

R E P O R T

TO THE

FOLLANSBEE ASSOCIATION,

U. S. A.

MADE

BY COLUMBUS SMITH,

A. D. 1865,

Containing information now in his possession and in the possession of the
different branches of the Follansbee Family in America,
relative to the Follansbee Property in England;
likewise several Genealogies of different
branches of the family.

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ORGANIZATION.

A general meeting of the Follansbee Family was holden in North Enfield, N. H.. on the 8th day of May, 1865, in order to collect information relative to the Follansbee property in England, and to devise means to have a thorough investigation made of their claim to a very large estate situated in England, said to belong to the Follansbee Family in America. It was thought that no longer delay should be allowed in this matter, but there should now be joint action and the question should be finally settled as to whom the property really belongs, and that steps should at once be taken to recover this immense estate if practicable. The Follansbee Family at this meeting was well represented, and the following Constitution was unanimously adopted :

THE FOLLANSBEE ASSOCIATION.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, It is believed that there is in England, real and personal property to the amount of one million dollars or more, said to belong to the Follansbee family in America; and, whereas, the next of kin and heirs to this property are said to be in America; now, in order to prosecute the investigation and procure the pedigree of the family in this country, so as to connect them with the deceased who left the Estate, we, the undersigned, do agree to form ourselves into an Association under the following

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the Follansbee Association.

Art. 2. C. M. Fisher, of London, England, and Columbus Smith, of Salisbury, Vt., are hereby appointed agents for the purpose of investigating the case in America and England, and are requested to make printed reports, from time to time, of their doings to the members of the Association.

Art. 3. C. G. White, of Middlebury, Vt., is hereby empowered to raise two thousand dollars, to cover the necessary expenses of investigating the case in America and England by issuing Scrip, which Scrip are to be the first lien upon the property when recovered.

Art. 4. Every Scrip shall be sold for five dollars, entitling the holder to one hundred dollars out of the first money recovered from said Estate by any member of the Association, and no more scrip shall be sold by said agent than shall be necessary to raise said sum of two thousand dollars, and the sum of ten per cent. shall be deducted by the said agent to remunerate him for selling.

Art. 5. The said Smith and Fisher are to receive the sum of two thousand dollars, (after deducting the ten per cent. from the sale of said Scrip,) and in addition thereto, we agree to pay them ten per cent. of all the money or property which they may find due said family, that we, or any of us, or our heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall ever recover from said property.

Art. 7. We further agree that the said White shall receive ten per cent. of all the money or property which may be found due said family, that we, or any of us, or our heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall ever recover from said Estate.

Art. 7. No member of this Association shall be liable to pay more than one dollar, as expenses, or compensation, or otherwise, to any person or persons whatever.

Art 8. Any member of the Follansbee Family may become a member of this Association by paying to C. G. White, agent as aforesaid, and by signing this Constitution, and each member shall be entitled to a printed report of all information gained in the case.

All members of the Follansbee family in America are invited to become members of this Association, and requested to forward their pedigree (so far as they know them) to Columbus Smith, West Salisbury, Vt., or to C. G. White, of Middlebury, Vt.

The following named persons are members of the Follansbee Association, as well as some others who have signed the Constitutions not yet returned.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
Horace Goodrich,	Stoneham, Mass.	Harry Follansbee,	West Canaan, N. H.
John C. Fish,	East Randolph, Vt.	E. W. Kimball,	East Canaan, N. H.
Parker Follansbee,	Dorchester, N. H.	Laura A. Peabody,	Franklin, N. H.
Perly R. Follansbee,	East Canaan, N. H.	George Harris,	Canaan, N. H.
Presilla Belknap,	East Randolph, Vt.	Polly Fales,	" "
Joseph Goodrich,	Brookfield, Vt.	Theophilus C. Blaisdell,	Lowell, Mass.
James Follansbee,	Woodstock, Vt.	Harry Leeds,	Canaan, N. H.
Betsy Follansbee,	" "	Sophronia C. Clark,	East Canaan, N. H.
Elmira Hayward,	Canaan, N. H.	David S. Follansbee,	Franklin, N. H.
David Follansbee,	Grafton, N. H.	Geo. F. Bean	West Lebanon, "
Elizabeth Hadley,	East Canaan, N. H.	Wm. Hale,	" " "
Hannah Goss,	Hanover, N. H.	Mrs. C. Handford,	Sanbornt'n Bridge "
Dolly Osgood,	East Randolph, Vt.	Isaac Follansbee,	Franklin, "
Robert B. Clark,	East Canaan, N. H.	Mrs. L. G. Rockwell,	East Randolph, Vt.
Emily S. Ross,	Groton Junction, Mass.	Emeline F. Huntoon,	E. Andover, N. H.
Ruth A. Worcester,	East Canaan, N. H.	Joseph Spafford,	Groveland, Mass.
Mary F. Gould,	Enfield, N. H.	Mrs. Betsy C. Martin,	Williamstown, Vt.
Sophia Bigelow,	East Brookfield, Vt.	Addison Pike,	Hopkinton, Mass.
Marenda F. Densmore,	Chealsea, Vt.	John Goodrich,	Morristown, Vt.
Darius Goodrich,	Enfield N. H.	Susan Rathan,	Island Pond, Vt.
Polly Durkee,	East Brookfield, Vt.	A. H. Slayton,	" "
Lec iard Kibbee,	East Randolph, Vt.	Geo. L. Follansbee,	Camden, Me.
Edward E. Follansbee,	Grafton, N. H.	Carrie E Follansbee,	" "
Joshua C. Goodrich,	Granville, Vt.	C. W. Follansbee,	" "
Eliza Follansbee,	Enfield, N. H.	Edward F. Follansbee,	Poston, Mass.
Emeline F. Emmons,	Enfield, N. H.	E. Rosenfield, Jr.,	S. Weymouth, Mass.
Mary A. Houston,	Enfield, N. H.	C. Follansbee,	Holderness, N. H.
I. Wesley Currier,	East Canaan, N. H.		

REPORT.

TO THE FOLLANSBEE ASSOCIATION:

According to the wishes of the Association, I will here give you all the information I have been able to collect from different members of the Follansbee family, and from other sources in America.

This report must necessarily be very imperfect, not yet having been able to collect much information relative to the case, nor the pedigree of but few branches of this somewhat numerous family.

Most members of this family are aware that from the early part of this century, it has been talked of, by members of the Follansbee family, that there was a large property in England which had been left for them, by a Follansbee in England.

Mr. Waldo, of Randolph, Vt., says: That, as early as 1810, there was great excitement there about the large property coming to Moses Follansbee and his heirs, from England.

Wm. P. Wills, of E. Randolph, Vt., says: I recollect, about 1807 or 1808, there was great excitement with the people in consequence of information that came from England, to Moses Follansbee, that there was a large property in England that belonged to the Follansbees in America; that some of the heirs were offered \$1,000 at that time for their claim. Many others, in Randolph and vicinity, recollect the same thing.

Seth P. Follansbee, of Enfield, says: I distinctly recollect, when a mere boy, of hearing my father, (Joseph Follansbee), tell my mother, that his father, Moses Follansbee, had received a letter from England, saying there was a large property in England belonging to him and his connection. This was in the year 1809 or 1810.

I am informed that, as early as 1810, the Follansbees sent a Mr.

Seabury, from Canaan, N. H., to England, to look after the property; that, a short time previous to that, an advertisement appeared in the American papers, calling for the Fallansbees, in America, to claim a property in England. I have not been able to get a copy of this advertisement, nor have I been able to learn what was done in England by Mr. Seabury, or whether he ever reported to the claimants.

The following is a copy of an agreement of Caleb Seabury with Moses Follansbee, just before Seabury started for England.

WHEREAS, Moses Follansbee, of Canaan, in the County of Grafton, and State of New Hampshire, yeoman, has made and executed to me, Caleb Seabury, of said Canaan, Esq., a letter of attorney, authorizing and empowering me in his name, stead and behalf, and to his use, to ask, demand, levy, require and receive of and from all and every person or persons, whomsoever the same shall concern within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, all and singular sum and sums of money, debts, goods, wares, merchandise, effects and things whatsoever, and wheresoever they shall or may be found due, owing, payable, belonging and coming to him, the said Moses, by any means whatsoever within the said United Kingdom; more especially as they respect, or may be coming out of the goods, effects, or estate of William Follansbee, late of some parts of said United Kingdom, deceased; or of William Follansbee, late of Newbury, in the County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, deceased, in consequence of any devise, bequeath or legacy, or in virtue of his, said Moses, being an heir of the persons before named or either of them, or otherwise however. Also, to submit any matters of dispute respecting the same to arbitrators, or compound and agree for the same at my discretion;—also, to sell and convey any real estate belonging to said Moses, and lying within the said United Kingdom, at my discretion; and giving unto me, the said Caleb, ample and full power for the purpose as therein more particularly mentioned, with power of substitution. And whereas, I propose to go to the said United Kingdom for the purpose of executing the said power. And he, the said Moses, having agreed with me, that if I will proceed on the tour to such parts of said United Kingdom, as I may think necessary for the purpose, I bearing the expenses of my journey and voyages thereon, and, also, the whole expense of my own support while concerned in the business, without any charge to him therefore in any event; that I shall have and receive therefor, to my own use, one fifteenth part of the net avails

of what I may so obtain in virtue of said power, after deducting from the whole amount obtained the expenses of assistance, aid, agencies by others, and costs of every kind and every expense attending the transaction of said business in England or elsewhere, excepting the expense of my support which I am to bear myself as aforesaid. And whereas, the said Moses has also agreed that, if I shall proceed to the said United Kingdom or any part thereof, for the purpose aforesaid within six months, any part or proportion of the said property or estate, or of the avails or net proceedings thereof now within the said United Kingdom, should, by any other means than through my agency be obtained, or in any way realized by said Moses, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, after my departure from and before my return to America, while I shall be concerned or engaged in conducting the business referred to in said letter of attorney, and in the execution of said power; that there shall be paid to me, my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, one fifteenth part of what may be so obtained or realized on demand afterwards. And whereas, the said Moses has covenanted with me for the performance thereof. Therefore, I do hereby acknowledge the receipt of the letter of attorney aforesaid, and do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators hereby covenant to and with the said Moses, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that I will well and faithfully account for, and pay to the said Moses and his assigns, fourteen-fiftieth parts of the net proceeds or avails of said property so obtained by me as aforesaid, after deducting therefrom the whole expense attending the business as aforesaid, excepting my own support as aforesaid; he, the said Moses and his assigns, being at the expense, charges and risk of the remittance, the mode of remitting being left to my discretion.

CALEB SEABURY. [L.S.]

Attest, THOMAS SEVER,
JOHN SMITH,
WILLIAM WELCH.

State of New Hampshire, }
Grafton, ss. } A true copy.
February 6th, 1851. } Attest,

HUBBARD HARRIS,
Justice of the Peace.

The following copy of a letter is the only one I have been able to obtain, written by Mr. Seabury :

DUBLIN, 5th July, 1810.

Dear Sir :—I take this opportunity to inform you that I arrived in this city the 28th of June, and find by applying to Mrs. Follans-

bee that her husband is dead, but she says there is property in the County of Durham belonging to the family, and it appears so from the copy of letters, written by George Follansbee to Capt. Thomas Follansbee, Newburyport. Mrs. Follansbee says, she thinks it belongs to her eldest son. I have taken a copy of what information she can find; with this I am going directly to the capital of the County of Durham, where I am told I can find information where the property is and how it can be obtained; but we must not make too much dependance. I am determined to exert myself to the best of my abilities. I will give you a short extract from one of G. Follansbee's letters to Capt. T. Follansbee, N. P.:—"From what I can learn, our family have a great estate in the County of Durham, England. This large estate was given by Wm. the Conqueror to the first of the name, as a reward for his services in forwarding the conquest of England. It was a long time in possession of the family. It went by the name of the Follansbee Hall, and still retains the same name to this day. I have heard the reason why it is still in possession of the family, viz: that our ancestor, who was in possession of the estate some years ago, had 3 or 4 sons, and that they all left him in a quarrel; he knew not where they were, and when he died, being no heir to be found, the government took it into their hands." When I arrive in England, I will give you further information. Let the family see this, if you please.

Your friend and humble servant,

CALEB SEABURY.

Mr. SAMUEL FOLLANSBEE.

The following obligation was given Mrs. Rachel Goodrich by her father, Moses Follansbee, about the time Seabury went to England:

"Know all men by these presents that I, Moses Follansbee, of Enfield, in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, Husbandman, am holden and firmly bound unto Rachel Goodrich, my daughter, of Enfield, in the County of Grafton as aforesaid, in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Rachel Goodrich, my daughter, her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, I bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents, signed with my hand and sealed with my seal, this sixth day of April, A. D., 1810.

The conditions of the above obligation is such that whereas, certain things have transpired which render it probable that there is now an estate in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

that of right belongs to the aforesaid Moses Follansbee, which estate is supposed to have been left by one William Follansbee, of the Kingdom of Great Britain, deceased, to the aforesaid Moses Follansbee, and whereas, one Caleb Seabury, of Canaan, in said County of Grafton, Esquire, has been duly authorized and empowered by the said Moses Follansbee to collect, obtain and receive the same; and whereas, the said Rachel Goodrich, my daughter, has been at a considerable expense in procuring documents, records and papers necessary for the said Seabury's obtaining the aforesaid estate, and for taking care of and supporting the said Follansbee. Now if the said Moses Follansbee shall on his, the said Seabury's return, or any person who shall procure the estate as aforesaid, shall direct him, the said Seabury, or any other person who shall procure the estate as aforesaid, shall direct him, the said Seabury, or any other person or persons who shall obtain said estate, to pay and deliver to her, the said Rachel Goodrich, one eighth part of all the goods, chattels, money and effects which shall be so obtained, and they, the said Seabury or any other persons, either under him or otherwise, shall well and truly pay and deliver to the said Rachel Goodrich, my daughter, her certain attorney or attorneys, her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, one eighth part of all the money, goods, chattels and effects obtained of said estate, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise, to be and remain in full force and virtue in law.

Signed, sealed and delivered the day and year above written,

his
MOSES X FOLLANSBEE. [L. s.]
mark.

In presence of

JESSE JOHNSON,
ISAAC BICKNEL,
SELVANUS BARNARD.

State of New Hampshire, }
Grafton, ss. }
February, 6, 1851. }

This certifies that the above is a true copy.

Attest,

HUBBARD HARRIS,
Justice of the Peace.

I have not been able to ascertain that anything was done by the Follansbees, in America, towards investigating their claim in England, after Mr. Seabury was employed in the case, until about A.

D. 1850 or 1851, when, I understand, some of Follansbee family in Massachusetts or Maine requested Mr. Somerby, a highly respectable American gentleman then in England, to make some investigations in England relative to this case. About the same time, or a little subsequent, a Mrs. Hannah E. Broughton, of Vermont, was employed to make similar investigations in England.

In a copy of a letter sent me, purporting to be one written by Mr. H. G. Somerby, Feb. 6th, 1852, to Thos. N. Follansbee, is the following, viz: "Since I wrote you, I have made enquiries at the East India House for a Follansbee who was, as you say, supposed to be in some way connected with the company, and who built a Hall for them. There is nothing among their records showing that such a person ever existed, neither is there such a building in London as Follansbee Hall; I have searched all the records in London likely to contain any information relative to the matter, but without success. Other records, out of London, must be examined in order to get a clue to your ancestor."

In the same letter, Mr. S. speaks of a woman, associated with Mr. Lyons, called upon him that morning for advice, etc., etc., but as she could show no letters from persons in the United States, he declined to show her even what few facts he had collected.

While in London, about this time, I recollect hearing Mr. Somerby speak of Mrs. Broughton and this case, and am inclined to think, from what he said, that he had been able to collect something relative to the estate or family.

I think Mr. Somerby is now in England, and, if approached in a proper way, I have no doubt but he will be willing to impart such information as he may possess on the subject.

Mrs. Broughton, writing from London about the same time, says she called upon Mr. Peabody, Mr. H. Stevens and Mr. Somerby to get information relative to this case; that Mr. Somerby told her he had got the old Follansbee will, but did not show it to her. She speaks of her agent, John Lyons.

I know this Mr. Lyons in London, I considered him an unprincipled man and one not capable of doing the business he undertook to do.

The following sent me, purports to have been written by Hubbard Harris, from North Enfield, N. H., to Mr. Kibby, Oct. 28, 1851, soon after Mrs. Broughton went to England. I copy only that portion which I think of any importance.

* * * "On my arrival at Newburyport, I called on brother Nathan Follansbee, and found that he had received Mrs. Broughton's letter and answered it immediately. I learned nothing more from him than what he communicated to Mrs. Broughton and myself last spring. My next move was to West Newbury, nine miles from the city, on to the old premises of James Follansbee, the first from England, where you will see by records he sold and bought land. I was unable to find monuments to mark the spot where he was buried, or any record of his death; but had previously found a record of his wife's death, Sarah. He must have died after 1700, as you will see he bought land at that date. I found the tombstone of Thomas Follansbee, Jr., and Abigail, his wife; he died June 10, 1755, aged 81 years; she died 1734, aged 74 years. The Mr. Follansbee's, and a Mr. Emery who married a Follansbee, an intelligent old gentleman, have agreed to make out some items from recollection and tradition relating to the subject before us, to be forwarded to me immediately.

"It is understood by the Follansbees that their coat of arms is a beehive and a swarm of bees; that their name originated from *Followingbees*, *Followbees*, *Follansbee*. I next went to Newtown, there I found a letter written by Mr. Somerby, now in London, to a Mr. Coffin, saying, in relation to the Follansbee claim, that he had been so busy, he had made but little inquiry in relation to it. He wished for some further instructions immediately, as he expected soon to return to America. I have taken his address at his residence in London, and shall give it to Mrs. Broughton, as it may be of some service to her.

"I next went to Salem and examined the records of deeds, and found it no small affair to pore over the old rusty records of two hundred years and over, for I commenced A. D. 1640. The first I found of the name of Follansbee on record, was from "Thomas Follansbee, of Newbury, to one Stephen Greenleaf, Feb. 16th, 1690, half of 5 acres, it being the rate lot." This must be the first from England, and it seems that he had bought land but his deed or deeds were not put upon record. The second deed, I find was to "Thomas Follansbee from Moses Chase, his brother-in-law, November 21st, 1698, in the tenth year of his majesty's reign." The third deed, I find from "Thomas Huse, Thomas Bancroft, wives and others, to Thomas Follansbee, Dec. 14th, 1700; the rate lot, 11 acres; the

year of the reign of King William, the 'Third.'" This is the last record of a deed from Thomas the first. The fourth deed I find on record was from "John Webster to Thomas Follansbee, Jr., of Newbury, carpenter, March 11th, 1710, land on upper road above Artichoke River, lot 150, called his freehold lot."

The friends at West Newbury thought I might find a record of lineage and coat of arms at the Athenæum in Boston. Accordingly, after getting through the examination of records at Salem, on Saturday I went to Boston, and on examining found every thing of the kind but what would benefit us. I learn from brother N. Follansbee that Mrs. Broughton's post office address is the general post office, London, England.

The above is the result of my investigation.

Respectfully yours,

HUBBARD HARRIS.

P. S.—If Mrs. Broughton can have access to the records of the East India Company, (which I learn is still alive) she may obtain some important information as to his residence and his property, he being a member of that company, as is supposed from the best information that has been obtained.

I expect communications from our friends at West Newbury some day the present week. They had not time while I was there to pen down what they desired, as their time was taken up in part in examining with me.

H. H.

The following are copies of letters, or portions of them, received by the Follansbee descendants in America, from time to time, from Mr. Lyons and Mrs. Broughton while she was in England :

* * * "Mrs. Broughton has employed me in the Follansbee case and after a long and thorough search of several weeks, and the records of more than 150 years, which has also been attended with much expense, I have at length found the Follansbee estate (as I suppose) in the County of Durham. The village where it is, is called Follansbee. The estate consists of 702 acres of land. In 1750 it came into possession of the following persons, each taking one third of it: Redhead, Esq., who afterward transferred his portion to a Mr. Barros; another portion to Mathew Russell, Esq., of Browspith Castle, and a third portion to Thomas Wade, Esq. Of its previous history I have not yet learned, or who it was that gave possession to these three men, but it has every appearance of having been done by the Commissioners of the Town or Parish where the estate is located, as is usual in such cases where property is left for a length of time unclaimed by its lawful owners.

"In such cases the Tenants account to the Commissioners, the Commissioners to the Government, which receives all the profits

and advantages arising from the estate up to 7 years prior to its being claimed by the lawful heirs who have a right to 7 years profit and income only, with the estate, which in all cases is yielded up to the lawful heirs if they have resided in a foreign land, and unless it can be proved that they have had due notice of the existence of their claim, *personally*, and have not availed themselves of its benefits within a reasonable time.

"I have not yet found the will, but am assured there is one in existence, and presume it can be obtained at some expense, without which nothing can be done here in these matters. I feel bound to state frankly, that as the information, thus far, has been obtained at considerable expense, I shall be able to do but little more without a remittance of funds to meet the expense, (the main part of which for investigation has been gone through with.) If the heirs will remit me by Draft on a good house in London or Liverpool, £10, I will at once proceed and inform them of the result and the necessary course to proceed in future.

I am Sir, very truly, your obedient servant,
J. LYONS.

"SNOW-HILL, LONDON, April 19, 1852.

Mr. Harris—Sir: You are anxious by this time to hear from me, and Sir, you shall in the following sequel. We have, by perseverance and money, found where the will is, not only, but the will of one Margaret Follansbee. A letter of administration on the 16th March, 1619, was granted to Frances, the wife, and Robert, the brother of William Follansbee, deceased, on all the goods, chattels, effects and credits of the said William Follansbee, and an inventory is annexed to the bond of administration. Also that Thomas Follansbee, by his will dated at Rockwood Hill, in the Parish of Hasten, April 12th, 1630, bequeathing several legacies to his children as follows: Robert, Henry, John, William, Grace, Alice and William Hodgeson, and all other his effects to his wife, Margaret, who he appointed sole executrix to this will. Afterwards is annexed Margaret Follansbee by her will, dated March 27th, 1831, bequeathing several sums of money to her children, and appointed Henry Follansbee sole executor with an attorney annexed to this will. So you see by the above copies, which were sent us by Mr. Day, Parish Clerk in Durham, dated April 9th, that we are truly and surely on the right track. Mr. Day has seen Mr. Poor, the present tenant or master over the real estate in Durham. A Mr. Russell is the landlord at this time. It is said by Mr. Day, who we have employed, that there is much property called the Follansbee estate. I am now waiting for returns from Mr. Day, as I have sent him money to get the copy of the wills above written.

After waiting over one mail since I commenced this, we have had returns in part from Mr. Day at Durham, the following: 'I have at this time found the will of Robert Follansbee, dated the 12th of April, 1676, bequeathing legacies to his son George and his daughter Jane, and appoints Anna sole executrix, also the will of George Follansbee, 16th June, 1690. He bequeaths his honorable furniture, &c., and appoints Anna Wilkinson executrix.' The above is just what has come to hand. Mr. Lyons thought, and it was my mind, to close this and send you, as you will have from me early communications of all facts. In conversation with Mr. Lyons the other day, he wished me to say in my next to you, any little facts or incidents that may have been kept in the memory of the Follansbee family, to have you note them in your next to me.

Mr. Lyons has been sick, or he would have gone to Durham before now; will go before you get this. Mr. Day has opened a great nest of wills, and writes there are wills from and to the name of Follansbees in two other counties. Mr. Lyons will visit the several places when he goes to Durham. We wrote Mr. Day to get and send a copy of all the wills in the several offices, but have not got an answer yet, but shall have in a few days.

I remain yours, striving,

HANNAH E. BROUGHTON."

UNITED STATES' AGENCY FOR CLAIMS,
16 Upper Ebury Street, Pimlico, London, }
Dec. 14th, 1852.

HUBBARD HARRIS, North Enfield, N. H., U. S. A. *Dear Sir*:—Your letter of Nov. 25th reached me yesterday, in reply to which, I have to inform you that Mrs. Broughton is now in London. That during the last six months she has suffered considerable from illness at different times, but she is at present in very good health, and busily engaged in the prosecution of her claims which she came to this country to recover. She has employed me as her counsel, and frequently calls on me for advice in relation to her business. I have spent considerable time and money in the Follansbee case, but have not yet arrived at that point which will enable me to decide on its prospects, or to advise you of the best course to pursue. Much time and money were expended before I could ascertain in what part of the country the property was located, the information afforded by the claimants being so meager and indifferent, that I had but little to guide me in my investigations. After extending my researches over a space of 150 years and more without finding the name of Follansbee, I received intimation from some one that the property of which I was in pursuit was situated in the County of Durham. I then employed an agent in the County of

Durham who searched back more than 150 years and found several wills and administrations on the records in the name of Follansbee, who are, no doubt, the parties sought for. I learned from this agent that there is a village not far distant from Durham called Follansbee, a place called Follansbee Hall, and a tract of land called Follansbee Farms, originally comprising about 700 acres, and was many years ago divided and sold to three different gentlemen, in about equal proportions, the particulars of which I suppose Mrs. Broughton has written you, if not, I will do so on hearing from you again. The agent at Durham has performed his duty as well as persons in such cases and under similar circumstances do generally. Still the real position and prospects of claim cannot be properly understood without more definite information from that place, which can only be obtained by some person employed as a special agent who understands the whole matter from the beginning. To send such an agent from London, who would thoroughly investigate the claim, would involve an additional expense of about £15, the distance being 287 miles from London. (And we cannot rely upon investigations made in the matter by any persons not interested.) And until this be done I do not feel like giving any opinion to influence the heirs in any way, as, until then, I must remain ignorant of the position and prospects of this claim. Were I to advise you to spend no more money about it, I might not be doing my duty, and if I should advise that a further sum of £25 or £50 should be raised and spent in it, and it should then fail, I might incur censure from the heirs. I am unable to decide myself and therefore I cannot properly give my opinion or advice, but leave it entirely at the discretion of the heirs. And should they wish it and will invest me with authority and means, I will go to Durham and make a proper investigation of the case, and will then state definitely its position and prospects. As Mrs. Broughton has conducted the correspondence with you, I am not fully aware of what information you are in possession of, and as she resides seven miles from me, at the east end of London, I cannot see her in time for this mail which closes at 5 P. M., to-day. She has left all of her papers with me and trusts entirely to my advice, in giving which I often feel myself placed in a somewhat delicate and responsible situation in these matters, as I cannot decide on the position and prospects of a claim until I have investigated it properly. I know nothing of the state of Mrs. Broughton's funds in this case, but what I have had has been economically expended and to the best possible advantage under the circumstances. Mrs. Broughton still being in London and feeling anxious, as I am sure she does, to do all that can possibly be done in this case, will

preclude the necessity of sending out another agent on this business, as if one-half of the amount of what it would cost to send a new agent out should be forwarded to Mrs. Broughton, it would amply suffice to terminate the investigation.

Since writing the foregoing, Mrs. Broughton has just come in, and I am happy to say, will answer for herself by a note enclosed herewith, which will render it unnecessary for me to write more at present. It will afford me great pleasure to answer any further inquiries you may wish to make on this or any other subject of a similar kind.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. LYONS.

LONDON, Dec. 13th, 1852.

MR. HARRIS, *Dear Sir*:—Your letter to Mr. Lyons of the 25th of Nov. is before me. We were astonished to hear that you have not received any letter from me since July 7th. On the 12th of November I wrote you, and Mrs. Belknap and my husband four weeks before I wrote you, Mr. Lyons enclosing a few lines in the same, from neither of which letters have we had an answer. It has been a matter of wonder why I could not get an answer to one or both, but in reading your letter to Mr. Lyons, it remains no longer a mystery. In both my last to you I wrote definite as possible about the business I represent in this country, as I have always felt it my duty to do. Your anxiety must have been much, not having heard from me so long. Mr. Lyons will now write you the particulars as to the business I am representing in the Follansbee case. There is no doubt but that the foundation we have got in the case is the right one. I will leave the subject for Mr. Lyons to write you.

I still remain your humble servant,
HANNAH E. BROUGHTON.

" LONDON, Feb. 8th, 1853.

HUBBARD HARRIS, Esq.—*Dear Sir*: Your favor of January 17th enclosing a communication to Mrs. Broughton, which I at once enclosed to her, and she had called on me last evening. At Mrs. Broughton's request I employed Mr. Day to search the records at Durham, who informed me that he found wills and administrations, abstracts from some of which he forwarded to me, and which I suppose were copied to you by Mrs. B. These abstracts, however, were not satisfactory to me, and I became convinced that in order to do justice to the claimants in America, it was necessary that some one suitable person should go to Durham and thoroughly investigate the affair. It was proposed by Mrs. B. that I should go

to Durham for this purpose, as soon as she should receive funds sufficient to meet the expenses, the want of which, I presume, is the reason I have not been employed to go. My meaning as to the authority was simply that if the heirs wished it and would supply me with funds for the purpose, I would go to Durham and make the investigation, when I could state the position and prospects of their claim. The authority given Mrs. Broughton is sufficient for all purposes, and more than is really necessary for a mere investigation. My reason for stating that I knew nothing of Mrs. B.'s funds, was that I did not wish those who had employed her to suppose that I had any control of her matters of funds, except so far as she employed me to act for her.

I am able to assure you that as far as I know, all that could be done has been done in this case, except the investigation at Durham, for which Mrs. B. informs me that she has written several times for funds and has been some time expecting them. By the tenor of your last letter, I feel that you wish me to be plain and candid, and I therefore would say that the only available course now to pursue is to send an experienced man to Durham, and if you wish me to go I will do so on receipt of your answer with sufficient funds for the expense. I stated in my last letter that it would cost about £15. This I fear is rather a close calculation. I perhaps ought to have stated £20 or £25.

Awaiting your reply, I remain, dear sir, very truly
and faithfully your obedient servant,

JOHN LYONS."

Memorandum of papers in possession of the Follansbee Heirs.

The first is a deed of a parcel of upland and meadow, purporting to be situated and lying in Haverhill, and deeded by Joseph Gile, of said Haverhill, to William Follansbee, of Newbury, and bounded by lands of Deacon James Ayer, a Mr. Ward, Stephen Dow, and land of Ephraim Roberds. Said Gile acknowledged said deed to be his voluntary act March 11, 1736, before Joshua Bayley, Justice Peace, and January 2d, 1737, Mary, wife of the said Gile, acknowledged the said deed to be her voluntary act, before said Bayley. Said deed was signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Samuel Chase and Richard Hazzen.

Second, a receipt dated Ipswich, May 10, 1738, signed by James McHard, for money received by the hand of Thomas Follansbee for Wm. Follansbee.

By the records at Newbury, Thomas Follansbee, son of Thomas, the first, who emigrated to America, died June 10, 1755.

A receipt was given, signed by Philip and Mary Chase, which

is as follows: "Newbury, July 5, 1755. Then received of William Follansbee two pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence lawful money, in full of a *legise* which was given to Mary Chase by her honored father Thomas Follansbee, in his last will and testament. Received by us."

I have heard of but one Follansbee family relic which is now in possession of the family which was brought from England, viz., a pitcher—said to have been sent by Amos Follansbee to Francis Follansbee. On one side of the pitcher is the following inscription: "Amos Follansbee born March 18, 1752. Francis Follansbee, of Leominster, County of Worcester, born Nov. 21, 1721." On the other side of the pitcher there is a picture of a country residence. This pitcher is in the possession of Mrs. Bigelow, Holliston, Mass.

There is a report among the Follansbees in Massachusetts, that there was an important Follansbee will brought to this country, and it was last known to be in the hands of Moses Follansbee, of Enfield, one of the family descended from the first Francis.

Mr. Hubbard Harris, of Enfield, N. H., who has furnished me much information relative to the Follansbee family, says Thomas and William Follansbee came to America from Derbyshire, England, in 1642, and little is known in America of the family previously, save they came to England from Normandy in 1066, with William the Conqueror. William is said to have returned to England and became a stockholder in the East India Company, and went to India in the employ of the Company and was very successful.

PEDIGREES.*

Pedigree of the American Follansbees, furnished by the Follansbee descendants of New Hampshire, as gleaned from letters sent me by various members of the family:

I. †Thomas Follansbee, who came from England to the Colony of Massachusetts previous to 1677, with his wife Abigail and children,

1. Thomas, b 1674-5.
2. William,
3. Abigail,

*ABBREVIATIONS.—b. born; m. married; d. died.

†The following was found in the records of the town of Newbury: "April 3d, 1713. Mr. Thomas Follansbee, Senr., informed of his intent of marriage with Mrs. Jane Mosmore, of Boston."

4. Sarah, who died in Newburyport, Nov. 6, 1683. They afterwards had other children born in Newburyport, Mass., as appears by the records there, viz :

5. Francis, b October, 1677:

6. Hannah, b April 10. 1683.

1. Thomas, son of Thomas above named, m. Abigail ——. He died June 10, 1755, and was buried in West Newbury. His wife died in Oct. —, aged 74 years. They had issue, viz :

III. 1. Mary, b March 28, 1697.

2. William, b March 14, 1700-1, m first Mary Robinson. He is described in the Newburyport records as the son of Thomas Follansbee, Jr, from England. He had issue by his wife Mary, viz :

IV. 1. Moses Follansbee, b Dec. 15, 1721, at Newburyport, d in Enfield, N. H., June 14, 1812.

III. 2. William m for his second wife —, and for his third wife, Hannah Simmons, by whom he had issue, viz :

IV. 1. Thomas, b March, 1736, d April, 1818, at Ware, N. H.

2. Simon, b in Haverill, Mass., 1738, m Martha Huse, of Hampstead. He died May, 1821, and his wife died May, 1818, aged 83. They had issue viz :

V. Nathan, b in Plaistow, Aug. 16, 1763, m Anna Sawyer, of Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 17, 1783. He died in Enfield, N. H., Dec. 26, 1847. Anna, his wife, died Aug. 30, 1854, aged 93 1-2 years. They had issue eight children, viz :

VI. 1. Leonard, b in Canaan, N. H., Dec. 7, 1784, m Love Machmore, of Newburyport, July 5, 1805. He was a sea captain, and died at New Orleans, while doing business at that port, Sept. 1839, and his wife, Love, died — 1863.

2. James, b in Canaan, Sept. 9, 1788, m Eliza Currier, of Enfield, June 9, 1816. He died in Enfield, 1849, leaving issue.

3. Nathan, b in Canaan, N. H., Sept. 27, 1789, m Catharine Montry, of Newburyport, Oct. 24, 1809. She died March, 1841, aged 56. They had issue.

4. Martha, b in Hampstead, June 30, 1793.

5. Betsey, b " " June 10, 1795, m Abial Goodrich, of Enfield, March 15, 1814. He died Jan. 2, 1857, and she died Sept. 6, 1864, leaving issue.

6. Sarah, b in Enfield, Aug. 27, 1797, m Geo. Harris, of Canaan, Feb. 26. 1822.

7. Anne, b in Enfield, N. H., January, 1803, m Samuel Thomas, of Plainfield, N. H., August 31, 1839, now living in Burnett, Wis., with issue,

8. Lucy, b Nov. 8, 1804, m Capt. S. Whitmore, May 29, 1831. She died March 16, 1850, leaving issue.

VI. 4. Martha, above named, m Hubbard Harris, of Canaan, March 6, 1820, by whom she had the following issue, viz :

VII. 1. Hubbard D., b in Plainfield, N. H., Jan. 16, 1821, m Louisa Dearing, of Boston, Mass., Nov. 30, 1845. She was born in Portsmouth, N. H., April 10, 1823. They have one son, Hubbard D., b in Boston, Mass., Aug. 23, 1846.

VII. 2. Martha J. S. Harris, b in Warren, N. H., Feb. 4, 1822, m Rev. Isaac Hobart, at Enfield, May 11, 1840. She died March 5, 1850, leaving one daughter and a son, viz :

VIII. 1. Alfredor, b in Radnor, Pa., Feb. 8, 1842.

2. Adoniram Judson, b in Radnor, Pa., April 7, 1844.

IV. Moses Follansbee, son of Wm. above named, m. Priscilla Heath, June 14th, 1756, and had issues,

V. 1. Moses; 2. John; 3. William; 4. Joseph; 5. Samuel; 6. Rachel; 7. Anna; 8. Betsy; 9. Abigail; 10. Sarah; 11. Susan; 12 Martha, and 13. Rhoda.

1. Moses m. ——— and had issue, viz :

VI. Warren; Anna, b. 1785, m. Timothy Higgins, 1801; Sally, b. in Vt., 1787, m. Ansel Fish, 1810, d. 1864; Polly m. Hugh Canada; Susan m. Geo. Whitney; Prescilly, b. 1800, m. Walter, Belknap, Sept. 24, 1818, and Sally who m. Ambrose Kibbee.

VI. Dolly Follansbee, b. July 4th, 1781, in Newbury Port, Mass., m., Feb. 14th, 1799, Ambrose Kibbee, who was born in Summers, Conn., May 25th, 1770, and died in East Randolph, Vt., Nov. 22d, 1827. She died Dec. 17th, 1823. They had the following issue, viz :

VII. 1. Dolly, b April 2d, 1800, d Sept. 3d, 1821, Sp in East Randolph.

2. Ambrose, b Jan. 3d, 1802, now living in Royalton, Vt.

3. Anna, b Nov. 27th, 1803, m, 1st, Lewis Debble; 2d, R. Gay, and d leaving issue by both husbands.

4. Leonard, b Sept. 11th, 1805, now living in E. Randolph,

5. P. Chandler, b Oct. 23d, 1807, living in Wisconsin.

6. Moses C., b Aug. 17th, 1809, d in Troy, and left issue.

7. Shubel C., b July 1st, 1811, a bachelor in Randolph.

8. Benjamin P., b July 28th, 1813, lives in Detroit, Mich.

9. Nathaniel, b Nov. 3d, 1815, d in E. Randolph, Nov. 5th, 1815.

10. Harvey, b Nov. 20th, 1816, d in Michigan, Sp,

11. Henry C., b Oct. 22d, 1818, lives in Detroit, Mich.

12. Jerred, b Nov. 14th, 1820, lives in Michigan.

13. Dolly, b Feb. 13th 1823, m Phineas D. Pierce, and now lives in Royalton, Vt.

V. Rachel Follansbee, b Oct. 10, 1756, m Abial Goodrich (who was born June 3d, 1750,) at Haverhill, Mass. They had issue viz:

VI. 1. William, b Oct. 25, 1770; 2. Ezekiel, d; 3. Follansbee, dead; 4. Nathaniel, living; 5. Elphalet, living; 6. Abial, living; 7. Jeremiah, living; 8. Joeeph, b Sept. 7th, 1792; living; 9. Joshua, living; 10. Sally, m Wm. Welch, living; and 11. Betsey, living, unmarried.

1. Wm. Goodrich, above named, m June 3d. 1800, Betsey Jones, of Canaan, N. H. He died Feb., 1859, and his wife died March 13th, 1845. They had issue, viz :
- VII. 1. Polly, b June 6th, 1802 ; 2. Betsey, b June 26th, 1805 ; 3. Sally, b June 5th, 1809 ; 4. Rachel, b June 2d, 1812 ; 5. Follansbee, b June 25, 1814 ; 9. Eunice, b April 7, 1819 ; 7. Abram, b Oct. 1, 1822.
1. Polly, above named, m in Brookfield, Vt., Clark Wilson, of Williamstown, Vt., Dec. 17th, 1829. Clark Wilson died August 9th, 1841, and his wife Polly, May 11, 1851. They had issue, viz :
- VIII. 1. Abigail G., b Aug. 5th, 1831.
2. Henry L., b May 19th, 1841.
- VII. 2. Betsey C. Goodrich, m first in Williamstown, Vt., June 27, 1832, James Wolcott. He died in Iowa, in 1852, and she m second David Martin, May 12, 1859. She had by her first husband issue, viz :
- VIII. 1. Mabel, b Nov. 4, 1838, m Ira J. Badger.
2. Roxanna, — —, m Sept. 16th, 1860, Ira C. Taylor, of Waitsfield, Vt.
- VII. 3. Sally Goodrich, m Nov, 6th, 1838, Elijah Edson, of Williamstown, Vt. She died July 25, 1859. They had issue, viz :
- VIII. 1. Charles W. Edson, b April 24th, 1841, m Aug. 21, 1864, Esther Stone, of Brookfield, Vt.
2. Lynas b Feb. 9th, 1848.
3. Ann, b March 19th, 1850.
- VII. 4. Rachel Goodrich, m Dec. 22, 1836, Charles Boatwell and had issue
- VIII. 1. Mariah, b Oct. 27th, 1837, m Andrew B. Blood, of Lowell, Mass., Nov., 1859.
2. Wesley, b Aug. 1, 1844.
3. William, b July 15, 1848.
4. Emma, b July 15, 1850.
5. Sarah J., b May 23, 1853.
- VIII. 5. Follansbee Goodrich m April 19th, 1849, Bethiah Harrington, and had issue, viz :
- VIII. 1. Mariah, b Sept. 26th, 1850.
2. Esther J., b April 22, 1852.
3. Albert, b June 1854.
4. Burnet, b Nov. 8th, 1857.
5. Alma, b Nov. 21, 1861.
- VII. 7. Abram Goodrich m Harriet Cass, April 26, 1854, and had issue
- VIII. Joseph C., b April 7th, 1862.
- VI. 2. Ezekiel Goodrich, b in Newbury, Mass., March 4th, 1778, m Rhoda Ferrin (who was born in Ware, N. H., Feb. 28, 1780,) Nov. 25th 1802. He died in Chelsea, Vt., Aug.

- 13, 1841. He had issue by his wife Rhoda, born in Chelsea, viz :
- VII. 1. Polly, b Aug. 9th, 1805.
 2. Sophia, b Aug. 10, 1808.
 3. Susan, b Feb. 23, 1812.
 4. Horace, b Oct. 7th, 1814.
 1. Polly Goodrich, last above named, married in Chelsea, Vt., Seth G. Durkee, of Williamstown, Vt., Sept. 23, 1824, and had issue, viz :
- VIII. Azro Durkee, b in Williamstown, Vt., Sept. 21, 1825, and Leonora, b Nov. 5th, 1828.
 Azro Durkee, m Maria S. Robinson, of Stowe, Sept. 14th, 1854, and had issue, viz.
- IX. 1. Ella M. Durkee, b in Hydepark, Feb. 8th, 1856.
 Hattie P. Durkee, b in Stowe, Nov. 21, 1860.
 Leonora Durkee, above named, m Geo. S. Wheeler, of Randolph, June 23d, 1853, and had issue, viz,
- IX. Mary E. Wheeler, b in Brookfield, Aug. 1st, 1854.
 Henry P., b March 11th, 1856.
- VIII. 2. Sophia Goodrich, m Luther W. Bigelow, of Brookfield, April 2d, 1829, and had issue
- IX. 1. Lester G. Bigelow, b Jan. 17th, 1831.
 2. Wilber F. Bigelow, b Jan. 5th, 1834.
 3. Lewis F., b June 14, 1839.
 1. Lester G. Bigelow m Sila Day, of Coventry, Vt., Jan. 1st, 1854, and have children, viz,
- X. Harry, b Sept. 22d, 1855.
 Fred, b Feb. 8th, 1857.
 Ida, b Oct., 1861.
 Girty S., b July 6, 1864.
- IX. 2. Wilber F. Bigelow m Georgie S. Langley, Oct. 13th, 1861.
 3. Lewis F. Bigelow m Lizzie Kittredge, of Walden, Vt., May 23d, 1861, and have issue
- X. Clarence A. Bigelow b Jan. 6th, 1862-
- VIII. 3. Susan Goodrich m Eleazer Quinby, of Chelsea, Sept. 18th, 1834, and had issue, viz,
- IX. Albert E. Quinby, b June 18, 1841, and Ann Quinby, b July 13th, 1844, m Asa J. Kittredge, of Walden, June 13, 1863.
- VII. 4. Horace Goodrich m Ann White of Sharon, Jan. 10th, 1836, and had issue.
- VIII. 1. Pluma A. Goodrich, b Oct. 28th, 1839.
 2. Harley " b March 19th, 1843, and married Mary F. Alicott, August, 1862, in Charlestown, Mass., and had a daughter.
- IX. Ella A. Goodrich, b April 14th, 1863.
- VIII. 1. Pluma A. Goodrich m Silas B. Woodbury, of Manchester, N. H., and had a son.
- IX. Fred G. Woodbury, b August 16th, 1863.

- VI. 5. Eliphalet Goodrich, b in Newbury, Mass, March 6th, 1783;
m Judeth Kimball, who was born in Hopkinton, N. H.,
April 28th, 1793. She died in Chelsea, Vt., Feb: 7th,
1848, and he died in Chelsea, July 25th, 1856. They
had the following children, viz :
- VII. 1. Melinda Goodrich, b March 5th, 1815, d Sept. 11th, 1819.
2. Denison Goodrich, b Feb. 23d, 1819, d Oct. 20th, 1824.
3. Nancy J. Goodrich, b Sept. 15th, 1823, m Rev. A. I.
Copeland, and had issue, viz :
- VIII. Mary J. Copeland, b in Montpelier, September, 1850.
Osmon B. Copeland, b in Waitsfield, February, 1854.
Carrie " b in Bradford, January, 1856.
- VII. 4. Judith K. Goodrich, b November 18th, 1825.
5. Maria Goodrich, b March 14th 1829, m Matthew H. Kim-
ball, September, 1855, and had issue, viz :
- VIII. George Kimball, b in Hopkinton, N. H., March, 1858.
- VII. 5. Marenda F. Goodrich, b in Chelsea, October 17th, 1835,
m Elliot P. Densmore, May 2d, 1854.
- VI. 8. Joseph Goodrich, b 1792, m Sarah Glidden, November 17th,
1817, and had issue.
- VII. 1. Richard K., b January 20th, 1818.
2. Rachel, b May 1st, 1819.
3. Jane H., b December 21st, 1820.
4. Abial, b December 28th, 1822.
5. Alpheus, b July 23d, 1824.
6. Mahala S., b March 16th, 1826.
7. Malinda, b September 29th, 1829.
8. J. B., b June 18th, 1831.
9. Darwin, b March 20th, 1834.
10. Warren, b March 19th, 1839.
12. George, b April 10th, 1841.
1. Richard K. Goodrich m Olive Smalley, February 14th,
1842, and had issue, viz :
- VIII. 1 Fanny, b November 21st, 1843.
2 Abbie, b February 11th, 1846, and m Goin B. Evins,
October 21st, 1864.
- VII. 2 Rachel m Albert Hixon, February 19th, 1843, and had
issue.
- VIII. 1 Matilda F. Hixon, b February 19th, 1849, m Lewis
Hovey, February 2d, 1865.
2 Charles A. Hixon, b May 25th, 1860.
- VII. 1 Jane H. m Noah Downs, January 2d 1842, and had issue,
viz :
- VIII. 1 Henry, b January 25, 1845.
2 Adna B., b Nov. 21st, 1847.
3 Laura Ann, b March 21st, 1862.
- VII. 4 Abial Goodrich m Elmina Waldo, and had issue, viz :
- VIII. Nellee, b 1856.

- VII. 5 Alpheus m Luna C. Sprague, December 21, 1852, he d December 6th, 1858, leaving issue, viz :
- VIII. Ellee S., b April 17th, 1856.
- VII. 6 Mahala S. m Harley D. White, August 4th, 1851, and had issue, viz :
- VIII. Marcellus, b August, 1853.
Sarah, b January, 1855.
Clarence, b July, 1859.
- VII. 7 Malinda, b 1829, m Wm. A. Robins, July 5th, 1854, and had issue,
- VIII. Hattie J., b March 10th, 1859.
- VII. 8 J. B. Goodrich m Doborah J. Osgood, April 3d, 1856, and had issue,
- VIII. Hattie, b March 28th, 1857.
Lucy, b November, 1858.
Sarah b August, 1859.
John, b February, 1862.
- VII. 9 Darwin m Julia Jeffords, July, 1861.

The following pedigree has been furnished me by Ruth A. Wooster, East Canaan, N. H. :—

- I. Thomas Follansbee.
- II. Thomas Follonsbee, jr., from England.
- III. William.
- IV. Thomas, m 1st, and had issue, viz,
- V. 1 Daniel; 2 Abegail; 3 Hannah. And by second wife he had, 1 Mehitable; 2 Samuel; 3 Benjamin; 4 William; 5 Thomas; 6 John; 7 Mary; 8 Muron; 9 Jacob.
- 3 Benj. Follansbee, above named, was born at Ware, N. H., 1771, and died at Hill, N. H., March, 1835. He had three wives. He had issue by his first wife, viz :
- IV. 1 Thomas, b April 8th, 1793, at Salem, Mass., now living in Hill, N. H.
- 2 Ruth, b at Salem, October 6th, 1795, died in Boston, Mass., A. D. 1836, s. p.
- 3 Benjamin, b in Salem, February 14th, 1798, died in Bristol, N. H., June 14th, 1855, leaving but one child, viz: Ruth A. Wooster, of East Canaan.
- 4 James, b in Boxford, Mass., May 17th, 1800, now living in Maidstone, Vt.
- 5 William, b January 26th, 1802, in Ware, [N. H., m and had issue, viz :
- VII. Cutting, now living in Holderness, N. H.
Caroline, b 1824, living in Northfield, N. H.
Peabody.
Jocan D., b May 20th, 1835, living in Boston.
Daniel, b May 16th, 1837.

- VI. 6. Ann, b December 25th, 1806, m Hale, and died at Manchester, N. H., May 13th, 1851. She had issue, viz :
- VII. Laura m Peabody, and lives in Franklin, N. H. Alonzo, b July 18th, 1833, d September 3d, 1842. Wm. F., b December 25th, 1836, living in West Lebanon, N. H.
- VI. 7. John, b in Hill, N. N., d at Andover, N. H., July 18, 1846 leaving issue, viz :
- VII. Emeline, b July 13th, 1837, m — Huntoon, lives in Andover. Martha, b December 26th, 1840, d June 6th, 1855.
- VI. 8. Sarah, b in Hill, N. H., March 5th, 1813, d in Bristol, N. H., July 22d, 1862. She m — Bean, and had issue, viz :
- VII. Geo. F., b June 16th, 1835, living in Lebanon, N. H. Ann M., b August 23d, 1838, lives at Lebanon, N. H. Mary S., b February 5th, 1845, m — Dustin, living in Bristol.
- VI. 9. Isaac, b in Hill, N. H., April 12th, 1814, living at Franklin, N. H.
- 10. Mrs. D. Childs, b November 20th, 1816, d May 3d, 1841.
- 11. David, b March 3d, 1818, living at Franklin, N. H.
- 12. Almida, b March 6th, 1820, d November 16th, 1864, without issue.
- V. Benjamin had issue by his third wife, viz :
- VI. 1. Stephen, b July 4th, 1823, living in Danbury.
- 2. Peter W., b November 27th, 1825, living in Manchester, N. H., and
- 3. Oliver.

Warren Follansbee, of Johnson's Creek, Jefferson Co., Wis., wrote me that his father,—

“Moses Follansbee, was in Haverhill, Mass., 1750, m, 1775, to Sally Clark, of Newburyport, Mass. He died in Russell, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., in 1831, and his wife Sally died April, 1833.

“Moses, jr., b May 16th, 1783, m Jane Alexander, in Ship-ton Township, Canada East, in 1822.

“Warren Follansbee, b January 10th, 1798, in Randolph, Vt., m Aurilla Cutter, of Jay, N. Y., in 1818.

Very many pedigrees have been sent me, by different branches of the family, so imperfect, that I have thought best to omit them in this report.

E. F. Follansbee, of Boston, writes me, October 6th, 1865, as follows : “I, yesterday, visited West Newbury. Mr. Silas Follansbee, I found, still lives on the old Follansbee Farm, bought by the oldest Thomas, or his son Thomas.”

In the old burying ground, I found the graves of some of the family. The inscriptions on the stones are as follows :—

“ Here lies the body of Mrs. Thomas Follansbee, who died October 24th, 1734, in the seventy-fourth year of her age ;” also

“ Here lies the body of Thomas Follansbee, who departed this life June 10th, 1755, in the eighty-first year of his age.”

“ Here lies buried the body of Mrs. Judith Follansbee, ye wife of Francis Follansbee, who died January 12th, 1741, in the forty-second year of her age.”

“ Here lies the body of Mr. Francis Follansbee, who died January 24th, 1747, and in the forty-seventh year of his age.”

These were all the graves I could find there.

Mr. E. F. Follansbee and Mr. G. L. Follansbee, of Camden, Maine, have furnished me with the following pedigree of their family, to which I have made slight additions, furnished by other members of the family in Massachusetts.

FOLLANSBEE FAMILY.

I. Thomas Follansbee came from England previous to 1677 with his wife Sarah, and three children, whose names were Thomas, b 1675 ; Francis, b Oct. 22, 1677 ; Hannah, b April 10, 1680. His wife died at Newbury, Nov. 6, 1683.

II. Thomas Jr., son of the above Thomas, b 1675, m Abigail ——. He died at Newbury, June 10, 1755, 81 years of age. His second wife was Hannah March, m January 5, 1716. The children of Thomas Jr. were Mary, b April 24, 1695 ; Thomas, b March 28, 1697 ; Francis, b June 13, 1699 ; William, b March 14, 1701.

III. Francis, son of Thomas Jr., was b at Newbury, June 13, 1699, m Judith ——. He died at Newbury, Jan. 26, 1747, aged 48 years. They had children, Judith, b Nov. 29, 1720, at Newbury ; Francis, b Nov. 10, 1724, at Newbury ; Abigail, b Feb. 28, 1726, at Newbury ; Moody, b Nov. 6, 1728, at Newbury. Judith, wife of the father, died Jan. 12, 1741.

IV. Francis Jr., son of Francis Sen., was b at Newbury, Nov. 10, 1724, m Molly Dean. He died ——. They had children, Edward, b at Leominster, June 12, 1768 ; Amos, Francis, Nehemiah, Thomas, John, Judith, Molly, Lydia, Betsey. His wife died ——.

V. Edward, b at Leominster, June 12th, 1768, m first Elizabeth Tainter, at Leominster, Sept. 20, 1791, second Abigail Farnsworth. He died at Leominster, April 2, 1830. Elizabeth, his wife, died in Leominster, July 23d, 1811. Edward and Elizabeth had issue,

1. Sally, b Dec. 1, 1791, m Carlton Willard. Both dead, leaving three children.
2. Betsey, b April 27, 1793, m John Bigelow. He is dead. She lives in Holliston, Mass.

- VI. 3. Leonard, b July 20, 1796, at Leominster.
 4. Thomas, b July 18, 1799. Resides at Leominster.
 5. Dexter, b June 12, 1800. Died without issue.
 6. Ayers, b May 29, 1802, m Abigail Brown, and died 1861.
 They had four children, viz., Andrew J., Abel B., dead,
 Mary E. and Sarah A., all married.
 7. Lucy, b Sept. 19, 1804, m Addison Pike, and had three chil-
 dren, all living in Hopkinton, Mass.
 By second wife had 8. Edward, b Dec. 23, 1813, of whom
 hereafter.
 Leonard, above named, m Lucy M. Preston, at Groton, Mass.,
 Dec. 3, 1822, d at Camden, Me., March 9, 1857. She
 survives him and resides at Camden. They had issue,
- VII. 1. George L., b Aug. 25, 1823, at Union, Me.
 2. Fisher H., b Nov. 26, 1825, at Union, (unm.) resides in Cal.
 3. John B., b March 8, 1828, at Union.
 4. Joseph S., b April 26, 1831, at Union, (unm.) resides in
 Idaho.
 5. Edward T., b March 3, 1834, at Camden.
 6. Charles William, b Feb. 14, 1837, at Camden, (unm.) re-
 sides in Camden.
 7. Caroline E., b Dec. 13, 1840, at Camden, (unm.) resides
 in Camden.
- VII. 1. George L., above named, m Cythera M. Howard, at Sears-
 mont, Me., September 5th, 1852. They resided in
 Camden, Me., and have issue,
 1. Carrie E., b July 27th, A. D. 1853, at Camden.
 2. Georgia P., b March 23d, A. D. 1857, at Camden.
 3. John, above named, m Melissa Babcock, at Hudson, Wis.,
 A. D., 1854. Resides in Rush River, Wis., (in the army
 at present). They have issue,
 1. Joseph A., b A. D. 1855.
 2. George L., b A. D. 1857.
 3. Wm. F., b A. D. 1862.
 5. Edward T., above named, m Emma Wadsworth, at Kin-
 nichkinnick, Wis., A. D. 1862, and now resides there.
 They have issue,
 Harvey E., b A. D. 1863, at Kinnichkinnick.
 A son, b A. D. 1865, do.
- VI. Edward, son of Edward and Abigail, b at Leominster, 1813, m
 Mary A. Dow, of Maine, d in Braintree, Mass., March
 26th, 1849, leaving issue, viz:
- VII. Edward F., b at Braintree, August 22d, 1838, lives in Boston,
 Mass., and Lucy J., b. July 19th, 1840.
- III. Moody Follansbee, son of Francis, above named, m, and had
 issue, viz:
- IV. James Follansbee, who m and had issue, viz:
- V. Silas, now living on the old family homestead, in West Newbury.

After having examined carefully the foregoing information, which I have been able to collect, I can only conclude that there was once a Follansbee property in England, which, of right, belonged to the American Follansbees. Its situation, at this time, is unknown, and it is uncertain whether it can now be recovered. The mystery in which this is enveloped, can only be dispelled by a careful investigation in England.

The probabilities of discovering this property, I consider sufficient to warrant the American Follansbees in making one great effort to ascertain its present situation. It would be better that this effort should be a joint effort with all branches of the family, for it is for the interest of all that this long agitated question should be set at rest.

I intended to have made this report much earlier, but the claimants did not send me their pedigrees in season for me to make an early report.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

COLUMBUS SMITH.

West Salisbury, Vt., October 24th, 1865.

Any member of the Follansbee Family not receiving a copy of this report, will have one sent them by applying to C. G. WILFRE, Middlebury, Vt.