

THE
GIDDINGS FAMILY:

OR, THE
DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE GIDDINGS,
WHO CAME FROM
ST. ALBANS, ENGLAND, TO IPSWICH, MASS.,

IN
1635.

WITH A RECORD OF OTHERS OF THE NAME NOT YET TRACED.
ALSO A SKETCH OF PROMINENT PERSONS CON-
NECTED WITH THE FAMILY.

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“The golden sun,
The planets, all the infinite host of heaven
Are shining on the sad abodes of death
Through the still lapse of ages. All that tread
The globe are but a handful to the tribes
That slumber in its bosom.
So shalt thou rest,—and what if thou shalt fall
Unnoticed by the living, and no friend
Take note of thy departure? All that breathe
Will share thy destiny.
So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.”

PREFACE.

FROM the most ancient times mankind has been more powerfully moved to heroic and noble deeds by the thought of the fame that should live after them than by any other consideration.

It is a familiar saying that "blood will tell;" men are proud to own blooded horses or cattle, yet speak as though it were a credit not to know the name of their grand-parents; entertaining the notion that they need no personal record of themselves outside their family circle. Yet the knowledge of a record of worthy ancestors must induce a good life and promote virtuous and honorable character, and bind families and kindred with a sacred tie.

If diseases are hereditary, so must traits of character be; and how often are predominant traits of character transmitted from one generation to another.

In an oration on the life of Gen. George H. Thomas, Garfield said, "Each human being possesses forces and qualities that may date back centuries and find their origin in the life and thoughts and deeds of remote ancestors,—forces, the germs of which, enveloped in the awful mystery of life, have been transmitted silently from generation to generation; each new life is thus heir of all the ages." Blaine, in his eulogy of President Garfield, said that, "Garfield was proud of his blood, and delighted to dwell on the traits of his ancestors."

Within the past few years genealogical inquiries have been pursued in this country with more interest and perseverance than

formerly, and many associations are awakened as we trace the lines of an ancient family branching out in various directions, recalling memories of many who long since have passed away. Such is the perishable nature of all things human, that facts, however important, are liable to become lost, or involved in great obscurity, by the lapse of time. "Man passes away; his name perishes from record and recollection; his history is as a tale that is told, and his very monument becomes a ruin;" therefore, from the moldy records and manuscripts of former days have been brought to light many valuable incidents in biography and genealogy and placed beyond the grasp of oblivion.

We have faithfully endeavored to trace the history of our departed Fathers for nearly two and one-half centuries, and have taken unalloyed pleasure in contemplating the scenes of the buried past, and tracing the faintest record of our early ancestors, and from their life and character striven to draw some inspiration to help us lead a noble life and perform well our part on the earthly stage.

It is not yet a year and a half since the writer was inspired with the idea of trying to collect a record of his family, with no expectation, however, of having it printed so soon, but intending to preserve and add to it from time to time, until a more complete account should be gathered; but, being requested last autumn by the writer of the history of New Milford to prepare for that work an account of that portion of this family which had resided in this vicinity, the thought occurred that I might interest the family and call out more information by publishing what should be obtained at the time that history was published. With that end in view, the first circular was issued and sent to every one of the name whose address could be obtained, and the amount of information it brought was surprising.

It was soon found necessary to enlarge the proposed work, and, since material has been constantly accumulating, there has

been some delay in publishing. It has been beneficial to the work, although the increased cost is greater than anticipated, and the price charged for the book will not, on account of the limited sale of such a production, pay the expense.

I am aware this history is very incomplete, but hope the knowledge it contains will inspire members of the family to make further research and complete the lines begun. Some of the names and dates of the earlier members of the family were obtained from defaced records which may be erroneously spelled or copied, and in a work containing so many names and dates it is almost impossible to prevent errors ; and then dates on family records and tombstones sometimes disagree, and those who have transmitted records by letter have not always given the dates twice the same ; but, where they have disagreed, those that came from the most reliable sources were chosen.

The most unwearied pains has been taken to have the genealogy attain a high state of perfection in point of accuracy, and all who observe an error of whatever nature will confer a favor by informing the author without delay. I shall also be glad to have forwarded to me any further information respecting this family. Should any of the members or friends of the family visit England, it is hoped they will take special pains to obtain information respecting the English history of the ancestors of the first of the name here, and communicate it to the author. It may be thought advisable, after a few years, to publish another volume of additional history, as this family is much more numerous than many suppose ; therefore, additional record will be welcome and carefully preserved for that purpose.

While actively engaged in commercial pursuits, I have collected most of the facts and dates here given, by correspondence with distant members of the family, by searching town and church records, visiting cemeteries, and obtaining inscriptions on tombstones. Ancient history and family genealogies have been

searched, and some information obtained from them; only those who have had experience in such matters will understand the difficulties and labor attending a work of this kind. It has been my aim to give all the information in my possession respecting the different branches of the families, and if some find but little in regard to themselves they may be sure it has not been furnished. We regret that many to whom we have applied for information which could have easily been given have neglected to answer repeated inquiries.

The family whose history we have endeavored to trace has been a particularly industrious, thrifty, and enterprising one, and has occupied no mean place among those who constitute the chief strength and best safeguard of our nation, and has been always on the side of progress and order, and political, civil, and religious liberty. It has furnished some noble and honored names to the world; some who have been distinguished in the learned professions, and represented their states in the halls of the National Congress. Nathaniel Hawthorne and Rufus Choate (see Errata, page 211), men of world-wide renown, were descendants of this family; but for the most part it has been composed of those engaged in the humbler pursuits of life.

It will with pleasure be observed by the readers of this history that, as a family, their influence has ever been exerted on the side of morality and religion. We have yet to hear of one who has, by the commitment of crime, brought disgrace upon the family name. It may be, however, the case with this family as it was with that of Dr. Johnson, who told his wife, to comfort her, that none of his relations had ever been hung; but, he said, no doubt many of them had deserved it.

The Giddings family have been conspicuously enterprising as pioneer settlers. The same spirit which influenced George Giddings and his young wife to brave the dangers of the great deep, nearly two and a half centuries ago, and settle

among the savages in the wilderness of Massachusetts, inspired his descendants to ever push to the frontier and carve for themselves homes, and names that have come down to posterity honored. Members of the family are now found on nearly every portion of the American Continent. They have been noted for their patriotism, and their names will be found among those who, when danger has threatened, have been the first to take up arms to resist foreign invasion and suppress domestic treason. They were found in the French and Indian War, in the American Revolution, in the war with Great Britain in 1812, and in the war for the Union. There were several of the name engaged on the Confederate side in the Great Rebellion ; three, at least, held the position of Colonels in the Confederate Army.

I would express my thanks to the various persons who have assisted in this work, by furnishing records and incidents of historical interest. I am particularly indebted to Mrs. John A. Poor of Roxbury, Mass., a descendant of Aaron Giddings, Esq., of Essex, Mass., for much of the record of the first two or three generations. Mr. Joshua D. Giddings, formerly U. S. Treasurer at Charleston, S. C., now of San Jose, Cal., furnished fragmentary manuscript and letters written between 1840 and 1850 by the Rev. George P. Giddings, of Quincy, Ill., Aaron Giddings, Esq., of Essex, Mass., and Elisha Story, Esq., of Norwich, Conn., all long since departed, which was of much assistance in establishing lines of descent. To Miss Maria Giddings of Hartland, Conn., the descendants of that branch are indebted for much of their early history. William Giddings, Esq., of Cleveland, O., a nephew of Joshua R., and one of the pioneers of the Western Reserve, has furnished the record of his father's (Elisha) large family and given many interesting incidents of pioneer life. Miss Elizabeth Giddings, of Jefferson, O., granddaughter of Joshua R., furnished many incidents respecting her grandfather's family. To John Torrey, Esq., of Honesdale, Penn.,

the descendants of Revilo and Rebecca (Giddings) Fuller are indebted for a good record of their family in northeastern Pennsylvania. The descendants of Capt. James Giddings, of Pennsylvania, are indebted for much of their history to Mrs. Marie A. Lyon, of Fond Du Lac, Wis., and to Miss Martha Giddings, of Hartford, Conn., recently deceased, *Æ.* 82. I am indebted to Mr. Ephraim Fellows of Ipswich, Mass., for a copy of some of the ancient manuscripts. I am under obligations to the Rev. Samuel Orcutt, who has written the history of several towns, and is now writing an excellent history of New Milford, for advice in the preparation of this work for printing. I am also indebted to those who have furnished portraits for the work, since these add to the appearance of the book and also represent character more perfectly and cheerfully, as well as give a better impression of the character and standing of the family. I regret that so few were inclined to furnish pictures for this purpose.

To the general reader this genealogy may not possess much interest, but I have departed somewhat from the usual course pursued in writing a book of this kind, not being content in giving dry statistics of birth, marriage, and death, and have interwoven biographical and historical incident, whenever such has come under my observation. I have also given some account of other families not of the name, but connected by marriage, and have endeavored to make the book interesting without any consideration to pecuniary recompense, knowing well that such enterprises seldom pay financially.

If the knowledge contained in this volume shall contribute anything to the pleasure of my relatives, I shall feel rewarded for my labor; and if they will purchase, at the moderate price for which they are offered, a sufficient number of copies to pay the expense of printing, I shall feel still better gratified.

THE AUTHOR.

NEW MILFORD, CONN.,

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EXPLANATIONS.

Owing to the manner in which this history has grown up, the arrangement of families and the numbering is such in some places as to make the connection a little obscure, but if the general style and the explanations here given are observed, there will be no difficulty in understanding the relation of the families to each other.

After giving the history of George¹ Giddings, the first of the name who came to this country, and following his descendants, the five sons of Thomas (3d generation), who settled in Lyme, Conn., page 24, No. 25, are taken up in their order, beginning with Job,⁴ No. 59, p. 43 ; Capt. Joseph,⁴ No. 60, p. 65 ; John,⁴ No. 61, p. 131 ; Joshua,⁴ No. 62, p. 135 ; Dea. Thomas,⁴ No. 63, p. 180. Then follow the sons of James² (2d generation), No. 4, p. 22 ; Joseph,³ No. 27, p. 186. The son of Nathaniel³ (3d generation), No. 30, p. 24 ; Capt. Nathaniel,⁴ No. 64, p. 187. After which follow the miscellaneous names not yet traced, and Errata.

The number of the generation follows the name, as George,¹ 1st generation, John,² 2d, Thomas,³ 3d, Capt. Joseph,⁴ 4th.

The number attached to each descendant is permanent, and follows them through the book ; by observing it any line is traced backward or forward.

The plus mark (+) attached to a name indicates that further on under the same number is a further account of the person.

An interrogation mark (?) implies doubt or want of certainty.

ABBREVIATIONS.

abt. for About.
ae. " Aged.
ar. " Argent (Silver).
b. " Born.
bap. " Baptized.
Congl. " Congregational.
d. " Died.
dau. " Daughter.
dea. " Deacon.
disp. " Displayed.
gr. " Great.
g. f. " Grandfather.
gu. " Gules (Red).

m. for Married.
ch. " Children or Child.
or. " Gold (Yellow).
pass. " Passant.
pub. " Published.
rec. " Record.
s. " Son.
s. a. " Sable (Black).
s. p. " Without Issue.
u. m. " Unmarried.
d. y. " Died Young.
w. " Wife or Widow.

THE GIDDINGS FAMILY.

The name Giddings, according to some authors, was derived from Gideon. (The latter is Hebrew, and signifies a brave soldier.)

From Gideon is derived Giddy, Giddies, Gibbon, Giddings, Geddes,—says Mr. Lower, in his *Essays and Dictionary of Surnames*. He says also: “I see no reason for departing from the year 1000 as the proximate date for the assumption of family names. The practice commenced in Normandy, and gradually extended itself into England, Scotland, and Ireland. I have assumed that although the use of surnames may on the whole be regarded as one of the importations of the Norman conquest, yet they were occasionally hereditary among the Anglo-Saxons at a date anterior to that event, and many generations before the general adoption of family designations. This is pretty satisfactorily proved by a document in the Cottonian MSS. quoted in Sharon Turner’s *History of the Anglo-Saxons*, etc.”

That this name is an ancient one in England can be proven from various sources, but at what period it first appeared the author’s researches do not enable him to state. The name was spelled in different ways by different branches of the family. Giddings and Geddings are English, Geddes is Scottish, and Gittings is Welsh, and by many they are supposed to belong to the same family.

There are several places in Scotland called Geddes, as Geddes Hill, Geddeston, Geddeswell. According to the *Statistical Account of Scotland*, the family of Geddes of Rachan, in Peebleshire, have possessed that estate for 1300 years.

“The Manor of Geddings,* which lies partly within the two parishes of Broxbourne and Great Amwell, probably derived its

* Cussan’s *Hist. of Hertfordshire*, Eng.

name from the family of Geddings, for in the year 1334 it was in the possession of Edmund Geddings, to whom the king granted the right of Free Warren. On the 1st April, 1416, it was conveyed by James Fursell to John Lindley and others, and on the 20th of April, 1428, it was released by John Fray and others, who conveyed it three years later to Nicholas Dixon and others. It is probable that these conveyances were only for the accomplishment of some specific trust, and that the persons named were not the real owners of the Manor. The Manor afterwards came into the possession of Sir William Say, and from his descendants to the Crown, in the same manner as Hoddesdonbury. Queen Elizabeth granted it by letters patent dated July, 1569, to Sir William Cecil, Knt., from whom it has descended to the Marquis of Salisbury, the present possessor.

There is a town called Little Giddings, situated on the western border of Huntingdon County, England, and also a parish of that name in Suffolk County.

"At Giddings,* $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles south from Embwell Station, is a picturesque old moated Hall, now a farm-house, once the seat of the Buckingham. There is a peculiar kind of brick made here."

ARMS.

It is said that armorial bearings became hereditary in families in the 12th century. They were employed by the Crusaders to distinguish noblemen in battle—were taxed in 1798 and 1808. Crests are ascribed to the Carians, and used by kings, surmounting their crowns. Says the Library of Universal Knowledge: "Jurisdiction in question of arms is executed by the Herald's College in England, the Lyon Court in Scotland, and the College of Arms in Ireland. No one within the United Kingdom is entitled to bear arms without a hereditary claim by descent, or a grant from the competent authority; and the wrongful assumption of arms is an act for which the assumer may be subject to penalties. It shows how deeply the passion for outward distinction is implanted in human nature when we find people in countries such as the United States, where all differences of rank are theoretically repudiated, assuming heraldic devices, each man at his own hand."

* Cook's Railway Guide.

Arms took their origin from the example of the patriarch Jacob, according to Sir George Mackenzie (a famous Scottish writer), who, blessing his sons, gave them marks of distinction, which the twelve tribes bore on their ensigns. Those who fought under *William the Conqueror* were careful to have their names well known and remembered, and for that reason the names of every person of consideration were inscribed upon a roll, and hung up in the "Abby of Battle." It is said that Venice—the longest-enduring republic of the world—was the first to chronicle the insignia of heraldic ensigns and arrange them into a science, making it hereditary in the descendants of the man to whom the distinction was awarded. Phœnicians are the first who have been recorded as using heraldic distinctions. The Greeks and Romans followed their example. The use of heraldic devices cannot be considered anti-republican, since every State of the Union has its coat of arms. The stars and stripes of the arms and flag of the United States, it is said, took their origin from the personal coat of arms of General Washington.

GIDDINGS ARMS AND HERALDRY.*†

Gedding (Norfolk), Gu. a chev. ar. betw. three griffins' heads erased or.

Gedding (Icklingham Co., Suffolk), Gu. a chev. betw. three eagles' heads erased or.

Gedding (Suffolk), Ar. three mullets gu.

Gedding, Chequy ar. and gu. on a fesse az. three buckles or.

Gedding, or. on a fesse betw. three leopards' heads gu. as many eagles displ. of the first.

Gedding, Gu. a chev. betw. three griffins' heads erased ar., on a chief of the second, a lion pass. of the last betw. two torteaux.

* Burk's Heraldry.

† A coat of arms of the Giddings family is now in possession of Mrs. Robert B. Denney of Boston, Mass., a descendant of Daniel Giddings, four generations from Thomas,² who procured it of a painter of heraldry in the early part of this century.

On the will of Lieut. John¹ there was a crest with a griffin rampant, supposed to be the crest of Collins, as the Collins and Giddings families intermarried. John used a seal with that crest upon it to stamp legal documents.

Geddinge (Suffolk), Chequy gu. and ar. on a fesse, three round buckles.

Gedding of Jenyns (granted 1516 to William Jenyns, Lancaster Herald, and allowed to his gr. son, Galfridus Jenyns of Ipsley Co., Warwick, visitation 1619).

Gideon, Az. a fleece ar. in chief six guttæes d'eau.

Gedge, Az. three cinque foils in band or.

Geding (Suffolk), Chequy ar. and gu. on a fesse az. three mullets or.

Geding, or Gedding, the same *arms, crest*.—A demi-savage holding a scimeter ppr.

Gedding, or Geding (Suffolk), Chequy ar. and gu. on a fesse az. three square buckles (another mullets or.).

Geding (Suffolk), Ar. on a fesse az. three buckles of the field.

Geddinge, Gu. three chev. ar.

Gedrinke, or Giding, Chequy or. and gu. on a fesse az. three fleurs-de-lis or.

From what particular branch of the Giddings family in England, or who were the immediate ancestors of George Giddings, the first of the name here, we are unable to say; but the fact is well authenticated that George Giddings, at the age of 25, and Jane Tuttle, aged 20, came from England in 1635, and settled in the town of Ipswich, about 25 miles from Boston, Mass. Hotten's list of emigrants gives the names of George and Jane Giddings and three servants. The following is a copy taken from "Our Early Emigrant Ancestors, edited by John C. Hotten."

"2 April, 1635.

"Theis underwritten are to be transported to New England, imbarqued in the Planter, Nicholas Frarice M^r. bound thither, the parties have brought certificates from the Minister of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and attestacon from the Justices of peace according to the Lord's order.

"GEORGE GIDDINS, husbandman 25 years.

JANE GIDDINS, 20 "

"THOMAS CARTER 25

MICHAEL WILLINSON 30

ELIZABETH MORRISON 12

} Servants of George Giddins."

They are said to have had as companion on their voyage, Sir Henry Vane, 4th Governor of Mass., who, in 1662, suffered martyrdom for his zeal in the cause of liberty and religion.

"John Tuttle of Ipswich," says Savage, "came in ship Planter from London in 1635, ae. 39, with wife Jane ae. 42, and ch. Abigail, ae. 6, Simon ae. 4, Sarah ae. 2, and John ae. 1, besides Jane Giddings, ae. 20, and her husband George, ae. 25, who are known to be called children of Tuttle. They had previously lived at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, and had embarked 2d April, to be joined 4 days afterwards by several others of the two families. He (Tuttle) died 3d December, 1656, at Carric Fergus, where his widow wrote George Giddings as her son, and so called also John Simon, and John Lawrence. John Tuttle was made freeman 13 March, 1639; representative, 1644. After a few years he went home, and was established in Ireland in 1654. His wife followed."

The history of Litchfield County, Conn., has the following in regard to the Tutties: "The Tuttle family came from Devonshire, England, and were probably of Welsh descent.

"In 1528, and again in 1548, William Totyl was recorder of the ancient city of Exter, the capital of Devonshire, and the second city in England. William Totyl was high sheriff of Devonshire in 1549, and lord mayor of Exter in 1552. He had a son Jeffrey, who was recorder in 1563. Jeffrey bought a fine estate, called 'Pearmore,' in the neighborhood of Exter. The estate had belonged to Gray, Duke of Sussex, who was executed by the crown. Jeffrey had a son Henry, who was high sheriff in 1624, and from him William Tuttle and three brothers descended, who came to America in the ship Planter, and landed in Boston in 1635. The brothers were Richard, who settled in Boston, John, in Dover, N. H., Simon, in Ipswich, Mass. William removed to New Haven, Conn., in 1639, and was a man of consequence. He married Elizabeth — in England, and had 12 children."

There is a tradition in the Giddings family that there were three brothers who emigrated to this country in the early years. Judith, dau. of Daniel and Sarah (Lord) Giddings, who married Benjamin Norton, in 1856, being then in her 87th year, informed her niece, M. C. L. Fitch of Newburyport, Mass, that she

saw a record in an old family Bible, printed in German text, said Bible now in possession of Geo. C. Furber of Yreka, Cal., in which it was recorded that George Giddings was married to Eunice Lawrence in Ipswich, England, in 1620, emigrated to America in 1630, and settled in Ipswich, Mass.; and an old letter, written in 1843 to Aaron Giddings, of Essex, Mass., states that one brother settled at Ipswich, one at Cape Cod, and one at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

From a manuscript journal kept by Capt. Daniel Giddings, while serving as an officer in the fleet sent to Cape Breton, in 1744, is the following under date of June 20 :

"I went ashore to the city (Louisburgh), found a young man named John Giddings, his father's name John Giddings, his grandfather's name was Roger. I believe he is of our family." (From the record of M. C. L. Fitch.)

However true the above may be, no one from whom the author has heard has been able as yet to trace their ancestry beyond George Giddings and Jane Tuttle his wife, and there are, the author believes, but few families of the name in this country which cannot be traced to this couple. It is quite possible that the record above given may be erroneous.

That George Giddings was a man of property and position is inferred from the fact that he brought over with him three servants, as in those days only people of means could afford the luxury of servants.

He brought with him a letter of recommendation from the rector, or minister, of St. Albans,* Hertfordshire.

* "St. Albans is an ancient borough in Hertfordshire, situated on the top and northern side of a picturesque hill, 21 miles northwest from London. The Ver, a small tributary of the Colne, separates it from the site of the ancient Verula, an important station in the time of the Romans, and the scene of a terrible slaughter in the insurrection under Boadicea. In honor of St. Alban, said to have suffered martyrdom here in 297, a Benedictine monastery was founded by Offa, king of Mercia, in 796. The foundation of the town is supposed to be due to Ulsig (or Ulsin), who was abbot about 150 years later. Two battles were fought near St. A. during the wars of the Roses, in 1455 and 1461. In the first, Henry VI became a captive; in the other he was set at liberty by his brave queen Margaret of Anjou. The old Abbey church, restored in 1875 by Sir Gilbert Scott, is a cruciform building of irregular architecture, 547 feet in length by 206 in breadth, with an embattled tower 146 feet high."

He was born in 1608, and died June 1, 1676. "An agreement between the sons of George Giddings deceased, viz.: Thomas, the eldest, John, James, and Samuel, respecting a division of the property of their father, was entered into Sept. 26, 1676."

"We whose names are here under written the sonns of George Giddings desceased have joyntly agreed: as foloweth and in wittness hereof have set too our hands that Thomas eldest sonne to the said George shal have a Dubble portion of the estate and possession of his father equally to be devided viz. pasture arable and medow land; with house barne commonage with all purtenances and preveledges thereunto belonging with cattle; to him the said Thomas his heirs excetteters adminnestraters and assigns as his propor right inheritance for ever peaceabley and quietly to injoy without mollestation as from us: the rest of his Brethren: together with the land that was formerly given him by his father 7 acres more or less where he now lives: and we doe also agree not to sell any of our land of from one another: and we doe expect and agree every one to beare his proportionable part in fencings.

THOMAS GIDDINGE
JOHN GIDDINGE
JAMES GIDDINGE
SAMUEL GIDDINGE

This agreement allowed by the
court held at Ipswich the 26
of Sept. 1676

Att ROBERT LORD *Clerk*

Inventory June 19 1676 £1021-12-06"

He was one of Major Denison's subscribers in 1640, a commoner* in 1641, one of the twenty sworn freeholders who paid

* "The first settlers of Ipswich, or Agawam (according to the history of that town), claimed all the land in it, having purchased it in 1638 of an Indian chief, 'Masconnomel,' the Sagamore of Agawam, for £20 sterling, and what they did not divide among the members for their immediate use and improvement—or grant to others who came to settle among them—they held in common, and were called 'Commoners.' They appear to have been a body of proprietors distinct from the town. It was not till 1788 that they gave to the town all their claim to the common land to pay the town debt."

the highest rates out of two hundred and thirty in 1664, deputy to the General Court in 1641, 1654, 1655, 1659, 1661, 1663, 1664, 1668, 1672, and 1675. Selectman 1661 to 1675, and for a long time a ruling elder of the first church. Says the historians of Ipswich: The inventory of his estate June 19, 1676, exhibited a total value of £1,021, 12s, of which 152 acres of land with six acres of marsh, at Plumb Island, was appraised at £772. His widow, Jane, died March, 1680.

We have good evidence that this ancestor of our family in this country had a mind of his own, with a purpose to carry out his will, in the record of a long law-suit, which he carried through all the courts to its final termination, for the purpose, as it seems, of establishing a principle. A lengthy report of the trial is thought worthy of insertion here.

"COPY OF THE CASE OF GEORGE GIDDINGS AND OTHERS OF IPSWICH,
REFERRING TO MR. COBETT.* †

And the case being of very weighty concernment in the country (I conceive), I shall express the grounds of my judgment. I understand this to be about a fundamental law, properly so called. It is such a law as that God and nature have given to a people, so that it is the trust of their governors in highest place, and others, to preserve, but not in their power to take away from them, of which sort are these. 1. Viz., election of the supream governours. 2. That every subject shall and may enjoy what he hath a civill right or title unto, so as it cannot be taken from him, by way of gift or loan, to the use, or to be made the right or property of any other man, without his owne free consent. 3. That such lawes (though called libertyes) yet more probably, they may be called rights, and in this sense this may be added as a third fundamental law, viz.: That no custome or precedent ought to prevayle in any morall case, that may appear to be sinnfull in respect to the breach of any law of piety against the first table, or of righteousness against the second. And so for brevity sake, I shall now forbear to write further, and respite what I have more to say, to be expressed in another paper, what doth more clearly

* Hutchinson's Collections, page 287.

† "Mr. Symonds, the justice who tried this cause, was descended from an ancient and honorable family in Vuldam in Essex, where he had a good estate. The proceedings are somewhat singular, and the arguments give us some idea of the notions of government prevailing in that day."

and fully tend to inlighten my judgment in this case, ready to be manifested where occasion is.

SAMUEL SYMONDS."

"June 22, 1657, George Giddings, plaintiff, against Edward Browne, defendant, in action of trespass upon the case for entering his house and severing his pewter dishes or platters and marking of them.

"I find in this case for the plaintiff,

	£	s.	d.
Damage,	0	1	0
Costs,	0	5	8

"June 23, 1657. Edward Browne appealeth from the sentence in the case above unto the next county court, holden at Salem, and acknowledgeth himself bound to this government in the summ of three pounds to prosecute his appeale to effect according to the law provided about appeales.

SAMUEL SYMONDS."

"At a general towne meeting the 25th of February, 1665, voted to give 100^l. toward building or buying a house for Mr. Cobbet. This is a true cobby taken out of the towne booke, June 20, 1657.

Per me,

ROBERT LORD."

"At a meeting of the selectmen the 13th of June, 1657. There being a vote of the towne to give one hundred pounds toward building or buying Mr. Cobbett a house, and the last seven men accordingly proportioned the same upon the inhabitants, and complaint being made by the deacons that divers refuse to pay. It is therefore ordered by the now selectmen that the Marshall Edward Browne shall and is hereby impowered to distrayne upon such persons (their several sums) as refuse or delay to pay their proportion to the hundred pound by vote of the towne given to Mr. Cobbet toward building him a house.

"This is a true cobby out of the towne booke taken the 15th of June 1657 by

ROBERT LORD."

"We whose names are under written doe witness that this order which is above expressed by this cobby was our mind expressed by word to be entered in the towne booke.

"W. HUBBARD,
JOHN APPLETON,
DANIEL WARNER,
ROBERT LORD."

"A Coppy of the summons.

"To Edward Browne of Ipswich. You are required to appear before me upon the second day next, at two o'clock afternoon, it being the 22d day of this instant, to answer the complaint of George Giddings, in an action for trespass upon the case for entering his house and severing his pewter dishes or platters and marking of them, and here of you are not to fayle at your perelle.

"Dated the 16th day of the 4th month, Anno Dom. 1657.

"These coppies written on bothe sides this paper were examined by the originals by me.

SAMUEL SYMONTS."

"June 22, 1657. A Coppy of the vote (in the case adjudged) as I have taken it, viz. Voted to give 100*l*. toward building or buying a house for Mr. Cobbet.

"WHEREAS, When I gave my sentence in the case before me, between George Giddings, plaintiff, and Edward Browne, defendant, in an action of trespass upon the case &c. I did express some grounds of my judgement to be seen in the records. Now I shall add further what doth induce me to that apprehension in the case viz. (A portion only is here given.) . . . that is against a fundamental law in nature to be compelled to pay that which others do give. For then no man hath any certaynty (by pretence of authority or without) to give it away (when in their prudence they conceive it to be for the benefit of the owner), without his owne consent The law both of God and the country doth require people to goe to the meeting for publique worship. But is not understood that any law doth provide that every towne shall build or buy a house for the minister as often as there is a removal by death or otherwise, I mean to be his in propriety. . . . To conclude this matter I thank God, I am for ordinances both in church and commonwealth; and consequently for due meanes for the upholding of them (and doe account it not only a great wickedness to be contrary minded, but extreme folly and madness) and I thinke it tends to the honour of them, when in reference there unto provision is made either in a voluntary or else in a way of compulsion grounded upon such principles as both here and in other nations will be owned as just and equall. . . . It is supposed that noe man is Come to New England to have his goods given and taken from him, unto or for what good end, or under what pretence soever. If this should be confirmed for good law; henceforth then (I conceive) there will be noe more need, or little, to make any more propositions for voluntary contributions."

"Vote of the General Court.

"The question being put, Whether this vote doth bind all or any of the inhabitants of the said towne to pay any thing towards the 100*l*. And whether such as are unwilling may be compelled there unto or no? The deputies on a hearing of the reasons alleged on both sides, and on serious consideration of the same, have resolved in the negative, with reference to the judgement of our honoured magistrates herein. 20th 8th 1657.

WILLIAM TORREY, *Cleric*.

"The magistrates consent not hereto.

EDWARD RAWSON, *Secretary*."

"The question was then appealed to the General Court and it was agreed that the parties should have liberty to present their reasons in writing pro and con, but no other pleading by either party be allowed.

"It was then voted by the whole court 21st Octob. 57. On the Affirmative, E. R. Sec.

"This case thus signed by the officers of the County court at Salem, was presented to the General Court sitting, at Boston 14th Octob. 1657, was at the perusal of the reasons alleaged by both parties taken consideration of, the question resolved in the affirmative."

Note.—"The great doubt in this long case seems to have been whether an act of the supreme authority, empowering the major part of the inhabitants of a town to tax the minor part which did not consent to the tax, was not contrary to the fundamental laws in government. It must be remembered that many of this minor part were not voters in towne affairs, neither in person nor by any representative of their own constituting. The arguments as strong against taxes by the General Court as by a towne, and yet the House of Representatives voted that the tax made by the Towne was not binding. In a day or two after they altered their minds. There was a division in the Colony at this time upon the mode of maintainance of ministers, any other way except by voluntary contribution being opposed by many, of whom Mr. Justice Symonds seems to have been one."

Ipswich is said to have been the first place in Essex County known to have been visited by Europeans. In 1611, Capt. Edward Hardee and Nicholas Hobson sailed for North Virginia, and touched at the place. In 1614, Capt. John Smith mentions Agawam. It was first settled March, 1633; was incorporated Ipswich in 1634. A stone bridge was built over the Ipswich

river in 1764, at an expense of £1,000, and named "Choate Bridge," from the Hon. John Choate. It is at the present time in a good state of preservation.

GEORGE GIDDINGS OF ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE,
ENGLAND, AND IPSWICH, MASS., AND HIS
DESCENDANTS.

THE CHILDREN OF GEORGE GIDDINGS AND JANE ~~TUTTLE~~ HIS WIFE.

- 2 Thomas, b. 1638; m. (1) Mary Goodhue, (2) Elizabeth.
- 3 John, b. 1639; m. Sarah.
- 4 James, b. 1641; m. Elizabeth Andrews.
- 5 Samuel, b. 1645; m. (1) Hannah Martin, (2) Elizabeth.
- 6 Joseph Collins, m. Susannah Rindge.
- 7 Sarah.
- 8 Mary, m. Samuel Pearce.
- 9 George.

2 ~~Thomas~~,² George, b. 1638; d. June 19, 1681; m. (1) Feb. 23, 1668, Mary, daughter of Dea. Wm. and Margery Watson Goodhue, who d. He m. (2) Elizabeth, who afterwards m. May 19, 1690, Dea. John Choate, who had four wives. He was b. 1660, d. July 9, 1773. They had six sons, all d. y.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE.*

- 10 Mary,³ m. Thomas, son of Richard and Anstice (Calley) Manning. They had a son John, who m. (1) Jane Bradstreet, (2) Elizabeth Wallis, (3) Ruth Potter. He had a son Richard, who m. Miriam Lord, and they had a daughter Elizabeth Clarke, who m. Capt. Nathaniel Hathorne or Hawthorne, and they were the parents of Nathaniel Hawthorne, the celebrated author. The latter was born at Salem, Mass., July 4, 1804, was educated at Bowdoin College, wrote and published, *Twice-Told Tales*. He took up his residence, in 1843, in a manse, formerly a dwelling of Emerson's, and wrote "*Mosses from an old Manse*." He published *The Scarlet Letter*, *The House of Seven Gables*, *The Blithedale Romance*, *Transformation*, *Our Old Home*, and various other works. In 1853 he received the appointment of consul at Liverpool, from his friend President Pierce, who

* "The heirs, Nov. 16, 1690, were William Giddings, Thomas Manning, Gunsmith in right of his wife Mary, Jane, Dorothy, by her guardian Thomas Manning.—Crowell's Hist. Essex.

had been a fellow-student of his, and whose life he had written, published 1852. He died suddenly at Plymouth, Mass.,^{*} May 19, 1864. He had a son Julian, b. in Boston, 1846, was a pupil in Harvard College, and finished his education in Germany. He also is an author, having published *Bressant*, *Idolatry*, *Garth*, and many other stories.

11 Thomas, d. ; S. P.

12 William, m. (pub. Sept. 19, 1698) Sarah Hitchings, (2) .

CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE.

13 Eliza, d. y.

14 Samuel.

15 Dorothy, m. William Brown (?)

16 Jane.

3 John,² George,¹ b. 1639; d. Mch. 3, 1691. He had a commonage (says Felt) granted 1667; was a commoner, 1678, and a lieutenant of militia, and was deputy to General Court,¹ 1653, 1654, 1655. ²The inventory of his estate, rendered Feb. 20, 1690, amounting to £269 15s. 10d., was distributed Mch. 29, 1692. He m. Sarah, who m. (2) Henry Herrick of Beverly, and d. in Gloucester.

CHILDREN.

17 George, b. 1664; m. (1) Mary Skamp, (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins. +

18 Elizabeth, "m. (1) Dec. 16, 1685, Mark Haskell, who was youngest s. of William, b. 1620, one of the first settlers of Planters Neck; d. Sept. 8, 1691. Two sons survived the father, Mark, m. Martha Tuthill, 1710, d. 1776, æ. 89; had 9 ch. William m. Jemimah Hubbard, d. Dec. 10, 1766, æ. 77. She d. 1762, same age. He was a selectman and dea. of 2d Church for many years, and Rep. to General Court, 1736. He had 8 ch." (says Babson.) She m. (2) John Dennison of Ipswich.

19 Jane, m. Nov. 26, 1691, Joseph Haradine. They had no ch.

20 Sarah, b. 1672; m. ³John s. of Edward Haraden, one of the first settlers of Planters Neck, Cape Ann; engaged, 1709, in service of the Colony; was master of a sloop fitted out to take a supposed French privateer. In 1711 he was pilot of the sloop Montague, in the disastrous expedition against Canada, and

¹ These dates are given by "Savage," who says John may be brother of George. They cannot apply to this John, for he would be but 14 years of age in 1653. They may be wrong. (Author.)

² Hammet.

³ See Babson's Hist.

received an allowance from the General Court in 1774. He d. Nov. 11, 1724. They had several ch.

21 John, b. 1675.

22 Job, b. 1677, d. Feb. 27, 1708; m. Sarah Andrews (?) and had ch., Job, Sarah, and John.

23 Solomon, b. 1679, m. Margery Goodhue.+

24 Joshua, b. 1681. On the 14th Oct., 1716, fourteen sail of fishermen were coming from Cape Sable when a violent storm arose and broke in pieces many of the vessels, and many of the men were lost.—(Babson.) It was probably he that was lost at sea in 1716, æ. 38. He m. Abigail. Settled in Gloucester in 1707, and it may be m. twice. They had ch., Abigail, Jacob; three others, who d. y.

25 Thomas, b. 1683; m. Sarah Butler.+

26 Mary, b. 1686; m. Benjamin York.

4 James,² George,¹ b. 1641; m. Elizabeth, only dau. of John Andrews.

CHILDREN.

27 Joseph, b. in Mass.; removed to Norwich, Conn.+

28 James, m. 1693, Mary Hutchinson; had a s. John, who lived in Cabottsville, near Springfield, Mass.

29 John.

30 Nathaniel, m. Sarah Goodhue (?) +

31 Abigail, and others, perhaps.

5 Samuel,² *George,¹ b. 1645, and probably d. previous to 1706, as his will was proved at that date. He m. (1) Hannah Martin, (2) Elizabeth ———, who d. Nov. 15, 1709.

CHILDREN.

32 Lawrence, b. Mch. 30, 1683; m. Jan. 15, 1718, Elizabeth Day, of Gloucester. Four ch., d. y. Hannah, b.

33 Samuel, b. Mch. 30, 1685. (Went to England.)

34 George.

35 Sarah.

36 Jonathan. (1706, gone to sea.)

37 Hannah, m. 1712 Nathan Woodbury, b. 1691; had 3 ch.

38 James.

* In the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Wise, 1682, in the Parish of Chebacco, the people agree to build a house to be used as a parsonage, the house to be equal in every respect to Samuel Giddings' house, which seemed to be a model house in that day. (Hist. Essex.)

6 Joseph COLLINS,² George,¹ b. d. Mch. 31, 1691. He m. July 20, 1671, Susannah Rindge. His estate amounted to £206, 12s.

CHILDREN.

- 39 Joseph, b. June 9, 1672 ; m. ; had ch., Mary, b. Nov. 2, 1702-3 ;
Susannah, b. Oct. 2, 1704 ; m. Nov. 15, 1732, Joseph Fellows.
- 39½ Susannah, m. Dec. 17, 1695, John Clark.
- 40 Mary, m. 1704, Benjamin York ; had six ch. in Gloucester before
1728 ; probably removed to Falmouth, Me.*
- 41 Isaack, m. Abigail.
- 42 Joannah.
- 43 Martha.

12 William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. ; m. (prob. Sep. 19, 1698.) Sarah Hutchings of Lynn, who d. Jan. 21, 1766. Some of his descendants say he m. Miss Hawkes of Lynn. He is reported as having twice married. He was a Judge of Probate in Ipswich. He wrote an elegiac poem in 1714, on the death of Susannah Lufkin. His will, dated 1757, mentioned the following

CHILDREN.

- 44 William.
- 45 Daniel, b. 1704 ; m. (1) Mary Buttler, (2) Widow Martin. +
- 46 Thomas, b. 1707-8 ; m. Martha Smith. +

17 George,³ John,² George,¹ b. 1664 ; removed from Ipswich to Gloucester about 1690, and was selectman, 1712. He m. (1) May 19, 1690, Mary Skamp, who d. April 9, 1706. He m. (2) Elizabeth, w. of Frances Perkins and dau. of Joseph Eveleth, in 1706-7. She d. May 10, 1727, æ. 56.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 47 Lydia, b. 1692 ; m. Elwell.
- 48 Mary, b. May 15, 1695 ; m. Elwell.
- 49 John, b. Jan. 2, 1698 ; d. 1728.
- 50 Elizabeth, b. July 29, 1699.
- 51 Robert, b. 1700 ; m. Rebecca Robinson. +
- 52 Zebulon, b. April 25, 1703. Went to N. H.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

- 53 { Mercy, b. Feb. 26, 1708.
- 54 { Deliverance, b. Feb. 26, 1708 ; m. (1) Joshua Pool, Dec. 28, 1725 ;
m. (2) Samuel Lane.

* See Babson's Hist.

- 55 Sarah, b. July 30, 1710; m. 1730, *Joseph, s. of James Sayward, who came to Gloucester 1696. Their oldest son was a sea captain in early life, was keeper of Thatcher's Island Light a number of years; d. Apr., 1814, æ. 82. James, d. at sea. George, m. and had several ch. Joseph, was b. 1708.
- 56 George, b. Jan. 26, 1714; m. Sept. 5, 1739, Judith Ingersol, and d. 1752. They had ch., A. S., George, and dau.
- 57 Joseph, b. Apr. 12, 1717; m. Nov. 11, 1740, Elizabeth Davis, and had a s. Joseph, 1741, and dau. Elizabeth, 1744.

23 Solomon,³ John,² George,¹ b. 1679; m. Margery Goodhue, b. 1682, d. June 18, 1762. He was called Lieutenant, and may have been the one who was a deacon of the Fourth Church, of Ipswich.

CHILD.

- 58 Solomon, b. 1714; m. Sarah Burnham. +

25 Thomas,³ John,² George,¹ b. in Ipswich, Mass., 1683; removed to Gloucester, and purchased of Benjamin Lufkin, in 1710, a house which he sold May 22, 1721, and went to Lyme, Conn., with his family about 1722-3, where he purchased land nearly every year for several years, and settled near Beaver Brook. He m. 1708, Sarah Butler (?)

CHILDREN.

- 59 Job, b.; m. Sarah Rathbone. +
- 60 Joseph, b. 1714; m. Eunice Andrus; (2) Elizabeth Hungerford. +
- 61 John, m. Susannah Tozor. +
- 62 Joshua, b. 1719; m. Jane Reed. +
- 63 Thomas, b. 1723; m. Mary Coult. +

30 Nathaniel,³ James,² George,¹ b. m. 170 $\frac{2}{3}$, Sarah Goodhue. He removed from Mass. to Norwich, Conn., between the yrs. 1714 and 1722, and in 1736 divided his property between his two sons, the title to take effect at his death.

CHILDREN.

- 64 Nathaniel, b. 1705; m. 1728, Mary Williams. +
- 65 James, m., had a son Joseph.
- 66 Elizabeth (bapt.) Sept. 19, 1715.

41 Isaac,³ Joseph Collins,² George,¹ b. 16 $\frac{82}{90}$. He was under 14 yrs. of age 1697; d. Mch. 20, 173 $\frac{6}{7}$, m. Abigail.

* Babson.

67 Joseph, may be the same who was lost at sea, Mch. 19, 1776, at the time a fleet of vessels was wrecked during a violent storm mentioned by Babson in his history of Gloucester; m. 1737, Jan. 9, Prudence Knowlton.

68 Isaac.

69 Susannah.

70 Abigail.

71 Bethiah.

45 Daniel,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. 1704; d. Oct. 25, 1771. He was a Ruling Elder of the Fourth Church of Ipswich; Rep. in Gen'l Court, 1758; was a lieutenant in the fleet sent to Cape Breton in 1744; afterwards was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

On 13 Jan., 1741, sixteen members of the church assembled at the house of Daniel Giddings, and resolved to separate from Mr. Pickering and his church, and set up for a distinct society. Capt. Robt. Choate was moderator and William Giddings clerk; the latter and Daniel Giddings were members of the committee. Rev. Ebenezer Cleveland was chosen pastor, 1746; he was afterwards chaplain in the army of the Revolution.

The Fourth Church of Ipswich elected permanent officers in 1746. Daniel Giddings was chosen ruling elder and Solomon Giddings deacon. (Hist. Essex.)

He m. (1) pub. Mch. 30, 1725, Mary Butler; m. (2) pub. July 8, 1749, Mary, wid. of Lieut. Martin.

CHILDREN.

72 Susannah, m. Samuel Sayward, both of Gloucester.

73 Eunice, m. Jan. 24, 1751, Jeremiah Choate; b. July 16, 1723. Grandfather of Hon. Rufus Choate, LL.D., b. 1799; d. 1859; a graduate of Dartmouth College, 1819; became a member of Congress 1832, U. S. Senator 1841, Attorney-General of Mass., 1853. His mind was acute, his scholarship broad and fine, his rhetoric magnificent. For many years was recognized as the foremost lawyer of New England, and was especially renowned for eloquence in pleading (says Library of U. K.).

74 Mary, m. Jan. 12, 1748, William Story.

75 Daniel, b. May 9, 1734; m. Sarah Lord.+

76 Hannah, m. Dec. 1, 1760, John Lord of Ipswich.

- 77 Sarah, m. Dec. 20, 1752, Francis Rust of Ipswich.
 78 Lydia, m. Oct. 18, 1756, Joseph Foster.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

- 79 Ruth, m. Capt. Thomas Dodge of Ipswich, and had a dau., who
 m. Rev. Dr. Broadhead of New Market, N. H.

46 Thomas,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. 1707; d. 1802.
 He walked 9 miles to Gloucester within a year before his death
 (says Felt). He m. (pub.) Oct. 3, 1730, Martha Smith of Ipswich.

CHILDREN.

- 80 Martha, bap. Jan. 4, 1731; m. Samuel Giddings.+
 81 Lucy, b. June, 1734; d. u.m. æ. 70.
 82 Elizabeth, d. 1793, æ. 81; m. Feb. 27, 1792, Samuel Low; had
 no ch.
 83 Sarah, d. 1782, æ. 45; m. Amos Burnham.+
 84 Eunice, d. æ. 74; m. Gideon Ray of Beverly.+
 85 William, d. u.m. æ. 21.
 86 Moses, d. u.m. æ. 20.
 87 Abigail, d. 1838, æ. 95; m. Daniel Low.+
 88 Aaron, b. 1753; m. Lucy Proctor.+

51 Robert,⁴ George,³ John,² George,¹ b. 1700; m. Jan. 2,
 1724, Rebecca, oldest dau. of Capt. Andrew and Rebecca (In-
 gersol) Robinson of Gloucester, Mass.; b. 1705; d. abt. 1784.

Capt. Andrew Robinson,* s. of Abraham, g. s. of Rev. John,
 the faithful pastor of the Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock, was one
 of the most remarkable men that Gloucester ever produced—of
 great strength and personal courage. He was a ship-master
 and builder of vessels—built the first schooner-rigged vessel, and
 gave that name to that class of vessels. He constructed and
 rigged a vessel in the same manner as schooners are now rigged
 at this day. On her going off the stocks and passing into the
 water, a by-stander cried out, "Oh! how she scoons!" Robin-
 son instantly replied, "A schooner let her be." Since that time
 vessels thus masted and rigged have gone by the name "schoon-
 ers." Before this, vessels of this description were not known
 in Europe or America. This was in 1713. He was Rep. in
 General Court 1738, 1739; d. 1742, leaving an estate of £2,372.
 He m. Dec. 7, 1704, Rebecca Ingersol, who d. Nov. 11, 1743, æ. 57.

* Hist. Gloucester.

They had one son and nine dau. Family tradition has preserved the memory of a silver vessel once in the possession of Capt. Robinson, which was said to have been used by "Rev. John" * on baptismal occasions, and is now owned by Geo. W. Sargent of Philadelphia, Penn. A few articles of Delft ware are also preserved by one of his posterity of Lowell, Mass.

* Rev. John Robinson was b. in Lincolnshire, England, in 1576, entered Emanuel College in 1592, took the degree of M.A. in 1600, and B.D. in 1607. He was a man who, by his character, influence, and writings, won the title of "Apostle of Independency." His high character was attested by his opponents, who called him "the most learned, polished, and modest spirit that sect ever enjoyed."

Henry the Eighth of England issued a bull, the provisions of which in 1538 became a law, called the "Statute of the Six Articles," which aimed at the establishment more firmly of the Roman Catholic church.

Edward the Sixth, his successor, repealed that statute, and favored the Reformers, but the temporizing and timid policy of some of the leaders in the reform movement failed to meet the requirements of the Reformers, and this brought about Puritanism. The first Puritan was John Hooper. They were divided into two classes, those who remained in the English Church, and those who separated from it.

The Separatist Church at Scrooby was formed in 1606. The congregation departed for Holland in 1608. William Brewster was called the founder of this church. The pilgrims lived in Leyden, Holland, from 1609 to 1620, and John Robinson was chosen pastor, and at his house, probably, the congregation met on the Sabbath. The house of Mr. Robinson on Clock Alley, in the rear of St. Peter's church, was 156 feet west of Heeren Street, and had a frontage of 25 feet 6 inches, and a depth of 75 feet. Here he lived from the 5th of May, 1611, until his death in 1625, and he was buried under the pavement of St. Peter's church. He was connected with the University of Leyden. In 1613 he had a controversy on free will with Episcopius, the successor of Armenius, professor in the University. Mr. Robinson was a man of recognized ability and learning. A sweet and beloved spirit pervaded his life, and the community of men and women, chastened by his teachings, had no room in their hearts for that bigotry with which, by the ignorant, they have been credited, but from which their

* "Who were the Pilgrims," *vide* Harper's Monthly, Jan., 1882.

whole career, shaped and directed in obedience to his teachings, was always free. In addition to ministrations in his church, Mr. Robinson took upon himself also the labors of authorship, and wrote many able volumes on different subjects.* Mr. Robinson's church was enlarged to 300 by the arrival of English exiles, and, being greatly persecuted, he favored a removal to America; and they accordingly embarked in two ships, the *Speedwell* and the *Mayflower*, but the former was disabled, and only the *Mayflower* sailed for America, in August, 1620, with 101 persons. The story of their voyage is a familiar one. They had decided to make Virginia their destination, but, through an all-wise Providence, their vessel was directed to the rock-bound coast of New England, and they landed on the sterile rock of Plymouth, and founded a colony whose influence has made its impress on the American continent.

Mr. Robinson intended to follow, but before the arrangements were completed, he was called by his Master to go to the heavenly land. The remainder of his church emigrated soon after his decease. "His widow and children (sons John and Isaac are mentioned) came to New England, probably in 1630, in ship *Lyon*" (says Babson).

Leyden is the oldest town in Holland. Within the city are the ruins of an old castle, called the "burgh," supposed to have been built by the Romans before the birth of Christ. Its chief ornament and glory is its university, one unsurpassed by any in Europe. Its origin is well known. In 1554, when Holland was struggling to throw off the yoke of Spain, Leyden was besieged by Spaniards, and for seven weeks the citizens had no bread to eat, and multitudes perished of hunger. The heroic burgomaster, Pieter Adriaanszoon Van der Werff, even offered his body as food to some who were imploring him to capitulate. At last the Prince of Orange broke down the dikes, flooded the country, drowned a great number of the Spaniards, and released the inhabitants. The Prince now offered, as some compensation for their unparalleled sufferings, either to remit certain taxes, or to establish a university in the city. The Leydeners nobly chose the latter, which was inaugurated by Prince William in 1575. In 1640 the population of Leyden was 100,000. At the beginning of the present century it was reduced to 30,000.

CHILDREN.

89 Lucretia, b. Sept. 14, 1725.

90 Robinson, b. Aug. 30, 1727.

* See *Encyclopædias*.

- 91 Rebecca, b. June 30, 1730; m. Alexander Smith, and had a dau. Rebecca, who m. Samuel Webber, late president of Harvard College.
- 92 Mercy, b. Oct. 25, 1731.
- 93 Martha, may have been the dau. who m. Averill, and died in Boston, 1825, æ. 96.
- 94 William, b. Apr. 16, 1733.
- 95 Andrew, b. Aug. 13, 1736; m. Elizabeth Davis. +

58 ~~Soloman~~,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George¹ b. 1714; d. Mch. 1, 1788. In 1753 the 2d and 6th parishes were united, and called the 2d Parish of Ipswich, and Soloman Giddings was appointed a deacon (Crowell). He m. Dec. 9, 1736, Sarah Burnham; b. Dec. 28, 1715; d. May 18, 1810.

CHILDREN.

- 96 Lucy, b. Dec. 22, 1737; m. Feb. 26, 1756, Isaac Burnham, bapt., Apr. 6, 1735; d. Apr. 19, 1773, and had ch., James, m. 1778, Lydia Knowlton. Louis, unm. Bethia, m. Daniel Boardman. Sally, d. Jan. 14, 1835. Lucretia, m. 1790, Robert Baker.
- 98 Sarah, b. Sept. 25, 1739; m. (1) Feb. 10, 1757, Moses Fitz; m. (2) Abraham Knowlton, or perhaps J. Gould. +
- 99 Elizabeth, b. Aug. 15, 1741; m. Barnabas Dodge. +
- 100 Soloman, b. June 18, 1743; m. Betsey Fowler. +
- 101 Joshua, b. Apr. 26, 1745; m. Bethia Appleton. +
- 102 David, b. Apr. 30, 1747; m.; d. Jan. 20, 1771.
- 103 Bethia, b. July 18, 1749; m. John Burnham. +
- 104 Isaac, b. Oct. 19, 1751; m. Christiana Goodhue. +

75 ~~Daniel~~,⁵ Daniel,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. May 9, 1734, d. Aug. 18, 1816; m. Feb. 27, 1757, Sarah, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Clark) Lord, of Ipswich, who d. July 1, 1796-7, in her 58th year, in Clermont, N. H., whither they had removed from Ipswich. He was called Captain.

The inscriptions on their gravestones are as follows: "Daniel Giddings, died August 18, 1816, aged 82."

"In memory of Mrs. Sarah, wife of Capt. Daniel Giddings, who died July 1, 1797, in the 58th year of her age.

"The virtuous who in life excel,
In death are still remembered well."

CHILDREN.

- 105 Sarah, b. Jan. 18, 1758, d. æ. 7.
- 106 Mary, b. Jan. 1, 1760; d. July 4, 1782; m. J. Tyler, and had ch., Susan, Mary, John, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Hannah. Susannah, b. Aug. 13, 1761, d. æ. 3. Lydia, b. Apr. 19, 1763; m. (1) Apr. 6, 1785, Capt. Wm. Story of Essex, (2) Jacob Whitmore, (3) Enoch Moody of Newburyport, and d. Nov., 1845. By her first husband she had ch., Charles W., Lydia, who m. Abner Caldwell, and Daniel.
- 107 Sarah,⁶ b. Aug. 13, 1765; m. 1792, Micajah Lunt of Newburyport, Mass., and d. Jan. 5, 1827. Their ch. were William, b. Oct. 3, 1793; d. Aug. 14, 1794. Micajah, b. Apr. 22, 1796; m. Hannah G. Mulliken, May 29, 1826; m. (2) Dec. 13, 1831, Mary J. Coffin. He d. Jan. 8, 1874. William,² b. Jan. 1, 1798; d. Oct. 6, 1800. Sarah Lord, b. Oct. 6, 1800; m. Henry Titcomb, Jr., of Newburyport, Apr. 13, 1826, and d. Jan. 14, 1878. Mary Coffin, b. Nov. 9, 1802; m. Jan. 6, 1848, Eleazer T. Fitch of New Haven, Conn. George, b. Mch. 7, 1805; m. July 10, 1833, Caroline B. Chase of Newburyport, Mass., who d. Sept. 4, 1879. Hannah Giddings, b. Mch. 25, 1807; m. Oct. 6, 1840, Abijah Howard, of Hartford, Conn. Sarah Mariah, b. June 5, 1811; m. Dec. 16, 1832, David P. Page of Albany, N. Y. She d. Feb. 5, 1878.
- 108 Susannah, b. Mch. 28, 1767; d. Nov., 1847, unm.
- 109 Daniel, b. July 3, 1768; m. Lydia Rowe.†
- 110 Judith, b. Nov. 14, 1769; m. 1800, Benjamin Norton of Newburyport, Mass. Ch., Caroline, Elizabeth B., Hannah, and Joseph G.
- 111 Miriam, b. Aug. 14, 1771; d. y.
- 112 Miriam, b. 1775, d. æ. 11.
- 113 William, b. May 18, 1777; d. æ. 11.
- 114 Polly (called Mary), b. July 4, 1782; m. 1806, John Tyler of Claremont, N. H.; had issue, Susan G., Mary, Sarah M., Elizabeth, John, and Hannah G. She d. Nov., 1823.
- 115 Hannah, b. July 23, 1780; m. Mar. 25, 1815, John D. Furber of Boston; d. in Newburyport, Feb. 28, 1822. Had ch., George C. and William G.
- 116 Joseph, b. May 18, 1784; d. without issue at Providence, R. I., July, 1813, of fever contracted at Barbadoes when he was a prisoner of war and had landed from a cartel at that place just previous to his decease. He was a captain in the war of 1812.

80 ~~Martha~~⁵ Thomas⁴, William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b.; m. Samuel Giddings.

CHILDREN.

117 Martha, d. y.

118 Martha, b. 1762; m. Nov. 25, 1784, Moses Lufkin, Gloucester; d. 1818.

119 Samuel, b. 1764; m. Martha Goodhue.†

120 Bethiah, b. 1769; d. unkm.

121 Betsey, b. 1771; m. Daniel Burnham.

122 Thomas, b. 1774, in Ipswich, Mass., in the portion called Chebacco, now Essex. When a young man he performed a feat of daring, as related by Savage, in his History of Essex. He climbed the church steeple to a ball 80 feet from the ground, stood with one foot upon it, and swung his hat. He removed to Maine, became a man of prominence, a deacon in the church, and much esteemed. He d. at Weeks Mills, China, Me., Mch. 12, 1868, æ. 93. He m. (1) Sarah Proctor, who d. He m. (2) Betsey Story, who d. 1867, æ. 93, lacking three days. Children by first marriage, Thomas, b. 1803, d. Jan. 2, 1870; and Hannah; ch. by 2d marriage, Job and Paul. Thomas, m. Mch. 10, 1832, Lucinda Starrett. Ch., Elizabeth, who m. Charles Malcolm, and d. 1855, æ. 21. Samuel, m. Lydia Fairbrother, who d. Apr., 1874. They had six ch., Charles, now, 1882, æ. about 23, residing in Chicago, Ill.; Elizabeth, about 21; Harriet, 19; Leslie, 11; and Burton, 9. Wooster P. is a physician in Gardiner, Me. He m. (1) May P. Barton, June 16, 1860, who d. Dec. 22, 1877. They had a dau. Minnie L., who m. Oct., 1879, Charles F. Terrill of Boston, Mass. He m. (2) Jan. 7, 1879, Laura H. Peckham of Cambridge, Mass., and had a s. Harold G., b. Mch. 23, 1880. Hannah, m. Nathaniel Pillsbury of Newburyport, and d. Aug. 29, 1839. They had two s., Francis, who resides in Newburyport, and Wesley, who resides in Cincinnati, O. Job, m. Elizabeth Fletcher, who d. 1873. Ch., Ann, Sara, Martha, Addie, Franklin F., and Alfred. They reside in China, Me. Paul, m. Catharine Howes. Ch., William, d. 1881; George, d. æ. 13; Harriet and Eva.

83 ~~Sarah~~⁵ Thomas⁴, William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. 1737; d. Jan. 26, 1782; m. Jan. 27, 1757, Amos Burnham, b. 1735, d. from drowning in Chebacco Pond while fowling, Nov. 28, 1788, having m. (2) Oct. 14, 1782, Mehitable Foster (says Burnham Genealogy).

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 123 Amos, m. Jan. 3, 1782, Abigail Goodhue; d. April, 1834.
 124 Thomas, m. Nov. 28, 1784, Mary Marshall.
 125 Sarah, m. Nov. 27, 1783, Charles Burnham; d. May 3, 1851.
 126 Elizabeth, m. Jan. 9, 1784, Stephen Low; d. Aug. 11, 1846.
 127 Aaron, b. May 25, 1767; m. October 26, 1790, Lucy Poland; d.
 Dec. 16, 1835.†
 128 Daniel, b. Sept. 6, 1768; m. Elizabeth Giddings.†
 129 David, m. Dec. 19, 1789, Polly Noble.
 130 Robert, m. Jan. 3, 1793, Eunice Emerson.
 131 Susan, m. Sept. 13, 1794, Jonathan Burnham.
 132 William, m. Aug. 10, 1798, Eunice Story; d. Nov. 29, 1848.
 133 Judith, m. Apr. 5, 1799, Joseph Allen. Martha,⁶ m. Apr. 21,
 1826 Ira Persival.

CHILD BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

- 134 Rosanna, m. July 14, 1864, Phineas Story.

84 Eunice,⁵ Thomas,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b.; m.
 Gideon Ray of Beverly; d. æ. 74.

CHILDREN.

- 135 Eunice, m. Chipman.
 136 Polly, m. James Giddings.
 137 Lucy, d. unm.
 138 Betsey, m. (1) Cook, (2) Robbins.
 139 Nancy, m. (1) Monroe, (2) Hadley.
 140 John.
 141 Benjamin.

87 Abigail,⁵ Thomas,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b.; m.
 Daniel Low.

CHILDREN.

- 142 Daniel, m. Allen of Manchester, N. H.
 143 Abel, m. (1) Polly Cogshall, (2) Hannah Russ of Enfield, N. H.
 144 Oliver, m. Betsey Hardy.
 145 Winthrop, m. Polly Cogshall.
 146 Enoch, m. (1) Anna Eveleh, (2) Betsey Burnham.
 147 Susan, m. (1) John Croft, (2) Jonathan Story.
 148 Patty, m. Manassah Dodge of Hamilton.

88 Aaron,⁵ Thomas,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. 1753; d.
 Aug. 7, 1832; m. prob. Sept. 23, 1780, Lucy Proctor of Man-
 chester, Mass., b. 1762, d. Mch. 21, 1830.

- 149 Polly, b. Jan. 10, 1781; d. Feb. 10, 1867. She m. Nov. 24, 1800, William Low, Jr., b. Apr. 19, 1781, d. Dec. 29, 1866. +
- 150 Abigail, b. July 4, 1784; m. Jan. 1, 1811, John Smith of Manchester, Mass.
- 151 Lucy, b. Aug. 17, 1786; m. Nov. 30, 1815, Jacob Butler, both of Ipswich, and had Lucy, who m. Leander Newton, and had ch., John Giddings; m. twice, Aaron, m. Miss Price. Abigail d. y., and Resolve, who d. y.
- 152 Aaron, b. Dec. 6, 1789; m. Mary Brooks. +
- 153 Sally, b. July 10, 1796, d. y.

95 ~~Andrew~~,⁵ Robert,⁴ George,³ John,² George,¹ b. Aug. 13, 1736. He was a captain in the French War. "On the 24th of May, 1758, a large company of men commanded by Captain Andrew Giddings marched out of Gloucester, accompanied by a great concourse of people. There were about 80 men in the company, and it was in the unsuccessful expedition to Ticonderoga.

"At a town meeting held in 1777, a letter of thanks was voted Capt. Andrew Giddings, who had recently made a handsome donation of flour and molasses to the town for use of the poor. He lived in a large house at the corner of Center and Market streets, Gloucester, and was lost at sea during the Revolution." (Hist. of Gloucester.) He m. Feb. 3, 1760, Elizabeth Davis.

CHILDREN.

- 154 Elizabeth.
- 155 Andrew Robinson, b. Sept. 22, 1763; d. June 22, 1847, at Danville, Me. He left Dunmore Academy, of which he had been several years a member, at his father's death, and at the age of 15 years went into the store of Mr. Daniel Sargeant in Boston, where he remained a year, and then embarked upon a seafaring life. On a second voyage to the West Indies he was taken prisoner at St. Christopher's, and, after remaining some time in prison, was put on board an English ship and sent to England. In London he was fortunate enough to meet a Cape Ann acquaintance, Capt. George Hales, who procured him a protection for the South Sea whale-fishery. He made a voyage of eighteen months with Capt. Hales, and returned to London with a ship-load of oil, but to a poor market.

Peace had taken place, and this young man now turned his thoughts homeward. In pursuit of a voyage to America, he visited France, Spain, and the Netherlands, and finally procured a passage from Amsterdam to New York the month before he was twenty-one. The story of his wanderings, adventures, and hardships during the time of his absence is similar to that of hundreds of his townsmen at that disastrous period, many of whom were not so happy as to return to home and friends. He subsequently made three voyages to Europe, then made himself a home on a plantation in Maine, now the town of Danville. His love for the ocean induced him to make one more voyage, after which he settled down in the wilderness. He became a prominent man in that region—followed land-surveying, and engaged in the duties of public office. He wrote much, and was so skilled in chirography that he could write the Lord's Prayer on a piece of paper that a four-pence half-penny would cover. He engaged in an extensive correspondence, and recorded in a diary events he thought worth remembering. A friend describes his visit to Capt. Giddings when the latter was in his eightieth year. He was then quite deaf, and nearly blind, but his mental faculties were in full vigor. He pointed with evident pride to the noble row of trees beside the road in front of his residence, which he had set out more than fifty years before, and called his attention to the well-trodden foot-path inside of the row, saying, "this is my quarter-deck." He m. (1) May 9, 1789, Anna Lunt; m. (2) Dec. 23, 1799, Betsey Parsons, and had issue.

- 156 George Parsons,* b. at Danville, Me., July 23, 1804; graduated at Bowdoin College, Sept., 1823; m. 1828; ordained an Episcopal clergyman in 1830, and settled as pastor over St. John's Church, Quincy, Ill., and became quite prominent. He made an effort to collect the genealogy of the Giddings family, and after years of patient research, he gathered a large amount of manuscript, which (it is understood) was destroyed by fire, and thus lost to the family.

It is believed Andrew Robinson had other children, viz., Anna,⁷ Andrew R.,⁷ Richard,⁷ Betsey,⁷ Eliza,⁷ Anna,⁷ Mary.⁷

* The author regrets that he has been unable to obtain a more extended account of Rev. Geo. P. Giddings. He has made great effort to do so, but without success. Has written to several parties in Quincy, Ill., but received no answer.

The other children of Capt. Andrew, were George,⁶ b. June 15, 1765, Rebecca, Judith,⁶ William,⁶ and Polly.⁶

98 Sarah,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. Sept. 25, 1739; m. (1) Feb. 10, 1757, Moses Fitz, (2) Abraham Knowlton, and perhaps (3) J. Gould.

CHILDREN.

- 157 John, d. u.m.
- 158 Moses, m. Miss Giddings of Gloucester.
- 159 David, d. u.m.
- 160 Bethiah, d. u.m.

CHILDREN BY MR. KNOWLTON.

- 161 Louisa, m. Wm. Safford, went to Kennebunk, Me.
- 162 Eunice, m. Mr. Hardy, " "
- 163 Agnes, m. Mr. Hodgson, " "
- 164 Cyrus, d. u.m.

CHILDREN BY GOULD.

- 165 John, m. Gould.
- 166 Eben, d. y.
- 167 Rebecca, m. John Boardman, of Topfield.

99 Elizabeth,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. Aug. 15, 1741; m. Barnabas Dodge, s. of Paul and Faith; d. Dec. 23, 1825.

CHILDREN.

- 168 Elizabeth, m. (1) Mr. Lamson of Beverly; (2) Mr. Smith of Ipswich.
- 169 Oliver, was a minister; m. in Pomphret, and d. there.
- 170 Barnabas, m. Margaret Dodge of Ipswich.
- 171 Emma, m. Aaron Haskell.
- 172 David, m. Huldah —.

100 Solomon,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. June 18, 1743; m. (pub.) Oct. 12, 1765, Betsey Fowler.

CHILDREN.

- 173 Soloman, bapt. Jan. 18, 1767; m. Anna Endicott.†
- 174 Abner, d. y. in Me.
- 175 A dau., is s'd to have m'd a Mr. Humphrey of Me.
- 176 Joseph, bapt. July 28, 1771; d. u.m. at Ipswich ab't 1810.
- 177 Mary, b. May 9, 1783; m. Mr. Brackett of Me.

101 Joshua,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. about 1745. Was living at Hamilton, Mass., in 1835; about 90 years of age. He m. Bethiah Appleton.

CHILDREN.

178 David, m. Bridget Whipple. +
 179 Joshua, b. July 20, 1772; m. Abby Cogswell.
 180 Nancy, d. unm., 1836.

103 Bethia,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. July 18, 1749; m. John Burnham.

CHILDREN.

182 James, m. Miss Knowlton.
 183 Lucretia, m. Robert Baker.
 184 Bethiah, m. Daniel Boardman.
 185 Louis, d. unm.

104 Isaac,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. Oct. 19, 1751; m. Christiana Goodhue.

CHILDREN.

186 Lucy, m. Mr. Berry of Andover, Mass.
 187 Christiana, d. s. p.
 188 Betsey, m. Capt. Burnham of Salem.
 189 John, m. in N. H.
 190 Francis, d. s. p., probably at sea.
 192 Susan, m. Mr. Magan of Lynesborough.

109 Daniel,⁶ Daniel,⁵ Daniel,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. July 3, 1768; d. Oct. 1835; m. Lydia Rowe of Hopkinton, N. H., whose sister was the wife of Matthew Harvey, U. S. District Judge for New Hampshire.

CHILDREN.

193 Sarah, b. about 1807; m. Philip Hewins of Concord, N. H. They afterwards removed to Hartford, Conn. He was a distinguished artist and portrait painter; was originator and president of one of the first companies organized to go to California in 1849. His ancestors were from Stratford-on-Avon, England, the home of Shakespeare. He died 1848, leaving three children: Mary, a popular journalist; m. Stephen Fisk of New York, also a celebrated journalist. He was graduated at Rutgers College, N. J., and while there edited a paper in his native town. In early life he became a reporter for the N. Y. Herald,

and at the time the Prince of Wales made a visit to this country, he was the one sent to report his arrival, and, obtaining possession of the telegraph, in order to hold it, he telegraphed several pages of the book of Deuteronomy. The people thought him crazy, but when the Prince came Mr. Fisk sent the Herald the first dispatch. Matthew H. resides in Hartford. Isabelle H. m. Augustus Dunlop.

- 194 William, d. y.
 195 William. b. about 1811; was a Methodist clergyman; resided in Newburyport, Mass., where he d. 1865. He m. Abigail Emery of Gilmanton, N. H. Ch., Susan E., m. Rufus N. Pratt; Sarah H., m. Enos H. Lane of Hartford; Daniel, resides in Hartford; Joseph; Emily, m. A. W. Sautelle, a druggist of Hartford; Mary, and Charles, who m. Alice Barnard.
 196 Francis E., m. William S. Chichester of Lansingborough, N. Y.; had four ch., William; Elizabeth, who m. Wesley Ogden; Sheldon; Elijah, who m. Mariah Brown.
 197 Ann R., m. Charles Sheldon of Natchez, Miss.
 198 Mary C.; was in Lansingburgh; d. unm., March 16, 1846.
 199 Joseph R., m. Miss Monroe of Roxbury, Mass.; had a ch.; b. 1843; d. 1845.
 200 Daniel L., b. Apr., 2, 1818; m. Lucretia L. Leavens of Dudley, Mass. He at one time resided in Boston, Mass.
 201 Lydia S., m. (1) Edward Cornish, who was president of a College in Washington; m. (2) Erasmus C. Pratt, a manufacturer, of Birmingham, England, where she now resides.
 202 Susan, B., m. Henry Denison; had two ch., Edward and Doimetille.

119 Samuel,⁶ Martha,⁵ (and Samuel Giddings) Thomas,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. 1764; m. Nov. 28, 1793, Martha Goodhue.

CHILDREN.

- 203 Samuel, b. July 23, 1801; m. Eunice, dau. of Moses Burnham of Essex, in Boston, 1850, b. Dec. 22, 1808, and had ch., Samuel and Eunice.
 204 John, b. July 30, 1803; m. Miss ——— Proctor; was in Ill. 30 miles from Chicago; had a son George.
 205 Mary, b. Jan. 5, 1804; d. Feb. 20, 1829.
 206 William, b. June 18, 1805.
 207 Joanna, b. Oct. 11, 1797; m. Josiah Low.

128 Daniel,⁶ Sarah,⁵ Thomas,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. Sept. 6, 1768; d. Apr. 29, 1849. He m. June 29, 1789, Eliz-

abeth Giddings, b. May 23, 1767; d. Apr. 11, 1853. He removed from Essex, Mass., to Bridgeton, Me., having purchased timber land which he cleared, and they lived there the remainder of their days (says Burnham Genealogy).

CHILDREN.

Daniel, b. Dec. 2, 1790; d. at sea, Oct. 19, 1810.

Arthur, b. Feb. 20, 1792; m. Jan. 31, 1817, Matilda Merrill, d. Jan. 7, 1863.

Epps, b. Aug. 16, 1794; m. Mary Kingman, d. June 28, 1853.

Betsey, b. Aug. 28, 1796; d. Oct. 9, 1796.

Oliver, b. Apr. 4, 1798; d. at sea Jan. 17, 1820.

Charles, b. Jan. 29, 1801; m. 1825, Louisa Teel, d. Dec. 24, 1849.

Thomas, b. Mch. 11, 1803.

William, b. Jan. 4, 1805; m. Nov. 26, 1846, Fanny P. Hamlin.

Betsey, b. Sept. 6, 1807; d. Mch. 24, 1850.

David, b. Sept. 4, 1809; m. Apr. 16, 1829, Ann Smith.

149 Polly,⁶ Aaron,⁵ Thomas,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. Jan. 10, 1781; d. Feb. 10, 1867. She m. Nov. 24, 1800, William Low, b. Apr. 19, 1781; d. Dec. 29, 1866.

CHILDREN.

208 Sally, m. John Roberts, Essex, Mass.

209 Ariel, b. Sept. 29, 1803; m. (1) Martha Proctor, (2) Lucinda Dane of Wakefield, N. H., b. Apr. 16, 1806; d. Nov. 19, 1862. They had a dau. Harriet Proctor Low, b. June 22, 1843; m. John Augustus Poor, b. Sept. 10, 1841. She is a lady of fine mental culture and varied accomplishments. Theologically an Episcopalian. Mr. Poor is of the firm of Stickney & Poor, wholesale grocers, Boston. They reside in Roxbury, Mass., and have children.

210 Lucy, m. Simon Butler of Essex.

211 William, m. Thankful Burnham.

212 Gilman, m. Abby Chapman.

152 Aaron,⁶ Aaron,⁵ Thomas,⁴ William,³ Thomas,² George,¹ b. Dec., 1789; m. Mary Brooks; was a man of prominence; justice of the peace many years.

CHILDREN.

213 Mary, d. y.

214 Mary, m. Dec. 2, 1841, Washington Burnham, who was b. Jan. 30, 1819. They had ch. Lamont Giddings, b. Aug. 5, 1844,

in Essex; the portion of the town where they resided was called "Giddings Hamlet." "He enlisted Sept. 8, 1862, in Co. E., 48th Reg. Mass. V. I.," says Burnham Genealogy; "joined Gen. Banks' command at New Orleans; was in battles before Port Hudson and Donaldsonville." He is now engaged in the coal business in Boston. Mary Isabelle, b. Oct. 4, 1848; m. Apr. 12, 1866, Frank F. Andrews, and Florence, b. Apr. 12, 1851.

- 215 Aaron, d. y.
- 216 Cecelia, "
- 217 Aaron, "
- 218 Lucy P., "
- 219 Abigail G., "
- 220 George W., "

173 *Soloman*,⁶ *Soloman*,⁵ *Soloman*,⁴ *Soloman*,³ John,² George,¹ bapt. Jan. 18, 1767, in Ipswich, Mass.; d. in Beverly, Aug. 25, 1821. He m. Jan., 1794, Anna Endicott, b. in Danvers, bapt. Apr. 23, 1769; d. Oct. 14, 1836. She was a descendant of Governor John Endicott.*

* John Endicott, b. in England, 1589; died 1665. He was sent out by the Massachusetts Company in 1628 to oversee the plantation at Salem. He was deputy governor of Mass. for five years, and governor 1644-49, 1651-54, and 1655-65. He was a rigid Puritan, zealous and intolerant in administration, after the fashion of those times. While he was governor, four Quakers were executed for defying the law which banished them from the colony on penalty of death if they should return. (Library of U. Knowledge.)

Longfellow, in his "New England Tragedies," puts words in Gov. Endicott's mouth just before his death, as follows, replying to Bellingham, who says to him:

"Can you not turn your thoughts a little while
To public matters? There are papers here that need attention."

Endicott:—"Trouble me no more!
My business now is with another world.
Ah! Richard Bellingham! I greatly fear
That in my righteous zeal I have been led
To doing many things, which, left undone,
My mind would now be easier."

And after his sudden death, Bellingham soliloquizes thus, as he raises his (Endicott's) head:—

"He breathes no more! How bright his signet ring
Glitters upon his hand, where he has worn it

CHILDREN.

- 221 John E., b. Oct. 6, 1794; m. April, 1824, Martha Thorndike Leach, and d. at Beverly, Mass., April 28, 1849.
- 222 Soloman, b. June 8, 1797; d. Jan. 27, 1834, on the coast of Africa.
- 223 Daniel, b. Sept. 11, 1799; died at sea, June 26, 1829.
- 224 Nancy, b. Feb. 24, 1802; d. Mch. 9, 1838, at Beverly, Mass. She m. Chas. Stevens of Beverly.
- 225 Moses E., b. May 10, 1805; d. May 25, 1820, at Havana, Cuba.
- 226 William, b. June 1, 1808; d. Apr. 6, 1835, on the coast of Sumatra. The above brothers were all seafaring men. Two died young; the others were able sea-captains.

221 John E.,⁷ Soloman,⁶ Soloman,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. Oct. 6, 1794; served in the war of 1812; was taken prisoner and confined in Dartmoor prison, England, for more than a year. He was an able sea-captain. He m. April, 1824, Martha Thorndike Leech, who is still living.

CHILDREN.

- 227 Charles Stephen, b. Sept. 17, 1827; d. Feb. 9, 1856.
- 228 Frederick L., b. Feb. 16, 1829; d. Oct. 10, 1832.
- 229 John Endicott, b. July 23, 1830. Entered the navy in 1861 with the rank of acting-master; commanded a gunboat in the Burnside Expedition, and in the Atlantic Squadron, remaining in the navy till the close of the war. He m. Nov. 16, 1854, Nannie T. Lovett, who d. Oct. 2, 1855. They had a dau. Annie T., b. Oct. 1, 1855; d. Apr. 3, 1862. He m. (2) Feb. 19, 1861, Charlotte A. Meacom, who d. Nov. 28, 1879. They had a dau., Carrie Louisa, b. May 10, 1862; d. June 6, 1862.
- 230 Edward L., b. July 4, 1835. Entered the army in 1862; was a captain in the 40th Mass. Regiment. He was a graduate of Harvard College. Is a banker of the firm of Tower, Giddings & Co., Boston. He m. Dec. 28, 1864, Susan, dau. of Dr. Ingalls Kittredge, Beverly, Mass.

Through such long years of trouble, as if Death
 Had given him this memento of affection,
 And whispered in his ear, 'Remember me!'
 How placid and how quiet is his face,
 Now that the struggle and the strife are ended!
 Only the acrid spirit of the times
 Corroded this true steel. O, rest in peace,
 Courageous heart! Forever rest in peace!"

CHILDREN.

- 231 Charles Ingalls, b. Oct. 3, 1865.
 231½ Mabel Endicott, b. Dec. 12, 1867.
 232 William, b. May 13, 1846; d. Sept. 10, 1846.

178 David,⁶ Joshua,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ m. Bridget Whipple.

CHILDREN.

- 233 David, b. Feb. 1, 1810; resides in Hamilton, Mass.
 234 Bridget, b. June 16, 1809; m. Mr. Whipple of Hamilton.
 235 Joshua, b. Feb. 25, 1813; m. Lucy Brown “
 236 Martha, b. July 16, 1815; m. Levy Patch “
 237 Nancy, b. Dec. 17, 1817; m. Samuel Story “
 238 Edward, b. Jan. 10, 1820; m. Martha Brown “
 239 James, b. Jan. 13, 1820; m. Martha Appleton “
 240 Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1827.

179 Joshua,⁶ Joshua,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. July 20, 1772; d. Nov. 9, 1851. He was a major, and resided in a brick house on the Ipswich river, Ipswich, Mass. He m. Abby Cogswell.

CHILDREN.

- 241 William, b. Jan. 7, 1797; d. Dec. 23, 1865; m. Elizabeth Brown.
 242 Ann, b. Apr. 10, 1801; m. Greenleaf Pearly of Danvers, Mass., and d. July 25, 1859.
 243 Charles, b. Jan. 23, 1804; m. Mch. 1, 1831, Charlotte Fellows; d. Jan. 4, 1880. They had a son, Charles William, who d. of yellow fever in the army of the Union. They also had a dau., Charlotte A.
 244 David, b. July 24, 1806; m. Dorothy C. Trowbridge.†
 245 Anstice, b. Mch. 10, 1809; m. 1846, Ephraim Fellows, who is a carpenter and builder by occupation. They now reside at Ipswich, Mass., where they enjoy a serene old age.
 246 George, b. Feb. 28, 1812; m. 1843. Mary Nye (Tobey), in Sandwich, Mass. He d. Mch. 15, 1853, leaving a dau. Annah, who resides with her mother at Ipswich.
 247 Abby, b. June 30, 1814; u.m.; resides in Ipswich.

247 David,⁷ Joshua,⁶ Joshua,⁵ Soloman,⁴ Soloman,³ John,² George,¹ b. July 24, 1806, in Ipswich, Mass. The following sketch of him is taken principally from a history of the “Fathers of Wisconsin.” “Hon. David Giddings was educated at

the grammar school, and has followed the avocation of civil engineer, lumbering, and farming since reaching legal age. He settled in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1835. He came to this State as United States surveyor for Northern Wisconsin, with headquarters at Green Bay, then a small settlement. There he remained three years, when he removed to Sheboygan, and in 1839 he bought the Sheboygan Falls saw mills, and 500 acres of land adjoining, upon which the village of Sheboygan Falls is now located. He entered immediately into the lumber business, abandoning his former profession, and continued in the business about 15 years. When he bought this property, there was but one family at the Falls. While at Green Bay, he was elected to the territorial legislature, serving two years. He was a member of the first constitutional convention held in this State in 1846, being the member chosen from Sheboygan County. He served in that body on the committee on bill of rights, and in several other important positions, on select committee, and was in all respects a diligent, faithful, and useful member, held in esteem by his associates. Upon the organization of Sheboygan and Manetowoc Counties, he was elected probate judge, which office he held two terms. He also held various local offices while a resident of Sheboygan County, all of which he filled to the highest satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. In 1866 he bought the John B. Macy place, about three miles out of Fon du Lac City in the town of Empire, which is now the most attractive farm—by reason of its fine buildings and elegant surroundings—in the county. After locating here, Mr. Giddings kept entirely aloof from politics and public life, attending neither caucus nor convention of any kind, until the canvass of 1877, when he was placed in nomination by the national Greenback party as their candidate for Congress, and received the vote of that organization. Mr. Giddings is now at the age of 72 years a hale and hearty man, in vigorous health, of ripe experience, and highly cultivated mind. He has witnessed the whole growth of Wisconsin, from a few scattered hamlets, and has stored in his memory the entire sum of its annals. He is a citizen of whom the State may well be proud."

He was in 1881 nominated for lieutenant-governor of the State by the Greenback party, E. P. Allis being the candidate

for governor. He married June 7, 1842, Dorothy C., dau. of Dea. Wm. Trowbridge of Sheboygan Falls, formerly from Worcester, Mass.

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- 248 Harvard,* b. April 4, 1842, resides in a fine brick mansion at Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. He m. Oct. 6, 1864, Sarah Genevieve, dau. of John Parker, formerly of Vergennes, Vt., and had ch. John David, b. Sept. 11, 1865. Harry, b. Sept. 30, 1870. William Trowbridge, b. Aug. 27, 1873. Dora Chapin, b. July 29, 1876. Jessie Ward, b. Feb. 25, 1881, all of Sheboygan Falls.
- 249 Clara, b. Apr. 29, 1848; d. Sept. 26, 1870.
- 250 George, b. Jan. 17, 1852; had a flouring mill, which he sold, and engaged in the business of manufacturing agricultural implements.

JOB GIDDINGS OF LYME, CONN., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

59 Job,⁴ Thomas,³ John,² George,¹ b. in Gloucester, Mass. (probably), and removed with his father to Lyme, Conn., about 1723, and d. there May 25, 1748. He m. Sept. 5, 1733, Sarah Rathbone, and is confirmed as being a son of Thomas, by a deed from the latter, on the Lyme records, dated Dec. 18, 1750, conveying land to William, George, Job, and Zebulon Giddings, for love and good will, and calling them "sons of his son Job, late of Lyme deceased."

CHILDREN BORN IN LYME.

- 251 Dorcas, b. Jan. 6, 1735; m. Ezra Brockway of Lyme, and d. 1814.
- 252 William, b. Mch. 24, 1737; m. Lydia Noble.+
- 253 George, b. Dec. 27, 1738; d. in Rome, N. Y., during the French War.
- 254 Sarah, b. Sept. 3, 1742; d. 1798; m. Zacheus Foster of Ballstown, N. Y.
- 255 Job, b. Aug. 16, 1744; m. Hannah.+

* Harvard Giddings sunk a 4-inch pipe for an artesian well 1,200 feet into the earth, at a cost of \$5,000.

256 Ann, b. July 25, 1746; m. Ephraim Saunders; removed to Granville, Mass., and d. abt. 1800.

257 Zebulon, b. Mch. 23, 1748; m. (1) Stewart, (2) Louisa Towner, (3) Emma or Amy Towner, (4) Widow Martha Buckley.

252 ~~William~~⁵ Job,⁴ b. in Lyme, Conn., 1737; d. in Sherman, Conn., Feb. 19, 1810. He removed to New Fairfield, North Society, about 1761 (probably), for the records of Lyme show that he gave deeds of land in 1756, 1757, and 1761. He served with distinction as captain in the Revolutionary war, and settled as a farmer in the north district of Sherman, near the N. Y. line. He was chosen a deacon of the Congregational church in 1808. M. June 2, 1793, Lydia, dau. of Capt. and Dea. Daniel Noble, b. Dec. 11, 1746; d. Mch. 17, 1831. Dea. Daniel Noble was b. in New Milford, Conn.; d. in New Fairfield, Oct. 6, 1757, æ. 36. In May, 1753, he was confirmed by the Conn. legislature "as captain of the North Company train band in the town of New Fairfield." In 1757, he was chosen deacon in the Congregational church; was in the French and Indian war, a captain of a company in Col. Ebenezer Marsh's regiment, which marched in 1757. He m. Nov. 8, 1743, Mary Gaylord, b. Nov. 22, 1725, dau. of Wm. and Johanna Gaylord of New Milford. She m. (2) Dea. Benjamin Bennett, and had ch. Mary, who m. (1) Stillson, (2) Jarius Green; and Daniel, who removed to New Haven.

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258 Lucinda, b. April 10, 1764; d. in Dover, N. Y., May 7, 1838. She m. Abraham Seaman, and had ch. David was sheriff and jailor at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; d. in Beekman, N. Y. He m. — Seelye, and had ch. Harvey d. u.m.

259 Mary, m. Benjamin Soule. One dau. (Mary) m. Archibald Wing of Albany, N. Y., and had a s. Albert. Pamela d. u.m. in Dover, N. Y., 1880, æ. 82.

260 Sarah, b. July 9, 1766; m. Capt. Bennet Pickett. +

261 Dorcas, b. July 30, 1768; m. Amos Leach; d. in Wilson, N. Y.

262 George, b. June 2, 1771; m. Phebe Hungerford. +

263 Noble, b. Feb. 6, 1774; d. Oct. 11, 1795, at Williamstown, Mass., u.m.

264 William, b. Oct. 17, 1776; m. Desire Hawley; removed to Vt.; had ch.; d. in Sherman, Conn., Jan. 16, 1850.

- 265 David, b. Mch. 9, 1779; m. Betsey Salmon.+
- 266 Buel, b. Sept. 29, 1781; m. Sarah Reasoner.+
- 267 Lydia, b. May 10, 1784; m. Samuel Giddings.+
- 268 Daniel Noble, b. Aug., 1788; m. Betsey Gorham.+
- 269 Ann, b. Sept. 27, 1792; m. John Seely.+

255 ~~Job~~,⁵ Job,⁴ b. in Lyme, Conn., Aug. 16, 1744; d. in Manchester, Vt., June 17, 1816. Old manuscripts say he removed to Sherman with his brothers, but if he did he did not tarry long, for by deeds on the Lyme records it is shown that he was at that place in 1772, and the records of Manchester, Vt.,* show him to have been there as early as 1785. His house is described as being "two stories high, with four-sided roof, once a country Tavern." He was a surveyor of land. His will made in April, 1816, witnessed in July, made mention of sons, Sereno, Moses, and Reuben; dau. Chloe, Harriet, Hannah, and Laura; and Moses's three dau., Harriet, Nancy, and Sophia. He m. Hannah, who d. Oct. 11, 1810, æ. 58.

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The following names were taken from a cemetery at Manchester: Moses, d. Feb. 9, 1806, æ. 27. Harriet, d. May 5, 1816, æ. 32. Laura, dau. of Reuben Giddings, d. 1818, æ. 8. Job, s. of Reuben, d. July 14, 1817, æ. 2. Harriet C., dau. of Reuben, d. July 2, 1817, æ. 6 mos. Dr. Elijah Littlefield, d. Feb. 28, 1819, æ. 33. Franklin, s. of Dr. E. L., d. June 12, 1817, æ. 2. Hannah (Giddings) wife of Eliphalet Wells, d. Apr. 6, 1831, æ. 50. Jane Swift Wells, their only ch., d. Dec. 2, 1811, æ. 4 mo. Hannah, dau. of Claude and Chloe (Giddings) Southwick, d. in her 18th year. Jane, their dau., b. Sept., 1802; lived 1 mo.

- 270 Sereno Giddings, s. of Job, must have been the one who Sept. 6, 1796, m. Esther Mattoon, and about 1800 removed to Lenox, Mass., and had a son Charles M., b. Aug. 6, 1797; also a s. and dau., twins, Myran, who d. y., and Myra, who m. Mr. Gleason of Syracuse, N. Y., and d. s.p.
- 271 Charles M., m. July 29, 1827, in Detroit, Mich., Eliza, — and d. July 7, 1853. He was one of the early settlers of Cleveland, Ohio, an accomplished man; built the first stone house erected there, and was active in laying out the streets of the city, says a Cleveland paper.

* Furnished by Rev. A. Heminway of Manchester.

Eliza, w. of Charles M., is a sister of the second Mrs. Noble H. Merwin, and also a sister of Mrs. Judge Wilson of the U. S. District Court. She joined the First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland in 1831, and is still a member. She also belonged to the original Ladies' Union prayer meeting, organized in 1820.

257 Zebulon,⁵ Job,⁴ b. in Lyme, Conn., d. in Sherman, Nov. 27, 1820, æ. 72. He removed from Lyme, and his name appears on the Church records of the North Society as early as 1773.* He was a prominent man, was collector of taxes in the town of New Fairfield, 1792. His residence was on the place now owned by Dea. Hugh Gelston, and he owned the first pleasure wagon that was ever in the town. He m. (1) Stewart, (2) Louisa, dau. of Zacheus Towner of Sherman, (3) Jan. 21, 1793, Amy, or Emma, dau. of Capt. Daniel Towner,† who d. Mch. 25, 1806, æ. 48, (4) Martha? Buckley of Saybrook, Conn. The Sherman Congregational records state that "Dec. 8, 1808, Zebulon Giddings was m. to widow Patty Buckley." An old manuscript states that "she lived in Rome, N. Y." He had eight ch. and all but three d. quite young. (The Church Records give dates of birth of children, Feb. 6, 1774; a son, b. 1779; a son b. 1776, and a ch. d.)

* Zebulon may have resided in Hartland previous to his settlement in New Fairfield, as there is found on the records an account of Elizabeth, w. of Zebulon Giddings, having d. Nov. 29, 1770.

† The Towners were descended from Richard, who first settled in Branford, Conn., 1689. Zacheus and Capt. Dan were brothers and were very prominent and influential men in the town. Zacheus was Representative from the town of New Fairfield, 1771, 72, 74, 90, 91. Capt. Daniel was Representative 1765, 1767, 1768, 1775, and they were both appointed Justices of the Peace in 1792. Capt. Dan. Towner served in the Revolution, was poisoned by the water at Horse Neck. He had a dau. Mary, who m. Lieut. Josiah Buck, and was the mother of Philomela 2d, wife of Jonathan Giddings. The Congregational Church Records show that Capt. Dan. Towner's wife, Mercy, made a public profession of religion "Lord's Day, June 25, 1786." The same day their dau. Marcia was baptized. There was a David Towner also whose wife, Mary, was admitted as a member of the church, May 23, 1752, by letter from the "Church of Christ in Durham." He d. 1772.

[J. W. Towner of Community, N. Y., gives the following as the record of the Towners:]

Richard settled in Branford, Conn., in 1689. Samuel, his son, b. 1692, in

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- 272 Zacheus, d. in Canada ; m. and had three ch., Louisa, James, and Mary. The son and one dau. d. also in Canada.
- 273 William, b. about 1779 ; m. Jane Ely of Lyme. +
- 274 Zebulon, b., m., d. in Ohio, leaving three ch., Rachel, Amanda, and Homer.

260 Sarah,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. July 9, 1766 ; m. Jan. 6, 1800, Capt. Bennett Pickett, of Sherman, and d. Aug. 3, 1851. He was a man of sterling character and prominent in the town, occupying many official positions, besides being a captain of militia ; was s. of Benjamin, and gr. s. of Dr. Thomas, one of the early settlers of Danbury. He m. (1) Armida Potter, who d. 1798, æ. 33, and left a dau. Armida, who d. 1826, æ. 28 ; unm. He was b. July 11, 1764 ; d. Aug. 3, 1854.

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- 275 Noble Bennett, b. in Sherman, Jan. 19, 1801 ; m. Sept. 6, 1834, Laura, dau. of Jonathan Giddings. +
- 276 William, b. in Sherman, 1802 ; d. in Bradford, Iowa, Aug. 20, 1863. He resided in Sherman the most of his active life, where he was a prominent man, a captain in the militia, very much interested in the Congregational Church and Sabbath-school, of which he was a member, and for many years Superintendent of the latter. He had two daus., who d. in early womanhood. Mary Eliza, his youngest dau. m. Mr. Weller. They reside in Bradford, Iowa.
- 277 Daniel, b. in Sherman, June 12, 1804 ; m. Catharine Hubbell, removed to Medina, Orleans Co., N. Y., in the village of Millville, where he is a farmer, and had children
- 278 Orlando, b. in Sherman, May 6, 1827 ; d.
- 279 Clarissa, m. Frederick, son of Captain Levi and Loretta (Barnes) Starr, of Danbury, Conn., and had ch.

Branford, m. Rebecca Barnes of North Haven, Jan. 25, 1716, by whom he had Phebe, b. 1717 ; Ephraim, b. 1720 ; and Mr. T. supposes David, who d. in New Fairfield, 1772, was his son.

James, m. (2) Miss Ward of Wallingford, by whom he had Dan, b. in Branford, 1727 ; Zacheus, b. 1729 ; Anna, b. 1731 ; Ithiel, b. 1733 ; Lettice, b. 1735 ; Thankful, b. 1737 ; Deborah, b. 1739 ; Rebecca, b. 1741 ; Samuel, b. 1744.

He removed from Branford to Waterbury, 1731 ; thence to Goshen, 1738 ; thence to Dutchess Co., N. Y., 1750.

280 Adeline, m. Chauncy Birch of Sherman. They reside in Kansas. Caroline, unm., resides with her parents.

281 Buel, b. in Sherman, July 31, 1811; m. Sept. 3, 1857, Mary H. Adams, b. in Dover, N. H., Aug. 15, 1818; resides in Ill. He was a captain of militia.

262 George,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. June 2, 1771, in Sherman; d. Dec. 23, 1856; resided all his life in the Giddings district; was a jovial, kind-hearted man,—a farmer by occupation. He m. Jan. 4, 1808, Phebe, dau. of Josiah Hungerford, who d. Mch. 7, 1864. They had two dau., Orissa, b. Aug. 27, 1808, m. 1832, Nelson Hoag, of Dover, N. Y.; d. May 1, 1837. He m. (2) wife.

282 Susan, b. Mch. 20, 1812; m. Nov. 7, 1836, Dea. Edwin Hungerford, b. July 10, 1806; d. Feb. 17, 1879. He was a farmer, and interested in the church and Sabbath-school—was several years superintendent of the latter, and also deacon in the Congregational church. They resided on her father's homestead. Mrs. Hungerford still resides there with her youngest dau. She is a member of the Congregational church—an excellent woman—good to the poor, ever ready to labor for charitable objects, and of very jovial disposition.

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283 George Giddings, b. in Sherman, Oct., 1837; bro't up a farmer; pursued his studies at Gaylord's Ville Institute, and at Amenia Seminary, N. Y., and taught school several seasons. Was several years engaged in mercantile business in Dover, N. Y. Is now an enterprising farmer, residing in Sherman, Conn. He m. Apr. 7, 1866, Emily Babcock, and had a son, William B.

284 Martin Luther, b. in Sherman, Jan. 27, 1840; was brought up a farmer; followed the freighting and commission business several years, selling produce in N. Y. city. Is now a farmer, and dealer in leaf tobacco; resides on the Ebenezer Sanford place at Gaylord's Ville, Conn, where he has a large warehouse. Is a member of the Sherman Cong'l church. He m. Dec. 5, 1864, Julia, dau. of John C. and Jane (Jarvis) Jackson of Sharon, Conn. She has bro. and sisters. Frances m. Judge Levi Blydenburgh of New Haven (formerly of Sherman); Helen m. Harmon Fairchild of Cornwall, Conn., s. of Henry Fairchild, New Milford. Florence m. Wm. B. Hawley, a merchant in Sherman. Martin L. has ch. Robert, b. Dec. 9, 1866, John, Edwin, and Arthur.

- 285 Phebe Ann, b. July 30, 1841; m. Mch. 21, 1867, Charles Hine of Warren, Conn., formerly a merchant there.
- 286 Anna Maria, b. Jan. 23, 1843; m. Jan. 1, 1877, John Duncan, and they reside on the homestead.
- 287 Linus Watson, b. Sept. 16, 1844; m. 1870, Elizabeth, dau. of Royal and Jane (Cook) Treat, of Dover, N. Y., and they have a dau. Minnie. He is in the mercantile business in Mabbitsville, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

265 *David*,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. Mch. 9, 1779, in Sherman; d. June 26, 1866. He followed farming on the homestead; was quiet and unassuming in manner, and a warm-hearted Christian. He lived a long, useful, and honorable life, and commanded the respect of his neighbors. He m. June 24, 1821, Betsey Salmon, b. Apr. 17, 1786; d. Apr. 17, 1860. Betsey and Lydia, the 1st wife of Jonathan Giddings, were sisters—daughters of Daniel Salmon, who was a man of note in his day. He was a Sandemanian in religious belief, and a preacher of that order, for many years a magistrate in Trumbull, Conn. His advice was sought by such men as Pierpont, Edwards, and Daggett. The Salmons are of English descent. Daniel had a brother Thomas, who was an architect and designer. He designed and assisted in erecting the first Episcopal church in the State in Stratford, Conn., which was opened for divine service on Christmas day, 1723. It was 45½ feet long, 30½ feet wide, and 22 feet between joints. He brought the ceiling, the sounding-board, the pulpit, and other ornamental work with him from England, and superintended its adjustment in the edifice. He was afterwards lost at sea while returning from England. The family is said to be traced to royal blood.

David and Betsey Giddings had two sons, Ammi and David Beach.

288 Ammi Giddings was born at Sherman, May 31, 1822, and died at the place of his birth, Feb. 13, 1882. His early life was spent at home, and like many boys of his day and place, he alternated with the seasons from the farm to the district school. But his keen intellect, spurred on by ambition, soon grasped all the advantages with which he was surrounded, and he sought new fields and greater opportunities. After a thorough preparation for a collegiate course, under the instruction of Rev. E. Benedict of Patterson, N. Y., he studied law

with Hon. Henry B. Graves, at Plymouth, graduated at the Yale Law School in New Haven, was granted the honorary degree of A.M., and settled in the practice of law at Plymouth, Conn., in 1849, where he held most of the local offices and was exceedingly popular and active in all town affairs; was also an active and zealous member of the Congregational Church and Sabbath-school, having in early manhood joined the church in his native town. He held the office of judge of probate for the district of Plymouth 14 years, and was a member of the State legislature in 1851 and 1856. In 1851 he was appointed State Prison director, and was clerk of the House of Representatives in 1854. He was twice bank commissioner, and for the same length of time railroad commissioner. He was elected to the State Senate from the old sixteenth district in 1857 and 1864, and was chosen president *pro tem.* of that body. In 1864, he received, unsolicited, from President Lincoln, the appointment of associate justice of the Supreme Court of Montana Territory, but resigned the position before he had entered upon its duties. Judge Giddings left Plymouth in 1864, and in 1865 established himself in Waterbury, Conn. In 1866, he removed to Michigan, and entered into a law partnership with Hon. Marsh Giddings (late governor of New Mexico) at Kalamazoo. He afterwards engaged in the manufacture of paints, from iron ore in Cleveland, O., to which he gave his means and several of the best years of his life. He returned to Connecticut in 1872, and resumed the practice of law for four or five years in Bridgeport and Norwalk.

As a member of the legislature of 1851 he was content to be an observer, which, with his experience obtained as clerk of the House in 1854, gave him such familiarity with legislative proceedings and the affairs of the State, that he went to the front in 1856, becoming one of the most prominent and influential members of the House. Elected to the Senate in the following year, he was chosen president *pro tem.*, and acted as presiding officer during the entire session, with admirable aptness and impartiality. But it was in the dark and gloomy days of the Rebellion, when Connecticut grasped more firmly the sword of Liberty, that we find Judge Giddings in all the strength and vigor of his manhood, with voice, pen, and purse doing all that was in his power for the preservation of his country, and as the foremost man of the Senate in 1864, we find him the right hand of the noble war Governor, Buckingham, rendering efficient service in what he deemed to be the cause of human right and liberty—service which afterward received unsought and unlooked-for recognition. To write

of "Judge Giddings" as a legislator is also to deal with him as a lawyer, for the reason that his clear and active mind, which remained unclouded until the last, displayed the same keen common sense, sound and logical reasoning, when presenting a question of fact to a jury, or arguing a question of law before a court, as in his forcible presentation of a measure upon the floor of the House or Senate. While he was not the greatest lawyer of his day in the State, yet he deservedly ranked among the ablest. He handled a cause for what there was to it, and won popularity by his fairness, honesty in dealing, and his polite and gentlemanly treatment of counsel and witnesses. In private life, the judge was uniformly kind and obliging. His most intimate associates were most warmly attached to him; he had rare social qualities, an immense fund of anecdote, and a Carlyle-like sense of humor, distinctively his own, which made him one of the most companionable of men. His acquaintance was large, embracing within its limits many men prominent in State and national affairs, as well as those of the legal profession and business circles.

He married, 1850, Charlotte Augusta, daughter of James Nelson and Charlotte (Potter) Paige of Sherman, a gifted and estimable lady, fitted by nature to adorn any society, and whom he loved with devotion. She survives him.

289 David Beach, b. Feb. 22, 1826, is a thrifty farmer and resides on the homestead. He m. Apr. 25, 1850, Hannah E., dau. of Leman and Katharine (Shew) Beecher, b. Apr. 5, 1830. Their ch., Ammi David, b. Sept. 26, 1859, resides with his father; Emily Augusta, b. Jan. 8, 1855, m. Jan. 1, 1875, Earl, son of Nelson and Fanny (Kellogg) Evans, b. 1846, and has a dau. and son. They reside on the homestead. All the adult members of this family are active members of the Congregational Church and Society of Sherman.

266 ~~Duel~~,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. Sept. 29, 1781, in Sherman, and d. Feb. 10, 1860, in Dover, N. Y. He was a wagon manufacturer and wheelwright. He m. 1807, Sarah Reasoner. She was an estimable lady, and a member of the Society of Friends. She d. Mch. 23, 1880, aged 92.

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290 Adelia Ann, b. Mch. 4, 1809; m. 1832, Luther S. Dutcher, who was a manufacturer of pig-iron from ore, and had furnaces in Dover and west of the Hudson River, N. Y. They had ch., Hiram W., b. 1833, d. 1880; Gilbert Jackson, b. 1835, m. 1865, Mary Watson; George W., b. 1840, m., and William G.

- 291 William Jackson, b. July 23, 1812, is a wagon manufacturer and wheelwright in Dover, N. Y. He m. June 16, 1841, Deborah, dau. of John and Delilah (Whiting) Hoag. Ch.
- 292 *Phebe Jane*, b. Mch. 10, 1842, d. Apr. 2, 1843.
- 293 *John H.*, b. Sept. 19, 1843, m. (1) 1877, Amanda Chase, of Dover, N. Y., who d. 1878; m. (2) 1879, Mariah Olivet.
- 294 *Elizabeth D.*, b. June 14, 1845, d. Sept. 24.
- 295 *Almira H.*, b. July 14, 1847, in Dover, N. Y.; m. 1869, James N. Reynolds. They reside in Harvard, Ill., and have two ch., Jackson, b. 1873, Harry, b. 1874.
- 296 *George Walter*, b. Apr. 10, 1853.
- 297 *Andrew Jackson*, b. Oct. 3, 1856.
- 298 Orrin Noble, b. Feb. 21, 1814, m. Harriet A. Cook. +
- 299 Martin L., b. Aug. 25, 1819, d. Sept. 7, 1862; followed the occupation of cattle dealer and produce freighter on the Harlem railroad to New York city. He m. 1844, Mary, dau. of Prince and Elizabeth Griffin Hoag. She resides in Dover, N. Y.
- 300 William, b. Sept. 19, 1821; follows the occupation of painter and wagon-maker.

268 ~~Daniel Noble~~,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. Aug. 8, 1788; d. at Havana, N. Y., July 25, 1850. He was by occupation a cabinet-maker, and carried on an extensive business while residing in Giddings District, Sherman, where he also had a farm. The furniture of his manufacture had a wide reputation for superiority. He was an active, influential member of society, and a deacon in the Congregational Church from 1814. He m. Feb. 3, 1814, Betsey Gorham of Sherman, b. Oct. 15, 1790; d. in Rockford, Ill., Nov. 17, 1857.

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- 301 Ralph, b. Mch. 10, 1815; m. (1) Eusebia Briggs, (2) Cornelia E. Fleming. +
- 302 Jay, b. Jan. 1, 1819; m. Minerva Ann Hixon. +
- 303 Pauline, b. Mch. 17, 1821, d. Sept. 22, 1848.
- 304 Meeker, b. June 23, 1829, d. May 25, 1848.

269 ~~Ann~~,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. Sept. 27, 1792; d. in Sherman, Apr. 22, 1823. She m. Oct. 23, 1812, John Seelye. He m. (2) Dec. 24, 1826, Rachel Main, b. Mch. 19, 1829, who m. (2) Nov., 1843, James A. Giddings. He d. Nov. 19, 1862. She resides at the homestead with a step-son. John Seelye was a man of

marked upright Christian character, and d. from injuries received in his flax-mill, Feb. 18, 1831.

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- 305 Franklyn, b. Nov. 2, 1813; d. in Ohio, Mch. 21, 1853.
- 306 Morgan, b. Aug. 12, 1815; m. Sarah, dau. of Ezra Northrop. He was by occupation a carpenter and joiner in Bridgeport, Conn.; d. They had ch., Elizabeth, m.; Ezra, is a city missionary in New Haven, and Carrie.
- 307 Abel, b. June 17, 1817; d. June 22, 1863; m. Eliza Branton, and had s. Franklyn. The w. is in Alabama.
- 308 William, b. Mch. 15, 1819; resides with his mother in Sherman.
- 309 Charlotte, b. Apr. 15, 1821; m. 1844, Charles Lawton, who died. They resided in California for several years. She once, in the early years of the gold fever, made the journey there alone with two young dau., crossing the Isthmus of Darien on mule-back, and part of the way was transported by natives. She has since resided in Dubuque, Iowa. Her present residence is at Gaylordsville, Conn. Ch., Emily, Lottie, and Grace. Lottie m. Mr. Quackenbush.
- 310 John B., b. Mch. 28, 1823; d. Apr. 22, 1823.
- 311 Jay, b. Aug. 15, 1827; d. Feb. 4, 1851. Ch. of John and Rachel.

273 William,⁶ Zebulon,⁵ Job,⁴ b. in Sherman; d. Jan. 8, 1831, at Gull Prairie, Mich. He was a Justice of the Peace ten years, Captain of militia, and prominent in town affairs. He was Representative in 1818, 1824-1829. His residence in Sherman was near that of the Rev. Maltby Gelston. He removed with his family to Michigan about 1830, and encountered a severe storm on Lake Erie, where they had to abandon the vessel and take to open boats and rafts. They reached land, but lost most of their goods. He m. Jane Louise Ely of Lyme, Conn.

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- 312 Adeline, b. Aug. 11, 1803; m. Aug. 12, 1827, Jonathan Russell, of Lyme, Conn.
- 313 Abner Eli, b. Mch. 8, 1805.
- 314 William Pitt, b. Mch. 29, 1807; killed by stone thrown at his head by a ruffian at Gull Prairie, Mich., Nov. 15, 1837. His widow was burned on the steamboat Erie in 1848.
- 315 Jane Ely, b. May 11, 1808; m. Daniel A. Plummer; d. July 10, 1839. They had two sons, William and Charles Edward.

- 316 Louisa, b. Dec. 16, 1809; m. June 6, 1835, Don Carlos Barnes, and had a s., who d. æ. 1 year. He had 2d w.
- 317 Emma, b. July 11, 1811; m. (1) Obed B. Ely, (2) William J. Ely.
- 318 Ely, b. Oct. 11, 1813, in Sherman, Conn.; m. in Richland, Kansas, May 6, 1840, Minerva, dau. of Ashley and Deborah Shepard, b. in Montgomery Co., N. Y., Oct. 31, 1812; d. Oct. 7, 1852; Ely, d. 1855. They had ch.
- 319 William Oscar, b. at Richland, Mich., May 19, 1841; m. Dec. 18, 1862, Eliza Sweigert, in Trenton, Ill. They reside in Golden, Col., and had ch., Maggie Eunice, b. June 19, 1865; d. Feb. 17, 1868, Ada Viroque, b. June 4, 1869; Ella Dora, b. July 18, 1873, (all born in Trenton, Ill.)
- 320 Eusebia Jane, b. Aug. 19, 1845; m. Penn Beers, and resides at Denver, Col.
- 321 Eudoria Addie, b. July 4, 1848; d. May 29, 1864.
- 322 Eli De Graff, b. Sept. 2, 1852.
- 323 Mary Elizabeth, b. Apr. 1, 1857; d. Apr. 2, 1857.
- 324 } John, b. May 9, 1815; d. in Galena, Ill., June 15, 1843.
- 325 } Marsh, " " " m. Louisa Mills.†
- 326 Ezra De Graf, b. Dec. 26, 1817.
- 327 Czar, b. June 6, 1819.
- 328 Eusebia Dorcas, b. Mch. 18, 1822; m. Dr. Upjohn.
- 329 Similius, b. May 11, 1828.

298 Orrin Noble,⁷ Buel,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. Feb. 21, 1814, in Beekman, N. Y., and removed with his parents to Dover. At the age of 16 he entered a store in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1836 he went west, tarrying in Auburn for a few months, and while there, May 11, married Harriet A., dau. of Ambrose and Phebe Cook, whose acquaintance he had formed in Poughkeepsie, and who proved an affectionate companion for more than forty years. They proceeded to the territory of Michigan and settled in Kalamazoo County, in an unorganized township, No. 2 south, and range No. 9 west, arriving there June 23, 1836. In company with a brother-in-law he erected a storehouse and entered into merchandizing and improvement of land. On the organization of the town it was called Charleston. In 1838 he was elected one of the first magistrates, which office he held during his residence there; also various other offices. He was elected a member of the State Legislature from Kalamazoo County in 1845 and 1846, and filled the office with credit. In

1847 he removed into Ross township, holding the offices of Supervisor and Postmaster. In 1852 he was elected Treasurer of Kalamazoo County, and removed to the town of that name, holding the office for two successive terms. He was Supervisor during the war for the Union, which was an office of great responsibility, as upon it devolved the duty of making all enlistments for that military district, as well as providing for a comfortable subsistence for the families of the soldiers while in service, which that State had authorized to be done. In 1865 the Governor appointed him Quartermaster-General, and at the expiration of his term he was reappointed, but before that term expired he resigned to attend to his private business. Since that period he has been engaged in various speculations and in farming. His wife, Harriet A., died Nov., 1877. They had five

CHILDREN.

- 330 Francis N., b. Mch., 1841 ; d. Dec. 1845.
- 331 Harriet Addie, b. Jan. 1853 ; d. Sept., 1853.
- 332 Theron F., b. Dec. 25, 1843, in Mich. ; is a merchant, and (1881) clerk of the Circuit Court. He m. Jan. 5, 1869, Julia E. De Arcambel, b. Jan. 25, 1848. They have ch., Grace. b. Apr. 30, 1873, d. Apr. 7, 1874 ; Bessie, b. July 25, 1875, Joanna, b. Feb. 26, 1877, d. Feb. 26, 1877 ; Wm. Harry, b. Oct. 3, 1878.
- 333 Francis N., b. Mch., 1855 ; m. Mary Monroe of South Haven, Mich. He is a mail agent ; has no ch.
- 334 Harriet Nina, b. July 4, 1858 ; d. Mch. 11, 1881 ; u. m.

335 Van Rensselaer,⁷ Buel,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. 1807 ; was brought up on a farm, obtained a good common education in the district schools, and taught school several seasons ; learned the trade of clothier and followed that business at New Milford for a few years. In 1838 he removed to Pennsylvania and purchased a farm in Montrose County, remained five years, sold, and returned to Connecticut, and rented a farm in New Milford. He followed farming for many years, at the same time dealing in cattle, of which there was no better judge in that region. He made a practice of visiting the northern counties of New York nearly every winter for several years, in pursuit of cattle, which he would bring to Connecticut in droves and dispose of at good profit. He rented or purchased farms as he could see it for his

advantage, making frequent changes, having moved thirty-five times in thirty-eight years; but the old adage "a rolling stone gathers no moss," did not prove true in his case, as he always made money by the change. He purchased the "Miles place," a valuable farm of more than 100 acres just north of New Milford village in Park Lane, where he made his home for several years. There is an old house, now about 140 years old, on the place, which was formerly a tavern; the iron crane which supported the sign is still pendant from the ancient sycamore in front. He afterward sold the place and removed to Plymouth, Conn.; thence to Bridgeport, remaining two years, when he returned to New Milford, erected a house in the village, and resided there a few years, following the grocery business. He erected other houses, but purchased in Park Lane a farm he formerly owned, and refitted the house where he now resides. He has been several times elected Justice of the Peace and Assessor, and to various other town offices, and is a corporator and director of the savings bank. Mr. Giddings m. Jan. 31, 1833, Sarah Maria, dau. of Heth and Jerusha (Odell) Canfield, b. Jan. 30, 1812, in New Milford, and d. 1875, at West Stratford, Conn. She was a lady of great energy of character and Christian virtue. She was a true helpmate to her husband, entering into his plans and counseling and encouraging him in the path to fortune, and her advice and economy contributed largely towards securing a competency. During the later years of her life her pleasure seemed to be to labor for her children, and the esteem in which she was held by them is fitly described in the quotation on her tombstone: "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed." She had brothers and sisters, Capt. Alanson Canfield, an able sea-captain, settled many years ago in Texas, and became a merchant and ship-owner at Galveston; Capt. Nelson followed the sea in various parts of the world for many years, and was a merchant in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Harry was last heard from in Arkansas; Bruce died at Pike's Peak many years since; Lawrence resides on the homestead, and is an extensive land-holder and substantial townsman of New Milford; has three children,—Heth, Urania, and Mamie. Heth married and resides in St. Augustine, Fla., where he is a leading man, and has held some of the highest offices in the city. Mamie

married Ivory Philips, of Colorado. He has extensive sheep ranches, and owns or controls more than 50,000 acres of land, and has been a member of the State Legislature. Of the sisters, Cornelia married Cyrus Morehouse, Dianna m. John Hatch of New Preston, Diama m. Horace Clark, and Laura m. Henry Camp. Mr. Giddings married twice; 2d, Mrs. Nancy Kinney, in 1877.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

V. R. Canfield, and Nellie Canfield, who m. Minot S. Giddings.

336 ~~Van Bussalaer~~ Canfield,^s b. in New Milford, Conn., Jan. 31, 1833; obtained a good education and taught school several seasons, laboring summers at farming. He attended Yale Law School at New Haven, studied law with Hon. Ammi Giddings, at Plymouth, Conn.; was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession first in Winsted, Conn., in 1862. Being solicited, in 1864 he entered into company with Henry Sanford, Esq., at New Milford, but in the autumn of that year settled in Plymouth, taking the place of Hon. Ammi Giddings, where he became very popular. He was judge of probate, town clerk, and held various other offices of trust and responsibility during the time he remained there, and was a member of the Cong. Church. In 1869, he disposed of his house and business, removed to Bridgeport, Conn., and entered in partnership with Minot S. Giddings in the wholesale grocery business, in which he was active and enterprising—his knowledge of law being of great service to the firm. He purchased a home in West Stratford, and on becoming a resident of that town was elected first selectman. When the borough of West Stratford was created, he was chosen its attorney, which office he has since held. In 1873 he withdrew from the firm and re-entered the profession of law in Bridgeport, which he has since successfully prosecuted.

He is attorney for the "North American Attorneys and Tradesmans Union Co." He married Oct. 22, 1862, Minnie E., dau. of James Nelson and Mrs. Pauline (Sherwood Northrop) Paige, formerly of Sherman, by whom he has two daus.—Ida Augusta, b. Feb. 3, 1864, and Belle Canfield, b. July 29, 1867.

James N. Paige, father of Mrs. G., has for several years resided with them. He is a native of Sherman, taught singing-

school, and for twenty-seven years led the church choir, having been absent but six Sabbaths during that time. He was at one time warden of the State Prison at Wethersfield, Conn. Has resided in Boston, Mass., and Rochester, N. Y. He is six feet in height, straight as an arrow, with long, flowing beard, and is majestic in appearance. He was born 1799, is now the oldest living person born in Sherman, and has twice married.

317 Emma,⁷ William,⁶ Zebulon,⁵ Job,⁴ was b. July 11, 1811, and d. in Lyme, Aug. 25, 1880. She m. (1) Feb. 3, 1836, Obed B. Ely. He d. 1840. She m. (2) Aug. 7, 1844, William J. Ely. He is living in Hamburgh, Lyme.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

337 William Pitt, b. Nov. 9, 1836; d. Nov. 22, 1871.

338 Louisa Jane, b. Apr. 24, 1838; d. Sept. 3, 1854.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

339 James Penoyer, b. July 2, 1845; d. Sept. 30, 1863.

340 Henry West, b. Apr. 7, 1848; m. Oct. 5, 1875, Addie B. Crosbie.

341 Lewellyn G., b. Oct. 28, 1854; m. Nov. 29, 1876, Sarah Jane Hall.

325 Marsh,⁷ William,⁶ Zebulon,⁵ Job,⁴ was b. Nov. 9, 1815, in Sherman, Conn., and d. in New Mexico, 1875. He was a bright boy—quick to learn; obtained a common-school education at the district school; left Sherman at the age of 15, and went to Michigan, where he studied law, and engaged in that practice at Kalamazoo, remaining there for more than thirty years, during all of which time he was active in politics, and was prominently identified with the Republican party after its organization. He was probate judge for Kalamazoo County for eight years, member of the State constitutional convention, Republican presidential elector in 1864, and for a number of years represented his State in the national Republican executive committee, being chairman of the delegates of Michigan. Was for several years secretary of the Northern Indiana & Grand Rapids Railroad. He was appointed consul-general to India by President Grant, but declined the position, and in July, 1871, was governor of New Mexico. During the few years of his governorship, he introduced reforms into the various branches of

government of that territory, and was held in high esteem by the native citizens. He was a member of the Congregational Church. He m. Louisa Mills.

CHILDREN.

- 342 Josephine Adella, b. 1838, in Michigan ; d. in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 17, 1863.
- 343 Frances L., m. Augustus S. Battell of Philadelphia, Penn.; they removed to St. Joseph, Mo., where he entered business as a member of the firm of S. D. King & Co., wholesale dealers in tea, coffee, and spices.
- 344 William. He was for a time adjutant-general to his father, while the latter was governor of New Mexico ; afterwards re-entered upon a stock ranch in Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas.

301 ~~Ralph~~,⁷ Daniel Noble,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. in Sherman, Conn., March 10, 1815, and labored in his early years with his father on the farm and in the shop, when he was not attending school, and learned the business of cabinet-maker. He m. (1), Oct., 1840, Eusebia Briggs, of Sherman, who d. Mar. 25, 1843, m. (2) Feb. 28, 1844, Cornelia E. Fleming. They reside in Rockford, Ill. He was elected an elder in the Presbyterian church in 1840, a deacon 1856, and an elder of the Presb. church at Rockford, Ill., Jan. 1, 1875. He had two ch. by (2) marriage.

CHILDREN.

345 Ella Amanda, b. Dec. 9, 1845, m. 1867 or 8, J. B. Root, of Mason, Mich., a graduate of Michigan University in the class of 1865, after which he studied law and practiced that profession successfully for three years, when he was obliged to retire from it on account of ill health. In 1870 he removed to Rockford, Ill., and turned his attention to market-gardening and seed-growing, and built up a wide reputation by his writing in Horticultural Journals. He died Nov., 1877, of valvular disease of the heart. They had four children, but one survived. His widow has since conducted the business successfully.

346 Charles M., b. Dec. 31, 1849, at Havana, N. Y., educated at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Is a Mechanical Engineer by profession and is engaged in that capacity for the firm of Russell & Co., Massillon, Ohio. He m. Feb. 11, 1880, Anna A. Van Duyn, at Romulus, N. Y.

302 ~~Jay~~,⁷ Daniel Noble,⁶ William,⁵ Job,⁴ b. Jan. 1, 1819, in Sherman, Conn. Assisted his father on the farm and in the cabinet-shop while obtaining his education at the district school. In 1840 he removed to Highland Co., O., and taught school two years, then, Mch. 10, 1842, married Minerva Ann Hixon, who was born June 4, 1823. Purchased a farm near Vienna, but sold in 1847, and purchased another near New Lexington, Highland Co., where he resided during life. He embraced religion in youth, joined the Congl. Church in Sherman, and was afterwards admitted by letter to the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Lexington, O., and was a class-leader. He was a prosperous farmer and held the office of Justice of the Peace. In 1854 he became a partner in a large flouring-mill, which business proved unsuccessful. He died July 14, 1857. His widow married again, July, 1865, Dr. J. A. James of Kokomo, Ind., who died in 1872. She then married, in 1876, A. J. Brause, and resides at Hillsboro, O.

CHILDREN.

347 Daniel, b. May 20, 1843, in Highland Co., O. After his father's death he resided with his grandfather Daniel Hixon, and followed the pursuits of farm life most of the time during his minority. He was brought up in the faith of the Methodist E. Church. July 20, 1863, he enlisted in the Union Army in the 11th Regt. O. V. C., under Col. Collins. The men of this regiment were enlisted for frontier service, and marched to Fort Laramie in the Rocky Mts., in Idaho. After enduring many hardships and much suffering in this wild region, and having many hair-breadth escapes from death, he was honorably discharged at Columbus, O., July, 1866. He married, Jan., 1872, Mary Elmira Burton, b. in St. Clair Co., Mich., May 8, 1852, in Erie Co., O., where he lived several years, then removed to Ross Co., O., near Chillicothe, April, 1878, where he now resides on a farm. They have three sons. Arthur Jay, b. July 12, 1872, Daniel Howard, b. Aug. 7, 1873, Ralph Waldo, b. Sep. 27, 1874, Kasper Cornelius, b. May 14, 1877, d. Jan. 31, 1878. All in Erie Co., O.

348 Arthur Jay, b. Feb. 17, 1849, in Highland Co., O. After the death of his father, with the exception of one year which he spent with his uncle Ralph Giddings, resided with his grandfather Daniel Hixon, till 1865, when he removed to Kokomo, Ind., where he attended the High School. He was assistant Postmaster two years, and then took a trip South, after which he became a clerk in the I. P. &

C. Railway Depot at Kokomo. In 1869 he received the appointment of bill-clerk for that railroad at Indianapolis, Ind., where he remained most of the time till 1878, when he was transferred to the General Office of the Hoosac Tunnel Line at Rochester, N. Y., where he now resides. He was brought up in the religious faith of the M. E. Church. He married Sarah Elizabeth Edwards, a native of Cincinnati, O., in Indianapolis, Ind., April 29, 1878. They have one son, Edward Jay, b. May 22, 1880.

CAPT. JOSEPH GIDDINGS OF NEW FAIRFIELD,
NORTH SOCIETY (NOW SHERMAN), AND HIS
DESCENDANTS.

SKETCH OF SHERMAN, CONN.

About 1737 people began clambering over the hills by the bridle-paths from New Milford to the northern portion of New Fairfield, and as they stood upon the ridge of mountain which separates the two towns, they must have been charmed with the beautiful valley that lay before them with an occasional fertile oasis of meadow to break the monotony of the wilderness.

The North Society was organized in 1740, and the few hardy pioneers by whom it was formed doubtless felt repaid for their toil by the abundant crops that the fertile soil yielded them ; for although the situation of the town of Sherman, between two mountainous ridges with rugged sides, may appear to the stranger to be a barren and forbidding region for the successful pursuit of agriculture, yet it has a wealth of soil that yields a fair remuneration to labor, and it has produced a race of sturdy, patriotic inhabitants, whose descendants have gone forth and become famous in other fields.

Among the early pioneers of this pleasant hamlet were Joseph Giddings, Benjamin Pickett, Gamaliel Baldwin, Daniel Noble, David Towner, and others whose descendants intermarried in the Giddings family.

The Rev. Thomas Lewis was the first minister in the North Society, ordained March 23, 1744. Rev. Elijah Sill was called by a vote of the society to become pastor, November, 1750, and was ordained Oct. 17, 1751. At that time there were but eight male members. The first baptism he administered was to Johanna, dau. of Daniel Noble, Nov. 10, 1751. "On the 16th of Oct., 1752, was baptized Sarah, dau. of Joseph Giddings," and on "Jan. 19, 1753, was baptized Mary, dau. of David Towner." Joseph Giddings was admitted to the church July 15, 1754, and was an active supporter during his life.

In 1753 he was appointed one of a committee to "carry on work at ye Meeting House Repairs." Three of the sons of Job Giddings of Lyme—bro. of Joseph—came to the North Society some time between 1760 and 1770, viz.: William, Job, and Zebulon, and at once became influential and prominent. Capt. William Giddings, and his wife Lydia Noble, were admitted to the church July 15, 1775, and were ever after devoted members; he afterwards became a deacon. Capt. Joseph Giddings and his descendants settled in the northern part of the town, as also did Capt. William and his descendants, and the First District has long been known as the "Gidding's District." The brothers of the latter settled near the Center. Jonathan 2d, s. of Capt. Joseph, married Mary Baldwin, and had a large family.

The sons were large of frame and noted for their physical strength, manly beauty, force of character, and influence. The daughters were comely in appearance, of cheerful disposition, and became affectionate wives and mothers. Their descendants remember them with pride and affection. Four of the sons, viz.: Gamaliel Baldwin, James Andruss, Jonathan, and Samuel, settled in the Giddings District. Three sons and one daughter of Capt. William, viz.: George, Daniel N., David, and Ann, the wife of John Seelye, all settled in the district, within about one mile of each other; one son, Buel, and a daughter, Lucinda, who married Seaman, lived about a mile over the line in Dover, N. Y. Most of them had large families, and their social enjoyments in those days were probably never surpassed. Many now living look back with pleasure to the apple-bees, the quiltings, the sociables, and surprise parties they attended in "ye olden times," and perhaps sigh, "would that I were young again."

As may be supposed, the district school was made up largely of the Giddings name, and there was at one time an attendance of thirty-two scholars of that name.

Of the brothers who settled near the Centre, Job removed to Vermont, and settled in Manchester, and the tombstones in the churchyard there tell the fate of himself and most of his family. Zebulon had a numerous offspring, but most of them went early to their eternal home. His son William was a prominent and influential man, and had a numerous family. He did not remain in Sherman all his life, but made his way to Michigan. Of his

descendants, the most noted was his son Marsh, late Governor of New Mexico.

The influence of these families has had an important bearing on the town and church for more than one hundred years. During that time there have been but few enterprises in which they did not take a prominent part, and there are several instances when committees of the church and society were wholly made up of persons of that name.

On the church records is found recorded, under date of Jan. 13, 1823, "Voted at a church meeting, that one Flagon, six cups, and two platters, be purchased for the Communion table, and that bro. James A. Giddings, and Dea. Daniel N. Giddings, be the agents to transact the business." In 1823, at a society's meeting, Gamaliel B. Giddings was Moderator, and James A., Samuel, and Daniel N. were Society's Committee.

In 1824, Gamaliel B., Daniel N., and Samuel Giddings were Society's Committee, and James A. was Secretary and Treasurer. The latter was for many years Clerk and Treasurer for the Church and Society. These families resided from three to five miles from the church, but they were among the most punctual and steady attendants on divine service, and were always ready to do their part in public enterprises and matters of benevolence. As an instance, it is recorded when the church edifice of the North Congregational Society was erected in 1835, the name of Samuel Giddings was second in amount on the subscription list, it being for \$200. James A. subscribed \$150, Daniel N. \$100, and Gamaliel B. \$100.

The town of Sherman was organized in 1802, and so named in honor of Roger Sherman, who resided for a short time on the place that afterwards became known as the "Jonathan Giddings Homestead." There is found recorded on the grand list at that time the following names and the assessments of each; James A. Giddings and Capt. Bennett Pickett, who married Sally Giddings, being the sworn Listors:

Joseph Giddings,	\$67.37	Jonathan Giddings,	\$454.83
Joseph Jr. "	104.00	Gamaliel B. "	192.36
Jonathan Jr. "	127.17	William "	201.98
George "	122.95	David "	60.00
Zebulon "	182.64	William Jr. "	67.00

When Rev. Maltby Gelston was ordained pastor of the North Congregational Church, Apr. 26, 1797, among the members were Joseph, William, Mary, and Lydia Giddings. William was chosen one of the standing committee of the church, May 8, 1797, and in 1808, deacon. Daniel N. Giddings was chosen one of the standing committee in 1813, and a deacon in 1814. The following names are found on the records of the Congregational Church as having been members. Those not of the Giddings name are persons who either married a Giddings or whose mother was a Giddings.

Giddings's—Dea. William, Dea. Daniel N., James A., Jonathan, Mary, Lydia, Jane, Philomelia, Betsey, Eunice, Samuel, David, Solomon, Lydia, Betsey, Daniel, Edwin, Ralph, Phebe, Orissa, Susan, Eunice, Dorcas, Laura, Lydia Ann, Mary Eliza, Armida, Jonathan Allen, Jonathan Chauncey, Ammi, Harriett, Rebecca, Ann Janette, Caroline, Paulina, Jay, William Henry, David Beach, Hannah, E. Minot S., Sophia C., Dea. George C., Augusta, Emily, Ammi, Alfred. Names of others, John Seelye, Ann Seelye, Adaline Northrop, Cornelia Gelston, Dea. Edwin Hungerford, Revilo Fuller, Dr. Noble Bennett Pickett, Morgan Seelye, Sophia Pickett, Eusebia Briggs, Bennett Pickett, Rachel Seelye, John Odel Northrop, Jedediah Jackson Graves, Charlotte Northrop, Charlotte Seelye, Mary Pickett, Ruth Caroline Spooner, Buel Pickett, William Pickett, Franklyn Seelye, Flora Leach, Pamela Seaman, Elizabeth Camp, Albert Barnes, Sarah E. Northrop, Martin L. Hungerford, Burnette Camp, Phebe Ann Hungerford, Lavina Camp, Ann Eliza Camp, John Edward Northrop, Ann Mariah Hungerford, Dea. Maltby G. Gelston, Earl Evans, William Seelye.

60 Joseph,⁴ Thomas,³ John,² George,¹ b. 1714, in Gloucester Mass., and removed with his father to Lyme, Conn., about 1722-3. He m. Oct. 24, 1737, Eunice Andruss, or Andrews, of Ipswich, Mass., and about the year 1752 removed with his family to the North Society of New Fairfield, Conn., now Sherman. Owing to the destruction by fire of the early records of New Fairfield, the precise date cannot be obtained, but the records of Lyme show that in the year 1752 he gave a deed of a tract of land to Jasper Griffin, for the consideration of £1450, and in 1755 he

gave a deed, residing in New Fairfield, to the heirs of Dea. Benjamin Coult of Lyme.

His name first appears on the church records of New Fairfield North Society Oct. 6, 1752, in connection with the baptism of a daughter, "Sarah." July 15, 1754, he was admitted to the church by letter from the Third Church in Lyme.

In 1772 he was chosen one of a committee to represent the church before a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Daniel Farand of Canaan, Hezekiah Gold of Cornwall, and Joel Bordwell of Kent, "said committee to hear and determine a charge brought against Capt. James Potter, of a breach of the seventh commandment," which charge was not sustained (says the records). He also took an active part in the French War. In the colonial records, 1760, is the following: "This assembly do establish Mr. Joseph Giddings to be Captain of the north company or trainband in the North Society in New Fairfield."

In 1775 he was at the head of a committee to build a "new House of Worship."

His name is found on the records of the church and society on various other committees, and he seems to have been a leading man in those matters. He m. (2) Elizabeth Hungerford, and died Jan. 10, 1803. She had brothers Joseph and Josiah Hungerford, and a sister Susan, who married Nehemiah Stuart, the father of Dr. Morgan Stuart of Milan, O. She d. Sept. 5, 1815, æ. 99 yrs. 11 mths.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE.

- 349 James, b. July 24, 1738, m. Sep. 23, 1761, Lois, dau. of Nathan and Ruth Turrill, of New Milford, b. May 27, 1741.
- 350 Jonathan, b. Apr. 18, 1741¹⁷⁴⁵, m. Mary, dau. of Gamaliel Baldwin, of Sherman. +
- 351 Soloman, b. May 31, 1743.
- 352 Benjamin, b. Mch. 20, 1750. A dau. was born to him 1776. (N. F. Church Records). He settled in Vt. and nothing further is known of him by the writer.
- 353 Sarah, bapt. Oct. 6, 1752.
- 354 Joseph, bapt. Aug. 18, 1759, m. Abigail, dau. of Stephen Crane, of New Milford. (2.) Widow Susannah Baldwin. +
- 355 Mary.
- 356 Hannah.
- 357 Lydia, m. Stewart.

Gamaliel B. Giddings was appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Giddings, and the will, which was admitted to probate, 1803, mentions as heirs, Jonathan, James, Benjamin, and Joseph Giddings. Lydia Stewart's heirs, Daniel Ingersoll and Hezekiah Bosworth. The will of Elizabeth, widow of Joseph Giddings, was admitted for probate 1820, in which she gives to her bro. Joseph and her sister Susan, wife of Nehemiah Stuart, 1 gold pen valued at \$2.25, a finger-ring, 50 cts., \$10 eagle, and \$3 bank-note.

350 Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Thomas,³ b. in Lyme, Conn., April 18, 1741, removed with his father to New Fairfield, North Society, where he became a thrifty, enterprising farmer. He served in the revolutionary war, enduring many hardships. He was at one time sent by his superior officer, at the head of a scouting party, as captain; and they were nine days without food, having become lost in the woods, where they were obliged to subsist on roots and herbs.

Having received a severe wound he obtained his discharge and returned to his family.

He was one of the original proprietors of the Connecticut Western Reserve, in Ohio.

In 1786 the state of Connecticut reserved 3,500,000 acres of land in northwestern Ohio, which became known as the "Connecticut Western Reserve." Its claim on all other government lands was then ceded to the United States. This land was devoted to the use of the state of Connecticut for the *Free* education of her children. In 1795 Elijah Boardman, of New Milford, and others, among whom was Jonathan Giddings, purchased for \$6,000 a large tract of land on the reserve (*Hollister's Hist. Conn.*)

On the 12th May, 1800, Elijah Boardman, Homer Boardman, David S. Boardman, Stanly Griswold, of New Milford, Elijah Wadsworth, Frederick Wolcott, of Litchfield, and Zephaniah Briggs, of New Fairfield, gave to Jonathan Giddings, of New Fairfield, a deed of land as "proprietors in common with him, of township number two, in the sixth Range, of township in the Connecticut Western Reserve, so called, and of lot number two in township no. seven in the tenth range . . . which lot . . . contains the land which was annexed to said township

number two, at the general partition of said reserve, made by the proprietors thereof at Hartford, in the state of Conn., on the 23d of Jan. A.D. 1798, being desirous of making a partition of said lands to each proprietor in severalty, according to the interest and property of each therein, have together with the sd. Jonathan Giddings, caused the sd. township, and the said lands thereto annexed, to be surveyed and laid out into lots, etc." The lands deeded to Jonathan Giddings were in various parcels and amounted in all to *thirteen hundred and eighty-three acres, two roods and thirty-two rods.*

"The deed was recorded the 27th day of Jan., 1801, in the Records of the town of Palmyra, Ohio, Book first, page forty-second."

On the back of the deed is written, "Elijah Boardman etc., Partition Deed, Received & Recorded in Trumbull County Records, Aug. 23d, 1802.

Book D., Page 186,
JOHN S. EDWARDS, *Recorder.*"

He m. Jan. 2, 1766, Mary, dau. of Gamaliel and Mary, or Rebecca, Herrick Baldwin, adopted dau. of Benoni Stebbins, of New Milford, Conn., she being then eighteen years of age. He afterwards came in possession of the farm of Mr. Baldwin on the west side of the Housatonic River, the house fronting on the Wiminam brook. This property remained in possession of the Giddings family for about one hundred years. He d. Apr. 8, 1817. His will was admitted to probate in 1818. The inventory of his estate amounted to \$18,000. His widow Mary d. Feb. 20, 1824.

She was very prepossessing in appearance, of an affectionate nature, and greatly beloved in the community. She was very kind to the needy, and the worthy poor found in her a friend. There are yet living a few old people who remember and mention her with great affection. She was admitted to the Congl. Church of the North Society, Apl. 28, 1772. The inventory of her estate admitted to probate, 1824, amounted to \$4,302.

CHILDREN.

- 358 Gamaliel Baldwin, b. Oct. 6, 1766, m. Tabbitha Eunice Barnes. +
359 Rebecca, b. Jan. 2, 1769, m. Revilo Fuller. +

- 360 James Andruss, b. Apr. 3, 1771, m. (1) Eunice Penfield. (2) Rachel, w. of John Seelye. +
- 361 Armida, b. Apr. 21, 1773, m. David Gaylord. +
- 362 Solomon, b. Mch. 25, 1775, m. Patty Paine. +
- 363 Jonathan, b. Feb. 18, 1777, m. (1) Lydia Salmon. (2) Philomela Buck. +
- 364 Polly, b. Oct. 2, 1779, m. Andrew Barnes. +
- 365 Laura, b. 1780, m. Sturges Penfield. +
- 366 Samuel, b. May 13, 1782, m. (1) Lydia Giddings, (2) Armida Sanford. +

The following account is gleaned in part from a manuscript of Jonathan C. Giddings, a descendant of Mary Herrick. Thomas Herrick, an Englishman, in 1723, embarked for America, with his wife and two daughters. His wife died on the passage. He landed in Derby, Conn., and placed his youngest daughter Mary, then an infant under one year of age, in the care of strangers in Bridgeport, leaving funds for her support, while he proceeded to Boston, Mass., and engaged in the mercantile business and afterwards took an active part in the French war. From the latter place he sent instructions to those in charge of the child, that she be given to some family worthy of the charge. Benoni Stebbins of New Milford, Ct., hearing of a child in Bridgeport, of good parentage, to be given away, proceeded thither on horseback, brought Mary home with him and adopted her as his own, where she remained till her marriage with Gamaliel Baldwin of New Milford, a man of wealth, in 174 $\frac{1}{2}$, and they soon after became residents of New Fairfield, now Sherman. (The New Milford Town Records state her name to be Rebecca Herrick, adopted daughter of Benoni Stebbins, bapt. (Rebecca) 172 $\frac{5}{8}$). Mr. Stebbins, who was quite wealthy—says the narrative—died some twelve years after Mary married Mr. Baldwin, and his property fell to an only sister, who married a Sanford of New Milford. This jealous sister gave Mr. Stebbins a son whom she named "Benoni Stebbins," who, as he grew up with Mary, became attached to her and wished to marry her, but Mary loved him only as a brother, and declined to marry him. This displeased Mr. Stebbins, and also the mother of the young man, and report says that was the cause of his not leaving Mary any of his property.

Mr. Baldwin purchased land in New Fairfield, spoken of in the

Colonial Records "as the farms of Gamaliel Baldwin and Abiel Baldwin, on the west side of the Ousatonic river, said farm containing about two hundred acres, and with other lands having been annexed to the North Society of New Fairfield as per memorial on file, dated May 1, 1754." They had five children, Samuel, b. Mch. 21, 174 $\frac{2}{3}$. His estate was, in 1779, distributed in Danbury Probate, to his brothers and sisters. Mary, b. Jan. 174 $\frac{4}{5}$, m. 1766, Jonathan Giddings.

Hannah, m. Peter Waller, grandfather of George B. Waller, for many years President of the City Bank, and the Peoples Savings Bank, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Rachel, m. 1787, Rev. Medad Rodgers, a graduate of Yale College, and from 1786 to 1822, pastor of the Congregational Church in New Fairfield, Conn. He d. Aug. 25, 1824, æ. 74. They had ch., Amzi, who d. aged 4; Louisa, b. 1791, m. Dea. Seelye Barnum of New Fairfield; Flora, b. Feb. 25, 1790, m. Ira Kellogg of New Fairfield, a leading man and church member, and had ch., Edwin, Martin, Medad Rodgers, Seelye Barnum.

Amzi, son of Rev. Medad, b. Dec. 17, 1793, m. 1814, Betsey, only dau. of Samuel Towner Barnum, b. Apr. 27, 1794. They had seven ch., David Baldwin, b. July 27, 1815; Samuel Towner, b. Apr. 30, 1820, m. Sept., 1858 or 9, Cornelia H., dau. of Dr. Sturges and Nancy S. Bulkley of Waterbury, Conn., and had four ch.; Theodore Dwight, b. June 10, 1822; Ann Elizabeth, b. Oct. 16, 1826; Emily Louisa, b. Mch. 6, 1831; Harriet Alice, b. Aug. 24, 1837; and Rachel L.

Amzi was colonel of a militia regiment, and an influential man in New Fairfield, "a true Christian gentleman, without fear and without reproach."

Isaac, s. of Gamaliel, bapt. in New Milford, Conn., May 6, 1753, was a surgeon in the Revolution; settled in Waterbury as a physician; m. 1782, Sarah, dau. of Rev. Mark Leavenworth of that place. He was esteemed as a man and a physician. He lost a leg, removed to Sharon, Conn., and afterwards to Great Barrington, Mass., and resumed practice. He crossed the ocean to England and France three times in quest of a great estate that had descended to his mother, most of which escaped their

possession through the rascality of the agent who had it in charge and fled to France with it.

He had ch., Sally, b. May 22, 1788, m. Edward Field, M.D., of Waterbury. Baldwin Genealogy says, "he also m. her sister Esther, and I do not know which was the mother of the following ch., to whom their aunt Rebecca left legacies in 1844: Mary, who m. Merriman, Charlotte A., and Edward G." (Dr. Field, with others, finished a school-house in Waterbury after the town funds had given out, says the Hist. of Waterbury.)

Mr. Herrick, Mary or Rebecca's father, died about 1778, leaving a handsome property to be divided between her and her older sister, and she afterwards had quite a fortune left her in England, only a portion of which was obtained, as before mentioned.

Gamaliel Baldwin died the day his dau. Mary was to have married Jonathan Giddings, Dec. 25, 1765, æ. 49, and was buried in Gaylordsville Cemetery. The following inscription is on his tombstone: "Sacred | to ye memory of Mr | Gamaliel Baldwin | Died Dec^r ye 25th 1765 | Æ 49."

"Death, great Proprietor of all, 'tis thine
To tread out Empire, and to quench ye stars."

He was a descendant of Joseph, of Milford, one of the first settlers in 1639, b. in Milford, Sept. 11, 1716; settled in New Milford, where he joined the church, Aug. 30, 1741. His widow m. (2) Capt. John Ransom of Kent, Conn., who came from Colchester, Conn., about 1738. He purchased a farm and built a house, which is now standing and in the possession of P. G. Mills. When Rebecca Giddings, g.-dau. of Rebecca (Baldwin) Ransom, m. Revilo Fuller, they went to live with Capt. Ransom, and took care of him while he lived, and named their first child (John Ransom Fuller) after him: They afterwards purchased the place and resided there while they remained in Kent."

354 Joseph,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. in Sherman, Conn.; bapt. Aug. 18, 1759; d. at Northville, New Milford. He m. (1) Abigail, dau. of Stephen Crane, Nov. 24, 1765. Mr. Crane was a Commissary of Artillery in the Revolutionary War. He m. (2) Mrs. Susannah Bristol (Baldwin), widow of John. (The latter was killed about 1803, by the limb of a tree falling on his head near

the residence of Hon. Albert N. Baldwin of Northville, where a stone to mark the place is set up. He had by Susannah, John, who m. Lucy Strong, and lives in Minnesota; Samuel, m. Mabel Morehouse, and lived on homestead; Bristol, d. y.; Mattie; Hannah; and Susan, who m. Rev. Daniel Baldwin.)

CHILDREN.

367 Hiram.

368 Stephen, b. Feb. 17, 1793, d. Apr. 13, 1854. He m. Olive, dau. of John Platt, b. May 24, 1795, d. Mch. 15, 1849. Had ch., Henry, b. in New Preston, Dec. 29, 1820; removed to N. Y.; resides in West Webster. He m. Ann Granger, b. in Penfield, N. Y., Apr. 3, 1878, and had ch., Carlot, b. Aug., 1844, d. May 12, 1878; Delos, b. Sept. 25, 1852, d. Feb. 23, 1857; Delora, b. Mch. 16, 1857. Stephen had other ch., Hiram, d. æ. 7; Amanda; Catharine, d. æ. 24; Fowler, d. æ. 18; Abigail; Melinda, æ. 20.

369 Sally, dau. of Joseph, m. abt. 1806, Nathan Taylor of Northville. Had dau. Amanda, who m. Mr. Beers of Brookfield, Ct.; a son, Daniel, lives in Brookfield; Julia A., m. June 13, 1832, Lucius E. Buckingham, son of John and Hester Osborne Buckingham. They reside in Woodbury, and have ch., Mary A., b. Apr. 2, 1833, m. Dec. 31, 1863, Isaac B. Prindle; Esther A., b. July 16, 1835, d. Dec. 11, 1855; Walter, b. Oct. 25, 1841, m. Helen E. Tolls, Nov. 8, 1865; George, b. Nov. 14, 1846; Ellen L., b. Dec. 11, 1848; Alice A. b. Apr. 5, 1853; Polly, m. Zachariah Ferdon.

370 Amanda, m. Fowler Bryant of Washington, and had ch., Esther, who m. John Ross of Dover, N. Y., who was at one time proprietor of the Weddell Hotel, Cleveland, O.; Seth P., sailed on a boat from some port on Lake Ontario, and was never heard from after; Fowler, m. and had a dau.; Amanda, m. Mr. Beers, and had a dau., who m. Andrew Buckingham.

370½ Marilla, d. Oct. 19, 1864, æ. 64, in New Milford, Conn.

358 Gamaliel Baldwin,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. in Sherman, Oct. 6, 1766, was an extensive land-holder in the Giddings-District, and a man of much influence. He was of powerful frame, pleasant and sociable in disposition. He was constable and justice of the peace fifteen or twenty years, a representative to the Legislature 1805, 1812, 1813. In 1845 he removed to Palmyra, O., near his son Hiram, and died there at advanced age.

He m. Nov. 24, 1790, Tabitha Eunice, dau. of Stephen and Ann (Phinney) Barnes. She was a sister of Andrew Barnes, who m. Polly Giddings, her husband's sister. William and Morris Barnes were her brothers.

CHILDREN.

- 371 Harriet, b. Sept. 9, 1791; d. in Palmyra, O., Mch. 8, 1876.
 372 Soloman, b. Oct. 5, 1793; d. u.m. Feb. 25, 1838.
 373 Hiram, b. Sept. 14, 1795; m. Rebecca Giddings.+
 374 Nancy, b. May 30, 1798; m. David W. Stevens.+
 375 Sally Maria, b. in Sherman, Conn., Feb. 23, 1800; m. Jan. 1, 1823, William Spooner of Kent, Conn., and removed and settled in Palmyra, O. They had ch., Ruth Caroline, b. May 12, 1824, d. Oct. 12, 1841; Ann Jeanette, b. Apr. 4, 1827, m. Mch., 1848, H. H. Willard, and d. Dec. 17, 1869; Mary Elizabeth, b. May 25, 1829; Hiram Giddings, b. May 18, 1833, m. Jan. 26, 1866, Hannah J. Forseyth, and resides in Palmyra, O.; Sarah Jane, b. Mch. 9, 1837, m. Nov. 38, 1859, Barnabas Hatch of Kent, Conn., b. Dec. 15, 1831, and has ch., Walter B., b. May 22, 1861, Carrie J., b. Nov. 7, 1862, Mary B., b. Sept. 18, 1868, Fanny, b. Sept. 25, 1876, Harriet Maria, b. Mch. 9, 1837, d. Oct. 16, 1870, Joseph William, b. Jan. 26, 1845.
 376 Mary Ann, b. Mar. 20, 1803, m. Oct. 1, 1827, Hamilton Lucas of White Creek, N. Y., and had a dau. who d. y.; Joseph, b. Mch. 4, 1806, d. Sept., 1836. He was a young man of superior ability and much promise.
 377 Eliza, b. Sept. 1, 1807; d. Sept. 18, 1809.

359 ~~Rebecca~~,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. in Sherman, Conn., June 2, 1769; d. July 26, 1849; was a lady of fine personal appearance and pleasing disposition. She m. July 10, 1791, Capt. Revilo, son of Dr. Oliver Fuller, who was a surgeon in the army during the Revolution, and whose ancestors came to New England in the Mayflower.¹ Capt. Fuller was b. in Sherman, Conn., July 26, 1768, and d. Oct. 31, 1846, in Salisbury, Conn. They were both members of the Congregational Church. After their marriage they resided in a house built by Capt. John Ransom at Kent, Conn., and removed thence to Salisbury, about 1820,

¹ The compact which was made by the pilgrims on the Mayflower before landing was signed by forty individuals, among whom was Mr. Samuel Fuller, who had two in his family, and Edward Fuller, with three in his family.

where they remained during their lives. They had ten children, all of whom were b. in Kent.

CHILDREN.

- 378 John Ransom, b. Feb. 13, 1792; m. Aurelia St. John. +
- 379 Amzi, b. Oct. 19, 1793; m. Maria Mills. +
- 380 Louisa, b. Dec. 25, 1795, d. Dec. 2, 1863. She m. Feb. 19, 1815, Luther Cook of Torrington, son of John and Rachel (Wilson) Cook. They resided to the time of their decease on his father's homestead. He d. Nov. 19, 1855. They had two ch., John Winthrop, b. Mch. 12, 1818, m. Nov. 22, 1864, Cornelia, dau. of Caleb Beach, and had ch., Louisa J. and Charles W.; Maria, b. Sept. 26, 1833, m. Feb. 14, 1859, James Ashborn of Wolcottville, says Orcutt's Hist. of Torrington.
- 380½ Jonathan Giddings, b. July 6, 1798, m. Catharine Panburn of N. Y. He left his home in N. Y. about two years after his marriage, expecting to be absent only a brief time, but was never heard from thereafter. They had one dau., Louisa, who m. and had ch.
- 381 Robert Nelson, b. Sept. 27, 1799, d. May, 1869. He was for many years a highly esteemed resident of Salisbury, Conn., occupying the homestead. He held various town offices, among others Justice of the Peace and Judge of Probate. He m. Anna Burt of Great Barrington, Mass., who d. childless.
- 382 Adaline, b. Dec. 28, 1801, d. Dec., 1838. She m. Sept., 1820, David Northrop of Sherman, Conn., and they had a dau., Saline, who d. July 15, 1843, æ. 22. Mr. Northrop was a leading man in the town, for many years holding many town offices; was Judge of Probate and Justice of the Peace several years. He removed to Middletown, Conn., where he d. He m. (2) Mrs. Clarissa Ward Whittlesey, whose first husband was a nephew of Hon. Elisha Whittlesey, M. C. from Ohio for many years; and they had two ch., David Ward, was graduated at Middletown College, is a prominent lawyer, Judge of Probate, and leading member of the Legislature from Middletown, 1881 and 1882; Etta, the dau., lives with her mother, u. m.
- 383 Thomas, b. Feb. 26, 1804; m. Caroline Nichols. +
- 384 Revilo, b. Aug. 3, 1806; m. (1) Caroline Hungerford, (2) Ruth E. Denio. +
- 385 Rebecca, b. April 15, 1808; m. John Torrey. +
- 386 Armida, b. Jan. 1, 1811; d. May 17, 1815.

360 James Andrus,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. in Sherman, Conn., Apr. 3, 1771, d. Nov. 19, 1862, was a man of tall and commanding presence, quiet dignity of character, and influence. Was a large farmer and landholder in the Giddings district and was frequently called to hold important offices in the town. Was lister in 1802 when the town of Sherman was organized. A representative in 1810, and for fifteen or twenty years justice of the peace. He was an active member of the Congregational Church and Society; for many years clerk and treasurer. Late in life he had his hand crushed in a flax mill which crippled it. He m. (1) April 3, 1794, Eunice Penfield, b. Apr. 25, 1778, and d. suddenly Jan. 22, 1842. He m. (2) Rachel, widow of John Seelye, who resides in Sherman. She was b. 1799.

CHILDREN BY FIRST WIFE.

- 387 Sophia, b. Mch. 16, 1795, m. Clarke Pickett. +
 388 Isaac B., b. Feb. 18, 1797, m. Eunice Stewart. +
 389 Laura A., b. Sept. 5, 1799, d. Feb. 4, 1852. She m. Jan. 8, 1819, Nehemiah B. Northrop. He resided at Fulton, N. Y., was an editor and an inventor, and published a dictionary and spelling-book on the phonetic system. They had ch. Thomas, married and went to Oregon, and was an editor of a paper at Portland; d. and left a family of ch. Henry was also an editor and publisher at Portland. He m., d. and left a family. Nehemiah was also in Portland, d. Isaac d. on the Isthmus while on his way to Cal. David, the eldest, resided in Fulton, N. Y., d. leaving two children, one of whom is d. Mary removed to Allegan, Mich., m. Mr. Jenner. Abbie, m. Mr. Higginbootham, a farmer, had one ch. and died. Sophia m. a lawyer. John m. and resides in Allegan. Annie m. a minister.
 390 John, b. 1799, d. May 9, 1828.
 391 James A., b. Sep. 27, 1801, m. (1) Susan H. Barlow, m. (2) Helen M. Jackson. +
 392 Charlotte, b. Sep. 5, 1804, m. John O. Northrop. +
 393 Eunice, b. June 3, 1807; m. Levi Penfield. +
 394 David, b. 1812, d. Feb. 9, 1874, u. m., at Danbury, Conn. He was for many years a merchant at Gaylordsville, Conn.
 395 Jonathan Allen, b. Dec. 27, 1814; m. Eliza E. Stevens. +

362 Armida,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Apr. 21, 1773, d. Jan. 23, 1827, m. David Gaylord, b. Jan. 5, 1770, d. Dec. 17, 1847. They

resided in the western portion of New Milford called the "Gaylord neighborhood." He was a farmer by occupation and a man of exemplary character.

CHILDREN.

396 Eliza, b. June, 1800; m. 1820, William Roberts of Gaylord's Ville, Conn., who was a manufacturer of cloth, and proprietor of a saw-mill. He has always been a man honored and trusted by the people, called upon often to settle estates, and his advice has often been sought on matters of importance. He has been justice of the peace most of the time since 1840, till age disqualified him. Was a representative in 1845, and several times nominated for the place since, but declined to serve. Is now in the enjoyment of a green old age with his companion for more than sixty-one years, in the village of New Milford. They have long been members of the Congl. Church in that place. Children.

John, b. 1824, d. by drowning in the Housatonic River, Sep., 1850. Henry, b. 1827, is prominent in town affairs, frequently named for important offices by the Republican party, is overseer and agent of the Schatacoke Indians; m. abt. 1856, Helen Abels, who d. He m. (2) Sarah, dau. of Rev. James Hepburn. They reside at Gaylord's Ville. Orrin, b. 1837, is by occupation a house-painter, resides with his parents, and is u. m.

397 Cornelia, b. Feb. 28, 1803; m. Dea. Hugh Gelston. +

398 Eunice, d. Sep. 29, 1879, æ. 72, u. m.

399 Lucy, b. Jan. 6, 1814; m. Oct. 17, 1839, Sheldon Camp, of Roxbury, Conn., and they had a large family of ch.

362½ *Soloman*,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. in. Sherman, Mch. 25, 1775, m. May 25, 1801, Patty Paine, of Kent., b. Aug. 15, 1781. There is a little romance connected with this match. Soloman had the misfortune (or fortune) to break his leg in the vicinity of the residence of Patty Paine, where he was taken in and given such kind attention that his heart was won, and they subsequently married and removed to Williamstown, Mass., thence to Poultney, Vt., where their lives were spent.

CHILDREN.

400 Laura, b. Sep. 16, 1802, d. Mch. 29, 1860. She m. Nov. 7, 1822, Harvey Parks, of Wells, Vt., who d. Mch. 7, 1867. They had ch. William Henry, b. Oct. 11, 1823; settled in Gt. Barrington, Mass., as a physician, was for many years treasurer

of the Savings Bank. He m. Sep. 22, 1856, Sarah A. Sprague, of Hudson, N. Y., and had ch., Sarah A., b. Nov. 18, 1858, Silas Henry, b. Nov. 10, 1861, Edith Laura, b. Nov. 10, 1861.

Fanny Catharine, b. Feb. 20, 1828. James Harvey, b. Sep. 8, 1832. Laura, b. Dec. 11, 1836.

401 Orpha, b. Dec. 15, 1803, m. Feb. 26, 1828, Daniel Hooker, of Poultney, Vt., who d. Oct. 9, 1867. They had ch. Soloman Egbert, b. Apr. 7, 1829; m. Dec. 3, 1862, Harriet Johnson, of White Hall, N. Y., and had ch. Elfleda, b. Apr. 9, 1865, Egbert J. and Daniel J., b. Apr. 6, 1874.

Orpha Loretta, b. Apr. 8, 1835; m. July 9, 1860, A. B. Shafer, and had ch., Walter and Clinton. They reside at Passaic, N. J. Cornelia A., b. Oct. 24, 1836; m. June 15, 18—, William T. Curtiss.

Laura Ann, b. Jan. 28, 1838; m. May 14, 1866, Castle Spencer, of Wyandotte Kansas, and had ch., Mary and Daniel.

Frances L., b. Jan 19, 1844; m. Oct. 26, 1871, S. A. Patterson, and had ch. Letticia, b. Aug. 26, 1872, Francis D., Aug. 8, 1876, Henry S., Sep. 11, 1878. They reside in N. Y.

Emily Maria, b. July 15, 1848; m. Sep. 2, 1874, Albert S. Hunter, and have ch. Paul, b. Apr. 2, 1876, Bruce Ernest, b. Mch. 27, 1877. Reside in Syracuse, N. Y.

402 Armenia, b. Dec. 13, 1804; m. May 21, 1829, William P. Merri-
man, and resides in Rutland, Vt. Ch., Edwin Noble, b. May
12, 1830; m. (1) April 27, 1854, Julia Dunn, who d. June 14,
1863. He m. (2) May 29, 1866, Maggie S. Hutchinson.
Martha Eliza, b. Sep. 19, 1834; m. Dec. 24, 1857, Clarke L.
Long, and had ch. Ida M., b. Dec. 20, 1858; Julia E., b. Oct.
5, 1860, d. May 18, 1863; William Jared, b. Oct. 20, 1862;
Alice Hope, b. June 18, 1871; Susie Gertrude, b. Sep. 18,
1873.

Ellen Cornelia, b. Apr. 18, 1844; m. June 13, 1876, Ben-
jamin S. Eldridge, of Galvin, Ill., and had ch. William Frank-
lin, b. Aug. 29, 1878; Ernest Garfield, b. Sep. 19, 1881.

403 Daniel Noble, b. Sep. 7, 1807; m. Beulah Bronson. +

404 Soloman Paine, b. Dec. 2, 1812; m. Mary Elizabeth Hotchkiss. +

405 William Baldwin, b. June 21, 1818, and d. off the coast of Florida
while engaged in the war for the Union, Oct. 3, 1864. He m.
Oct. 10, 1839, Julia Goodrich who d. Dec. 12, 1879. They
had children. Abbie Augusta, b. Dec. 15, 1842; m. May, 1867,

N. Gardiner Baker, of Sandy Hill, New York, and had ch.; William Giddings, b. 1873; Arthur Gardiner, b. 1876; Florence Julia, b. 1880; an infant b. 1881.

406 Mary Eloise, b. Oct. 20, 1822; m. May 2, 1848, Henry Olin Perkins, and had ch. Marsh Olin, b. Apr. 23, 1857; m. Dec. 31, 1878, Clare J. McIndoe, and resides in Windsor, Vt. They have ch. Locke McIndoe, b. Nov. 20, 1879.

Herbert Augusta, b. Apr. 23, 1857, d. Feb. 12, 1869. Mary Eloise, b. Sep. 24, 1853. Clarence Oakley, b. Mch. 25, 1855 m. May 20, 1880, Mary Cornelia Childs, and resides in Rutland Vt. Arthur, b. Oct. 28, 1856. Stella Cornelia, b. May 17, 1858. Martha Huldah, b. Oct. 5, 1860, and d. Dec. 15, 1860. Effie Arosina, b. Oct. 16, 1862. Bertha Laura, b. Aug. 20, 1864. Walter Baldwin, b. July 2, 1868.

363 Jonathan,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. in Sherman, Feb. 18, 1777, d. Apr. 9, 1834. He occupied the homestead of his father during his life, where he was enterprising and influential and obtained considerable wealth. He was lieutenant in the Militia Co. of the town, but had no ambition for political office. He was a member of the Congl. Church.

He m. (1) Mch. 22, 1803. Lydia Salmon, b. 1782, d. 1813. She and Betsey, w. of David Giddings, were sisters. He m. (2) Feb. 2, 1815, Philomela, dau. of Lieut. Josiah and Mary¹ (Towner) Buck, b. 1784, d. Dec. 18, 1857, having lived a life of Christian piety. Lieut. Josiah Buck served in the revolutionary

¹ Mary Towner, mother of Philomela, wife of Jonathan Giddings, was the 2d. dau. of Capt. Dan. Towner, who was third son of James, an Englishman, who with his family of four sons and three dau. (it is supposed came from England) settled about 1715 in the Colony of Rhode Island. Capt. Towner removed to New Fairfield, m. Martha, dau. of Dea. James Barnes, and had six ch. Marcus was killed by being thrown from a horse æ. 12. Daniel was killed by a falling tree æ. 25. Sirius d. of consumption æ. 27. His three dau., all married, d. at middle age, of consumption. He served as Capt. in the revolutionary war during the entire struggle, and was among the sufferers by poisoned water at Horse Neck (the British having inhumanly poisoned the wells and springs, from which many died). For a long time his recovery was doubtful. His wife watched over him during his long illness, and it was owing to her care that he recovered. He afterwards d. of consumption. Mary, his dau., m. 1780, Josiah Buck. They had nine dau. and one s. Philomela was the fourth.

war till 1782, when he resigned and returned to his family in New Fairfield. He had nine dau. and one s. Was the s. of Capt. James and Elizabeth (sister of Roger Sherman) Buck, and d. July 1813, æ. 57.

CH. BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

407 Augustine, b. Oct. 5, 1804; m. Olive L. M. Raymond. +
 408 Daniel Edwin, b. June 3, 1806, in Sherman, Conn. Has been an enterprising and successful farmer, much respected, living a quiet, unostentatious life in the North Plain district, Gt. Barrington, Mass., and a member of the Congl. Church.

He m. Jan. 20, 1835, Lavinia, dau. of Wanzer Marsh of New Milford, Conn., a lady of very cheerful disposition and Christian experience, loved by all. She had brothers, Anan, Buckley, and Daniel Marsh of New Milford, the latter for many years railroad director, station agent, and president of the First National Bank. She d. Apr. 15, 1879.

CH.

Mary Catharine, b. Apr. 25, 1836, d. July 39, 1853.

Cornelia, b. Aug. 24, 1838, d. June 3, 1853. They were young ladies of much promise, cut off in the morning of life.

Frank Edwin, b. Nov. 24, 1845. A thrifty and enterprising farmer residing on the homestead; m. Oct. 2, 1879, Anna E., dau. of Abel Baker, of Gt. Barrington.

409 Laura, b. Apr. 10, 1808. A lady of Christian character and influence, and member of the Congl. Church, d. Jan. 8, 1879. She m. Sep. 6, 1834, Noble Bennet Pickett, M.D., b. Jan. 19, 1801, in Sherman, Conn. A graduate of the medical department of Yale College. Removed to the North Plain district, Gt. Barrington, 1835, where he carried on farming and practiced medicine with great success over a large extent of territory. He was a member of the Congl. Church, much trusted, and exerted great influence in the community, and represented his district in the Legislature, 18—. Was s. of Capt. Bennett, g. s. of Benjamin, gr. g. s. of Dr. Thomas Pickett, one of the early settlers of Danbury, Ct. He is now (1882) in perfect health but totally blind, and resides with his only ch. Laura Eunice, b. June 26,

1836, m. Deacon Daniel W. Beckwith, Gt., Barrington, Mass., and had ch. Noble P., b. Dec. 21, 1867. Wm. Erastus, b. Oct. 17, 1870. Edward Giddings, b. Aug. 14, 1873.

410 Hannah, b. Aug. 13, 1811; d. Mch. 2, 1813.

CH. OF JONATHAN AND PHILOMELA.

411 Lydia Ann, b. Feb. 1, 1816, in Sherman, m. (1) Jan. 21, 1834, William T. Camp, of New Milford, who d. Oct. 10, 1847, æ. 35. After her husband's death she resided on her father's homestead for many years. She m. (2) Apr. 18, 1860, David W. Stevens, of Dover, N. Y. Ch. by W. T. Camp, Fanny Elizabeth, b. Jan. 31, 1835, d. Nov. 27, 1855. Bernett, b. July 21, 1836, d. June 21, 1860.

Lavinia, b. May 21, 1839, m. George H. Thomas, of Roxbury, Conn., and had ch.

412 Ann Eliza, b. Nov. 2, 1840; m. Hiram Stevens. +

Edwin Treat, b. Mch. 30, 1843, d. May 15, 1867.

William, b. Nov. 13, 1847, m. May, 1870, Catherine (Oakley) wid. of Ransom A. White. Is a merchant in South Dover, N. Y. Ch., Eva, b. Jan. 26, 1872. Gerald, b. Nov., 1870.

413 Mary Eliza, b. Feb. 25, 1817, d. Mch. 28, 1874, at Gaylords Ville, Conn. She had spent her life in the vicinity of her father's home. Possessed of noble Christian qualities, she was an affectionate wife and mother, a member of the Methodist Church, and zealous in the cause of religion. She m. May 20, 1835, Jackson J., s. of Judge Jedediah Graves, of Sherman. He was a farmer and for several years Depot Agent at Gaylordsville. He m. a 2d wife and resides in Ill.

CHILDREN.

Francis S., b. July 11, 1836; m. May 4, 1854, Rev. Gilbert E. Hubbell, d. Apr. 24, 1875.

William Henry, b. Oct. 21, 1837, in Sherman, received a good education, studied medicine and practiced as a physician. He was for a time engaged in the drug business at Albion, N. Y., but subsequently returned to Gaylordsville, where he practiced his profession with Dr. Gamaliel H. St. John, till his death, which occurred Nov. 26, 1866. He m. Nov. 24, 1864, Frances Amelia, dau. of Dr. William Noble, of Albion, N. Y. She resides at Albion.

Mary Amelia, a lovely and accomplished lady, m. June, 1866, Rollin H. Cooke, of Winsted, Conn. She died in the hope of a blessed immortality, Oct. 21, 1868, æ. 25, leaving children. Minnie Graves, b.

May 14, 1867, Elizabeth Janet, b. Sep. 30, 1868. Mr. Cooke married (2) Rose Terry, of Hartford, Conn., who is celebrated as a writer and author, and is a cousin of Genl. Terry of the U. S. A.

Sarah C., b. Dec. 30, 1838, m. Sep. 18, 1871, Perry L., son of Capt. Ephraim Hubbell of Sherman, and resides at the homestead of her mother. Their dau. Clara G. d. in infancy.

Gamaliel H. St. John, b. Jan. 14, 1847, has for many years been engaged as traveling salesman for J. D. Whitmore & Co., and has displayed marked business capacity. He is now a member of the firm. He m. Dec. 21, 1870, Cleopatra, dau. of Lewis B. Sherwood, Esq., of Gaylordsville. She was b. Dec. 17, 1851. They have a son William Sherwood, b. Oct. 10, 1871.

Laura A., b. Oct. 15, 1841, d. Mch. 17, 1843.

Charles N., b. Oct. 2, 1852, m. Mch. 16, 1874, Sarah F. Beecher, at Kent, Conn., and has ch. Is a traveling salesman for J. D. Whitmore & Co.

Frank S., b. Dec. 6, 1845. Is at the west on a 700-acre farm in Mo., belonging to his brother Gamaliel H.

Hiram C., b. May 26, 1848.

Augusta J., b. Feb. 20, 1850, d. Jan 31, 1851.

414 John Sherman, b. Apr. 8, 1819, d. Apr. 5, 1822.

415 Beebe, b. Jan. 12, 1821, d. Dec. 26, 1821.

416 Jonathan Chauncey, b. Oct. 5, 1822, m. Mary C., Conn. +

364 Polly,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Oct. 2, 1779, d. Sep. 21, 1844. She m. Jan. 27, 1803, Andrew, son of Stephen and Ann (Phinney) Barnes, formerly of Lyme, Conn., and a commissary during the revolution. He was b. 1773, d. Jan. 3, 1858, at his residence at the south end of Stillson Hill, New Milford, where he was for many years an extensive farmer.

417 Albert, b. Aug. 6, 1805, in Sherman, d. Jan. 25, 1882, was a man of prominence and influence in town affairs, was frequently elected selectman and justice of the peace, and twice a member of the legislature of Conn. He was always careful of the rights and feelings of others, pleasant and sociable in disposition, and a true Christian. He followed the occupation of farmer and stock dealer, and resided on his fine farm in Sherman. He m. Feb., 1835, Catherine, dau. of Nathan Gaylord, Esq., b. Dec. 12, 1808. They have three sons.

Andrew G., b. Nov. 15, 1838, is pleasantly located on a fertile

farm near Boardman's bridge, New Milford, and has dealt largely in cattle. He is a man of influence and is frequently named for important town offices. He m. Jan. 1, 1867, Harriet, dau. of Gregory Seelye, of Washington, Conn., and has one son, Albert Sherwood, b. Sep. 11, 1870.

George A., b. Mch. 4, 1841, is a leading man in town affairs, has been selectman and was representative, 1879. He m. Dec. 13, 1871, Euna L., dau. of Israel and Abbe (Ferris) Haviland, and resides at the homestead.

Hiram Sidney, b. Apr. 10, 1843, is a merchant, residing at Minneapolis, Kansas. He m. Jan. 30, 1878, Nettie, dau. of Capt. David D. Hoag, who fell in a charge on Port Hudson, La., during the war for the Union. Had ch. Sidney Hubbell, b. Nov. 16, 1878. Edward David, b. Mch. 28, 1880.

418 Samuel Hubbell, b. abt. 1813, is a sagacious, enterprising man of large business capacity and much influence. He m. Sally, dau. of David Sterling, and resides in Wilton, Conn.

Mary, b., m. Ephraim Leach.

Laura A., m. Bradley Barbow, of Gaylordsville, Conn., who was for many years a merchant and proprietor of a saw and grist mill. They now reside in Sherman, on the farm of his uncle, Morris Barnes. They have one son, Alexander H., is a general merchant and postmaster at Gaylordsville, Conn. He m. Susan, dau. of Joel Bailey.

419 Loretta, b. 1807, m. Sep. 6, 1827, Capt. Levi Starr, of Danbury, and had ch. William, m. Margaret, dau. of Oliver Stone, of Danbury. Frederick has been a dealer in cattle at Danbury, m. Clarissa, dau. of Daniel Pickett, of Median, N. Y. Henry is m.

Mary, m. Theodore Judd, of Danbury.

420 Sarah, m. Newell McMahon, of New Milford, has a son Joseph, who resides in Wilton, Conn.

365 Laura,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Sep. 11, 1780, in Sherman, d. Oct. 13, 1854. Of fine appearance, pleasing address, and a warm-hearted Christian, was much beloved by a large circle of acquaintance. She m. Jan. 12, 1806, Sturges Penfield (whose sister Eunice was the wife of James Andrus, her brother) and removed to Vermont, making the journey on horseback. They settled in Pittsford, where they remained during their lives. He was a merchant and an extensive manufacturer of cotton goods and carpets, and at one time carried on a large distillery. When

the temperance movement showed him the evil of it, he abandoned the business at great financial loss to himself. He was a man of upright, exemplary character; b. Sep. 11, 1780, d. Apr. 26, 1866.

CHILDREN.

- 421 Mary, b. June 2, 1807; m. Oct. 10, 1839, Augustus Hammond, a man of much ability and influence in Pittsford, Vt., who d. Sep. 23, 1879. She resides at her father's homestead. Their ch. were, Frances Mary, b. June 27, 1843, m. Charles Dike, and have ch. Hammond, Elizabeth, Mary, Franklin, and Edith. George Thomas, b. Nov. 25, 1845, d. Feb. 6, 1851. Susan Amelia, b. Nov. 28, 1847.
- 422 Samuel, b. Sep. 12, 1808, d. Mch. 13, 1811.
- 423 Fannie, b. Jan. 31, 1810, d. May 19, 1841.
- 424 David Sturges, b. Apr. 3, 1812, removed to Rockford, Ill., where he was a banker, wealthy and influential. He m. Oct. 25, 1842, Mary Hodges, of Clarendon, Vt., and d. May 20, 1873. Ch. were, Laura, b. Mch. 10, 1848; m. Mch., 1873, Henry Robinson, had one ch. and d. Oct. 27, 1878. Anna Frances, b. June 30, 1853; m. Oct. 4, 1881, Mr. Mower, of N. Y. Mary Fuller, b. Feb. 18, 1859.
- 425 Laura Ann, b. Feb. 20, 1814; m. Oct. 12, 1836, G. W. Harman, Esq., a lawyer of Bennington, Vt. Had a son Henry, b. May 6, 1845, m. Jan. 12, 1876, Ella Bromley, and had ch. Paul, b. Feb., 1879; Walter P., b. Feb., 1881.
- 426 Betsey, b. Dec. 19, 1816, m. William F. Manly who d. Mch. 22, 1865. She resides at the homestead with her sister Mary. They had ch. Edward Sturges, b. 1841, d. Nov. 4, 1877, in Cal. Florence Emma, b. Nov. 25, 1847, d. July 20, 1866. George Penfield, b. May 25, 1851, m. Nov., 1877, in Cal., May Gibbs, and have one ch. Georgiana. Laura E., b. Dec. 10, 1854. William Augustus, b. Dec. 12, 1857, d. July 4, 1858. Mary Edna, b. Mch. 11, 1861.
- 427 George Baldwin, b. Jan. 30, 1818, d. Aug. 4, 1818.
- 427½ Eleanor Burr, b. Feb. 2, 1820, m. Oct. 5, 1848, Henry T. Lothrop.
- 428 Samuel Franklin, b. Jan. 13, 1822. Studied for the Ministry. Was educated at college and was principal of Bergen Hill Institute, N. J., a school for preparing young men for college. He afterwards removed to Rockford, Ill., and in 1860 established an insurance and collection business. He m. Dec. 10, 1851,

Lemira Clarke, of Pawlet, Vt. They have ch. George F., b. July 8, 1852, is in company with his father. He m. Dec. 21, 1875, Addie F. Sherman, and has ch. Edith, b. Oct. 5, 1876, Charles Albert, b. May 25, 1880.

Charles Seymour, b. Mch. 12, 1854, m. Jan. 21, 1879, Adella Potter; ch., Franklin Potter, b. May 7, 1880, Edward Martin, b. June 24, 1867, Mabel Stewart, b. Aug. 12, 1869, Robert S., b. Feb. 24, 1867, d. Jan. 18, 1876.

429 John Giddings, b. June 9, 1824, in Pittsford, Vt., is a banker in Rockford, Ill. He m. Oct. 29, 1856, Mary E. Crosby, and had ch. Helen Maria, b. Feb. 17, 1859, m. May, 1880, E. M. Russell. Fanny H., b. Feb. 20, 1861. Catharine Crosby, b. Jan. 30, 1866.

430 Catharine Jane, b. Sep. 15, 1826; resides in Bennington, Vt.

430½ Abel Ogden, b. Aug. 17, 1829, m. Sep. 22, 1853, Anna E. Jenkins, and resides in Battle Creek, Mich. They have ch. Abbie, b. Oct. 30, 1864, d. Sep. 7, 1865. Carrie Eleanor, b. Jan. 17, 1866. George Wallace, b. Sep. 15, 1871.

366 ~~Samuel~~,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph⁴ b. May 13, 1782, at the homestead, and d. Feb. 10, 1853. Inheriting from his paternal ancestors great muscular strength and agility, he was in his youth distinguished for his skill in all athletic exercises, and seldom found his equal at wrestling and jumping. He could easily jump twelve feet forward and backward, and so great was his strength that he was more than a match for two ordinary men. He was seen to take up a barrel of cider that rolled out of his wagon and replace it by main strength. It was related that a workman on his farm refused to perform his commands at one time, when he seized him by the collar, and using one foot, skillfully sent him sprawling over the fence, and ordered him never to enter his yard again. He seemed to be absolutely fearless, afraid (as he expressed it) of "neither man nor beast," and would not suffer his house or out-buildings to be locked, night or day. In person he was six feet in height, of commanding presence, with dark hair, but slightly tinged with gray at 70. His eyes were blue and piercing, and capable of an expression that would make an offender quail. He was stern of character, but kindly and charitably disposed, and greatly esteemed. The poor always found in him a benefactor and friend. Guests were welcomed at his house with open-handed hospitality.

He was a reader of "Greeley's Tribune" from its origin. In politics a Whig, he cared nothing for office, but by the votes of his townsmen was called many times to hold official positions, was several times justice of the peace, and a lieutenant in the militia company. A member of the Congregational church and society, he contributed his full share towards their support, and was noted for his punctuality in church attendance as well as in business matters. He settled on a farm in Giddings District near the N. Y. line, and by industry and good management acquired a handsome property, which he used generously in the support of worthy objects. On the society records his subscription for building the new church edifice, in 1835, stands second in amount. He had a remarkably good constitution, never having suffered but slight illness till the last one, which speedily terminated his life. He m. Jan. 15, 1810, Lydia, dau. of Capt. and Dea. William Giddings, b. May 10, 1784, d. July 12, 1829. She was a true Christian, of pleasing disposition, and much beloved and lamented. He m. (2) 1831, Armida Sanford.

(A poor portrait of him at 70 years of age is on another page.)

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 431 Rebecca, b. Dec. 19, 1810, m. Hiram Giddings. +
- 432 Sally Ann, b. June 24, 1812, d. Mch. 26, 1831, from a cold contracted while away at school.
- 433 Dorcas, b. May 13, 1814, m. Harvey H. B. Turner. +
- 434 Armida, b. Dec. 30, 1815, d. May 18, 1818.
- 435 Alfred, b. Mch 5, 1818, m. Mary E. Picket. +
- 436 William Henry, b. July 21, 1820, m. Flora E. Leach. +
- 437 Ann Janette, b. Jan. 26, 1823, in Sherman, was a lady of exemplary Christian character, and highly esteemed. Her untimely death, which was occasioned by a fever contracted while on a visit to Ohio, and occurred Jan. 8, 1855, was greatly deplored.
- 438 Caroline, b. Jan. 22, 1825, m. David N. Fuller. +

SAMUEL AND ARMIDA HAD ONE SON.

- 439 Minot S., b. Mch. 19, 1837, m. Nellie C. Giddings. +

Armida, dau. of Ebenezer and Jerusha (Buck) Sanford, is a descendant on her father's side of Thomas De Sanford, who came over to England from Normandy with William Duke of Normandy, known in history as "William the Conqueror," and

is mentioned on the roll of Battle Abbey, Oct. 14, 1066. Thomas Sanford, one of his descendants, came to Boston, Mass., in 1631, afterwards, in 1639, settled in Milford, Conn., and d. in 1681. He is the ancestor of the Sanfords in this part of the State. Ebenezer Sanford m. June 10, 1731, Ann Booth, in Milford, and afterwards removed to Newtown, Conn. They had ch. Esther, b. Sep. 2, 1733. James, b. Oct. 8, 1736. Ebenezer, b. 1738, d. y. Ann, b. Apr. 14, 1741. Ebenezer, b. Dec. 14, 1749. Abiah, who m. Jonah Sanford and had one son, Joel, who was the father of Judge David C. Sanford, of New Milford; and Ennis. Ebenezer, the father, d. Aug. 2, 1773, æ. 68, of a swelling. Ebenezer, the son, d. in New Milford, Mch. 29, 1822, æ. 72. He removed to the north part of New Milford in 1799, and settled in the Merryall District, but afterwards purchased a farm on the west side of the Housatonic river, near the "Straits." On the farm is a deep cavern, called in those days the "Tory Hole," from the fact that enemies of the country were secreted there in the revolution and furnished supplies by the Tories. Mr. Sanford was a great walker; would seldom ride. He was in the habit of walking to the village of New Milford, a distance of five or six miles, to attend the Episcopal Church, he being a member. One winter day the family was driving to church when they overtook and persuaded him to ride. He had not been in the sleigh long before a hard ball of snow from one of the horse's feet struck him in the face. He soon made an excuse to get out, and no amount of persuasion would induce him to ride again that winter. He m. Jerusha, dau. of Lieut. James and Elizabeth (Sherman) Buck. James was s. of Enoch, whose father, Ezekiel, with two brothers, Thomas and Emanuel, came to this country about 1660. Thomas settled near Boston. Emanuel went south. Enoch settled in New Milford, and his son James, b. Mch. 24, 1775, was in the revolutionary war, in the skirmish at Horse Neck, and was a sufferer by the inhumanity of the British, they having poisoned the waters, which caused him to be afflicted with spasms till his death, which occurred Jan. 28, 1792-3. His wife, who had been in attendance upon him, was taken suddenly ill, and died ten days before him. They had ten ch. All but one lived to good

old age. Three of the sons were in the war. They were as follows: Ruth, d. u. m., was buried in Gaylordsville Cemetery, and a simple rude stone with no inscription marks her grave (such being her request). Samuel, m. Hannah Fairchild; Mehitable, m. Samuel Gregory; *Josiah*, m. Mary Towner; *Ferusha*, m. *Ebenezer Sanford*. Asaph, m. Phebe Wainwright; William Sherman, m. Berentha York; Salmon, m. Urania, dau. of Eleazer Beecher; Hannah, m. Jared Turrill; Elizabeth, m. John Turrill of New Milford, who was gr. father of Hon. John Turrill.

Elizabeth (Sherman) Buck was daughter of William, and sister of Roger, the patriot and signer of the Declaration of Independence, and descended from Capt. John Sherman who came from Dedham, Essex Co., England, in 1634, in company with his first cousins, Hon. Samuel and Rev. John Sherman his brother.¹ Hon. Samuel Sherman came from England at about the age of 19, m. Sarah Mitchell, sister of Rev. Jonathan, of Cambridge, Mass., and had nine ch., viz.: Samuel, Theophilus, John, Benjamin, Matthew, Sarah, Daniel, Edmond and Nathaniel. He removed to Wethersfield, thence to Stamford, thence to Stratford, Conn., where he died. He was the ancestor of Genl. William T. and Senator John Sherman.²

Capt. John Sherman settled in Watertown, Mass.; m. Martha Palmer, had ch.: Martha, b. 21 of 12 mo. 1640, m. Francis Bowman, 26 of 7 mo., 1661. Sarah, b. 17 of 11 mo., 1647, d. June 17, 1667. Joseph, b. 14 3 mo. 1650. Grace, b. 20 10 mo., 1665, and John, who was killed in the Narragansett Indian fight and left no issue. Capt. John d. Jan. 25, 1690. His w. Martha, d. Feb. 7, 1700. Joseph, son of the latter, m. Elizabeth Winship Nov. 18, 1673. Had ch.: John, b. Jan. 11, 1674. Edward, b. Sep. 2, 1677. Joseph, b. Feb. 8, 1679. Samuel, b. Nov. 28, 1681. Samuel, b. Nov. 28, 1682. Jonathan, b. Feb. 24, 1684. Ephraim, b. Mch. 16, 1685. Ephraim, b. Sep. 20, 1686. Elizabeth, b. July 15, 1687. *William*, b. June 28, 1692. Nathaniel, b. Sep. 19, 1696, d. Jan. 20, 1731⁰/₁.

¹ Cothren's Hist. Woodbury. Hollister's Hist. Conn.

² Taylor Sherman, of Norwalk, Conn., was the father of Genl. W. T. and Hon. John. He was a lawyer and, it is said, was disbarred from practice for throwing a law book at the head of a judge in court in Fairfield, where he was engaged as counsel for the defense. (He, perhaps, tried in that way to get a little law into the judge's head.)

William, s. of Joseph, m. (1) Rebecca Cutler, of Charlestown, Mass., and had a s. William, who d., aged abt. 16 mo. He m. (2) Sep. 13, 1715, Mehitable Wellington, of Watertown, Mass., dau. of Benjamin, who was son of Roger from England. Ch., William, b. Mch. 20, 1716-17, m. Sarah Turrill and d. in New Milford without issue. Mary, who m. John Brattle of Dedham and had five ch. *Roger, Elizabeth*, Rev. Nathaniel of Bedford, Mass. Rev. Josiah, of Woburn, Mass., Goshen and Woodbridge, Conn., and Rebecca, who m. Joseph Hartwell, of New Milford.

Rev. Josiah Sherman was graduated at Nassau Hall, in 1754, was granted the honorary degree of M. A., at Harvard, 1758, and at Yale, 1765, settled in Milford, Conn., 1775 to 1781; d. Nov. 24, 1789. He m. June 24, 1757, Martha Minot, dau. of James, of Concord, Mass., who was a very distinguished man; was the son of James, who was the son of Capt. John, who was the son of Elder George Minot, from whom all of the name in this country are supposed to have descended. Martha, wife of Rev. Josiah, d. 1820, at Durham, N. Y. Their ch. were Roger Minot, Martha, Elizabeth, Mary, Susannah, and Josiah.

Hon. Roger Minot, LL.D., b. May 22, 1773, d. Dec. 30, 1844, in Fairfield, Conn. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Dr. William Gould, of New Haven, and sister of Judge James Gould of Litchfield, b. 1784, d. 1848. "He was one of the most brilliant and successful lawyers that Connecticut has ever produced. As a man, a jurist, and a Christian, he was pre-eminent." He was a member of the famous Hartford convention of 1814, in reference to which Hollister, in his Hist. of Conn., says of the members: "In their life-time they were kept from the counsels of the nation because they had been unfortunate enough to be designated by the general assembly for the place that they filled with such ability and integrity." He further says of R. M. Sherman: "He was a profound metaphysician, a scholar equal to the younger Adams, one of the principal oracles of the New York city bar for the last twenty years of his life, who seemed more fitly than any other man to represent the law-giver, Roger Ludlow, and to inhabit the town which he had planted, whose level acres he had sown with the quick seeds of civil liberty, and then left the upspringing crop to be harvested by his successor."

HON. ROGER SHERMAN,

Was born at Newton, Mass., April 19, 1721. His father, William Sherman, died when he was twenty years of age, and a little more than a year later Roger came to New Milford, whither his brother William had preceded him about three years. William was then engaged as a farmer at a place called New Dillo-way, west of the notch on Long Mountain, and Roger made his home with him for several years. In 1746, he bought of his brother William land to the amount of £60, in the north part of the town, and in May, 1748, he purchased of Gamaliel Baldwin land to the amount of £1,500, in what is now Park Lane, and continued to buy land without selling, for several years, and after this he bought and sold land to a large extent while in the town.

The first occurrence of Roger Sherman's name on the town records is in connection with the town meeting, Feb. 6, 1744, when by a vote he was granted the privilege of crossing the Great Bridge for one year by paying ten shillings and becoming subject to taxes for its repairs, a courtesy extended for many years to persons just settled in the town; but from that time on, for sixteen years, his name is a very prominent one on both town and church records, and especially on the former as surveyor of lands. He was very active in the first church, where, among other positions of usefulness, he was "chosen to the office of Deacon on trial" in 1755, and in 1757, was "established Deacon of this church." He was clerk of the Ecclesiastical Society some years, and treasurer of the same while the second meeting-house was being built and completed, and for this last service was paid £30, in 1755.

His place of residence in New Milford was with his brother on his farm on the west side of Long Mountain, at the Notch, on the eastern shore of the Housatonic; from which he removed to Park Lane, where his mother resided in the same house with him, and after that he removed to New Milford village into a house that stood where the Town Hall now stands.

¹ This biography is prepared by Rev. S. Orcutt for his Hist. of New Milford.

For further account, see Genealogy, in this book.

As a citizen he was an exceedingly busy man, being engaged in every useful and improving enterprise. Besides accepting office in the church, the ecclesiastical society, and the town, he entered into every good work. Not long after he came here, the "Great Bridge" over the Housatonic, being new, and the first one constructed over that river, was carried away by a flood, and he rallied a few of the leading men of the town to venture with himself in rebuilding it and making it a toll-bridge. Before he left the town, a proposition was discussed to set up inoculation for small-pox, and he was the one with a few others to venture on this hazardous, but benevolent work, as an experiment.

He was appointed by the general assembly county surveyor in 1745, for New Haven county, in which he continued until Litchfield county was organized in 1752, and then he was appointed to the same office in that county, which position he held until 1758. In this office he did a great amount of work, as the records of the towns and state show. During this time he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1754; was appointed county judge in 1757, and judge of the quorum in 1759-60-61, and was a representative in several sessions. He removed to New Haven in 1761, where he entered upon his profession, and the next year was chosen the Governor's Assistant and appointed Judge of the Superior Court, which office he held 23 years.

He was elected a member of the first Continental Congress, which met Sep. 5, 1774, and continued a member of Congress 19 years, until his death, being in the Senate the last two years. He was a member of the committee to prepare the Declaration of Independence, of which document he was one of the signers, the committee consisting of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston. In the same year he was placed on the committee to prepare articles of confederation, which were adopted in April, 1777. During the revolutionary war, he was a member of the board of war, and a member of the Governor's Council of Safety in Connecticut. He was a member of the convention which formed the Constitution of the United States.

He was mayor of the city of New Haven a number of years, and was associated with another judge in codifying the laws of Connecticut.

He was elected Senator of the U. S. in 1871, and died in that office July 23, 1893, at the age of 72 years.

One of the most appreciative, summary statements of the characteristics of this very noted statesman is found in Hollister's *History of Connecticut*,¹ which is here repeated, because of its precise truthfulness and completeness :

"Roger Sherman was of a grave and massive understanding, a man who looked at the most difficult questions, and untied their tangled knots, without having his vision dimmed or his head made dizzy. He appears to have known the science of government and the relations of society from his childhood, and to have needed no teaching, because he saw moral, ethical and political truths, in all their relations, better than they could be imparted to him by others. He took for granted as self-evident the maxims that had made Plato prematurely old, and had consumed the best hours of Bacon and Sir Thomas More in attempting to elaborate and reconcile the anomalies and inconsistencies of the British constitution. With more well-digested thoughts to communicate than any other member of the convention [to form the constitution] he used fewer words to express his sentiments than any of his compeers. Indeed, his thoughts can hardly be said to be expressed, but were rather *incorporated* with his language. His views, uttered in a plain though didactic form, seemed to be presented not so much in a course of reasoning as to be an embodiment of pure reason itself."²

"With a broad-based consciousness, extended as the line of the horizon, where calm philosophy and wild theory meet and seem to run into each other, he saw at a glance the most abstruse subjects presented to his consideration, and fused them down, as if by the heat of a furnace, into globes of solid maxims and demonstrable propositions. Nor did he look merely at the present hour, but, with a sympathy as lively as his ken was far-reaching, he penetrated the curtains that hid future generations from the sight of common men, and made as careful provision for the unborn millions of his countrymen as for the generation that was then upon the stage of life. With no false pride to sustain at

¹ Hollister's Hist., ii, 438.

² Jefferson said of Roger Sherman ; "There is a man who never said a foolish thing."

the expense of virtue, or schemes of grasping ambition to gratify, with no favorites to flutter around him and claim the first fruits of his confidence and labors; fearless to announce an opinion as he was modest and delicate in his mode of doing it, he was able at a moment's warning to bring his best intellectual resources into the field of debate.

"These traits of character belonged to Sherman by the double tenure of inheritance and the endowments of nature. He was descended from the Sherman's of Yaxley, in the county of Suffolk, England, as well as from the Wallers, the Yaxleys, and other families in the maternal line belonging to the solid landed gentry who had helped to frame the British constitution. Three members of the Sherman family emigrated to America in 1634. Two of them, Samuel Sherman, who soon removed to the valley of the Connecticut and was one of the strongest pillars of the colony, and the Rev. John Sherman, who was famous throughout New England as the best mathematician and astronomer of the colonies, and one of the most eloquent preachers of that day, were brothers, and are not unknown to fame. The other emigrant, designated in our old books as Captain John Sherman, was their first cousin, and not inferior to them in moral worth, if indeed he could be said to be in intellectual ability. He was a soldier of high courage, and that his education had not been neglected, his beautifully legible and clerkly hand, which still perpetuates the records of Watertown, in Massachusetts, as well as the phraseology of the records themselves, bear ample testimony. Roger Sherman was a great grandson of this gentleman, and inherited the best traits of the family.¹ But good lineage and intellectual powers of a high order were not adequate of themselves to form such a character as Sherman's. It was to be tried in the school of poverty, and to buffet the waves of adversity, before it could gain nerve and strength enough to baffle the sophistries of the British ministry, defy the sword of a tyrant, or successfully oppose itself to the headlong flood of popular passions."

¹ This pedigree is given by Roger Sherman himself on the tombstone of his brother William, who died here in New Milford, as follows: "William Sherman, which was the son of William Sherman, which was the son of Joseph Sherman, which was the son of John Sherman of Watertown."

This last reference to "the school of poverty" has been understood in an extreme sense, which is very far from the facts in the case. Because Roger Sherman worked as a shoemaker in those days, it must not be inferred that he could be said, strictly, to be in poverty, for he was not. Soon after he came to New Milford, while yet a single man, he was appointed a surveyor of lands for New Haven County, a more than ordinarily remunerative office in those days, and in 1752, when Litchfield county was organized, he was appointed to the same office in that county. One commission which he executed as surveyor, in 1751, for the government, brought him £83 14s., and this was only one of a number of orders he fulfilled for the government within a few years. For ten years, his employment by private individuals to resurvey tracts of land, which had been laid out "by estimation" at first, in New Milford, must have taken a large amount of his time and brought him a remuneration that but few people obtained at that date. In the case of many of these surveys, he drew a plan of the tract surveyed upon the pages of the land records, where they are abundantly evident still, and they are executed according to the measurement of distances.

He was a man of great business ability and energy, and could not have been idle if he had possessed millions; his moral as well as intellectual and physical qualities forbade it. He was appointed on various committees for churches and adjoining towns, and entrusted with all sorts of commissions which needed care and responsibility. It is said that his introduction to the study of law came from having been sent by a judge of a court on a considerable journey to obtain certain information, take it down in writing, and deliver it. When the judge saw it he was amazed, and asked him, "Did you ever study law?" "Never," replied Mr. Sherman. "Well," said the judge, "You ought to have been a lawyer long ago, for your report is as good as any lawyer's would have been." Hence, Mr. Hollister's statement, that "he knew law by instinct," was historically true.

Mr. Sherman was also the owner of several hundred acres of land, including a dwelling-house, which he purchased before he had been here seven years, and for which he paid in old tenor money to the amount of £2,000. A part of this money, perhaps, came from his father's estate in his own right and inheritance,

that estate having been worth several hundred pounds, for he gave his mother one-third of his dwelling-house and home-lot, for her thirds of her husband's estate ; so says the deed. All this land he had purchased without selling any.

The superiority of Roger Sherman's intellectual qualities and perfect self-control was illustrated while in Congress, in an impromptu reply to one of the Randolphs during a debate in that body. The Randolphs prided themselves in being descended from Pocahontas, the celebrated daughter of an Indian chief, and while in debate Mr. Randolph took exception to something Mr. Sherman had said, which he supposed to be a personal reflection on him, and called upon Mr. Sherman, who had been a shoemaker by trade : "What has the gentleman from Connecticut done with his leather apron ?" Mr. Sherman, remaining perfectly unmoved by the intended reflection, replied : "Cut it up to make moccasins for the descendants of Pocahontas."

Mr. Sherman's influence in forming national sentiments of liberty and government is well represented in the following extracts from Hollister's *History of Connecticut*:¹

"He had represented Connecticut in Congress at New York in the year 1765, where he had met the first men of the continent. The address of that body to the king remonstrating against the course pursued by the ministry and the parliament toward the American colonies, flowed mainly from his fervent soul and was most of it penned by him. It is still preserved among the British archives, and evinces a lofty spirit of patriotism that might have breathed life into the dry bones of any administration based upon other principles than the spoils of office and the obstinacy of disappointed ambition. The very next year, the University of Oxford made him a doctor of laws, notwithstanding his efforts in behalf of American liberty. His fame as a lawyer was also pre-eminent. In 1782 he had appeared as counsel for Connecticut in the celebrated Wyoming controversy, where he met the ablest advocates that Pennsylvania could bring into the field against him, and was acknowledged to have exhibited on that occasion unrivaled powers both of reasoning and eloquence.

"He was one of the master spirits of the general convention

¹ Vol. II., 442.

which adopted the Federal Constitution, and his keen and far-sighted intellect was of great aid in securing the peaceful adoption of that instrument.

“The smaller states, of which Sherman was a principal champion, were afraid of being overwhelmed by the larger ones, and insisted that the upper or second branch of the legislature should be made of an equal number of members from each state, without regard to population. Sherman entered into this debate with his whole soul, and was ably seconded by his colleagues. The discussion on this question grew more and more exciting as it advanced, and at last became bitter and vehement, and as the result seemed to be opposed to the interests of the smaller states, the pent-up flames, that had been so long smothered in the breasts of the delegates from the smaller states, burst forth like the fires of a volcano. Discord reigned for awhile in the chamber, and the convention seemed about to be shattered in pieces by its own explosive elements. Deeply as he felt the poison of the sting inflicted by this vote upon the bosom of the state for which he would gladly have died, Sherman was calm and self-possessed as if he had been placed there to represent the motions of the planets in their orbits or the unrelaxing grasp of the law of gravitation. Determined not to resort to extremes until the resources of reason and argument, and all the ordinary appliances by which men are wrought upon, had been exhausted, determined the most of all to govern himself that he might the better control others, he rose and moved that a committee of conference should be appointed of one delegate from each of the states represented. This motion at once prevailed, and the convention adjourned for three days. The fourth of July was celebrated during the period of the adjournment, and lent the warm light of liberty to the temperate counsels of the more moderate members of the convention.

“Dr. Franklin proposed to the committee of conference, that the states should be equally represented in the second or upper branch of the legislature, and that all bills of appropriation should originate with the first or popular branch, which was to be chosen in accordance with the three-fifths ratio, and upon a basis of one representative to every forty thousand inhabitants. The dele-

gates from the larger states were deeply chagrined that they should have fallen into the net spread for them by Sherman, before their eyes, while the members of the old minority were delighted at the result of the experiment. These propositions seemed about to be adopted, when the question arose as to how the future apportionment should be made, and this brought up the most delicate and still-vexed question of negro slavery. It was then, when the convention was again in confusion, that the gentlemen representing Connecticut came forward as mediators. Johnson expressed it as his opinion that population was the surest measure of wealth. He said he was willing that blacks as well as whites should be counted, and upon this, that all the whites and three-fifths of the blacks should constitute the basis of taxation, and that taxation should be the basis of representation. The proposition finally prevailed. Sherman, however, claimed that the number of free inhabitants, without regard to the property of the citizens, should form the basis of representation. This recognition of the rights of citizenship, disconnected with any consideration of land or money, shows how much he was in advance of the other members of the convention, and of the age in which he lived, in all that related to the elective franchise."

All objections to the Constitution vanished before the learning, discernment and eloquence of Johnson, Sherman and Ellsworth, and it was adopted by a vote of 128 yeas to 40 nays.

In the senate of the U. S., in 1847, Calhoun of South Carolina said, "that it was owing mainly to the states of Connecticut and New Jersey that we have a *federal* instead of a national government; the best government instead of the most intolerable on earth. Who are the men of these states to whom we are indebted for this admirable government? I will name them; their names ought to be engraven on brass and live forever. They were Chief-Justice Ellsworth, and Roger Sherman of Connecticut, and Judge Patterson of New Jersey. To the coolness and sagacity of these three men, aided by a few others not so prominent, we owe the present Constitution."

The inscription on his tombstone, in New Haven Cemetery, is as follows :

"In memory of Hon. Roger Sherman, Esq., Mayor of the city of New Haven and Senator of the United States. He was born at Newtown* in Massachusetts, April 19, 1721, and died at New Haven July 23, A. D. 1793, aged LXXII.

"Possessed of a strong, clear, penetrating mind, and singular perseverance, he became the self-taught scholar, eminent for jurisprudence and policy. He was nineteen years an assistant, and 23 years a judge of the superior court, in high reputation. He was a Delegate in the first Congress, signed the glorious act of independence, and many years displayed superior talents and abilities in the national Legislature. He was a Member of the general Convention that approved the federal Constitution and served his country with fidelity and honor in the House of Representatives and in the senate of the United States. He was a man of approved sincerity, a good discerning judge, a prudent, sagacious politician, a true, faithful and firm Patriot. He ever adorned the profession of Christianity which he made in Youth, and distinguished through life for public usefulness, and died in the prospect of a blessed Immortality."

Roger Sherman, m. (1) Nov. 17, 1749, Elizabeth, dau. of Dea. Joseph Hartwell of Stoughton, Mass., who d. Oct. 19, 1760, æ. 34. By her he had ch.: John, William, Isaac, Chloe, Oliver, and Elizabeth. He m. (2) in New Haven, May 12, 1763, Rebecca, dau. of Benjamin and Rebecca Prescott, of Danvers, Mass., who d. Apr. 19, 1813, æ. 70.

By her he had ch.: Rebecca, Elizabeth, Roger, Oliver, Mehitabel, Martha, and Sarah.

Mehitabel married Jeremiah Evarts, a noted editor and essayist, and treasurer of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, and was the mother of Hon. William M. Evarts.

Rebecca married Simeon Baldwin, a judge of the Supreme Court, Rep. in Congress, and Mayor of New Haven. Roger Sherman Baldwin, son of the latter, was Gov. of Conn., U. S. Senator, and member of the National Peace Convention, 1861.

Martha married Jeremiah Day, president of Yale College from 1817 to 1846.

* The proper name is Newton.

Sarah married Hon. Samuel Hoar, of Mass., and was mother of U. S. Senator Hon. George F., Judge E. Rockwood, Edward S., Elizabeth (deceased), and Sarah, who m. R. B. Storrs, of Cambridge, Mass.

Jerusha (Buck) Sanford, d. Feb. 16, 1855, æ. 97.

The following is from an obituary notice published at the time of her death:

"The parents of the deceased were among the first settlers in that part of the town in which she was born. She lived and died, with the exception of the first five years of her married life, on the place of her birth, or within two miles of the place. Her father's name was James Buck ; his wife's, Elizabeth Sherman, sister of the Hon. Roger Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

"The deceased early made a public profession of her faith in Christ, and was a member of the first Congregational Church of this town during nearly 80 years. During all her extended life she possessed remarkable health and vigor of constitution. But a few hours previous to her death the family requested her to have a physician, but she strongly objected, saying she had never had the advice of a doctor for sickness and was unwilling then to commence. She evinced her readiness to go at the call of the Master. . . . On being asked, when near her end, if she still felt as she had uniformly done, ready and willing to die, she answered with much animation 'Yes! Yes!' which were the last words she articulated.

"The influence of her pious and exemplary life will be long cherished in the remembrance of all who knew her. She was the last survivor of 10 children but one, now living in Ohio, 10 years younger than herself, and all but one lived to a good old age, leaving a good hope that it is well with them.

"Up to her last days she exhibited a distinct recollection and warm interest in the scenes and events of the Revolutionary War, in which three of her brothers were engaged. She breathed the same patriotic spirit till the last. She was often referred to by those applying for pensions for the services of husbands, fathers, and grandfathers. About a year before her death, a gentleman called to ascertain if she knew anything respecting

his grandfather's services in the war. She needed no time for reflection, but immediately replied that in her younger days she was a weaver, and at one time had just commenced a piece of tow cloth, when his grandfather, one evening, received notice that he must set out next morning. As he was a neighbor, he called immediately on her father for assistance. He had no shirt to wear, and she immediately cut her piece of tow cloth out of the loom, and cut and made the garment by morning, when he started for the army, wearing it on his back."

The children of Jerusha (Buck) and Ebenezer Sanford were, Ebenezer, *Armida*, before mentioned, and Eliza. Ebenezer, b. 19 Dec., 1794, settled on the homestead, and became an active business man, and valuable citizen of New Milford. Soon after his father's death the house and barn took fire and were totally consumed, but the good neighbors joined hands and assisted the family in replacing them. He was a man of unbounded energy and ambition.

Towards the latter part of his life he engaged in speculation in western lands, and was at one time considered quite wealthy; but the Civil War came on and unsettled values, and before he could adjust his affairs satisfactorily, he was seized with a disease of which he died, Apr. 5, 1863. He was always kind to the poor and charitable to all. A member of the Congregational Church, he was faithful in its support and always an earnest Christian. He m., 1818, Eunice Knapp, who was a true Christian lady, b. Jan. 11, 1799, d. 1870, and had two ch.: George, who d. May 29, 1839, æ. 19, and Maria, b. 1821, m. 1841, William Bostwick. They reside in the village of New Milford, and had two ch.: Cornelia, who m. John E. Northrop (now of the firm of Comstock & Cheney Ivory Manufacturing Co., Essex, Conn.), and d. Mch. 27, 1870, leaving a dau. Isabelle; Ann Eliza is u. m.

Eliza (dau. of Ebenezer and Jerusha Sanford) was b. 1801, attended the district school till, at the age of 14, she began teaching, continuing in that occupation nearly or quite every year till the age of 45, when she became the second wife of William Albert Knapp. She now resides on the homestead, greatly respected by a large circle of friends.

At the age of 22, she became a member of the Congl. Church,

and during a long life has been a consistent Christian. William A. Knapp was an upright, Christian man, a farmer by occupation. He m. (1) Lucy Lines, whose sisters, Charlotte, m. Col. Garadus Roberts, who was also a Deacon in the Congl. Church, and Mercy, m. Alanson Canfield, both of New Milford. By her he had two sons, William and George S. William is a lawyer, commenced the practice of his profession in Bridgeport, Conn., afterwards settled in New Milford, where he frequently received the votes of the republican party as a candidate for justice of peace, and judge of probate, and was for a time chairman of the republican town committee. He labored for some months upon a History of New Milford, but sold his productions to parties engaged in writing the history of Litchfield county. He prepared a sketch of several towns for the History of New England, recently published. In 1880, he removed to Denver, Colorado, and became a partner of Senator Rice, of that state, in the practice of law. George S., 2d son, followed farming for a number of years, but having a taste for mechanical pursuits, engaged as traveling salesman for a hardware company, and afterwards became a member of the firm of the Cowles Hardware Co., of Unionville, Conn., of which he is treasurer. He m. Apr. 17, 1872, Jennie A., dau. of Dea. Russell Humphrey of that place, and had one son, Albert Carlton.

Armida, dau. of Ebenezer and Jerusha (Buck) Sanford, b. Dec. 28, 1796, m., 1831, Samuel Giddings. She inherited many of the qualities of her mother. Robust of constitution, she has seldom needed the services of a physician. Possessed of untiring energy and industry, she has always found pleasure in laboring for others. At the age of 27 she became a member of the Congregational Church in New Milford, and has seldom been absent from its services. She lives with her son, Minott S. Giddings, and is, at the age of 85, in full possession of her faculties. Many years since, a cataract deprived her of the sight of one eye, but the other is perfect, and she takes great comfort in reading. Her memory of events that transpired in the early part of the century is good.

439 Minot S. Giddings, b. Mch. 19, 1837, in Sherman, Conn., was brought up on his father's farm; attended district school

winters, and labored on the farm summers, pursuing his education at Gaylordsville Institute, North Bergen Institute, N. J., Amenia Seminary, N. Y., and Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass. He was always fond of reading, preferring historical and solid reading to light literature, and greatly interested in Debating Societies and Lyceums. While at Amenia, he was instrumental in establishing a Lyceum, and giving it the name "Adelphi," and was among the first to hold the offices of President and Secretary.

At the age of sixteen, the care of the farm devolved upon him through the decease of his father. At 18, he was solicited to teach the school in his district, which he did for one term.

On arriving at legal age, he was several times nominated by the Republican party for various important town offices, but considering it improper to vote for himself, or work for his own election, and that party being in a minority, he was defeated by a few votes.

His mind was, early in life, turned to religious subjects, and he became a member of the First Congregational Church, at the age of sixteen.

In the spring of 1860, he was seized with a violent cold, which threatened to speedily terminate his life, but in the autumn he made a tour of the western states, and returned with renewed health, which continued to improve. In 1865, he sold the homestead to his half-brother, Alfred, and removed to New Milford, and in the fall of that year went to Bridgeport, and engaged in the grocery business. In the spring of 1866, he disposed of his store and goods, and entered into partnership with Edmund V. Hawes, under the firm name of Hawes & Giddings, in the *wholesale, produce, and commission* business. It was soon found that with this a general *wholesale grocery* business could be advantageously connected, which was accomplished, Mr. Giddings, mainly, doing the purchasing. In 1869, the partnership was dissolved by limitation, and V. R. C. Giddings, his brother-in-law, and a lawyer by profession, entered into partnership with him, under the firm name of M. S. Giddings & Co. They largely increased the business, extending it through western Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

In 1873, V. R. C. Giddings retired from the firm and returned to the practice of law, opening an office in Bridgeport.

Frederick A. Lucas, general merchant in Goshen, Conn., was for a few months a partner, and William R. and John M. Hopson, brothers, were afterwards members of the firm; the latter, retiring, became editor of a Waterbury paper. William R. remained, and with Henry H. Pyle, who had been book-keeper for the firm, continued under the name of Giddings & Hopson, until Mr. Giddings, whose health was nearly broken down by the cares and responsibilities of business,—residing for the last three years, on account of the illness of his wife, at New Milford, 35 miles distant, making a daily trip to and from his business, and once a week or oftener continuing it to New York city for business purposes,—disposed of his interest Jan., 1877, to Morgan, Hopson & Co. (Mr. Morgan afterwards became president of the city National Bank of Bridgeport and mayor of the city.)

Mr. Giddings is no politician, and has never held a political office, except as a delegate to some Convention. He was appointed a delegate to the State Republican Convention, in New Haven in 1880, which sent delegates to the Chicago Convention that nominated the lamented Garfield for President, and was one of the Committee on Resolutions, of which Charles Dudley Warner, the celebrated author, was chairman. He was also, the same year, a delegate to the State Republican Convention which nominated Governor Bigelow, and the State Officers, and Presidential Electors, and was appointed one of the Committee on Organization, of which Senator O. H. Platt was chairman.

His residence is pleasantly located near the Housatonic River in the village of New Milford, one of the most beautiful villages in New England. Since 1878, he has been connected with a tea firm in New York city, and has recently employed his leisure hours in obtaining the records of the "Giddings Family." With what success this little volume will illustrate. He thinks it will be admitted that his time has been busily employed.

He m. Nov. 25, 1863, Nellie Canfield, only daughter of V. R. and Sarah Maria (Canfield) Giddings, b. in Penn., Sep. 12, 1839, but came with her parents to New Milford at the age of 4 years. She obtained her education mainly at the "Housatonic Institute,"

of that village, where, being of a lively, cheerful disposition, she was the life of the school and attracted all by her wit, and conversational powers. She edited a paper established by the school, and called the "Sunbeam," which often displayed much literary ability. She finished her education in New York city, and taught music there, being a fine musician.

While still young, she was solicited to take charge of a district school, in which there were several unruly boys, and so well did she acquit herself that she won the esteem and ready obedience of the pupils. She had a genius for teaching children, and they delighted in her society, and for several years committee men were instructed to employ "Miss Giddings," to teach their school, if possible, by paying whatever price she demanded.

In the autumn of 1866, being out of health, she repaired to Saratoga Springs to seek relief, and was being benefited, when she was suddenly called home by the severe illness of her mother. For many weeks she was a constant attendant at her mother's bedside, seemingly endowed with strength for the occasion, until the crisis of the disease had passed, when, as her friends expected, she was prostrate herself; but she felt repaid by the physician's assurance that by her careful nursing her mother's life had been preserved.

She again repaired to Saratoga, and when sufficiently recovered, returned to her home in Bridgeport.

In 1873, while with her husband, occupying a suite of rooms in Courtland Block, Bridgeport, at that time one of the finest brick blocks in the city, and containing thirteen dwellings, a fire broke out, enveloping it in flames, and running from one end to the other consumed nearly the entire block, and most of the personal effects of the occupants. Mrs. Giddings was at that time unable to leave her bed, but was removed to a place of safety just as the fire had reached her rooms. The shock to her system was very severe, and it was thought best to remove her to New Milford, near her parents. Her health gradually declined, her strong will enabling her to resist the inroads of disease for a time, but the grim messenger came at last and she passed away May 22, 1876, in full faith in her Redeemer. Early in life her mind was turned to religious subjects and she became a member

of the Congregational Church. She had an intensely affectionate nature and could not do too much for those she loved. Would suffer great inconvenience rather than wound the feelings of a friend.

An obituary notice in a Bridgeport paper, written at the time of her decease, by a former school-mate, gives the following :

"Her rich experience is a valuable testimony in behalf of the Christian religion, to which she was truly an ornament. Her husband has for some years been in business in Bridgeport, where they resided for some time, then, in order to enjoy a pleasant country home, they spent several months in Fairfield, but her health declining, and wishing to locate among her friends in New Milford, they built a beautiful home there in which everything bears the marks of her good taste. The exquisite handiwork, the selection, the arrangement, the perfect harmony of all bespeak the mind of her who has gone to enjoy greater, and more beautiful things than mortals can devise. . . . Consumption for a long time had been preying upon her vitals, and she knew that ultimately it would end her days. The first Sunday in the new year she attended the Congregational Church, of which she was a member, partook of the communion, then visited her mother's grave, and that was the last time she went out of doors till she was borne to the same places, in the time she loved above all others, when the earth was made lovely with flowers, and she could be buried in their midst. She was followed by a large circle of weeping friends, and many of her classmates, to whom she was very dear. . . .

"On the day of her death, at 12.30, she wrote in two books, then conversed freely with a friend for whom she had sent, and at 3.30, in full consciousness even to the last, and without a struggle, with a smile beaming on her countenance, she motioned farewell to the friend at either hand, and obeyed the summons to come up higher. Her ill health prevented her from entering into the active spheres of life, yet from such homes as hers emanates a higher influence, and her rich experience in enjoying the preciousness of religion and the testimony of the same, are of priceless value to those who are seeking a higher and a better life."

Mr. Giddings married (2) June 2, 1877, Emma M., dau. of

Sidney and Sarah (Linsley) UMBERFIELD, of New Haven, Conn., and widow of Dr. John B. SNOW, a dental surgeon of Bridgeport, Conn., who graduated at Pennsylvania Dental College, and died at Anoka, Minn., June 10, 1871.

She was a native of New Haven, resided several years in Bridgeport, Conn., and also in Minneapolis, and Anoka, Minn. Her father was a merchant in New Haven, d. Oct. 10, 1841, æ. 35. Her mother d. June, 1856, æ. 44. Joseph Linsley, her grandfather, was a sea-captain. Samuel D. Linsley, her uncle, is a deacon in the Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven. A cousin, Adeline Bradley, is the wife of Dea. Atwater Treat,¹ of New Haven, a lineal descendant of Governor Robert Treat, of Conn. She has a sister, Mary E., the wife of Frederick C. Nichols, of the firm of Clark & Nichols, hat and fur merchants, Bridgeport, and they have a daughter, Mary L.

Mr. Nichols is gt. grandson of Stiles Nichols, founder of the *Republican Farmer* of Bridgeport, and grandson of Roswell S. Nichols, subsequently editor and proprietor of that paper. He was elected, 1880, treasurer of the city and town of Bridgeport, and is a prominent member and officer of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Emma M. GIDDINGS by her first marriage had a son, Willie E., a bright and promising boy, who, after one year's life on earth, was called to the Heavenly Home. In her youth she displayed marked poetical talent and composed many poems that were thought worthy of publication, but were never offered for that purpose. Among her manuscripts were found the following, which are here published, though without her permission:

"THE GARDEN OF THE DEAD."

Where the wind is sadly sighing,
 Where the willows of the dell
 Chant the song of dying! dying!
 By an angel tended well,
 Is a sacred, sad enclosure,
 Where above the lowly head
 Of the sleeper, waving cypress
 Marks the Garden of the Dead.

¹Dea. Treat died Mch. 28, 1882, æ. 81.

Plenteous harvests has that angel,
For his sickle's edge is keen,
And he stays not in his mission,
Reaping here and there unseen ;
Heeding not the sad entreaty,
Though in deepest sorrow plead :
Leading those we love so fondly
To the Garden of the Dead.

Strangely planted is that garden,
Flowers of different hue and clime,
Planted in the dreary winter,
And the pleasant summer time.
Planted in the early morning,
Ere the joys of youth had fled ;
Gathered oft without a warning,
In the Garden of the Dead !

Others in the noon-time bright
Were taken from their friends away,
While many lingered till the light
Was dimmed by heavy tints of gray.
Mingled there are good and evil,
Wheat and chaff in one wide bed,
Rich and poor must all assemble
In the Garden of the Dead.

“SUNSHINE.”

Welcome, bright sunshine, oh enter each home,
And chase all its sadness away ;
Bid joy and gladness in union to come,
Turn night into beautiful day.
Kiss the tears, bright sunshine, from eyes that weep ;
And bid them to sorrow no more.
While the warblers of nature glad revels keep
Let the reign of sadness be o'er.

Welcome, bright sunshine, so dear to each heart,
Thy mission of gladness I love,
Like a bright-winged angel to us thou art,
Like a glimpse of our home above.

Who can refuse to be charmed by thy smile?
Or be sad when thou art so gay?
The dark clouds of sorrow must break e'enwhile
And their silvery linings display.

Then come to my heart, and there make for thee
A home in its deepest recess,
Teach it like thee to be joyous and free
From sorrow, from care and distress,
Though the Storm King's anger around me roll,
And with clouds my sky should o'ercast,
Still shine through the darkness and guide my soul
To the Haven of Light at last.

373 ~~Hiram~~,⁷ Gamaliel B,⁶ Jonathan⁵, Joseph,⁴ b. in Sherman, Conn., 1795. In 1821 he removed to Ohio, making the journey in a wagon, and settled in Palmyra, Portage Co., on land which his father owned, the same being a portion of the Connecticut Reserve, in Ohio.

He several times afterwards made the journey in the same way, and on horseback. He was a dead shot, and as in those days game was abundant, it was fine sport for him to bring down deer, bears, and turkeys, with his unerring rifle. He was a man of fine appearance, good address, jovial disposition, with a mind well stored with knowledge, was quick to form his judgment, and generally adhered to it with tenacity. He resided in Palmyra 58 years, where he was prosperous, and being a true friend to the needy, was greatly beloved and respected in the community. His name was at the head of every subscription list, and he was greatly interested in religious matters and in the prosperity of the M. E. Church, of Palmyra. In politics, a Whig till the formation of the Republican party, when he earnestly supported the organization. He was a postmaster 10 years, justice of the peace 10 years, and a member of the Legislature in 1840 and 1841, where he displayed marked ability. He was county commissioner during the building of the county court-house, and was an officer of the bank at Revena. He m., 1842, Rebecca, eldest dau. of Samuel Giddings, of Sherman, who was a lady of cheerful disposition, Christian character, and possessed in an unusual degree those kindly qualities of mind and heart, that won her many

friends, but her married life was brief. She died within a year, Aug. 27, 1843, æ. 32. He afterwards m. Cynthia M. French, a lady noted for piety and Christian experience, who d. Sep. 10, 1867. He left a large estate for his brothers and sisters' children.

374 Nancy A.,⁷ Gamaliel B.,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. May 18, 1798, in Sherman, Conn., d. Mch. 18, 1858, in Palmyra, Ohio. She m., Mar. 28, 1820, David W. Stevens, of Dover, N. Y. They resided several years on her father's homestead, and then settled in South Dover, N. Y.

Mr. Stevens was an influential man, and a pillar in the Baptist Church, of South Dover. He was a Rep. from Sherman to the Conn. Legislature, in 1846. He m., (2) April 18, 1860, Lydia Ann, widow of William T. Camp, and dau. of Jonathan and Philomela Giddings, a lady of exemplary Christian character, and d. Nov. 16, 1868. His w. resides in South Dover.

CHILDREN.

440 Orrin H., b. May 4, 1821, m. Phebe A. Wheeler, b. Mch. 30, 1823; resides in Palmyra, and is a farmer. They have two sons, Willie, b. Mch. 18, 1859. Thomas Howard, b. Sep. 22, 1864.

441 Eunice Eliza, b. Mch. 30, 1823, m. Jonathan Allen Giddings. +

442 Hiram Giddings, b. Apr. 9, 1826, d. Aug. 8, 1833.

443 Gamaliel Baldwin, b. Mch. 13, 1829, m. Nov. 27, 1856, Julia Dutcher, of Dover, N. Y.

444 Frances Mary, b. Apr., 1832, m. May 9, 1860, Emery Cole, b. Apr. 13, 1811, in Wilton, Conn.

He m. (1) May 10, 1841, Mary Ann Sutton, b. Mch. 11, 1819. Mr. Cole has followed the occupation of carriage manufacturer, in Pawling, N. Y., for many years, he has also a grist, plaster, and saw mill. His ch. by (1) marriage, are George E., b. Dec. 5, 1843, is in co. with his father. Francis E., b. Sep. 19, 1848. Edward C., b. July 20, 1850. Mary Eliza, b. May 1, 1856. Ch.: by Frances M., Albert Stevens, b. May 21, 1863. Willie Wallace, b. Sep. 15, 1864. Elida Belle, b. Jan. 27, 1870.

445 Sarah Howard, b. Nov. 12, 1834, m. Nov. 27, 1856, James H., son of Wing and Hannah Whitney Martin. They are extensive farmers at South Dover, N. Y. Ch.: Eugene Hiram, b. Sep. 18, 1857. Annie, b. Feb. 14, 1859.

412 Hiram Giddings,³ b. May 29, 1839, m. Mch. 3, 1863, Ann Eliza, dau. of William T. and Lydia A. (Giddings) Camp, b. Nov. 2, 1840. They reside on a farm near Bull's Bridge, in South Dover, N. Y., and have ch. Florence Belle, b. July 26, 1864, d. May 25, 1871. Thomas Howard, b. Jan. 9, 1873. Nannie May, b. Nov. 19, 1874. David W. and Lydia A. Stevens, had a son Frank M., b. Nov. 10, 1862.

387 Sophia,⁷ James A.,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Mch. 16, 1795, d. Dec. 21, 1850. She m., Nov., 1818, Clarke Pickett; who was the s. of Abiah, who was the s. of Ebenezer, who was the s. of Dr. Thomas Pickett, who settled in Danbury, Conn. They resided in Sherman. She was a member of the Congl. Church.

CHILDREN.

446 Mary E., b. 1826, m. Alfred Giddings. +

447 Mason, b. 1830, followed the trade of carpenter and joiner, for several years, but came into the possession of his grandfather Gidding's farm, where he is engaged in farming. He is influential in town affairs, having held most of the important town offices, was a Representative, in 1880. He m. 1854, Elizabeth Cogswell, of New Preston, Conn., and has one s. Charles W., b. Jan. 13, 1857, m. Oct. 8, 1879, Marie Sperry, of New Preston, where he now resides; has been a merchant and cattle-dealer.

388 Isaac B.,⁷ James A.,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Feb. 18, 1797, in Sherman, Conn., d. in N. Y., Dec. 8, 1841, m., Jan. 30, 1821, Eunice W. Stewart, who d. Sep. 18, 1862.

CHILDREN.

448 John Nelson, b. June, 1825, d. Apr. 13, 1856, in Granby, Oswego, Co., N. Y. He m. Sep., 1846, Eliza Howe. Her father was one of the Howe family of Marlborough, Mass. They had three dau. Mary Elizabeth, b. July, 1847, m. Aug., 1868, Arvin Rice, and d. Oct., 1869, leaving no issue.

Carlotta Eunice, b. July, 1848, m. Dec., 1876, Dorr H. Perham, and d. June, 1881, leaving one son, Oscar Giddings Perham, b. June, 1879. Dorr H. Perham was a native of Vt., and with his father served through the war for the Union. His father was also in the Mexican war; his original ancestor in this country left England without his father's permission, went to France, and came here with Lafayette, during the Revolution. The name was at the time spelled Pelham. The widow of John

Nelson Giddings, with her surviving son, resides in Santa Barbara, Cal., having removed there in 1873.

- 449 David Burr, b. No. 19, 1836, m. May 14, 1862, Martha Tappan, and resides in Baldwinsville, N. Y., where he makes farming his occupation. He is a deacon and an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and is treasurer and clerk of the society. Ch.:

Burnette L., b. Mch. 20, 1863. Marion E., b. Aug. 6, 1866. Fay N., b. Nov. 3, 1868. Anna C., b. Dec. 7, 1874.

391 ~~James A.~~,⁷ James A.,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Sep. 27, 1801, in Sherman, removed about 1827 to New Milford, settled on a fertile tract of land, about four miles south of the village, and followed agricultural pursuits, and by industry and economy has secured a competency, which he has good health to enjoy in his old age. He is a man of sterling character, is a member of the Congregational Church and Society, and a useful citizen. He has held among other town offices that of justice of the peace. He m. Dec. 9, 1823, Susan H., dau. of Gershom and Betsey Barlow, of Sherman, b. Dec. 9, 1806, d. Jan. 10, 1868. He m (2) May 10, 1871, Helen M. Jackson, b. Aug. 27, 1827. Her ancestors were among the first settlers of the town.

CHILDREN.

- 450 John Penfield, b. Apr. 7, 1825, d. in Bridgeport, Conn., m. Feb. 27, 1849, W. Merwin, and had a s. John Penfield, b., m. Susan Frost, of Bridgewater, and had two ch. He resides in Brookfield, Conn.
- 451 Albert, b. Sep. 4, 1826, m. Oct. 3, 1858, Imogene S. Chase, and resides in Elmira, N. Y.
- 452 Alfred, b. Sep. 4, 1826, m. Huldah E. Colburn, and resides at Union Grove, Wis.
- 453 Gershom B., b. Jan. 12, 1828, m. May, 16, 1855, Jane A. Haviland, and is a farmer, residing at Lanesville, in New Milford. They have ch.: Martha, b. Oct. 27, 1858, m. Oct. 8, 1878, Merwin, s. of Stephen and Harriet Frances (Woolsey) Hine, of Sherman, and they have a dau. Ellinor Frances, b. Sep. 4, 1880.
- 453½ Mary Ann, b. Feb. 4, 1830, m. June 30, 1859, Dea. Alfred Somers, of the firm of Peck and Somers, merchants, Brookfield, Ct. They have ch.: Edwin Merwin, b. 1861, Minnie Sophia, b. 1872.

- 454 Susan H., b. July 4, 1833, m. Jan. 7, 1859, J. Atwater Merwin, b. Apr. 6, 1819. They reside at Pond Point, Milford, Conn., near where the British landed in the war of the revolution. Their house is on the same place as the one sacked by the British at the time of their landing, which I believe was in possession of Miles Merwin, the ancestor of Mr. J. Atwater Merwin.
 Their ch. are: Mary Belle, b. Nov., 1857, m. Clifford E. Clarke. Charles A., b. May 6, 1862. James Dwight, b. Sep. 3, 1865. Rosalie G., b. Sep. 15, 1873.
- 455 James Andrus, b. Sep. 2, 1834, m. Oct., 1854, Emily Burt. He is by occupation a farmer and dealer in leaf tobacco, in New Milford; is frequently named by the Republicans for town offices.
- 456 Betsey B., b. Jan. 15, 1835, m. Nov. 17, 1857, Fields Andrews, of Orange, Conn., and has ch.: Burton Giddings, b. Mch. 28, 1862. Leonard Fields, b. Mch. 29, 1869.
- 457 Levi Penfield, b. Aug. 17, 1839, is proprietor of Giddings mill, a stone structure, in which flour, feed, and plaster is ground. It is about one mile south of the village of New Milford, on the Housatonic River. He m. May 10, 1866, Ellen Beers, of Brookfield, and has a son. Daniel Beers, b. 1872.
- 457½ Eunice P., b. Feb. 9, 1846, m. Jan. 11, 1882, Theodore St. John, M.D., of Thomaston, Conn.

392 Charlotte,⁷ James A.,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Sep. 5, 1804, d. Dec. 1, 1869, in the hope of a blessed resurrection, m. Sep., 1829, John Odel Northrop, b. June 27, 1804, s. of David, of English and Scotch descent. He has always been a man of much prominence and influence in society, of a genial disposition and pleasing manner, and has won many friends. He has always resided in Sherman, where he has a delightful home, and is a large landholder; was formerly a dealer in cattle, and also in western lands.

He has frequently been elected justice of the peace, has held the office of treasurer and clerk of the First Congregational Church and Society, of which he is a member, for more than thirty years. In 1855 he was the Republican candidate for senator in the eleventh senatorial district. He m. (2) Sep. 27, 1870, Pauline W., dau. of Dea. Hugh Gelston, b. Oct. 3, 1835.

Charlotte and J. O. Northrop had two children. Sarah E., b. May 12, 1831, is a lady of prepossessing appearance and winning

ways; she m. 1856, Rev. Judson B. Stoddard, a relative of the poet of that name. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Sherman, 1845, resigned in 1854, and settled in East Windsor, Conn. He was, for several years after, pastor of the Congl. Church at Centerbrook, Essex, Conn. He was an earnest laborer in his calling and accomplished much good. At present he has given up stated preaching and resides at Cheshire, Conn. They have two ch. Lillie N., a graduate of Wellesley College, Mass., and Edward J.

458 John Edward, b. Feb. 28, 1837, was brought up on the farm, under the genial influence of his father's society, who treated him more as a companion than as a son. He received a thorough education at Sharon, Conn., Bergen Hill Institute, N. J., Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass., graduating at the latter, and in the scientific department of Yale College. He is a man of good judgment, and excellent business capacity. He became a member of the Congl. Church at the age of 16 years, and has always been prominent in church and society matters, and frequently called to take the lead on committees.

In 1871, he was Republican candidate for State Senator in the eleventh district. He owns one of the best farms in Sherman, but is at present connected with the Comstock-Cheeney Ivory Manufacturing Co., Centrebrook, Conn., of which he is secretary and treasurer. He m. (1) Cornelia, dau. of William and Maria (Sanford) Bostwick, of New Milford, a lovely and accomplished Christian lady, who d. in Sherman, Mch. 27, 1870, æ. 27, leaving a dau. Isabelle, who is now a student at Wellesley College, Mass. He m. (2) Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel M. and Harriet Comstock, of Centerbrook, Conn. Mr. Comstock was founder of the Comstock-Cheeney Ivory Manufacturing Co. of that place.

393 Eunice,⁷ James A.,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. June 3, 1807, in Sherman, m. Dec. 24, 1835, Levi Penfield, of New Fairfield, b. Sep. 1, 1807, d. June 9, 1851. After her husband's d. she removed to Danbury, where she now resides; is a member of the Congl. Church. Mr. Penfield's (1) wife was Cornelia Stevens, who d., leaving a dau., Cornelia, who m. Oct. 7, 1855, Rev. Aaron Peffers, and had ch.

CHILDREN OF EUNICE AND LEVI PENFIELD.

459 David Giddings, b. Aug. 8, 1842, is a civil engineer, and has been employed for several years in laying out railroads. He is at present (1881) in the employ of the New York and New England R. R. Co., and resides in Danbury, Conn., where he also carries on an extensive wholesale business in oils. He m. Feb. 21, 1878, Helen G. Morse, of Danbury, Conn., b. 1849. They have a son Percy S., b. Nov. 21, 1878.

460 Sophia, b. July 31, 1844, is a successful physician in Danbury.

461 Levi T., b. 1846, d. 1847.

395 Jonathan Allen,⁷ James A.,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Dec. 27, 1814, in Sherman, Conn., followed farming on his father's homestead, engaging heartily in town and society affairs, holding various offices. He was Lieutenant of militia in 1840, and Capt. in 1841, and was an active member of the Congl. Church. In middle life he removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he became an enterprising and influential citizen. He laid out a cemetery near the city and commenced a street railroad to it, which others carried through to the lake beyond. He also took up the study of botany and practiced medicine with much success. He m. May 10, 1842, Eliza Eunice, dau. of David W. and Nancy A. (Giddings) Stevens.

CHILDREN.

462 Charlotte Elizabeth, completed a thorough course of study at the high school in Grand Rapids, and taught for a while. She early became a member of the First Congl. Church, and is secretary of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society, and also a member of the Ladies' Literary Club.

463 David Wallace, b. May 30, 1852, graduated at the high school, and has since boyhood held positions of trust and responsibility. For three or four years he occupied a position of importance in the first national bank of that city. At present he is book-keeper and cashier in the wholesale grocery house of John Canfield. He is a member of the Congl. Church, and for a number of years was secretary of the Sabbath School. He m. Apr. 7, 1880, Lois, dau. of Dea. Martin L. and Harriett (Covell) Dole, of Alpine, Mich.

378 John Ransom,⁷ Rebecca,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Feb. 13, 1792, d. Nov. 16, 1866. He was a land surveyor, and followed that

business in connection with farming in Kent, Conn. He was a man of sound judgment, and pleasant disposition, and was highly esteemed, was several times elected Justice of the Peace, and to other town offices, and was Captain of a militia company. He m. Dec. 1, 1817, Aurelia St. John of Kent, b. Oct. 2, 1797, d. Aug. 9, 1869. She was a genial lady, kind to the poor, and greatly beloved. Both Mr. Fuller and his wife were members of the Congl. Church. They were helpless for several years previous to their decease. They had seven

CHILDREN.

- 464 John Ransom, b. Oct. 7, 1819, d. Was for several years depot agent at Kent, Conn., removed to Canaan, entered the mercantile business, and afterwards became associated with Joseph Peet, under the firm name of Fuller and Peet, where he was a hard-working, energetic man, of excellent business qualifications. He was a member of the M. E. Church. He m. Nov. 29, 1844, Fanny Peet, who d. Dec. 18, 1881. She was an earnest and faithful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, a member of the M. E. Church, and in her decease the church lost a devoted supporter. They left a dau. Frances.
- 465 Jessie S., b. Nov. 6, 1820, m. May 16, 1844, Catharine, dau. of Leman Beecher. He was of fine personal appearance and much respected; by occupation a farmer. He was an earnest Christian worker. His pure life and exemplary character were felt in the community. His death occurred from a fall from a hay-mow on to a pitchfork, Mch. 3, 1847. His w. afterwards married Mr. Slade, of Albany.
- 466 David N., b. May 24, 1823, m. Oct. 18, 1849, Caroline Giddings.¹
- 467 Ann Rebecca, b. Jan. 24, 1825, in Kent, m. Feb. 1856, John F. Roe, a merchant of Honesdale, Penn. They have one son, John Fuller, b. Apr. 1, 1862. He had sons by a former w.
- 468 Luther O., b. Oct. 6, 1827, d. Feb. 12, 1874. He removed from Kent to Bethany, Pa., thence to Vineland, N. J., where he died. He m. Dec. 13, 1855, Sarah Kingsley, of Hartford, Penn., and left a dau. Harriet, b. Dec. 14, 1868.
- 469 Maria Louisa,² b. Jan. 12, 1831, m. Sep. 17, 1851, Rev. Louis H.

¹ See No. 438.

² Mrs. Reid has in her possession a carved oaken chest which came over in the "May Flower," with the Fuller ancestors, and has been kept in the family ever since.

Reid, who was for several years settled in the ministry in Chicago, afterwards labored in East Canaan, Conn. He has been for several years an instructor of youth, and is engaged in that occupation at Salisbury, Conn. Their ch. are, Louis F., b. Nov. 16, 185-, is associated with his father in teaching. Clarence F. is a lawyer in Stamford, Conn., b. June 24, 1857. Willie Crawford, b. Oct. 14, 1862. Edwin Winthrop, b. Dec. 19, 1864. Two of the sons are graduates of Yale College.

470 Lavinia B., b. Jan. 17, 1837, in Kent, is an accomplished lady, of great energy and perseverance of character. She m. Oct. 18, 1865, Dea. Ashbel Fuller, who was for several years principal of a Young Men's Institute, in Kent, but afterwards engaged in mercantile pursuits, in partnership with John Sherwood, in the name of Fuller and Sherwood. He d. His widow resides at Stamford. They had ch., Benjamin, who d. in infancy. Edward Payson, b. Oct. 6, 1867. Margarette Louisa, b. Apr. 4, 1876.

379 ~~Amzi~~,⁷ Rebecca,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Oct. 19, 1793, obtained a thorough knowledge of Latin, and the usual higher branches of an English education, under the instruction of Mr. Daniel Parker, at his classical school in Sharon, Conn. In 1814, being in his 21st year, he went to Bethany, Penn., and engaged to teach school for six months, but was obliged to leave before the close of his term by reason of a severe illness.

On regaining his health, he went early in 1815, to Milford, Penn., and pursued the study of law, under the instruction of Dan. Dimmick, Esq., earning the means to pay his expenses by writing for the county officers.

On completing his studies, he decided to locate in Bethany, the county seat of Wayne county, Penn., and August 25th, 1816, was by the court formally admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law. He immediately opened an office for legal practice, and thus became the first *resident* lawyer in Wayne county. He regularly and thoroughly read the decisions of the higher courts, and being favored with an unusually retentive memory, his mind became stored with so much of correct knowledge of the law that he soon stood at the head of the bar, as a jurist.

In politics, he was a "*Whig*," while the majority of the voters in his county, and in the legislative and Congressional districts,

of which his county formed a part, was overwhelmingly democratic, so that if he or his friends had desired his political promotion there was no encouragement to seek it. He, however, had no such desire, but preferred giving his whole attention to the duties of his profession.

In all objects of a public nature, such as sustaining religious worship, and the cause of education, and devising and carrying out improvements for the town or vicinity, he was an active, judicious adviser, and liberal contributor, for all such matters were *then* supported by voluntary contributions.

In 1840, an act of assembly was passed, providing for the removal of the county seat from Bethany, where he had so long resided, to Honesdale, three miles distant. As his only son, Henry M. Fuller, was then established in the practice of law, in Luzerne, one of the largest and most rapidly-improving counties in the state, he, in 1841, removed to Wilkesbarre, and made that town his future home. He did not there engage in the active practice of the law, though he continued to act as advisory counsel for many of his former clients.

While resident in Wilkesbarre, he gained the esteem of those with whom he associated, and was honored and respected by all who made his acquaintance.

He m. Feb. 10, 1818, Maria Mills, of Kent, Conn., and d. in the old homestead while there on a visit, in his 54th year. She resides in Wilkesbarre, in her 83d year.

They had one son, Henry Mills, b. June 13, 1820.

471 *Henry M. Fuller* (son of Amzi) after graduating with high honors at Princeton College, in 1838, commenced reading law under his father's instructions, but soon removed to Wilkesbarre, and pursued his studies in the office of the late Hon. George W. Woodward, and was admitted to the practice of the law, by the court of Luzerne county, in 1840.

He was successful in his profession, and popular in his social intercourse with the people, and although a very decided whig in politics, and his county very largely democratic, his acknowledged business talent, and honest desire for the prosperity of his county and the state was such that he was twice elected to represent his county in the State Legislature, and twice to represent his

district in Congress and, whether in the Legislature or in Congress, he so performed his duties as to secure the approbation of the mass of his intelligent constituents, and to gain the respect and honor of his fellow members.

He was active in promoting objects of public good, and liberal in aiding such objects pecuniarily; and, by his example in such liberality, he induced others of greater ability, but less liberality, to become co-operators with him.

In 1856, for the convenience of giving more attention to some matters of business with which he was entrusted, he removed to Philadelphia, and continued to reside there to the time of his death. He m. Sep. 18, 1843, Harriet J. Thorpe of Wilkesbarre, Pa. He d. Dec. 26, 1860, in his 41st year. They had seven

CHILDREN.

Maria Mills, b. Dec. 20, 1844.

Emily Lindsay, b. Mch. 23, 1847.

Harriet May, b. Feb. 22, 1850.

Grace Goodwin, b. Apr. 7, 1853.

Henry Amzi, b. Jan. 15, 1855.

John Torrey, b. Mch. 31, 1856, d. Jan. 22, 1880.

Edith, b. Apr. 14, 1858.

Maria M., m. Dec. 15, 1873, Charles E. Rice of Wilkesbarre, Pa., an attorney at law and president judge of the courts of Luzerne Co. They had three ch., Charles E., b. Oct. 8, 1874. Henry M. Fuller, b. Aug. 13, 1876, d. Nov. 22, 1876. Philip Sanborn, b. June 22, 1878.

Emily Lindsay, m. May 8, 1874, George R. Bradford of Wilkesbarre, an attorney at law. They have two ch., Paul, b. June 24, 1875. Bruce, b. Nov. 26, 1876.

Grace Goodwin, m. Dec. 17, 1879, Benjamin Reynolds of Wilkesbarre.

Henry A. is an attorney-at-law at Wilkesbarre; he m. Nov. 20, 1879, Ruth Parish of same place, and has one son, John Torrey, b. Nov. 8, 1880.

383 Thomas,⁷ Rebecca,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Feb. 26, 1804, in Kent, Conn., d. in Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 16, 1843.

While young he obtained a very thorough common-school

education, at the same time getting a practical knowledge of the manner in which the labor on a New England farm should be performed. But farming was not congenial to his tastes, and he had a strong desire to fit himself for some profession, and his preference was that of law. Therefore, in 1823, he arranged to go to Bethany, Penn., and put himself under the instruction of his brother Amzi, who was a thorough Latin scholar, and a lawyer of high standing. He there pursued his studies until well fitted for practice, and in August, 1826, was admitted by the court to the bar of Wayne county.

He devoted all his energy to his profession, studying with diligence to store his mind with knowledge, hoping in time to attain eminence as a jurist; and, while so doing, he also gave the most careful attention to such matters of business as were entrusted to him professionally.

By the pursuit of this course, he soon attained the reputation of a good lawyer, and as he had a remarkably easy and popular manner in addressing the court and jury, or public gatherings, he soon became a favorite with the people, and although in politics he was a whig, and the majority in his Legislative district was 2,000 democratic, he was twice in succession elected to the State Legislature.

His business and popularity continued to increase as long as he lived, so that before his death he was recognized by his associates as standing at the head of the legal profession in his county; and, if his life had been spared a few years more, the probability is that he would have been selected by his constituents to fill some highly honorable position.

Mr. Fuller m. Sep. 10, 1829, Caroline Nichols of N. Y. Her mother's home was afterwards at New Milford, Conn. She d. in Bethany, Penn., Mch. 24, 1830. No ch. He m. (2) Oct. 31, 1831, Martha Robins of N. Y., who d. Oct. 17, 1864, in her 62d year, in Honesdale, Penn. They had two

CHILDREN.

467 ~~Mary~~ *Mary Robins*,^s b. May 14, 1834, m. April 21, 1856, Dr. Ralph L. Briggs, a physician in Honesdale, Penn. He d. Dec. 5, 1863, in his 38th year. Their ch. are William Fuller, b. Aug. 29, 1858; Clara Jones, b. Feb. 23, 1860, d. Sep. 26, 1861. Martha Robins, b. Nov. 30, 1863.

468 William Jones,⁸ b. Nov. 27, 1836, married June 17, 1864, Susan A. M'Intosh of Honesdale. Ch., Clara Robins, born June 17, 1865, Thomas M'Intosh, b. Aug. 17, 1868.

Parents and children are all living in Honesdale, in the dwelling-house erected for a residence for Thomas Fuller, who died before it was completed.

Wm. J. Fuller has occupied it since the date of his marriage. His mother had previously occupied it, and continued to reside there with her son, to the time of her death.

384 Revilo,⁷ Rebecca,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. 1806, d. June 18, 1870. He was a man of stalwart frame, fine appearance, pleasing in his intercourse with others, and exerted great influence in the community. He was a leading member of the Congl. Church in Sherman, where he resided most of his life, and followed the occupation of tanner and currier. He was justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, and Treasurer many times, a member of the Legislature in 1850, Judge of Probate in 1858, and Postmaster. (His portrait is on the opposite page.) He m. Caroline, dau. of Beach and Rebecca (Baldwin) Hungerford, b. 1807, d. 1859. She had sisters. Rebecca Jane, b. Mch. 25, 1802, m. Gideon Kirby, of Pawling, N. Y. Charlotte Mary, b. Nov. 25, 1821, m. Feb. 2, 1839, Clark Kirby, of Pawling, brother of the preceding.

THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN.

472 Oliver Franklin,⁸ b. in Sherman, Oct. 19, 1829.

473 Jane Rebecca,⁸ b. in Sherman, Nov. 4, 1831, m. Rev. Edward J. Giddings (see No. 490).

Revilo Fuller, m. (2) about 1860, Ruth E. Denio of Albion, New York, a great-granddaughter of President Stiles, of Yale College. She m. (2) William Canfield of New Milford, Conn., and they reside in that village.

472 Oliver Franklin, attended district school till the age of fifteen, when he went to Peekskill, N. Y., and became clerk to an apothecary, Dr. Brewer, where he remained five years, and then started a drug store, in company with a Mr. Dain. Within two years he was obliged to sell his interest in the store in consequence of ill health. In 1852, he went to Chicago, Ill., and started a drug business in company with Myron P. Roberts,

which was dissolved in two years. He continued alone two years, and then formed a co-partnership with Charles E. Perkins and Edward B. Finch, under the firm name of O. F. Fuller & Co. In 1858 Mr. Perkins retired, and in 1859 the store was burned out. In 1862, Henry W. Fuller, formerly of Maine, was admitted to the firm which bore the name of Fuller, Finch & Fuller, till 1871, when Mr. Finch retired and the firm took the style of Fuller & Fuller. O. F. Fuller is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, well proportioned, with dark hair and eyes; has a very pleasant face, remarkable executive ability, and great firmness of character.

When he started business in Chicago, in 1852, the city numbered 35,000 inhabitants, and his first year's business amounted to \$52,000. But the business steadily increased till, in 1880, it amounted to over a million and three quarters. The house is the largest of the kind in the northwest, and their store, which comprised Nos. 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 Market Street, was the only wholesale building of any kind left standing, in the whole city, by the fire of 1871. In April, 1882, the firm removed to the new building erected expressly for them, on the corner of Randolph and Franklin Sts., Chicago, which is probably, without exception, the most magnificent drug store in the world. Its dimensions are 180 by 50 feet, and seven stories in height with basement. Mr. Fuller is the oldest wholesale druggist in the city, and is an honorary member of the Chicago Pharmaceutical Association. He m. in Peekskill, N.Y., Nov. 9, 1858, Phebe Ann Shipley, and had sons: Henry M., Frank R., and Charles, aged respectively (1882) about 20, 18, and 14 years.

385 ~~Rebecca~~,⁷ Rebecca,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. April 5, 1808, d. Sep. 16, 1877. She m. Sep. 28, 1830, John Torrey of Bethany, Penn., and immediately removed to Honesdale, Penn., which was thereafter their home. From an obituary notice in a Honesdale paper is gathered the following: "On Sunday morning the death of this estimable lady was announced. The public were somewhat prepared for such an event by the previous announcement of her serious illness, but it created a feeling of deep and sincere sorrow throughout the circle of her many friends. Mrs. Torrey's health had been delicate for some time, and all that medical skill, gentle nursing, loving care and de-

voted attention could do to alleviate her sufferings and restore her health proved ineffectual to avert the shaft of death. The severity of the shock is softened and mitigated by the fact that her beautifully consistent Christian life, extending through a long series of years, had made her ready for the exchange of worlds. Her mental and moral excellences made her alike beloved in society and in the home, but it was in the domestic circle that the graces of her character were more conspicuously exemplified. Her heart was the very fountain of charity and kindness; there was no harshness in her nature; her smile was benevolence; her voice of gentleness and peace; and her hand, obedient to the generous impulses of her heart, was ever open to relieve distress. She passed away as calmly and peacefully as a child sleeps, surrounded by all that makes age beautiful; honored, trusted, beloved, during life, for her inestimable virtues, and mourned in death as one whose office must remain vacant for evermore. She united with the Presbyterian Church of Honesdale, by letter, March 28, 1831, and was a consistent member for more than 46 years." John Torrey has always been a prominent and influential man in the community, and is now 75 years of age.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE.

- 474 Edwin Fuller, b. June 4, 1832.
- 475 Ellen Caroline, b. May 28, 1834, d. Aug. 22, 1835.
- 476 Caroline Nichols, b. Apr. 12, 1836.
- 477 Robert Nelson, b. Aug. 1, 1838.
- 478 Adaline Northrop, b. Aug. 15, 1840.
- 479 Henry Fuller, b. Oct. 20, 1842.
- 480 Thomas Fuller, b. Oct. 28, 1844.
- 481 John, b. Oct. 31, 1846.
- 482 Frances Rebecca, b. Jan. 18, 1850.

474 Edwin F.,^s m. Oct. 3, 1854, Janette S. Stone, of Honesdale, Penn., where they still reside. Ch.: George Neven, b. Mch 11, 1856, d. Mch 28, 1860. John Henry, b. Sep. 11, 1860. William Stone, b. July 12, 1862. Catharine Rebecca, b. June 6, 1866. Edwin Fuller, b. Nov. 11, 1870.

477 Robert N., m. Feb. 23, 1864, Elizabeth D. Thompson, of Port Jervis, N. Y., and resides in Honesdale, Penn. Ch.

Augustus Thompson, b. May 1865, d. in infancy. Clara Rebecca, b. July 18, 1866. Ada Grant, b. June 24, 1871, d. Oct. 3, 1878. Edith Fuller, b. June 3, 1880.

478 *Adeline A.*, with a sister, made a tour of Palestine and Egypt. At Cairo she met James A. S. Grant, M.D., of Aberdeen, Scotland, whom she subsequently married, Feb. 7, 1870. He was Chevalier of the Imperial Order of the Medjidich Egyptian Government Medical Service, and Resident Physician at Cairo. That city has since been their home. They have two ch., b. in Egypt. William Torrey, b. Jan. 20, 1871. Joseph Campbell, b. Aug. 19, 1873.

479 *Henry F.*, m. Nov. 23, 1869, Harriet A. Pratt, of Montclair, N. J. They resided a few years in Providence, Penn., and then removed to Richmond, Va., where they now reside. Ch. Julius Pratt, b. Feb. 8, 1871. Henry, b. Sep. 30, 1873, d. Jan. 22, 1874. James Eaton, b. July 2, 1876. Robert Grant, b. July 12, 1878. Gertrude Pratt, b. July 2, 1880.

480 *Thomas F.*, m. Feb. 17, 1869, Sophia R. Dickenson, of Scranton, Penn., and have one ch. Thomas Dickenson, b. Sep. 15, 1881. Residence, Scranton.

482 *Fanny B.*, m. Jan. 29, 1873, Andrew Thompson, of Port Jervis. They reside at Honesdale, and have ch., Augustus Porter, b. Dec. 29, 1873. Robert Torrey, b. Sep. 8, 1876, d. Oct. 8, 1877. Rebecca Fuller, b. Mch. 22, 1881.

397 *Cornelia*,⁷ Armida,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Feb. 28, 1803, m. May 21, 1828, Dea. Hugh Gelston, son of Rev. Maltby, of Sherman, b. Dec. 17, 1799. He has always been a farmer by occupation, a man held in high esteem, influential in town affairs, holding office frequently. He has been a Deacon in the Congregational Church for many years, until infirmities caused him to resign; has been one of its most earnest and faithful supporters, and a man of exemplary character and piety. He d. June 18, 1882.

CHILDREN.

Mary Eliza, b. May 27, 1829, d. Aug. 5, 1834.

483 Jane Armida, b. Nov. 9, 1830, resides with her parents.

484 Betsey, b. Mch. 25, 1833, m. Sep. 21, 1859, Ferris, s. of

Levi Leach, of Sherman. They have ch. : Mary Edith, b. Mch. 6, 1860. Levi, b. July 21, 1863, d. 1872. Maltby Gelston, b. Dec. 22, 1865. Walter Ferris, b. Mch. 17, 1868. Hannah, b. Sep. 22, 1873, d. 1874.

485 Pauline Wildman, b. Oct. 3, 1835, became the (2) w. of John O. Northrop, Sep. 27, 1870.

486 Maltby Gaylord, b. Feb. 9, 1847, is by occupation a farmer, residing on the homestead with his father, is well educated, and called often to hold important town offices and trusts; exerts a good influence in the Congregational Society and Church, of which he is a Deacon. He m. Feb. 9, 1875, Sophia Caroline, dau. of Alfred and Mary P. Giddings, a lady of estimable Christian character and a graduate of Mt. Holyoke female seminary. They have a dau., Cornelia G., b. Feb., 1879.

Rev. Maltby Gelston, father of Deacon Hugh, was s. of Hugh, and g. son of Hugh Gelston, Esq., who came from the north of Ireland, in 1715, to South Hampton, Long Island, with his bro., Rev. Samuel, and d. Dec. 8, 1775, leaving three s., Samuel, Maltby and Hugh. The latter removed to Sherman, and d. there. His s., Rev. Maltby, was b. in South Hampton, L. I., July, 1766, removed to Sherman, and became pastor of the Congregational Church there, in 1796, at a salary of £100 and a few cords of wood. The church at that time contained but twenty members. July 17, 1798, he m. the dau. of Rev. Joel Bordwell, of Kent, and was for forty-five years an active minister of that church, and for fifteen years thereafter remained at its head as senior pastor, till his decease, Dec. 16, 1856, æ. 90. His w. d. Apr. 26, 1850, æ. 77, just 53 years from the time of her husband's installment. Their ch. were, besides Dea. Hugh, Rev. Maltby, who m. Marcia Harriet, dau. of Dea. Joseph Merwin, of New Milford, and had seven ch. Two of the sons being ordained ministers. Joseph Mills, who m. Margaret Lord of Bridgeport, Conn., and Henry Wisewell, who m. Lucy Crandell, of Ann Arbor, Mich. Rev. Mills Bordwell, who was ordained to the ministry at Somerset, Mich. 1847, m. Caroline E. Fanning, 1851, and had five ch. :

Mary, b. May 3, 1812, m. Mch. 14, 1864, Samuel C. Conn, of Kent.

Betsey, who m. Hiram Fairchild, of Brookfield, Conn. Jane, who m. Dr. Daniel Northrop, of Sherman, and afterwards removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., and d. there 1872. Their dau. Charlotte, m. Nelson Northrop; they now reside in Grand Rapids.

Phebe, who m. James Addison Potter, and removed to N. Y. State, had a large family of ch. A dau. Betsey, m. Oct. 18, 1853, William S. Baldwin, of New Milford, Conn., and had three dau.

403 Daniel Noble,⁷ Solomon,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ born Sep. 7, 1807, in Poultney, Vt., and resided on a farm near that place sixty-one years. In 1876, he removed to Sterling, Ill. He was not a member, but an attendant, and always a supporter of the Congregational Church, was a man of strong religious faith, and was accustomed to hold family worship in his house. Mr. Giddings married July 16, 1829, Beulah Bronson, and lived a long, useful, and honorable life, and commanded the respect of his neighbors wherever he lived. He was generous, kind-hearted, faithful and social in domestic life, a man of close observation and sound judgment, diligent and thrifty, resolute and self-reliant, and successful to a good degree in his pursuits.

His decease took place Feb. 1, 1882, from an accident, being thrown from his carriage and hurled to the ground with great force, while driving near a railroad, the horse having taken fright from an engine. His widow survives him. They had two children.

487 Sarah Jane, b. Aug. 26, 1836, m. Jan. 1, 1857, Norman Clarke, of Rutland, Vt. They reside in Sterling and have ch.: Charles Noble, b. Jan. 18, 1858, m. Jan. 22, 1880, Grace Henry, and have ch.: Virginia Norman, b. June 17, 1881, and resides in Vail, Iowa.

487½ Soloman Parks, b. Nov. 2, 1837, is one of the firm of Clark, Bros., & Co., Jewelers, Sterling, Ill., m. abt. 1865, Emery Capen, b. July 9, 1845, and have ch.: Beulah Emery, b. Jan. 26, 1871, Capen Noble, b. Feb. 17, 1876.

404 Soloman Paine,⁷ Soloman,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Dec. 2, 1812, m. Sep. 20, 1842, Mary Elizabeth Hotchkiss, b. Mch. 5, 1818, in New Haven, Conn. He was graduated at Middlebury

College, Vt., studied theology in New Haven, and entered the ministry, but afterwards was in the service of the government at Washington, D. C., where he now resides.

CHILDREN.

488 Mary Eloise, b. Jan. 19, 1845, in Vt., m. 1869, Geo. W. Stickney, in Washington, D. C. They have a dau., æ. 9.

488½ Frances Emily, b. Nov. 30, 1847, in Stockbridge, Mass.

489 Chalmers, b. 1852, d. 9 mos. after.

489½ Leonard Bacon, b. Feb. 4, 1854, in Springfield, Vt., a promising young man, d. Aug. 12, 1872, in Washington, D. C.

407 *Augustine*,⁷ Jonathan,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Oct. 5, 1804, in Sherman, Conn., d. in Gt. Barrington, Mass., Apr. 7, 1876. In 1827, he removed to Gt. Barrington, and settled upon a large and fertile farm in North Plain District, making agriculture his calling. He at once entered upon a career of industry and thrift. His business life was marked by independence, prudence, and energy, with rigid exactness and honesty in his dealings. He was a member of the Legislature in 1841, which numbered among its names Henry Wilson, Charles Francis Adams, and George Ashman. For forty-two years he held the office of Justice of the Peace. He at one time made a voyage to England to look up the title to property that had fallen to his mother's ancestors, the Salmons, but it was found too late to obtain possession, as it had reverted to the crown.

The death of his daughter, in 1831, marked the crisis in his religious life, and he became connected with the Congregational Church. His views in theology were of the old school, and the Westminster Catechism was a standard with him in family instruction. In later years, owing to feeble health, he excluded himself from society, but during the years of his best energy he was eminently social and genial, with a ready intelligence upon all matters of the day.

He was married Sep. 6, 1826, to Olive L. Millard Raymond, dau. of Philo and Olive L. Millard, and adopted dau. of Dr. John Raymond, of Kent, Conn., who was for many years agent for the Schaghticoke Indians. She was a true lady, an earnest Christian, a kind and affectionate wife and mother. She died July 17, 1881, æ. 86.

CHILDREN.

490 Edward Jonathan, b. in Gt. Barrington, Mass., Nov. 24, 1831, studied at Union College, entered the Congregational ministry as a licentiate in 1855, and served the church in Housatonic, his native place, two years and a half; was ordained as an Evangelist Oct. 19, 1857, and served the church in Eaton, N. Y., and West Stockbridge, Mass., each four years. Has since held his residence in Housatonic, and has labored in Gill, Scituate, and Somerset, Mass., and Wolcott, Vt. He m. June 18, 1854, Rebecca Jane, only dau. of Revilo and Caroline Esther Fuller, of Sherman, Conn., a lady of piety and Christian virtue, born Nov. 4, 1831; she is a sister of Oliver Franklin Fuller, wholesale druggist, Chicago, and cousin of Hon. Henry M. Fuller, for two terms a member of Congress from Penn. Their children are,

491 Franklin Henry, b. in Sherman, Conn., Mar. 23, 1855, studied at Union College and entered the business of journalism. In 1876, became assistant editor of the *Winsted Herald*, which position he filled two years. He then entered upon editorial service on the *Springfield Republican*, remaining there but a short time on account of ill health. He afterwards accepted a position on the *Berkshire Courier* and the *Paper World*, which he still occupies. He m. Nov. 8, 1876, Lizzie P., dau. of Starr S. Hawes, of Housatonic, and they have one son, Henry Starr, b. in Gt. Barrington, Mass., Nov. 10, 1879.

492 Edward Fuller, b. in Eaton, N. Y., May 1, 1859, now an attorney at law, at Ann Arbor, Mich., m. Sep. 16, 1879, Nellie B. Wood, of Housatonic, Mass. An infant son, b. at Eaton, N. Y., Sep. 16, 1861, d. Sep. 21, 1861.

493 Carrie Lydia, b. in West Stockbridge, Mass., Dec 2, 1862, now pursuing studies at Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary.

494 Charles, b. in Gt. Barrington, Mass., May 10, 1867.

495 Augustine Henry, 2d s. of Augustine, b. Nov. 19, 1834, in Gt. Barrington, received a collegiate education, studied the profession of law, and settled in Newago, Mich., where he became very popular. He was endowed with a high order of intellect, and possessed great natural abilities. He was elected Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit of Michigan in 1869, re-elected in 1875, and died suddenly in Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 10, 1876.

500 Theodore, 3d s. of Augustine, b. Dec. 5, 1837, studied medicine, was graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, N. Y., and is in the successful practice of his profession, in Gt. Barrington, residing in the village of Housatonic. He m. Mch. 18, 1868, Emily, dau. of Dr. Ogden, of N. J., and had ch.: Elizabeth Wilson, b. Feb. 1869. Mary Olive, b. June, 1871. William Wilson, b. Mch., 1874.

501 William, youngest s. of Augustine, b. June 26, 1839, graduated at Williams College and Union Theological Seminary, labored as a Home Missionary at the West for several years, returned to reside with his mother, on the homestead, till her decease; is u. m.

416 *Jonathan Chauncey*,⁷ Jonathan,⁵ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Oct. 5, 1822, in Sherman, Conn., followed farming in youth, entered general mercantile business at Gaylordsville quite young. In April, 1848, he removed to Palmyra, Portage Co., Ohio, followed farming there eleven years, was salesman two years in the wholesale dry goods house of Auspaugh, Reed & Co., Philadelphia, Penn.; was in the Union army two years. He removed to St. Louis, Michigan, in 1866, one of the pioneers to that place, there being at that time but 75 inhabitants, at the present time (1882) there are 3,000. He established a real estate and collection business there, in 1868, in which he is still successfully engaged. Mr. Giddings has held the office of Supervisor of the township of Bethany, Gratiot Co., seven years, and justice of the peace eight years. He married Jan. 29, 1846, Mary E. Conn of Kent, Conn., born Aug. 31, 1822. She has a brother, S. C. Conn, residing at Kent.

CHILDREN.

502 Charles W., b. Feb. 9, 1847, m. Nov. 26, 1871, Lovila Higbee, b. Sep. 14, 1852, and is a prominent lawyer in St. Louis.

503 Hiram Baldwin, b. July 1, 1850, m. June 23, 1880, Gertrude Showers, b. Aug. 13, 1862; and is a general goods merchant, in St. Louis. They have a son, Orin, b. June 29, 1881.

504 Clarence, b. July 3, 1854, attends to the farm.

433 *Dorcas*,⁷ Samuel,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. May 13, 1814, in Sherman, Conn., a lady of pleasing disposition and exemplary Christian principle, m. Oct 18, 1842, Harvey Hart Bidwell Turner, of Gt. Barrington, Mass., b. May 24, 1813. They resided many years on a farm in the North Plain District, Housatonic, where Mr. Turner was an energetic, enterprising farmer, and became an extensive landholder. He, several years since, removed to the village of Housatonic, is a man of much influence in town affairs and does much for the support of the Congregational Church and Society; is frequently called to hold responsible positions in the town, and is a director in the Savings Bank. He has received the votes of his party as rep. to the Legislature, but was defeated on account of his strong temperance principles. He is the eighth in lineal descent from Capt. Nathaniel Turner who came from England with Gov. Winthrop in 1630, landed at Salem, Mass., lived in Lynn till 1638, when he removed to New Haven, Conn. with Gov. Eaton, Rev. Mr. Davenport, and others, where he was a magistrate, and Captain of Militia. He purchased the town of Stamford, Conn., of the Indians for the New Haven colony about 1641. He brought with him his wife and four ch., two others were born in New Haven; he sailed for England in Jan., 1847, and was lost at sea.

A descendant of Capt. Nathaniel was Capt. Jabez Turner, of New Haven, an officer in the Revolutionary War. The latter left a sword with the date 1666 stamped on it, now in possession of his grandson, Harvey H. B. Turner, who has also a powder-horn on which Capt. Turner carved with his own hands his name and many curious pictures. They have two ch.

505 Anna Rebecca, b. Mch. 5, 1846, resides with her parents; is a valuable member of the Church and Society, and held in high esteem.

506 Noble B., b. Nov. 5, 1848, m. Oct. 13, 1875, Emma J. Abbey of Gt. Barrington. He is an enterprising business man, owns and resides on a fine farm which was his father's, deals extensively in wood and real estate, and has added to the farm till he is one of the most extensive landholders in that region. He is active and influential in the community, and in the Congregational Church in which he

is a deacon. Their ch. are Jennie Dorcas, b. Dec. 29, 1876; Frederick Harvey, b. May 1, 1878; Laura Giddings, b. Mch. 22, 1880.

435 Alfred,⁷ Samuel,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Mch. 5, 1818, d. Nov. 19, 1878, was slender of constitution in youth, but became more robust in mature years, obtained a good common education, and taught school some in Ohio. He purchased a farm of his father called the "Hoag Place" on the borders of N. Y. state, built a house and resided there till 1865, when he purchased the homestead of his half-bro., Minot S., which he repaired and made attractive, occupying it till his death. In manner he was somewhat reserved, was scrupulously upright and honorable in his dealings, and benevolent toward worthy objects. He was an influential member of society, and of the Congregational Church, to which he belonged. He m. Nov., 1843, Mary E., dau. of Clark and Sophia (Giddings) Pickett, b. July 23, 1822, a lady of great energy and Christian character, and a wise counselor and friend. They had two ch.

507 George Clark, b. May 5, 1847. He resembles his father somewhat in personal appearance, and in constitution. Is a deacon in the Congl. Church, and exerts a good influence. He m. Nov. 6, 1847, Augusta Gibbs Briggs, adopted dau. of Calvin and Lois Briggs, of Sherman. They reside on the homestead. A dau., Eliza Goodwin, was b. Aug. 19, 1878, d. Sep. 29, 1879.

508 Sophia Caroline, b. June 2, 1849, m. Feb. 9, 1875, Maltby G., s. of Dea. Hugh and grand s. of Rev. Maltby Gelston, who was for nearly sixty years Pastor of the Congl. Church. +

436 William Henry,⁷ Samuel,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. in Sherman, July 21, 1820, d. Mch. 27, 1865. He was a sagacious, enterprising man, by occupation a farmer, and influential in town affairs; was a lieutenant in the militia company; was active in the Congl. Church of which he was a member, and was frequently placed on society committees. In early manhood he received a kick on the head from a horse, which endangered his life for many weeks, and from which he never wholly recovered. He m. June 11, 1851, Flora E., dau. of Levi Leach of "Leach Hollow," who d. Sep. 29, 1864, æ. 37.

CHILDREN.

509 Edith A., b. 1853, d. Sep. 6, 1864.

510 Hannah Adella, b. 1855, d. Oct. 22, 1870.

511 Laura Elizabeth, b. Feb. 23, 1860, d. Sep. 4, 1881.

438 *Caroline*,⁷ Samuel,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Joseph,⁴ b. Jan. 22, 1825, a kind-hearted Christian lady. She m. Oct. 18, 1849, David N., s. of John R. and Aurelia (St. John) Fuller, b. in Kent, May 24, 1823. He received a good education, and studied surveying, which occupation, together with farming, he followed. He also taught school many seasons. In 1870, he disposed of his farm, in Kent, and removed to a fertile farm he had purchased about one mile north of Gt. Barrington Village, Mass.

He is very social in disposition, thoroughly upright and conscientious in his dealings, and much esteemed. He is a deacon in the Congl. Church at Gt. Barrington, Mass.*

CHILDREN.

512 Lydia Aurelia, or Lillie, b. Nov. 15, 1851, received a good education, and has taught school several years. She is independent in character, and possesses a desire to obtain a knowledge of the world, and has twice made the trip to Colorado, where she engaged in teaching.

513 George Samuel, b. Jan. 13, 1858, is an enterprising merchant, representing his late uncle John R. Fuller's interest in the store of Fuller & Peet, Canaan, Conn.

514 Robert Torrey, b. Apr. 24, 1859, is assistant book-keeper in the office of the Barnum Richardson Co., East Canaan, and a young man of sterling worth and religious principle.

* Mr. Fuller has in his possession a case of surgical instruments used by his gt. g. father, Dr. Oliver Fuller, who was a surgeon in the Revolutionary War.

JOHN GIDDINGS, OF LYME, CONN., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

61 John,⁴ Thomas,³ John,² George,¹ b. in Gloucester, Mass., removed to Lyme, Conn., with his father, and thence to Glastonbury, Conn. An old manuscript states that John Giddings, of Lyme, settled in Middletown, Conn. In 1758, according to the Lyme records, he deeds to Cyrus Lee a tract of land for £300.

He m. Sep. 27, 1737, Susannah Tozer, and had two ch., b. in Lyme. John, b. Sep. 9, 1748, and Louisa, b. July 28, 1743. Our knowledge of John is limited, but it is supposed the son

515 John is the one who settled at Middle Haddam; m. Mercy Harris, of that place; removed to New Durham, N. Y., in 1782, and died at the age of 54. His w. d., æ. 82. They had ch. b. in Haddam, Harris, John, and Lucy, and three more b. in New Durham, N. Y., Benjamin, Dennis, and Alfred.

516 Rev. Harris, removed, at the age of 14—it is said (about 1782)—with his father to New Durham, N. Y., and was a local preacher and farmer for more than fifty years. In 1836 he removed to Kent, Stephenson Co., Ill., where he died, æ. 72.

He m. Mercy, dau. of Thomas Smith, of Middle Haddam, Conn., who d. six years after her husband, æ. 72.

They had nine children, Calvin, Alfred H., Jabez, Smith, Sanford, Clarissa, Nancy, Patty, and Polly.

517 Calvin, b. m. removed from New Durham, N. Y., to Ashtabula, O., in 1818, thence after eight years, to Portland, O., and died, æ. 76, in Va., whither he had gone on business. He had ten ch., nine boys, one girl.

518 William F. is the only one whose history is known to the writer. +

519 Alfred H., b. Sep. 23, 1812, in N. Y., m. Mch. 27, 1834, Fanny Vanorden, in Windham, N. Y., removed to Ill., 1818, thence to Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1862, where he d. His w. resides at Firth, Neb. He had ten ch., four boys, and six girls. They were:

Francis, b. Mch. 11, 1835, m. 1853, Leonard Baber, and had ten ch. They reside in Greenfield, Dacota.

Howland M., b. Mch. 14, 1837, m. Oct. 15, 1865, had four ch. One deceased.

Wallace R., b. Nov. 18, 1840, m. Oct. 16, 1861, d. in the army, Aug. 29, 1864. One dau., Eloise, resides in Firth, Neb.

Clarissa, b. Feb. 13, 1843, m. William McCammans, and d. Feb. 13, 1875. They had five ch. He resides in Loran, Ill.

William, b. Jan. 25, 1845, m. Dec., 1864. Had three ch. Resides at Wesley, Iowa.

Nancy, b. Aug. 7, 1848, m. Jan. 1, 1866, Jacob Gable, and resides at Firth, Neb., and had three ch.

Pattie, b. Mch. 12, 1851.

Pollie, b. July 2, 1853, m. 1874, D. A. Stocking. Had three ch. Resides at Bennett, Neb.

Vanorden, b. Jan. 22, 1856, m. Sep., 1879, and had one ch. They reside at Corning, Iowa.

Fanny A., b. Dec. 19, 1858, d. Sep. 15, 1864.

Maggie, m. W. W. Patterson, and resides at Corning, Iowa. Had four ch. One died.

520 Jabez, removed to Ill. in 1835, m. 1837, Eliza Gardiner, resides in Loran, and is 72 yrs. old. in 1882. Had eight ch.

Elizabeth, b. May 20, 1838, m. Charles McMany.

Luther, b. Apr. 8, 1840, m. Anna Renner, and has two sons.

Irene, b. Mch. 15, 1843, m. John C. Cowles, has two ch.

Samanthy, b. May 11, 1846.

Permelia, b. Feb. 7, 1848, d. Apr. 3, 1865.

Metha, b. Aug. 25, 1853.

Calvin, b. Feb. 4, 1858, m. Hattie Bland.

Alice, b. Nov. 16, 1861, d. Nov., 1864.

521 Smith, b. in Durham, N. Y., May 15, 1815, removed to Ill., traveling all the way from Ohio by wagon, reaching Stephenso Co., Jan. 1, 1836, where he died March 15, 1876. He m. in Durham, N. Y., Mar. 15, 1835, Susan Stillwill, who d. May 10, 1857. They had ten ch. Five dau. d. in infancy.

Smith, b. 1846, m. 1870, and met with a violent death, Jan. 29, 1871, by accidentally shooting himself. He left a son, Smith, b. Jan. 15, 1871.

Eliza J., b. Aug. 12, 1842, m. May 15, 1864, Jacob Kerch, b. May 9, 1841, in Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country when three years of age. They have seven ch. They reside at Loran, Ill. One son received a premium at the Ill. State Fair for expertness in solving arithmetical problems at the age of 12 yrs.

Susan, b. Aug. 16, 1844, m. 1869, Thomas Mendenhall, and resides in Ida Co., Iowa. They have five dau.

Julia A., b. 1848, m. Jan. 8, 1871, Horace Cheny. They reside in Mills Co., Iowa, and have three ch.

Urania, b. Feb. 22, 1850, m. Sep. 2, 1874, Elihu Cheny. They reside in Mills Co., Iowa, and have one dau.

522 Sanford J. Giddings, b. in Schoharie, N. Y., 1818, removed to Ill. 1836, and resides in Shannon. He m. Permelia Sheets, b. in Bucks Co., Penn., 1824.

CHILDREN.

523 *Calvin*, b. 1842, in Stephenson Co., Ill., m. in 1872, at Ames, Story Co., Iowa, his present residence.

524 *Charles S.*, b. 1844, in Ill., m. 1864, and resides at Ames, Ia.

524½ *Kate*, b. 1847, m. 1868, and resides in Floyd Co., Ia.

525 *Almira*, b. 1849, m. 1870, and resides at Shannon, Ill.

525½ *George H.*, b. 1851, in Stephenson Co., Ill., m. 1876, at Ames, Ia., and resides at Shannon, Ill.

526 *Volney*, b. 1854, in Stephenson Co., Ill.

526½ *Della*, b. in 1861, in Carroll Co., Ill., m. 1879, and resides in Floyd Co., Iowa.

527 Clarissa, m. Peter Fuller, and settled 1818 in Ashtabula, O., d., æ. 44, had six ch.

528 Nancy, m. Gilbert Stranard, and had eight ch., d., æ. 77.

529 Patty, m. Gilbert Osborne, and removed to Huron Co., Ohio, with four ch., three s. and one dau., in 1830, thence in 1838 to Stapleton Co., Ill.

530 Polly, m. Thomas Carter and removed to Ill., 1838; had four dau. and one s., d. 1879. Of her ch., Nancy J. Celia, m. and had two ch., and Mary Vanepps m. and has five ch.

530½ Benjamin Giddings, s. of John⁵, b. at New Durham, d. at Catskill, N. Y., æ. 54.

531 Alfred, son of John⁵, b. at New Durham, d. in N. J., æ. 25.

532 John, son of John⁵, d. in Penn., æ. 65, had five ch.

518 William F.,⁸ Calvin,⁷ Harris,⁶ John⁵, John,⁴ b. Oct 5, 1824, in Ashtabula Co., O. He obtained such educational advantages as that wild county then afforded, studied, and was admitted to the practice of the law at the Ohio bar in 1848 (says a Richmond, Va., paper), and three years later, on motion of Hon. Salmon P. Chase, admitted at Columbus, O., to practice in the

United States Courts. An original free-soiler, and one of the organizers of that party, he was, during the campaign of 1848, connected with the Cleveland press, and zealously advocated the doctrines of Free Soil. He continued the practice of law in Ohio and Ill. for a number of years, and in 1864 became the Secretary of the Cincinnati and Dayton Eastern Railroad, and while thus engaged conceived the scheme of a railway connection between the mouth of the Kanawah and the James. In furtherance of this scheme he visited Virginia in 1867, and settling at Newport News became interested in large purchases of land at that point and also at Spring Hill, Chesterfield Co., in which latter property, so well known for its fine water power and granite quarries, he is still interested.

He was during the reconstruction era appointed by the military authorities Commonwealth Attorney for the counties of Elizabeth City, Matthews, Gloucester and Middlesex, discharging the duties, according to the testimony of even his political opponents, efficiently and faithfully until the adoption of the new constitution, when he resigned his position. In 1872 he purchased the Grove Farm adjoining the Spring Hill property in Chesterfield, and makes that his residence. In 1874 he was elected Commonwealth Attorney, but was refused the place on technical grounds, and in the same fall was elected to the House, where he served during the sessions of 1874-75 and 1876. A pronounced Republican, he took an active part in the councils of the party, and in 1879 allied himself to the Readjusters, being a delegate to the presidential convention of July, 1880, and the state convention of June, 1881. In November, 1881, he was elected to the House of Delegates, and takes a prominent part in its deliberations. He is an experienced lawyer, a ready speaker and familiar with parliamentary rules.

He is a member of the committee on courts of justice, officers and offices at the capitol, banks, currency and commerce.

JOSHUA GIDDINGS, OF HARTLAND, CONN., AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

62 Joshua,⁴ Thomas,³ John,² George,¹ b. 1719, d. Feb. 4, 1807. He probably removed from Lyme, Conn., and settled in Hartland, about one year subsequently to his brother Thomas. The last deed found on the Lyme records concerning him is to Ensign Jasper in 1755, consideration £1,500. The following is also recorded June 5, 1746: "Joshua Giddings' ear-mark, for all sorts of creatures, is a swallow-tail in the left, or a cross on right ear, with a half-penny on each side of same." It is said that he went to Hartland quite a young man, and put up a log-house in the southwestern part of the town, sleeping meanwhile on a bed of leaves. The foundation of the house and a chimney still remain, and a large tree is growing in the cellar. The records show that he was for many years one of the leading men of the town, holding office nearly every year. He was admitted to the Congregational church Feb. 5, 1769. He m. Jane Reed, who d. Apr. 11, 1803, æ. 79.

CHILDREN.

- 533 Elisha, m. Apr. 22, 1776, Susannah Perkins, who d. Feb. 7, 1777, æ. 24. He d. the same year, æ. 31.
- 534 Benjamin, b. 1753, m. Affiah Holcomb. †
- 535 John, b. Nov. 9, 1754, m. Achsa Palmer. †
- 536 Joshua, b. 1756, m. (1) Submit Jones; (2) Elizabeth Pease. †
- 537 Sarah, m. Feb. 18, 1784, Angus McLoud, and had a s. Anson, who m. Aug. 31, 1809, Clarissa Beeman, of Hartland, and had ch. Anson, Abigail, Sarah, Jane, William, and Antoinette.
- 538 Deborah, m. Oct. 27, 1768, Jedediah Bushnell, of Hartland.
- 539 Jane, d. Mch. 11, 1777, æ. 15.
- 540 Niles, b. 1760, m. Naomi Hale. †
- 541 Chloe, m. Sept. 26, 1789, Moses Brockway, of Hartland.
- 542 Ruth, m. Nov. 18, 1770, Jonathan Couch, of Simsbury; in Oct., 1775, she was a widow with three ch., viz: Jonathan, Ruth, and Delilah.

534 Benjamin,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. 1753, at Lyme, Conn., d. in Hartland 1830, where he had removed with his father in infancy. He m. Afiah Holcomb, who d. 1830, æ. 77. He was a prominent man in town affairs; was a soldier in the Revolution during the extreme cold winter of 1780-81. In June, 1781, at a town meeting, he was appointed a "committee to hire all the soldiers for the army, and bring on the men that counted for the town of Hartland, and had not joined." Neither Mr. Giddings nor his wife were members of any church, but were respected for their industry, intelligence, and strict morality. They were careful to train their children to fear God, honor their parents, and found pleasure in promoting the welfare of others.

CHILDREN.

- 543 Almon, m. Lota Miller, and settled in Mich.
- 544 Salmon, b. Mch. 2, 1782, m. Almira Collins. +
- 545 Zeruiah, b. 1784, m. Aug. 31, 1807, Jonathan Tuttle, of Barkhamsted, Conn. In 1810 they removed to Ohio, purchased one hundred acres of land in Williamsfield, and settled there. She d. May 3, 1871. Mr. Tuttle was a Justice of the Peace twenty-one years, County Commissioner twelve years, Rep. in Legislature one year, and d. June, 1864.
- 546 Julia, b. 1791, m. Ezra Mack. +
- 547 Lorrain, m. Desdemona Cowdry. +
- 548 Harriet, b. 1795, m. William H. Tisdale, and d. Dec. 10, 1831, leaving a son.
- 549 Benjamin, b. Jan. 12, 1801, m. Amoret Bushnell. +
- 550 Affie, m. May 30, 1820, Dr. Josiah Banning. She died Sep. 28, 1832, æ. 34. He m. (2) Edith Cowdry, and d. 1848. Ch. all deceased.
- 551 Lowly.
- 552 Harriet, m. Mr. Tisdale.

535 John,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. Nov. 9, 1754, d. Mch. 2, 1834. He was the first male child born in the town of Hartland. He served through the Revolutionary war as captain; was at the battle of Bunker Hill and at Valley Forge, and had to eat horses that were killed in battle to keep from starving.

CHILDREN.

- 553 Jerusha, b. 1788, d. July 16, 1868. She m. Sep. 14, 1809, Titus Rowe, of Barkhamsted, who d. Mch. 16, 1813. They had ch.

John A., b. May, 1810, m. 1832, Anna Beeman, and d. 1875, leaving a dau., Julia Ann, who m. Charles Coe, of Hartland. He d. 1876. Julia A. and her mother reside in Cheshire, Conn.

Titus, d. June 26, 1879, æ. 66.

554 Orris, b. Apr. 26, 1791, m. Deborah Stebbins. +

555 Amanda, b. 1798, m. Charles Kellogg. They moved to Gustavus, O., about 1835, and had a large family of ch.

536 *Joshua*,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. Nov. 9, 1756, d. in Ashtabula Co., O., Oct. 21, 1833. He went from Lyme to Hartland, Conn., with his father while an infant, and emigrated to Athens, Pa., thence to Canandaigua, N. Y., and thence to Ashtabula Co., O., and was among the first emigrants to that region; settled in Williamsfield, 1812, and there remained during life. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and was with Arnold on Lake Champlain. He m. (1) Oct. 28, 1779, Submit Jones, of Barkhamsted, who d. Dec. 29, 1785; m. (2) Elizabeth Pease,* of Enfield, Conn. The latter was b. May 29, 1756, d. Sep. 24, 1827.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

556 Elisha, b. 1780, m. Philothea Fish. +

557 Clarke, m. Feb. 26, 1807, Susanna Perkins, of Barkhamsted, Conn. They removed to Ohio in 1810, and settled in Kinsman, Trumbull Co., where he remained till 1834, when he sold his farm, and removed to Ill., where he was persecuted by the Mormons. His w. d. in Kinsman. He m. second wife.

558 Jane, m. 1808 James Foster, and d., leaving five sons, Myron, Linus, Erastus, ———, ———.

CHILDREN BY SECOND WIFE.

559 Joseph Warren, b. 1789, died in Ohio, m. Esther Ives, of Barkhamsted, Conn., b. Oct. 30, 1784, d. Oct. 28, 1869. Children,

560 *Julia*, b. Sep. 23, 1818, m. Dec. 26, 1842, Horace Linsley, s. of Abraham and Mary Bidwell Linsley, of Litchfield, Conn.

561 *Esther*, b. Nov. 20, 1819, m. 1848, Andrew Woodworth.

562 *Sarah*, b. 1821, m. 1849 Levi W. ———, b. 1825; is a lawyer, and resides in California.

563 Aranda P., b. Nov. 30, 1792, m. Sarah Ives. +

*Governor Pease, of Texas, is a descendant of the same family as Elizabeth.

564 Submit, m. Nathaniel Coleman.

565 Joshua Reed, b. Oct. 6, 1795, m. Laura Waters. +

540 ~~Wiles~~,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. in Hartland, Conn., 1760, d. in Warsaw, N. Y., 1842. He m. 1788, Naomi Hale, who d. 1823.

CHILDREN.

566 Linus, b. Mch. 27, 1789, in Conn., d. June 17, 1871. He m. Aug. 27, 1818, Electa Parsons, who still resides at Venango, Penn. They had ch. *Joseph Cornelius*, b. July 2, 1822, in Bloomfield, Conn., resides in Venango, m. July 4, 1849, Maria S. Mead, dau. of Martin Mead, of Franklinville, N. Y., and had two ch. Linus Romeyn, b. at Franklinville, June 27, 1851, and Frank Clelland, b. Oct. 6, 1852. *L. Romeyn*, resides in Chicago. Real estate and loan agent. He m. June 23, 1880, Elizabeth O., only ch. of Thos. Lyman, of Downers Grove, Ill. *Frank C.*, resides at Wahpeton, Dakota Ter. Is a dealer in hardware and agricultural implements. *Samuel Stiles*, b. Oct. 30, 1824, in Barkhamsted, Conn., resides at Silver Hill, Maryland. *Theodore Dwight*, b. Mch. 7, 1828, in Bloomfield, Conn., resides in Orange City, Fla. He m. twice (2) Nov. 11, 1858, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, by Rev. James Harlan, U. S. Senator, to Mrs. Dorothea O. Barton, and had ch., Florence, b. Oct. 21, 1859, d. by drowning at Chicopee Falls, Wis., Mch. 25, 1870; Lillian, b. Jan. 9, 1862; d. Sep. 29, 1862; Lillian, b. Oct. 19, 1863; Violetta, b. Jan. 27, 1867; Jennie, b. Oct. 28, 1869. *Julius Niles*, b. May 31, 1830, in Bloomfield, Conn., m. Dec. 25, 1865, Jennie C. Baber, in Rumsey, Ky., and d. Apr. 25, 1866. He was a Colonel in the Confederate Army, forced into the service by the South.

567 Lester, b. June 28, 1792, m. Experience Miller. +

568 Lydia, b. Nov. 2, 1794, m. David Myres, of Cherry Creek, N. Y., and have ch., Adaline, Naomi, Rachel, Lydia, David, Oliver, and John.

569 Betsey, b. Feb. 24, 1797, m. Thomas Scott and settled in Leroy, Ill., and had ch.

570 Hiram, b. July 21, 1799, m. Ethena Holmes, removed to Highland, Mich., and had five ch.

571 Phebe, b. July 1, 1801, m. Chauncey Rice, removed to Mich., had eight ch. Egbert, resides in Danville, Mich., John D. is proprietor of Rice's Hotel, Detroit, Mich.

572 Celinda, b. Sep. 10, 1803, m. Abraham Hollister, and had Phebe

- and Asenath. Mr. Hollister d. and she m. (2) his brother, David Hollister, by whom she had ch. They reside in Chenango, Penn.
- 573 Rachel, b. Oct. 30, 1806, m. June 22, 1831, David Botsford, and resides in Warsaw, New York. He d. Sep. 28, 1878. Their children were: *Niles Giddings*, b. Oct. 23, 1832, d. Aug. 30, 1834. *Samuel*, b. Aug. 30, 1834, d. Sep. 14, 1834. *Phebe J.*, b. Mch. 1, 1836, d. Mar. 19, 1838. *Sarah J.*, b. at Victory, N. Y., June 26, 1838, m. July 6, 1863, Julien J. Clemens, of Buffalo, N. Y., who d. Nov. 5, 1867, æ. 35. *George Washington*, b. at Warsaw, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1842, m. Nov. 15, 1877, Villa Adams, of West Chenango, Penn.
- 574 John, b. July 14, 1809, m. Sep. 20, 1836, Dorcas M. Wilcox, and d. at Macomb, Mich., May 21, 1847; ch.: Levi, b. Oct. 8, 1838, m. Aug. 13, 1863, Mary A. Bentley, resides in Shelby, Mich. They had five ch., three of whom, viz., Ulysses, b. Feb. 25, 1863, Minnie, b. Oct. 24, 1864, and Miller, b. Jan. 13, 1868, were killed by a cyclone, at Galesburgh, Kansas, June, 1873. John, b. Dec. 30, 1872, resides in Shelby, Mich. Augusta, b. Dec. 17, 1874.
- Theodore M., s. of John, b. Aug. 16, 1841, m. Sep. 8, 1870, Arabella Sutton, and resides in St. Louis, Mich., and had ch., Aurelia, b. May 26, 1871, d. 1878; Delia J., b. June 12, 1873, d. 1878.
- 575 Jane Elmira, b. Sep. 20, 1812, d. Aug. 30, 1815.

544 Salmon,⁶ Benjamin,⁵ Joshua.⁴

The following account of him is condensed from the "New Englander" for July, 1874:

But the man whom God was preparing to be the apostle to Missouri and Illinois was yet in the East—Salmon Giddings. Born at Hartland, Conn., March 2d, 1782, received to the Congregational Church in 1807, and educated at Williams and Andover, where he imbibed the freshened missionary spirit of the time. He had for several years thought of the foreign field, but having read with deep interest the report of Mills and Schermerhorn, and Mills and Smith, he decided to devote himself to the work of Missions in the region of St. Louis, Mo. He left Hartford at once to make his winter journey of twelve hundred miles, on horseback, through the wilderness, to arrive at St. Louis April

6, 1816, preaching along the way.* He slept in the cabins of the settlers, partook of their plain fare, prayed with their families, and talked with their children as they gathered around him to listen. Mr. Giddings on arriving at St. Louis dismounted from his horse, walked lonely from house to house, to find a resting-place, and took up quarters at a small hotel. Taking up a St. Louis paper, the first article that met his eye was headed "Caution," and was a warning to the people of the city against a man who had been commissioned to visit them from New England, as a political manœuvre of the Hartford Convention. He found there no Protestant organization, or house of worship, or minister. Of the American citizens, the only man whom he found of Church affinity was the old settler, Stephen Hempstead, whose residence was five miles out of town. He immediately set up service, preached four or five times, and then went out on an exploring tour, leaving his appointment in charge of Rev. Timothy Flint, whom the Connecticut Society had just transferred from South Bend, Ohio, where his preaching-place had been the house of Gen. Harrison. Of that first tour the 18th Report of the Connecticut Society says: "By letters from Mr. Giddings it appeared that he had performed the various duties of a Missionary at St. Louis and a large number of settlements in those parts. The people where he traveled were generally disposed to attend on religious instruction and some would go ten miles to hear a sermon. After occasional preaching for three months he organized a Church with thirty members, ordained elders, administered sacraments, preached to large assemblies in the open air, and was cheered by indications of a revival." By looking over his journal for a couple of months it was found that he had ridden

* William Giddings, of Cleveland, O., now aged, writes: "Rev. Salmon Giddings was here, on his way to St. Louis, Mo., in the winter of 1816, and preached in a log cabin of Mr. Ford, a Connecticut man. The log cabins were deserted on that Sabbath day and evening; people went on foot, on horseback, and on ox-sleds to hear the man that was destined to rescue the country from the grasp of Popery, and convert it to Protestantism. He was acquainted with most of the settlers at that time living in Wayne, and went into the schools, taught by Joshua R. Giddings and Lynde Jones, and picked out the children of his old neighbors from Connecticut, making but few mistakes. The old settlers call Rev. Salmon Giddings the Father of Protestantism West of the Mississippi river."

seven hundred miles, organized a Church, preached in twenty places, baptized thirteen children, visited and prayed with many families, and prepared the way for other Churches. Preaching over the Sabbath in St. Louis to full audiences, and administering the Lord's Supper without a Church organization, he sallies forth again for a tour of a month in which he preaches twenty times and rides four hundred miles. Mr. Giddings, though he had better congregations in the country, soon perceived the importance of concentrating his work upon the city as the metropolis for the two territories. Seeing the need of a school he purchases a house and lot for \$1,080, and in December of that first year opens a school which is used for a place of meeting till a church edifice is built, nearly eight years later. It was not till Nov. 1817, a year and a half after his arrival, that he is able to organize a church of nine members, of whom the only two male members are made elders, and five are of the Hempstead family. This was the first Protestant organization of the place. The process of securing a house of worship was one of great toil and trial. In Jan., 1819, he called a meeting of citizens to devise ways and means to erect a Protestant church. Thomas H. Benton was clerk. The minister was made an actuary to raise money and to plan and build the house. For six weary years he was the life and soul of the effort. In 1820 he went to attend the General Assembly at Philadelphia to solicit funds in New England. He was sent as a delegate to the General Associations of Massachusetts and Connecticut. From Hartford he wrote back: "I have not collected any money and I think it will not be expedient to attempt it. There is considerable prejudice existing on account of slavery, and there is a general impression that the people are able to build meeting-houses for themselves. It would be necessary for me to state that the people are very poor and fully as degraded as the heathen in order to succeed in making collections. As I could not and would not do this, I found it useless to attempt to collect funds."

In the Spring of 1824 he ventured east again, but a six months' tour brought little aid, though he received a donation of \$25 from the President, John Quincy Adams. In June, 1825, the house, which in brick had cost \$8,000, was dedicated, at once to be filled with attentive audiences. One year and a half after

the dedication he was installed, and a month after the installation he was married at Collinsville, Illinois, to Almira Collins, a sister of the founder of the place, whose going west from Litchfield, Conn., Dr. Lyman Beecher had pronounced "a wild-goose chase." She was born in Litchfield Co., Conn., July 13, 1790, died in Quincy, Ill., May 10, 1872. Mrs. Giddings was a woman whose devoted piety and superior qualities were well fitted to the position to which she was called.

The reports of the Connecticut Missionary Society from time to time extol Mr. Giddings for his travels, and his labors in establishing churches and preaching to the people. In Illinois he organized the first eight Presbyterian churches of the State. In each succeeding annual report of the Connecticut Society, mention is made of Mr. Giddings and his work. In the 29th report, in 1828, it is stated that the Society over which he is pastor in St. Louis requires all his time, and he has resigned his commission. Seventeen churches had been formed by missionaries. They contained more than four hundred communicants at that time and have most of them been gathered into the church by the exertions of the Missionary Society of Connecticut.

In 1822, in company with Major O'Fallen, Mr. Giddings made a tour out to the Indians at and beyond Council Bluffs, to see if they did not wish to have schools among them. The journal of that trip reports marvelous traveling. Thus: "At the Green River made a raft and swam our horses over, and at the west branch of the same river made another raft, ferried baggage and swam the horses, crossing a slough forty yards wide and twelve feet deep. Major O'Fallen lost John, the black man. In next two days traveled sixty miles, swam three streams, and encountered thunder-storms. On the next rode thirty miles, swam two streams, fell into one, and had a thunder-storm. On the next swam two creeks, cut trees, and carried over baggage. On next, no rain, but mired the horse and got covered with mud. On the next a thunder-storm all day, with wind and hail, earth inundated; on prairie, twenty-five miles from timber, for camping; very cold; never suffered so much; made 237 miles from Grand River to Council Bluff in ten days."

Arriving, he visited many different tribes. He made suggestions in regard to the Indians, advising that government should

make them presents and pay them annuities, not in clothing and money, but in agricultural tools and domestic animals, thus encouraging civilization. He would have the traders located at given places, and forbidden by law to roam among the tribes.

To Mr. Giddings, the Bishop of that region, missionaries sent from the east were directed for counsel as to location. Timothy Flint was transferred from Ohio to Missouri. He was a native of Salem, Mass.; had been a minister there. In May, 1817, came John Matthews from Pennsylvania. In November, from North Carolina, came Thomas Donnell. That same fall these four men, with their four churches, were organized by the Synod of Tennessee into the Missouri Presbytery, with Missouri and most of Illinois for its territory. Its first work was to install Mr. Donnell at Bellevue, where Mr. Giddings preached the sermon, which was printed, being the second discourse that had been put into type west of the Mississippi, the first having been that of Mr. Giddings upon the death of Hon. Edward Hempstead, the elder's son, who was the first representative of the Missouri Territory in Congress.

The idea was conceived of starting a Christian seminary in that region. They traveled and lectured and consulted leading men in that State. In order to obtain the indorsement of a body of men whose reputation for wisdom, piety, and learning would secure for it a greater degree of confidence, both at home and abroad, they laid the matter before the Missouri Presbytery, and a committee was appointed, consisting of John M. Ellis, Salmon Giddings, Hiram Chamberlain, and Thomas Lippincott. Before the meeting of the Presbytery in the spring, President Sturtevant said: "The committee, in common with the whole west, was called to mourn the early death of Rev. Salmon Giddings, of whom it was said, 'The pure-minded, far-sighted Giddings, in whom whatever things are lovely and of good report, whatsoever tended to promote the welfare of men and the glory of God, found an advocate and a friend.'"

Mr. Giddings took the lead in developing the wilderness into a fruitful field, to invite the planting of the Christian College and its cognate institutions. After his marriage he had only fourteen months more of work; but that last year was one of great activity. He worked like a man who had realized that his

harvest had come. Though feeble and in bad health, he could not be persuaded to remit his toil till his physician remanded him to his bed. On the 1st of February, 1828, he closed his earthly career. A short time before, as he was returning from a funeral, some youngsters came running their horses by him, which caused his own to throw him off and bruise him severely. He had only recovered so as to attend to his duties when pneumonia attacked him, and ended his life in a few days. He left an infant son—Frederick Salmon Giddings—who is now a lawyer at Quincy, Ill. His wife, residing with her son, in the maturity of matronly grace, survived him until 1872. A few lots purchased by him, in the heart of the city, have made the son a wealthy man. He married ———, and had four children.

His funeral attested the hold he had taken upon the young city. It was attended by two thousand people. The old elder writes: "I have never seen so much sympathy as is manifested on the death of Mr. Giddings, by all classes in St. Louis. His remains were deposited in a vault constructed for the purpose, under the pulpit; and in the wall by the side of it was inserted a memorial tablet with this inscription:—

"IN MEMORY OF

REV. SALMON GIDDINGS, A. M.,

First Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

He was born in Connecticut, March 2d, 1782; became a member of the Church of Christ 1807; was a graduate of Williamstown College, Mass., and a student at Andover Theological Seminary; was ordained to the Gospel Ministry 1814; arrived in Missouri, as the First Protestant Missionary, 1815; organized the First Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Nov. 15th, 1817; died in the assurance of a joyful resurrection Feb. 1st, 1828, aged 45 years, 10 months, 28 days. As a man he was kind, prudent, and decisive; as a Christian he was pious, cheerful, and prayerful; as a minister meek, laborious, and persevering. His body moulders in its vault under this house of worship, which his labors contributed to erect; his Spirit has gone to receive its reward. 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' "

For twenty-five years that treasure was kept by the old sanctuary; in 1853 it was displaced by a more stately edifice, which,

also, at the dedication of the new church took the memorial witness into its place of honor, while the remains were again deposited under the pulpit with solemn ceremonial.

Salmon Giddings, in his self-forgetful fidelity, enthusiasm, and endurance, was unconscious of the history which he was initiating. As the run of time throws him into the past, he becomes a marked personage. Different lines of historic investigation, missionary, ecclesiastical, educational, and civil, are found for a large district of the country to converge upon him. His church still preserves his dust, keeps his tablet before the eyes of the congregation, cherishes his portrait in its social parlors, and compiles a volume of memorabilia under the title of the "Giddings Papers." Sketches of his life are published by Drs. Artemas Bullard, David Dimond, and Timothy Hill.

The seventeen Presbyterian churches which Mr. Giddings helped gather, were considered children of the Connecticut Home Missionary Society, a Congregational institution. Rev. Timothy Hill, in his historical sermon before the Synod of Missouri, says: "Not the least interesting and curious of these things is the fact that two of the four men who formed the Missouri Presbytery, were New England Congregationalists, educated and ordained there, and, so far as I can discover, never had any connection with the Presbyterian church until the formation of this Presbytery."

546 Julia,⁶ Benjamin,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. Aug. 22, 1791, in Hartland, Conn., d. Mch. 25, 1861, in Williamsfield, O. She m. 1817, Ezra Mack, of Barkhamsted, Conn.; and they removed to Batavia, N. Y., purchased a farm, which they soon sold, and then kept hotel for seven years, after which they again purchased a farm, and resumed the pursuit of agriculture and shoemaking. In 1835 they removed to Ohio, taking a steamboat at Buffalo with the intention of landing at Conneaut; but high winds compelled them to go to Fairport, where they landed all right. The captain proposed to send them back to Conneaut by the first steamer, but having had plenty of lake travel, they declined, and proceeded to Williamsfield, Ashtabula Co., some fifty miles distant. They settled in the eastern part of the town, and spent their lives there. Ezra d. Nov. 24, 1867, æ. 76.

CHILDREN.

581 Harriet, b. in Batavia, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1818, m. William H. Scott, settled in Kinsman, Trumbull Co., Ohio, and had two ch., Ason, who went west, and a dau., who is practicing medicine in Phila., Penn.

582 Henry, b. in Batavia, May 21, 1820, m. Eliza Stewart, and had three ch.

583 Salmon G. Mack, b. in Batavia, N. Y., Mch. 20, 1822, m. Feb. 29, 1843, Lucy A. Leonard, of Williamsfield, O., where they settled for a few years. They then lived four years at Chester; returning to Williamsfield, they spent about ten years farming. Mr. Mack also engaged in the carpenter and joiner business. From there they removed to the beautiful middle ridge, at Madison, on the south shore of Lake Erie, one of the most beautiful streets in Northern Ohio. Mrs. Mack d. Dec. 23, 1866, æ. 44. They had five ch., Dewitt, b. Jan. 4, 1847, d. Mch. 6, 1849; Florence M., b. Nov. 20, 1849; Eusebia J., b. Aug. 16, 1852, m. Eli Warner, and has a s. Charles, residence Colinwood; Vendel L., b. June 16, 1854, is in Kansas; Effie A., b. Oct. 31, 1856, m. Ferdinand Lee, and resided in Cleveland, O. He married (2) Sep. 22, 1868, Emily M. Smead, of Geneva, O.

583½ Julia E. Mack, b. in Batavia, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1823, m. Andrew Leffingwell, and settled at Shirland, Ill. They had three ch.

584 Almarina, b. in Batavia, N. Y., Apr. 2, 1826, m. Alva S. Stillman, of Andover, O., and had two ch., Adelbert, m. Carrie Case; Marana, m. Frank Ayres.

585 Flavel A., b. in Batavia, N. Y., Apr. 20, 1828, m. Catharine Bates, and had four ch.

586 Emily, b. in Batavia, N. Y., Apr. 19, 1831, m. Dowland French, and had four ch.

586½ Sarah J., born in Batavia Apr. 20, 1834, m. Henry Thayer, and had four ch.

547 ~~Torrain~~,⁶ Benjamin,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. in Hartland, Conn., Feb. 12, 1789, d. Apr. 30, 1858, m. Desdemona Cowdry, b. Apr. 30, 1798, d. Mch. 28, 1880, at New Hartford, Conn.

CHILDREN.

587 Salmon, b. Jan., 1817, d. Dec. 10, 1819.

587½ Almena D., b. Dec. 1, 1818, m. abt. May, 1837, Rev. Moses Ballou, of New Hampshire, a popular preacher and author. He was pastor of the Church of the Restoration in Phila. for several years, till

his failing health induced him to give up the charge, when he removed to Acto, N. J., where he d. May 29, 1879. She resides in Acto. They had a son, Giddings M., a young man of great promise, who was preparing to be a physician, but d. Aug. 1868, at Atlantic City, N. J., while bathing, æ. abt. 23.

588 Salmon, b. Mch. 5, 1821, in Hartland, Conn.; engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1850, then went to Wisconsin, and followed farming till 1859; returning home at the death of his father, he remained till 1868, when he went to Acto, N. J., where he now resides; has been Representative to the Legislature, Postmaster at Acto the last five years, and is Justice of the Peace. He m. Sep. 20, 1843, Julia T., dau. of Orville Howd, of Barkhamsted, and has two ch.: Almena, b. Feb. 19, 1845, m. Feb. 19, 1867, Orville B. Tiffany, of Barkhamsted; now in New Jersey. Walter, b. Dec. 26, 1853; is a R. R. engineer; residence Acto, N. J.

589 Melvena S., b. Mch. 4, 1823, m. June 14, 1848, Fitch N. Burwell, a prominent man of New Hartford, Conn.; has been Judge of Probate and Justice of the Peace. They have a dau.

590 Washington W., b. Mch. 29, 1826; is general freight agent for the Lake Shore and Mich. Southern R. R. at South Bend, Ind. He m. June 17, 1854, Mary Flint, and has two ch.

591 Harriet E., b. Apr. 10, 1828, m. Nov. 26, 1851, Carlton Howd, and has three ch., William W., b. Aug. 27, 1852; Mary L., b. Dec. 23, 1855; she d. Jan. 28, 1857; Salmon G., b. Apr. 21, 1828; Hattie E., b. Mch. 29, 1860, m. 1881, Edward Gayle; Julius, b. 1866, d. 1872.

592 Caroline D., b. Mch. 3, 1831, m. Sep. 11, 1853, N. Marshall Fernald, of Boston, Mass., a merchant by occupation. They have two ch., and reside in Acto, N. J.

593 Jane M., b. June 12, 1833, m. Feb. 14, 1856, Charles M. Merrills, of Barkhamsted. Ch., George, b. 1859; Edward, b. 1861; one b. 1866; Dwight, b. 1872.

594 Lorrain, b. May 14, 1835, has been engaged for several years in Morrell's Express Office, Nashua, N. H., and is a worthy man. He m. Feb. 14, 1856, Mary E., dau. of Elijah Tiffany, of Barkhamsted, Conn., and has two sons.

549 Benjamin,⁶ Benjamin,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. in Hartland, Jan. 12, 1801, and there remained during life, being a very prominent man; a merchant and postmaster many years, was representative to the Legislature, selectman, justice of the peace, and commissioner of Superior Court, for Hartford Co., till age disqualified him. He d. Feb. 20, 1874.

He m. Amoret, dau. of Rev. Asa Bushnell of Hartland, b. Feb. 8, 1804, d. Oct. 26, 1881.

CHILDREN.

- 595 Philo B., b. Jan. 25, 1823, d. in Montrose, Va., Dec. 6, 1857.
 596 Fidelia H., b. May 19, 1824, m. Nov., 1842, Henry J. Gates, of Hartland.
 597 Milo J., b. Apr. 2, 1827, m. July 4, 1849, Eugenia P. Miller, and resides in Avoka, Iowa.
 598 Watson M., b. Apr. 2, 1827, m. Adeliza Case. +
 599 Almira, b. Nov. 30, 1831, m. Sep. 27, 1858, Hoyt M. Hayes, of Barkhamsted.
 600 Mary E., b. Oct. 5, 1833, m. Feb. 8, 1855, Nelson D. Sanford, of Hartland, and d. at New Haven, Apr. 10, 1871.
 601 Eliza A., b. Apr. 14, 1836, m. July 3, 1860, Cyrus Cook of Lexington, Ohio. She d. Sep. 8, 1877, at Albia, Iowa. Mr. Cook now resides at McPherson, Kansas, and has at least one dau., Anna A.
 602 Almena A., b. Apr. 14, 1838, m. Ralph H. Park. +
 603 Salmon B., b. July 14, 1847, m. Aurelia M. Emmons. +
 554 ~~Orris~~,⁶ John,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. April 26, 1791, d. Aug 12, 1873, m. Oct., 1879, Deborah Stebbins, who d. 1841, æ. 43.

CHILDREN.

- 604 Janette, b. Mch. 24, 1821, m. 1858, James H. Pease, of Springfield, Mass., and had a son Clifford E., b. Apr., 1862.
 605 Maria, b. Dec. 28, 1822, is u. m., and resides at Hartland Hollow, Conn. She is an energetic and accomplished lady. The author is under obligations to her for many particulars concerning the Hartland branch of the family.
 606 Emily, b. Nov. 9, 1824, m. 1854, Daniel Hitchcock, of Springfield, Mass., d. Nov., 1879.
 607 Azariah, b. Feb. 12, 1827.
 608 Elisha, b. Sep. 6, 1829.
 609 Elijah, b. Sep. 6, 1829.
 610 Orestes, b. Oc. 1, 1831.
 611 John, b. May 6, 1833.
 612 Ellen, b. Aug. 23, 1839, m. Moses A. Ingraham, of Lee, Mass., and d. Nov. 8, 1865, in Hartland, leaving a dau., Adella L., b. May, 1861, who m. June 12, 1881, Irwin C. Stratton, and resides in Hartland.

556 ~~Elisha~~,⁵ Joshua,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. at Hartland, Conn., 1780, d. in Ohio, Oct. 9, 1855. At the age of fifteen he removed with

his father to western N. Y., and m. in 1803, Philothea, dau. of Col. Fish of Townsend, Vt. In 1805 they went to Ohio, in company with Titus Hayes, and Edward Scofield, selected land in Wayne, Ashtabula Co., built log cabins and took possession, Oct. 8, same year. Joshua Forbes, with his wife and brother, had been there for two years, and they were the only families in the place at that time. Mrs. Giddings was b. Oct. 3, 1782, d. Dec. 24, 1868.

CHILDREN.

613 Anson Jones, b. in Canandaigua, N. Y., Apr. 25, 1804, removed to O. with his parents in 1805. Mch. 24, 1831, he m. Sarah S. Spellman, and removed to Cherry Valley, where they have resided more than fifty years. They had ch., Addison L., d. Sep. 30, 1851, æ. 12. A. Eugene, d. July 20, 1866, æ. 23, from disease contracted in the Union Army. L. A., d. Jan. 12, 1867, æ. 21. Sarah A., d. Apr. 26, 1868, æ. 20.

614 Joshua H., b. in Wayne, O., Feb. 16, 1806, m. Rhoda C. Wakefield. +

615 Horace F., b. Jan. 24, 1807, m. Dec. 15, 1833, Almira Jones, and had ch.: Frederick Albert and Statira Eliza.

616 William, b. Jan. 11, 1810, m. Maria Webber. +

617 Josiah M., b. Jan. 15, 1812.

618 Elisha L., b. Apr., 1814.

619 Sidney, b. Nov., 1815, d. Oct., 1851. He m. Polly ———, who d. July 12, 1862, æ. 38.

620 Sophia, b. 1821, d. Mch., 1847.

621 Phila, b. 1824, d. Oct. 2, 1851.

622 Seth, b. Apr., 1826, d. July 16, 1849.

Seven sons of Elisha are living (Dec., 1881). Edwin is in Cal., Dr. Elisha L., in Ill. Thirty-five gr. ch., and seventy-four gt. gr. ch., are also living. Five of the sons, with their families, met at the house of Anson J., in Sep., 1881, and had a pleasant reunion.

563 Aranda P.,⁶ Joshua,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. Nov. 30, 1792, d. Oct. 5, 1844, æ. 53. He m. Sarah Ives, Oct. 30, 1823, and settled in O.

CHILDREN.

623 Lucy, b. Feb. 25, 1825.

624 Harriet, b. June 17, 1826.

625 Aranda, b. Aug. 29, 1828, m. June 15, 1854, Sarah E. Sterling, b. Apr. 23, 1834. He is engaged in farming at Anoka, Minn., and

has ch.: William A., b. Apr. 2, 1855. John S., b. Mch. 27, 1856. Sarah E., b. Oct. 4, 1857. Harriet S., b. Sep. 18, 1859. Laura, b. Feb. 7, 1861. Hugh A., b. Apr. 26, 1862. Lousia M., b. Sep. 25, 1863. John Reed, b. Mch. 8, 1865. Grotius, b. July 9, 1866. Guida, b. Feb. 26, 1877.

626 Aurora W., b. Nov. 2, 1830, pursued the study of medicine in Ohio, where he was born, removed to Minnesota, while a young man, established himself as a physician and surgeon in Anoka in 1854, where he obtained a large and lucrative practice, and stands at the head of his profession. Dr. Giddings had a good deal of experience with the Indians in his pioneer days. Soon after the Sioux massacre, he had 2,700 in his charge. He m. Mary ———, and had ch., Lena, George, Jessie, Arthur, Thaddeus, and Paul.

627 John J., b. Mch. 7, 1835, is a carpenter and builder, at Anoka, Minn. He m. Nov. 24, 1858, Carrie M. Miner, b. Apr. 6, 1834. Ch. Allie Lincoln, b. Oct. 12, 1861, d. Aug. 26, 1863. Ida May, b. Mch. 9, 1868.

565 ~~Joshua Reed,~~⁶ Joshua,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Thomas,³ b. Oct. 6, 1795, at Athens, Pa.; d. in Montreal, B. A., May 27, 1864. While he was an infant his parents removed to Canandaigua, N. Y., where they remained until he was 10 years old, when they went to Ashtabula Co., Ohio, among the first emigrants to that region. At the age of 17 years he enlisted as a soldier in the war of 1812, as a substitute for an elder brother, joining the expedition sent to the peninsula north of Sandusky Bay, where he took part in several bloody conflicts with the Indians. After the war was over he taught school for a time, and in 1817 began to fit himself for the bar, to which he was admitted in 1820. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Jefferson, the capital of Ashtabula Co., where he met with great success. In 1826 he represented the county in the State Legislature. In 1839 he was elected to Congress as the successor of Elisha Whittlesey. The country was then deeply agitated upon the subject of slavery, and Mr. Giddings at once became the advocate of the abolition of the system in the District of Columbia and the territories under the national jurisdiction, admitting at the same time that Congress had no power to abolish it in the States. He seized upon every opportunity to agitate the subject, and to aid in the formation of a public sentiment hostile to the system and

to its further extension. He supported John Quincy Adams, at that time a member of Congress, in his efforts to maintain the right of the people to petition that body upon the subject of slavery, and to have their petitions respectfully considered. In his course upon questions relating to slavery he exhibited great boldness, and a most indomitable spirit of perseverance, keeping Congress in a constant state of excitement. Feb. 9, 1841, he delivered a powerful speech upon the Indian war in Florida, insisting that it was waged in the interest of slavery. Not long afterwards the ship "Creole," while on her way from Norfolk to New Orleans with a cargo of slaves, was seized by them and taken to Nassau, a British port, where their right to liberty was recognized by the authorities. The advocates of slavery held that the slaves were mutineers or pirates, and that it was the duty of the British government to surrender them to the United States. While the excitement caused by the event was at its height, Mr. Giddings introduced into the House of Representatives a series of resolutions, declaring that the slaves, having simply asserted their indefeasible right to liberty, were guilty of no crime, and that the British authorities at Nassau had done right in permitting them to go free. The domestic traffic in slaves, the resolution declared, was no less piratical in character than the foreign, and any attempt to re-enslave the men of the "Creole" would be a violation of the Constitution and incompatible with the national honor. The resolutions created a tremendous excitement, and Mr. Giddings was censured by vote of the House for presenting them. He thereupon resigned his seat, but was re-elected by a very large majority. He was kept at his post by successive re-elections till 1859, thus completing a continuous service of twenty years. Until 1848 he was a member of the Whig party, supporting its principal measures, but maintaining his independence in all matters relating to slavery. He did much to develop those views of slavery in its relations to the national government which afterwards became the basis of the Republican party. He took a prominent part in the struggle to prevent the extension of slavery to the territory wrested from Mexico by the war of 1846, and in resisting the adoption of the compromises of 1850, especially the fugitive slave law.

He was also conspicuous in the debates which preceded the repeal of the Missouri compromise, and in the great struggle by which Kansas was made a free State. His life was often threatened; twice he was assaulted upon the floor of the House by armed men, and on one occasion set upon by a mob in the streets of Washington. On the 8th of May, 1856, while addressing the House, he suddenly fell to the floor in a state of unconsciousness. He soon revived, but his former strength was never fully restored. On Jan. 17, 1858, he fell again in the same way, and for a time was supposed to be dead. He again rallied, however, but was compelled for a time to leave his post. His disease was an affection of the nervous system, involving the heart. In 1861 he was appointed Consul-General for the British North American provinces, with headquarters in Montreal. He was a man of deep religious convictions, a forcible speaker, and an able writer. In 1843 he wrote a series of political essays, signed "Pacificus," which attracted wide attention. A volume of his speeches was published in 1853. He also wrote the "Exiles of Florida," and "The Rebellion, its Authors and Causes." (Library of U. K.)

In April, 1848,* seventy or eighty slaves attempted to escape from the District of Columbia on board the schooner "Pearl," and they, together with the captain (Drayton) and the mate (Sayers), were captured and imprisoned in the jail at Washington. Mr. Giddings visited them the next morning, and a mob collected, opened the lower gate of the prison by force, and ascended to the one which opened into the hall where Mr. Giddings was conversing with Captain Drayton, and threatened his life if he did not leave the prison immediately. This he refused to do. The next day Mr. Palfry, of Mass., introduced a resolution to inquire into these facts, which were embodied in a statement drawn by Mr. Giddings, dated 20th April, and was to the effect that he visited the jail, and stated to the keeper that he was a member of Congress, and desired to see the persons confined there on a charge of carrying away slaves from the District, and wished to say to them that they should have the benefit of counsel and a legal trial, and their rights should be protected,

*From speeches in Congress.

and desired him to be present. The mob had compelled the guard at the lower gate to deliver up the key to them, and in this way they had opened the gate, and by that means obtained access to the passage at the head of the stairs. After the mob had left the stairs and entered the lower passage, he came down to the lower gate, in front of which the mob was assembled, clamoring for Mr. Giddings, and threatening to do him violence if they could get at him, being instigated by slave-dealers. The jailor endeavored to persuade him to remain until the mob should go away, but Mr. Giddings demanded to have the gate opened, which being done, he walked out with a firm and resolute appearance, that so overawed the mob that they parted and permitted him to pass through unmolested. The resolution called forth a very exciting debate, in which several southern members made Mr. Giddings the object of their bitterest denunciation. On the third day he replied to these assaults. He began by saying:

"I could not have believed that any gentleman here would hazard his reputation for candor by imputing to me an intention to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States. I call attention of the House and the country to the fact that no member in this hall, no person out of it, has ever heard me, in public or private, by speech, resolution, or intimation, claim such powers to be vested in this government, nor have they ever heard me desire the exercise of such powers. For three days of excited discussion, in which many southern gentlemen participated, I believe all of them have, distinctly or by implication, charged me with such designs. Now, sir, before the nation, I challenge these gentlemen to the proof of what they have thus asserted. I assert that these imputations are unfounded, entirely false, and unworthy of gentlemen holding seats in this body.

"I now offer to yield the floor to any member who dares attempt to justify the imputations thus thrown out. [Mr. Giddings paused for a short time, and, no member rising, he proceeded.] Mr. Speaker, where are those gentlemen who in their excited moments have charged me with entertaining and uttering opinions in conflict with the Constitution which I am sworn to support? It is a duty which I owe to myself, and to those whom I represent,

to disabuse the public mind of those impressions. I disavow all such opinions, motives, and designs. The country is aware that I was once driven from this hall for daring to offer resolutions denying that such powers existed in this government. I will now repeat, perhaps for the hundredth time, that the people of the slave states, in my opinion, hold the institution of slavery at the disposal of their own will, with supreme and unlimited powers to continue or abolish it at their own pleasure ; that it is strictly a state institution, over which neither this body nor the federal government possess any powers whatever, except the power to legislate for the return of fugitive slaves. . . . I intend to be understood as saying that the people of the free states have the same indisputable right to be free and exempt from the support of slavery which the slave states have to sustain it. . . . But again, sir, it is said that I went to the prison, where I had no right to claim the protection of this body. Suppose it were so, still it is no answer to the proposition before us, which is merely to inquire as to facts. I cannot, however, pass over this assertion without a more particular notice. That prison was erected, in part, with the money of my people. It is as much controlled by our laws as this capitol, or the post-office or the treasury buildings. I had the right to examine how our laws were executed ; to understand who was in prison ; to know what degree of humanity is exercised there by the servants of the people. My constituents have a right to know how their prison is managed, and to understand whether it is used to confine weeping mothers, sighing fathers, and helpless infants, guilty of no other crime than a love of liberty. I will not condescend to argue this question. My constituents know their rights, and if gentlemen here have not learned their own privileges, they had better study them. . . . Gentlemen here have constantly represented me as seeking the protection of this House. . . . The resolution proposes no such thing ; the gentleman who offered it represented no such wish ; I have intimated no such desire. Why, then, are these misrepresentations set forth ? Why is falsehood resorted to ? Do gentlemen suppose me incapable of exposing these flagrant violations of truth ; or did they believe me so destitute of spirit, that I dared not hold them up to the contempt of an intelligent and virtuous

people? Why, sir, does not every member of this House know, does not the country know, that the mob extended to this hall; that members of this house were also numbered with the mob; that slave-dealers and those who breed mankind for market were collected in those spacious galleries, and as members on this floor denounced me from this forum—declared themselves ‘ready to unite with the mob to drive me from this hall and from the district’; declared that I ‘ought to be hung as high as Haman,’ and that they ‘were prepared to justify the mob to the fullest extent’? Does any person suppose me capable of asking protection of such men? No, sir; I have too often witnessed the spirit of slave-holding violence on this floor to ask protection of the members of this House. I never did degrade myself by such requests; I never shall. If I ever had cause to ask protection from human violence, it was from the violence of members on this floor. Sir, could I so far forget my self-respect as to ask protection at the hands of men, who, in this hall, and before the nation, were endeavoring to excite the rabble to deeds of violence? Never, sir; never! Let the House purify itself, protect its own honor, and maintain a dignity becoming an American Congress, and I will provide for the protection of my person in my own way.

“I again repeat that the object, the whole object of the resolution, is to send forth facts to the people. I wish the people of the free states to understand that when representatives visit the public institutions of this district in their official character, they are beset by slave-dealers—by those who drive women to market. That such beings in human shape attempt to dictate to us where we shall go and how long we shall stay; that they attempt to tell us that our lives are at their disposal, and that our existence will be hazarded, if we disobey their directions. Sir, I desire that the people should understand that slave-holding members on this floor, in their public speeches, justify these base indignities ‘to their full extent.’ I feel deeply humbled, when I consider that these encouragements of the mob were mostly put forth by members on this side of the House, professing to belong to the same political party with myself. . . . And now, sir, I will take my leave of the resolution. . . . As to its adoption, I feel entirely indifferent. The facts will go forth.”

In reply to a member who had in a speech denounced him for his utterances in regard to the slave trade, Mr. Giddings said : "Mr. Speaker, I will inform that gentleman, with all sincerity, that it is too late in the day to attempt to seal the lips of northern representatives in regard to the slave trade, or any other subject which comes before this body. I give notice to that gentleman, and to all others, that I shall speak just what I think on any and on every subject which comes before us. It is my intention to call things by their right names, and to speak, so far as I am able, in such direct, plain, and simple language, as to be understood. It is true that the freedom of speech has been put down in this hall. It was for years trampled under foot by the slave power. I sat here during several sessions of Congress in degrading silence, and often listened to the supercilious tirades of southern members against myself and against the advocates of liberty, while I was permitted no reply. Sir, it is well known that for asserting in this House some of the plainest principles of constitutional law I was censured and driven from my seat here ; but, thank God, after years of toil and effort, we have regained the freedom of debate. And now I say to the slaveholders present, *We shall never again surrender it.*"

The following article is published in full :—

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In 1838 the Southern States, united by the question of slavery, had control of the government of the United States. Instead of recognizing the fact that slavery was a State institution, the slaveholders had worked to make it a national one, and with such success, that it was looked upon as a violation of the Constitution to oppose it, and to make war upon it was construed as a threat to dissolve the Union. It was this question which elected Presidents and appointed their cabinets, and it had obtained command of both army and navy. So afraid were the slaveholders and their sympathizers of discussion upon this question, that Mr. Atherton—a northern man, but under the complete control of the slaveholders—had introduced in the House of Representatives a series of resolutions, including the famous "Twenty-

first Rule," which excluded petitions and debates upon the subject of slavery.

It was at this time that Joshua R. Giddings, of Ohio, was first elected to the House of Representatives. He found John Quincy Adams and Mr. Slade—the only two men in the House who did not sympathize with the South—dumb under this "Atherton gag-rule," as it was called. Freedom of speech was denied them. The spirit of slavery ruled the Republic in its length and breadth.

Mr. Giddings held that slavery was purely local and State; that Congress had no power over it in the States; but as it was a crime against God, nature, and civilization, it was the imperative duty of Congress to legislate against it wherever it had the power,—in the territories, in the District of Columbia, the coast-wise and inter-state slave trade,—instead of protecting it in those places, and with settled convictions of the great wrong that was being committed by such protection, Mr. Giddings, when he took the oath of office in the House of Representatives, took also an oath of war against this wrong. Notwithstanding the rigorous exclusion, by these Atherton resolutions, of all debate upon slavery, he held that he might discuss this subject when it incidentally arose from the consideration of any bill, resolutions, etc., before the House. His colleagues, Mr. Adams and Mr. Slade, differed from him in this; still he determined to test the question upon the first favorable occasion. His opportunity occurred soon after. The House had under consideration a bill to appropriate thirty thousand dollars to build a bridge over the eastern branch of the Potomac. Mr. Giddings opposed this bill. He would oppose every appropriation for the District so long as the people sustained the slave-trade. The people of the District had just asked that the petitions of his constituents, concerning the abolition of the slave-trade, be rejected by the House. He would not repay such insults by voting to tax his constituents to build up a slave-mart. The members of Congress had witnessed a recent manifestation of that commerce. During that very session, the harsh voice of an inhuman auctioneer was heard publicly selling human beings on the avenue in front of the Capitol; also those members had been compelled to turn aside from the

path to permit a coffle of slaves, chained together by the neck, to pass on their way to the national slave-market.

This speech fell like a bomb in the midst of the House. It is hard to imagine at this day the excitement it created. When they had recovered somewhat from their surprise at his daring words, which had been spoken in spite of their precautions, the slaveholders called him to order many times ; but he was allowed to proceed, and kept the floor until the disorderly calls and confusion around him rendered his voice inaudible. The bill was defeated. Mr. Giddings was committed as the mortal foe of slavery, and doomed to social ostracism at the Capital, and denounced by the champions of slavery, North and South. The threatening clamor with which his first attempt to assert the rights of freemen was received did not terrify him, and his firm resolve to renew the contest, whenever occasion offered, was not changed in the least degree.

In 1842 he offered his "Creole" resolutions in the House. They were carefully prepared, and embodied his views upon the coastwise slave-trade. The circumstance which led to their introduction was this : "In October, 1841, the brig "Creole" left Hampton Roads for New Orleans, with one hundred and thirty-four slaves on board. When on the high seas they rose on the officers and crew, subdued them, took possession of the ship, directed the mate to steer for Nassau, where they landed and were received and sheltered as freemen. Mr. Webster, Secretary of State, demanded compensation of the English government. England refused, and much controversy ensued. Mr. Giddings in his resolutions maintained : That a ship, when it leaves the waters of a State and enters upon the high seas, ceases to be under the laws of the State, but is, with the persons on board, under the laws of the United States ; and when the "Creole" left the jurisdiction of Virginia, her slave-laws ceased to be of force over the persons on board. That when such persons asserted their personal rights, they violated no law of the United States, and all attempts to re-enslave them were unwarranted by the Constitution or laws of the United States, and incompatible with national honor. That all attempts to place the coast slave-trade under protection of the government were subversive of the rights of the people of the free States, injurious to their

feelings, unauthorized by the Constitution, and prejudicial to the national character. The annunciation of these doctrines produced intense excitement in the House. As Mr. Giddings did not wish that a matter so important should be disposed of under excitement and without consideration, as the House showed a disposition to do, he withdrew them, saying that he had now called attention to them, and he would bring them up again when resolutions were in order. Mr. Botts, of Virginia, arose, and said that "the withdrawal did not excuse their introduction," and drew a resolution of censure upon their author, which declared that "this House holds the conduct of the said member as altogether unwarrantable, and deserving the severest condemnation of the people of this country and of this body in particular." After a stormy day, without permitting Mr. Giddings to be heard, although he made many attempts to speak, the resolution of censure passed. Slavery, considering her foe whipped into submission, took one short breath of triumph. But that foe was not submissive, and his next move, entirely unexpected as it was, gave a little anxiety to her. It seemed to say that the end was not yet.

When the vote of censure was announced, Mr. Giddings arose, took formal leave of the Speaker, officers of the House and personal friends, and withdrew. He immediately resigned his seat, and hastened home to Ohio. On the next day the following note appeared in the *National Intelligencer*:—

"To the Reporter of the Intelligencer:—

"When I arose so often during the confusion of business in the House this day, and was so often called to order, the last time by Hon. Mark A. Cooper, of Georgia, I had written out, and desired to have stated to the House, what follows:

"Mr. Speaker: I stand before the House in a peculiar position. It is proposed to pass a vote of censure upon me, substantially for the reason that I differ in opinion from a majority of the members. The vote is about to be taken without giving me an opportunity to be heard. It were idle for me to say that I am ignorant of the disposition of a majority of the members to pass the resolution of censure. I have been violently assailed in a personal manner; nor do I now ask for any favor at the

hands of gentlemen; but in the name of an insulted constituency, in behalf of one of the States of this Union, in behalf of the people of these States, and of the Federal Constitution, I demand a hearing in the ordinary mode of proceeding. I accept no other privilege. I will receive no other courtesy.'

J. R. GIDDINGS."

As he journeyed through his district, explaining to the people the insult which had been inflicted upon him and them, he carried all hearts with him. The people came to tender him sympathy and good wishes, and every man knew and resented the outrage committed on Mr. Giddings, as if it had been his own. Thomas Corwin, who was then Governor of Ohio, named the earliest day possible for an election, and five weeks after his censure, Mr. Giddings, sent back almost unanimously by his constituents, appeared in the House of Representatives, the messenger of his own re-election, and took anew the oath of office in the face of the humiliated House. He had been instructed by his constituents to present his resolutions again to the House on the first resolution day. The majority controlling the House tried in many ways to prevent this, but he availed himself of the opportunity of the committee of the whole, delivered his speech, which was listened to in respectful silence.

This event in the life of Mr. Giddings was fortunate and important to the advocates of freedom and justice. It aroused the Northern mind to the fact that freedom of speech was being crippled by the growing power of slavery; that that power would eventually hermetically seal the lips of every man who dared to speak his honest views, if these views were in the least prejudicial to its interests. The whole Northern press discussed calmly and unusually fairly the views and conduct of Mr. Giddings, and denounced the action of the House—and so, with increased influence and strength, he was prepared for the many years of warfare which he was to encounter.

Mr. Giddings was of commanding presence, being about six feet 2 inches in height, and weighing ordinarily 250 lbs.; had the appearance, personally, of being able to defend himself. He was of a very sociable, genial disposition, and made many warm friends, even among the Southerners. The writer remembers

the impression made upon his own mind in his younger days, by reading the speeches of Mr. Giddings in Congress and elsewhere, and the attacks made upon him by the press, as being a man of stern character, and one whom it would be somewhat disagreeable to meet; but on making his acquaintance he was found to be one of the most companionable and genial of men. In reference to the opinion of him which was entertained by those who had never seen him, a report from a New Haven, Conn., paper, of a speech he once made in that city, gives the following: "Of the manner and power of Mr. Giddings we can say little. We think all who heard him for the first time last night were surprised at the kindness and mildness of his manner and tone. It was nothing like the terrible, bloody, brutal abolitionist which some truth-tellers (?) are so fond of holding up as a bugbear to northern cowards; it was a frank and manly address from a noble man, whose only fault is an excessive benevolence and kindness of disposition, and whose great power lies in the stern, unflinching honesty, and moral integrity of his character."

In the winter of 1861, Mr. Giddings, while on a lecturing tour in New England, made a visit to some of his eastern cousins, spending more time in visiting, as he said, than he had spent in his life before.

He was a member of the Congregational or Presbyterian Church, and had deep religious convictions. The writer has a vivid recollection of calling with him upon an aged relative, James Andrus Giddings, of Sherman, Conn., at the time of his eastern visit. As we were about to depart, he bade him good-bye, "God bless you," in his hearty way, when the aged relative, then about 90, said in his moderate and impressive manner, "We shall never see each other on earth again, but I hope we shall meet in that better world." "*I know we shall meet there, I am certain of it,*" said Mr. Giddings enthusiastically.

In writing to a relative in the east (Augustine Giddings, Esq., of Gt. Barrington, Mass.), just two months before his decease, he says: "I am in my sixty-ninth year; I have been subject to disease of the heart, and was twice stricken down with it while speaking in Congress, and have fallen three times since. I expect to die in the next attack, as my physician assures me that I cannot

live through another. Yet I maintain a cheerful state of mind and am able to discharge many duties of life. My memory has failed, but I yet retain the office of Consul-General to the British North American Provinces, and start in the course of an hour for Montreal, by way of Washington City. I may not live to get there, the future is so very uncertain with me, but I may live to return." On his retirement from the 45th Congress, he was presented with a magnificent silver service consisting of several pieces very beautifully designed and engraved. With the silver was a gold-headed cane, which, with several of the silver pieces, was inscribed with these words: "Presented by 104 members of the 35th Congress to Joshua R. Giddings, as a token of their respect for his moral worth and personal integrity." Each member subscribed \$5.00, regardless of political sentiment. There were several democrats among the subscribers. The silver was sent to Jefferson, O., accompanied by a letter from Hon. Jno. A. Bingham of Ohio, in these words: "It is to me a matter of great gratification that so many of the Senators and Representatives have, thus honored themselves by this testimonial of regard for your spotless character and strict integrity. In parting with you, allow me to thank you for all your kind words and good instructions touching the public service and public interests, and may our Father in Heaven keep you." The gold watch was presented to him by the colored people of New York and Brooklyn, in March, 1859, at a meeting held in New York, at which time Mr. Giddings addressed them. Henry Hiland Garnet made the presentation speech, at the same time a very elegant Bible was presented to him by an association of colored ladies of New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

John Quincy Adams was always a firm friend of Mr. Giddings, and from an album of the latter was copied in Dec., 1860, by the author of this volume, the following lines written by Mr. Adams:

"When first together here we meet
Askance each other we behold,
The bitter mingling with the sweet;
The warm attempered by the cold.
We seek with searching ken to find
A soul congenial with our own,

For mind in sympathy with mind
Instinctive dreads to walk alone.

“ And here from regions wide apart,
We came one purpose to pursue,
Each with a warm and honest heart,
Each with a spirit firm and true ;
Intent with anxious aim to learn,
Each other's character we scan,
And soon the difference discern,
Between the fair and faithless man.

“ And here with scrutinizing eye,
A kindred soul with mine to see,
And longing bosom to descry,
I sought and found at last in thee.
Farewell ! my friend, and if once more
We meet within this hall again,
Be ours the blessing to restore
Our country's and the rights of men.

“ House of Representatives of the United States, Washington, District of Columbia, June, 1844, on the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, John Quincy Adams, of Quincy, Mass.”

Mr. Giddings was fond of harmless practical jokes, and whether perpetrated on himself or on others, he enjoyed them the same. While a member of the House of Representatives, he and John Snyder, M. C., of Pennsylvania—the latter a pro-slavery democrat—occupied together one of the double desks then in use. During the absence of his associate, Mr. Snyder had a board partition placed down the center of the desk, designed to satirize the alleged disunion schemes of his neighbor. Mr. Giddings was surprised on his return, but was too fond of a practical joke to be outwitted. He had two slips printed in large type, containing the well-known couplet :

“ Great wit to madness nearly is allied,
And thin partitions do their bounds divide.”

These he posted on each side of the division. The laughter was now against Snyder, and the partition was promptly removed.

Mr. William Giddings, now of Cleveland, O., a nephew of

Joshua R., and quite aged, writes of many things he remembered in relation to him in his youth. He says the latter went into the army in 1812, at the age of sixteen, and served six months. Was in one skirmish with the Indians he had known when the tribe lived in Wayne.

He worked one summer for a farmer, and spent six months with Rev. H. Coe, in Vernon, O., studying grammar and mathematics. He did not attend school after he was 11 years old, but taught three winters, and he (William Giddings) attended his school. He built a law office in Williamsfield, O., and first practiced his profession there. He was very fond of hunting and sports of the field. One day a party of Indians came along and Mr. G. challenged them to shoot with him at a mark, with bows and arrows, and displayed skill equal to any of them. At another time a neighbor informed him that he had shot his last ball and wounded a deer. Mr. G. made a ball out of the lead plummet he used for marking with, put it into the old gun, went about fifty rods, killed the deer, and had venison for dinner.

Soon after he established himself in Jefferson, he tried a law-suit in the forenoon, and in the afternoon he went out and shot three deer before sunset.

He was engaged in two of the most important suits that have ever been tried in Ashtabula County. One was against a noted physician for malpractice. The case was tried in Ashtabula County, and the defendant petitioned to have it tried in Trumbull county, which was granted. The most able lawyer in the southern part of the state was for the defendant, but Mr. Giddings was for the prosecution, and won the case.

The other suit was respecting a vessel partly owned in Ashtabula Co. It was first tried in Buffalo, and lost; Mr. Giddings being for the prosecution. It was again tried in the Supreme Court of Ohio, and decided in favor of his clients. Ex-President Millard Fillmore was the opposing counsel. Mr. Fillmore afterwards said that Mr. Giddings made the best argument he ever heard.

Many incidents might be related in regard to his fearless utterances of his convictions amidst personal insult and danger. On one occasion he was making a speech in Congress, and bore heavily upon the subject of slavery, which so angered the slave-

holding members that one large burly man came up the aisle toward him in a threatening manner, and told him that if he repeated the remarks he had uttered, he would knock him down. Mr. Giddings of course repeated them, with much more emphasis, but the bully slunk away to his seat without putting his threat into execution. Mr. Giddings, in relating this incident to the author, said he had never been knocked down in his life, and was curious to know what sort of a sensation it would produce; therefore he repeated the offensive language.*

At another time he was speaking, amidst great excitement in the hall, surrounded by slave-holding members, who, with fierce looks and lowering brows, were glaring upon him, when he observed a slave-holder approaching stealthily with a deadly weapon partially concealed. Mr. G. called out, "*Come on—Ohio doesn't send cowards here.*" His friends quickly gathered around him, and it was some time before order was restored.

In those days of excitement, the friends of Mr. Giddings, fearing that he might be attacked in the streets, admonished him to go armed. "Oh, yes," said he, "I always go armed"; and, stretching out his arms, he said, "these are my arms; I always have them with me; I need no others."

He was once challenged to fight a duel by a representative from the south, whom he had in his remarks characterized rather severely. His enemies, knowing well his sentiments in regard to dueling, thought there was no danger of the challenge being accepted. Great was their surprise, however, when it was promptly accepted. The friend of the party, in tendering the challenge, requested Mr. G. to name the time and place. The latter said, "I suppose I have the right, according to the 'code,' to choose the weapons." "Yes," was the answer. "I will then choose *horse-whips*, and they shall be used till one or the other cries for quarter; and furthermore, I wish a strong cord, about three feet long, tied to the left wrist of each. I want him fixed so that I can haul him up and keep him within reach." The "friend" expostulated, and said that would be unfair; his client was a small man and could not cope with him, a large, powerful man,

* These incidents are related mostly from memory, but they are believed to be substantially true and correct.

and they would not be on an equality. Mr. Giddings replied, that it would be just as fair as it would be for them to shoot at each other with pistols, as he was a large man, and could be hit as easily as the broadside of a barn, while his opponent was so small, that *Omnipotence itself couldn't hit him without a rest*. This affair coming to the knowledge of the members of Congress created much amusement, and brought so much ridicule upon the one who sent the challenge that he was glad to drop the subject.

During a lecturing tour, in the early years of the civil war, when excitement ran high, and anti-slavery men were denounced and threatened with all sorts of violence, Mr. Giddings was called to lecture in one of the large villages of Connecticut. Threats of shooting him, if he attempted to speak, had been made by some of the irresponsible bullies, such as are found in many large places. Mr. G. was informed by his friends of the personal danger to which he might be exposed in addressing them, but he paid no attention to it. When the time came, he went upon the platform and said that he had been informed there were persons in the audience who had threatened to shoot him if he came there. "Well," said he, "here I am, and if any one wants to shoot me, let him shoot," at the same time spreading open his coat and exposing his huge form in its majestic height before them.

After standing a moment in that attitude he went on with his address, and was listened to with close attention. No more threats of shooting were heard.

Mr. Giddings, by his Spartan courage and unfaltering perseverance in battling for the rights of man, no matter what might be the color of his skin, has won the everlasting gratitude of the oppressed and downtrodden, and especially of the colored race. He took his stand on the principle of equal and exact justice to all men, when he first entered Congress and fought single-handed, almost, against the domineering insolence of the slave-power, enduring obloquy, insult and abuse, fearlessly pursuing the course he believed honest and right, and, having lived to see the consummation of his life's toil, in the freedom of millions of slaves, he, like his life-long friend, the illustrious John Q. Adams, died at his post, leaving a name that will go down the ages in imperishable fame. Of such men it may be truly said, in the language of Webster: "Although no sculptured marble should rise to their

memory, no engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored. Marble columns may indeed molder into dust, time erase all impress from the crumbling stone, but their fame remains."

His remains repose in the cemetery at his late home in Jefferson, over which is erected a fine monument, which contains a bronze medallion likeness, by Henry K. Brown, a noted New York artist. It is considered the finest, most animated and life-like, of any in existence. J. Q. A. Ward, however, made a fine bust of him.

He m. Sep. 24, 1819, Laura Waters, who was a loving companion during his life, and survived him a few years.

CHILDREN.

628 Comfort Pease, b. Jan. 7, 1820, studied law in his father's office and practiced in Jefferson, but turned his attention more particularly to farming. He m. Sep. 12, 1843, Elsie Wilder, and had four dau.

Anna, b. Oct. 6, 1844, is in Colorado, teaching. *Addie*, b. Nov. 12, 1847, resides at home. *Ellen Louisa*, b. Nov. 14, 1849. *Minnie Laura*, b. Dec. 28, 1858. The last two are in Cal.

629 J. Addison, b. Feb. 17, 1822, m. Mary Curtis. +

630 Maria, b. Sep. 24, 1825, was a lady of many literary accomplishments; she usually accompanied her father to Washington, in the later years of his service in Congress, and was with him in Montreal. She d. Aug. 23, 1871.

631 Grotius, b. June 21, 1834, studied the profession of law and practiced in the west; of decided talent and ambition, he bid fair to achieve a name for himself. At the beginning of the war he was in Montreal, with his father, acting as vice-consul. As soon as the call for volunteers was made he returned to Jefferson, recruited a company and marched to Camp Chase, at Columbus, where the company was organized as Co. B. of the 23d Reg. He did not remain with this regiment, but was promoted to be major in the 14th U. S. Infantry, and stationed at New London, Conn. From this station he was sent out as recruiting officer to Oswego, N. Y., and there met Miss Carrie Frey, whom he married. In the summer of 1862, he was sent as disbursing officer to New Orleans, where he remained until the battle of Chancellorsville; during that battle he rejoined his regiment, taking part in the fight, and afterwards at Gettysburg. He was made Lieut.-Col., served through the war, and at the time of his decease had command of the post at Savannah, Ga. He died at Macon, Ga., while on his way back

to Savannah from a court-martial, which was held at Atlanta, June 21, 1867.

632 Laura, b. May 19, 1839, m. Hon. George W. Julian. +

629 J. Addison,⁷ Joshua Reed,⁶ Joshua,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. Feb. 7, 1822, studied law with his father, practiced in Jefferson, O. He held the office of judge of probate, for the county of Ashtabula, two terms; he also acted for a time as vice-consul to the British Provinces in N. A., but his attention was principally turned to farming, having purchased several hundred acres of fine land in Dorset, five miles from his home in Jefferson. He m. Nov. 30, 1852, Mary Curtiss.

CHILDREN.

Kate, b. Jan. 24, 1854.

Elizabeth, b. Sep. 4, 1855. She is a young lady of many accomplishments. The author is indebted to her for many particulars respecting her grandfather's family.

Clara Curtiss, b. Aug. 22, 1858.

Albert Grotius, b. Dec. 13, 1861.

632 Laura,⁷ Joshua Reed,⁶ Joshua,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. May 19, 1839, in Jefferson, O., a highly intelligent and accomplished lady, well fitted to adorn society. She m. Oct. 31, 1863, Hon. George W. Julian. They reside at Irvington, Ind., about five miles from Indianapolis, and have two ch.: Grace Giddings, b. Sept. 11, 1865, is now a student in Butler University, Irvington; Paul Giddings, b. July 7, 1867, is in the preparatory department.

*Mr. Julian was b. May 5, 1817. His paternal ancestors emigrated from France to the eastern shore of Maryland the latter part of the seventeenth century. His father was one of the pioneer settlers of Indiana, and became a member of the Legislature of that State. He established himself near Centreville, where George was born. When the latter was six years old, his father died, leaving a widow with six ch., and straitened means for their support. She was a faithful mother to the little orphans, but they were obliged to struggle with many difficulties. Under this early rigorous training, George grew mentally and physically vigorous. From boyhood he was distinguished by uncommon

*This sketch is from Mrs. L. Maria Childs' introduction in the volume of Julian's speeches, and extracts from an Indianapolis paper giving an interview with Mr. Julian.

diligence and perseverance, both in work and study. At that time civil engineers were in great demand, and he desired to become one. He took up algebra, trigonometry, and geometry, and mastered them, and borrowed and read all the books in the neighborhood. He was asked if it was true that he had accomplished the remarkable feat of committing the dictionary to memory. "Yes," was the reply, "I did, and acted the fool beautifully. This is the way I was led into that nonsense. Spelling-schools were very fashionable; indeed, it was almost the only public exercise in which everybody took part." There was no disgrace not connected with bad spelling. There were no honors like those with which a champion was rewarded; that is, of course, placing it too strong, but he hungered for the laurels. Walker's dictionary was standard. The only time he could spare for study was at night. His light was made with kindlings hewn from a dry poplar log. He sat on the floor with his back to the fire. The brilliance was only momentary and irregular. Going through the book in this manner carefully, seven times, nearly destroyed his eyesight. "In truth," he says, "I never fully recovered from that folly." He paid dearly for the distinction of being a capital speller.

He taught school winters, and worked on the farm summers, and prepared for the practice of law in the office of John S. Newman; was admitted to the bar in 1840, and met with great success. In 1845 he was elected to the Legislature by Whig votes, he being of an old Whig family.

In answer to a question, Mr. Julian said: "The Free-Soil movement did not begin in the east, as is popularly supposed, but sprang into existence about the same time throughout the north. The movement had its direct origin in the acquisition of territory through the Mexican war and the motion of old Davy Wilmot to prohibit the spread of slavery therein. His motion was supported by both Whigs and Democrats from the northern States. The Free-Soilers of New York were very formidable in numbers and character, and were known as Barn-Burners; but, under the leadership of Chase, Giddings, and other western statesmen, it became at once formidable here. By this time I had somewhat outgrown the old Whig dogmas, and had resolved

in 1844 never to vote for another slaveholder. My Whig friends were insolent and overbearing, commanding me in the imperative mood to support the ticket after General Taylor, with his 300 slaves, was nominated in 1848. This was another trial in my political life, but I finally offered them defiance. I attended the Buffalo Convention, and was appointed an elector for Van Buren and Adams, the Free-Soil candidates.

"I had no horse, and was too poor to buy one, but my old friend, Jonathan Macy, an anti-slavery Quaker, came to the rescue. He loaned me an old white horse, about eighteen hands high, blind in one eye, and pretty thin in flesh. After bringing him home, a neighbor, having found a saddle in the road, sold it to me for \$1.50. It was small, the stirrups were a little short, but I mounted old Whitey, and sallied forth as a champion of free soil and free speech in what has long been known as the burnt district. I made from two to three speeches every day, speaking from two to three hours each time, addressing the people in school-houses, at cross-roads, in barns, in pork-houses, in the woods—anywhere that I could get an audience. I made the country vocal for about two months, and was so thoroughly in earnest that I forgot everything but the work in which I was engaged. The Whigs were as greatly surprised as I was at the effectiveness of my discourses. The Free-Soilers were delighted, and nominated me for Congress that fall, but without the slightest hope of electing.

"In the following spring, however, the Democrats, smarting under the defeat of the season before, and remembering my independence in the matter of the State debt, showed signs of friendship. They were further influenced, perhaps, by the fact that they were powerless of themselves in the district. They finally made common cause with the Free-Soilers.

"Samuel W. Parker, one of the most eloquent Whigs in the State, was my competitor. The campaign was inexpressibly bitter, for he had a fine fund of invective and sarcasm; but, as the representative of a right principle, I had the advantage, and found myself abundantly able to wrestle in debate with any champion of General Taylor and slavery. The Whigs had no doubt of victory, but when the votes were counted I was 153 ahead. The Democrats formed the great body of my support,

and they were so thoroughly indoctrinated with my anti-slavery ideas that they never fully recovered."

He was nominated for Vice-President on the ticket headed by John P. Hale, in 1852.

To the early abolitionist history will accord a place only second to that occupied by those patriots who entered with spirit, even before the revolt against Great Britain, into the philosophy of self-government and free institutions. He who is entitled to claim, "I was an original anti-slavery man, in at the beginning, and continued faithful to the end," is blessed with the proud consciousness of having lived wisely and upon the highest possible plane of American citizenship. Of the valiant number to whom it was given, by the inspiration of untrammelled thought, to contend for the rights of man in the forum, in Congress, and in the current literature of the period, no one was more prominent or formidable than Hon. George W. Julian, of Indiana. Not only were this distinguished citizen's ideas bold and reformatory—truth is always sensational—but the language in which they were dressed showed the work of a perfect master, and his discourses, though the issues he combatted have long since surrendered to the principles he advocated, are so liberal in scope and so forcible in statement, as to be ranked among the English classics.

There are no volumes extant more consistent from first to last than those given the public by Mr. Julian. Whether he opposed an always defiant and aggressive slave power, the development of immense and remorseless corporations, the land-grabbers, or that strange, secret, political organization, so foreign to every American instinct that the most fertile imagination to-day is puzzled to know what excuse it could have had for existence (but once sublimely impudent and threatening) called Know-Nothingism, his uniform, grand, and heroic fidelity to truths now universally recognized, self-evident and immutable (but then so unpopular that only the bravest dared to advocate), goes far towards relieving politics from the grave charge of insincerity that is often preferred. Though parties have swerved, he has remained like the needle to the pole.

Says Mrs. Child: "When the National Republican party was formed in 1856, at its first convention in Pittsburg, Mr. Julian

was chosen a Vice-President and chairman of the Committee of Organization. He was a member of Congress for ten years, and introduced in that body and advocated a proposition to grant the right of suffrage to women in the District of Columbia and in the territories of the United States. He was for ten years a member of the House Committee on Public Lands, and eight years the chairman of it. During four years he was a member of the important Joint Committee of both houses on the Conduct of the War. For two years he was a member of the House Committee on Reconstruction, and he was also one of the committee that prepared articles of impeachment against President Johnson. In private life Mr. Julian has the universal reputation of being most exemplary. He has twice been married, and in both cases is said to have had the good fortune to become united with a sensible, conscientious, and energetic woman. In 1845 he married Miss Anna E. Finch of Indiana, who d. in 1860, and in 1863 he married Miss Laura, daughter of the able and heroic Joshua R. Giddings, to whom the country owes an everlasting debt of gratitude for his powerful and persistent battling with the slave power in Congress through many a stormy year. The State of Ohio would have done herself honor if she had kept that brave veteran in Congress as long as he had a voice to speak or vote. Mrs. Julian, being "Brutus' wife and Cato's daughter," may well be stronger than her sex, "being so fathered and so husbanded." John Stuart Mill acquired faith in woman's capacity for public affairs by the intelligent sympathy and co-operation of his remarkable wife, in the advancement of all the great principles that interested his own mind. Perhaps Mr. Julian may be under similar obligations to his fortunate experience in matrimony. On most of the great questions of the day he has been in advance of public opinion, and his annunciations of principles, for which he contended against powerful odds, seem like the voice of prophecy when read in connection with the ultimate triumph of those principles.

"It has been said of John Bright of England, that, during thirty or forty years of public life, he never swerved from the straight line on which he started; that his principles have known no change, except the greater development and perfection which result from experience, and that events were continually proving his foresight and corroborating his opinions. I know of no public

man in this country, except the Hon. Charles Sumner, to whom this remark can be so justly applied as to the Hon. George W. Julian. His speeches furnish proof of this. They reflect credit on our National Legislature, and form a valuable record of an important transition state in the history of the Republic."

Mr. Julian is now in Washington, D. C., where he has a law office and practice devoted to land interests. He is recognized as the father of the Homestead Act, and perhaps no other citizen of the Republic has had so much to do with the public domain.

548 ~~Watson~~,⁷ Benjamin,⁶ Benjamin,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. in Hartland, Conn., Apr. 4, 1830. He is a carriage-maker and blacksmith by trade, and followed that business at Barkhamsted, Conn.; was rep. to the Legislature from that town. He removed to Winsted, entered a partnership which proved disastrous, and the business was wound up. He then went to Iowa, but returned to Conn. within a year, and settled in business in Bristol, where he is a prosperous manufacturer of carriages, and general blacksmith. He is a man of sterling character and strict integrity. He m. Jan. 6, 1853, Adeliza, dau. of Orrin Case, of Barkhamsted.

633 Alice E., b. July 8, 1854, m. Dec. 22, 1875, Edward B. Dunbar, who was a rep. to the Legislature in 1881, and is engaged in manufacturing. They have ch.

634 Mary, b. Apr. 6, 1856, m. May, 1827, Samuel D. Newel, b. 1847.

635 Frederick W., b. Mch. 29, 1860.

636 Charles S., b. Aug. 4, 1862.

602 ~~Almena A.~~,⁷ Benjamin,⁶ Benjamin,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. Apr. 14, 1838, at Hartland, Conn., was educated at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. Engaged in teaching in New Haven, Conn., which employment she followed ten years. She began writing for papers and magazines at the age of 14, sending her first publication to the editor secretly, and with many misgivings; but he gave it such a prominent place in his columns, besides giving it a word of praise editorially, that she was encouraged to try again, and has since written poetry and prose articles, on miscellaneous subjects, for several journals and magazines, under different nom-de-plumes. She has written more under the name of "Allie Wellington" than any other. Under

that name she has published a book entitled, "My Welcome Beyond, and other Poems." She m. July 23, 1878, Ralph H. Park, born at Preston, Conn., a brother of J. D. Park, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Conn., also brother of the late Dr. Edwin A. of New Haven, and A. F. and W. Park, attorneys-at-law, Norwich, Conn. Mr. Park is by profession a teacher, was principal of the Wooster school, New Haven, eighteen years, resigned the position in 1877, and went to Boston. Is now engaged in book-publishing, in the firm of Ralph H. Park & Co., Hartford, Conn., where they reside. The following descriptive poem by Mrs. Park will serve to illustrate her style as a writer :

ASCENT TO MOUNT WASHINGTON.

We passed them by, the untamed mountain streams,
 The gentler waters singing soft and low,
 The cool, inviting shade, with beckoning wave,
 The sweet wild blossoms with their robes of snow ;
 Up, up the rugged steep we slowly tend,
 Fair Nature tempts us by the way in vain,
 Though prodigal her wealth of beauty lies ;—
 Our goal, the cloud-capped summit's height to gain.

Up, and still up the mountain-side we toil,
 Where struggling vegetation, dwarfed and seared,
 Reveals a sterner clime and boundary gives
 To a new zone with desolation weird,—
 Where, on the rocky tablets, aeons old,
 In characters that long as time shall last,
 The glaciers with their icy fingers wrote
 The geologic record of the past.

Up, and still up ! Farewell, oh world beneath,
 Receding like some panoramic art,—
 Our little world seems rising to the clouds,
 With you it seems to share nor lot, nor part !
 O'er wilder cliffs upon whose rugged sides
 The gray moss striveth for a hold in vain ;—
 Vast, rocky pile, as if by demons hurled
 In war with gods ;—our goal at last we gain !

On the world's pinnacle uplifted high,
We seem at heaven's very gate to stand ;
Oh, God ! what insects we, how vast the realm
Thou hold'st as in the hollow of thy hand !
Yet thy unslumbering eye doth guard us e'er,
In valley lone, on mountain-top, or sea,
Or far-off island washed by tropic waves ;
Our wandering feet can never stray from Thee.

Below—the wrinkled valleys, wavy hills,
The thread of rivers and the lake's far sheen,
The mighty armies of the forest vast
Forever marching with their banners green,—
Hamlet and villa glittering in the sun
Like fine mosaic in an emerald set,
While the dim mountains, faintly, range on range,
Show the soft blue where earth and heaven have met.

Above us,—God's great love ! His temple's arch ;
Lit to a perfect day, its blue walls stand
With here and there the tinted clouds low-hung
Like altar-pieces from a master hand.
With reverent air, and with uncovered head,
As though at prayer, the mountains round are bowed,—
The bald and hoary priesthood of the earth,
Their incense rising in the vapory cloud.

But see ! upon the dim horizon's verge
Loom gathering shades with mutterings hoarse and low,
Like fearful specters o'er our lower world,
Their hovering pinions ominous of woe ;—
Onward and on the sable columns roll ;
The lightning tears their folds with jagged teeth,
And the harsh crash of thunder echoes up,—
Sunlight above us, and the storm beneath !

Now in a misty veil the rain descends,
Blown backward like a mantle by the breeze,
The storm-king's mantle in his stately tread,
While all their banners wave the forest trees ;
The winds renew their strength with Titan power,
And 'mid the thunder's far re-echoing swell,
Blendeth the lulling sound of falling rain,
Like the dull, ceaseless murmur of a shell.

But now the columns break ; the sun darts through
 His golden shaft, and quick the ranks disband
 In shadowy vapors of fantastic forms,
 Slow soaring from the newly-freshened land,
 While up the rugged mountain steeps there come
 Sweet odors that in forest secrets lie,
 And like a white-robed angel bearing peace
 The trailing garment of a cloud sweeps by.

It is enough—nor barring pain and loss,
 And the unclasping what we called our own,
 And the strange parables that daily prove
 But sterner lessons with their meaning known,—
 Enough, if mid each less or greater strife,
 From faith's fair summit we may see till passed,
 Life's warring tumult in the vale beneath,
 God's bow of promise span the clouds at last.

603 Salmon B.,⁷ Benjamin,⁶ Benjamin,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. July 14, 1847, has resided for many years on the homestead, and has held many offices of trust in his native town. Was member of the State Legislature in 1877. He married May 17, 1870, Aurelia M. Emmons, and has two dau. Avie A., b. Nov. 17, 1875, and an infant b. June, 1881.

614 Joshua H.,⁷ Elisha,⁶ Joshua,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. in Wayne, O., Feb. 16, 1806, resides in Cherry Valley. He m. 1828, Rhoda C. Wakefield, who d. Nov. 5, 1827.

CHILDREN.

637 Brazillia, b. in Wayne, Dec. 25, 1828.

638 Mary M., b. Jan. 7, 1830.

639 Madaline R., b. Sep. 15, 1832.

640 Roxana C., b. Oct. 3, 1834.

641 Julia F., b. Jan. 22, 1837.

642 Wiman W., b. Dec. 18, 1838.

643 Abigail L., b. Jan. 1, 1841, d. Jan. 21, 1856.

644 Florence F., b. May 24, 1843.

645 Joshua R., b. Apr. 15, 1846.

646 Elisha E., b. Mch. 23, 1848.

647 Zachary F., b. Apr. 27, 1850.

Joshua H. has 32 gr. ch. and 3 gt. gr. ch. scattered through the western states.

616 William,⁷ Elisha,⁶ Joshua,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. Jan. 11, 1810, in Wayne, O. In 1813 his father gave him to Jonathan Tuttle, of Williamsfield, his uncle by marriage, his mother carrying him through the woods on horseback. He was adopted by Mr. Tuttle, with whom he lived until he was of age. His schooling consisted of about three months, summer and winter, until he was eight years old. After that it was limited to about two months each winter. With this meager amount of schooling he obtained a fair education.

After he had arrived at his majority he resolved to earn a farm of one hundred acres, and then marry. His wages varied from thirty-three to fifty-six cents a day; yet, when he was twenty-seven years of age, he had bought his hundred acres in Williamsfield, for which he paid \$700.

At a meeting of the Ashtabula County Historical Society William Giddings was chosen a committee from the town of Williamsfield to collect and attest the correctness of facts for the History of Ashtabula Co., and rendered material aid in the preparation of that work. From it this sketch of his life was taken.

He is the only Giddings in Williamsfield, where that family were once so numerous. He has always been an anti-slavery man, and a straight out and out Republican, and in his younger days was almost always a member of the county conventions. He has not missed voting at a State election but once since 1831. In 1836 he was in Genesee county, N. Y., and voted for Harrison. Upon the establishment of mail service on the Franklin division of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway, another post-office was established at Lemon Station. This was mainly through the efforts of William Giddings.

He m. Sept. 25, 1838, Maria Webber, of Kinsman, and settled on his farm. They have always been members of the Congregational church, and interested in Sunday-schools.

They had four ch., two of whom d. in infancy. Frank A., b. Feb. 5, 1840, was the first man who enlisted from Williamsfield in the war for the Union. He enlisted Apr., 1861; m. May 11, 1869, Senna Banning, of Kinsman, O. They now reside in Cleveland. William Darwin, b. June 29, 1850, is u. m., and employed in the U. S. mail service on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway.

567 ~~Lester~~,⁶ Niles,⁵ Joshua,⁴ b. in Granville, N. Y., June 28, 1792, d. at Macomb, Mich., Jan. 2, 1879. He m. Mch. 9, 1815, Experience Miller, who d. 1868.

CHILDREN.

- 648 Niles, b. Aug. 19, 1816, m. May 2, 1844, Christiana Davis, and resides in Washington, Mich. They had a s., George Reed, b. July 9, 1847, d. Oct. 9, 1869.
- 649 Dur, b. May 19, 1818, m. 1845, Harriet Kniffen, and d. Dec. 25, 1876, in Macomb, Mich., leaving a dau., Naomi, b. Sept. 22, 1848, m. Jay Taylor, Nov. 17, 1865, and resides in Macomb, Mich., having ch., Effie, b. Dec. 19, 1866; Dur, b. Oct. 16, 1869; Frank, b. Feb. 28, 1871; Lester, b. Feb. 2, 1874; Archie, b. Dec. 27, 1875; Walter, b. June 1, 1877; Garfield Giddings, b. June 7, 1880.
- 650 Delia L., b. Feb. 24, 1820, d. Oct. 20, 1875.
- 651 Levi, b. May 23, 1823, m. Aug. 24, 1845, Silvia Norton, and had a s., John L., b. Apr. 3, 1852. They reside in Macomb, Mich.
- 652 Adaline, b. Apr. 3, 1825, m. Dec. 31, 1846, Willis B. Whitcomb. They reside in Ray, Mich., and have two ch., a dau., Emma L., b. Apr. 15, 1848, m. B. J. Taft, of Centre Line, Mich.
- 653 Lucy E., b. July 18, 1827; resides in Macomb, Mich.
- 654 Lafayette W., b. June 2, 1830, m. Oct. 4, 1866, Mary A. Sutherland, and resides in Macomb, Mich. Ch., Clara, b. July 13, 1868; George R., b. Apr. 29, 1870; Lydia, b. Oct. 15, 1875; Fisk, b. Nov. 30, 1880.
- 655 A. Clarke, b. Aug. 27, 1833, m. Aug., 1854, Betsey Broughton. Ch., Lafayette, b. June 7, 1856, m. Aug., 1875, Emily J. Axtelle; Marshall, b. Oct. 30, 1856, m. Aug. 1, 1880, Emma Mason; Amra, b. July 26, 1860; Almon, b. Dec. 6, 1861; Alma, b. Nov. 2, 1869; Bessie, b. May 8, 1876. They reside in Macomb, Mich.
- 660 Arthur E., b. Feb. 17, 1840.
- 661 C. Eugene, b. Jan. 11, 1842.

DEA. THOMAS GIDDINGS, OF HARTLAND, CONN.,
AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Thomas Giddings removed from Lyme to what became the town of Hartland, Conn., June 12, 1754, being the first residing inhabitant in the town. Two years later, viz., 1756, his brother Joshua came from Lyme and settled there. On the second Thursday in May, 1761, there being thirty-seven families, containing 212 persons, and seven families more expected, "the General Assembly made and created it an entire town, by the name of Hartland."* July 14, the same year, the first town-meeting was held, Joshua Giddings being moderator and one of the Selectmen. Thomas Giddings was also chosen Selectman and Treasurer of the town. Sep. 15, 1761, at a meeting lawfully warned, Joshua Giddings being moderator, it was voted that the Gospel should be preached in the town for three months. In 1762 Thomas Giddings was chosen a committee to wait on the committee appointed by the "Hon. County Court to fix a place for Divine worship." Joshua Giddings was chosen a committee to "take care of the parsonage." In the same year Thomas Giddings was Selectman and Joshua was one of the Listors. In 1764, at a meeting of the inhabitants, Thomas Giddings moderator, it was voted that they should build a meeting-house on the east mountain; said house should be 45 ft. in length, 35 ft. in breadth, and the posts 20 ft. long. Thomas Giddings was appointed one of the committee to build the same. On the 3d of October, 1764, at a town-meeting, Thomas Giddings moderator, it was voted "to give Mr. Ashbel Pitkin the offer to settle with us in the ministry."

At a town-meeting held Feb. 18, 1768, Thomas Giddings moderator, it was voted to appoint a committee "to treat with Mr. Graves to get him to come and preach with us." Thomas and Joshua Giddings were of the committee.

*Much of this was obtained from the Town Records.

In 1783 "Capt. Thomas Giddings" was chosen a committee to present a memorial of the inhabitants for an abatement of taxes to the General Assembly. In 1783 Capt. Thomas Giddings was chosen a Representative to the General Assembly. He was received into the church in East Hartland by letter from the Third Church in Lyme, Aug. 4, 1769, and chosen a deacon Feb. 14, 1770.

It is found that Capt. and Dea. Thomas, and Joshua Giddings were chosen to town offices nearly every year from their settlement in Hartland till 1790, and one or the other was usually chosen moderator of the public meetings. They followed agricultural pursuits.

63 Thomas,⁴ Thomas,³ John,² George,¹ b. 1723; resided in Lyme until 1754, when he removed to Hartland as above mentioned. He married, May 1, 1746, Mary, dau. of Dea. Benjamin Coult, of Lyme, who d. 1804.

On the town records of Lyme, under date of Jan. 26, 1747-8, is the following: "Thomas Giddings, Junior, His Ear Mark for all sorts of creatures is a cross on left ear, and a half-penny on the foreside of same, and swallow-tail in right ear."

On a marble slab in a cemetery in Hartland is the following inscription: "In memory of Dea. Thomas Giddings, the first residing inhabitant of Hartland; he came into town June 12, 1754. Died May 24, 1790, aged 67 years. We are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, as were all our fathers."

CHILDREN.

- 662 David, b. July 18, 1747, m. Lois Borden. +
- 663 Daniel, b. Aug. 4, 1749, m. and removed to Rutland, Vt. Had a son Festus and perhaps other ch.
- 664 Thomas, b. 1753, m. Affia Hayes. +
- 665 Festus.
- 666 Miriam, b. 1762, m. Dr. Amherst Coult. +
- 667 Mary, b. 1764, m. Darius Case. +
- 668 Temperance, b. 1769, m. Francis Wilson, and had ch., Francis, Caroline, and perhaps others.
- 669 Silas, b. 1774, m. abt. 1794, Hannah Cornwall, and had ten ch., Polly C., b. abt. 1796, John W., Festus, Almeda and Mary; reside west.
- 670 Lydia, b. 1774, m. Feb. 27, 1791, Eben Warner; went to Vt.

671 Jabez is thought to have been a son of Dea. Thomas. d. 1787.
He m. abt. 1783, Mercy Johnson, and had a son, Joseph. He
had a dau. Miriam, b. 1786, m. Charles Clark, of Hartland.
His widow Mercy m. (2) Dr. Amherst Coult, of Lyme, being
his second wife.

662 ~~David~~,⁵ Thomas,⁴ b. in Hartland July 18, 1747, d. Aug.
10, 1792. He m. Aug. 17, 1773, Lois Borden, who d. Mch. 20,
1788. He m. (2) Margery Brown.

CHILDREN.*

672 James.
673 Festus,† d. Mch. 11, 1791, æ. 20.
674 Levi, m. Clara Elton. +
675 Louisa.
676 Lyman, b. Jan. 17, 1785.
677 Lois.
678 Elizabeth, b. Apr. 27, 1787.
679 Nancy, b. Oct. 24, 1792. (child by second wife.)

664 ~~Thomas~~,⁵ Thomas,⁴ b. in Lyme 1753, and brought to
Hartland in 1754 by his parents, being the first male child in the
town; d. Aug. 13, 1845. He m. (1) Affiah Hayes, (2) Ann
Bishop, who d. June, 1754.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

680 Ira, m. Miss Farnham, settled in N. Y., near Seneca Lake, had
ch., Laura, Emma, Derinda, m. Mr. Benson; Malan and Wil-
liam.
681 Chester W., b. July 4, 1795, m. Isabelle Ives. +
682 Thomas, b. in Hartland, m. Polly Case, removed to Mich., had
ch., Mary, Lorain, Catura, Thomas, Almon, Lucy, George, Flo-
rilla, and Louisa, who married Mr. Hawley.
683 George, m. in Mich., and had ch., Hiram, Erastus, George, Wil-
liam, Abigail, and Polly, who m. Mr. Mosier.
684 Erastus, resided in South Carolina.
685 William, m. Mary Wakely (or Wadley). Is in Mich.
686 Lucy, m. Cyrus Case, removed to Ohio, and d.

*The first six were all baptized July 30, 1786.

†Levi S. Giddings (674), g. s. of Levi, writes that Festus, brother of his g.
father, was b. in Conn. A blacksmith by trade, went to Rutland, Vt., from
there to Trumbull Co., O., where he d. about 1843. He was living with him
at the time. The statement that he d. Mch. 11, 1791, may be erroneous, or
it may refer to another Festus. So many similar names are confusing.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

- 687 Seth, b. Dec. 25, 1807, m. (1) Chloe Clarke, (2) Lucy Hall. +
 688 Affiah, b. Jan., 1810, m. George Carr, of Simsbury, and had four
 ch., Thomas, George, Clarence, and Miriam.
 689 John, b. July 8, 1820, m. Hannah J. Colby. +
 690 Emeline.
 691 Mary, b. 1814, m. Daniel Prindle, and resides in Grand Rapids,
 Mich. Has ch., James, Seth, and Frank.
 692 Laura, b. 1816, m. Mr. McKoy, of Simsbury, and d., leaving two
 dau.

666 ~~Miriam~~⁵ Thomas,⁴ b. Apr. 22, 1762, d. Oct. 29, 1805.
 She m. Sep. 2, 1784, Dr. Amherst Coult, of Lyme, b. July 27,
 1759, d. at West Hartland, Jan. 25, 1830. He m. (2) Sep. 28,
 1806, Mercy, widow of Jabez Giddings. She had a dau., Miriam,
 by her first husband, who m. Charles Clarke, Nov. 24, 1803.

CHILDREN.

- 693 John, b. June 10, 1785, d. y.
 694 John G., b. July 15, 1787, d. abt. 1845, leaving one ch.
 695 Miriam, b. Apr. 18, 1789, m. (1) Mar. 8, 1810, Silas Perkins,
 who d. 1870, and left a s., Orville. She m. (2) James Holcomb,
 of Granby, and had a son, A. L. Holcomb.
 695½ Abigail, b. Mch. 6, 1791, m. Joel Converse, and had twelve ch.,
 d. abt. 1860.
 696 William, b. June 8, 1793, m. 1818, Laura Case, of Canton, d.
 1850. Ch., William H., John G., Mary G., Anson C. James m.
 Mary Johnson, of Manchester, N. H., and had a dau., Laura
 May.
 696½ Aseneth, b. May 1, 1795, m. Dec. 17, 1818, Japhet H. Case, b.
 Apr. 28, 1795. Ch., a son d. 1819, in infancy. Elizabeth, b.
 Feb. 26, 1821, d. Nov. 26, 1843. Harvey, b. June 10, 1823.
 Ralph, b. 1825. Royal, b. 1827, d. 1830. Lydia, b. July 28,
 1830. Cornish, b. Oct. 1, 1833. Ralph, b. Oct. 17, 1835. Mary
 L., b. May 18, 1841. Harvey, m. 1849, Lucinda Loomis. Ch.,
 Harvey C. and Bennett. Lydia, m. 1853, Seth F. Roberts.
 Ch., Edna E., d. y. Edna E., Jane L., Flora L., Frank S.,
 Cornish, m. Mary J. Pease, had a son Frank. Ralph m. 1858,
 Mary Sherwood, of N. Y. Ch., Hattie A., and Dwight H.
 Mary L., m. 1866, Elsworth Case. Ch., Eva, Cora A., Nina,
 Cornish.
 697 Amherst, b. May 17, 1797, m. 1827, Ann Chase, and d. Nov. 9,
 1870. Ch., Stephen, George, Mary, and Frank.

697½ Mary, b. Mch. 9, 1799, m. abt. 1824, Samuel Colby, and had a dau., Helen. She d. 1852.

698 Lydia, b. Mch. 9, 1799, m. 1825, Zacheus Colby, and had a son, who d. y. She d. 1868.

667 Mary,⁵ Thomas,⁴ b. 1764, d. 1832. She m. May 7, 1782, Darius Case, and had ch.

699 Darius, b. 1783, m. Robert Case, and had eight ch.

700 Clarissa, b. 1784, d. 1827.

701 Harriet, b. 1786, m., had six ch., and d. abt. 1854.

702 Temperance, b. 1789, d. 1876.

703 Anson, b. 1791, m., had three ch., d. 1876.

704 Laura, b. 1793, m. William Coult, had five ch., and d. 1850.

705 Austin, b. 1795, m., had five ch.

706 Rosabelle, b. 1797, d. 1855.

707 Lucy.

674 Levi,⁶ David,⁵ Thomas,⁴ b. July 30, 1786, in Hartland, Conn. He removed to Canaan, Conn., thence to the Western Reserve, O., about 1807, where he d. in a few years. He m. Clara Elton, of Sheffield, Mass., a sister of Dea. Elton, and had ch. : Ralph, William, Julia, and Adeline, b. in Conn. Frederick resides in Jefferson, Ind., has six ch. Festus and Harriet, b. in Ohio.

Ralph, m. Margaret Chew, in Trumbull Co., O., and d. there. He had ch., Levi S.,* b. in O., now resides in Westport, Ind., had three s. and one dau. Thomas resides at Aspen, Col. Elijah resides at Colorado Springs, m., and has four s. and one dau. Ralph d. y.

* Levi S. Giddings writes that in 1849 he met a Mr. Shipman in Ohio, who told him that his ancestor and a Mr. Giddings, "I think his name was Thomas," came from Wales in the same ship and settled in Mass. They each had six sons, and but one of the twelve was less than six feet in height, and they had the name of possessing great strength and agility, were great wrestlers, and the shortest one, a Giddings, was the smartest.

Another descendant writes that according to tradition, three Giddings brothers came to this country from Normandy, France. (All these theories and traditions are without any basis to support them, so far as I can discover, and may have arisen from the fact that so many of the name crossed and recrossed the ocean in the early years, and finally settled permanently in the localities given.)—AUTHOR.

William, while a young man, had a disagreement with one of his brothers about a pair of oxen, and being dissatisfied with his treatment, left the cattle in the field where he was using them and returned to Connecticut on foot. He was obliged to labor a few days at a time, on his way, to procure sufficient means to pay his expenses, but reached Canaan in due time, where he remained during life. He was at that time about 16 years of age. He was a cabinet manufacturer at East Sheffield, Mass. He m. June 17, 1829, Polly Dunning of Canaan, and had ch.: Sophia, b. May 12, 1831, m. Sep., 1853, Henry Baker. Adeline, b. Sep. 9, 1835, m. Sep. 1, 1857, Albert Gardiner. Eli, b. at Canaan, Conn., Jan. 28, 1843, m. Oct. 17, 1866, Elizabeth Comstock. Eli was for several years in mercantile business at Mill River, Mass., and also proprietor of a saw-mill. Has recently been in the employ of "The Barnum Richardson Co.," and resides at East Canaan.

681 Chester W.,⁶ Thomas,⁵ Thomas,⁴ b. July, 1795, m. 1814, Isabella Ives, and resides in Brookfield, Penn.

CHILDREN.

- 708 Titus J., b. Oct. 12, 1816, m. Jane Hurd. +
- 709 Mary, b. 1818.
- 710 Aphia, b. 1820, m. William Clarke, and had twelve ch.
- 711 Flavia, b. 1823, m. George Page.
- 712 Marsh, b. 1825.
- 713 Chester W., b. 1827, m. 1850, Elizabeth Badger, and had ch., Imogene, b. 1851.
- 714 Horace J., b. 1829, m. Hester Bostwick, ch., Herbert, Hiram, Homer, Ida, Betsey, Edith.
- 716 Amorette, b. 1831, m. Erastus Fish.
- 717 Ambrose, b. 1834.
- 718 Isabelle J., b. 1839, m. Mat. Meacham, and had ch., Enoch, Mina, Minnie, Mary, William, Rolla.
- 719 Rev. Titus J., son of Chester W., b. Oct. 12, 1816, is a Minister of the Gospel. An Elder in the Christian Church. Served in the Union army in the rebellion, m. (1) March 16, 1841, Jane Hurd. He m. (2) Belinda ——. +

CHILDREN.

- 720 J. W., b. Dec. 16, 1842, served in the war for the Union, and was badly wounded, m. Mch., 1869, and had six ch., Luella, Hatty,

Altha W., b. 1875, Bertha J., and Bertha B., twins, b. 1877, and W. H., b. 1879.

- 721 Mary J., b. Sep. 25, 1845, m. Isaac Fenn.
- 722 Susannah, b. June 16, 1850, m. 1869, Geo. P. Eaton.
- 723 Minerva J., b. Aug. 11, 1854, m. Jan. 12, 1881, J. T. Berry.
- 724 Samuel R., b. Mch. 27, 1861.
- 725 Stephrona J., b. Dec. 25, 1863, m. Jan., 1881, C. J. Romman.

CHILD BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

Laura J., b. July 26, 1870.

687 ~~Seth~~⁵ Thomas,⁵ Thomas,⁴ b. Dec. 24, 1807, m. (1) May 2, 1830, Chloe Clarke, who d. May 23, 1854, m. (2) Feb., 1855, Lucy Hall.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 726 Lucy A., b. Dec. 29, 1832, m. Feb. 12, 1854, William Spencer. Ch., Henry W., b. Mch. 19, 1855. Jennie, b. May 15, 1859, d. Aug. 5, 1862. Huron, b. May 20, 1862, d. Dec. 7, 1867. Seth G., b. Mch. 14, 1864. George A., b. Jan. 22, 1866. Freddie C., b. Nov. 29, 1869, William H., b. Aug. 2, 1875, d. Dec. 22, 1875.
- 727 Erastus Warren, b. Jan. 16, 1837, m. 1866, Jennie M. Earle. Ch., Bertha B., Maria B., Annie E.
- 728 Ellen C., b. Oct. 12, 1844, m. Oct. 25, 1863, Josiah Case; a dau., Nellie L., b. Aug. 12, 1866, d. Mch. 28, 1871. Ellen C., d. July 19, 1880.
- 729 Persis A., b. June 27, 1848.
- 730 Mary J., b. Apr. 17, 1852.

689 ~~John~~⁶ Thomas,⁵ Thomas,⁴ b. July 8, 1820, m. Sep. 10, 1854, Hannah Jane Colby. They reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.

CHILDREN.

- 731 John Franklyn, b. May 16, 1855, d. Dec. 5, 1860.
- 732 Edward William, b. Jan. 27, 1858, d. Nov. 27, 1860.
- 733 Franklyn Edward, b. Apr. 28, 1861.
- 734 Albert J., b. Feb. 7, 1864.
- 735 John Arthur, b. Mch. 27, 1872.

JOSEPH GIDDINGS, OF PRESTON, CONN., AND HIS
DESCENDANTS.

27 Joseph,³ James,² George, removed with his brother Nathaniel to Norwich, and settled at Preston, and very little is known by the writer of his descendants.

CHILDREN.

736 Abiah, m. Asa Story of Preston, and removed to Paulet, Cohoes Co., Vt.

737 Lucy, m. Daniel Fitch, and went to Paulet, Vt.

738 Joseph,* m. Miss Button of Preston. +

One, name not given, m. Jonathan Story of Preston. (Elisha Story, who was authority for the above record, thought there were other children.)

738 Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ James,² George,¹ was called the "pensioner of Preston." He was a ship-builder by occupation. He m. Mary† Button.

CHILDREN.

739 John, d. and left a widow.

740 Joseph, m. Polly ———; resided in Lisbon, Conn.

741 Sally, m. Asa Pease of Colchester.

742 Hannah, m. Robert Fowler of Preston.

743 Huldah, m. Ephraim Brewster of Preston.

744 Betsey, m. Charles Brewster of Preston.

745 William, m. Miss Williams of Norwich.

746 James, m. his bro. John's widow; went to Middle Haddam.

747 Elias was a tanner and currier; m. Harmony Davis.

748 Mary, m. Erastus Standish of Bozrah.

749 Gurdon was in Stonington.

750 Eli.

751 Desire, m. Asa Avery of Preston; resided in Mystic, and had a s. Joseph.

752 Anna, m. Mr. Huntington of Norwich, Conn.

*Joseph Giddings' name is found on the list of Revolutionary pensioners allowed \$96 per year.

†A Mary Giddings of Preston, was on the pension list of Conn. in 1840.

CAPT. NATHANIEL GIDDINGS, OF NORWICH, CONN.,
AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

64 ~~Nathaniel~~,⁴ Nathaniel,³ James,² George,¹ b. 1705, d. 1768. He seems to have been a leading man in the town of Norwich, and his name appears on the records of the town in connection with important events. The following is found on the Colonial Records, under date of 1746: "The Assembly do establish Mr. Nathaniel Giddings to be Captain of the fifth company or train band of the town of Norwich, and order that he be commissioned accordingly."

Giddings' Bridge—says the Hist. of Norwich—was built in 1757 across the Shetucket, "below the old riding-way about a mile from the mouth."

The "undertakers" were Nathaniel Giddings of Preston, and Nathaniel Backus, Jr., of Norwich, who contracted to build a cart-bridge over the river, near the dwelling-house of Samuel Roath. He m. June 12, 1728, Mary, dau. of Capt. Williams of England, who d. 1733, æ. 21. He m. (2) Martha Corning, about 1734.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

753 Sarah, b. Mch. 7, 1729, m. Col. Nathan Gallup of Groton, Conn. Ch.: *Sarah*, m. Silas Gallup; *Nathaniel*, *Ebenezer*, d. u. m.; *Mary*, *Jacob*, m. Miss Morgan; *Christopher*, m. Miss Staunton of Stonington; *Gideon*, *Lois*, m. Morgan, and *Lodawick*, who m. A. Phelps.

Col. Gallup m. (2) Miss Babcock, and had two ch., Eunice and Sabra, who m. Wilbur Brown of Preston.

754 Mary, b. Nov. 28, 1730, m. Rev. Jacob Johnson of Groton, Conn., and had ch. *Jacob*, *Fehoida*, *Sarah*, and perhaps others.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

755 Hannah, m. Jabez Story of Preston, and had ch., *Zipporah*, *Nancy*, d. u. m.; *Mary*, b. 1762-3, d. u. m.; *James*, d. u. m., killed by slipping from a mow of hay, a rake piercing his body.

756 Martha, m. Ephraim Hyde of Stafford. +

- 757 Nathaniel, b. 1839, m. Sarah Brett of Willington, Conn. +
- 758 Lydia, m. Abraham Adams of Preston, and had ch., *Martha*, m. William Roath of Troy, N. Y., and d.; *Axa*, m. after the death of her sister, Mr. Roath; *Nathaniel*, m. (1) Betsey Waller of Norwich, (2) Miss Cornwall of Troy, N. Y.; *Smith*, m. Eunice Young.
- 759 Jasper, m. Miss Skinner of Hartford, and had one ch.
- 759½ Elizabeth, m. Philip Harvey of Taunton, Mass., and resided afterward at Preston, Conn. They had ch., *Philip*, d. at sea; *Elizabeth*, m. William Kimball of Preston; *Rhoda*, m. Richard Stroud of New London; *Amos*, m. Elizabeth Benjamin of Preston; *Paul*, m. (1) Betsey Green, (2) Margaret Fitch; *John*, d. in the war; *Harry*, d. y.
- 760 Eunice, m. John Young of Norwich, and had ch., *Nathaniel*, m. Perthena Griswold of Preston; *Eunice*, m. Smith Adams of Stafford; *Susan*, m. Mr. Philips of Stafford; *Nancy*, m. (1) Mr. Moffit, (2) Mr. Lyon of Troy, N. Y.; *James*, *Martha*, and *Harry*.
- 761 Soloman, m (1) Sarah Waterman, (2) Ruth Wight. +
- 762 Ruth, m. (1) Paul Harvey of Taunton, (2) Nathan Herrick of Griswold. Ch. by first m.: *Rosina*, *Levi*, m. Lucy Benjamin of Preston; *John*, d. y.; *Lavinia*, m. Denison Palmer of Preston.
- 756 ~~Martha~~,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ m. Ephraim Hyde of Stafford, Conn.

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- 763 Hannah, d. u. m.
- 764 Nathan, m. Sarah Strong of Stafford.
- 765 Lydia, m. Joseph Alden of Stafford.
- 766 Ephraim, m. Margaret W. Aldrich.
- 767 Martha, m. Orrin Wales of Brinfield, Mass.
- 768 Jacob, m. Lydia Hall of Stafford, Conn.
- 769 Jasper, m. Delia Strong of Stafford, Conn.
- 770 Eli, m. Mehitable Lyon of Stafford, Conn.
- 771 Eunice, m. Eli Consul, of Stafford, Conn.

757 ~~Nathaniel~~,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ b. 1739, d. 1809, æ. 70. He m. Dec. 27, 1764, Sarah Brett of Willington, Conn., who d. 1834, æ. 90.

CHILDREN.

- 772 Nathaniel, b. Sep. 30, 1761, m. (1) Lucinda Silsbee, m (2) Mary Silsbee. +

- 773 Jasper, b. Oct. 5, 1768, m. (1) Deborah Partridge, and died over 80 yrs. of age. She d. abt. 1824. Their ch. were *Mariah*, *Dwight*, *Jasper*, *Electa*, and *Laura*.
- 774 Matilda, b. Sept. 9, 1770, m. Aaron Bailey of Franklin, Conn., d. æ. abt. 85.
- 775 Sarah, b. May 19, 1773, m. Newel Robinson, and had ch., *Nancy* and *Lucinda*, who went to Penn.
- 777 Rosinda, b. Sep. 28, 1775, m. Benjamin White, and d. in Tolland. Ch., *Benjamin*, *Daniel*, and *Asa*.
- 778 Mary, b. July 7, 1778, d. Jan. 22, 1782.
- 779 Cyril, b. May 10, 1781, m. Lucy Niles, and settled near Wilkesbarre, Penn. They had ch., *John S.*, *Lucy*, *Mary*, *Sarah*, and *Deborah*.
- 780 Mary, b. Sep. 12, 1783, d. Oct. 10, 1825, at Northampton, Mass.
- 781 Walter, b. Sep. 6, 1788, m. (1) Laura Fillmore, (2) Lydia Lathrop. †

761 *Soloman*,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ b. abt. 1764 in Conn.; d. June 4, 1827. He m. (1) Sarah Waterman, b. 1757, d. July 6, 1784, æ. 27; m. (2) Mch. 3, 1785, Ruth Wight, b. May 18, 1762, d. Dec. 12, 1837. (She was a dau. of Jabez and Sarah Wight, descendant of Thomas, a native of the Isle of Wight, from whose family the island received its name. Thomas came to Dedham, Mass., abt. 1637.)

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 783 Woodbury, b. July 7, 1775, d. Aug. 19, 1799.
- 784 Levi, d. 1841 in Indiana; m. Barsheba Deming of Preston, Conn., and had ch., *Julia Ann*, m. John Evans of Indiana; *Adeline*, m. (2) Mr. Hudson, and *Almeda*.
- 785 Betsey, b. Aug. 12, 1779, m. Capt. Charles French. †
- 787 James, b. 1780, m. Lucy Deming of Norwich. †
- 788 Andrew, b. May 3, 1783; lost at sea 1804. He m. Catharine Andrus, and had ch., *Andromache*, who m. (1) Moses Avery of Groton, (2) Mr. Chapman of Baltimore, Md., a lawyer; resided in St. Louis, Mo.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

- 789 Jabez Wight, b. Aug. 30, 1787, m. Lydia H. Alden of Stafford, Ct. †
- 790 Sarah, b. Oct. 24, 1789, m. Nov. 8, 1841, Matthew Clark, of Farmington, Conn. She d. July 28, 1878, in Hartford.

- M. Clark, was b. Oct. 2, 1773, admitted to the church at New Britain, Jan. 4, 1829, m. (1) Rhoda, who d. Apr. 19, 1840, æ. 64. He d. Jan. 16, 1851.
- 791 Lucy, b. Feb. 4, 1792, m. Joseph Alden, of Stafford, Conn., and d. Apr. 25, 1850. Ch., *Louisa*, m. Mr. Breton, of Stafford. *Harriet*, m. John Gilbert, of Tolland. *Mary*, *Martha*, *Lucy Ann*, *Elizabeth*, d. y. *Joseph*, d. y.
- 792 John, b. Dec. 18, 1795, d. u. m. Apr. 15, 1846.
- 793 Martha, b. 1798, in Preston, Conn. Attended the district school till she was 14, then attended select school a year, and taught there fourteen years afterwards. I am indebted to her for much of the record of this branch of the family; although in her 83d year her letters are written in a neat, plain hand, and she displayed remarkable memory of names and dates of events. She mentioned that her gr. g. father, The Rev. Jabez Wight, b. 1700, d. 1782, was ordained minister of the Congl. Church, East Norwich, Oct. 27, 1726. Her uncle, H. L. Wight, of Richmond, Va., who d. July 12, 1837, had two s. who graduated at Yale College. She resided at Hartford for many years. In April, 1882, she went to Lisbon to reside with a niece, but the change proved too much for her, and she died eight days thereafter. She never married.
- 794 George, b. Mch. 3, 1801, m. Hannah Clark, of Hartford, b. abt. 1802, who still resides in Hartford. He was a large portly and popular gentleman, a farmer, public speaker, and lecturer; d. at West Hartford, Aug. 13, 1875.
- 795 Mary Ann, b. Dec. 24, 1805, d. Aug. 25, 1862. She m. Jabez Benjamin, of Jewett City. Ch.
- 796 *Ruth Ann*, resides in Lisbon.
- 797 *John Rensselaer*, is a jeweler at West Winsted, Conn. He m. 1864, Sarah Jane Baily, and has three ch. Arthur P., æ. abt. 16. Roscoe, abt. 10, and Alice Maria, abt. 8, in 1882.
- 798 *Gilbert L.*, resides in Fon Du Lac, Wis., engaged in book publishing. He m. 1868, Clara G. Lyon. Their ch. are Walter Lyon, Gilbert Giddings, Robert Earle, Clara Louisa, and Mary Ann.

772 ~~Nathaniel~~,⁶ Nathaniel,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ b. Sep. 30, 1766, in Norwich, Conn., d. Feb. 10, 1851, in Penn., whither he removed in 1789. He was a physician of eminence, and resided in Pittston. An obituary notice of him says, "he was the oldest, the wealthiest, and most intelligent man in that region." He m. Nov. 30, 1793, Lucinda Silsbee, who d. Nov. 27, 1815. They

had seven ch. He m. (2) Nov. 21, 1816, Mary Silsbee, the widow of his first wife's brother. She died Sep., 1849.

CHILDREN—ALL BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 799 Louisa, b. Aug. 13, 1794, m. Stephen Decker, and d. abt. 1875.
 800 Sarah, b. Oct. 30, 1797, d. Dec. 12, 1815, u. m.
 801 Nancy, b. Oct. 29, 1800, d. Feb. 14, 1827, u. m.
 802 Nathaniel, b. July 20, 1803, m. Mary C. Leach, of Conn., and d. Apr. 23, 1857.
 803 Myra, b. June 5, 1808, m. Aug. 28, 1851, Stephen Reynolds.
 804 Frances, b. Feb. 13, 1810, m. July 24, 1834, George McAlpine, and d. Jan., 1844.
 805 James L., b. Apr. 24, 1813, is a physician, residing in Pittston, Penn. He m. Sep. 21, 1834, Mary H. Pratt, of Mass., and had five ch. *William H.*, a farmer in Kansas, b. Aug. 17, 1836, m. *Samantha Newman*. *Nancy E.*, b. July 20, 1838, m. D. P. Pierce, resides in Olean, N. Y. *Nathaniel C.*, b. July 28, 1844, is a physician in Turbotville, Penn. *Mary L.*, b. Dec. 27, 1840, m. B. F. Smiley, and resides in Kansas. *James M.*, b. Jan. 9, 1852, is a physician in Scranton, Kansas. He m. Sep. 15, 1881, Christina Mitchel, of that place.

781 ~~Walter~~,⁶ Nathaniel,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ b. Sep. 6, 1788, d. at Franklin, Conn., Apr., 1854. He m. (1) June 30, 1811, Laura Fillmore, who d. July 30, 1827, m. (2) Jan. 7 or 8, 1828, Lydia Lathrop, of Norwich, Conn.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 806 Joshua D., b. Sep. 6, 1812, was highly educated, and taught in Providence, R. I., where he became superintendent of schools. He was called to Hartford, Conn., to organize the high school, and was the first principal. After the war he removed to Charleston, S. C., and was engaged there as superintendent of schools, was afterwards, for several years, Sub-Treasurer of the U. S. at that city. He m. Feb. 25, 1879, Anna B. Lewis, and they now reside in San Jose, Cal.
 806½ Earl, b. Sep. 29, 1814, d. Oct. 19, 1864.
 807 Chandler, b. Dec. 4, 1815, m. Aug., 1842, Wealthy A. Gleason, of West Brookfield, Mass., and d. Oct. 19, 1864. They had ch., *Laura A.*, *Isaac W.*, *Ida R.*, *Mary P.*, *Alice B.*, and *Clara C.*
 808 Laura, b. Dec. 29, 1817, m. Sep. 3, 1839, H. B. Brewer, of Wilbraham, Mass., and d. Dec. 25, 1853. They had ch., *Susan*

J., *Walter G.*, in San Francisco, Cal. *George G.*, in Ill. *Herbert W.*, in Southern Cal.

809 Celicia, b. Aug. 21, 1822, m. May 7, 1842, George W. Logan, of Franklin, and d. Mch. 25, 1875; ch., *Mary*, *Eugene*, *Francis*.

809½ *Mary*, b. July 9, 1826, m. Mar. 2, 1845, Albert Brewster, of Norwich, d. abt. Sep., 1848, had one ch., who d. y.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

110 John W., b. Aug. 10, 1829, d. Aug., 1848.

810½ *Francis*, b. Nov. 3, 1836, d. Sept., 1848. A deaf mute.

785 ~~Betsy~~,⁶ *Soloman*,⁵ *Nathaniel*,⁴ *Nathaniel*,³ b. Aug. 12, 1779, d. July 18, 1854. She m. Dec. 30, 1805, Capt. Charles French, b. May 4, 1778, d. Jan. 30, 1837. He commanded a company in the war of 1812, was on duty at New London and Stonington Point. They were married at Preston, Conn., resided in Norwich till 1833, when they removed to Brockport, N. Y.

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Mary Ann, b. May 31, 1807, d. Aug. 29, 1844. She m. John L. Blair, at Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1842, and had a s., *Charles L.*, b. May 7, 1843.

Eunice W., b. Aug. 13, 1808, d. Apr. 22, 1842.

Elvira A., b. June 22, 1810, d. Mch. 8., 1833.

Charles G., b. Jan. 24, 1812, m. Oct., 1839, *Evangelia Thorpe*, at Brockport, N. Y. He removed to Fort Wayne, Ind., 1838, and has made his residence there since. Ch., *Carrie*, b. Oct. 19, 1840, d. Nov. 13, 1873. *Mary Adelia*, b. Aug. 3, 1844, m. Sep. 30, 1863, *Charles Hunter*, and had ch., *Mary Evangelia*, b. Aug. 3, 1864, and *Hattie Luella*, b. June 14, 1866. *George B.*, b. Jan. 24, 1850, d. Nov. 3, 1850. *Francis A.*, b. Dec. 10, 1851, d. Nov. 30, 1853. *Ella*, b. Aug. 10, 1854. *Harriet A.*, b. Oct. 27, 1856, d. Nov. 20, 1879. *Samuel*, b. Nov. 4, 1859, d. Nov. 14, 1859.

Sarah W., b. May 7, 1813, m. *Erastus Stanton*, Jan. 9, 1844, at Brockport, N. Y., had a s. *Charles F.*, b. at Perry, N. Y., Apr. 8, 1849.

Phebe, b. Oct. 27, 1814, d. Oct. 8, 1834.

Andrew, b. Apr. 9, 1866, d. Sep., 1840.

Eliza, b. Feb. 5, 1818, d. May 8, 1857, m. at Eureka, Wis., May 4, 1855, *Joseph Johnson*, and returned and made Ft. Wayne her home.

Lydia A., b. Aug. 27, 1820, m. Sep. 7, 1851, James M. Bachelder, at Perry, N. Y., ch., *John C.*, b. July 23, 1852, m. Sep. 17, 1876, Ida M. Stewart, and had ch., Clarence J., b. July 5, 1877, and Jessie M., b. Sep. 18, 1878. *Thomas G.*, b. Aug. 5, 1854, m. Apr. 14, 1878, Belle Prosser, at Kalamazoo Co., Mich. *James H.*, b. Oct. 8, 1856, d. Dec. 8, 1873. *Millard F.*, b. July 19, 1858, m. Oct. 28, 1880, Estella E. Prosser, at Kalamazoo Co., Mich., and had a dau., b. Nov. 11, 1881, d. Nov. 22, 1881. *Lida F.*, b. May 25, 1860, m. Aug. 27, 1879, Herbert L. Bliss, and had ch. Herbert Lee, b. Sep. 7, 1880, and Charles Ray, b. Oct. 30, 1881.

Rufus M., b. Apr. 1, 1822, m. Mch. 7, 1854, Maria C. Rudisill, at Fort Wayne, Ind. Ch., *Julia*, b. Jan. 3, 1855. *Francis H.*, b. Sep. 27, 1857. *Susan*, b. Sep. 24, 1859. *Martha W.*, b. Dec. 17, 1865.

Jane, b. Jan. 7, 1824, d. June 15, 1849. She m. Jan. 7, 1845. John B. Cocanour, and has a s. *Rufus Boyd*, b. May 24, 1849, d. July 5, 1849.

Miss Martha Giddings of Hartford, is authority for the following :—
 “Two of the sons of Capt. French removed to Fort Wayne, when the place had but 500 inhabitants, and there are now (1882) 35,000. Charles G. is a carpenter and builder. Rufus M. is a manufacturer of woolen goods, and has a son, who was educated at West Point, and is a lieutenant in the U. S. A.”

788 *James*,⁶ Solomon,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ b. June 29, 1780, in Norwich, Conn. ; d. Dec. 26, 1863, in Hancock, Pa. While a young man he went to sea, and at the age of 21 years was promoted to be captain of a ship, with full control of its cargo, and engaged in the West India trade. His vessel was at one time seized and destroyed by a French privateer, and himself confined as a prisoner in Cuba, in a damp stone building, from which he suffered great hardship and severe pain from toothache. He was after a time released by the United States Minister, who gave him eight dollars, two of which he expended in having his tooth extracted. The passage of the French privateer bill through Congress, not many years since, it is supposed had reference to that time, and since his death it has been ascertained that there was a sum of money to have gone to him could all the facts in the case have been proven.

He was a man of nerve, as was shown in many instances.

One incident is related by an eye-witness. During a terrible storm that came upon them it became necessary to furl the sails, and he ordered one of his men to go up and perform the duty. The man, alarmed by the danger of doing it, protested with tears against obeying the order, when Capt. Giddings, instead of compelling the man to obey, climbed the rigging and performed the task himself, while the sails lashed him and the waves tossed the ship with great fury. He was a heavy man, which made it all the more dangerous. In 1810 he was shipwrecked off the coast of Hatteras, and, losing nearly all of his property, gave up a seafaring life for that of a farmer, and settled in Susquehanna Co., Penn., where he remained during life, and where nearly all his thirteen ch. were born, twelve of whom lived to mature age, and were a remarkable family. He m. in 1802 Lucy Demming of Norwich, Conn., with whom he lived more than fifty years. She was b. June 17, 1783, and d. June 18, 1861.

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811 Sarah W., b. 1803, m. 1826, John B. Lyon, and d. 1864, leaving one dau. and three sons, viz., *Addie A.*, m. Edwin Foot; is a widow. *Giles H.* resides on the homestead. *John B.* and *Andrew* were in Texas.

811½ Fanny D., b. abt. 1805, d. July 10, 1823.

812 Andrew, b. April 7, 1807, d. Dec. 22, 1853. "He was the only one of eight sons of James who followed farming. He was an excellent man, and honored for his Christian character. Just previous to his decease he aided in building a M. E. Church, towards the erection of which his obituary said, "he gave one-tenth of all he possessed, and his funeral service was the first held in it." He m. Margaret Stewart, b. June 18, 1812. Their ch. were, *Mary*, b. 1832, m. Walter Dimmick, Uniondale, Pa. *Charles A.*, b. Oct. 11, 1835. Married and had ch.: *Andrew C.*, b. Jan. 27, 1864. *Henry B.*, b. Oct. 26, 1866. *Florence L.*, b. Jan. 16, 1869. *Martha*, b. June 3, 1837, d. Dec. 11, 1863. *Sarah*, b. 1840, m. Louis H. Bloom, of Quincy, Ill. *Lucy M.*, b. Dec. 28, 1849, m. Richard Davis, of Uniondale, Pa. And *Marion D.*, b. Jan. 8, 1848.

813 Charles W., b. 1809, d. Feb. 15, 1880, in Nebraska. He was a minister, and for many years a Presiding Elder in the M. E. Church. The latter part of his life he spent in Nebraska. He had one son, deceased, and four dau. *Fanny*, m. Chauncey Norris, a merchant in

Table Rock, Neb. *Lydia*, m. A. A. Holmes, *Sarah*, m. Rev. Mr. Smith. *Mary*, m. and resides in Texas.

814 Giles A., b. 1812. In 1835 he went to Texas to select and survey a tract of land for a colony, but the revolt of Texas from Mexico and consequent war interfered with his plans and he joined the army under Genl. Houston, was mortally wounded at the battle of San Jacinto, where Santa Anna was taken prisoner, and died June 2, 1836, leaving an estate of five thousand acres of land.

He wrote a letter to his parents three weeks previous to his death which is as follows :

TEXAS, FOUR MILES FROM HEAD-QUARTERS.

April 10, 1836.

Dear Parents.—Since I last wrote you I have been engaged in arranging an expedition against the Indians, who have committed many depredations against the frontier. On my return to the settlements, I learned that our country was again invaded by a merciless horde of Mexicans, who were waging a war of extermination against the inhabitants. A call was made for all friends of humanity to rise in arms and resist the foe. Men were panic-stricken and fled, leaving their all behind them. I could not reconcile it to my feelings to leave Texas without an effort to save it. Accordingly, I bent my course for the army and arrived last evening at this place. I shall enter camp this morning as a volunteer. The army, commanded by Gen. Houston, is lying on the west side of the Brazos, 20 miles from San Fillippe. The enemy is in that place waiting an attack. It is reported Houston will attack them in the morning. What will be the result, or the fate of Texas, is hid in the bowels of futurity. Yet, I think we are engaged in the cause of justice, and hope the God of battles will protect us. The enemy's course has been the most bloody that has ever been recorded on the page of history. Our garrison at San Antonio was taken and massacred ; so another detachment of seven hundred, commanded by Col. Fanning, and posted at La Bahia, after surrendering prisoners of war ; were led out and shot down like bears. Only *one* escaped to tell their melancholy fate. In their course they show no quarter to age, sex, or condition, all are massacred without mercy. If such conduct is not sufficient to arouse the patriotic feelings of the sons of liberty, I know not what will. I was born in a land of freedom, and taught to lisp the name of liberty with my infant tongue, and rather than be driven out of the country or submit to be a slave, I will leave my bones to bleach on the plains of Texas. If we succeed in subduing the enemy and establishing a free and independent government, we shall have the

finest country the sun ever shone upon, and if we fail we shall have the satisfaction of dying fighting for the rights of man. I know not that I shall have an opportunity of writing to you in some time, but shall do so as often as is convenient. Be not alarmed about my safety. I am no better, and my life no dearer than those who gained the liberty you enjoy. If I fall you will have the satisfaction that your son died fighting for the rights of man. Our strength in the field is about 1,500. The enemy is reported 4,000 strong; a fearful odds, you will say; but what can mercenary hirelings do against the sons of liberty?

Before this reaches you the fate of Texas will be known. I will endeavor to acquaint you as soon as possible. I am well and in good spirits, and as unconcerned as if going to a raising. The same Being who has hitherto protected my life can with equal ease ward off the balls of the enemy. My company is waiting, and I must draw to a close, and bid you farewell, perhaps forever. More than a year has elapsed since I saw you, yet the thoughts of friends and home are fresh in my memory, and their remembrance yet lives in my affections and will light a secret joy to my heart till it shall cease to beat. Long has it been since I have heard from you. How often do I think of home and wish to be there. The thought of that sacred spot haunts my night-watches. How often, when sleep has taken possession of my faculties, am I transported there, and for a short time enjoy all the pleasures of home; but the delusion is soon over, and the morning returns and I find my situation the same. Dear friends, if I see you no more, remember Giles still loves you. Give my love to my sisters, brothers, friends, and neighbors. I would write more if time would permit, but its fleeting steps wait for none. You need not write to me, as I do not know where I shall be. With sentiments of sincere respect I bid you farewell.

Your affectionate son,

G. A. GIDDINGS.

815 Jabez D., b. 1814, d. in Brenham, Texas, June 10, 1878, from injuries received by being thrown from a carriage. In 1838, he went to Texas to settle the estate of his bro., Giles A., and being pleased with the country settled there. He was for many years an eminent lawyer, and a banker in Brenham, and was greatly beloved. He is said to have left a property of half a million dollars. He m. Ann Tarver and had ch. *Edmond T.*, his eldest son, fell in the rebellion. *Charles* resides at Brenham. *Louisa*, m. Mr. Stone.

816 Louisa, b. Jan. 1817, m. 1839, Spencer Watrous, of Montrose,

Susqu. Co., Pa., has ch. *Giles A., George G.* A dau. m. Horace Tiffany, and all reside in Montrose, Pa.

817 Marie A., b. Feb. 19, 1819, m. 1838, Walter Lyon, who d. 1872, has two sons and two dau.

818 *Eugene E.*, b. 1840, gave promise of being more than an ordinary man; with a passion for books and a retentive memory, he stored his mind with such information as would be useful to him in the profession of law which he chose, he was a natural reasoner and debater, and while yet in his teens, was one of the best political speakers in the community, but by too close application to study, his health failed and he now resides on the home farm near Uniondale, Pa. He m. Miss——, and has one son, Walter.

819 *Clare* m. 1868, Gilbert L. Benjamin, (see No. 798).

820 *J. W.*, b. 1848, m. Susy Boulton, and has four ch. Percy, Flora M., Edgar J., and Ida.

He resides at Guelph, Canada, has much of the Giddings spirit of adventure, and has been very successful in business. Commencing as book agent, he is now at the head of the "World Publishing Co.," and has men selling books in nearly every part of the world where the English language is spoken, and has accumulated a handsome fortune.

821 *Louisa A.*, b. 1853, m. 1876, Joseph H. Johnson, of Minneapolis, Minn., and has one son, Walter H.

822 John James, b. 1821, died 1861, a victim of Indian barbarity. He was a civil engineer by profession. He surveyed the German colony in Texas, at that time some 250 miles from any settlement, among hostile Indians where he experienced many hair-breath escapes. A correspondent writes, "he was one of the finest-looking men I ever saw." At the commencement of the rebellion he was traveling in one of the mail coaches from San Antonio to California, when the U. S. troops were recalled from the frontier, and he, and all his company were massacred by the Indians. One of his boots and a glove was all that was found to tell of his sad fate. He m. Matilda Sloan, of Penn Yan, N. Y., who did not long survive the shock of her husband's death, being found dead in bed, leaving five children orphans. The youngest born after his father's death, was found lying by his dead mother in all the sweet unconsciousness of infancy.

823 George H., b. 1823, was engaged for years in the U. S. mail service. Was a colonel in the confederate army. He m. (1) Emma Lockwood, of San Antonio, Texas, where they resided for several years, he having emigrated to that state in 1846. He m. (2) Mrs. Julia Thompson, of Washington, D. C., where they now reside and have ch. *Emma A., Mary, Gertrude, Francis, George*, and two others.

824 Francis, b. 1825, d. 1868, at the hands of a desperado at Elpaso, Mexico, where he was a practicing physician, and was at the time of his death attending the transfer of the U. S. mail into Mexico. He was a graduate of the medical college, Castleton, Vt.

825 Dewitt C., b. in Susquehanna Co., Pa., July 18, 1827, received an academic education, studied law at Honesdale, Pa., removed to Texas in 1852, settled at Brenham, Washington Co., and engaged in the practice of his profession; was for three terms a member of Congress, serving on the committee of Land Claims, and Indian Affairs. He entered the confederate service, held the commission of colonel, and served until the close of the war, was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1866; was in partnership with his brother, Jabez D., and still manages the business.

He was chosen by the Governor of Texas to go to Europe to manage a lawsuit between the cotton-growers and the manufacturers of cotton goods, and so ably presented his case before the British courts that he won the suit. The town of "Giddings," in that state is named in honor of him.

789 ~~Jabez Wight~~,⁶ Soloman,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ b. Aug. 30, 1787, d. Dec. 20, 1868. He m. June 7, 1812, Lydia H. Alden, of Stafford, b. Aug. 17, 1790, d. Sep. 28, 1860.

CHILDREN.

- 826 Horatio Alden, b. Aug. 3, 1813, m. Huldah S. Andrus. +
- 827 Edwin Wight, b. June 11, 1815, m. Martha Makepeace. +
- 828 William Wight, b. Aug. 11, 1817, m. Cornelia Ann Seymour. +
- 829 Soloman, d., æ. 12 yrs.
- 830 Eliab Alden, b. Aug. 4, 1820, m. Eliza B. Seymour. +
- 831 Moses Avery, b. May 24, 1825, m. Caroline A. Beekman. +
- 832 George Wight, graduated at Trinity College, studied law, and was a young man of much promise, d., æ. 28.
- 833 Lydia Alden, b. July 1, 1831, m. Edward Todd. +

826 ~~Horatio Alden~~,⁷ Jabez Wight,⁶ Soloman,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ b. Aug. 3, 1813, m. Oct., 1838, Huldah S. Andrus, of Hartford, Conn., and has been by occupation a farmer.

CHILDREN.

- 834 Soloman O., b. Jan. 24, 1839, is a merchant in Romeo, Mich. He m. Oct. 17, 1866, Julia A. Smith, b. Jan. 24, 1839, at Hopewell, N. Y.

835 Edwin Andrus, b. Dec. 15, 1841, at Hartford, Conn., and there resides. He is a market gardener by occupation. He m. Sep. 18, 1867, Susan Miranda Keep, of Paxton, Mass., b. Mch. 15, 1842. Ch., *Howard Andrus*, b. Aug. 2, 1868. *Bertha Southworth*, b. July 4, 1870. *Edith Mabel*, b. Feb. 9, 1873. *Harrison Keep*, b. Sep. 28, 1876. *Eugene Alden*, b. Nov. 21, 1878.

836 Mary Alden, m. William Keep, of Mass., and resides in Hartford.

827 Edwin Wight,⁷ Jabez Wight,⁶ Soloman,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ b. June 11, 1815, at Preston, Conn., removed and settled in Romeo, Mich., where he followed the general goods trade for more than 35 years. He is now (1881) president of the Citizen's National bank. He held the position of vice-president and president of the First National Bank for several years, and has stock in both. He m. (1) Oct. 13, 1840, at West Brookfield, Mass., Miss Martha S. Makepeace, who d. at Romeo, June 6, 1841, æ. 22. He m. (2) Nov. 28, 1843, Mercy A. Leach, at Lima, Monroe Co., New York, who d. Nov. 22, 1866, æ. 52.

CHILDREN.

837 Martha S. M., b. July 20, 1847.

838 Edwin W., b. Oct. 23, 1848, is engaged in the dry goods business in Colorado Springs.

839 Louis Augustus, b. Aug. 6, 1850, is in Denver, Col.

840 Mary Dickenson, b. Jan. 28, 1853.

841 Addia Leach, b. Nov. 5, 1855.

842 Sarah Dickenson, b. Nov. 16, 1859.

828 William Wight,⁷ Jabez W.,⁶ Soloman,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ b. Aug. 11, 1817, in Preston, Conn., removed to New Britain, same state, and engaged in the lumber and coal trade, which has proved highly successful. He m. Nov. 17, 1840, Cornelia Ann Seymour, b. Apr. 28, 1822, in Hartford.

CHILDREN.

843 William Henry, b. Jan. 27, 1847, is a dealer in furniture. He m. Nov. 24, 1869, Geannah L. Nichols. They have ch., Wilber S., b. Aug. 21, 1870. Willie J., b. Apr. 11, 1872.

844 Frederick Wooster, b. Aug. 27, 1850, is a clothing merchant. He m. Oct. 27, 1875, Mary Brewster Stoughton, b. Jan. 12, 1857, at East Winsted, Conn.

845 George Wight, b. May 21, 1858, is a student of medicine.

846 Martha Makepeace, b. Aug. 27, 1841, m. Dec. 5, 1864, Chas. A.

Northend, of New Britain, b. May 3, 1841, and had a son, Henry Haven Northend, b. Nov. 13, 1866. She d. Oct. 23, 1878.

830 Eliab Alden,⁷ Jabez W.,⁶ Soloman,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ b. Apr. 24, 1820, m. Oct. 31, 1849, Eliza B. Seymour, b. Apr. 30, 1821, resides in Mich., and has retired from active business.

CHILDREN.

847 George W., b. Aug. 10, 1857.

848 Lelia Belle, b. Aug. 7, 1858, d. 1859.

849 Helen S., b. December 2, 1860.

850 Alden, b. Sep. 29, 1862, d. May 24, 1863.

831 Moses A.,⁷ Jabez W.,⁶ Soloman,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ b. May 24, 1825, at Preston, Conn., removed to Romeo, Mich., and was president of the First Natl. Bank. He m. Sep. 25, 1855, Caroline A. Beekman, b. Mch. 26, 1828, in N. Y.

CHILDREN.

851 Kate Isabelle, b. Mch. 23, 1857.

852 Jabez Wight, b. Sep. 27, 1858, now in college.

853 Caroline G., b. Feb. 21, 1868.

833 Lydia Alden,⁷ Jabez W.,⁶ Soloman,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ b. at Hartford, Conn., July 11, 1831, m. Jan. 28, 1853, Edward Todd, now of New York city, a successful manufacturer of gold pens, proprietor of "Todd's gold pens."

They recently spent three years traveling in Europe. Their country residence is Madison, N. J.

CHILDREN—BORN IN BROOKLYN.

854 Charlotte Lydia, b. April 17, 1854, at Brooklyn, N. Y., m. R. Root Cornell.

855 Edward, b. Aug. 1, 1856.

855½ Ambrose Ely, b. July 7, 1858, d. Aug. 4, 1860.

856 Alden Giddings, b. April 24, 1863, now in Princeton college.

856½ Edith May, b. Jan. 5, 1867, d. Apr. 26, 1877.

857 Helen Wight, b. Oct. 15, 1870.

857½ Jennie Alden, b. May 7, 1873.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD OF NAMES AND FAMILIES NOT POSITIVELY TRACED TO GEORGE AND JANE GIDDINGS, OF IPSWICH.

858 Stephen Giddings went from Mass. in 1793, to Campton, N. H., with eight children, and d. Feb. 5, 1814.

He m. (1) April 3, 1766, Mary ———, who d. 1788. He m. (2) Aug. 21, 1790, Polly Pierce, of Plymouth, N. H., b. Feb. 4, 1756.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

859 Jacob, b. Oct. 14, 1767, m. 1817, Elizabeth Pulsifer.

860 Joshua, b. Mch. 27, 1768, d. Mch. 13, 1776.

861 Mary, b. Sep. 16, 1772.

862 Sarah, b. Aug. 25, 1775, d. 26 days after.

863 Stephen, b. June 16, 1777, had one ch., Mary Ann, still living.

864 Hannah, b. Jan. 26, 1781.

865 John, b. Jan. 26, 1781. +

866 William, b. Nov. 8, 1784, m. Sarah Wyatt. +

867 Sallie, b. May 4, 1787, d. Sep. 15, 1787.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

868 Ruth, b. Dec. 5, 1792.

869 Charles, b. Apr. 23, 1795.

870 Daniel, b. Oct. 3, 1798.

865 John,² Stephen,¹ b. Jan. 26, 1781, d. Sep. 15, 1823, m., and had

CHILDREN.

871 Moses, b. Sep. 29, 1816. +

872 Hannah French, d. June 20, 1850.

873 Abby Trafton.

873½ Susan, b. Sep. 1823, d. 1825.

866 William,² Stephen,¹ b. Nov. 8, 1784, m. Sarah Wyatt and had ch.

One dau. m. J. W. Moseir of Compton, N. H. another dau. m. Chas. Whedden of New Hampton, N. H. A son Rockwood,* " b. in Plymouth, N. H., Aug. 8, 1812, graduated at Waterville

* Sprague's Annals, v. 1, 818.

College in 1833, and then went to Virginia where he commenced the study of medicine. He was about settling as a physician in Missouri when he felt called upon to preach the Gospel. He was shortly afterwards ordained; in 1835 he became pastor of the Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Ky., where his ministrations were very successful. In 1838 he was appointed president of the Baptist College of Georgetown, then in a most destitute condition. He accepted the nomination and in less than eight months secured more than eighty thousand dollars towards an endowment, but the severe labor he imposed on himself undermined his health and he died Oct. 29, 1839."

The following is the title of an address upon Rockwood Giddings of Kentucky, who died at the age of 28, as found in the Massachusetts Historical Collections :

"Funeral oration on the death of President Giddings, delivered by the Rev. Ryland T. Dillard, at the request of the Trustees of Georgetown College in Georgetown, on the fifth day of January, 1840," and the following are extracts from this oration :

"President Giddings was a native of Compton, New Hampshire, in which state he continued to reside until he had finished his preparatory studies at New Hampton, then under the direction of Elder B. T. Farnsworth, now of Louisville, and whilst a student at Hampton he embraced religion and united himself with the Baptist Church at that place. He then entered Waterville College, and, in 1833, graduated with distinguished honor. Whilst at Waterville, his mind was turned to the gospel ministry, and he was licensed to preach by the Baptist Church in Waterville.

Like many of the enterprising sons of New England, he looked to the west for the field of his labors, and after a short stay in Virginia, he emigrated to Kentucky.

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Few Christians evinced more of the spirit of the Redeemer than did Brother Giddings. Modest and unassuming, he sheltered behind the cross of Christ, and more aged and experienced Christian friends. His piety was of a deep rooted character, for it rested upon the atonement as its foundation; its evidences were found in strong desire and stronger effort for the good of mankind. Deeply attached to his own denomination, he

nevertheless received in the open arms of fellowship all such as love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. Decision of character was prominent in the short life of President Giddings, and he was energetic in doing that which his mind determined to do. He comprehended the character of others at a glance. Hence his remarkable success in the church as well as in the college. As a minister of the Gospel he was superior to most of his age, and from so flourishing a tree we might reasonably expect fruit of no ordinary kind. Conciliatory in his manners, he ever secured the esteem of his seniors in the ministry, the love of his equals and the respect of all. The success of his short ministerial career is the best eulogium on his pulpit efforts, for the salvation of sinners was the very pendulum of his soul. Unconcerned about the flourishes of rhetoric, in plain and forcible words he pressed home upon the heart and conscience the great truths of the Bible.

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The influence which the moral conduct of Elder Giddings exerted upon his Christian ministry was very great, for he never urged upon his hearers the performance of that which he failed to do, or to abstain from that in which he indulged himself, so that none could say 'Physician heal thyself.'

President Giddings took a lively interest in the movements of the Christian church. The cause of missions lay near his heart as well as all other subordinate agencies that have for their object the glory of God and the salvation of sinners.

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After the election of Elder Giddings to the presidency of Georgetown College, his first aim was to place the institution on a solid foundation by the endowments of professorships and arousing the friends of education to a sense of their duty, and this he effected to the lasting honor of the friends of the college, as well as to *him*, by whose agency it was effected.

Possessed of a delicate constitution, his labors were more arduous than it could bear, and he fell a victim to those labors of love which he has bequeathed to us and ours forever. For who, but one possessed of the varied talents of our youthful friend, could meet the ignorant and the enlightened, the liberal and the courteous man, and enlist all in the cause of education,

by which the college at Georgetown is placed upon an elevation on which we hope future generations will be proud to see her stand."

871 ~~Moses~~,³ John,² Stephen,¹ b. Sep. 29, 1816, m. (1) May 6, 1850, Mary Shirly, b. Apr. 20, 1820, and d. May 18, 1851, m. (2) Ernestine Chase, July 11, 1854, b. July 10, 1833, and d. Jan. 4, 1879, m. (3) Oct. 5, 1877, Sarah E. Sabine. He resides in Bangor, Maine.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

874 Frederic Chase, b. July 28, 1855, m. Oct. 27, 1880, Maria E. Sargent.

875 Ernestine Marie, b. Jan. 5, 1858, m. Nov. 8, 1881, Rev. Henry E. Burrage, of Portland, Me.

876 May Susan, b. May, 1860, d. Feb. 27, 1866.

877 Madeleine, b. Feb. 28, 1866.

878 Rev. Charles E. Giddings, of Waco, Texas, gives the following. (The Capt. Giddings here spoken of may have been the Stephen before mentioned.) "Capt. Giddings sailed between the West Indies and New York. During the Revolutionary War he sold his vessel and cargo to the colonial authorities, taking in payment continental money which depreciated on his hands and ruined him financially. Afterwards, he settled in Campton, N. H.

"He had a son Jacob, b. abt. 1760, at Newburyport, Mass., who served in the war of 1812, and died 1834, æ. 74. The latter had a son William, b. in Plymouth, N. H., in 1791, d. in Franklin Co., Vt. 1880, Charles E., s. of William, b. in same Co., Vt., d. in Saratoga, N. Y., 1860, leaving a son, Rev. Charles E., who resides in Waco, Texas."

The following account is given in part by a descendant of James Giddings here spoken of, and the remainder gathered from various sources. It is but a meager account. From what is here given those interested may be able to trace these names to the original ancestor in this country.

James, Daniel, and David Giddings, brothers, resided in New Hampshire.

879 James, m. Polly Senter, and lived in Webster, N. H., thence removed to Seneca Falls, N. Y., and there died.

CHILDREN.

- 880 Senter M., b. Sept. 4, 1804, m. Miss Barker.
 881 James Harvey, b. Aug. 9, 1806.
 882 Hiram B., b. Jan. 8, 1808.
 883 Mary S., b. Aug. 15, 1811, m. a Mr. Daniels, and resides in Seneca Falls, N. Y.
 884 Millie.
 885 Lyman G., b. Aug. 22, 1815, resides in N. Y. City. He had a s. *Albert L.*, b. at Seneca Falls, N. Y., 1841, m. June 27, 1871, Julia L. Lewis and resides in N. Y. City.
 886 Susan S., b. Oct. 4, 1817.
 887 Daniel Giddings, at the time of his death, resided in Huntington, Mass. He had at least one dau, who m. E. Wood, of that place.
 888 David, settled in Wisconsin, and was at one time superintendent of the State Prison. There was one James Giddings who resided in Dodge Co., Wis., and was representative to the state legislature. Whether of this family I know not.

880 ~~Senter M.~~, s. of James Giddings, b. at Boscawen, N. H., Sept. 4, 1804, removed to Seneca Falls, N. Y., and engaged in mercantile business for 15 yrs. He was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of the N. Y. State Senate, and was a Brigadier-General of Militia. He engaged in the study of botany and medicine and practiced that profession successfully in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he d. 1880. He m. Miss Barker, of Hudson, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

- 889 Julia, b. about 1830, m. E. B. Harwood, of Brooklyn, N. Y.
 890 Silas M., b. 1832, m. Matildie Welling, of Brooklyn. He is a merchant and importer in New York, and has crossed the ocean twenty-eight times in the pursuit of his business. He is now a member of the firm of Oxley & Giddings, manufacturers of gas-fixtures and chandeliers, N. Y. City.
 891 Senter B., b. 1835, m. Louisa Wilkenson, of Baltimore, Md. He was for five years a merchant in photographic materials in N. Y.; d. 1880.
 892 Susan M., b. 1837, m. E. Bassett, of Brooklyn.

893 William James, b. 1839, m. Harriet Holden.

894 Harriet A., b. 1841, m. Henry Boyd, of Brooklyn.

895 John Giddings, m. Bessie Hyde, "whose parents came from England about the time of our revolution," and had at least one son, John, b. in Brookline, Mass., 1796. He was of medium height, deep chest, fine light brown hair, thin nose, high broad forehead, blue eyes, with an expression that would make an offender quail. He had much of English tastes, preferred venison and wild birds for the table, had a great fondness for horses, dogs, and fancy birds, and power to control animals and men in his employ. He went out to resist the English in 1814, but was taken by a man-of-war and thrown into Dartmoor Prison, where he suffered until the close of the war with inflammation and hemorrhage of the lungs, which was probably the cause of his death. He married, 1820, Susanna Lawrence, and d. Nov., 1827. The widow is still (1881) living. They had a daughter, Susan G., who married Mr. Simmons and resides in Russell street, Charlestown, Mass., by whom this sketch is furnished. In her letter she writes that she never knew much about the Giddings family, not having met many of the name. She has been an invalid for many years and is lame in both hands.

There is a family in South Carolina who spell their name Geddings. They claim to have descended from ancestors who came to that state from England about one hundred years ago. They are a family of talent, wealth, and position in society. Dr. Eli Geddings went from Maryland to Charleston, S. C., and was an eminent man. He was a physician, surgeon, and professor in the medical college of that city; died about 1879. J. F. M. Geddings, M.D., resides at Charleston. He was for years president of the South Carolina Medical Association. Edward Geddings, M.D., resides at Augusta, Ga. W. H. Geddings, M.D., resides at Aiken, S. C. Geraldine A. Lamb, a descendant of this family, resides at Augusta, Ga.

My information respecting this branch of the family is quite limited.

There are a good many families in Maryland and also in Penn. by the name of Gittings, and several families in the country by the name of Geddes, who are thought by some authorities, on the

origin and pedigree of names, to have all descended from the same ancestors a few hundred years since.

On old manuscripts in Mass. the name is spelled in various ways, indicating that they belong to the same family.

Harmon Giddings lived in Dutchess Co., N. Y. ; married and had four children. A son now resides at the homestead.

Charles Giddings, b. 1798, in England, m. 1820, Sarah, b. 1800, and d. 1853. His wife d. 1829. He had at least one son, Charles W., b. Oct. 27, 1828, in the village of Coate, near Devizes, Wiltshire Co., England ; m. (1) July 13, 1852, Catharine Douglas of Frederickton, New Brunswick, who d. Sep. 2, 1865. He m. (2) March 1, 1867, Marie A. Christie of Quebec, Canada. He enlisted in the British Army at the age of 12, as a musician, and served thirteen years. In June, 1853, he came to this country, and resided three years in Bangor, Me., and twenty-five years in Boston, Mass., where he now resides. He served in the Union Army during the late war as Drum Major in the Eleventh U. S. Infantry.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE.

Mary Ann, b. Apr. 30, 1853.

Charles, b. Mar. 19, 1855.

William N., b. Sep. 3, 1859.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE.

George W., b. July 15, 1869.

James M., b. May 7, 1877.

Major Giddings writes that he remembers but little of his family connections, having left his home so young ; but says there were several families of the name in his native county, and also in those adjoining.

MISCELLANEOUS NAMES NOT TRACED.

Married in Bristol, R. I., Dec. 29, 1724, William Toorey and Susannah Giddings. May 13, 1733, Jeremiah Diman and Sarah Giddings. May 5, 1734, Benjamin Salisbury and Mary Giddings.

At Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 25, 1801, Joseph Giddings of Ipswich, Mass., and Grace Wardwell.

Jan. 12, 1748, William Story and Mary Giddings.

April 10, 1749, John Marshall and Mary Giddings.

July 25, 1749, Daniel Giddings, Esq., to Mary Martin.

William Giddings in Chesterfield, Mass., 1839.

Samuel Giddings in West Hampton, Mass., 1840.

Daniel Giddings in Norwich, Conn.

Elias Giddings in Cummington, Mass.

June 2, 1737, Elizabeth Giddings m. Dr. Hugh Agan of Andover, Mass.

Hiram Giddings of Panton, Vt., was head of a family, in which a pensioner resided, June 1, 1840.

Benjamin Giddings, private, was a pensioner.

Joseph Giddings was a pensioner ; received \$96 yearly.

John Giddings of Hartford, Conn., was a pensioner ; received \$21.66 ; paid to Mch. 2, 1834, day of death.

Mary Giddings of Preston, Conn., was a pensioner, 1840.

Soloman Giddings was a merchant at Sheboygan Falls, Wis. ; removed thence to Neenawee, Wis.

W. R. Giddings, Augusta, Mich.

W. H. Giddings, Bakersfield, Vt.

David Giddings, Phila., Penn.

Andrew A. Giddings, Phila., Penn.

S. B. Giddings, Chicago, Ill.

E. E. Giddings, Chicago, Ill.

Alfred Giddings, Washington, D. C.

Isaac Giddings, Washington, D. C.

William T. Giddings, Washington, D. C.

Samuel Giddings, Chicago, Ill.

S. B. Giddings, M.D., Cleveland, O.

Benjamin N. Giddings, Cincinnati, O.

Samuel Giddings, Cambridge, Mass.

Herbert Giddings, Wakefield, Mass.

Ida Giddings, Lawrence, Mass.

Mrs. Jabez Giddings, Worcester, Mass.

Alice W. Giddings, Worcester, Mass.

L. A. Giddings, attorney, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

William Giddings, Onondaga, Mich.

A. Giddings, Galvin, Ill.

William J. Giddings, Lynn, Mass.

James E. Giddings, Everett, Mass.

Charles E. Giddings, Portsmouth, N. H.
Gordon H. Giddings, Rochester, N. Y.
Paul Giddings, Amesbury, Mass.
Joseph Giddings, Boston, Mass.
G. W. Giddings, Boston, Mass.
James Giddings, Somerville, Mass.
Geo. O. Giddings, Boston, Mass.
Charles M. Giddings, Charlestown, Mass.

APPENDIX.

Page 148, No. 596. Fidelia H. and Henry J. Gates had ch.

Henry M., b. 1843, m. 1867, Julia A. Owen, of New Hartford, Conn., and resides there, had two s. and one dau.

Mary F., b. 1847, m. 1874, John Ingle, of New Hartford, Conn., had one s. and one dau. She d. at New Hartford, Nov. 4, 1880.

Walter B., b. 1851, m. 1874, Ada Smith, of West Granville, Conn., had one dau., and resides in New Hartford.

William W., b. 1859.

No. 597. Milo J. and Eugenia P. Giddings had one child.

Ella, b. May, 1851, died March, 1857.

No. 599. Almira and Hoyt M. Hayes had ch.

Stella E., b. Oct. 2, 1860.

Mary B., b. Apr. 24, 1863.

Ida A., b. Oct. 21, 1866.

Maude, b. Feb. 18, 1872.

No. 600. Mary E. and Nelson D. Sanford had ch.

Edward N., b. Jan. 19, 1856, m. Alice E. Jones, of Avoca, Iowa, had two dau.

Charles G., b. Nov. 2, 1860.

Mary E., b. Sep. 22, 1864.

M. Belle, b. Sep. 2, 1870.

No. 601. The children of Eliza A. and Cyrus Cook were :

Anna A., b. Jan. 30, 1865.

Charles G., b. Nov. 1868, died Sept. 9, 1870.

Freddie, b. July, 1875, died Aug., 1876.

ERRATA.

The record of descent of Hon. Rufus Choate from Eunice Gidding and Jeremiah Choate (page 25, No. 73,) is an error.

The following is said to be the correct pedigree :

John Choate,¹ of Chebacco, Ipswich, Mass., m. Anne ———, d. Dec. 4, 1695. His son Thomas,² m. (1) Mary Varney; m. (2) Mary, widow of Joseph Calef; m. (3) widow Hannah Burnham. Thomas² had a son Francis,³ b. Sep. 13, 1701, m. Apr. 13, 1727, Hannah Perkins who d. Oct. 2, 1778. He d. Oct. 15, 1777. Their son William,⁴ b. Sep., 1730, m. Jan. 6, 1756, Mary, dau. of Job Giddings, and their son David,⁵ b. Nov. 29, 1756, m. (1) June 24, 1784, Mary Cogswell; m. (2) Oct. 11, 1791, Miriam Foster, and had Rufus⁶ Choate, b. Oct. 1, 1799, d. at Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 13, 1859 (see page 25, No. 73). He m. Helen, dau. of Mills Olcott of Hanover, N. H.

Job Giddings, father of Mary, is thought to have been a son of Job,³ John,² George¹ (see No. 22, page 22).

A Lieutenant Wm. Butler died 1730, leaving among other legacies, one to his grandson Job Giddings.—(Salem Probate Records.)

On page 67, No. 350, \$6,000 should be \$60,000.

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