5</sup> and the Hon. Benjamin DeWolf<sup>5</sup> of Windsor. Mark-Anthony DeWolf had thirteen children, from the eldest of whom, Charles, are descended the Bristol Colt family; and from the fourth, Abigail, Bishop Mark-Anthony-DeWolf Howe. Attorney-General Samuel-Pomeroy Colt, his wife Elizabeth-Bullock, and his brother, Judge LeBaron-Bradford Colt, of this family, are our eighth cousins once removed. Mrs. Mary-Amory Howe, wife of the Rt. Rev. William-Hobart Hare, Bishop of South Dakota, and daughter of the Rt. Rev. Mark-Anthony-DeWolf Howe, is the same relation to us, as is also, of course, his brother the Rev. Reginald-Heber Howe, their father being our eighth cousin. Professor John DeWolf, who m. (1) Elizabeth James known as the "goddess of beauty," and (2) Sylvia, daughter of the late Rt. Rev. Alexander-Viets Griswold, is our mother's seventh cousin; and Mrs. Lloyd Aspinwall and the Hon. William-Frederic DeWolf, are our eighth cousins.

## BLISS

Our great-grandmother, Irene-Bliss, wife of Elisha Eaton, was a daughter of Nathaniel and Eunice Bliss, and fifth in descent from Thomas Bliss, born in Belstone Parish, Devonshire, England, and died in Norwich, Connecticut, in 1688, a nephew of Lady Elizabeth Calcliffe, wife of Sir John Calcliffe, of Belstone. It is rather curious that Dr. Samuel Willoughby's descendants, to whom we are related through the Starrs, on our Mother's side, are also our relations



through the Blissés. Dr Samuel Willoughby's mother, Thankful-Bliss, was third in descent from Thomas Bliss, and accordingly the late Mr Samuel-Augustus Willoughby, of Brooklyn, was our Grandmother Eaton's fifth cousin, as he was our Grandmother Hamilton's first cousin. Mrs Edwards Pierrepont, Mrs Dr Duffield, and their half brother, Mr Hugh Willoughby, were therefore our Father's sixth cousins, as they were our Mother's second cousins. In another line, the Hon. Chief Justice Jonathan Bliss, a noted Loyalist, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, was our great grandmother Irene's fourth cousin, his son, the well known Judge William-Blowers Bliss, of the Supreme Bench of Nova Scotia, was our Grandmother Eaton's fifth cousin, his daughters Mrs Odell, of Halifax, Mrs Binney, wife of the late Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and Mrs Kelley, wife of the late Bishop of Newfoundland, are our father's sixth cousins, and consequently the late Major Henry Odell, of the British Army, and his sisters are our seventh cousins. In still another line, Judge John-Murray Bliss, of Fredericton, was our great-grandmother Irene's fourth cousin; and his great-grandsons, Bliss Carman, and Professor Charles-George-Douglas Roberts, two well known young Canadian poets, are our seventh cousins. Sir Lemuel-Allan Wilmot, the first governor of New Brunswick under Confederation, whose mother was Hannah Bliss, a sister of Judge John Murray Bliss, was our Grandmother Eaton's fifth cousin. A well known representative of the family in New York, Mr. Cornelius N. Bliss, is likewise our eighth cousin.

There are several families from which we are descended that I have been unable to discuss in this monograph, such as the WHITE, LORD, and GRANT families. On our Father's side, as I have shown, we have a WHITE ancestry, and on our Mother's we have very honourable LORD and GRANT ancestries. Our great-grandfather Henry Hamilton of Olivestob, married in Berwick, Maine, Eunice Lord, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah-Grant-Hamilton Lord. Jeremiah Lord was the seventh son of Captain Abraham Lord, a very notable

person in Kittery, Maine, and Sarah-Grant-Hamilton was a daughter of Peter Grant, Esquire, also of Kittery. The best known families of Lords in New England, probably, are those descended from our ancestor, Captain Abraham, and his elder brother Captain Samuel Lord, who married Martha, daughter of Paul Wentworth. The perpetuation of the name WENTWORTH in our family is sufficiently justified by the many alliances between members of the Lord and Wentworth families in New England in successive generations. Soon after the Revolutionary War, Sir John Wentworth, Bart., of the New England family, was made Governor of Nova Scotia, which position he held for many years.

[ By the recent marriages of three of the children of William Eaton, Esquire, connexion has been established between the Elmwood Eatons and the families of Layton, Sutherland, and Thorne ].

#### LAYTON

The earliest ancestor of the Nova Scotia Laytons was Francis Layton<sup>1</sup>, who was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1719, married (1), probably in 1772, Elizabeth West, and came to Falmouth, Nova Scotia, about 1776. By his first marriage he had four sons, of whom Francis<sup>2</sup>, who was born in England in April, 1773, was the eldest. Francis<sup>2</sup>, married March 5, 1801, Abigail Stevens, of Onslow, of a Loyalist family, and had among other children, Francis<sup>3</sup>, born May 18, 1808, died Nov. 21, 1871. The wife of Francis<sup>3</sup>, was Mary-Anne, daughter of Joseph Crowe, Esq, of a North of Ireland family, and their children were: Helen-Maria, *George-Albert*, Sarah-Crowe, and Norman-Joseph. George Albert Layton, Esq, married December 6, 1882, Anna-Morton Eaton of Elmwood. The baptisms of at least two of Francis' <sup>1</sup> sons are found in the Register of St. Paul's Parish, Halifax. Francis<sup>2</sup> was undoubtedly baptized in England.

Arms of the Laytons of East and West Layton: Argent, a fesse between six cross crosslets fitchee sable. Crest: Out of a mural coronet two wings expanded argent, each charged with a cross crosslet fitchee sable. Motto: *In omnia paratus*.

The Yorkshire Laytons are all descended from Odardus de Layton or Laton, who, as we learn from the Domesday Book, in the time of King Henry I. (1100-1135) owned an immense estate in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Shortly after the Domesday survey the lord of the manor divided his lands between his two elder sons, John and Henry, giving the eastern portion, afterwards known as Layton, or East Layton, to his eldest son, John, and the western portion, afterwards known as West Layton, to his second son, Henry. In the first volume of the magnificent history of Yorkshire by Marshal-General Plantagenet-Harrison will be found a very full account of this, one of the oldest and once most important

Yorkshire families, as also engravings of the arms of the family, which were borne by both branches alike, and of the ancient manor houses. There was a third brother, Sir William Layton, who was the ancestor of a well known family in Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The representatives of this branch of the family bore the honour of knighthood for five successive generations.

The Nova Scotia Laytons are undoubtedly descended from Henry Layton (who is called in the time of King Henry II. "Henry de West Layton"), the name Francis transmitted in the family to the present time, being introduced into it in the time of Henry VIII. or Elizabeth. This name was first given in the family by Roger Layton and his wife Clara, daughter and heiress of Giles Burgh of Burgh-Juxta-Caterick, to their son, possibly in compliment to Francis Lascelles of Brakenburgh, whose daughter Margaret became the wife of John Layton, Roger's brother. The first Francis Layton married his cousin Anne Layton, daughter of John, and died October 26, 1609, aged seventy. He is called "of Kirkby Ravensworth"; his second son Francis, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir Hugh Browne of London, being a resident of Newington Butts, Surrey.

[See the History of Yorkshire, by Marshal-General Plantagenet-Harrison; and my manuscript notes on the Layton family, in the possession of George A. Layton, of Ravensworth, Truro.]

## THORNE

One of the New York Loyalists who came to Nova Scotia after the Revolutionary War, was Stephen Thorne<sup>4</sup> of Long Island, who was baptized in St. George's Parish, Hempstead, L. I., 21 Feby, 1725, and married (1) Sybil, daughter of Edward Sands, (2) Jane-Lefferts Rapalje, widow of Jeromimus Rapalje, of New York. By his first marriage Mr. Thorne had five sons, by his second, one, James<sup>5</sup>, who married Anna, daughter of Stephen Sneden and his wife Margaret-Townsend. A son of James<sup>5</sup> was Stephen-Sneden<sup>6</sup>, who married in Granville, Nova Scotia, Mehitable-Paton Hall, and from 1836 until 1854 represented the county of Annapolis in the House of Assembly. During a portion of his eighteen years of public service as a Representative, he was a member of the Government as Chairman of the Board of Public Works. He and his wife are both buried in Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax. Stephen-Sneden Thorne<sup>6</sup> had four children: James-Hall<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 28, 1818; Stephen<sup>7</sup>, b. July 18, 1821; Havilah-Jane<sup>7</sup>, b. April 18, 1823; Anna-Sneden, b. July 15, 1825. Of the daughters, Havilah-Jane was m. to Timothy-Dwight Ruggles, Esq., Q. C., of Bridgetown; Anna-Sneden was m. to Dr. Lewis Johnstone.

JAMES-HALL THORNE<sup>7</sup>, Barrister, b. Sept. 28, 1818, was graduated at Kings College, Windsor, in 1840, and in 1844 was called to the Nova Scotia Bar, where he rose to the position of Master of the Supreme Court. He was created a Notary Public, April 30, 1847, in the lieutenant-governorship of Sir John Harvey; and August 15, 1863, during the administration of the Earl of Mulgrave, was made Deputy Provincial Secretary, Chief Clerk in the Secretary's Office, and Clerk of the Executive Council, which combined offices he held

until his next appointment in 1879. August 10, 1863, he was also created Registrar of the Court of Marriage and Divorce, which office he held until his death. June 30, 1879, in the governorship of Sir William-Fenwick Williams, he was made Superintendent of the Money Order Office at Halifax, a position which he ably filled until the office was finally abolished. After his retirement from public life Mr. Thorne removed from Dartmouth, where he had lived for many years, to Kentville. He married, October 13, 1847, Mary, daughter of Dr. Silas and Rhoda-Burgess Piper, and died at Kentville, May 8, 1887, his burial being in Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax. His children were: Lydia-Anne, married to John B. Gray, James-Hall, Stephen-Snedden, Edward-Lefferts, Livingston-Morse, Sancton, Sarah-Frances-Almon, and *Augusta-Billing*, born January 26, 1866, married to Leslie Seymour Eaton of Elmwood.

The Thorne family in America is descended from William Thorne<sup>1</sup>, who first appears at Lynn, Massachusetts, May 2, 1638. In 1645 he was one of the eighteen patentees of Flushing, on the north side of Long Island, two of the ancestors of the New York Lawrences, John and William, and the ancestor of part of the New York Townsends, John Townsend being among the other patentees. In 1646 he took up land also in Gravesend, and in 1657 in Jamaica, Long Island. His wife's Christian name I believe was *Sarah*, but further than that I know nothing of her except that she bore her husband four sons and one daughter, all of whom married and had families in Long Island.

The children of William<sup>1</sup> and Sarah Thorne were, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, and Susanah<sup>2</sup>, who married John Kissam and became the ancestress of the well known Kissam family of Brooklyn and New York.

*William Thorne*<sup>2</sup> m. Winifred, dau. of Henry Linington (whose will was made in 1691). From him is descended Major Richard Thorne<sup>5</sup> of the Revolutionary army, a son of Richard<sup>4</sup> and Alicia-Van Wyck Thorne of Long Island, who m. in St. George's Parish, Flushing, January 9, 1768, Sarah Waters of Far Rockaway.

*John Thorne*<sup>2</sup> m. Mary, dau. of Nicholas and Sarah Pearsall. From their youngest son Joseph<sup>3</sup> are descended *William-Knapp Thorne*<sup>8</sup>, who m. for his second wife Emily A. Vanderbilt, a daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, the elder; *Leonard Mortimer Thorne*<sup>8</sup>, his brother, for many years a member of the well known firm of Garner & Company; *Frances-Garner-Laurence*<sup>10</sup>, *Lady Vernon*, wife of the Seventh Lord Vernon (whose mother was a dau. of the Earl of Litchfield, a grand-niece of Leonard M. Thorne; and Florence-Josephine Garner, a first cousin of Lady Vernon, who was m. in 1891 to Sir William-Gordon-Cumming, Bart. From John Thorne<sup>2</sup> are also descended the late Mrs. Wm. Waldorf Astor, and her brother, Mr. James W. Paul of Philadelphia.

*Joseph Thorne*<sup>2</sup> m. at Flushing, L. I., Mary, dau. of John Bowne, b. in 1660, and had twelve children, eight of whom were sons. From Joseph<sup>3</sup>, the second of these sons, comes the Nova Scotia family, and a well known New York family, the Thornes of Millbrook, Dutchess County.

*Samuel Thorne*<sup>2</sup>, of Flushing died in 1732. He had at least eight children, who and whose children were intermarried with the Motts, Sands, Kissams, Townsends, Willetts, Suydams, Van Wycks, Hicks' and Hoffmans. One of Samuel Thorne's descendants was *Colonel Herman Thorne*, who married Jane-Mary, niece and adopted daughter of William

Jauncey, of West 16th St, New York, whose enormous fortune Col. Thorne's children inherited. Three of his daughters were married to French noblemen, Mary to Count de Varaigne, Alice to Count de Fernac, and Jane to Etienne Baron de Pierre. Col. Herman Thorne had a brother Rev. John-Van Wyck Thorne, who married Jane Hamilton. Two of Samuel Thorne's 2 descendants became the wives of members of the noted publishing firm of the Harpers of New York.

[See three articles by me on the Thorne family of New York, and "Stephen Thorne the Loyalist," in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, for October 1888, April, 1889, and October, 1891.

It is probable from the similarity of arms of the different families of Thornes in England, that the Devon Thornes, who claim descent from one of the Vikings of that name, John de Thorne of Thorne in Holsworthy, Co. Devon, in the time of King John, are the parent stock from which all others are descended. From what county William Thorne, the ancestor of the American Thornes, came to this country, has not yet been ascertained. Arms of the Thornes of Devon: Argent, a fesse between three lions rampant gules. A border engrailed of the first].

