

DANIEL FOX

OF

EAST HADDAM, CT.

AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS



ALBANY, N. Y.
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“ I know
My father, grandsire, and great grandsire, too :
If farther I derive my pedigree,
I can but guess beyond the fourth degree.
The rest of my forgotten ancestors
Were sons of earth.”

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Daniel Fox and His Descendants.



DANIEL FOX, born about 1722, came from a family which lived in New London, Conn., and was a great grandson of Thomas Fox* of Concord, Mass., three of whose sons settled in New London in or about the year 1675. Daniel had two younger brothers, ~~Isaac and John.~~ *

He was married three times: first, to Hannah Burr, ~~an aunt of Aaron Burr,~~ by which marriage he had six children. His marriage to Hannah Burr occurred Oct. 10, 1747. His second wife was Elizabeth Gates, by whom he had eight children. He married for his third wife, the widow Winslow.

* Born in England; died 1658.

Daniel Fox's first wife, Hannah Burr, died while the family was living in East Haddam, Conn. During the Revolutionary War he took his second wife and her children,—the other children being in the army or married,—and moved from East Haddam to New Canaan, ~~Conn.~~, crossing the Connecticut river in April, 1779. He located about one mile east of Whiting's pond, where he bought 170 acres of land, and erected a "two-story" house. In addition to his farming, he did some business in tanning and shoemaking, a business which subsequently became an important industry in that town.

The country about New Canaan was new and sparsely settled at this time. Among his few neighbors was Captain Hezekiah Baldwin, whose daughter, Jerusha, married Daniel Fox's son, Jehiel. Captain Baldwin lived nearly two miles west of Whiting's pond, and Eli (Ely?) used to go by there to Mr. Camp's meeting. Captain Baldwin owned a mill, which was situated a few rods from his house.

Elizabeth Gates, the second wife of

Daniel Fox, died while the family was living in New Canaan. Daniel married a third time, his third wife being a widow Winslow, who left him after living with him a short time. One Sally Crittenden then kept house for him for about seven years, after which his daughter Luna,—Luna Alger,—who had previously been living at Hoosick with her brother Jehiel, assisted the old man as house-keeper for seven or eight years more.

His second wife having been dead for some fourteen or fifteen years, he broke up house-keeping in New Canaan, and went to Chester, N. Y., where his son Jehiel was living. From Chester he went to West Stockbridge, Mass., the home of his son Hubbard Fox, at whose house he died.

Daniel Fox seems to have been a man who had acquired some little property, and was well-to-do as things went in those days. When his sons came home from the long, seven years war of the Revolution, he gave each of them thirty acres of land; and to the younger boys, he gave "their time" at nineteen years of age.



Second Generation.

DANIEL FOX and Hannah Burr—his first wife—had six children: Reuben, Ansel, Hubbard, Allen, Sybil and Dimmis. The four sons enlisted and served in the army during the war of the Revolution.

Reuben served in the Connecticut Militia, and in the records of his company it is noted that they “marched on a tower” to New London, in 1781, at the time of the capture of that place by the British troops under command of Benedict Arnold. He afterward married, and settled in Cornwall, Conn. He had six children: Ansel, Hannah, Charles, Huldah, Helen, and Lavinia.

Ansel Fox enlisted in the Continental Artillery, and was killed at the battle of Monmouth by a grape shot which struck him in the groin. His brothers, Allen

and Hubbard, were also on that field with their respective regiments. Ansel had served previously in the American army, under Gen. Benedict Arnold, on the Lake, during which campaign he was struck in the breast by a ball; but, surviving his injury he re-enlisted and fell at Monmouth.

Hubbard Fox* enlisted at East Haddam, Conn., Jan. 10, 1778, for "three years' service," in Capt. Holmes's Company of the First Connecticut Line, a New London regiment. This regiment was present at Germantown, Valley Forge, Monmouth, Tryon's Invasion and Stony Point.

Allen Fox—or Allyn, as it sometimes appears on the records—enlisted in 1775, at the first call for troops. He enlisted first for one year, and served in the campaign against Ticonderoga and Crown Point. On the expiration of this enlistment he re-enlisted "for the war," as the muster rolls phrase it, and joined the seventh "Connecticut Line," being cred-

* His name appears on the Connecticut rolls as "Hobart" Fox, of East Haddam. Hubbard Fox (and Ansel also) is recorded in the History of Berkshire County as belonging to the town of Richmond, Mass.

ited to the town of Cornwall. This regiment was present at Germantown, Valley Forge, Monmouth and Stony Point. In 1783, he was transferred to the Second Connecticut Line, and was mustered out at West Point in June, 1783, by order of Gen. George Washington.*

Sybil Fox married Joseph Rowley, who settled in Richmond, Berkshire county, Mass.: and Dimmis married Brown Chamberlain, who lived there also.

Daniel Fox and Elizabeth Gates, his second wife, had eight children. Their names were Jehiel, Levet and Luna (twins), Amasa, Daniel, Gabriel Ely (named after a Connecticut surgeon who was Daniel Fox's family physician), Orange, and Candace.

Gabriel E. Fox moved to Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., and was living there in 1844.

Levet (Leavitt?) Fox lived at one time

* Allen Fox's discharge, bearing the signature of Gen. Washington and Adjutant Custis, is in Albany, in possession of Barney Quinn, Esq., an autograph collector. This discharge also bears a statement from the colonel of the regiment saying that Allen Fox received the "Badge of Merit" for long and gallant service.

at Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; and, in company with his brother Jehiel, built an oil mill on the site where the mowing-machine shops now stand. This building was subsequently used as a store, and then as a dwelling house until 1870, when it was destroyed by fire.

Orange Fox married Jonathan Townshend, who resided near Watertown, N. Y. They had nine children, six girls and three boys.

Candace Fox died when only eight years old, at ~~New Canaan, Conn.~~ N.Y.

JEHIEL FOX, oldest son of Daniel, by his second wife, Elizabeth Gates, was born in East Haddam, Conn., Aug. 12, 1762. When he was seventeen years old his father moved to ~~New Canaan~~ and settled there. Two years later, Jehiel, then only nineteen, enlisted in a militia regiment, and served with the troops which marched to the relief of New London. This campaign was a short one, and having received his discharge at the expiration of his term of enlistment he returned to ~~New Canaan~~, where he engaged in teaching school, at Whi-

ting's pond. While here he married Jerusha Baldwin, daughter of Captain Hezekiah Baldwin, an officer who had served in the French War, and in the Revolution, and who lived near by. Jehiel commenced keeping house by hiring a room near Judge Whiting's house, for which he paid 50(?) pounds a year. After keeping house at New Canaan about two years, he moved to Hoosick Falls in 1788, where he resided about nine years. During the last five or six years of his residence in Hoosick he was "licensed" as a Baptist preacher, and once went to New Canaan on a visit, where he preached at his father's house to his kinsmen and former neighbors. On this occasion he seemed to feel that the prophet would be without honor in his own land, for he announced as his text:—Acts xvii, 18; "And some said, What will this babbler say?"

From Hoosick, Jehiel moved to Chester, Warren county, N. Y., in April, 1797. While living in Chester he still followed his profession as a minister of the Gospel, and his formal ordination

occurred soon after he settled there. He also engaged in business as a merchant; for the pioneer churches of that day were unable to pay a clergyman enough to enable him to live by his profession alone.

His field of labor, like that of every backwoods preacher in those early days, was an arduous one. His pastorate included outlying, distant settlements; and in visiting the "sister churches" organized and sustained by his tireless energy, he was obliged, day by day, to cross mountain ridges, to ford rapid, dangerous streams, and push his way, alone and on foot, through pathless forests with no other guide than the blazed marks on the trees.

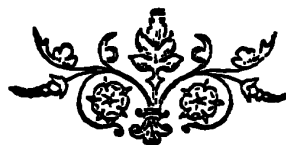
"Elder" Fox, as he was called, enjoyed the respect and confidence of the circle in which he moved, and was long remembered as one of the ablest men among the pioneer preachers of Northern New York. In person he was tall and slim. The family records state that while a boy he was hard worked; that he complained of a "lame chest" at seven-

teen; and that when he played ball he would complain of "heat in his breast." He was buried in the old grave yard at Chestertown; but, this ground being needed for village improvements his remains with others were disinterred and removed to the new cemetery. The tombstone over his grave bears this inscription:

"The Revd. Jehiel Fox passes this way from the labors of the field and vineyard, to his Master. Lo! grace gives the triumph. Born 21st Aug., 1762. Expired July 25, 1823."

His wife was also buried at Chester, and her tombstone bears the following words:

"Beneath this stone the remains of Mrs. Jerusha Fox await the resurrection trump. Born Sept. 9, 1760. Expired 2d Sept., 1819."





Third Generation.

JEHIEL FOX had five children:—
Alanson, Solyman B., Norman,
Selina and Sophia.

Solyman B. Fox lived in Chester, N. Y., and was killed accidentally, when twenty-four years old. He was buried there, and the inscription over his grave reads as follows:—

“In memory of Solyman B. Fox, Esq., who suddenly closed his judicial, military and mercantile concerns, being crushed to death at the bottom of his well, Oct. 5th, 1813, aged twenty-four years and three months.”

Solyman married Miss Aurelia Warren, and left one son, Warren S. Fox, who resided for several years in St. Louis, Mo., but afterward came to Philadelphia, where his son Eddie resided, and at whose house he died. He was buried in Philadelphia. Warren Fox married Miss

Cronkhite, of Glens Falls, and had three sons, one of whom was killed in the war of the Rebellion; but there are no grandchildren. Eddie Fox, the sole surviving member of this branch of the family, is married and lives in Philadelphia. He has no children.

Alanson Fox—son of Jehiel—was a merchant in Chester, Warren county, N. Y. He was born at New Canaan, Conn., Jan. 30, 1787; he died in New York city, July 13, 1829, after a short and sudden illness, in the 43d year of his age. He was buried at Chester, also. His tombstone bears the following words:

“Alanson Fox, born at ^{N.Y.} New Canaan, St., 30th Jan., 1787. Died in City of New York, 13th July, 1829. My days are passed. My purposes are broken off.”

Alanson married Miss Maria Chesebrough, by whom he had five children: Helen, Mary, Charles James, Sarah, and Sheridan. Of these, Helen married Lorenzo Powers, and has resided since then in New York city; Mary married George Wait, of Albany, N. Y.; Sarah married DeWitt C. Hay, of Saratoga

Springs, N. Y., and died about twenty years ago; Charles James Fox went to California in 1849, and carried on a hardware business in San Francisco for many years, after which he returned to New York, and settled in Plainfield, N. J., where he died in 1870. He married Miss Emma Freeman, a daughter of Robert Freeman, Esq., and she still resides in Plainfield with her two children, Louise and Sheridan. Sheridan Fox—son of Alanson—died in New York, while a young man and unmarried, of injuries accidentally received while in a swimming bath.

Selina Fox married Joseph Dean. They lived in New York city, and had three sons:—George H., Solyman, and Isaac Dean. She died in 1861, at Painted Post, N. Y., at the house of her brother Norman, and lies buried in the village cemetery. Her brother Norman was buried at her side.

Sophia Fox married Dr. Benjamin Dean, and left one son, Herman Baldwin Dean, now an Episcopal clergyman at Waupun, Wis. Sophia died, Nov. 17,

1853, of consumption at the home of her sister Selina, in New York city.

NORMAN FOX—son of Jehiel—was born at Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1792. He was educated at Granville Academy, Washington county, N. Y., and at Union College, Schenectady, in the class of 1817. He served in the war of 1812, as an ensign in one of the regiments from Essex county, and in 1860 received a service pension in the shape of a government land warrant for 160 acres. He was a judge of the Warren and Washington county courts, and was a prominent member of the New York Legislature, having served with distinction as a member of Assembly* in the sessions of 1819, 1820, 1826 and 1830. Abandoning the preferments of political life he entered the ministry, and was ordained as a Baptist minister, preaching in Warren and Washington counties, and afterward as pastor of the Baptist church in Ballston Spa, N. Y., in which pastorate he remained twelve years. Having resigned

* Political History of New York: Hammond. See also Legislative Doc. 1830; No. 376, Vol. IV.

from the ministry on account of years and failing health, he moved to Schenectady in April, 1851, for the education of his children. In 1860 he moved to Painted Post, N. Y., where he died Oct. 3, 1863. His remains were buried in the cemetery at Painted Post. In 1846 he made an investment at Painted Post, in the lumber business, from which originated the successful and well-known firm of Fox, Weston & Bronson.

He was married Feb. 23, 1831, to Miss Jane Freeman, daughter of William Freeman and Betsey Chesebrough.* Jane had two brothers, Robert and Washington; the latter went to sea, and was never heard from afterward. Robert Freeman's last residence was in Plainfield, N. J., where he died. Jane Freeman, wife of Norman Fox, died in Ballston Spa, March 7, 1849, aged 42 years.

Norman Fox married again, Aug. 8, 1854,—this time to Mary Ann, widow of

* Betsey Chesebrough, daughter of Peleg Chesebrough and Rebecca Barber, was a lineal descendant of William Chesebrough, of England, who came to America with John Winthrop, in 1630, and was the pioneer settler of Stonington, Ct.; also, of Thomas Barber, of England, who came to America in the ship Christian, in 1635, and settled in Windsor, Ct. She was a granddaughter of Rev. Jonathan Barber, A. M. (Yale College, class of 1730), a Congregational minister of Groton, Ct. [Hurd's Hist. New London County; towns of Stonington and Groton.]

John D. Hale, Esq., of Ballston Spa. She died in 1886, at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Russell P. Clapp, of Ballston Spa.

In personal appearance, Norman Fox was tall and slim like his father, Jehiel. He was a man of good health and strong constitution, and at seventy-one years, his hair, though thin, showed but little trace of gray. During the latter part of his life he suffered from an epithelioma on the inside of his cheek, and was obliged to undergo a surgical operation for its removal. He was a man of iron nerve, and in temperament was stoical to the extreme; though of the kindest and tenderest disposition, he endured pain without a murmur or a sign, and in his saddest bereavements never shed a tear. Having lived his allotted three score years and ten, he died, beloved and honored by all who ever knew him.





Fourth Generation.

NORMAN FOX and Jane Freeman had seven children:—Adaline, Alanson J., Norman, Jr., William F., Charles J., Mary Elizabeth, and George Henry Fox.

Adaline Fox was born at Chester, N. Y., February 17, 1832; she died at Ballston Spa, N. Y., November 7, 1850, aged eighteen years. She died of consumption after an illness of but a few months, and was buried by the side of her mother. She was a lovely, attractive girl; and her death, following so soon after that of her mother, was a great bereavement, her loss falling sadly on the younger children who had already learned to depend upon her motherly care.

Alanson Jehiel Fox—son of Norman Fox—was born at Glens Falls, N. Y., November 7, 1833. He was married in

Schenectady to Miss Abbie Hale, daughter of John D. Hale, Esq., formerly of Ballston Spa, N. Y. She died at Painted Post in 1871, and her remains were taken to Ballston Spa for interment. He afterward married, in 1873, Miss Cornelia Stebbins, daughter of Philander W. Stebbins, Esq., of Plainfield, N. J. Alanson was engaged in the lumber business at Painted Post, N. Y., as a member of the firm of Fox, Weston & Bronson, from 1853 until 1888, when he moved to Detroit, Mich. He is still in the business of manufacturing lumber, and is secretary of the Chicago Lumbering Co., at Manistique, Mich., a corporation which carries on one of the most extensive industries in that line. He is prominently identified with various religious and educational enterprises, being a trustee of Rochester University, Vassar College, Kalamazoo College and other Baptist institutions.

Norman Fox, Jr., was born at Glens Falls, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1836. He graduated at the University of Rochester, class of 1855, and also at the Rochester

Theological Seminary. He accepted a call as pastor of the Baptist church at Whitehall, N. Y., and was preaching there at the time of the war, when he entered the army, and was commissioned as chaplain of the 77th Regiment New York Infantry. After the war he became the editor of the *Central Baptist*, a religious newspaper published in St. Louis, Mo., and then accepted a professorship at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. While living in Missouri he married Miss Julia McKnight, who died in 1869. He afterward married Miss Jennie Bleeker, of New York city, who died in 1880. He is at present engaged in editorial and literary work, and resides in Morristown, N. J. He received the degree of D.D. from the University of Rochester.

William Freeman Fox was born in Ballston Spa, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1840, and was educated at Union College, Schenectady, class of 1860. He went into the army during the war, having recruited Company C of the 107th Regiment, New York Volunteers, a company raised in

Steuben and Chemung counties, but principally in Painted Post, where he was living at the time. He was commissioned a captain, and was afterward promoted major, and then lieutenant-colonel, of his regiment. He was married in 1865 to Miss Mary A. Shattuck, of Corning, N. Y., a daughter of Levi H. Shattuck, Esq., Superintendent Tioga R. R., and went to Oil City, Pa., where he was engaged in the lumber business from 1865 to 1875. From 1875 to 1881 he was in the employ of the Blossburg Coal Company, Pa.; part of the time as a civil engineer on railroad construction, but most of the time as paymaster at the company's mines, during which he resided at Blossburg, Pa., and at the mining village of Arnot, Pa. In 1881 he moved to Elmira, N. Y., and thence, in 1886, to Albany, where he now resides, having received from Governor Hill an appointment in one of the State Departments.

While living in Elmira, Colonel Fox was engaged in the preparation of a large historical work, entitled "Regimental Losses

in the Civil War," which he published in 1889. Soon after its appearance the Legislature of the State of New York passed a law authorizing the purchase of an edition of the work, and appropriating the money therefor.*

Charles James Fox was born April 9, 1842, in Ballston Spa, N. Y. He graduated at Union College in the class of 1861, and in the following year went into the army, having received a commission as first lieutenant in the 107th Regiment New York Volunteers. He was assigned to a lieutenantcy in his brother William's company, and was promoted successively to be captain and major in the same regiment. He was present with his regiment in all the battles and skirmishes in which it was engaged, among which were Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Resaca, New Hope Church, Peach Tree Creek, Siege of Atlanta, The March to the Sea, Siege of Savannah, The Carolinas, Averasboro and Bentonville. He returned from the war in June, 1865, and engaged in the lumber

* Laws of New York, 1889, Chap. 371.

business at Painted Post, N. Y., becoming a partner in the old established firm of Fox, Weston & Co. He was married in 1865 to Miss Louise O. Wright, of Schenectady, N. Y., a daughter of the Hon. John C. Wright, judge of the Supreme Court, and formerly Comptroller of the State. In 1886, Major Fox was appointed by Governor Hill a trustee of the State Soldiers' Home, at Bath, N. Y., an honorary but responsible position.

Mary Elizabeth Fox was born July 11, 1844, in Ballston Spa, N. Y. She was educated at Miss Willard's Female Seminary, Troy, N. Y., and at the Satterlee Institute, Rochester, N. Y. She was married in 1870, at Painted Post, N. Y., to the Rev. Robert S. McArthur, D.D., pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, New York city, and now one of the most prominent men, not only in his own denomination, but in the American pulpit of to-day. They reside at 358 West 57th street, New York, and have five children.

George Henry Fox was born Oct. 8, 1846, in Ballston Spa, N. Y. After a

preparatory course in the Schenectady High School, he entered the University of Rochester, and graduated in the class of 1867. Leaving college during the war, he entered the army, enlisting in the 77th Regiment, New York Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, in 1865, after which he returned to college and graduated with his class. He chose the profession of medicine, and received a degree from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1869. After a term of service in the Philadelphia hospital he spent three years abroad, in Vienna, Paris, and London. He then returned to this country and settled in New York city, adopting as a specialty, the treatment of diseases of the skin. He soon achieved success in his profession and in this specialty, and was appointed a professor in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, where he now lectures on skin diseases. He has written several works on this subject, publications which met with a large sale, and helped to establish his reputation as one of the foremost men in his

profession. He was married in 1872, in Titusville, Pa., to Miss Harriet Lovisa Gibbs, a daughter of Francis Henry Gibbs, Esq., a prominent business man and iron manufacturer, formerly of Nunda, N. Y.





Fifth Generation.

CHILDREN of Alanson J. Fox and Abbie Hale:

Ada Fox	Born April 14, 1863
Julia McKnight Fox	Born June 9, 1869
Stuart McArthur Fox	Born Oct. 2, 1870

Children of Alanson J. Fox and Cornelia Stebbins :

Joseph Stebbins Fox	Born Jan. 3, 1880
	Died Dec. 25, 1884
Alanson Fox	Born Nov. 18, 1881

Children of Norman Fox, Jr., and Julia McKnight :

Arthur Benjamin Fox	Born Sept. 19, 1869
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Children of Norman Fox, Jr., and Jen- nie Bleecker :

Alice Bleecker Fox	Born June 15, 1876
Noel Bleecker Fox	Born March 28, 1878

Children of William F. Fox and Mary Ann Shattuck :

Charles Shattuck Fox	.	Born Nov.	8, 1868
Emma Fox	.	Born June	24, 1870

Children of Charles J. Fox and Louise O. Wright:

Norman Wright Fox	.	Born July	23, 1866
Caroline Wright Fox	.	Born April	21, 1869
Herbert Wright Fox	.	Born Feb.	7, 1873
Walter Wright Fox	.	Born Feb.	21, 1878
George Henry Fox	.	Born Aug.	15, 1882

Children of Mary Elizabeth Fox and Robert Stuart MacArthur :

Robert Fox MacArthur	.	Born Nov.	7, 1872
Gertrude Eugenie MacArthur	.	Born Feb.	6, 1873
Edith Stuart MacArthur	.	Born April	8, 1874
Kenneth Cauldwell MacArthur	.	Born Oct.	6, 1882
Marion Elizabeth MacArthur	.	Born Feb.	14, 1884

Children of George Henry Fox and Harriet Lovisa Gibbs :

George Howard Fox	.	Born July	*4, 1873
Adaline Fox	.	Born Nov.	23, 1875
Alanson Gibbs Fox	.	Born Aug.	30, 1879
Helen Fox	.	Born Sept.	19, 1882

* In London, England.

Sixth Generation.

Children of Ada Fox and Walter Howard Freeman (Married Oct. 19, 1887):

Stuart Fox Freeman	Born Aug. 19, 1888
Howard Brooks Freeman	Born Dec. 23, 1889



**“ If life ’s a hundred years, or e’er so few,
’Tis repetition all, and nothing new :
A fair where thousands meet, but none can stay,
An inn where travelers bait, then post away.”**

