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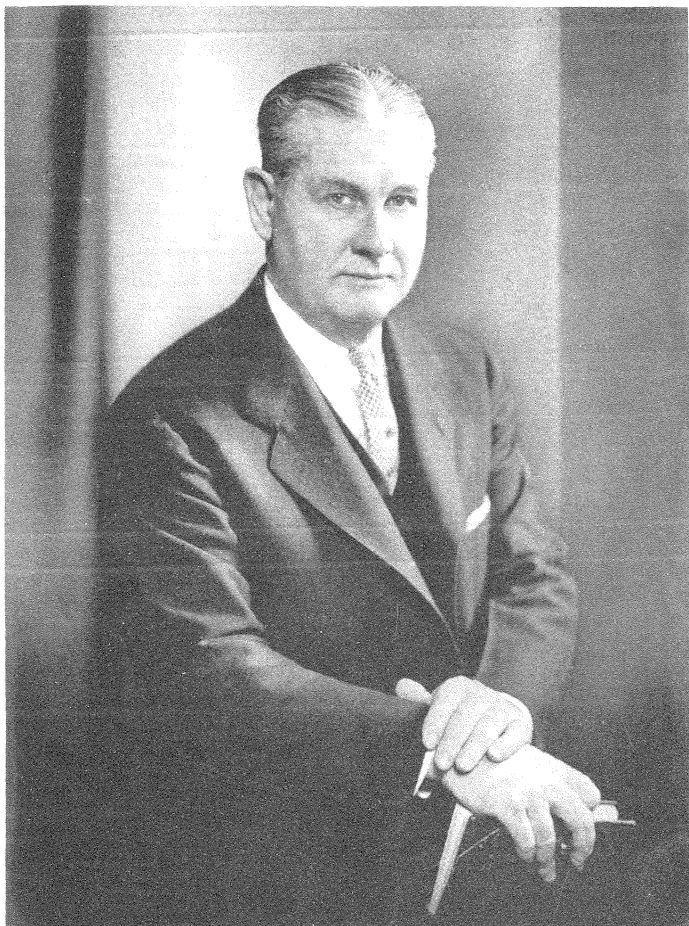
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To my wife

EDITH CHRISTINE (SHANNO) HILLS

through whose constant effort this book has been published

FRANCIS J. HILLS

FOREWORD

IF it were not for the patience and generosity of Francis J. Hills Esq., of Rahway, N. J., this book would never have become available. It is important to note that his earliest known progenitor, Samuel Hills of Duxbury, Mass., and Lebanon, Conn., wrote the final "s" to his surname. While some of the descendants changed the spelling, most of them, including Mr. Hills' branch, retained the original form.

Samuel Hills was not a son of John Hill of Saybrook, Conn., nor was the latter a son of William Hills of Hartford, Conn., as has been claimed without evidence or proof. Of these facts I am certain.

Throughout the text, reference is made to the *Hills Notes*, a typed manuscript, with many photostatic copies of original documents, which I compiled and which Mr. Hills has presented to the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Mr. Hills has particularly requested that full acknowledgement be accorded to the late William Sanford Hills and Thomas Hills for their *Hills Family in America*, published in 1906. I wish to thank Mrs. Charles D. Townsend of West Hartford, Conn., and Donald Lines Jacobus, M.A., of New Haven, Conn., for their able assistance in some of the local research, also Miss Marion C. Reed of Brookline, Mass., for her help in reading proof with me.

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1. SAMUEL¹ HILLS, birthplace and parentage unknown, aged sixty-two in 1735, hence born in 1673, resident of Duxbury, Mass., from at least 1694, died in Lebanon, Conn., between 6 Sept. 1748 and 12 Oct. 1753, testate. He married, in Duxbury, 6 Nov. 1694*, PHEBE LEONARD, probably living in Lebanon, 28 Apr. 1733, daughter of Sgt. Philip and Lydia (——) Leonard, about whom see the *Addenda*. As a second wife, he married, in Lebanon, 25 Feb. 1735, ABIGAIL HINCKLEY, born in Barnstable, Mass., about 1693, living in Lebanon, 26 Oct. 1753, daughter of Ensign John and Mary (Goodspeed) Hinckley.† No issue by this second marriage.

W. S. Hills' and Thomas Hills' 1906 *Hills Family in America*, page 8, places our Samuel, without any proof, as the Samuel, born in Saybrook, Conn., 29 May 1671, son of a John Hill, by wife Jane, widow of John Bushnell; I find nothing to warrant such an assumption. Our Samuel of Duxbury was not a mariner, but a shoemaker, therefore there was no reason for him to backtrack from Saybrook to Duxbury; the trend was ever westward; nor did the Bushnell children apparently have relatives in Duxbury. Of our Samuel's eight children, none were named Jane or John, or bore the names that Jane gave her Bushnell offspring. Nor was this unknown John Hill of Saybrook a son of William Hills of Hartford, likewise claimed, for the latter's son, John, left no male heirs, as is clearly set forth in Jacobus' careful 1952, *Hale House and Related Families*, pages 581–582.‡

Therefore, we start this Lineage with the progenitor, Samuel Hills, of Duxbury and Lebanon, born in or about 1673, died about 1753, who evidently had just attained his majority, at the time of his 1694 wedding. Apparently possessed of no real property, this marriage with Phebe was a fortunate step for young Samuel, for she was sole heiress of her parents and in this way, Samuel and Phebe, eventually became owners of all of her father's holdings in Duxbury. It has been stated that Philip Leonard, her father, removed to Duxbury from Marshfield, Mass., but as we shall see in his account, which has been carefully compiled, this is not true. He lived on the line between the

* Intention not of record.

† Nephew of Gov. Hinckley, for my *Hinckley Notes*, see N. E. H. G. Society.

‡ Data about John and Jane (——) (Bushnell) Hill, in the *Addenda*.

two towns and his farm and other lands fell within Duxbury when that line was straightened.

Before we continue with the account of Samuel Hills, it is well to point out that a most exhaustive search for his parentage was made and with a negative result. The name of HILL and HILLS was often interchanged and this was borne in mind. A list of the principal authorities consulted has been kept. The only other family of the name in old Plymouth Colony was Ralph Hill and son, of Plymouth, but the Samuel, son of Ralph Jr., born in 1672, lived and died (1755) in Billerica, Mass., so is eliminated.*

The bounds between Duxbury and Marshfield were established, 23 Feb. 1683; earlier, 2 Mar. 1658, "Namassakeesett" was annexed to Duxbury; more lands were granted both towns, 5 Mar. 1661; the bounds between Duxbury and the Major's Purchase were established, 5 July 1670; later, in 1813, the bounds between the towns were again stipulated. 21 Mar. 1712, Pembroke was set off from Duxbury, being that part called Mattakeeset, the Major's Purchase and land known as Marshfield Upper Lands. (In 1734, Halifax was set off from a portion of Pembroke and in 1820, Hanson was also set off from Pembroke.) This will help us to understand why, when the *Pembroke Vital Records* (1911) were printed, they contain, pages 107 and 289, these records, for Hills:

"Abgell," b. 26 Mar. 1697

Philip, b. 9 Aug. 1699

Richard, b. 3 Feb. 1702-03

Samuel Jr., b. 25 June 1701

Samuel Hills and ———, m. 6 Nov. 1694

The reference to the above is *Private Record #174*, which was in the possession of a Henry Torrey, of North Hanson †; doubtful if authentic or ancient, it was evidently copied, in part, from the *Duxbury Vital Records*.

It is most unfortunate that the Town Proceedings (Minutes) of Duxbury are lost prior to 1686; that the Proprietors' Records only commence in 1709; and that the old First Church Records (now Unitarian) are only extant from 1739.

A personal trip to Duxbury, confirmed the above; also there are no Warnings in the records. The town proceedings are complete 1686 through 1711, then scattered until 1729. All the material about land grants, divisions, etc., was printed in 1893 in the *Duxbury Town Records, 1642-1770*, fully indexed, the preface of which states that the "Unimportant" town meeting records, as also the vital records are omitted. Important to us surely! The vital records were issued,

* Holman's 1938 *Pillsbury Ancestry, 1005-1006*; *Register, 33: 443-444*; *Mayflower Desc. 13: 84*; Hazen's 1883 *Billerica, 69, et als.*

† Possibly a descendant of Richard² Hills, *vide post*.

in 1911, down to 1850. Also, in divers volumes of the *Mayflower Descendant* (34 volumes, 1905-1937), are the early vital records, *verbatim*, and exactly by page. *Volume 10* (1908), pages 184-185, gives the "Hill" Leonard items, which were checked with the originals and found, page 41, to be exact. The final "s" is therein omitted. However in other records we find both spellings, for variations in spellings of surnames did not worry unduly our ancestors. All the land grants in names of Samuel Hills and Philip Leonard were checked with copies of those printed with the *Town Meeting Records*, a small volume preserved by the Emery Process. The *General Records, 1645-1749*, were read to 1730, this is also rebound by the same process. In this volume appears the Hill-Leonard record referred to above, page 41. There is also a volume of *Miscellaneous Records, 1642-1745*, again covered to 1730, rebound by the same process; a volume of *Fragments*, no dates but mainly 1779 to 1791 within and a few pages in the back of the book 1684, and *Proprietors Second Division, 1712 and 1754* and families. And finally, a book of *General Records, 1710-1786*, and some miscellaneous items, 1816-1826. This last is a much larger book than the rest, and here the town meeting records commence regularly in 1734, after our family had left. These original Duxbury sources are explained so that the references given regarding Samuel's residence there will be clear. These books are not indexed and much of the writing is difficult and faded.

At the time our Samuel appears in Duxbury, 1694, the town was within the newly formed Plymouth County, with the county seat at Plymouth. Prior to 1686, and before the establishment of this county, both Duxbury and Marshfield were part of the old Colony, so-called, Plymouth Colony, which had been annexed by the Bay Colony (Massachusetts).*

I wish to stress that the first actual record we have for our Samuel is his marriage in 1694:

Court of Common Pleas, Plymouth County, 1702-1773, volume one, page three: "Registry of Marriages within ye Town of Duxborough" "1694 Samuel Hill married to Phebe Leonard," 6 November. An examination of this original entry shows no final "s" to the name of Hill.†

The complete record as it appears in the *General Records of Duxbury, 1645-1749, page 41*, and which is *exactly* printed in the *May-*

* Therefore the records of Plymouth County, as such, only date from 1686 (actually in most cases 1692) and before then one must turn to the records of Plymouth Colony. Fortunately the records of this Colony, except the deeds (after the first volume) and the probate, are printed. There are moreover, copies of the deeds and probate at the *Mass. Archives*, but these are not cross-indexed.

† This marriage has been printed in these *copies* of published vital records: *Genealogical Advertiser* (1898), 1: 2; Bailey's *Mass. Marriages* (1900), 2: 54; *Mayflower Desc.* (1908), 10: 184; *Duxbury V. R.* (1911) and *Pembroke V. R.* (1911); *Mayflower Desc.* (1924), 26: 37.

flower Descendant (1908), volume 10, 184-185, follows below:

"Samuel Hill and Phebe Leonard were married upon y^e 6th day of November. Anno Dom. 1694

Abigail Hill y^e daughter of Samuel Hill & Phebe his wife was Born, May y^e 26th Anno Dom. 1697

Philip Hill Son of Samuel Hill & Phebe his wife was born. August y^e 8th Anno Domini. 1699.

Samuel Hill Son of Samuel Hill & Phebe his wife was Born, June y^e 25th Anno Dom. 1701.

Richard Hill y^e son of Samuel Hill & Phebe his wife was born, February y^e 3^d Anno Dom. 170²₃

Ebenezar Hill son of Samuel Hill & Phebe his wife was Born. December y^e 6th Anno Dom. 1705

Ephraim Hill son of Samuel Hill & Phebe his wife was Born, December y^e 13th Anno. 1707

Joseph Hill & Lydia Hill Son & Daughter of Samuel Hill and Phebe his wife were Born upon y^e 25th day of August, Anno Dom. 1710

Lydia Leonard y^e wife of Philip Leonard Deceased upon y^e 13th day of November. Anno. 1707

Philip Leonard. Deceased July y^e 3^d Anno Dom. 1708

Joseph Hill son of Samuel Hill and Phebe his wife. Deceased July Anno Dom. 1711.

John Norcut y^e son of Ephraim Norcut & Elisabeth his wife was Born April y^e 6th Anno Domini. 1732" [end of page 41.*]

The Hills evidently lived with the Leonards and after they inherited the Leonard place continued there until they went southwest to Lebanon, at which time, many from Plymouth County, disgusted with the poor soil, settled in eastern Connecticut, in and near Lebanon.

Before 1702, we only have record of Samuel, as follows: his 1694 marriage to Phebe Leonard and the births of their three eldest: Abigail, Philip and Samuel, in 1697, 1699 and 1701. At this period, he was not a land owner and did not join a church until 1707, *vide post*. He then bought land of the town of Duxbury:

15 June 1702, The "town have appointed . . . Capt Arnold and Mr. David Alden to sell and lay out to Samuel Hill of this town, about twenty acres of land of the town's commons, they returning the money to the town." (*Duxbury Town Recds.*, 1893, 193.)†

"Duxborough July the 9th 1702. We whose names are here unto subscribed being Agents for the town, have sold unto Samuel Hills, and laid out to him, a certain parcel or tract of land containing Twenty acres more or less, bounded as followeth, Begining at a small birch tree marked on four sides, standing in the edge of a swamp, and from thence by a line between Dux-

* The last item *re* "Norcut" was written-in, paper was scarce and every iota of the pages were used; page 42, commences with a Chandler recd. Throughout the final "s" in this record, page 41, is omitted.

† No final "s" in this record, I checked the originals. (*Duxbury General Recds.*, 1645-1749, p. 56.)

burrough and Marshfield till it meeteth with a large Pine tree standing in said line, and from said tree, on a Southerly line to a maple tree standing in the side of a swamp marked on four sides, and from that maple tree on a straight line, to a Pine tree marked, standing a little within the swamp on that side next to Phillip Leonard's land, near said Leonard's range, and from the aforesaid Pine tree, directly to said Leonard's range, and by said range to the end of Leonard's land, and extending from thence about Six rods till it meet a red oak tree marked on four sides, and from said tree till it meet with the aforesaid Birch tree marked.

Seth Arnold
David Alden."

(*ibid.*, 196.)

17 May 1703, both Philip Leonard and "Sam¹ Hill," protest, with others, an action of the town of Duxbury relative to lands. (*Misc. Recds.*, 1642-1745, 285.)

In 1909, the records of the *First Church in Marshfield* were published in the *Mayflower Descendant*, continuing in later volumes. The foreword states that this, the oldest known record, begins in 1696, and that if there was an earlier book, it has been lost. The records that interest us are below:

31 Aug. 1707, "Samuel hill receaved into this Church."

2 May 1708, "Sam: Hill" had daughter baptised: Abigail.

- March 1709, "Phebe hill Wife to Samuel Hill was baptised and five of their children."

15 July 1711, "Sam: Hill had a child baptised called Lydia."

Also, 25 Aug. 1723, Samuel Hill Jr., and wife had son Joseph baptised and, 27 June 1725, had daughter "Hanna" baptised.

(*Mayflower Descendant*, 31: 118, 119, 164, 165.)

Thus we learn that although Samuel and his son and namesake were considered legal residents of Duxbury, they attended church in Marshfield, living in the northern part of Duxbury near the town line. A few months, after Samuel joined the Marshfield church, his mother-in-law died in Duxbury, 13 Nov. 1707; no estate. When the latter's husband, Philip Leonard, died there within a year, 3 July 1708, an administration was effected on his estate:

"To Samuel Hill Son in law of Phillip Leanard Late of Duxburrough in the County of Plimouth . . . Deceased Greeting . . . I do by these presents Committ unto you full Power to Administer," to the estate of the deceased, etc., 12 July 1708. In this connection, an inventory was made, 8 July, by William Carver and Arthur Howland, to which "Samuel Hill" made oath, 11 July, 1708, only personal property was listed. (*Plymouth Probate*, 12663.)*

6 Aug. 1709, "Samuel hills" witnessed the will of Joseph Waterman,

* There is no bond on file, in the volumes are *copies* of the inventory and the letter of administration, 2: 99, 100; see the *Addenda*.

of Marshfield, to which he did not testify*; and, in 1710, we note:

“an Account to whom the Lotts fell that belong to ye first Division in the Common lands in the town of Duxborough Anno Domini 1710 . . . the second lot fell to Samuel Hill and James Thomas.” Earlier there appears the bounds of “The Second lot lyeth joyning to y^e first and beginneth at a stake and heap of Stones by y^e County Rode and from thence it runneth North 37 degrees East eighty Rods to a gray oak tree & from thence it runneth South 61 degrees east eighty rods to a stake and heap of Stones and from thence it runneth South 37 degrees West eighty Rods to a Stake and stones by y^e Country Rhoad and as the Road runneth to y^e first mentioned stake.” (*Duxbury General Recds.*, 1710-1786, 9, 3.)

And, the same year, the following record was preserved:

“List of y^e Names and those that have a Right in y^e last Division of y^e towns Comfions upland & medow in Duxborough . . . June ye 5th 1710 . . . Samuel Hill.” (*Duxbury Proprietors 2d Division Recds.*, 16-17.)

Having received Leonard's property, through his marriage with Phebe, sole heiress, in addition to the town grant, made in 1702, of twenty acres in Duxbury, Samuel was now in a position to appear in the land transfers:

18 Nov. 1710, “Samuel Hills † of . . . Duxborough . . . cordwainer † Sendeth Greeting Know Ye that I y^e sd Samuel Hills for . . . Nine Pounds . . . Paid by James Thomas of . . . Duxborough . . . Yeoman . . . Confirm . . . unto him . . . Land . . . within . . . Duxborough . . . being y^e one Half of a fourty Acre Lot of Land which fell by Lot to me in y^e first Division of . . . Duxborough Common Lands . . . [in] One thousand Seven Hundred & Nine . . . y^e Second Lott in Number” the said land being now in partnership between the said Thomas and the said Hills; bounds not of interest as no names cited; wit: Edward Arnold and Seth Arnold Jr.; ack. same day and recd. 16 July 1718; no release of dower. (*Plymouth Deeds*, 14: 64.)

24 Dec. 1712, we have the following record:‡

“We the subscribers being desired by Samuel Hills to renew the bounds of his land viz Of that which was his father's Phillip Leonard, which we did as followeth We began at a swamp and stones — showed to us to be the corner bound, and from said stump, we run S.W. by W. to a white oak tree marked on two sides standing on the Westerly side of a branch of the spruce swamp, and then bounded on the Northerly side by said spruce swamp, till it come near the end of the neck, where we marked a spruce tree on four sides standing upon a ledge of rocks, and from said spruce tree marked on four sides, Southerly 48 rods to a maple tree marked on four sides, standing by the side of the

* Photo copy of the original will which shows his *signature* included in my *Hills Notes*. It was proved by the other two witnesses, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas and Isaac Thomas, 12 Mar. 1710-11. The signature clearly shows the final “s” and is the earliest I have found for him. Also see *Mayflower Descendant*, 24: 147-149.

† *Italics* by W. L. H., note he signed this deed.

‡ *Duxbury General Recds.*, 1645-1749, p. 55.

brook, and then bounded by said brook up stream through the meadow spot, and so by the Southermost branch of said brook, till it comes to a red oak tree blown down, which was accounted to be the S.E. corner bounds of said lot, and from said oak tree on a straight line to the stump and stones first mentioned.

Edward Southworth
Seth Arnold."

(*Duxbury Town Recds.*, 1893, 90.)

Again, two years later, Samuel Hills appears in the deeds, as grantor:

9 July 1714, "I Samuel Hills of . . . Duxborough . . . in the County of Plimouth in her Majesties Province of the Massechusetts Bay in New England Cordwainer for . . . the sum of Eighteen pounds . . . paid by Solomon Hewet of . . . Marshfield . . . yeoman . . . Confirm from me and my heirs . . . Twelve Acres & an half of Land . . . within . . . Duxborough . . . part of the Seventieth Lott . . . Second and Last Division of Coffions belonging to the town of Duxborough . . . and Pembroke in the County aboves^d . . . Layd out . . . one thousand seven hundred & thirteen," bounded S.E. by the said Hills' home, etc.; no r.d., signed "Samuel Hills"; wit: mark of Elizabeth Arnold and by Ichabod Bartlett, ack. same day; recd. 5 Oct. 1714. (*Plymouth Deeds*, 11: 49.)

14 Aug. 1714, "I, Samuel Hills of . . . Duxborough . . . for . . . fifteen Pounds . . . paid by Israel Thomas of . . . Marshfield . . . confirm from me . . . unto him . . . ten acres . . . in Duxborough . . . being part of ye seventieth lot in . . . ye late allotment of lands," bounded on the Marshfield town line, etc.; signed by "Samuel Hills"; ack. same day, at which time "Phebe his wife" released her dower rights; wit: Elizabeth Thomas and mark of Elizabeth Holmes; recd. 3 July 1728. (*ibid.*, 23: 85).*

There are two volumes for the *General Sessions of the Peace* of Plymouth County, 1686-1721,† and one volume, 1723-1730, preserved by the Emery Process and no index; I scanned all three volumes past 1725, for both Hills and Leonard, but in a hurried search found but one mention, that of Hills:

In March, 1717, "Sam^l Hills" served as a grand juror. (*Vol. 2*, not paged.)

I regret that I did not have time to run the concurrent, from 1702 *Records of the Court of Common Pleas*, although the period most valuable to us is that pre-dating his marriage, in Duxbury, 6 Nov. 1694.

He again appears as a grantor, the same year, 1717:

23 May 1717, "I Samuel Hills of Duxbury . . . for . . . Three Pounds . . . paid by Henry Josselyn junr of Scittuate . . . Have Sold unto him . . . all that my tenth Part of the third & the twenty third Lots of Cedar

* 23 is a copied volume.

† These contain many Warnings from about 1715; many fornication cases, which would serve as valuable clues to marriages not of record.

Swamp . . . in Mattakeesett Swamp now in . . . Pembroke," signs as "Samuel Hills"; wit: Patience Norcott and Mary Little Jr.; ack. same day and recd. 5 Jan. 1736. (*Plymouth Deeds*, 31: 16.)

In 1725, Samuel Hills conveyed to his second son and namesake, mentioning a deed of even date to the eldest son, Philip:

5 Jan. 1724-25, "Samuel Hills of Duxborough . . . & Phebe his Wife . . . for . . . Eighty Pounds . . . to us . . . in hand by our Son Samuel Hills of Duxborough . . . Paid . . . Confirm unto y^e s^d Samuel Hills after the Decease of us the s^d Samuel & Phebe Hills . . . a Certain Parcell of Land Situate . . . in . . . Duxborough . . . Containing about fifty Seven acres . . . & it is all y^e Land W^{ch} we now have in y^e s^d TownShip, Except what we have *this Day Sold unto Our Son Philip Hills* * as by one Deed under our hands & Seals bearing Date wth these Presents & it is Adjoyning to y^e s^d Land which we Sold to y^e s^d Philip Hills Reference being had to the former Grants of y^e s^d fifty Seven acres of Land for y^e Bounds of the same . . . Memorand^m It is Agreed before Signing & Sealing . . . y^t . . . Samuel Hills . . . shall forever hereafter Allow a Cart Way for his Brother Philip Hills . . . through y^e Land of y^e s^d Samuel Hills from the West Side of the Orchard until it come to Marshfield Line," he signs as "Samuel Hills," and his wife, Phebe Hills, makes her mark; wit: Caleb Samson and Gideon Thomas; ack. same day and recd. 4 Dec. 1725. (*ibid.*, 19: 173.)†

There is no doubt that the above conveyance was drawn New Style 1725, since it was recorded in that year, but we are puzzled as to whether the deeds, abstracted below, were drawn in 1724-1725 or in 1725-1726. Since the Hills, father and son, were selling out their Duxbury holdings, and since the elder bought in Lebanon "late of Duxbrough," in May 1726, it would appear that New Style 1726, is correct:

15 Jan. 1725, "Samuel Hills and Phebe Hills & Samuel Hills Jun^r all of Duxborough . . . Know that We . . . for . . . four hundred & fourty five Pounds Currant Money of s^d Province [depreciated currency] . . . paid by Samuel Baker jun^r of Marshfield . . . House Carpenter . . . Confirm unto him . . . Our whole ffarm . . . in Duxborough . . . Whereon We now live & dwell Containing . . . about Sixty Acres," bounds of no interest; signed by "Samuel Hills", mark of Phebe Hills and by "Samuel Hills jun^r"; wit: Kenelm Baker and Arthur Howland Jr.; ack. same day; recd. 8 July 1729. [1725-26?] (*ibid.*, 24: 128.)

7 Mar. 1725, Samuel Hills Jr., of Duxbury, labourer, and Hannah, his wife, a "daughter of Elihab Turner, late of Scituate, deceased," for £37, sold William Witherell, of Scituate, cordwainer, all rights to certain land there, of which our father the said Turner, died seized, and passed by deed of our brother, Elazarus Turner, late of Scituate, by estimation some twenty-five acres; signs as Samuel Hills Jr., wife Hannah makes her mark; wit: John

* *Italics* by W. L. H.

† The cited deed to Philip Hills is not of record and there is no sale by him *ante* 1802.

Jones Jr., and "Samuel Hills"; recd. 2 Dec. 1728. [1725-26?] (*ibid.*, 23: 182.) [Note the father acts as a witness]*

Our attention now turns to Lebanon, Conn., to which the Hills family removed before 25 May 1726. An old township, incorporated October 1700, and now in New London County, it was settled largely from Plymouth and Barnstable Counties, Mass., and from Rhode Island. Originally beautiful and with fine old Eighteenth and early Nineteenth Century houses, it is now quite foreign in population, although Miss Abell, the town clerk, is of the original old English stock. The *proof* of Samuel Hills of Lebanon being identical with Samuel Hills of Duxbury is contained in the invaluable land records:

25 May 1726, "I Caleb Hammond of Lebanon . . . for one hundred & thirty [pounds] to me in hand [paid] by Samuel Hills late of Duxbrough in the County of Plymouth . . . and now in . . . Lebanon . . . confirm unto him . . . two certain parcels of land . . . in Lebanon . . . two fifth parts of one hundred acres . . . which I bought [of] Nathaniel Gillet once of Lebanon," wit: Samuel West and Daniel Foster; ack. same day; recd. 28 May 1726; he signs. (*Lebanon, Conn., Deeds*, 4: 6.)†

16 June 1726, Joseph Gillet, formerly of Lebanon (present res. not cited), for £56, sold Samuel Hills, of Lebanon, part of a 100-acre lot there, in all some 20 acres; wit: Amos and Samuel West; he signs; recd. 14 July 1726. (*ibid.*, 4: 12.)†

Of the Lebanon churches, all Congregational in that era, we note that the First Church was organized, 27 Nov. 1700; the Second or Lebanon Crank (since 1804 in Columbia), May 1716, by division of the older society, and the Third, or Goshen parish, was formed, 26 Nov. 1729, with the Rev. Jacob Eliot, who died in 1766, as first minister. This Goshen parish, is generally called the *Second Church* of Lebanon, since the Crank became the town of Columbia. Goshen, which the Hills family were instrumental in forming, was in the southwest part of Lebanon, on the Colchester line. A typed and alphabetical copy of the *Lebanon First Church Records, 1700-1883*, at the Conn. State Library, shows, page 90:

Hill, Ann & hus. Philip, owned covenant, 4 Aug. 1728.

Eliab and James, baptised 21 Apr. 1728; no parents given.

Samuel and wife [worn off at bottom of page] admitted 3 July 1726.

Thus we learn that our Samuel and wife joined the First Church, in July 1726, their son Philip and his wife also owning the Covenant,

* The grantor and grantee indexes were covered at Plymouth, 1685-1801, for Samuel, Philip and Ephraim and their wives. A Samuel "Hill" appears in Pembroke, 1782, and a Richard "Hill" of same, in 1764 (*vide post*); no early Hill or Hills estates. A search of the copies of the *Plymouth Col. Deeds, ante 1686, Mass. Archives*, proved negative.

† Vol. 4, is a copy made by Miss Abell's mother, now deceased. The original cannot be examined as it is in fragments and under seal.

in August 1728, and that Eliab [Elihab], son of Samuel Jr., and James, son of Philip, were both baptised in April 1728. Samuel Hills Sr., made further purchases of Gillet property in 1726 and in 1727:

28 July 1726, "Nathaniel Gillet of . . . Litchfield . . . for . . . fourteen pounds . . . [paid] by Samuel Hills of Lebanon," conveys to him six and two thirds acres there, formerly part of Nathaniel Gillet's land, of Lebanon, and in part by brother Jonathan Gillet's land; wit: Samuel and Nathan West; signs; recd. 28 July 1726. (*Lebanon Deeds*, 4: 14.)

21 Sept. 1727, "Elijah Gillet of Wethersfield . . . and formerly of Lebanon," for £53, sells to "Samuel Hill of the afores^d Lebanon" *, part of an one hundred-acre tract there, formerly part of the land that hond. father died seized of, being one fifth part of same; also mentions loving brother, Jonathan Gillet, decd.; in all conveys some 26 acres; wit: Gershom Clark and Ebenezer Gillet; ack. 22 Sept., recd. 29 Sept., 1727. (*ibid.*, 4: 56.)

Preserved in the Connecticut Archives, in the State Library, *Ecclesiastical Papers, series I, volume 4, document 33: a, b, c.*, is a petition to the General Court of 12 Oct. 1727, seeking a new parish in Lebanon, and signed by "Phillip hills," "Samuel hills iur," and "Samuel hills." All three signatures clearly show the final "s" in the surnames. The Court appointed a special committee to view the situation but the matter dragged and a second petition was presented at the Court of May 1728, as see the said papers, series and volume, document 13: 43a, which was again signed by "Samuel Hills iur," "Philip Hills," and "Samuel hills." Again all three signatures show the final "s."†

The original records of the *Lebanon Third, or Goshen, Church* may be consulted at the State Library, from which all Hill and Hills items were copied *ante* 1753. From this source may be noted:

Samuel Hills signed the Covenant, no date, probably 1729.

Hannah Hills admitted to communion, from Lebanon First Church, no date.

Philip and Hannah Hills admitted to communion, 3 Aug. 1730.

Abigail Hills admitted to communion, 4 Oct. 1730.

Samuel Hills Jr., admitted to communion, 3 Oct. 1731.

Abigail Hinckley admitted to communion and baptised, 13 Oct. 1734.

Ephraim and Hannah Hills admitted to full communion, 4 Apr. 1736.

Ebenezer and Margaret Hills admitted to communion, 6 Aug. 1738.

The baptisms of the children and later admissions will be given in the account of Samuel's issue. It seems possible that Phebe's name was omitted, for Samuel's wife was alive in 1733, and she had been a member of the First Church. Hannah, above, was probably wife of Samuel Jr., and Abigail was his eldest sister, who did not marry until 1735. The same day that Ephraim and his first wife became

* No final "s" in the grantee's name in this *copied* volume.

† Photo copies of these two original documents are included in my *Hills Notes*.

members, his youngest sister, Lydia Foster, joined. Of course, Richard Hills does not appear as he was of Hanover, Mass., from at least 1729. It is unfortunate that the parson did not give the children's parents in recording the baptisms of infants.*

The *Lebanon Town Records, 1692-1802*, preserved by the Emery Process, and difficult to read, were scanned from 1725 to past 1760, from which we learn that Philip Hills was a lister, 21 Dec. 1730; Samuel Hills Jr., a surveyor of highways, 20 Dec. 1734, and a member of a committee in 1735; and a Freeman's List of 1730, includes "Sam¹¹ Hills," 28 April, as does another such list, 11 Sept. 1739.

Samuel Hills then appears in a few more deeds in Lebanon in connection with the settlement of his sons:

15 Feb. 1730-31, "I Samuel Hills of . . . Lebanon . . . for £35 . . . paid by my son Samuel Hills," of Lebanon, convey land there bounded by land that I bought of Hammond and Gillet; signs; wit: Joshua and Sarah West, ack. same day and recd. 23 Mar. 1731. (*Lebanon Deeds*, 4: 345.)

28 Apr. 1733, "Sam¹¹ Hills of Lebanon whereas I the s^d Sam¹¹ Hills Did formerly give to my Son Samuel Hills a Good Deed of a peice of Land in Lebanon . . . in which Deed war Some Limitation that wear not to his satisfaction," (viz^t) in which deed I reserved to my life and to *my wife's life*,† but now on further consideration do forego part of said deed and now absolutely give him the said property and is part of the farm on which I now dwell; signs; wit: Joshua and Sarah West; ack. same day and recd. 30 Nov. 1734. (*ibid.*, 5: 88.)

22 Feb. 1734 [1734-35], ". . . a Bargain made Between Sam¹¹ Hills and his Son Ephraim Hills both of Lebanon . . . the above named Samuel Hills upon Consideration . . . Do Covenant . . . Unto my son Ephraim Hills . . . one acre of Land of my farm wher I now dwell . . . at the northside of my now Dwelling house . . . and also ten acres of my farm . . . and . . . above mentioned I give to my son Ephraim If he shall Ever Marry and in case my son Shall out Live me then the above s^d Land shall be his," but if my said son die first and not marry and does not have an heir, the said property shall return to me; I also give him an ox, two cows and ten sheep, and my son is to provide for them and to allow me the benefit of the milk, butter, cheese, etc., a very long and detailed document, "and also provide for me and my wife if I shall have any what more may be necessary for the comfortable support of life," both firewood, meat, drink, clothing, washing and lodging, during the whole term of my natural life, in sickness and in health, and if it please God to continue my life so long that I lose my reason so far as I may think that my son doth not do his duty towards me then the case shall be laid before the two deacons of the church in Goshen and they shall judge the matter, etc., and I the said Ephraim do hereby covenant for myself, my

* Goshen Soc., in Lebanon, estb. May 1728, as Southwest Soc., by division of 1st Soc., named Goshen, Oct. 1729. (Bates' 1913 *List of Congregational Societies of Conn.*) The church was formed 26 Nov. 1729. (Hine's 1880 *Hist. of Lebanon*.) Jacob Eliot, Harvard 1720, A.B., A.M., ord. Lebanon 3d Ch., 26 Nov. 1729, etc. (Weis' 1936 *Col. Clergy in N. E.*)

† *Italics* by W. L. H.

heirs, etc., to perform and fulfill these obligations, and I the said Samuel do give also unto my said son Ephraim, with my farm abovesaid, all my husbandry tools and my gun and all my wearing clothes, "wheirof wee the s^d Samuel Hills and Ephraim Hills have hearunto sett our hands and seals this twenty second day of February in the year A.D. 1734 Sam^l Hills" and "Ephraim Hills"; wit: John Huntington and John Woodward; recd. 29 Mar. 1735. (*ibid.*, 5: 129.)

Three days after the above life care and maintenance agreement with his youngest living son, Ephraim, through whom this line descends, Samuel took a second wife, 25 Feb. 1734-35. The record of this marriage is unusual in that it gives the ages of the bride and groom, the first matrimonial venture for the former, Abigail Hinckley, aged forty-two, and the second for the latter, aged sixty-two. (*Goshen Church Records.*) *

Five years later, we have the last record for Samuel Hills, as alive, with the exception of his will, drawn 6 Sept. 1748. This 1740 instrument is another agreement for life care with the son, Ephraim:

29 Aug. 1740, "I Ephraim Hills of Lebanon," in consideration of a good and ample deed of gift, of even date, given by "my Honored Father Sam^l Hills," of same town, do confirm unto him all that farm and mansion house, "In which we do Each of us now Live & Dwell in Lebanon," said farm contains sixty-five acres; mentions as a bound, the S.W. corner of "my Brother Sam^l Hills Land," with life tenure of said property for my said father and his care and maintenance, etc.; wit: Jonathan Trumble and Ichabod Robinson; ack. 1 Sept. 1740 by "Mr" Ephraim Hills; recd. same day. (*Lebanon Deeds*, 6: 157.)

There are seven original documents in Samuel's estate; all are recorded in the *Windham Probate District*, Willimantic, Conn. (4: 392-395; 5: 351.) The copies and abstracts below were made from these original documents:

"In the Name of God, Amen This 6th day of Septem^r A Dom: 1748

I Samuel Hills of Lebanon in the County of Windham & Colony of Connecticutt in New England, being old and full of days, but of Sound & Disposing mind & Memory, for Which bless God; Knowing that it is appoiated for all men Once to Dye, do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament, Principally & first of all, I Bequeath my Soul to God, The maker Thereof, & my Body To the Earth To be Decently buried by my Executor hereafter Named, Nothing doubting but That I Shall receive the same again at The General Ressurrection Through the Power of Almighty God: And as To The Worldly Estate Where with it has Pleased God to Bless me in This World, I having made provision in Security which I have Taken of my Son Ephraim

* A photo copy of the page of the original Goshen, or 2d Ch., in my *Hills Notes*. The last mention of the first wife, Phebe, by name, 15 Jan. 1725, of Duxbury, appears in the deeds. 3 July 1726, Samuel had a "wife," and again 28 Apr. 1733, but in the last two instances, her name is not given. Presumably he had but the two wives, Phebe Leonard, mother of his children, and Abigail Hinckley, who survived.

Hills, That My Just Debts & Funeral expenses should be paid by him Do Therefore hereby order That he shall do The same, and I do further Divide, bequeath & dispose of my Estate in the following Manner & form — viz —

Imprimis, I Give & Bequeath to my well beloved wife Abigail all my household stuffe (except what I have already given to my daughters Abigail & Lydia; Together with all my books (except Calvins Book on y^e four Evangelists & my old English Print Bible) — I Also give her Two Cows & one Sheep now in The Hands of my Son Ephraim or Twenty pounds in Money To be paid To her by him in Leiw of Them, Also I Give her Seventy one pounds in Bills of Credit old Tenour, for which I have bonds on Interest To me, Together with The Interest which may be Due Thereon, To be To her Dispose forever —

Item To my Grand Children The Children of my Deceased Son Philip I Give no Legacy, because I have given him my s^d Son in his Life Time what I think proper for him To have —

Item To my Son Samuel I Give no Legacy, because I have already given him, what I Think proper for Him To Have

Item To my Son Richard I Give The aforementioned Book of Calvins and a Pocket peice of Gold which I have, together with what he hath Already Had of me.

Item To my Son Ebenezer I Give Five pounds in Money To be paid out of An Ox which my Son Ephraim has in his Hands.

Item To my Son Ephraim, I Give my Wearing Apparel & my Cane My Riding Mare or horse If I Leave any, & an Ox He paying To my Son Ebenezer Five pounds as aforementioned & Five pounds To my Daughter Abigail, as hereafter To be mentioned, Also my Husbandry Tools & my Gun I Give to him said Ephraim.

Item To my Daughter Abigail I Give my old English print Bible, & five pounds in . . . to be paid by my Son Ephraim; and Whatsoever other Things I shall Dye possessed off & undisposed off In This my Will I Give to Her

Item To my Daughter Lydia I Give no Legacy, because I have Already Given her what I Trust proper out of my Estate

And Further I the said Sam^l Hills do hereby Constitute & Appoint Amos Thomas of s^d Lebanon To be The Executor of This my Last Will & Testament Hereby Revoking all other wills & Bequests heretofore by me made, holding & Allowing This and No other As my Last Will & Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand & fixed my Seal The day & year first mentioned

N.B. The words (seventy one) on the other side Entred at y^e writing hereof

Signed, Sealed, Published pronounced
& Declared by The Said Sam^l Hills

Samuel hills

as his Last Will & Testament in presence of us —

Andrew Churchell

Isaiah Tiffany Jun^r

Jon. Trumble” *

* I think that Trumble wrote the will.

The will was proved 22 Oct. 1753 by the last two witnesses, who swore that they saw the testator, "Mr" Samuel Hills sign, etc., and the executor was confirmed on the same day.

The inventory, dated 12 Oct. 1753, made by Joseph White and Josiah Bartlett, came to a total of £281-00-06, and comprised his personal estate including the stock. Among the items listed are two silver spoons, a Bible at £9 and a book at 4s, also "one Book of Calvins," at £5, and "one Bible English print," at £9; a gun, cane and pocket Book.*

Receipts were then filed by the heirs for their respective legacies: by Ephraim Hills, Lebanon, 9 Nov. 1753; by Abigail "Barnrick" her mark, Lebanon, 10 Dec. 1753; by Ebenezer Hills, Lebanon, 9 Nov. 1753; and by Richard Hills, "Handover," 24 May 1754. Ephraim's and Abigail's were witnessed by Joseph Hills, eldest son of Samuel², and Asa Foster; Ebenezer's by Joseph White and Samuel² Hills; and Richard's by two Duxbury men, Isaac Peterson and John Partridge.

Since this Hills lineage descends through the youngest living son, Ephraim, his receipt is given below:

"Lebanon november the 9 day 1753

then Recived of Amos Thomas Excuter to my honoured father Samuell hills will Late of Lebanon Deceased one Gun Prised att six Pounds oald tenor and one cane Prised att two Pounds oald tenor I Say Received by me And Do here by Discharg s^d Excuter from all further And future Demands on s^d Estate as wittnese my hand in Presents of us wittnesses

Asa Foster Joseph Hills

Ephraim Hills" †

There is also, dated at Lebanon, 26 Oct. 1753, this receipt:

"Rec^d of M^r Amos Thomas Exceter To the Estate or Moveables of Samuel Hills Late of Lebanon Deceas^d Wild to the Widow Abigel Hills By A power of A Torney of S^d Widow By Me Garshom Hinckley" various items were listed including two silver spoons, a Bible at £9, a book at 4s., also "By Cash old Tenor which was Due from Ephraim Hills to his Mother £20-0-0." Witnessed by James Mackall Ju^r and Archippus Mackall [McCall]. (*Windham Dist. Probate, 1889, C. S. L.*) ‡

Reference is made in the *Hills Family*, 1906, page eight, to the "Kingsley's Record," of Lebanon. This record was made from various town and probate records, also some deeds, in and near Lebanon, including family records, by W. G. Kingsley, a former town clerk, according to a letter written, 2 Aug. 1910, by Mrs. L. W. Abell,

* One wonders what became of the two Bibles especially the "old English print" one; undoubtedly one or both contained family records.

† Ephraim Hills' inventory of 2 Oct. 1778, on his estate, includes "A Cane" at 18s., *vide post*.

‡ Photo copies of these original documents in my *Hills Notes*. C. S. L. refers to the Conn. State Library.

wife of the then town clerk and mother of Miss Sarah Abell, the present town clerk. It is now in the office of the Town Clerk of Lebanon and was evidently consulted by the compiler of the 1906 work.

The names that Samuel and Phebe (Leonard) Hills gave to their eight children are of interest: Philip, for Philip Leonard, Phebe's father; Samuel for Samuel himself; Richard for ? and Lydia for Phebe's mother. Was Richard named for Samuel's father and Abigail for his mother? Of course, Ebenezer, Ephraim and Joseph are strong Biblical names and this was the Bible Commonwealth *ne plus ultra!*

In this connection we note that Clarence-A. Torrey in his manuscript, *Marriages in New England ante 1700*, lists no Richard Hills and the only Richard Hill was married around 1613 in England, much too remote. There was also a Richard Hill, early in Maine, but again this seems rather farfetched.

Children born in Duxbury, Mass.: *

By Phebe Leonard,

- i. ABIGAIL ², b. 26 May 1697, bapt. 2 May 1708, Marshfield, Mass., living 10 Dec. 1753, Lebanon, Conn.; m. there, Goshen, or 2d Ch., 12 Feb. 1735, WILLIAM BATHARICK; no issue recd. Abigail Hills ad. Communion 2d Ch., 4 Oct. 1730. William Batharick, bapt. same Ch., 27 June 1736. No further recd.
- ii. PHILIP, b. 8 Aug. 1699, bapt. March 1709, Marshfield, d. *ante* 6 Sept. 1748; m. 7 Feb. 1726-27, Lebanon, HANNAH "CUTTEN." Philip and wife owned Covenant, 1st Ch., 4 Feb. 1728, and were ad. to Communion 2d Ch., 3 Aug. 1730, the names of "Ann" and "Hannah" are interchangeable; Hannah his widow was alive in 1757, if her name was Cutting, her forbears were probably of Watertown, Mass. Philip was a lister in Lebanon, 21 Dec. 1730. Children (Hills), b. Lebanon, (1) James ³, b. 31 Oct. 1727, bapt. 4 Aug. 1728, 1st Ch., d. in service, between 10 Aug. 1757 and 15 Nov. 1758, test.; m. 4 Oct. 1753, Lebanon, Keziah Cutting, they were ad. Communion 2d Ch., 2 Feb. 1755, had Dorothy, b. 3 Sept. 1754; (2) Dorothy, b. 20 Nov. 1730, bapt. 6 Dec. 1730; m. there, 25 May 1748, Jonathan Webster; (3) ? Jonathan, cites 1906 *Hills Fam.*; perhaps, all bapt. 2d Ch., Anne, 10 Feb. 1740, at her house; Philip, 15 May 1743; and Ebenezer, 9 Aug. 1747; or do the last three belong to Ebenezer, Philip's brother, *vide post*? Research needed to settle these points. Anne may refer to Philip's wife.
- iii. SAMUEL JR., b. 25 June 1701, bapt. March 1709, Marshfield, d. 14 Feb. 1792, Lebanon; m. 1 Nov. 1722, Duxbury, HANNAH TURNER, of Marshfield, who d. 17 Mar. 1777, aged 77, Lebanon, dau. of Elihab Turner of Scituate, Mass. (*Plymouth Deeds*, 23:

* No exhaustive research has been made *re* the children, with the exceptance of Ephraim, but such facts as were gathered are included.

† The Goshen Ch. in Lebanon was actually the third church in chronology; Conn. had a strong parish system, and the church records are important.

182, *vide ante*.) We have seen the deeds in which Samuel appears with his father in 1725 and 1726, as of Duxbury, and in 1731 and 1733, of Lebanon. As Samuel Jr., he was ad. Communion 2d Ch. Lebanon, 3 Oct. 1731; served as town official, 30 Dec. 1734, and member of a committee, in 1735. Of his early *Lebanon Deeds*, 1731-1767, see 4: 379; 7: 6, 116, 317; 8: 618 (2), 640; 9: 52; 10: 39; also *Colchester Deeds*, 4: 340; in 1766, he conveyed to his son, Consider, and in 1767, passed deeds with son, Darius. He made his will, 12 May 1767, as of Lebanon, proved 1 Mar. 1792. (*Windham Dist., Probate*, 1890.) Children (Hills), 1st two b. Duxbury, rest. b. Lebanon, (1) *Joseph**, b. 31 July 1723, bapt. 25 Aug. 1723, Marshfield, ad. to 2d Ch., Lebanon, 28 May 1738, d. 5 Mar. 1815, aged 91, Columbia, Conn., and bur. there as Capt., where his 1st wife, Huldah, d. 11 Sept. 1786, aged 58, and bur. there (*Register* 60: 371, incorrect therefore); (2) *Hannah*, b. 7 June 1725, bapt. 27 June 1725, Marshfield; (3) *Phebe*, b. 10 Dec. 1726, d. 28 Dec. 1726; (4) *Eliab*, b. 9 Mar. 1728, bapt. 21 Apr. 1728, 1st Ch.; (5) *Samuel*, b. 28 July 1729, m. Sarah Little and Thankful Rowley; (6) *Leonard*, b. 4 June 1731, bapt. 13 June 1731, 2d Ch.; (7) *Abner*, b. 19 Jan. 1733, bapt. 21 Jan. 1733, 2d Ch.; (8) *Elijah*, b. 6 July 1736, bapt. 11 July 1739; 2d Ch.; (9) *Darius*, b. 28 Aug. 1739, bapt. 1 Sept. 1739, 2d Ch., ad. full Communion said Ch., 16 Sept. 1758; (10) *Consider*, b. 7 Sept. 1741, bapt. 13 Sept. 1741, 2d Ch.

- iv. RICHARD, b. 3 Feb. 1702-03, bapt. March 1709, Marshfield, d. between 12 Apr. 1773 and 5 Mar. 1779, intest., Pembroke, Mass., when son Thomas appointed admr. his estate. (*Plymouth Probate*, 10095.) He m. 20 Feb. 1728-29, Hanover*, Mass., bride and groom of same, JEMIMA RAMSDELL, b. 28 July 1710, Pembroke, bapt. 14 May 1715, Scituate 2d Ch., dau. of Thomas and Sarah (—) Ramsdell, who were m. in Duxbury (*Scituate V.R.*). Evidently Richard did not accompany the family to Lebanon for there is no record of him there; he was of "Handover," 24 May 1754, when he receipted for his share of his father's estate (*vide ante*), and was given in the will a book of Calvin's and a piece of gold, having received the rest of his portion; he receipted for this book and the value of the gold, but did not receive either of his father's Bibles; he and his descendants dropped the final "s." Between 20 June 1754 and 23 May 1764, Richard went to Pembroke.† There is no estate for the widow who was alive as late as March 1782. By trade, Richard was a housewright. Children (Hills), b. Hanover, (1) *Richard**, b. 1 Sept. 1729, d. by 2 May 1757, Pembroke, intest. (*Plymouth Probate*, 10094);

* In 1727, part of Scituate was included in the new town of Hanover; for a further study of Richard's descendants see *Pembroke, Halifax, Hanover* and *Hanson V. R.*

† The land transfers of both Richard Sr., and Richard Jr., appear in *Plymouth Deeds*, 32: 21; 44: 11; 55: 151; 49: 148; 53: 7; 57: 125; 61: 42, 43; 127; 77: 123; 58: 81; 86: 89. The research in probate and deeds in Plymouth was accomplished by F. R. Sears, LL.B., and his careful report is on file at the N. E. H. G. Society.

m. by 13 Apr. 1754, Hannah ———, who as wife of Richard Hill Jr., and with Nathaniel, their son, was bapt. 13 Oct. 1754, Hanover; Jemima, bapt. 3 July 1757, Pembroke, dau. of widow Hill, was another child, and was living there, unm. 8 Jan. 1787, and m. there, 14 Jan. 1787, Benjamin Bowker, for will of latter, in 1797, see *Plymouth Probate*, 2436; Hannah, widow of Richard, was living as late as 19 Apr. 1799; (2) *Thomas*, b. about 1733, admin. his father's estate in 1779, living 22 Mar. 1782, Pembroke; m. Mary ———; (3) *Leonard*, b. July 1739, bapt. July 1739, living 23 May 1764; m. Jerusha ———, who d. 30 June 1769, Hanover; had Jerusha and Richard, both bapt. there, 5 Aug. 1770; (4) *Lettice**, bapt. 2 June 1745; (5) *Samuel*, bapt. 26 June 1749, prob. living, a yeoman, 11 Mar. 1782, Pembroke; (6) *Joseph*, bapt. 12 Apr. 1752. There may have been other children but no others have been revealed. Apparently Richard Jr., had but two children, Nathaniel and Jemima. It would be of interest to work out the descendants, now "Hill" of this Richard² Hills. I am grateful to F. W. Wead Esq., for his assistance in some of the material about Richard.

- v. EBENEZER, b. 6 Dec. 1705, bapt. March 1709, Marshfield, living 9 Nov. 1753, Lebanon; m. 28 Oct. 1737, 1st Ch., New London, Conn., MARGARET INGRAHAM, of Lebanon. They were ad. Communion 2d Ch., Lebanon, 6 Aug. 1738. He has no deeds recorded in New London or Lebanon. Possible children (Hills), bapt. 2d Ch. Lebanon, (1) *Margaret**, bapt. 27 Jan. 1740, at her father's house; (2) ? *Anne*, bapt. 10 Feb. 1740, at her house; (3) *Philip*, bapt. 15 May 1743; (4) *Ebenezer*, bapt. 9 Aug. 1747; but see brother, Philip, for last three; (5) *Rebecca*, bapt. July 1749; (6) *Abijah*, bapt. 8 Sept. 1751; (7) *Ephraim*, bapt. 21 Jan. 1753; certainly (8) *Submit*, bapt. 8 July 1756, dau. Ebenezer [not at New London as cited in 1906 *Hills Fam.*]. Undoubtedly further research would settle the names of Ebenezer's children and those of his elder brother, Philip's.
- 2. vi. EPHRAIM, b. 13 Dec. 1707, bapt. March 1709, Marshfield; m. HANNAH BENTLEY and LYDIA ———.
- vii. JOSEPH, a twin, b. 25 Aug. 1710, d. July 1711, Duxbury.
- viii. LYDIA, b. 25 Aug. 1710, bapt. 15 July 1711, Marshfield, d. *post* 1748; m. 1 May 1735, Lebanon, PHINEAS FOSTER, bapt. 25 July 1703, Topsfield, Mass., son of Daniel and Katherine (Freese) Foster. Her account in the 1906 *Hills Fam.*, evidently was copied, *sans* checking, from Pierce's 1899 *Foster Gen.*, p. 154, which is not correct. As Lydia Foster, she was ad. to Lebanon 2d Ch., 4 Apr. 1736, with her brother, Ephraim and the latter's wife. Children (Foster), eldest b. Lebanon, rest b. Sharon, Conn., (1) *Phebe*, b. 5 Apr. 1736; (2) *Sarah*, b. 19 Nov. 1738; (3) *Daniel*, b. 2 Feb. 1742, d. 10 Aug. 1751, Sharon; (4) *Phineas*, b. 15 Aug. 1745, d. 17 Feb. 1745-46, Sharon. The *Foster Gen.*

* This name may be a clue to the identity of the mother of Jemima (Ramsdell) Hills, altho it has been suggested that Sarah was born an Alverson.

adds a Phineas, b. 15 Aug. 1737, of whom I find no record, and calls Daniel, "David," etc.

2. EPHRAIM² HILLS (*Samuel*¹), born in Duxbury, Mass., 13 Dec. 1707, baptised in Marshfield, Mass., with four siblings, in March 1709, died in Colchester, Conn., 29 July 1778, aged seventy, testate. He married, first, in Lebanon, Conn., Second Church, 19 Feb. 1735 *, HANNAH BENTLEY, baptised there in the First Church, 1717-1718, died there, from childbirth, 27 Nov. 1736, daughter of William and Mary (Eliot) Bentley.† He married, secondly, about 1737-1738, LYDIA ———, born probably about 1710-1720, living, his widow, in Colchester, 12 July 1779, her identity not solved.

A most careful search was made in regard to Lydia, the second wife, through whom this lineage descends. Thus far the results have been negative. A manuscript of some dozen pages about this Lydia has been compiled.‡ It contains notes on the Nobles-Williams family of New London, Conn., as Ephraim named his third child, Nobles, and it is suggested that Lydia was, in some way, related to John Nobles; also, Ephraim's brother was, in 1737, of New London. There are also data about Elizabeth (Noble) Church of Colchester, and Lebanon families in which, early, the name of Lebbeus appears. One major investigation was the examination of the deed indexes of all the towns, extant 1770, east of the Connecticut River, plus eight towns west of the river; these towns are listed. All sorts of possibilities have been entertained and pursued, and the name of Hosford considered, inasmuch as the *Record*, 36: 56-57, in an account of Lydia (Hills) Young, *vide post*, states:

"She was of Marlboro', Conn. Her mother is said to have been a Hosford, but I cannot find her father's name. She had a brother Ephraim Hills, and a sister Mary who m. Oliver Phelps."

Now we know that this Lydia (Hills) Young was a daughter of Lebbeus and Hannah (Brown) Hills, so the question arises was she named for her grandmother, Lydia (Hosford) Hills? The 1936 *Horsford-Hosford Genealogy* does not place her nor do any of the Lydias therein fit the picture. However, this little book is not carefully done. There were in fact Hosfords in the Lebanon-Colchester area but a study of extant records has proved negative. I shall never cease my interest in this Lydia, second wife of Ephraim Hills, and the mother of all his children but the eldest.

One thing is apparent, as Lydia (——) Hills did not join the Lebanon Second, or Goshen, Church, after her marriage to Ephraim,

* For a photo copy of this first marriage see my *Hills Notes*.

† *Vide my Bentley Notes*, at N. E. H. G. Society.

‡ *Vide my Hills Notes*.

it would seem that she was already a baptised member of the same. We must bear in mind that our particular Lydia could have been a young widow when she married Ephraim Hills, and that as her last child, by Hills, was born in 1752, she could not have been born before 1700; I have placed her birth as between 1710 and 1720. Original records always give the final "s" to the name of Lydia's third son, Nobles Hills, which is a very important factor. And now to return to her husband, Ephraim Hills.

At the age of nineteen, Ephraim accompanied his parents to Lebanon, where he acquired his first wife, when aged twenty-eight, in 1736. We have already noted the interesting bargain between Ephraim and his father, Samuel, enacted 22 Feb. 1734-35, when the latter was about to embark on his second marriage, and before the former's initial step in matrimony. Ephraim and Samuel were living together in the same homestead, and continued to do so. Then we have a long conveyance, by Ephraim, to his father, with provisions for life care and maintenance, as was often the custom in that era, drawn 29 Aug. 1740, *vide ante, Lebanon Deeds*, 5: 129; 6: 157.

In the interim, Ephraim and his first wife, Hannah, were admitted to full Communion with the Second Church of Lebanon, the so-called Goshen Parish, 4 Apr. 1736, his sister, Lydia (Hills) Foster, joining the same day; 7 Nov. 1736, Ephraim's eldest, daughter Hannah, was baptised therein, his wife dying the following 27th of that month.* As his first born, son Lebbeus, by the second wife, Lydia, "saw the light of day," 3 Oct. 1739, to be baptised in the same church, as "Lybius," 7 Oct. 1739, it is apparent that Ephraim married his wife, Lydia, by 1738.

11 Sept. 1740, "Ephraim Hill" appears in the Freeman's List of Lebanon; a careful search of the original *Lebanon Town Meeting Records* (1698-1802), from 1725 to past 1760, showed only one other item for an Ephraim, this was an undated ear mark, *page 150*, and written-in; it may apply to our Ephraim, to his nephew, or to his son!

"Ephraim Hill his mark for his Creaturs is a peice Cutt Slopeing off of the underside of the Left Ear 4 a Square Crop in the lop of the Right ear."

Samuel Hills, Ephraim's father, drew his will, 6 Sept. 1748, proved 22 Oct. 1753, given in full and *verbatim* in Samuel's account. In this document, the agreement with son Ephraim is mentioned and he was to pay the funeral charges, as he inherited the real property, also Ephraim was given the wearing apparel, his father's *Cane* and riding mare or horse, etc. We also have presented, in full and *verbatim*, Ephraim Hills' receipt, dated at Lebanon, 9 Nov. 1753, for a gun and cane received from the executor of the will, Amos Thomas.

* This church and parish was situated in the s.w. part of Lebanon, near the Colchester line.

Thus Ephraim succeeded to the home farm in Lebanon. He was not a land speculator and only appears once more there in the deeds, some twenty years later, after his last mention therein in 1740, when he sold out the farm and moved across the town line to Colchester. Here he bought in the western part, within Marlborough parish, which was set off as a separate township, being taken from Colchester, Glastonbury and Hebron, in October 1803, years after Ephraim's death. In Colchester he only appears twice in the deeds: his 1760 purchase and a 1773 sale to his eldest son, Lebbeus:

27 Feb. 1760, warranty deed, Joseph Peters of Colchester, for £350, "Received . . . of Ephraim Hills of Lebanon . . . confirm . . . Two Certain Tracts of Land . . . in Colchester in the parrish of New marlborough one peice containing 38: Acres Laid out on the Right of Noah Coleman deceas^d . . . the other piece Containing 59 acres," laid out to right of Noah Fuller decd.; ack. same day at Hebron, Conn., recd. 29 Feb. 1760; wit: Samuel Gillet Jr., and Jonathan Peters. (*Colchester, Conn., Deeds, 7: 426.*)

28 Feb. 1760, Ephraim Hills, of Lebanon, sold Amos Thomas, of same, for £355, land with a dwelling house thereon, in said town, being the farm on which I now live, in the parish of Goshen, and contains seventy-two acres and one hundred thirty-seven rods of land, an estate by inheritance, etc.; ack. and recd. same day; wit: William Metcalf and Abigail Metcalf Jr. (*Lebanon Deeds, 9: 435.*)

5 May 1773, "I Lebbeus Hills of Colchester, in the County of Hartford and Colony of Connecticutt in New England for . . . Twenty Pounds . . . rec^d to My full Satisfaction of My Hon^d Father Ephraim Hills of Colchester . . . confirm unto the s^d Ephraim Hills one . . . Piece of Land . . . in Colchester in the Parish of Marlborough Containing about four acres," signed by "Lebbeus Hills," ack. same day and recd. 7 May 1773; wit: Epaphras Lord, J.P., and Dorothy Lord. (*Colchester Deeds, 9: 65.*)

Marlborough Society, or parish, had been established in May 1747, as Marlborough Society in Hebron, Colchester and Glastonbury, by division of Hebron Society, the Colchester First and Third Societies and Glastonbury Second Society. When the town of Marlborough was formed in 1803, as noted, it had the same bounds as this Marlborough Society. Unfortunately the records of this church, or parish, are incomplete, but have been covered as far as various "copies" are concerned.* There is no mention of Ephraim and his wife, Lydia, therein, or in the other Colchester churches.

The *Colchester Town Meeting Records* were examined for the period, 1760 to past 1804, with a negative result for any mention of Ephraim. The records of the *Justices Court, 1767-1790*, at the Conn. State Library, were also scanned, 1767-1780, but the only mention of an Ephraim, was in 1772, with the residence of Lebanon, so not our Ephraim.†

* For further data see the account of Lebbeus Hills, *vide post*.

† These *Colchester Recds. Justices Courts* were read by Mrs. Townsend.

There is no record of any military services for Ephraim in either Massachusetts or Connecticut. And a search for the records of his death, and that of his widow Lydia's, in town, church and the *Hale Collection of Epitaphs* (Conn. State Library), proved negative. Did Lydia remarry? Possible but not probable.

Ephraim died during the third year of the Revolutionary War, which perhaps explains the lack of any gravestone for him. He followed his father in dying testate.

There are three original documents in the estate of Ephraim Hills, the will, inventory and distribution of the widow's dower. All are recorded in the Colchester District Probate, at Colchester (4: 375, 376, 67), in addition to which there is an acceptance of the trust, by the executor, 4: 374, see below, of which there is no extant original document:

"In the Name of God Amen I Ephraim hills of Colchester being in a weak and Low State of health Yet of a Sound and disposing mind and memory God be Praised therefore and having a mind to Settle this my outward Estate as God in his Providence hath betruſted me with all do firſtly and Princiably Commit my Soul to God who gave it hoping for the free Pardon of all my Sins only through the merritts and Rictionneſſ [righteousneſſ] of Jeſus Chriſt my body I Commit to the duſt to be deſently buried at the deſcretion of my Executors herein after mentioned hoping to Receive it again att the Reſurrection of the Juſt

Item I Give unto my beloved wife Lydia one third Part of my moveable Estate for Ever and the other two Thirds during her widowhood and at her death or marriage the two thirds to be delivered to Lydia and faith in Equal Proportion

Item I Give unto my wife the Improvement of one half of my Real Estate during her widdowhood and alſo the Eaſt End of the dwelling houſe with a Priviledge in the Seller and barn

Item I Give unto my Son Labeus Hills the one half of the houſe and Lands for Ever and at his Mothers death or marriage the other half of my farm houſes and appurtinances To him S^d Labius for Ever

Item I Give unto my Daughter Hannah Stuart twenty Shillings money to be Paid by my Son Labeus after the houſe and farm becomes his

Item I Give unto my Son Ephraim hills twenty Shillings money to be paid by Labeus after the houſe and barn becomes his

Item I Give unto the heirs of my Son Noble hills deſeas^d twenty Shillings money To Be Paid by Labeus after the houſe and farm becomes his

Item I Give unto my two Daughters Lydia Dean and faith Root Six Pence money Eaeh in addition to what I have above Given them after their mothers deſeaſe

Item my will further is and I do here appoint and Conſtitute Cap^t David miller and my Son Labeus to be Excutors of this my Laſt will and teſtament hereby Revoaking and makeing null and void all other and former wills by me done or made

Item my will further is that my Juſt debts and funeral Charges be firſt Paid out of the moveables before a diſiſion thereof be made

Item I Give unto my Grandson Ephraim hills my Cain

Item my Will further is that although I have above-willed all my moveables yet my will is that my waring apparrell be Given and belong to my Son Labeus

In testimony of what is above written on this Paper I have hereunto Set my hand and Seall this 15th day of March A:[D] 1778

Signed Sealed Published and
declared to be Last will and
testament of Ephraim hills
in Presence of

Ephraim Hills

David Blish Jr

Elijah Bemiss

Lucy Blish."

David Blish and Elijah Bemiss attested, 3 Aug. 1778, as did Lucy Blish, 19 Sept. 1778, all before Epaphras Lord, J.P. (*Colchester Dist. Probate, 1622, C. S. L.*)

Evidently, David Miller, a close neighbor of the testator's, declined, or was unable, to serve as co-executor, for, 6 Oct. 1778, the Court appointed "Labous Hill," as sole executor of the estate of "Ephraim Hill," late of Colchester, deceased, and the said executor exhibited the will, the inventory was also ordered accepted and to be recorded. (*Colchester Dist. Probate, 4: 374.*)*

We note that the inventory, dated 2 Oct. 1778, of the estate of "Mr Ephraim Hills of Colchester Latly Deceased," is lengthy and detailed, the valuations therein being the depreciated currency of the war years. It lists his wearing apparel, including a beaver hat, blue coat, great coat, his "Cane," etc.; his real estate comes next, with just the house, land and barn itemized; then considerable household linen, various household effects, two large pewter platters and other pewter, earthen ware and glass, a sidesaddle, two snuff bottles, candlesticks, two looking glasses, a powdering tub, "Old Books," some black steers, an ox, a bull, a cow, pide cow, red cow, two calves, eight sheep and three hives of bees.†

Elijah Kellogg and Elihu Marvin were appointed by the Court of Probate, for the District of East Haddam, to distribute the widow's thirds, "in the Estate of Mr Ephraim Hills late of Colchester Dec^d," according to his last will. She was to have the use and improvement of land adjacent to the dwelling house, about thirty-five acres, bounded by Ebenezer Strong, Eleazer Carter and "South by Land Given to Mr Lebbeus Hills by said Dec^d," and to have the west part of the barn and east half of the house, with liberty for the heirs to pass to the cellar and well in and out of the kitchen "Dore." She was also given two small lots of land near the highway, bounded by Samuel Kellogg, Capt. David Miller and Mr. Elisha Lord. Dated 12 July 1779 and recorded 1779. (*Colchester Dist. Probate, 1622, C. S. L.*‡)

Children born in Lebanon, Conn., baptised there in Second, or Goshen Church §:

* Original not on file.

† Names of the appraisers difficult to decipher as paper is creased.

‡ Photo copies of the three original documents are included in my *Hills Notes*.

§ As Ephraim went to Marlboro Parish of Colchester, Conn., in 1760, presumably his younger daughters were married there.

By Hannah Bentley,

- i. HANNAH³, b. 6 Nov. 1736, bapt. 7 Nov. 1736, living 1778; m. (1), 27 Aug. 1755, Lebanon 2d Ch., as Hannah Hills 3d., JAMES BARNABY. She m. (2), by 15 Mar. 1778, ——— STUART, or STEWART. Further research needed.

By Lydia ———,

3. ii. LEBBEUS, eldest son, b. 3 Oct. 1739, bapt. 7 Oct. 1739, as "Lybius"; m. HANNAH BROWN
- iii. EPHRAIM JR., b. 21 Feb. 1741-42, bapt. 28 Feb. 1741-42, living 1778, d. by 1 Mar. 1809, aged 67, as "Hill," according to Hartford, Conn., newspapers. He was of Lebanon in 1772, when he owed Jabin Strong, of Hebron, Conn., 16s. 06d., who recovered. (*Colchester Recds. Justices Ct.*) 6 Apr. 1767, Hinchman Bennet and Asael Clark, both of Lebanon, for £18, sold Ephraim Hills Jr., of Colchester, two and a quarter acres with a house thereon in the N. parish of Lebanon; ack. and recd. 1767; wit: Wm. Buckingham and Simon Clark; 30 Mar. 1772, for identical sum, Ephraim Hills, of Lebanon, sold said property to Eliphalet Gillet; ack. and recd. 1772; wit: James Penneo Jr., and John Joy. (*Lebanon Deeds*, 11: 152, 496.) Probably the Ephraim Hills who served in the 12th Regt., under Hosford, from Lebanon, in 1776. (*Conn. Hist. Soc. Coll.*, 8: 163; 1889 *Conn. Mil. Recds.*, 450, 624.) The name of his wife is unknown to me. Child (Hills), Ephraim⁴, b. ante 15 Mar. 1778, left a cane in his grandfather's will. Perhaps other children. 16 Feb. 1809, Ezekiel Skinner was appointed admr. estate of Ephraim Hills, late of Lebanon, decd.; debts were listed by the Commission of Insolvency, 17 Mar. 1809, including names of Simon, Mercy and William-C. Hills. (*Windham Dist., Probate*, 1884.)
- iv. NOBLES, b. 14 Oct. 1747, bapt. 25 Oct. 1747, d. by 15 Mar. 1778, perhaps in service, left issue. As "Nobels Hills," he served from Colchester, see mention of photo copy of original roll in his brother, Lebbeus' account. A gun, blanket and cartridge box were delivered to him, as a member of Capt. Abijah Rowley's co., of Hebron, Continental Army, July 1776, see Selectmen's Accts. of Hebron, *Rev. War Archives*, 6: 320: 117A (C. S. L.) He prob. m. about 1770, SARAH ———, who, a widow, was named as her son's guardian, 1786, at which time her son, "Richard Hill" of Hebron, was aged 15. (*Colchester Dist., Probate*, 1625.) Children (Hills), at least, (1) Richard^{*}, b. 1772, d. 4 Feb. 1831, test., Glastonbury, member of Marlboro Ch., 21 Feb. 1797; m. (1), Mary ———; m. (2), Avis-B. Cook;

* See unplaced Richard Hills, 1906 *Hills Fam.*, pp. 605-606. Richard made his will, 3 June 1830, recd. 4 Feb. 1831, to wife Avis-B., son Ozias and he to be ex., daus.: Rachel Loveland and Polly Covell; wit: Sabin Stocking, Buckly Hollister, John-H. Hollister. Avis decided to take her thirds, 17 Aug. 1831. (*Hartford Dist. Probate*, — [not numbered]). In 1800, Richard was of Colchester and in 1810 of Glastonbury; in Marlboro deeds, 1805; in Chatham deeds, as of Colchester, 1802; was his wife a Buel?

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had bapt. said Ch., (a) Noble, bapt. June 1792, d. 2 Oct. 1810, aged 19, apprentice to Samuel Bull (*Rocky Hill Ch.*, 1: 98); (b) Polly, bapt. Nov. 1794; (c) Rachel, b. 17 Sept. 1796, bapt. Oct. 1796, d. 7 Aug. 1874; (d) Ozias, b. 21 May 1799, bapt. 1799, d. 6 Feb. 1888; perhaps (2) *Gaius*, b. about 1774, d. by 10 Apr. 1817, Bristol, Conn., m. Mary ———, had (a) Justin, b. 3 Sept. 1801; (b) Noble, b. 9 Nov. 1803; as see guardianship recds., in 1817. (*Farmington Dist.*, *Probate*, 1445.)

v. LYDIA, b. 13 Oct. 1750, bapt. 14 Oct. 1750, alive 1778; m. by 15 Mar. 1778, ——— DEAN. Needs further research.

vi. FAITH, b. 12 Jan. 1752, bapt. 21 Jan. 1753 (*N. S.*), d. 2 Aug. 1825, aged 74, Marlboro; m. about 1775, CAPT. JONAH ROOT, b. 3 Mar. 1744, Hebron, d. 20 Dec. 1831, aged 88, test., Marlboro, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Tarbox) Root. Both are bur. in the Old Cem. at Marlboro. The 1906 *Hills Fam.*, #199, p. 37, merely copies data from the 1870 *Root Gen.*, #478, p. 123. No special research was made *re* Faith, but what was gained is added here. Children (Root), not in order of birth, b. Marlboro Parish of Colchester, (1) *Abijah*; m. Charity Jones; (2) *Elijah (Dr.)*, b. 1786, d. 18 Oct. 1827, aged 41, left heirs, (3) *Elisha*, b. 4 Nov. 1788, d. 22 July 1868, (4) *Joel*; m. Charlotte Acorn, (5) *Jonah*, d. 1 Sept. 1827, left heirs; (6) *Howell*, or *Hoel*, b. 1792, d. 27 Dec. 1859, aged 67, bur. Old Cem.; m. (1), Jerusha Phelps, who d. 18 Mar. 1849, aged 48; he m. (2), Prudence Blish, who d. 1 Dec. 1882, aged 84, both bur. same; (7) *Faith*; m. ——— [Herrick?], left heirs; (8) *Lucy*; m. Erastus Bigelow, left heirs; (9) *Polly*; m. Elisha Strickland, not named in father's will; (10) *Caroline*, b. 1789, d. unm. 4 Nov. 1854, aged 65; (11) *Laura*, b. 1797, d. unm. 19 Aug. 1858, aged 61. (Note that Faith (Hills) Root's nephew, our Asahel ⁴ Hills, also named a son Hoel Hills.) Needs further research.

3. LEBBEUS ³ HILLS (*Ephraim* ², *Samuel* ¹), born in Lebanon, Conn., 3 Oct. 1739, baptised there, in the Second or Goshen Church, as "Lybius," 7 Oct. 1739, eldest son and the first born of his father, by the latter's second wife, living in the Marlborough Parish of Colchester, Conn., 31 Mar. 1784, and probably died between 1792 and 1809. He married, in the First Church of Colchester, ceremony by the Rev. Ephraim Little, 5 Nov. 1760 *, HANNAH BROWN, born there, 28 Oct. 1738, died, a widow, in Marlborough, Conn., 21 Jan. 1828, aged ninety years and three months, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Wells) Brown, about whom see the *Addenda*.

He was evidently named for one of the Twelve Apostles, "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus." (*St. Matthew 10: 3*.) About 1760, his father moved from Lebanon to Colchester, where he settled in the

* Bailey's *Conn. Marriages*, 3: 103 gives incorrect name and date. For the Rev. Ephraim Little, Harvard, 1728, b. 1708, Marshfield, Mass., settled in Colchester 1732-1787, A.B., A.M., etc. see 1936 Weis' *Col. Clergy*.

Marlborough Society or Parish, at which time Lebbeus had just attained his majority. This Society had been formed in May 1747, in the towns of Hebron, Colchester and Glastonbury, by division of Hebron Society, Colchester First and Third Societies, and Glastonbury Second Society. Eventually, in October 1803, the new town of Marlborough with identical boundaries as the Society, was formed, from the three towns. Marlborough is thus surrounded by the towns of Glastonbury, North, Hebron, East, Colchester, South, and Chatham (since 1915 known as East Hampton), West, of which Glastonbury was formed 1693, Colchester 1698, Hebron 1708 and Chatham 1767.*

We have noted, 5 May 1773, Lebbeus' conveyance, as of Colchester, to his father, of four acres there, in the parish of Marlborough. In his father's will of 15 Mar. 1778, which was proved 3 Aug. 1778, "Labeus" was given one half the house and lands forever and at his mother's death, or marriage, the other half forever. He was to pay out certain token sums to the other heirs and with Capt. David Miller was to act as co-executor. However, Miller did not serve so, 6 Oct. 1778, the probate court appointed "Labous" as sole executor, and he was bonded and presented an inventory; the widow's dower being set off to her, 12 July 1779. As she had some thirty-five acres in land, the west part of the barn and the east part of the house, we infer that Lebbeus had about the same quantity of land, with the east half of the barn and the west part of the house.

As we shall see later, Lebbeus only appears as a grantor in the *Colchester Deeds*, twice, after his father's death, in 1780 and in 1784, and by the latter year had apparently succeeded in full to his father's real property. Thus we learn that by 1784, his mother, Lydia, was either deceased or had remarried. Lebbeus' first conveyance was probably of his wife's property:

29 Mar. 1762, "we Lebbeus Hills and Hannah Hills of Colchester . . . for . . . Twenty four pounds . . . Received . . . of Elias Ransom of Colchester," sold the latter a tract of twelve acres there; both sign as Hills; ack. same day and recd. 4 Mar. 1763; wit: Epaphras Lord, J.P., and Theodore Lord. (*Colchester Deeds*, 7: 542.)†

A survey of the unindexed original *Town Records of Colchester*, 1760–1804, reveals that "Lebbeus Hills," was admitted a freeman there, 20 Sept. 1763; as "Lebbeus Hills," he was sworn a surveyor of highways, 3 Oct. 1764; as "Lebbeus Hills," was chosen constable, 9 Dec. 1765; held same office, as "Lebeus Hills," 10 Dec. 1766; and as "Lebbeus Hills," 10 Dec. 1767. He was both constable and the

* Hall's 1904 *Marlboro Centennial* gives a diagram showing the formation of the town.

† The amount of land and the fact that it was bounded by Jonathan Avery, Timothy Stark and ——— Treadway, surely identifies it as Hannah's inheritance, from her father, George Brown.

collector of town rates, 13 Dec. 1768, again a constable, 11 Dec. 1769 and 13 Dec. 1770, as "Lebbeus Hills." His name thereafter appears in these records under the same spelling, serving as constable, 12 Dec. 1771 and 8 Dec. 1772, as tything man, 15 Dec. 1778 and as a surveyor of highways, 18 Dec. 1780, this last being repeated as 15 Dec. 1780, after which there is no further mention of him.* (*Colchester Recds.*, Vol. I: 155, 222, 223, 225, 226, 228 (2), 231, 233, 236, 249, 255; Vol. II., 1780-1829, early pages not paginated.)

From the above source, it is interesting to learn that, 7 Feb. 1782, Colchester was a small town, there being then 1675 males and 1690 females.

Returning to land record evidence, we find Lebbeus buying land in 1767 and 1768, as follows:

29 Apr. 1767, Niles Coleman, of Colchester, for £7-15-00, sold "Lebbeus Hills," of same, about four acres there in the parish of New Marlboro; wit: Daniel and Joel Hosford; ack. same day; recd. 14 May 1767. 21 June 1768, Samuel Kellogg, of same, for a like sum, conveyed to "Lebbeus Hills," of same, about four acres in the parish of New Marlboro; wit: Niles Coleman and Ebenezer Strong; ack. same day; recd. 30 June 1768. (*Colchester Deeds*, 8: 642, 332.)

A brief survey of the records of the *Justices Court for Colchester, 1767-1790* †, reveals that:

18 June 1770, Lebbeus Hills acted as attorney for Jonathan Hollister in a case of debt against Jonas Wilder; execution granted 25 July 1770. 31 Mar. 1772, Lebbeus Hills, of Colchester, was sued by Prince Brewster as attorney for Hosea Foot, in the amount of £5-10-03, per note dated 30 Sept. 1771; execution granted 18 Apr. 1772. 30 May 1772, Lebbeus Hills, of Colchester, owed a small sum: £2-08-07, to Asa Graves, of same, per note dated 31 Mar. 1772; execution granted 26 June 1772. 15 Sept. 1772, Lebbeus Hills, of Colchester, owed Nathaniel Harris, of same, £14-17-00-02, due per note of 4 Sept. 1771; execution granted but date not cited. (29 Oct. 1772, Elijah Hills was sued for a small sum, execution granted 10 Nov. 1772.) Finally, insofar as these records are concerned, 21 June 1773, Lemuel Fitch and Ebenezer Street owed Lebbeus Hills for £7-03-05, per note of same date [?]; execution granted 24 June 1773.

In the interim and later, he again appears in the land records:

7 Nov. 1772, Thomas Carrier, of Colchester, for £15, sold "Lebbeus Hills," of same, thirteen acres and fifty rods in the parish of Marlboro; wit: Daniel and Dudley Hosford; ack. same day, recd. [no day] Jan. 1773. 5 May 1773, ‡ Lebbeus Hills, of Colchester, conveyed said land to John Wyllys, of same,

* As the *Marlboro Town Recds.*, commence Oct. 1803, they have not as yet been covered, for Asahel left there before 1800, and presumably his father either died or left there soon after 1787. I may decide to examine them later.

† At *C. S. L.*, and covered for us by Mrs. Townsend.

‡ Mention has been made of Lebbeus' deed to his father of even date, 5 May 1773, *vide ante*.

for £15, by warranty conveyance; wit: Epaphras Lord, J.P., and Dorothy Lord; ack. 5 May, and recd. 18 May, 1773. (*Colchester Deeds*, 9: 44, 66.)

The following deed helps to prove his wife's identity:

8 Mar. 1774, "We Lebbeus Hills & Hannah Hills both of Colchester," for £10, conveyed to Amasa Brown, of same, three and a quarter acres there, bounded S. by Ezra Brown, W. by heirs of Lydia Brown "Alice Avery" [alias Avery], decd., N. by land which was Jesse Brown's, E. by Lemuel Fitch, "together with ye tenth Part of ye house & Barn which was our Hon^d Fathers George Brown Late of Colchester Decd"; both sign; wit: Epaphras Lord and Thomas Fitch; ack. same day and recd. 16 Aug. 1782. (*ibid.*, 10: 276.)

The Revolutionary War commenced with the Battle of Lexington and Concord, 19 Apr. 1775. Lebbeus Jr., see later, served as a drummer boy, in 1776.

Lebbeus himself served from Marlborough Society, in Colchester, Militia, 13th company and 12th regiment, as per orders of the General Assembly of Connecticut of October 1774*, for twelve half-days training, being paid in June 1775, on the 9th, the receipt being dated 16th, June 1775. (*Conn. Archives, Rev. War, 1763-1789, ser. 1, vol. 2A: 25, 25b.*)†

It will be noted in the original that Lebbeus' brother, "Nobles Hills," served with him in this local militia service, see second column, Lebbeus name being the last name in the first column.‡ *Vide ante* for Nobles, who died before 15 Mar. 1778, when their father, Ephraim, drew his will. This will was proved 3 Aug. 1778, with Lebbeus eventually acting as sole executor, as has been explained in detail. Doubtless his concern with the estate, and settlement thereof, prevented any further military duty.

In 1780, Lebbeus again appears in the deeds:

6 June 1780, Elijah and Grace Hills, of East Windsor, Conn., sold to Lebbeus Hills, of Colchester, land in latter place west of Dickenson's Stream, said land being given to them by their hond. father, William Marriner, late of Colchester, decd., containing about five and a half acres; both sign; it was bounded N. by land given by said Marriner to Abigail Beebe and S. land given to Sarah Dickenson, etc.; wit: Samuel Fish and Eben^r Russell; ack. same day; recd. [no day] July 1780. 18 Aug. 1780, Lebbeus Hills, of Colchester, for £10, sold Thomas Hills, of same, the same property; signs; wit: Joel Fox and Isaac Brown; ack. same day; recd. 15 Jan. 1781. (*Colchester Deeds*, 10: 108, 137.)

In 1783, "Lebbeas Hills" was a creditor of the estate of Hezekiah Kneeland, late of Colchester, deceased. (*Colchester Dist. Probate, 1929.*)‡

* *Conn. State Recds.*, 14: 327.

† Photo copy of original roll included in my *Hills Notes*.

‡ See my *Kneeland Notes*, at the N. E. H. G. Society, compiled for Mr. Hills, and given by him, as were the *Hinckley Notes* and the *Bentley Notes*, to the said Society. All three manuscripts were originally part of the *Hills Notes*.

His final *recorded* deed in Colchester was made the next year:

31 Mar. 1784, Lebbeus Hills, of Colchester, for £150, sold to Elisha Lord, of same, two pieces of land there "in the Society of Marlborough," containing about ninety acres; one piece bounded by "Ebin" Strong, Eleazer Carter, said Lord and Daniel Kellogg; the other piece lying the opposite side of the highway "against my dwelling house," bounded by David Miller, etc.; warranty conveyance; signs; no r.d.; wit: David Miller and Elijah Kellogg; ack. same day; recd. 2 Apr. 1784. (10: 421.)

This is our last record for Lebbeus with absolute proof that he was alive; moreover, by this deed, he sold out most of his property in Colchester but apparently did not include the house in this sale. Ephraim had originally purchased, in two lots, ninety seven acres in Colchester, 27 Feb. 1760, and bought four more of his son, Lebbeus, 5 May 1773. He built a house apparently on one of the said lots, and by his will of 15 Mar. 1778, gave his wife, Lydia, the improvement of one half this real estate and the east end of the dwelling house, son Lebbeus was to have the other half of the house and after his mother's death the rest of the house and land. The widow's portion of the land was estimated at about thirty five acres, 12 July 1779. Lebbeus must have acquired land in Colchester, either by town grant or by some sale or gift, not of record, for, 29 Mar. 1762, he sold twelve acres there; however, his wife Hannah joined him in this sale, so that it may well be it was *her* inheritance. In 1767, Lebbeus had four acres sold him which he at once sold or mortgaged. Again in 1772, he bought and sold (in 1773) some thirteen acres. The 1774 deed in which his wife Hannah appears was a quitclaim on her rights. In 1780, Lebbeus bought and sold an identical small piece of land.

So, after 31 Mar. 1784, Lebbeus held evidently the home place consisting of the dwelling house and under ten acres of land. There is no further action in either the Colchester or the Marlborough (after that town was formed in 1803) deeds for our Lebbeus; what became of the house and adjacent land, did a child automatically succeed to the same? Was there a deed of gift, with an agreement for life care and maintenance that was never recorded? Of Lebbeus' known sons to reach maturity, all left Marlborough but son Ephraim. Recall that in 1784, Lebbeus was but forty-five years of age, what became of him? There is no further record in any of the many sources consulted.

We do know that, 23 Apr. 1786, a petition was signed in Colchester by Lebbeus Hills *Jr.** And Taintor's 1864 *Colchester*, page 156, cites: Polls in Marlborough Society, 1787, include both Lebbeus Hills *Jr.* and Thomas Hills. Also, as we shall see in this son's account, in

* *Conn. Archives, Travel, 1670-1788, ser. I, vol. 3: 237C., C. S. L.*, of which a photo copy is included in my *Hills Notes*.

1792, he appears as *Jr.*, in the Chatham deeds, to which town he removed, but not in 1809. It would then seem probable that our Lebbeus Sr. was alive as late as 21 Sept. 1792. He does not appear as head of a family in 1790, in Connecticut or elsewhere. The Lebbeus listed that year in Glastonbury was the son. There is no settlement of Lebbeus Sr.'s estate, nor that of his widow's, in Connecticut Probate. The land records of Hebron, Colchester, Marlborough, Glastonbury and Chatham have all been covered and with a negative result.*

The census records for 1800, 1810 and 1820 have been examined for all the above noted towns and no male or female, over forty-five, appears in the records of Lebbeus Hills' sons, except in the family of son, Ephraim, of Marlborough, 1810 and 1820, who in both years had a female over forty-five, in his family, evidently his mother. In 1810, Ephraim had no male over forty-five with him; in 1800, Marlborough was part of Colchester, but Ephraim is not listed therein. The records of the sons-in-law, insofar as census is concerned, were also covered.†

There are a number of copies of the Marlborough Parish, or Society, Church Records. There is the Talcott, or Colonial Dames, copy at the Conn. Historical Society, and a photostatic copy (originally made by Myrtle A. Jones, of Hebron, in 1901 and loaned to the Conn. State Library, for purposes of photostating, in 1939, by the late Charles R. Hale). There is the original Robbins "copy" at *C. S. L.*, and in 1952, there was printed in the *D. A. R. Magazine*, *The American Monthly*, copies of the baptisms, 1749-1833 only. Not only do these various copies all vary somewhat, but what is so important in this search, there are *no marriages* at all in any of them!

The organization of this Congregational Church and Parish has already been fully explained. The early records were simply not kept, but in the Winter of 1798-1799, while serving there as a supply preacher, Thomas Robbins, then a candidate for the ministry, became concerned over this lack. And, as best he could, he gathered the records, mainly relying on verbal accounts, with personal trips to see the older inhabitants and members, entering the result in a book, which, in his own hand, is now at the Conn. State Library. Portions of this "Diary" have been published and in this appears, under date of 16 Apr. 1799: "Finished with the Church Records. I have done much more to them than I expected." Virtually the same remark appears in the original book in his own hand. From Mrs. Townsend's careful search of this original, the following items were gleaned:

* Microfilm at *C. S. L.*, covered by Mrs. Townsend; I personally examined deeds in the towns of Lebanon and Colchester, in 1954.

† Simeon Young, of Chatham, in 1800, had a female over 45 in his home but not in 1810.

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*Baptisms.**

Oct. 1765, Lebbeus & Roswel, children of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills.

1768, Hannah, dau. of Lebbeus and Hannah Hills; no month cited, the 3d entry beyond is a March entry.

1770, "Asahel", son of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, follows Feb., and precedes a March entry.

1771, Lucy, dau. of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, first entry followed by a June entry.

1773, March, Hannah, dau. of Nathan and Hannah Hills; entry above this is an Alice, dau. of *Lebbeus* and Hannah Dickinson, "this is obviously a reversal of given names in the entries since subsequent records give other children to *Nathan* and Hannah Dickinson." It therefore applies to a child of our Lebbeus and Hannah Hills. *E. W. T.*

1775, Lydia, dau. of Libbeous and Hannah Hills follows June and precedes October.

1777, Polly, dau. of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, both follow a May entry and precede a June entry. The "both" refers to a Phelps record.

1778, Oliver, son of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, directly follows a Polly Root entry and precedes a December one.

1779, Ephraim, son of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, follows August and precedes December.

1780, Silas, son of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, follows October and precedes November.

1782, Rusel, son of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, follows May and precedes August.

1784, David, son of Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, no month cited, this is the first entry that year and is followed by a 1784 Phelps item likewise no month given, and then by a November entry.

Deaths.

1777, Lucy, child of Lebbeus Hills aged 6.

1777, Lebbeus Hills child; these two entries follow one of 18 Sept. 1777.

1778, Ephraim Hills died July 29th in the 71 year of his age.

1779, Libbeus Hills child.

1828, 21 Jan., *Widow Hills, aged 90 yrs.*

Communicants.

1765, Lebbeus & Hannah Hills, no day or month.

Members Dismissed etc.

(No Hills that apply to our family.)

Other Hills noted:

1774, Anna Hill dedicated by her grandparents David & Zeruah Blish, precedes July and follows May.

1792, June, Nobles son of Richard & Mary Hills.

1794, November, Polly, dau. of same.

1796, October, Rachel, dau. of same.

1799, Ozias, son of same, no month, followed by 24 Nov. entry.

* Months only are given, seldom a day, and in some cases only the year. *E. W. T.*

The above records are not all quoted. I have underscored the death of a "Widdow Hills," who died in Marlborough, 21 Jan. 1828, aged "90" — that is, aged ninety years and three months.* This, of course, is the death record of Hannah (Brown) Hills, widow of Lebbeus Hills Sr., and the mother of our Asahel Hills, whom she outlived. She was born, we recall, in Colchester, 28 Oct. 1738. It is said that there is no settlement of her estate, apparently, in either land or probate records.

As to the two deeds of her son Lebbeus Jr., which are important to us in placing an approximate date of death for her husband, Lebbeus Sr., brief abstracts follow:

21 Sept. 1792, David Clark, of Chatham, Conn., for £30, sold "Lebbeus Hills Jr.," of same, about three acres there, in Easthampton Society, with a dwelling house thereon, also one half of a barn; wit: John Clark and James Bill; ack. same and recd. 18 Oct. 1799. (*Chatham Deeds*, 9: 514.)

8 June 1809, "Libeas Hills" [no Jr., follows his name], of Chatham, for \$200, sold [his son] "Chancy Hills," of same, a certain piece of land in Chatham Easthampton Society, containing ten to twelve acres, with a dwelling house and a barn thereon; same bounds as in the 1792 purchase; signs as "Libbeus Hills"; wit: David White and John Bottom; ack. same day and recd. 10 Oct. 1809. (*ibid.*, 14: 134.)

A copy of the *Colchester Town Vital Records* made there personally by me, from the original records, and certified by the Town Clerk,† follows, after which, we consider Lebbeus' large family of children.

Volume One, page 22, Colchester Vital Records, Colchester, Conn., originals:

"Lebbeus Hills & Hannah Brown was Married Novemb^r 5th 1760

Lebbeus their Son was born August the 13th 1761

Rozel their Son was born Febru^y: 18th 1763

Hannah their Daughter warn [was born] May the 6th 1764

Asahel their Son was born January the 29th 1766

Lucey their Daughter Born December 31 1767

Ellis their Daughter Born October 17th 1769."

I certify the above is a true copy of the Vital Records in the Colchester Vital Records, Volume 1, page 22

Attest: John G. Fedus

Register of Vital Records

Children, first six recorded in Colchester, Conn., baptised in Marlborough Parish, or Society, in said town:

- i. LEBBEUS⁴, b. 13 Aug. 1761, bapt. Oct. 1765, living 1815, Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., where his younger brother, Asahel had preceded him; m. 22 Oct. 1789, Eastbury Ch. (2d of Glastonbury, Conn.) ‡, POLLY GIBSON, b. as MARY, 27 June 1772, Glastonbury, alive 1811, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Kimberly) Gibson,

* Original Marlborough Ch. Recds., C. S. L., a photo copy of Vol. 1: 120 is included in my *Hills Notes*.

† He was most helpful when I worked there and since.

‡ The recds. of this parish are pub. in *Register*, vols. 61-62-63.

her siblings were: Anne, Clara, Florinda, Roger, Ruth and Samuel. As a drummer boy, he served in the Revolution: "A List of Cap^t David Millers Co., Lt. Col. Obediah Hosford's reg^t that march^d in Sept 1776 to East Chester to join Gen^l Washington's Army" includes "Libbeus Hills Jr Drummer." (*Coll. Conn. Hist. Soc.*, 8: 160, pub. 1901; also 12: 370, pub. 1909.) * We have already noted his petition in Marlboro Parish of Colchester, 23 Apr. 1786, signed as "Libeus Hills Jr." † And we have mentioned that the polls in that parish, or society, in 1787, included Lebbeus Hills Jr. His two eldest children were bapt. in the Eastbury Ch., in 1790, and he appears therefore as of Glastonbury, in the census of 1790, with one male over 16, one under and two females. "Lebbeus" and wife Mary owned the Covenant and were admitted to full communion with the Eastbury Ch., 30 Oct. 1790, the day these two children were bapt. therein, but they soon removed to Chatham, Conn., where their children are recorded in the town records, 1793-1808; this town, estb. in 1767, had its name changed to East Hampton as late as 1915. A word about this Eastbury Ch., from which there is no record of Lebbeus' dismission: it was established May 1791, as Eastbury, or 2d Soc., in Glastonbury ‡; perhaps Polly Gibson's people were members. There are no deeds for this Lebbeus in Colchester, Marlboro or Glastonbury. From the *Chatham 1st Ch. Recds.*, 1: 126; 2: 37, at *C. S. L.*, we note Lebbeus Hills, a member in 1792, was dismissed in 1810, and a separate list states that he removed to another church, place not stated, in 1810. This is substantiated by the deeds and census records. Note that in 1792, Lebbeus Jr., of Chatham, bought a dwelling house there, part of a barn and land in the Easthampton Society, which he sold, in 1809, *sans* the "Jr.," to (his son), Chauncey Hills. (*Chatham Deeds*, 9: 514; 14: 134.) In 1800, we find in Chatham, Middlesex Co., Conn., p. 386: "Lebias Hill" with one male and one female, 26-45, one male under 10, and one male and one female, 10-16, in his family; but he is not listed there in 1810 or 1820. Unfortunately the 1810 census for Oneida Co., N. Y. is not divided into towns and but the 1st initial of the given name is cited, the only "L" Hills, or Hill, thereof, does not check, in sex or numbers, with Lebbeus' known family. However, 3 Nov. 1811, Lebbeus Hills and wife, Polly, were admitted to the United Ch., of Paris, Oneida Co., N. Y., and were later dismissed from same, but no place is given to which they moved, and no date is given; this church was formed, 8 Jan. 1810. (*Paris Ch. Recds.*, 261, 262, 283, 271, 260, *D. A. R.* 6, *Oneida Chapter 3.*) § That

* Photo copy of original Roll from *Conn. Archives, Rev. War, ser. 1, vol. 6: 151*, included in my *Hills Notes*.

† *Vide ante re* photo copy this original petition.

‡ By division of the 1st Soc.; a portion set off, May 1747, to Marlboro Soc., later called the E. Glastonbury Soc., and then Buckingham Soc. The records are not extant before 1768.

§ At Utica, N. Y.

same year, 22 Oct. 1811, Lebbeus Hills was named as the executor of the will of his brother, Asahel Hills, of Paris, *vide post*. The Paris Ch. Records cite that an Aurora-Octavia Hills was bapt. between 1815 and 1823, "at the house of Lebbeus Hills," thus we learn that the family was there as late as 1815. There are no deeds for him in Oneida Co., nor any estate.* Children (Hills), 3d through 11th, bapt. Chatham, Conn., (1) *Chauncey* †, bapt. 30 Oct. 1790, Eastbury Ch., "of Lebeus Hills Jr.," to whom his father sold the Chatham property, 8 June 1809; (2) *Polly*, bapt. 30 Oct. 1790, Eastbury Ch., dau. of "Lebbeus & Mary Hills"; (3) *Zeruiah-Blush* [*Blish*], bapt. 12 Mar. 1793, d. 11 May 1794; (4) *Zeruiah-Blush* [*Blish*], bapt. 26 July 1795, d. 2 Feb. 1800; (5) *Octavia*, bapt. 8 Oct. 1797, d. 17 Mar. 1800; all three d. Chatham; (6) *Samuel-Gibson*, bapt. 10 Nov. 1799; (7) *Pamela*, bapt. 17 Jan. 1802; (8) *Gustavus*, bapt. 13 May 1804 ‡; (9) *Charlotte*, bapt. 11 May 1806; (10) *Julius-Augustus*, bapt. 18 Sept. 1808; (11) *Julia-Augusta*, bapt. same, a twin; (12) *Aurora-Octavia*, bapt. 1815-1823, prob. b. *ante* 1820, Paris, N. Y.; perhaps others between 1808 and 1815?

- ii. ROZEL, a son, b. 18 Feb. 1763, bapt. with elder brother, Oct. 1765, as "Roswel," d. 1770, aged 5, as "Roswel."
- iii. HANNAH, b. 6 May 1764, bapt. 1768, d. by 1773.
- 4. iv. ASAHIEL, b. 29 Jan. 1766, bapt. 1770; m. POLLY ———. ‡
- v. LUCY, b. 31 Dec. 1767, d. by 1771.
- vi. ALICE, b. 17 Oct. 1769, bapt. March 1773. §
- vii. LUCY, bapt. 1771, d. 1777, aged 6.
- viii. HANNAH, bapt. March 1773. §
- ix. LYDIA, b. June 1775, bapt. June 1775, d. 18 Mar. 1839, aged 67 [?], Chatham, Conn.; m. there, 12 Oct. 1790, SIMEON YOUNG, b. about 1768, bapt. there, 21 Jan. 1770, d. there, 30 Nov. 1822, aged 53, bur. there in Lakeview Cem., son of Simeon and Mehitabel (?Hubbard) Young. "She was of Marlboro' Conn. Her mother is said to have been a Hosford, but I cannot find her father's name. She had a brother Ephraim Hills, and a sister Mary who m. Oliver Phelps." The will of Simeon Young of Chatham, dated 3 Nov. 1822, names the children given below; the family attended the 1st Ch. there. (*Record*, 36: 56-57.) || Children (Young), b. Chatham, (1) *Demas*, scholar in Chatham as see *Diary of Elisha Niles*, p. 12; m. Sally ———, who was ad. Ch. there, 1 Nov. 1818, dismissed 1820; (2) *Abigail*, d. 12 July 1884; m. 25 Nov. 1813, Olmsted Gates of Chatham [she was prob.

* The research in Oneida Co., N. Y., was accomplished for us by that very able genealogist, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Merritt, of Utica, N. Y.

† The *Hills Fam.*, states he m. Elizabeth Mansfield but this seems doubtful.

‡ Asahel's name clearly appears under this spelling in both town and church recds. He was never called "Ashbel."

§ As Lebbeus Hills bur. a child (besides Lucy) in 1777, and another in 1779, one or more of these daughters must have died young.

|| This statement that Lydia's mother may have been a Hosford has been considered before; her mother was of course Hannah Brown, but was her paternal grandmother, Lydia ———, wife of Ephraim Hills, born a Hosford?

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- the eldest child]; (3) *Sally*, d. 14 Oct. 1839; m. 8 June 1820, 1st Ch. there, Willard Sears Jr., of same.
- x. POLLY, bapt. May or June 1777, according to the 1899 *Phelps Gen.*, pp. 382-3, b. 8 June 1773 [*sic* 1777], her name a diminutive for MARY, d. 11 May 1847, Marlboro, Conn.; m. 28 Nov. 1794, Colchester, OLIVER PHELPS, b. there, 4 Aug. 1771, d. 15 Aug. 1838, Marlboro, son of Timothy and Sarah (Skinner) Phelps. Children (Phelps), b. Colchester-Marlboro, (1) *Sarah*, b. 23 Oct. 1795, d. 21 Mar. 1878, Genesee, Allegany Co., N. Y.; m. Epaphroditus Bigelow, went there in 1819; (2) *Cyrus*, b. 27 Feb. 1799, d. 9 Mar. 1862, Corfu, Genesee Co., N. Y.; m. Sarah-M. Bailey; (3) *Oliver*, b. 8 Oct. 1800, d. 16 July 1801; (4) *Oliver*, b. 23 June 1803, d. 13 July 1887, Bolivar, Allegany Co., N. Y.; m. Lucy-Ann West; (5) *Timothy*, b. 26 Mar. 1806, d. 10 Oct. 1844, Bristol, Conn.; m. Sarah Austin; (6) *David*, b. 31 Aug. 1810, d. 10 July 1873, Marlboro; m. Hannah Freeman; (7) *Emeline*, b. 11 Mar. 1813, d. 17 Aug. 1840, Cuba, Allegany Co., N. Y.; m. William Carrier; (8) *Caroline*, b. 10 Jan. 1815, d. not given; m. John Freeman.
- xi. OLIVER, bapt. 1778, named for uncle Oliver Brown. A child of Lebbeus Hills d. 1779.
- xii. EPHRAIM, named for Lebbeus' father, bapt. 1779, d. 26 Apr. 1848, Marlboro, aged 71[?]; m. about 1797, BRITTA CURTIS, prob. dau. of Nathaniel Curtis. We note a Britta Curtis bapt. 21 Apr. 1799, Eastbury Ch. of Glastonbury. The only Hills, or Hill, in the 1810 census of Marlboro is Ephraim, who had a family of one male and one female, 26-45, two males under 10, two females, 10-16, and one female over 45.* In 1815, Ephraim agreed to a sale that involved Britta Curtis, minor, etc.; in 1817, with wife Britta, he conveyed land there formerly of Nathaniel Curtis decd.; and bought land there in 1815. (*Marlboro Deeds*, 3: 403; 2: 57; 1: 475-6.) He does not appear in the Glastonbury or Chatham Deeds. Children (Hills), b. Marlboro, (1) *Britta-Curtis*⁵, b. 23 Sept. 1798; (2) *David*, b. 20 Dec. 1804; (3) *Betsey*, b. 21 June 1806; m. 24 Mar. 1829, Edmund Blish; (4) *Philo*, b. 30 May 1808, d. 11 Oct. 1843, aged 34, bur. Old Cem. Marlboro; m. Betsey-W. ———, and had child, b. Jan. 1838, d. 3 Mar. 1839, and child, b. Oct. 1840, d. 20 Dec. 1841, bur. there; (5) *Nancy*, b. 17 June 1810; m. 29 Nov. 1832, Francis Cotton; (6) *Asahel*, b. 6 June 1812 [named for Ephraim's brother who d. 1811, *vide post*], d. 1 Jan. 1829, also 8 Jan. given, Asahel-H., aged 16, bur. Old Cem.; (7) *Sherman*, b. 8 Dec. 1814, prob. m. ———, who d. 14 Mar. 1843, aged 30; he m. (2), 24 Apr. 1844, Glastonbury, Maria-S. Roy, of Middletown, Conn.; (8) *Lyman*, b. 22 May 1817; m. (1), 27 Nov. 1839, Glastonbury, Maria Wier, b. 1817; he m. (2), Alvira ———?; issue: Edward-F., b.

* His mother? Ephraim still had a female over 45 in 1820 census of Marlboro; his brother-in-law, Oliver Phelps, also of Marlboro, in 1810, had no female over 45 in his family.

- 30 Nov. 1840; m. Adelaide-M. Hollister; Frances-C., b. 1842, d. 17 June 1869; by Alvira, had James-B., b. 1 Jan. 1851 [?] this is mixed; (9) *Cornelia*, b. 22 June 1820; (10) *Cynthia-Ann*, b. 10 Apr. 1824; m. 17 Feb. 1847, Glastonbury, Gaylord Curtis.
- xiii. SILAS, bapt. 1780, prob. Oct. A Silas appears in Chatham Deeds from 1834, but evidently a younger man as a Silas m. there, 1834, Mary-N. Goff, etc. No Silas appears in the 1800 or 1810 census of Marlboro-Glastonbury-Chatham.
- xiv. RUSSELL, same name as Roswell above, bapt. 1782, b. 10 Feb. 1782, d. 5 Aug. 1831, aged 49, bur. Old Cem., Marlboro; m. 30 Sept. 1804, Chatham, ANNIS HOLMES, b. 20 Aug. 1785, Wethersfield, Conn., dau. of Charles and Martha (—) Holmes, and sister of Howell Holmes. Was she also called "Polly"? For Polly, wife of Russell Hills, d. 5 Aug. 1831, aged 49, bur. Old Cem. Marlboro. Of Chatham, he appears in the deeds there in 1806 and 1821, as a grantor (*Chatham Deeds*, 12: 343; 17: 457.) He is in the census of 1810 as of Chatham but then had no female over 45 in his family. Children (Hills), b. Chatham, (1) *George*, b. 15 Aug. 1805, res. Middletown, Conn.; m. Elizabeth Wright, had Mary-W., b. 19 Apr. 1834, d. 30 Dec. 1867; (2) *Caroline*, b. 21 Nov. 1806; m. 21 Nov. 1826, Philo-H. Taylor, of Verona, N. Y.; (3) *Betsey*, b. 25 June 1808; (4) *Mary*, b. 26 July 1810; m. 4 Oct. 1829, William Hunt, of Chaplin, Ohio; (5) *Harriet*, b. 21 June 1812; (6) *Charles*, b. 4 May 1814; (7) *Emily*, b. 9 Apr. 1816; (8) *Martha*, b. 24 Mar. 1818; (9) *Charlotte*, b. 25 July 1820; (10) *John*, b. 27 Mar. 1822.
- xv. DAVID, bapt. 1784. A David appears in the 1800 and the 1810 census in Chatham, in both years having a female over 45 in his family, but as David was but 16 in 1800, and his sisters married or dead by that year, this David of the census is an older man, and probably connected with the Daniel Hills family. A David bought fifteen acres in Marlboro, which as of Chatham, he mortgaged in 1808 to James Wadsworth of Geneseo, N. Y. (*Marlboro Deeds*, 1: 134.) In 1816, Daniel Hills of Blandford, Mass., quits claim to land in Chatham, bounded by Ackley heirs, to a David Hills of Chatham; this David and a David Jr., had further dealings in this land in 1820 and 1821. (*Chatham Deeds*, 18: 99; 17: 362, 364; 19: 371) These references are obviously not to our David, b. 1784. The David Hills who d. 25 Apr. 1804, aged 18, Chatham (East Hampton) Church Records probably applies.

These pages have dealt, briefly, with the fifteen children of Lebbeus Hills Sr., by his wife, Hannah Brown, with the exception of Asahel, their fourth child, whose account is presented on the following pages. A number of these children died young, but *Lebbeus* and *Asahel* lived to have children of their own, and went to York State, where both were living in Paris, Oneida County in 1811. Rozel, Hannah, Lucy (two of the name died in infancy) died young, and

probably either Alice or Hannah did, moreover we have no further record for these two. Then we come to *Lydia* and *Polly*, both of whom lived to marry, remained in Connecticut, and had issue. Many of the latter's children settled in Allegany County, N. Y., which might point a chance for further research on what became of Asahel's widow. I think Oliver died in 1779, which brings us to *Ephraim*, who remained in Marlborough, where he died as late as 1848, and with whom I think the widow Hannah (Brown) Hills lived. We have no definite record for Silas after his baptism in 1780, nor for David, after his baptism in 1784, perhaps they also died or left the State? *Russell* remained and he also was buried in Marlborough in 1831, although a resident of nearby Chatham.

The children were evidently fond of brother David, for *Polly*, *Ephraim* and *Asahel* all named children "David." *Ephraim* named a son, *Asahel*. And among *Asahel's* children was *Lydia*, for his sister.

4. ASAHEL⁴ HILLS (*Lebbeus*³, *Ephraim*², *Samuel*¹), born in Colchester, Conn., 29 Jan. 1766, baptised there in the Marlborough Parish, February or March, 1770, died in Paris, Oneida County, N. Y., between 22 Oct., and 30 Dec., 1811, testate. He married, undoubtedly in Connecticut, about 1790, POLLY ———, who survived, her identity and death as yet unknown.*

Before we consider his career, it seems reasonable and proper to present below the facts concerned in the *positive identification* of DAVID HILLS, as a son of this Asahel Hills:

Briefly, in June 1953, I was commissioned to prove, if possible, the parentage of the David Hills, who appears, as unplaced, in the 1906 *Hills Family*, by W. S. Hills, and Thomas Hills, page 600. This genealogy states that David was born in Ithaca, N. Y., in 1806, named his sons, Kneeland† and Delos, had brothers Hoel and Thomas, and sisters Lucy (who married a Coates), and Eunice (who married Joseph Allen) and removed to Willoughby, Lake County, Ohio. [If a brother Thomas, he died young, and sister Eunice married *James Allen*.]

Ithaca, now in Tompkins County, was combed thoroughly, with the able assistance of Helen (Finch) Smith of that city, who searched all possible unpublished sources, such as deeds, surrogate, church records, as also in the various counties that constitute the "ancestry" of Tompkins County, all with a negative result. William-Galbraith Smith, of Washington, D. C., helped with the census and pension records at the National Archives, and again we gained nothing.

* Inasmuch as she had two grandsons of the given name of Kneeland, it seems extremely probable that she was born a Kneeland or had Kneeland ancestry. See my *Kneeland Notes*, at N. E. H. G. Society.

† Kneeland spelled incorrectly, as "Neiland."

But, in the course of these surveys, Mr. Smith consulted with Leon-C. Hills, a personal friend of his, and an author, who has amassed a manuscript on the Hills family, with many additions and corrections to the 1906 work, named above, and its 1908 *Supplement*. Mr. Leon-C. Hills informed Mr. Smith that the names of *Hoel* and *Kneeland* appeared in the family of an Asahel Hills, of Villenova, Chautauqua County, N. Y., who by wife Sally [*sic*] Wright, had: Hoel, Kneeland, Dora and Harriet; that the said Hoel, born there 23 Jan. 1819, by wife Hannah, daughter of John Dye, had Jane, George, David, who died aged one year, and Milton Hills. He also recalled that the names of Kneeland and Delos Hill appeared in a roster of Ohio men who served in the Civil War, which fact is correct. So I had Mr. Smith follow up these clues by a search of census and pension records, in Washington, and of the deeds and surrogate records in Mayville, county seat of Chautauqua County, the results of which are included herein.

Surely it was more than a mere coincidence, that our David Hills had a brother *Hoel* and a son *Kneeland* and that this Asahel had sons *Hoel* and *Kneeland*! Were David and Asahel possibly connected, were they brothers?

Fortunately we have at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, a typed copy, made in 1923, of gravestone inscriptions in a small yard in Willoughby Center, Lake County, Ohio. From this unpublished source, I discovered that not only was *Eunice* (Hills) Allen and her husband, James Allen, buried there, with their dates of birth and death on their stone, but also her sister, *Lydia* and her brother, *Hoel*. Mr. Smith then secured the census records, 1850-1860-1870-1880, for this group.

Before 20 Dec. 1908, death records in Ohio were recorded at the county seat, if recorded at all. The only death record I have been able to secure of the Hills family of Willoughby, was through the courtesy of the Deputy Clerk of Probate for Lake County, Ohio, at Painesville, Miss Bertha-E. Clark, who secured the death record of Eunice (Hills) Allen.* Miss Clark stated that there were no estates for the family excepting James Allen, *vide post*; she also most kindly read the obituaries in the local *Painesville Telegraph*, at the Public Library, for a month after each death, but found nothing. A survey of deeds and a re-check of the probate records, etc., was later undertaken for us by a Cleveland, Ohio, genealogist, *vide post*, and with positive results.

And that valuable death record of Eunice (Hills) Allen, who died in Willoughby, 24 Apr. 1887, aged eighty-nine years and five months, states she was born in *Oneida County, N. Y.* Her birth, 1 Oct. 1797, appears on her gravestone in Willoughby. Again, we have at the

* Photo copy of the certified death recd. included in the *Hills Notes*.

New England Historic Genealogical Society, typed abstracts of Oneida County Wills, in which source, appears the will of Asahel Hills, 1811, of Paris, naming his daughters as Polly, Eunice, Lydia and Lucy; sons as Asahel, John-A. [*sic*], David and Joel [*sic*]; and executors as wife Polly and Lebbeus Hills. (Barber's *Abstracts of Oneida Co., N. Y., Wills*, 1: 17.)*

Thus was secured, after some six months research by myself and others (part time), the identification of our David Hills, born in Paris, near Utica [not in Ithaca], N. Y., about 1804, as a son of Asahel ⁴, of Colchester, Conn., and Paris, N. Y., a nephew of Lebbeus ⁴, and a grandson of Lebbeus ³.

Returning then to the subject of this account, our David's father, Asahel, we have noted, in *his* father Lebbeus Hills' account, that "Asahel" — never "Ashbel" — for his correct name appears in his birth record (personally copied by me in Colchester), 29 Jan. 1766, and in his baptismal record, in 1770, either in February or in March, noted in the original records of the Marlborough Church, or Parish, by Mrs. Townsend, at the Conn. State Library, son of Lebbeus and Hannah Hills, appears in no other records in Connecticut, thus far discovered. In 1784, his father's last appearance in the Colchester Deeds, Asahel was eighteen; of full age, 29 Jan. 1787, he was not included among the list of Polls in the Marlborough District in Colchester, that same year. It would seem that he had left that area by then? He does not appear in the Colchester, Marlborough (from 1803), Glastonbury, Hebron or Chatham Deeds. Unfortunately, Connecticut has no county system of recording its deed and probate evidence. That he was still of Connecticut we *know*, for his son, Asahel, gives his birth as 1793 and in Connecticut, *vide post*. Asahel's marriage is not of record and the Marlborough Church Records contain *no marriages*; a great loss in this search.

Between 1793 and 1 Oct. 1797, Asahel went to what is now Paris, Oneida County, N. Y., but has no deeds recorded in Utica.† Much of York State was held by renters who leased from wealthy land owners, at that period. Also many land transactions were never recorded there.

Paris is now not much more than a hamlet in pretty hill country, and is a farming community. Saquoit a village in same is much

* Copy of the full will, attested, corrects the errors, *vide post*.

Note: The results of research in Philadelphia, Pa., and Cincinnati, Ohio, will be considered in David's account, both failed to solve his parentage.

† Paris was set off, 10 Apr. 1792, from Whitestown (formed 1788), mainly settled from Conn. Herkimer formed 16 Feb. 1791 from Montgomery Co., but when Oneida was set off, 15 Mar. 1798, from Herkimer, Oneida retained the records, the co. seat now being at Utica. Asa Gray, the famous Botanist, was a native of Paris, which was first settled about 1789. Mrs. Merritt did the research there for us, consulting land and surrogate records at the Court House, and copies of church, cemetery and other such sources at the local library, made by the D. A. R., and in her own personal collections.

larger and in the valley. Paris is about fifteen miles from Utica and is bordered on the east by Litchfield, in Herkimer County, which is of importance to us. Mrs. Anna Zimmerman Jenks, Town Historian of Paris, was unable to give us further data; she reported there are but a few scraps of the *Paris Town Records, ante 1880*. Possibly the school lists, if they have survived, might be of assistance?

Apparently Asahel Hills and his wife were not members of the Paris Congregational Church, which is still of that faith and did not change to Presbyterian as did so many of the early New York Congregational parishes. An offshoot of this church, formed in 1791, was the Union Society of Paris, formed in January 1810, in Saquoit, in the eastern part of the township of Paris. This has now become Presbyterian. A copy of the records of this church, made by the D.A.R., has already been utilized in the account of Asahel's brother, Lebbeus, *vide ante*, but all items will now be repeated here:

Page 260, Received letters to other churches [?], Polly Hills; list not dated but probably before 1822. [Should the "to" not read "from" ? *W. L. H.*]

Page 261, Male Members added included Lebbeus Hills, 3 Nov. 1811.

Page 262, Female Members Added, included Polly Hills, same day.

Page 283, Membership List, same information with "Dismissed" but no data as to when or where.

Page 271, Baptized at the House of Lebbeus Hills, Aurora Octavia Hills. No date given but probably *circa* 1815 to 1823, from nearby dates. (*N. S. D. A. R., Vol. VI., Oneida Chapter, vol. 3.*)

Query, was the first Polly Hills named in this United Society of Paris church record Asahel's wife, or does it refer to Lebbeus' wife of that name?

Turning to such positive evidence as has been gleaned, we do find Asahel Hills appearing in Paris, Oneida County, in the census of 1800, head of a family consisting of one male and one female, between 26 and 45, one male, between 16 and 26 *, two males under 10 and three females under 10.

The next federal census, that of 1810, does not help us, for not only is Oneida County not divided into townships, but the Christian names of those listed are indicated by the first letter only, and that hard to decipher. Also, Asahel's known family at that time included not only himself and his wife, and in 1810, he was aged forty-four and his wife the same, 26-45 bracket, but at least these children: two sons under ten, one son about fifteen, one daughter thirteen, two daughters under ten; *if* the older children, Polly and Asahel were at home in 1810, there was then to be added one female, about nineteen, and one male of

* Was this a younger brother of Asahel's or of his wife's? The only other Hills in Paris in 1800 was Elisha Hills who is identified. There was also an Asa Hill. For Elisha Hills see *1906 Hills Fam., p. 42*, which repeats the error in the 1875 *Hart Gen.*, that Paris is in Herkimer Co.; Elisha m. Polly Hart.

seventeen. And none of those listed seem to fulfill these requirements, with the exception, of an "E" Hills, who had two males and one female under 10, one male and two females between 10 and 16, one male, 16 to 26 and one male and one female between 26 and 45. At any event, we know that Asahel was still of Paris in 1810, for he drew his will there in 1811, and he was certainly there in 1800.

In Jones' *Annals and Recollections of Oneida County*, published in 1851, he writes, *page 302*, "A man by the name of Hill kept the first boarding house in a log building," and as late as 1801, it was the only building within a mile of Paris Furnace.

This reference to a "Hill" may really be to a "Hills" but there is nothing to show us to which Hills, and we have already noted that in 1800, there were two Hills and one Hill listed in Paris as heads of families.

One further positive record, besides the 1800 census, for Asahel, before he died, is his service as an officer in the local militia in 1803:

Jesse Hale, Adjutant and "Asahel Hills Quartermaster," served in 1803 in Major Commandant Joseph Farwell's (Farenrell) Battalion, Oneida County. (*N. Y. Council of Appointment, 1784-1821, Military Recds., 1: 688.**)

We have considered, briefly, Lebbeus Hills Jr., eldest brother of our Asahel Hills, whereby it was noted that Lebbeus sold out his real property in Chatham, Conn., in 1809, and was dismissed from the East Hampton Parish there, in 1810. Lebbeus and his wife, Polly, were admitted members of the Union Society Church, in Paris, 3 Nov. 1811, and were later, after 1815, dismissed from that church. We do not know where they removed to. They had twins baptised in the East Hampton Church, in 1808, and between 1815 and 1823, a twelfth child was baptised for them in Paris, very probably between 1815 and 1820, as Lebbeus does not appear in the 1820 census in Paris. He does appear in the will of his brother, Asahel, in 1811, being named co-executor with his sister-in-law, Polly, the widow. Note that both Lebbeus and Asahel had wives of the same name, also Elisha Hills of Paris, a contemporary, had wife, Polly. (Polly is of course the diminutive of Mary.)

All of which brings us to our last record of Asahel, his will, which was drawn, 22 Oct. 1811 and proved 30 Dec. 1811. An attempt was made to have this copied will, as recorded in the surrogate volume, as no original papers are extant, photostated, but it was reported that the record was so faint that any such idea would be better discarded. This was a disappointment. So, a certified copy was obtained but was useless as the officials there are evidently unable to read the old writing. Therefore, Mrs. Merritt was requested to make a verbatim copy of this will and any other records pertaining to the estate and

* Published 1901.

attest to her copy before a Notary. This was accomplished and a photostatic copy of her attested copy appears in the *Hills Notes*, of which a copy follows: *

"In the name of God amen . . . I Asahel Hills of the Town of Paris in the County of Oneida and State of New York being in a weak state of body. but at present of sound memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following (Viz) In the first place I order and direct that my Funeral charges be Paid. In the next place I give and bequeath unto my Wife Polly Hills one third part of all my real and personal Estate, after my debts are paid, during her life, excepting my farming utensils which I give and bequeath unto my two sons Asahel Hills & John K Hills I also give and bequeath unto my two sons Asahel and John K Hills the remaining part of my real estate on condition that they attend to bring up my two Youngest Sons David Hills & Hoel Hills and keep them at school untill they arrive at the age of fourteen years and then put them to some Mechanic to learn a trade, and Pay them fifty Dollars each when they arrive at the age of Twenty one years.

I also give and bequeath unto my two Sons Asahel and John K. Hills the remainder of my personal estate after my debts are paid and my Wife has received her third part as above. And I order my two sons Asahel & John K. Hills to pay unto my four Daughters Polly, Eunice, Lucy, & Lydia Hills the sum of fifty Dollars each when they arrive at the age of Eighteen years; And untill they arrive at that age I direct my Sons Asahel & John K. Hills to take Care and Support them and give them Proper Schooling. I also appoint Lebbeus Hills and my wife Polly Hills Executor and Executrix to this my last will and testament; And I hereby order my said executors to attend and see. that this my last will is performed according to what is above written. I hereby revoke all wills by me before made; In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal to this . . . my last will and testament in presence of the subscribing Witnesses Paris 22nd October 1811

Asahel Hills L. S."

The witnesses, R. Blount, Nael Jones and Nathaniel Hoadley proved the will 30 Dec. 1811 before the Surrogate, in which the first named is called Rollin Blount. (*Oneida Surrogate Recds.*, 1: 314.)

Now it would appear, from the above instrument, that the two sons, Asahel and John-K. Hills were of full age, and if so, were born before 1790. Yet in the census of 1855, Asahel, then of Villanova, gave his age as sixty-two. So, if Asahel was born in 1787 and his brother in 1789, their father was married in 1786. Later research might reveal the correct years of birth of these children. It is certain that the two sons, David and Hoel, were born after 1797, as under fourteen in 1811, and that their four sisters, Polly, Eunice, Lucy and Lydia, were born after 1793, as under eighteen in 1811. The only birth records we have are those for Eunice and Lydia, 1 Oct. 1797 and 26 Oct. 1801, respectively, and that of Hoel, who died 14 Jan. 1867, aged

* Mrs. Merritt reported no guardianship recds. until 1870. This is most unfortunate as Asahel's children were nearly all minors at his death.

sixty years and six months. These records appear on their grave-stones. Due to these uncertainties, I have given the approximate date for Asahel's marriage as "about 1790," although "about 1786" might be more nearly correct.

Son Asahel was old enough to serve as a teamster in the War of 1812-1814, as claimed by his widow, although her application for bounty land was rejected (*vide post*), from which we learn that he married, 1 Oct. 1815, in Litchfield, Herkimer County, N. Y. Litchfield was bounded west by Paris in Oneida County, which indicates that the Asahel Hills' heirs were still of Paris in 1815. And we also know that Lebbeus Hills, Asahel's brother was still there in 1815. By 1820, both families had removed, the only persons of the name then in Paris, as heads of families, being Alden Hill, Jabez Hill, Elisha Hills, William Hills and a Dan Hills. As Asahel Jr., settled in Chautauqua County, in 1818, possibly the widow and her younger children also removed there? Or did they go to Jefferson County.*

The items obtained that apply to Asahel Jr., appear under his account; undoubtedly further research would give us more facts about him but this is not needed as our interest is in his younger brother, David. The latter, we have learned, was under fourteen, in 1811, was to be supported and taught a trade and when he arrived at full age was to have \$50. He did learn a trade — printing; but where? Between 1811 and about 1841, when he is stated to have appeared in Philadelphia, Pa., is a blank of thirty years!

Mention has been made of David's siblings, who went from York State to Ohio, where they lived, from at least 1850, in Willoughby, a town about fifteen miles from the county seat, Painesville, Lake County, Ohio, and east of Cleveland. Originally called Charlton, Willoughby was formed in 1814 as Chagrin, the name being changed to Willoughby in 1834. Lake County was set off from Geauga and Cuyahoga Counties, 6 Mar. 1840, before our family went there. A study of the census records of Willoughby follows:

1850, Lake Co., 28: 157: James Allen, aged 45, farmer, worth \$1800, b. R. I. [*sic*, he was of R. I. ancestry], wife Eunice, aged 40, b. N. Y.; Amy, aged 23 and Samuel, aged 16, both b. N. Y.†

1860, Lake Co., 37: 305: James Allen, aged 51, farmer, worth \$3000; \$1000; wife Eunice, aged 60; Daniel Allen, aged 62 [brother]; Leander Allen, aged 19 [prob. a nephew]; and Lydia "Hill," aged 50, all b. N. Y. [For Leander *vide post* under Eunice.]

1870, Lake Co., 34: 181: James Allen, aged 62, farmer, real \$6500; personal \$2000; wife Eunice Allen, aged 71, keeping house and Lydia Hills, aged 68, doing housework, all b. in N. Y.

* Jefferson set off from Oneida in 1805. Eunice probably married in Jefferson Co.

† Hoel Hills, brother of Eunice and Lydia, buried 1867, Willoughby, is not there in census 1850 or 1860, nor is his widow until 1880.

1880, Lake Co., *vol.* not cited, *p.* 61, Family #300: James Allen, aged 72, retired farmer, b. N. Y., both parents b. same; wife Eunice, aged 81, keeping house; *Delia M.* "Hills," aged 73, sister-in-law, boarder and *Lydia Hills*, aged 76 sister-in-law, boarder, all b. N. Y., and parents b. same [*sic*].*

And thus we have full proof that between 1850 and 1860, Lydia Hills joined her sister in Willoughby, Ohio, and that between 1870 and 1880, the Allen family was augmented by Delia M. Hills, presumably the widow of Hoel Hills, a brother of Eunice and Lydia, who died in Willoughby in 1867.

In the *Hills Notes* are photostatic copies of the pages of interest to us, made from the 1923 Philip-L. Cobb typed copy of the epitaphs in the Willoughby Center Cemetery, through the courtesy of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, who possess the full copy. A 1928 copy of the same graveyard, made by Rawson, which is at the Western Reserve Historical Society, in Cleveland, Ohio, calls this the Willoughby Ridge Cemetery. Both copies, 1923 and 1928, have been checked with each other and neither is fully correct in regard to the inscriptions in which we are interested. Also, as part of the *Hills Notes* are photographs of the stones to the memory of the three Hills: Eunice, Lydia and Hoel, which were made in September 1955, courtesy of Thomas Mazich of Willoughby, who describes the graveyard as the Willoughby Center Cemetery, in the incorporated Willoughby Hills Village in the City of Willoughby. Mr. Mazich also made a verbatim copy of the stones, of which a single polished marble shaft, quite large, gives the inscription of James Allen and his two wives, the Hills sisters:

[Front]	"James Allen 1808-1896
[Right]	"Lydia Hills Wife of James Allen Born Oct. 26 1801 Died June 22 1889
[Left]	"Eunice Hills Wife of James Allen

* A J. C. Hills ran a store in Willoughby, as see the 1878 *History of Geauga and Lake Counties*, 256, and appears there in the 1850 and the 1860 census. The store is still extant but under the name of HILL. In 1860, he was 51, a grocer, born Mass., wife Martha, 50, born Ohio, Belle, 22, Lisander, 19, Frank, 14, and Augusta, 10, all born in Ohio, and as "Hills." This was John-Case Hills, who died 6 Feb. 1885, aged 65 years, one month; his wife, Martha (Meredith) Hills, died 26 Jan. 1885, aged 61 years, 8 months, both are buried in the Willoughby "Center" Cemetery, where these children are also buried: Reuben-Byron, died 1857, aged 4; Lysander-Bascom, died 1871, aged 21; and Mary-Arabella, died 1889, aged 41.

A Jabez Hill, who lived in Willoughby, in 1850, aged 60, born in N. Y., wife Elizabeth, aged 58, and others, apparently was not related to our family.

HILLS LINEAGE

Born Oct. 1 1797
 Died Apr. 24 1887 *
 "James Allen
 Born Feb. 2 1808
 Died Apr. 24 1896"

In the same Allen lot is a small marker with "Lydia" upon it; also two more on the left side are marked "Mother" and "Father." Both Eunice and James died 24 April, although in different years, comments Mr. Mazich.

Hoel Hills is buried some distance from the Allen lot and has a sandstone gravestone; it was difficult to photograph:

"Hoel Hills
 Died
 Jan 14, 1867
 Aged 60 Yrs
 6 Months
 Gone But Not Forgotten"

There is no stone for Delia M. Hills. It was impossible to take a good photograph of the left side of the Allen shaft.

My surmise is that Polly was born a Kneeland of the Hebron-Colchester-*et vic.*, Kneeland-Neland family, or that her mother was a member of the same, and that she, our Polly, wife of Asahel Hills, and thus the mother of David Hills, was born in Connecticut, between 1765 and 1775, probably about 1770, and was married by 1791, at the latest. If her two eldest sons were of full age in 1811, she was married about 1786, but this seems doubtful.

As I have noted, certainly it was more than a coincidence that David named a son *Kneeland* †, and that his brother, Asahel Jr., also had a son, *Kneeland*. We know that this name does not appear among the forbears of their father, Asahel Hills.

As Asahel Jr., himself, presumably the second child, gave the place of his birth as Connecticut, and the year (deduced from his age) as 1793, it is evident that Polly married in, and was undoubtedly from, the very same section of the Nutmeg State as was her husband. By 1797, she and her husband were living in Paris, Oneida County, N. Y., where we know the family continued until at least 1811. Between 1810 and 1822, Polly was a member of the Union Church there and by her husband's will, drawn in 1811, received her thirds for her lifetime, except the farming tools, being also named co-executor.

What names did Polly give her known children? Of these, what names were perhaps from her side of the family? Her husband had a

* This agrees with her death record which gives her age as 89 years and 5 months and her birthplace as Oneida Co., N. Y.

† "Neland" states the *Hills Family*. Note that the Kneelands of Hebron spelled their names as "Neland" and "Neeland" during the 18th century.

brother, David, and sisters Lucy and Lydia; however little Lucy Hills died aged six, so this name may also come from Polly's family. Hence, these names may well be indicative of Polly's connections: *John-K[neeland?]*, *Eunice*, and perhaps *Lucy*.

As has been pointed out, it is evident that the family of Asahel Hills, that is, the widow and children, left Paris, about 1818, and surely by 1820. It is entirely possible that Polly, the widow, remarried, for she was only about forty-five at the time of her husband's death, and perhaps even younger.

My notes about the Kneeland family have been presented by Mr. Hills to the Conn. State Library, the D. A. R. Library and to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, where they may be consulted.*

At first I thought that our Polly was identical with Molly (another diminutive for Mary), born in Hebron, Conn., in 1774, and baptised in Marlborough Parish, in 1775, child of Joseph and Ruth (Pratt) Kneeland, who had a sister, Eunice Kneeland, born in 1788, etc. But careful research, in Hartford, on which I personally engaged, proved that this Molly married someone else. A great disappointment to me.

Later, for various reasons, I became interested in two Benjamin Kneelands, both of whom I eliminated from being the father of our Polly.

The search of the copy books for all Kneeland estates in *Colchester Probate* has not been made. For in estates before about 1820, it is essential to cover both the Files (accomplished) and the copy books, or volumes, to secure the entire story. Often the Files, or documents, were destroyed and of course the bonds were never recorded.

Although this difficult search has thus far proved negative, we have been able to eliminate many possibilities. It would seem that if our Polly was indeed born a Kneeland, the best chances for her are:

A child of Edward ⁴ Kneeland, if so, born between 1759 and 1766, and probably in Vermont. I think that some day Edward warrants a more careful study.

A child of John ⁵ Kneeland (*John* ⁴), born 1739, if he lived to marry and have children.

A child of Ichabod ⁵ Kneeland (*John* ⁴), who went to Ballston, now in Saratoga County, N. Y., and who had a Paris, N. Y., connection. He also warrants further research.

We must recall that Polly named a son John-K. Hills. Of course, if her mother was born a Kneeland, the possibilities are many. She had two grandsons who bore the given name of *Kneeland* and that name is not through her husband's ancestry.

There are chances for further research on the identity of Polly, but these have been put aside, temporarily, in an effort to publish this account of her husband's proven lineage.

* Also the Genealogical Society of Utah.

HILLS LINEAGE

*Jefferson County **

In the brief account of Eunice (Hills) Allen, certain clues point to this New York County as being the early home of some of the children of Polly Hills. Did the widow Polly go there from Oneida County? Sources easily available to me have been searched but were not helpful, nor was the census; but the deeds and estates have not been covered as yet.

Omaha, Nebraska

In 1898, James Allen, husband of Eunice Hills, had son *Samuel-E. Allen*, then of Omaha, who married, as of Nebraska City, in 1861. If his age of sixteen in 1850 is correct, he was born in 1834, and was Eunice's own son. In 1899, Samuel-E. Allen was still of Omaha. We should try and locate his heirs, there might be extant a family Bible with its valuable records or some other family records of importance to us.

Chautauqua County

Descendants of Asahel Hills Jr., son of Polly, were living in the very small town of Villenova as late as 1890. It might be possible, by a trip there, or perhaps by writing there, to locate living heirs, who might have a Family Bible or some sort of information about Polly.

As two of Polly's children lived to be really aged, there is the great possibility that she may have also lived to old age; also, as her husband died when she was comparatively young, she undoubtedly remarried, as I have suggested.

Children, those born from 1797, in Oneida County, N. Y.: †

- i. DAUGHTER ‡, b. about 1791, prob. Conn., d. *ante* 1811.
- ii. ASAHEL, b. 1793, Conn., aged 62 in 1855, shoemaker, b. Conn., res., Villenova, Chautauqua Co., ‡, N. Y., d. there, 7 Oct. 1859, intest.; m. 1 Oct. 1815, Litchfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., POLLY WRIGHT, b. 1796, Dutchess Co., N. Y., d. intest. 1888, Villenova, prob. related to five Wright brothers, who early settled in Chautauqua Co., from Herkimer Co.: Charles, Augustin, Lewis, Daniel and Sylvanus. In 1811, Asahel was named in his father's will, in 1815 married in the next town to Paris, and in 1818 removed to what became, in 1823, Villenova, formerly Hanover. Young's 1875 *Hist. Chautauqua Co.*, p. 576, states that in the village of Hamlet, said Villenova, Asahel Hills settled first on lot 52, then on lot 36, "deceased. His sons, Hoel and Kneeland G., reside in town." Evidently while still living in Paris, he served in the War of 1812-1814, for which his widow claimed rights to bounty land, rejected, *R. 329279-1855: Declaration:*

* Jefferson was formed in 1805 from Oneida. The town of Worth was early settled by men from Litchfield, Herkimer Co., where Asahel Jr., married. Worth was formerly in Lorrain (set off 1804 as Malta, from Mexico).

† Oneida was set off, 17 Mar. 1798, from Herkimer and the latter, 16 Feb. 1791, from Montgomery Co. Litchfield was orig. Snowbush and is bounded on west by Oneida Co. Before 1791, judicial matters were conducted at Whitestown in what is now Oneida. When the Court House burned in Herkimer, 1834, not all the records perished.

‡ Chautauqua Co. erected 1808 from Genesee, and Villenova from Hanover in 1823.

30 June 1874, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., by Polly Hills, aged 73, of Villenova, swears she is the widow of Asahel Hills, who was a teamster, Q.M. Camp Bliss, N. Y. Militia, who served over 30 days, and was hon. disch. Dec. 1812; that she m. him, 1 Oct. 1815, Litchfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., ceremony by the Rev. Goodier, that her maiden name was Polly Wright, that her husband d. 7 Oct. 1860 [*sic*], Villenova, that her P. O. is Hamlet, said co., as wit: Lewis Lux of Lyons and G. C. McAllester, of Forrestville; also, "Kneelon G. Hills" and "Celestia L. Hills," of Villenova, swear to knowing them for 30 years and 25 years respectively. Claim rejected. On reverse of declaration is statement that Asahel Hills was a teamster for the baggage of Capt. Campston and also drove twenty other loads to "So. Harbor." This minister, the Rev. Aaron Goodier, b. in England, was bur. Cedar Lake Cem., Litchfield, 9 Mar. 1849, aged 75, and formed the M.E. Ch. there, *ante* 1813, his desc. still there in 1879. (Beers' 1879 *Hist. Herkimer Co.*, pp. 131-135.) The census of 1820, for Hanover township, Chautauqua Co., shows Asahel Hills, one male, 26-45, one female, 16-26, and one male under 10, no other Hills there but a Benjamin "Hill" in nearby Pomfret, was an Anson-B. *Coats*. (4: 89, 87, 120.) In 1830, an Ephraim and our Asahel Hills were in Villenova, the latter had one male and one female 30 to 40, and four children. [It is evident that his mother was not with him.] (p. 176). In 1840, Asahel and Hoel Hills were of same town, but Asahel had only his own family and Hoel had himself and wife. In 1850, Asahel's listing is omitted, but we find his son, as plain "H" aged 30, farmer, wife Hannah, 30, Jane 6, Milton 3, all b. in N. Y. (9: 97). The state census of 1855, on file at the co. seat, was covered by Mr. Smith: Villenova: Asahel Hills, 62, b. Conn. wife "Hannah" [*sic*], aged 59, b. Dutchess Co., N. Y., living alone; also in separate home, Hoel Hills, 36, farmer, b. Chautauqua Co., wife Hannah, 37, b. Chenango Co., Jane 11, Milton-A., 9. Mr. Smith covered the Deeds and the Surrogate Recds., viz: 30 Jan. 1838, recd. 24 May 1852, indenture between Willink & Co., to Asahel Hills, of Chautauqua Co., for \$94.59, map appears in the vol., showing land "heretofore Deeded to the said Asahel Hills," bounded by land deeded to Isaac Corey. (*Chautauqua, N. Y., Deeds*, 58: 278-279.) 11 Feb. 1852, Abel-J., and Annes Wright convey to Asahel Hills, of Villenova, part of lot 36, 5th T. R. 10 of Township, for \$1,725, at SE corner of land deeded to Sylvanus Wright by George-W. Warner, subject to bond and mortgage executed by Theron-E. and Edmund-R. Wright to said Warner, etc. (*ibid.*, 57: 309.)* No formal estate for Asahel Hills but there is an agreement of his heirs in the

* The David-S. Hills and wife, Louisa-M., of Portland, Chautauqua Co., in deeds dated 1835, 1838 and 1840 could be our David if he had a first wife. This man appears as both "David" and "David S. Hills" in the deeds. [Our David, b. about 1804, was old for a first marriage in 1841 to Anna Kirk.] (*Chautauqua Deeds*, 17: 174; 29: 52; 41: 88.)

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deeds, dated 8 Oct. 1859, between Hoel Hills and Hannah, his wife, James-S. Warner and Flora, his wife, George-W. Warner and Harriet, his wife, and Polly Hills, "widow of Asahel Hills" decd., all of said co., and "Knelon G. Hills" of same, for \$500 to "each of us" land in Villenova, also personal property used by "Asahel" and "Knelon G. Hills" was divided. (*ibid.*, 86: 67.) Same day, Polly and "Knelon G. Hills" with others, for \$50 quitclaim deed to Hoel Hills, part of lot 19 T.5 R.10, etc. (*ibid.*, 86: 150.) Letters of administration were granted on the estate of Polly Hills, late of Villenova, decd., 6 Oct. 1888, to Kneelon-G. Hills, the heirs being listed as: daughter Harriet Warner, aged 62, son Kneelon-G. Hills, aged 65, and son Hoel Hills, aged 69, all of Villenova. (*Surrogate*, 7: 192.) Children (Hills), b. Hanover-Villenova, N. Y., (1) *Hoel* ^e, b. 23 Jan. 1819, aged 69 in 1888; m. Hannah Dye, dau. of John Dye; had (a) Jane, b. 1844; (b) Milton, b. 1847; (c) George, b. *post* 1850; (d) David, b. *post* 1850, d. aged 1 yr.; (2) *Flora*, b. about 1822, living 1859 but not in 1888; m. James-S. Warner; (3) *Kneeland-G.*, b. 1823, aged 65 in 1888, d. 1890, intest. Villenova; m. Celestia-L. ———, letters of administration granted on estate of "Kneelon G. Hills," 5 June 1890, to his widow, Celestia, and to John-B. Gardner, the heirs being the widow, a daughter Elma Harrington, of Dayton, N. Y., Ader [Ada] Dexter, a daughter; Mark Hills, a son, aged 20; Asahel Hills, a son, of full age, all of Villenova, as was Jane Hills, a daughter, aged 11. (*Surrogate Recds.*) He had: (a) Alma; m. ——— Harrington; (b) Ada; m. ——— Dexter; (c) Asahel; (d) Mark, b. 1870; (e) Jane, b. 1879; perhaps Kneeland m. twice?; (4) *Harriet*, b. 1826, alive 1888; m. George-W. Warner. It appears possible that descendants of Asahel Hills Jr., could be located in Villenova and might know the identity of our *Polly* (——) *Hills, wife of Asahel Sr.**

iii. JOHN-K[NEELAND?], b. about 1795, Conn., or N. Y., living 1811, one of the two older sons.

iv. POLLY, b. about 1796, Conn., or N. Y., living 1811.

v. EUNICE, b. 1 Oct. 1797, Oneida Co., N. Y., prob. Paris, d. 24 Apr. 1887, aged 89 yrs., 5 mos., Willoughby, Lake Co., Ohio, where she is buried, *vide ante* for gravestone inscription which gives date of birth; m. by 1834, prob. Jefferson Co., N. Y., as 2d wife, JAMES ALLEN, b. 2 Feb. 1808, N. Y., d. 24 Apr. 1896, intest., Cleveland, Ohio, bur. Willoughby, gravestone gives date of birth, son of John-Pearce and Elizabeth (Wall) Allen, of R. I. descent.† James Allen m. (1), about 1826, Brownville, Jefferson Co., N. Y., SALLY DAVIS, who d. 1829; he m. (3), his wife's sister, *post* 24 Apr. 1887, LYDIA HILLS, b. 26 Oct. 1801, d. 22 June 1889, Willoughby, bur. there, gravestone gives date of birth; he m. (4),

* This clue will be followed up later.

† Allen data courtesy of Miss Clarice-M. Ferguson, of Morganton, N. C. James was not related to Amasa-L., and Abner-T. Allen, natives of Warren, Mass., early of Willoughby, see 1893 *Northeastern Ohio*, 1016; *Warren V. R.*; *Willoughby G. S.*, etc.

MARIETTA HOUCK, of Dexter, Jefferson Co., N. Y., from whom he separated and who survived him. *Vide ante* for James Allen's census recds. His initial purchase in Willoughby, 2 Jan. 1850, does not cite his place of residence; his sister-in-law, and later his wife, "Lydia Hills" wit. a deed passed by James and wife, Eunice, 1 Feb. 1886; and Eunice is named as his wife in deeds drawn earlier: 12 Sept. 1853, 21 May 1861, 23 Jan. 1863, 13 Apr. 1863, 12 Apr. 1865, 15 June 1877 [to George-A. Brown, b. 5 May 1836, d. 10 Aug. 1885]; and 8 Apr. 1854, a purchase by Allen was wit. by [brother] Sheldon Allen [b. 3 June 1804, d. 9 Mar. 1878, wife Eliza-A., d. 17 May 1854, aged 49, bur. Brown's Corner Cem., Kirtland, Ohio]. 28 Jan. 1893, James and wife "Marietta" sold and the same day, James-R. Ferguson and wife, Hallie-I. [*sic*], also conveyed.* 10 June 1890, John-F. Ferguson, of Cleveland, "single" [widower], conveyed to James-R. Ferguson, of same, eighty-seven acres in Willoughby, for love and \$1.00, being the homestead of Hezekiah and Martha Ferguson, except the cemetery and four acres previously sold. 30 Aug. 1902, James-R. Ferguson sold fifty-four acres of this. [I have at hand full notes on all these deeds, references: *Lake Co., Ohio, Deeds, H: 12, 15; I: 455, 456; K: 154; L: 67, 68; R: 610; T: 372; V: 455; X: 454; 5: 532, 592; 7: 366; 13: 421; 14: 554; 23: 627; 24: 187; 19: 596; 35: 137.*] There is no Civil War pension recd. for Samuel-E. Allen, but a pension was obtained for a Leander Allen, b. 10 July 1846, Ellisburg, Jefferson Co., N. Y., who rem. in 1865 to Arbella, Tuscola Co., Mich., where he d. 3 Oct. 1920. (*C. 721313*.) Leander may have been a nephew of James Allen's. 8 Feb. 1898, an application for the administration of James Allen's estate was made for purpose of mortgage release, he having d. 24 Apr. 1896, the heirs being: "Martha" Allen, widow, of Dexter, N. Y., son Samuel-E. Allen, of Omaha, Nebr., and grandson, James-R. Ferguson, of Cleveland, the petitioner. (*Lake Co., Probate, 3: 175*.) Children (Allen), by Sally Davis, (1) Amy, b. 9 Mar. 1827, Brownville, N. Y., d. 2 Feb. 1883, Willoughby, Ohio, bur. there; m. 20 Feb. 1851, Lake Co., Ohio, John-F. Ferguson, b. 23 Nov. 1821, d. 23 Nov. [?] 1891, bur. Willoughby, son of Hezekiah and Martha (Smith) Ferguson, natives of N. Y., and grandson of John Ferguson, a soldier in the Revolution. In 1867, John-F. Ferguson conveyed the family cemetery to the Willoughby Center Cem. Asso. Child: James-Ross Ferguson, b. 12 Nov. 1858, d. 20 Jan. 1928, Deland, Fla., bur. Lakeview Cem., Cleveland, Ohio; m. 16 Nov. 1887, Lake Co., Hattie-I. Pierce, b. 22 Feb. 1862, d. 12 Feb. 1941, bur. Lakeview Cem., prob. d. Wilmington, Del., dau. of Dewitt-Clinton and Mariette (Spencer) Pierce; Mr. Ferguson was a jeweller in Cleveland about 1882-1883, later became a well known druggist there; issue: (a) Clarice-Mariette, Director of

* Research at Painesville and Cleveland was handled by Miss Harriet Scofield of Cleveland, in 1956; we are grateful to her for her careful report.

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Therapy, State Hosp., Morganton, N. C., 1956, unm.; (b) Raymond-Stanley, b. 20 Jan. 1889, Cleveland, res. Taylorsville, N. C., 1956; m. Sue Ramey, has two children*; probably by Eunice Hills, if age in 1850 correct, (2) *Samuel-E.*, b. 1834, N. Y., aged 16 in 1850, then of Willoughby, with father, in 1898, listed as son of James Allen and res. Omaha, Nebr., still there in 1899 *Directory of Omaha*; m. 13 Feb. 1861, Lake Co., groom of Nebraska City, Maria Waldo; *I would like to trace his heirs*, for if his mother was Eunice (Hills) Allen, he was a grandson of Asahel and Polly (——) Hills.†

- vi. LUCY, b. about 1799; m. ——— COATES; she did not go to Villenova or to Willoughby; did she go to Jefferson Co., N. Y.? The 1820 census of Pomfret, near Villenova, shows an Anson-B. Coats.
- vii. LYDIA, b. 26 Oct. 1801, d. 22 June 1889, Willoughby, bur. there; she m. as his 3d wife, her brother-in-law JAMES ALLEN and was at least 86 at the time of her marriage.
- 5. viii. DAVID, b. about 1804; m. ANNA KIRK.
- ix. HOEL, b. June 1806, d. 14 Jan. 1867, aged 60 yrs., 6 mos., bur. in Willoughby, *vide ante*, probably where he removed *post* 1860. Perhaps he never lived there? He m. DELIA-M. ———, or DELIA M——, who was with the Allens, in 1880, aged 73, no gravestone for her there and no death recds. for either of them. The 1928 Rawson copy of the graveyard in which Hoel is interred gives his age as 70 yrs., 6 mos., but this is not correct. There are no deeds or estates for Hoel or Delia. If a Mason, the Willoughby Lodge, #3-2, F. & A. M., organized 1858, might have records of help.

5. DAVID⁵ HILLS (*Asahel*⁴, *Lebbeus*³, *Ephraim*², *Samuel*¹), born in Paris, Oneida County, near Utica, N. Y., about 1804, died in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, 15 Dec. 1862. He married, perhaps in or near Philadelphia, Pa., about 1841, ANNA KIRK,† born in Pennsylvania, in 1821, died in Philadelphia, 12 Feb. 1900, aged seventy-nine, daughter of ——— and Susan (——) Kirk.

It has been claimed that Anna Kirk was a Quakeress but the *Friends Records*, always well kept, do not reveal this fact; probably she had Quaker forbears. Further data about her and her immediate family will be given later in this account.

Mr. Hills, in filling in a genealogical form for the New England Historic Genealogical Society, of which he is a colonial member, stated that David was born in Syracuse, N. Y. [Ithaca, states the 1906 *Hills*

* Mr. Ferguson and his sister are members of N. C. Soc. Mayflower Desc., their mother, a native of Floyd, N. Y., being a lineal desc. of Edward Fuller. Both have been helpful to us in supplying data. Mr. Ferguson's children are James-Rufus and Laura-Mariette Ferguson.

† There are no death recds. at Painesville for Lydia Allen, only for Eunice (Hills) Allen.

‡ Was Anna Kirk a second wife? *Vide ante*.

Family], which we have proved to be Utica, or near Utica. He also stated that David was a scholar and printer, being a founder of the firm of Smith, Driscoll & Hills, of Cincinnati, fore-runner of the American Book Company and American Type Founders. My brief survey of Cincinnati *Directories*, shows David to have been connected with this firm, but subsequent correspondence with the American Book Company reveals that this firm was never a fore-runner of the latter. Another tradition, that David had attended Harvard, has been discredited. Probably early apprenticed to the printing trade, he may have carried on this work in New York, Ohio, or Pennsylvania; we really know nothing of him, after the mention of him in his father's 1811 will and then of Paris, until his eldest son, Kneeland, was born in Philadelphia, 28 Dec. 1842. It has also been claimed that David came to Philadelphia from Boston, Mass., but thus far no evidence has been ascertained to bear out this idea.

Evidence and proof of the identity of our David Hills, as the son of Asahel and Polly, and a descendant of an old New England family, will not be repeated here.

A search of census, for Philadelphia, 1840 and 1850, failed to reveal David; it does not seem likely that he is the David "Hill" who was of the Middle Ward there in 1840, or the David W. "Hill," of Locust Ward, for their families do not "fit" with what we know about his family.

The services of Lewis-D. Cook, F.A.S.G., of Philadelphia, for research of the Philadelphia career of the family were secured, especially in regard to the marriage of David Hills and Anna Kirk. His report is able and concise, and appears below, although not verbatim:

The marriage of David Hills and Anna Kirk does not appear in these church registers, transcripts of which, indexed, have been examined in the Collections of the Genealogical Society (Philadelphia): Christ, St. James, Gloria Dei, St. Pauls, St. Stephens and St. Andrews, all P. E.; 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 10th Presbyterian; St. Johns, Lutheran; St. Georges, M. E.; Ebenezer, M. E.; 1st Reformed; Frankford Presbyterian; St. Johns, N. Liberties of Philadelphia; also N. Dist. Philadelphia Monthly Meetings of Friends; Marriages Register of Mayor of Philadelphia, several Registers of Aldermen and Justices. The newspaper marriage notices, 1840-1841, have not been abstracted for the Collections of the Society. [Mr. Cook later made a search of marriage notices in the *North American*, 1840-1841, with negative result; 1842 should also be done.]

The best evidence for the statement that David Hills married Anna Kirk is the fact that she is buried in the plot owned since 1850 by one Susan Kirk, Odd Fellows Cemetery, 23rd and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia, since removed in 1951, to Lawnview Cemetery, Rockledge, Pa. No stone.

Susan Kirk, abovesaid, born in 1793, died 19 May 1865, aged 72, at her residence at the rear of 326 Garden Street, Philadelphia, and was buried on 22nd in her plot, #382, Section S in Odd Fellows Cemetery, abovesaid, which

plot, she had acquired by deed of 13 May 1850. She was apparently a widow Kirk, but as a notice of her death is not found in Philadelphia newspapers of 20 and 21 May 1865, and as her estate is not of record in the office of the Philadelphia Register, her status has not been possible to resolve here definitely. Search has also been made in the Philadelphia Deeds, grantors and grantees, with negative results. But she was evidently the Susan Kirk, nurse, of 328 Garden Street, so listed in the Philadelphia *Directory* for 1864, the year before her death. Susan Kirk, nurse, 3 Baker's Court, first appears in the 1840 issue of said *Directory*, but a search of the issues for the preceding ten years does not show any Kirk at that address, so it cannot be inferred thereby that her supposed husband had died there by 1840. Susan Kirk, nurse, is thereafter listed in 1842 as of 40 Tammany, in 1845, of 16 Eutaw, in 1846-1847, as of rear of 15 Eutaw, in 1848, as of Walker's Court, not listed in 1850-1851, in 1852 of Walker's Court, in 1853 of same, in 1854-1855, of 1 Short's Court, not listed 1856, in 1857 as of Rugan Street, in 1858 as of rear of 406 Rugan, not listed, 1859-1862, and finally as of rear of 328 Garden Street, in 1863-1864. From the Records of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Philadelphia, it appears that besides daughter Anna Kirk, who died, 12 Feb. 1900, at her residence, 1713 N. Darien Street, Philadelphia, widow of David Hills, no estate on file in Philadelphia and no gravestone; she had daughter Jane Kirk, born in 1818, who died unmarried, 26 Feb. 1888, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Anna Kirk Hills, 822 Carlisle Street, Philadelphia.

Kirk, On the 26th Inst. Miss Jane Kirk, in her 71st year. Funeral on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her sister, 822 Carlisle Street. (The *North American*, Philadelphia, Wednesday, 29 Feb. 1888.)

Hills, On the 12th Inst., Anna, relict of David Hills, aged 79 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, 1713 North Darien Street. Interment at Odd Fellows Cemetery. (The *North American*, Philadelphia, Wednesday, 14 Feb. 1900.)

With this report, Mr. Cook enclosed a death certificate of Anna (Kirk) Hills and a letter from the Secretary of the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Later, a death certificate for Jane Kirk and another letter from said Secretary was forwarded.* Notes from his search of *Directories* of Philadelphia will be given later as the Hills family do not appear therein until *after* the return of the widow Anna (Kirk) Hills and her children to Philadelphia from their stay of some fifteen years in Cincinnati.†

* I had just secured the services and aid of a most experienced Cincinnati genealogist, Marie Dickoré, A.M., to do some research on the sojourn of the family there, 1853-1868 roughly, when Mr. Hills requested that no more research be made there. I trust that later this can be accomplished. I was and am anxious to secure the correct and full date of birth of David Hills. Perhaps a further search of death notices in local news-files there would reveal his faith and the cemetery in which he is buried, and thus a gravestone or church recd. would reveal this date? It was also suggested that *Directories*, 1853-1870 be done, to know the exact years the family was there; David's estate and guardianships for his minor children; his land records, and other routine unpublished sources.

† Photo copies of these four items are included in the *Hills Notes*.

David removed to Cincinnati, between 1853, when son George was born in Pennsylvania, according to the 1860 census, and 1856, when he first appears in the Cincinnati *Directories*. In 1856, we note:

Hills D. & Co. stereotype foundry 141 Main.
Hills David (D. H. & Co.) 125 Cutter.

From 1859 through 1863, the firm of Hills, O'Driscoll & Co., (David H., Cornelius F. O'D.) Stereotype & Electrotype Foundry 141 Main, is listed. Cornelius F. O'Driscoll appears first in the city directory in 1853 and then had a full page advertisement on *page 366*, in which he states that he had been connected with the type and stereotype foundry of L. Johnson & Company, in *Philadelphia*, for upwards of twenty years.*

The 1860 census of Cincinnati, 8th ward, *volume 26, page 341*: David Hills, aged 52, stereotypist, \$1000, \$1000, born in N. Y., wife Annie, aged 39, born in Pa., as were: "Nyland," 16, Delos 14, Caroline 12, Mary 9 and George 7.

The *Directory* of 1861 lists him at 152 Cutter Street. His death is not recorded in Cincinnati. In 1884, during the famous riot, the Court House was burned, but Miss Dickoré informs us that not all the records perished. Moreover, she has a well known collection of manuscript copies of church, cemetery, family, etc., records which would be helpful. She discredits the story that Mr. Hills' home was commandeered for a hospital during the Civil War. The *Cincinnati Enquirer*, issue of 17 Dec. 1862, contains this notice:

"David Hills December 15 at 6 o'clock P.M. David Hills, formerly of Philadelphia, died in the 58th year of his age. His funeral will take place from his late residence No. 78 Betts Street, on Thursday, 18th inst, at 2 o'clock P.M. His friends are respectfully invited to attend. (Philadelphia Ledger please copy.)" †

The 1906 *Hills Family* states David was born in 1806, the 1860 census would make him born in 1808, the above notice in 1805, thus we have 1805, 1806 and 1808, for the years of his birth. But I place his birth as 1804, *vide ante*.

His sons, Kneeland and Delos-Charles, both served in the Civil War, of which we have proof gained from the 1887 *Ohio Roster*, from the former's records at the Adjutant General's Office and from the latter's pension records, *vide post*; they both enlisted in Cincinnati and both were mustered out from that city, in fact they served in the same company.

Between July 1864 and 1868, the family returned to Philadelphia, and from Mr. Cook's careful survey of the *Directories*, we know that:

* Courtesy Ref. Dept. Public Library of Cincinnati.

† Miss Helen Moore scanned the *Ledger* and other Philadelphia papers for obits., but there were none.

1868-1869, Kneeland Hills, hat presser, house at 6 Shaffer's Court, at same address were George Hills, student, and Delos-C. Hills, printer.

1870, Anna Hills, widow of David Hills, house at 926 Nectarine Street.

1874, Anna Hills, nurse, 3229 Darby Road, at same address: George-F. Hills, bookbinder; Delos-C. Hills, compositor, had house at 413 Albion Street.

1875, Anna Hills, widow of David Hills, nurse, at 1009 Nectarine Street, with her was George-F. Hills, bookbinder.

1884-1895, Anna Hills, widow of David Hills, had house at 822 Carlisle Street, with her was George-F. Hills, bookbinder.

1896, Anna, widow of David D. Hills, had house at 1713 Darien Street, also there in 1899. Not listed 1898 and 1900-1901, but was of that address in 1900.

The old Odd Fellows Cemetery was located at 23d and Diamond Streets, in what is known as North Philadelphia but was cleared in 1951 for a Federal Housing Project — all the interments being removed to Lawnview Cemetery in Rockledge, Pa. The Odd Fellows still operate another cemetery at 31st and Lehigh Avenue in North Philadelphia, writes Mr. Cook.

Children born in Pennsylvania, probably all in Philadelphia: *

- i. KNEELAND ⁶, b. 28 Dec. 1842, Philadelphia, stenotyper; 1906 *Hills Family* states he d. unm. 1892 but gives no place, calls him "Neiland." Kneeland Hills (1-101) (2: 164), Pte., aged 19, mustered 20 Apr. 1861, for 3 months; mustered out, 20 June 1861, Co. I, 5th Regt., Ohio Vols., mustered in at Camp Harrison, Ohio, mustered out at Cincinnati, Ohio; also, 20 June 1861, aged 21, 3 years, mustered out, 1 July 1864, order of war dept. (*Ohio Roster Civil War*, 1887, pub. Columbus Ohio, no index; special index covered at Columbus). He was wounded at various times in this war but claimed no pension. (*A. G. O.*) His brother, Delos, served in the same outfit and was pensioned, *vide post*. Did he leave Philadelphia?
6. ii. DELOS-CHARLES, b. 21 Nov. 1846, Philadelphia; m. MARIA-M. O'CONNOR.
- iii. CAROLINE, b. 15 Feb. 1849; m. 1867, ALBERT-M. WAGNER. Children (Wagner), b. Philadelphia or vic., (1) *Albert-M.*, b. 6 Jan. 1869; m. Emma Kounz [not "Koous"], had three children, among them Caroline (Wagner) Green; (2) *Anna-R.*, b. 4 Dec. 1870; (3) *Charles-H.*, b. 4 Dec. 1872; m. Mary Elmer, had three children; (4) *George-F.*, b. 14 Nov. 1874; m. Agnes Scanlon, had two children. Who was the Albert-E. Wagner, bur. 5 Sept. 1891, in the Kirk lot, Odd Fellows Cem., aged six weeks? Was this one of the children of the eldest son?
- iv. MARY, b. 1851; m. ALLAN HEANY and had son, *Allan Jr.*
- v. GEORGE-F., b. 1853, living as late as 1895 with his mother; a book-

* The 1860 census of Cincinnati, Ohio, lists all these children as born in Pa., with their ages, *vide ante*.

binder. The *Hills Family* omits him, yet he appears with his siblings in the 1860 census of Cincinnati, and in the Philadelphia Directories, *vide ante*.

6. DELOS CHARLES⁶ HILLS (*David*⁵, *Asahel*⁴, *Lebbeus*³, *Ephraim*², *Samuel*¹), born in Philadelphia, Pa., 21 Nov. 1846, died there, 22 Nov. 1906. He married there, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, ceremony by the Rev. William O'Hara, D.D., 19 Jan. 1868, MARIA-M. O'CONNOR, born in Ireland, 5 Feb. 1844, died in Philadelphia, 15 Apr. 1928, sister of Thomas O'Connor, parentage unknown.*

His grandson, Francis-J. Hills of Rahway, N. J., in filling in his data for the New England Historic Genealogical Society, in 1953, stated that Delos was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, about 1840, served in the Civil War in the 5th Ohio Infantry, resided after the war in Philadelphia, where he married, about 1867, Maria O'Connor, dying there, 3 Dec. 1906.

The 1906 *Hills Family* gives the date of Delos' birth as 23 Nov. 1844, his marriage as 14 Jan. 1864, and the dates of birth of three of the four children are also incorrect.

The dates are correct as given in the first paragraph, above, and below are presented the facts and the authorities for the same.

Taken by his parents to Cincinnati, from Philadelphia, between 1853 and 1856, Delos appears there in the census of 1860, as "Delos" aged 14, born in Pennsylvania. Two years later, his father died, at which time the family were residing at 78 Betts Street. The family tradition that their home was an army hospital during the Civil War is doubtful, but they did live very near a large hospital. Miss Marie Dickoré writes, in part, about this, in 1955:

"I do not believe the story that his home was commandeered for a hospital during the Civil War. The hospital was at Camp Dennison and wounded soldiers were brought back from battle, sent by train to this large hospital. However, the confusion comes from the fact that St. Mary's Hospital was located on Betts and Linn Streets in 1859. But it was built by the Sisters who had previously, for about a year occupied a house at another location before lots were bought at this location where the hospital still is and considered one of the best." †

But a year before their father's death, both Delos and his brother, Kneeland, enlisted in the same company and regiment in the Civil War, in which they served throughout, and as volunteers:

Delos Hills (1-101), (2-164), *aged 18*, private, mustered 20 Apr. 1861, enlisted for three months; mustered out, 20 June 1861. Also, *aged 18*, private, enlisted for three years, 20 June 1861, mustered in at Camp Harrison, Ohio,

* It seems odd that no one in the family knows from whence in Ireland, Mrs. Hills came; undoubtedly the immigration recds., in Washington, would inform us, but this source has not been consulted. The *R. C. Recds.*, in Philadelphia, might reveal the place of her birth.

† Perhaps the Widow Hills boarded convalescent soldiers for St. Mary's?

mustered out, on expiration of term, at Cincinnati, Ohio, 1 July 1864, by order of War Department. This was in Company I, 5th Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. (*Civil War Roster of Ohio Men.*)

He first appears in the Directories of Philadelphia, in 1868-1869, as a printer and living at 6 Shaffers Court. Also at that address the same year were his brothers, George, a student, and Kneeland, hat presser; Delos is listed as Delos-C. Hills. Their mother first appears in these Directories, in 1870, then at 926 Nectarine Street, but in 1874, she was at 3229 Darby Road and living with her was George-F. Hills, bookbinder; while Delos-C. Hills, compositor, was in his own home at 413 Albion Street. Later Directories were not consulted for the last named.

He became a convert to the Roman Catholic faith and was buried in the Cathedral Cemetery in Philadelphia. He followed his father's occupation in being a printer. Photostatic copies of his pension application have been secured from which the following digest was made:*

Delos Hills, Civil War, W. C. 63442:

Copy of Marriage Certificate: St. Patrick's Church, Philadelphia, "Dilos Hill" and "Mary O'Connor," married by the Rev. William O'Hara, D.D., 19 Jan. 1868, according to the rites of the Catholic Church; wit: Thomas O'Connor and Mary Egan; signed by the Rev. William Hieran, D.D.

22 Apr. 1874, Delos Hills applied for restoration of invalid pension, aged 29, of 413 Albion St.; wit: W.-R. LeChevalier and L.-F. Steel. 22 May 1874, aged 29, same addresses and witnesses repeated.

9 Feb. 1876, declaration for original invalid pension, Delos Hills, 31, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., swears as to his service, was wounded in the service; since the war has lived in Pa., a printer, P. O. 2142 Kater St., wit: Enoch-E. Mulford of 909 Arch St., and A.-F. Adams of 1206 Camac St. He had suffered a gunshot wound in left thigh, 9 June 1862, at Port Republic, Va., was in a Washington hospital for treatment; after his discharge, he applied for a pension through a Cincinnati agent and was given a Pension Paper but never drew a pension and has since lost this Paper.

10 Mar. 1877, made an application for an increase of pension, same address, attested by Theodore-A. Waters of 816 Fallon St., and Christopher-G. Pepper of 1141 South St., all of Philadelphia; he gave age as 31.

In March 1879, he applied for arrears, then lived at 2210 Lombard St., Philadelphia.

21 Nov. 1890, he made another request for a pension increase, address care of the *Inquirer* office, aged 46; wit: W.-H. Kephart and W.-G. Haegels.

4 June 1898, a questionnaire answered by the soldier, gives name of wife as Maria M. O'Connor, whom he married, 19 Jan. 1869; their living children:

Delos C. Hills, b. 22 Dec. 1870

Thomas F. Hills, b. 20 Mar. 1875

Margaret M. Hills, b. 25 June 1877

Anna M. Hills, b. 23 June 1879

* From the National Archives, Washington, D. C.; they contain signatures of both "Delos Hills" and his widow, also certificate of marriage, of which a photo copy is included in the *Hills Notes*.

This statement he signed as "Delos Hills," for apparently he did not use his middle name or the initial representing the same.

No date [1900?], then of 624 N. 39th St., Philadelphia, he made a declaration for an original disability pension, aged 54, cites his service but states that he was discharged, 20 June 1864, at Chattanooga, Tenn., and is five feet seven and one half inches in height, of light complexion, with brown hair and hazel eyes.

After his death, his widow claimed a widow's pension, and a copy of his death certificate is included in the File, of which a photostatic copy is included in the *Hills Notes*. This record gives his birth as 21 Nov. 1846; elsewhere it appears as 22 Nov. 1846.

1 Dec. 1906, declaration for widow's pension made by Maria-M. Hills, aged 61, of 42 N. Hobart St., Philadelphia, who swears that she is the widow of Delos Hills, who died there, 22 Nov. 1906, that she married him under the name of "Maria O'Connor," 19 Jan. 1868, in said city, by the Rev. Dr. O'Hara, and appoints H.-Walter Miller, of the Gerard Trust Building of Philadelphia, as her agent; wit: Delos-C. Hills [Jr.] and Margaret-A. Noonan.

Affidavits made 22 Dec. 1906, by the widow, that the deceased possessed no property and left no will; the same by Delos-C. Hills (signed) [Jr.], aged 36, of 1021 Filbert St., and Mrs. Margaret Noonan (signed), aged 30, of 42 N. Hobart St. Also, same day, Carrie Wagner, aged 54, of 2738 N. 8th St., and Rose Ferguson, of 219 S. 24th St., testified, the former as to the lack of property, and the latter as to the marriage of the soldier and the said claimant, his widow.

Certified copy from Board of Revision of Taxes for Philadelphia, dated 3 Jan. 1907, shows that a negative search has been made of the Indices of the Assessor's Book of the 34th Ward and that no property was assessed in 1906 in the name of Delos Hills or Maria M. Hills.

20 Sept. 1916, the widow wrote the Pension Bureau about an increase; she than states her husband was born 21 Nov. 1844, that she was born in Ireland, 5 Feb. 1844 (signed). She died 15 Apr. 1928.

The stone erected by the United States in Cathedral Cemetery to Mr. Hills' memory bears the date of his death, his company and his regiment.

Children born in Philadelphia, Pa.:*

7. i. DELOS-CHARLES⁷, b. 22 Dec. 1870; m. ELLEN-MARY WHITE.
- ii. THOMAS-FRANCIS, b. 20 Mar. 1875; m. 24 Apr. 1895, Camden, N. J., Elizabeth McClure, b. 5 Jan. 1876, Williamsport, Pa., presumably both were alive in 1906. Children b. Philadelphia (Hills), (1) *William-D.*⁸, b. 28 Nov. 1895; (2) *Esther*, b. 29 Sept. 1896; (3) *Thomas*, b. 20 June 1898; (4) *Mary*, b. 11 Dec. 1899; (5) *Margaret*, b. 17 Apr. 1901; (6) *Leo*, b. 23 Apr. 1902; (7) *Charles-D.*, b. 25 July 1903; (8) *Anna*, b. 11 June 1904. (Data from the 1906 *Hills Family*.)
- iii. MARGARET-A., b. 25 June 1877, res. with her mother, 42 N. Hobart St., in 1906, aged 30; m. 10 June 1903, Philadelphia, JOSEPH-M.

* The dates of birth are from the pension application and not from the 1906 *Hills Family*.

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NOONAN. Children (Noonan), (1) *Helen*; m. John Bergin, res. Elkins Park, Pa., 1956; (2) *Margaret*; m. ——— Brown.
iv. ANNA-M., b. 23 Jan. 1879.

7. DELOS CHARLES⁷ HILLS JR. (*Delos-Charles*⁶, *David*⁵, *Asahel*⁴, *Lebbeus*³, *Ephraim*², *Samuel*¹), born in Philadelphia, Pa., 22 Dec. 1870, died there, 29 Apr. 1925, aged fifty-four. He married there, 10 Nov. 1896, ELLEN-MARY WHITE, born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, 8 July 1869, died in Santa Monica, Calif., 21 May 1956, buried in Philadelphia, 26 May 1956, daughter of John and Anna (McCarthy) White.

A merchant, Mr. Hills lived for some years in Collingdale and in Sharon Hill, Pa., but returned to Philadelphia.

Children, all but the youngest, born in Philadelphia, Pa.:

i. CHARLES-EDWIN⁸, b. 29 Sept. 1897, living 1956, Santa Monica, Calif.; m. 10 Feb. 1923, Tucson, Ariz., AMALIA-MARION ALLISON, b. there, 22 Dec. 1900, living 1956, daughter of Warren and Frances (Corral y Swasteavi) Allison. Mr. Allison, b. 1857, Dixon, Calif., went to Tucson in 1874, where he was a pioneer in agriculture and mining; his wife was from Hermosillo, Mexico. Mr. Hills has lived in Santa Monica for over thirty years and is a civil engineer, receiving his degree from the Towne Scientific School of the Univ. of Pa. He served in World War I, 1917–1919, and was in France for 21 months; is a K. of C., Grand Knight, District Deputy; Member of Board of Freeholders (which wrote the new charter) for the City of Santa Monica; president of the Bay Builders Exchange, 1952; a member of the Pacific Palisades Rotary and of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution. His wife was educated at St. Joseph's Academy in Tucson. Their daughters received degrees of B.A., from Mt. St. Mary's College, Bel Aire, Calif. Children (Hills), (1) *Marion-Louisa*⁹, b. 2 Jan. 1924, Los Angeles, Calif., res. San Fernando, Calif.; m. 6 Sept. 1952, Santa Monica, Richard-C. Farrell; issue: (a) Mary-Jane Farrell, b. 5 Nov. 1953, same; (b) Elizabeth-Allison Farrell, b. 4 Mar. 1954, same; (2) *Patricia-Ellen*, b. 16 Mar. 1925, Los Angeles, res. Charleston, S. C.; m. 17 June 1947, Santa Monica, Capt. Grover-P. Parker; issue: (a) Suzanne-Theresa Parker, b. 11 Mar. 1948, Santa Monica; (b) Michelle-Marie Parker, b. 25 Feb. 1949, same; (c) Paul-Edwin Parker, b. 23 Sept. 1951, Honolulu, Hawaii; (d) Patricia-Ann Parker, b. 4 Aug. 1952, same; (e) Kathleen-Luamaa Parker, b. 10 Nov. 1953, same; (f) Philip-Charles Parker, b. 22 Jan. 1955, Charleston; (3) *Frances-Delos*, b. 3 Jan. 1929, Santa Monica, res. Hawthorne, Calif.; m. 21 June 1952, Santa Monica, Lt. Charles-L. Sorrentino; issue: (a) Ann-Frances Sorrentino, b. 9 Aug. 1953, Santa Monica; (b) Clare-Marie Sorrentino, b. 9 July 1954, same.

8. ii. FRANCIS-J., b. 30 Mar. 1899; m. EDITH-CHRISTINE SHANNO.

- iii. ALFRED-DELOS, b. 24 Jan. 1903, living 1955; m. 1 Dec. 1934, Philadelphia, Elizabeth-Gertrude Shelley, b. 15 June 1906, Clifton Heights, Pa., living 1955, Philadelphia, daughter of George-Clarence and Elizabeth (McConville) Shelley. Mr. Shelley, a successful wool merchant, was co-president of the James G. Kitchen & Co., that city for some years. Mr. Hills attended St. Joseph's College Preparatory School and La Salle College, taking his degree of Civil Engineer from Drexel Institute. Mrs. Hills was educated at St. Leonard's Academy and Manhattanville College; she and her husband are separated. Children (Hills), b. Philadelphia, (1) *Alfred-Delos* ⁹, b. 11 Nov. 1935; (2) *George-Gordon*, b. 24 June 1941.
- iv. VINCENT-DEPAUL, b. 4 Mar. 1905, d. about August 1908, Collingdale, Pa.
- v. HELEN-WHITE, b. 5 July 1906, Collingdale, d. there, September 1908.

8. FRANCIS J.⁸ HILLS * (*Delos-Charles* ⁷, *Delos-Charles* ⁶, *David* ⁵, *Asahel* ⁴, *Lebbeus* ³, *Ephraim* ², *Samuel* ¹), born in Philadelphia, Pa., 30 Mar. 1899, living in Rahway, N. J., in 1957. He married, in New York, N. Y., 6 Nov. 1928, EDITH-CHRISTINE SHANNO, born in Berwick, Pa., 29 Jan. 1903, living 1957, the daughter of Leopold and Emma (Ansbach †) Shanno.

A contractor, Mr. Hills attended Roman Catholic High School and St. Joseph's College Preparatory School in Philadelphia, being graduated in June 1917. He then entered Towne Scientific School, the University of Pennsylvania, for one term, September 1918 — January 1919, followed by three years attendance of Drexel Institute (nights), 1920–1923, and received a degree of Doctor of Chiropractice, April 1925, from Doughty-Marsh College in Philadelphia. He was an engineer at the Hog Island Shipyard (Stone & Webster), September, 1917–1918, and January to October 1919. His education was interrupted by World War I, during which he had service as see below.

Mr. Hills was Engineer for the Sprinkler Equipment Corporation, Philadelphia, February 1920 to October 1925, was with the Grinnell Company of same, 25 Oct. 1925 until 26 June 1926, and then with the Rockwood Sprinkler Company, the Globe Automatic Sprinkler Company, the Independent Sprinkler Company and the Ace Automatic Sprinkler Company. In June 1929, he went to Newark, N. J., as Fire Protection Engineer for the Celluloid Corporation, but due to plant shut-down, he left in April 1930, and started in business, in partnership, as the Hills-Thompson Incorporated. This firm was dissolved in 1932, and he then commenced business as the Frank J. Hills Incorporated, in which he remains the principal.

* Known as Frank J. Hills, in public life and in business, he maintains his residence at 1028 Midwood Drive, Rahway, N. J., and his office at 15 North Ave., Garwood, N. J.

† Or Ansbach.

He served as private, United States Army, C5, 133, 662, Co. 5, S. A. T. C., University of Pennsylvania, September 1918 to December 1918. He has been Commissioner of Health, for the City of Rahway (1942-1949).

A member of the Engineers Club of Philadelphia, and a junior member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Mr. Hills is also a member of Rahway Lodge 1075, B. P. O. E.; the Colonia Country Club and the Ilderan Outing Club, of Rahway; the Pottsville Club, of Pottsville, Pa.; the American Philatelic Society, #23760; Rahway Post 5, American Legion; *Voiture 227, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux*, and is a very early member (about 1924) of the *Premier Voiture* of Philadelphia. He maintains a country place near Pottsville, Pa.

Francis-J. Hills is a colonial member #284 of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, of Boston, Mass., to which membership his second son will ultimately succeed, and in which his eldest son is now a life member. In 1955, Mr. Hills became a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution #1135, through the services of his ancestor, Lebbeus³ Hills, and a member of the Society of Colonial Wars #648, through the services of his ancestor, Philip Leonard, the father-in-law of Samuel¹ Hills.*

Mrs. Hills, a graduate of the Danville State Hospital, Danville, Pa., is a Registered Nurse in the State of Pennsylvania. She was affiliated, during her training, with Bellevue and Fordham Hospitals, both in New York City, and was Night Supervisor, the Pennsylvania Hospital Neurological Department in Philadelphia. At present she is the Secretary (1955-1956), of the Rahway Women's Club.

Children:

- i. DELOS-CHARLES IV², b. 10 May 1930, Berwick, Pa.; he prepared at Valley Forge Military Academy for Lafayette, from which he received his A.B. degree in 1954, and entered his father's firm, on his discharge from the Army in Oct. 1956. A *Delta Kappa Epsilon*, he is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Ilderan Outing Club, of Rahway, N. J., and of the Rahway Lodge, 1078, B. P. O. E.
- ii. FRANCIS-J. JR., b. 17 Dec. 1934, Elizabeth, N. J., will be graduated from Brown University, June 1957, for which he prepared at Rahway High School. An *Alpha Delta Phi*, he is business manager for *Liber Brunensis*, and a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, and of the Ilderan Outing Club of Rahway. He plans to enter Law School.

* Later, Mr. Hills will file with the Society of Colonial Wars, as supplemental ancestors: Capt. John Allis, Lt. William Allis, William Beardsley; Ensign Ephraim Wells, Thomas Wells, Thomas Meakins and George Polly.

ADDENDA

JOHN HILL OF SAYBROOK

JOHN¹ HILL, birth and parentage unknown, but of Saybrook, Conn., by 1670, where he married, 14 Apr. 1670, JANE, widow of John Bushnell, of Boston, maiden name and birth not known. They were living in Saybrook, in 1671, when their only recorded child was born, and probably were there in 1678.

As has been pointed out, under the account of SAMUEL HILLS, W. S. Hills' and Thomas Hills' 1906 *Hills Family in America*, page 8, places our Samuel of Duxbury, Mass., *sans* proof, as that Samuel, born in Saybrook, 29 May 1671, son of the abovesaid John and Jane (——) (Bushnell) Hill. I gave the various reasons for which we do not think the two Samuels the same man. One thing seems quite apparent, this John of Saybrook was a HILL and not a HILLS, as was our Samuel, also the latter was born in 1673, and a shoemaker by trade. And this John Hill of Saybrook is *not* identical with John Hills of East Hartford, Conn., son of William Hills of Hartford, as has been erroneously printed and re-printed.

John Hills, son of William and Phillis (Lyman) Hills, was born about 1644–1645, buried in East Hartford, 5 Apr. 1692. He married, date not known, Mary ——, who married secondly Thomas Adkins.* The inventory of John's estate was taken, 20 Aug. 1692, by Thomas Kilbourn and Samuel Welles, at which time, Jonathan Hill, aged twenty-eight, and Dorothy Hill, aged twenty-five, testified, 1 Sept. 1692, that during brother John Hill's last sickness he said that when debts were paid his wife should enjoy all the estate for life, and then what was left at her death, should be *divided equally between his two daughters*. It is clear that this John Hills, son of William, left no sons. He did leave two daughters: *Elizabeth*, born about 1678; married first, William Buckland Jr., who died 12 Dec. 1724; she married secondly, James Forbes Jr., born 14 May 1676; a *daughter*, who perhaps died after 1692, unmarried and at an early age. I quote from Mr. Jacobus' footnote page 582, of his Hills account:†

"He was *not* the John Hill who m. at Saybrook, 14 Apr. 1670, Jane Bushnell, widow of John Bushnell (1615–1667), a woman probably of over 40 years, by whom he had one child, Samuel, b. at Saybrook, 29 May 1671. *The Hills Family in America* (1906) errs in this identification. John of (East) Hartford shows in his provision for wife and two daughters that he had no surviving male issue. The alleged son Samuel was just under the age of 21 when John Hills died and would not have been cut off without mention in his nuncupative will."

* *Coll. Conn. Hist. Soc.*, 14: 243–249.

† Manwaring's *Hartford Probate Recds.*, 1: 466; Jacobus-Waterman 1952 *Hale, House and Related Families*, 581–2, by permission of the authors, and of the Conn. Hist. Society, which holds the copyright.

The *Saybrook Vital Records* were published in 1952, and from pages 3 and 7, we note:

“John Hill was married to Jane Bushnell the 14th of Aprill 1670

Samuel Hill his son was born the 29th of May 1671

William Bushnell the son of John Bushnell Senior late of Boston deceased the 31 day of August 1684.” [all on p. 7.]

Dea. Francis Bushnell d. 4 Dec. 1681. [p. 3.]

Sam Jones m. Mary Bushnell, 1 Jan. 1663. [p. 7.]

Jonathan Smith m. Martha Bushnell, 1 Jan. 1663. [p. 7.] [same day.]

There is an account of the Bushnell family in *Dawes-Gates, 2: 163-172*, compiled by the late Mrs. Mary Ferris and printed in 1931. The progenitor was a Francis Bushnell of Guilford, Conn., who was probably the father of Francis, the younger, of Saybrook; William of Saybrook; Rebecca, who married John Lord; Richard, who married Mary Marvin, and possibly *John*.

It is thought that the reason that Jane, widow of John, and mother of his seven children, left Boston, and went to Saybrook, where she married, in 1670, John Hill of same, and by whom she had one child, son Samuel, in 1671, was that her deceased husband, John Bushnell, was closely related to the Saybrook Bushnells.

It has been claimed that John of Boston was the same man as John of Salem, a glazier, but this is not true, for the former was a barber or barber-surgeon. Notes on his estate follow:

John Bushnell, 1667, administration; inventory and distribution, originals all on file. Copies of the same appear in 5: 66, 64, 66. There is also a 1685 administration *d.b.n.* and warrant for inventory copied in 9: 249. The bond is copied in *new series 1: 516*.

Inventory of the estate of “John Bushnell” who died 5 Aug. 1667 appraised 19 Aug. 1667. Contains his plate, books, two Bibles, an apparently well to do man, all personal property and amounting to £241-01-02, as taken by Robert Pateshall, “John Conney” and James Brading. [This was Coney of the famed silversmith family of Boston.] Jane, the relict and widow attested; it was ordered that she was to have her thirds and the rest to be divided among the children; the widow to give bond.

Bond, John Bushnell, cordwainer, with John Conney, cooper, both of Boston, said Conney as his bondsman, appointed administrator *d.b.n.* of the estate of his “late father s^d John Bushnell of Boston Barber dec^d” 16 Dec. 1685, both sign.

Warrant for inventory, 14 Dec. 1685, full power to administer the estate *de bonis non* of John Bushnell, sometime of Boston “Barber” granted to John, his son, being now come of age in right of himself and in right of his surviving sister, and the child of his deceased sister. Deacon Henry Alline, Mr. Edward Wyllys and Mr. John Usher to make a new inventory of the house and land; for the administratrix, Jane, has now removed out of this jurisdiction. On reverse it mentions the house in Boston where Mr. William “Haukins”

lately lived and now in the occupation and "tenur of ye widow of Joseph Haukins," 25 Jan. 1685-86.

(*Suffolk Probate*, 471.)

"Ordered that notice bee given to *James Hill* in Saybrook who married with the widdow of John Bushnell that at the next County Court there wilbe a Settlement made of that Estate, one of the children being married, and that in the meane time D^r Hawkins who Lives in the house pay no Rent without order of Court." 29 Jan. 1677-78.

(*Suffolk Co. Ct. Recds.* from *Pub. Col. Soc.*, 30: 885.)*

Children of John and Jane (——) Bushnell, born in Boston:

- i. DOROTHY, b. 19 Feb. 1651-52.
- ii. SARAH, b. 24 Mar. 1655.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 30 Aug. 1657, d. 17 Apr. 1662.
- iv. JOHN, b. 19 Jan. 1659-60, d. 10 Apr. 1662.
- v. JANE, b. 18 Dec. 1662.
- vi. JOHN, b. about 1665; by wife SARAH had son, *John*, b. 4 Aug. 1687, Boston.
- vii. WILLIAM, b. 2 June 1666. (d. 31 Aug. 1684, Saybrook, Conn.)

Returning to John Hill of Saybrook, Conn., little is known about him. The name of Saybrook was changed to that of Deep River, 1 July 1947, and this is where the old records are on file. Mr. Jacobus covered these for us, as follows: From official copy of *Volume I, Saybrook Deeds* †:

Page 42:

["The Lands of Edward Codner" described: under this]

John Hills marke 1670 That he puts upon his Cattle is a crop upon the tope of each ear and a slott cut down on the Crop of the near ear

The lands of John Hill

the abovesaid [refers to Codner entry] house and home lote of 1 acker and a quarter [written 11 ackers and looks like a line drawn through one "1" and the "s" of ackers: 11 acres was a good deal for a home lot and Codner's above was 1 acre and a quarter] and 3 Ack of land in the planting field and 2 Ack of meadow at Raged Roke were sold by Thomas Codner to John Hill of Saybrook this sixteenth of November 1670.

John Hill was married to Jane Bushnell the 14th of April 1670

Samuel hill his son was born the 29th of May 1671.

the lands at Pataconke that was laid out to Edward Codner doth belong to John Hill being comprised in the bill of sale made by Edward Codner and by his order was recorded to John Hill

William Bushnell the son of John Bushnell of Boston deceased the 31st day of August 1684

* Pub. 1933, after Mrs. Ferris' book was published. The "James" is an original error, of course, for John.

† Not checked with the original states *D. L. J.* The early deeds, or land records, contain various types of entries which are not always chronological, paper was so scarce that every blank portion was utilized.

Page 54:

Land of Mr Bellamy and house 27th of February 1675. bought of John Hill his house and home lot consisting of one Ack more or less gining [lying] and being in the towne of Say Brock bounded by John Westall on the east and William Southmaid on the north the highway west and the meeting Comon on the South allso two acres of meadow lying on the north side of William Dudley and John Clark. and also my distedent [dividend] land at Pataquunk with all privileges belonging thereunto as doth more fully appear in a deed of sale under the said Hills hand bearing date with this record

Page 36:

John Hill one of two appraisers, 16 Feb. 1726, of three "Gades" [i.e. jades, or horses]. This is a much later John Hill, who entered his ear mark, 16 Apr. 1723. (*page 90*), a different mark entirely than that of the older John. Lands bought by Joseph Ingham, of John Hill (*page 71*), could refer to the older man, as apparently not dated. (*D. L. J.*)

We have noted that this John Hill, of Saybrook, sold out his property there, 21 Feb. 1675 and there is no further mention of him in the local records. However, see the Court action, in Boston, 29 Jan. 1677-78, by which it would appear that John Hill and his wife, Jane (widow of John Bushnell of Boston), were still of Saybrook at that time.

Child of John and Jane (——) (Bushnell) Hill:

SAMUEL, b. 29 May 1671; no further record. In my opinion this Samuel Hill was not identical with the Samuel Hills, of Duxbury, aged 62 in 1735, etc., and a shoemaker by trade.

SERGEANT PHILIP LEONARD OF DUXBURY

SGT. PHILIP¹ LEONARD (*Thomas, Henry*), born in England, *circa* 1630, died in Duxbury, Plymouth County, Mass., 3 July 1708, intestate. He married, perhaps late in life, LYDIA ———, who died in Duxbury, 13 Nov. 1707.

A proved brother of the prominent ironmongers, Henry and James Leonard, early of Taunton, Mass., Philip probably originated in county Somerset, Old England, near Pontypool, Monmouthshire, in Wales, where these brothers were presumably apprenticed to the iron trade. The claim that these Leonards were of the Lennard of Dacre family is not only without foundation in fact, but quite fantastic. We have contemporary evidence that Somerset was their home shire and very possibly the parish of Sparkford.*

As dictated, in 1732, by Hannah (Leonard) Deane, to her great nephew; she was a daughter of the first James Leonard of Taunton,† her mother being a Martin and her siblings being: Thomas, James, Benjamin, Uriah, Abigail and Rebecca Leonard. She also stated that her grandfather was a Thomas Leonard, whose wife was born a White, and that their children (in addition to her own father) were: Henry, William, John, PHILIP, Thomas, Margery, Joan and Sarah. Her great-grandfather was Henry Leonard. She gave more data about the family with the fact that her aunt Sarah died "at New Salem." Her various statements, thus made in 1732, have proved to be correct; she was an old lady with a remarkable memory.

From the Friends' Records (Salem, N. J. Monthly Meeting [Quakers]), it appears that: ‡

Robert Fairbanks borne in lestershire in or about the yeare 1632. In or about the yeare 1653 the said Robert Fairbanks transported himself from England to Ireland. In the yeare 1676 the said Robert Fairbanks took to wife Sarah Leonard daughter of Thomas Leonard, borne in Spencefield in Summerset Shire. In the yeare 1677 the said Robert Fairbanks transported himself with Sarah his wife and one daughter Elizabeth Stubings he the said Robert having her by a former wife, and her husband Henry Stubings, from Ireland to the province of west new Jersey. They set saile on the 16th day of ye ninth month in the ship called the Mary of dublin, John Wall being Master, and landed at Elsinburgh in the province of west new Jersey the 22 of the 12 month following.

Mr. Cook then continues with abstracts of the New Jersey wills which give us the estate of Robert Fairbanck of Elsenburgh (Salem County), tailor, in 1682, the administration being granted to one John Thompson, of same, carpenter, "who has married Sarah, the

* Someday I should like to pursue these English clues.

† *Register* (1853), 7: 71-74.

‡ "Origin of James and Henry Leonard," by Lewis-D. Cook, F. A. S. G., in *American Genealogist*, 10: 200-201.

widow of Robert Fairbanks." Also the estate of Sarah Thompson, will dated 1720, of same, widow, who divided her "worldly estate," between *kinsmen Henry Leonard* of Cape May and *Thomas Leonard* of East Jersey, to other relatives and gave legacies to various persons, including the children of *brother James Leonard*.

There is no doubt that the "aunt Sarah" who "died at New Salem" mentioned by Hannah (Leonard) Deane in 1732 is identical with the above Sarah (Leonard) (Fairbanks) Thompson of New Jersey. However, whoever compiled or copied the *Friends' Records* misread the name of the place, for Mr. Cook states that "Spencefield" should be read "Spenceford" [Sparkford]. As Mr. Jacobus, editor of the *American Genealogist* comments:

"It is one of life's ironies that a family so uniquely fortunate as to possess a statement of origin made by a daughter of the first settler should be concerned to disregard this statement in order to accept an entirely unproved claim of descent from an English titled family. No reason, so far as I can learn, has ever been given for disputing any of the statements of fact made by Mrs. Deane, nor is there any reason to doubt that James Leonard and his brother Henry [and brother Philip] were from Pontypool, Monmouthshire. The claims of descent from the Dacre Lennards (as they consistently spell the name) are conflicting, undocumented, and (disregarding the impossible claim) decidedly improbable. . . . With all the interest that has been shown in the origin of the family, one can but wonder that research has not been undertaken in the neighborhood of Pontypool." *

(*The American Genealogist*, 10: 162-166, 200-201; 11: 53.)

And so we can prove that our Philip Leonard was a son of Thomas and ——— (Martin) Leonard and a grandson of Henry and ——— (White) Leonard, presumably from Somerset and in the neighborhood of Sparkford and Pontypool. Inasmuch as Philip Leonard left no male heirs, he and his career have been sadly neglected.

We have already noted in the account of Samuel Hills, who married the only child of Philip Leonard, Phebe Leonard, that this marriage was enacted in Duxbury, 6 Nov. 1694. 9 July 1702, Philip was named as a bound in a land grant to his son-in-law; 17 May 1703, both Philip and Samuel protested about a town action; 13 Nov. 1707, Lydia, Philip's wife died, followed, 3 July 1708, by Philip's own death. Brief notes about Philip's estate appear in Samuel Hills' account, which are amplified later here; finally, 24 Dec. 1712, when Samuel renewed the bounds of his lands, they are described as possessed formerly by "his father's Phillip Leonard." (*Duxbury Town Recds.*, 1893, 193, 90; *Duxbury Gen. Recds.*, 1645-1749, 56; *Duxbury Misl. Recds.*, 1642-1745, 285; *Duxbury V.R.*; *Mayflower Desc.*, 10: 184; *Plymouth Probate*, 12663.) †

* Pontypool is adjacent to Somerset. Both Mr. Jacobus and Mr. Cook have assisted us on the Hills research.

† *Vide ante*.

Philip first appears on these shores in connection with the Iron Works at Hammersmith, on the Saugus River in Massachusetts. Often known as the Cradle of American Industry, "the Hammersmith works draws significance from the fact that it was the first in the colonies to produce *successfully* both cast iron and wrought iron from pig iron. Its productive life extended from about 1646 to about 1675." Philip's brothers, Henry and James, supposedly came over about 1640; Henry was of Lynn in 1668, and later of Boxford, but failing in business fled to New Jersey about 1673, where his sons, Samuel, Nathaniel and Thomas, followed him. James, however, became established in Taunton and "sired a mighty clan of iron workers." *

The only item found for Philip in connection with Hammersmith is the following: payment to Philip and Henry, for hunting a missing Scot [perhaps one of the Scotch prisoners, brought to these shores, after the Battle of Worcester (1651) and sold, in 1652]:

Payment made to "henery and phillipe lennard for seekeing after scott" six shillings, December 1652. (*Superior Court of Judicature, File 225.*) (Gifford and Undertakers of the Ironworks, paper 11, case heard 1654.)

By 1657, Philip was of Taunton, then in Plymouth Colony, and since 1686, within the county of Bristol, when he became a freeman by taking the "Oath of Fidelitie" as "Phillip Lenard." (*Plymouth Col. Recds., Misc. 1633-1689, 8: 186.*) Two years later, 6 Oct. 1659, we read that: "James Lenard, Phillip Lenard," and others, all of Taunton, were warned to appear in court, for sundry misdemeanors committed in Taunton. (*ibid., Court Orders, 1651-1668, 3: 176.*)

1 May 1662, the estate of Thomas Billington, of Taunton, was appraised and Jeremiah Newland, "Philip Leanard" and "James Leanard," had sums due them by the estate. (*Mayflower Desc., 17: 216.*) 1 Mar. 1663-64, "Henery Green of Taunton, for breach of the peace by striking Phillip Leanard, fined 03: 04." (*Plymouth Col. Recds., Court Orders, 1651-1668, 4: 50.*) Next, 29 Oct. 1669, "Phillip Leanard" and others were presented for not "paying their rate to the minnistry," the verdict being that they must pay as rated last year "and that the constable be payed for his distresse." (*ibid., Court Orders, 1668-1678, 5: 28.*)

In the estate of Ralph Chapman Sr., late of Marshfield, who died testate, we find that the inventory was taken by "Philip Leanard (who signed by a mark) and Peregrine White, 27 Jan. 1671-72. Chapman's estate was also indebted to "Philip Leanard," and others.

* Correspondence with Prof. Neal Hartley of Mass. Inst. of Tech., 1954-1955; Perley's article in 1888 *Coll. Essex Inst.*, 25: 294-300; Emery's 1893 *Hist. of Taunton*. Those interested in the Saugus Iron Works (Hammersmith) Restoration are referred to booklets issued by the American Iron and Steel Inst., of New York, N. Y., 1951 and 1952, also various issues their "Gazette," 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954.

(*Mayflower Desc.*, 19: 132-135.)* This item is the first we have showing Philip to be a resident of Marshfield, from where he did not remove to Duxbury, as has been stated, but lived on the line between the two old towns, and when the bounds between them were finally established, 23 Feb. 1683, his place came under the jurisdiction of Duxbury.

In the expedition to New York against the Dutch, "Phillip Leanard" was one of four "Sarjeants" and was to be paid three shillings a day, 17 Dec. 1673. (*Plymouth Col. Recds.*, *Court Orders*, 1668-1678, 5: 136.)

5 June 1678, "Phillip Leanard, of Marshfeild, in the jurisdiction of New Plymouth, nailer," was bound unto the Court in the sum of £30 sterling, etc., to pay towards the support of a child he had of Elizabeth Loe, a singlewoman, until the child attained the age of seven. (*ibid.*, 5: 260-261.) We will let the actual records tell the tale.

Debts due the estate of William Sherman, late of Marshfield, deceased, included one by Philip "Leonard," the estate being appraised, 30 Dec. 1680. In January 1680-81, Philip "Leonard" was named as indebted to the estate of William Sherman of Marshfield. (Pope's 1918 *Plymouth Col. Scrap Book*, 19; *Mayflower Desc.*, 4: 172; Holman's 1936 *Desc. William Sherman of Marshfield*.)

Philip Leonard was an appraiser of the estate of Lt. Samuel Nash, of Duxbury, "being aged, and not in a capassetty to live and keep house of himselfe, hath therfor put his estate unto the hands of William Clarke, of Duxburrow," etc., 5 Mar. 1683-84. (*ibid.*, *Court Orders*, 1678-1691, 6: 126.) †

There is a mention of "Philip Lenard" as a bound in the published 1893 *Duxbury Town Records*, 25 Apr. 1694 and 30 Oct. 1695, pages 67-68. He was evidently living near the South River there, near Marshfield line.

He has no recorded deeds in the *Plymouth Colony Deeds*, the *Plymouth* or the *Bristol, County Deeds*, and various sources, published and unpublished, pertaining to Essex County contain no mention of him. There is at Plymouth, in the Registry of Deeds, a single large copied volume entitled: *Marshfield Proprietors*, not paginated or indexed; it is difficult to discover what years it embraces but it is evidently of an early period, this volume was not scanned for lack of time.‡

According to the *Duxbury Town Records*, 1893, page 91: 25 Dec.

* Copies of the *Plymouth Col. Deeds and Estates*, made about 1860 when it was intended to print them, may be consulted at the *Mass. Archives*. Originals are at Plymouth.

† Estate of Samuel Nash, 18 June 1683, John Cole and "philip Leanard" named the "prizers." (*Plymouth Col. Scrap Book*, pp. 35-36.)

‡ *Gen. Sessions of the Peace, Plymouth Co.*, covered 1686 past 1725, also concurrent (from 1702 only extant) *Recds. of Court Common Pleas*; both negative.

1712, Caleb Samson was to have an addition of land to his lot "next to Phillip Leonard's land." For other mentions of Philip, see his son-in-law Samuel Hills' account.

In a "Topographical Discription of Raynham," 6 Feb. 1793, by the Rev. Peres Forbes, LL.D., is a statement that James Leonard, "the great progenitor" had three brothers, and towards the end:

"The circumstance of a family attachment to the *iron manufacture* is so well known, as to render it a common observation in this part of the country, viz. where you find iron works, *there you will find a LEONARD.*" *

A brief mention of Philip Leonard's estate appears in the account of his son-in-law, Samuel Hills, who, having married Philip's heiress, succeeded to the Leonard property. There is no extant bond now on file, but in the copy books are the inventory and the letter of administration, see *volume 2: 99-100*. The original inventory appears in *File 12663*. Photostatic copies of the two records (inventory and letter) and of the *original* document (inventory) are included in the *Hills Notes*.

"To Samuel Hill Son in law of Phillip Leonard Late of Duxborough in the County of Plimouth . . . Deceased Greeting . . . I do by these presents Committ unto you full Power to Administer," to the estate of said deceased, 12 July 1708. The inventory was made, 8 July 1708, by William Carver, and Arthur Howland, to which "Samuel Hill" made his oath, 11 July 1708, real and personal effects are listed; a copy of the *original* follows:

"Inventory of the Estate of Phillip Lenerd taken by William Carver & Arthur Howland jr the 8th of july — 1708

	£	s	d
Imp's to his purs and aparel	02	10	00
to house and Land	90	00	00
to 2 oxen	08	10	00
to 3 Cows	06	10	00
to 8 swine	03	00	00
to a feather bed and bedding	05	00	00
to a little bed & 2 bed steads	01	00	00
to a table cloth and other linen	01	00	00
to pewter	01	05	00
to brass and a bellmettle pot	01	00	00
to a great iron kettle & other iron ware	02	00	00
to cob irons fire slice & tongs	}	01	00 00
to tramels and pot hooke			
to books	01	00	00
to 1 chest and a box and other small things	00	06	00
to Earthen ware	00	07	06

* Printed in *italics* and pub. 1793, in *M. H. S. Coll., ser. I, 3: 173*. Note that part of Taunton was set off in 1731 as Raynham, both are now in Bristol Co.

HILLS LINEAGE

to wooden wair	00	08	00
to 2 tables and 5 chears	01	00	00
to corn and meat and butter	01	06	00
to lumber	00	04	00
to a cart & plow chains axs hows	01	10	06
To a frying pan & looking glass both old & some Putter			
& a silver whysle given to John Walker 2 guns given			
away in his life time			
	127	17	00"

(*Plymouth Probate, 12663.*)

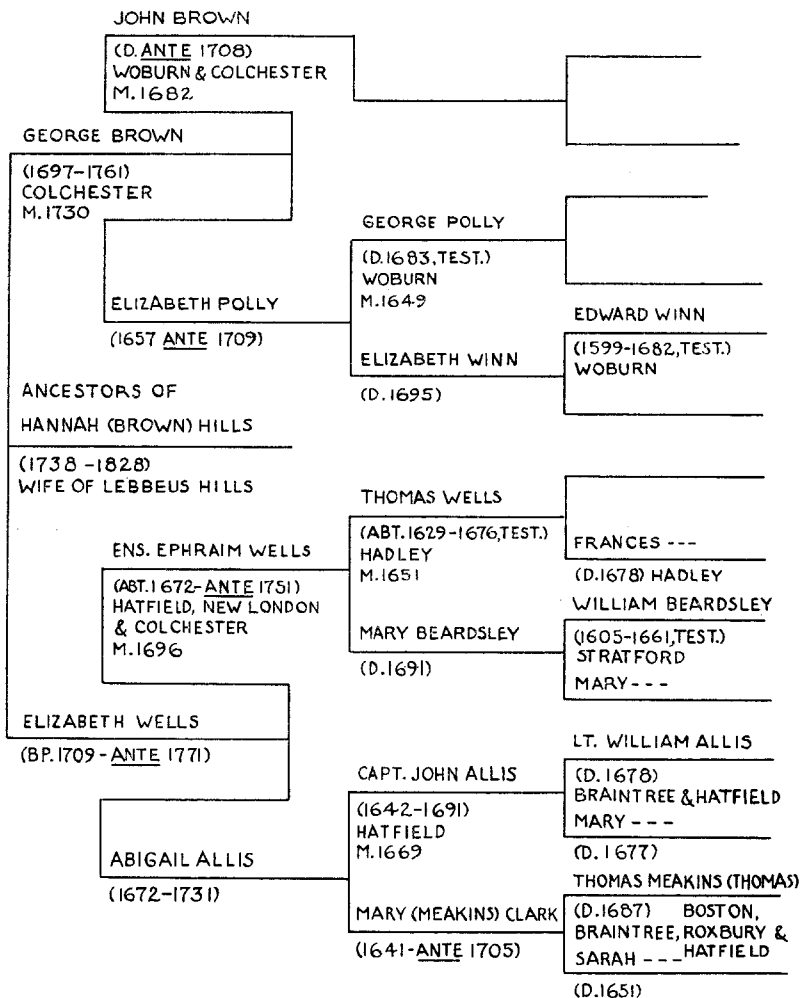
The silver whistle is of interest. Was it due to his being a "non com" in the Expedition against the Dutch at New York?

Child of Philip and Lydia (———) Leonard:

PHEBE ², b. *circa* 1670–1675, perhaps Taunton, Mass.; m. SAMUEL HILLS.

The small chart, printed on the next page, comprises the ancestry of Hannah (Brown) Hills, and is not the result of exhaustive research, so is subject to change and amplification. In an effort to make it easy to follow I have only given the dates by years. I am grateful to Miss Ruth E. Thomas for her lettering.

W. L. H.



THE BROWNS OF WOBURN AND COLCHESTER

Preface

Hannah Brown, wife of Lebbeus Hills, was the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Wells) Brown, and the granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Brown, of Colchester, Conn. In the course of the identification of her father, George Brown, a few notes were gathered, not only in relation to him, but also respecting his father, John. From this research, it would seem that John Brown is identical with the John of Billerica and Woburn, Middlesex County, Mass., who married Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Winn) Polly of Woburn, for reasons that will be explained on the following pages. Therefore, a few notes about this John and his immediate family, precede the short account of George, his son. Later we hope to complete the search on these Polly and Winn ancestors, and to continue the investigation of the ancestry of Elizabeth (Wells) Brown, viz: Wells, Beardsley, Allis and Meakins.

There is an unpleasant court case concerning a John Brown of Colchester but our John is completely absolved as he died before the events took place. Moreover there were a number of John Browns all living in the early days within that town and the problem was to differentiate them.

JOHN ¹ BROWN of Billerica, Woburn and Colchester, born about 1655, died in Colchester, Conn., intestate, before 14 Nov. 1707. He married in Woburn, as of Billerica, both towns within Middlesex County, Mass., 22 Apr. 1682, ELIZABETH POLLY, born in Woburn, 14 Apr. 1657, who perhaps died in Colchester, between 18 Feb. 1707-08 and 8 Mar. 1708-09 *, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Winn) Polly and the granddaughter of Edward Winn of Woburn.†

A footnote in Johnson's 1891 *Woburn Marriages*, page 35, states:

In Dec. 1682, a John Brown of Woburn was convicted of stealing a horse and was sentenced to restore threefold damages to pay costs and to be whipt twenty stripes. Middlesex County Court Records, Volume 4.

No proof is offered that this applies to John Brown who, April 1682, and December 1683, was of Billerica.

Hazen's *Billerica*, published in 1883, page 18 of genealogical section, cites:

"31. 10^m. 1683. At a meeting of y^e Selectmen, John Browne being sumoned and appearing before y^e Selectmen to give an account of his coming to inhabit in our towne without liberty from the town first had and obtained [?] according to our town orders. The Selectmen having received an evill report of y^e s^d pson, they gave him Notice of our towne orders, respecting ye entertainment of persons into y^e towne to be inhabitants. and that wee were not willing to entertain him as an inhabitant. and warned him forthwith to

* From the dates of the first bond and inventory of her husband's estate and the second bond of the same. She could have remarried.

† A copy of the will of George Polly concludes this Brown account.

remove out of our towne on the penalty of our towne orders. which is twenty shilling^s per weeke, unless he gave bond, with security (within one week) that hee should not be chargeable to y^e towne, nor his family." Also, George Grymes is also warned of the penalty he would incur "in case he suffers the s^d Brown to live in any of his housing or tenements more than one week longer." "But this Browne did not leave in a week and the constable reported his tax, with others not paid in Dec., 1687."

This was merely the old Town Warning Law, which some towns were careful to keep and other towns ignored and, as a general rule, had nothing to do with the morals or financial aspect of those so warned. In case the newcomer, did become indigent, for any manner of reason, it absolved the town from caring for the person, or their family, of those so warned.*

John and Elizabeth (Polly) Brown had five children recorded in Woburn, of whom the eldest is stated to have been born in Billerica, in the *Woburn Town Records*. These children were: John, born 27 Mar. 1683, died 28 Mar. 1683; John, born 22 Jan. 1684; Elizabeth, born 6 July 1685 (who evidently died in infancy); a second Elizabeth, born 10 Feb. 1687; and Hannah, born 27 Apr. 1689.

On the reverse of the inventory of the estate of John Brown of Colchester is a list of his children, which gives John, aged twenty-four; Elizabeth, aged twenty-one; Hannah, aged nineteen; Joseph, aged fifteen; Samuel, aged thirteen and George, aged eleven, in 1708. It will therefore be noted that the ages of John, Elizabeth and Hannah, agree as to the years of birth of the John, Elizabeth and Hannah, born and recorded in Woburn: John, born 1684; Elizabeth, born 1687 and Hannah born 1689.

Also, Elizabeth Polly's siblings were named: John, Joseph, George, Samuel, Hannah, Sarah and Edward. Disregarding the name of John, as that was her husband's given name, we note the appearance, in the John and Elizabeth of Colchester family, of these names: Joseph, George, Samuel and Hannah.

An examination of the *Colchester Deeds* failed to reveal the former home of John Brown. Turning to the *Middlesex County Deeds, Probate and Court Files* in Cambridge, Mass: The land records in the name of John Brown were read past 1735 and those of George Brown past 1765, and nothing was gleaned to disparage our assumption that the John of Billerica and Woburn and the John of Colchester are one and the same person. At the same time the estates of George Polly and Edward Winn were covered. There is no estate for Elizabeth, wife of George Polly, and no guardianships for Joseph and George

* The Town Warning law in Mass., is considered in my article pub. 1956 in the *Oregon Forum*.

Brown. There are several items in the *Court Files* that apply to John of Billerica and Woburn, one of which reads:

Petition heard 1 April 1684, dated 28 March 1684, Billerica, that "John Browne himselfe and his family" are come to inhabit without liberty from the town and the town is not willing to accept them and he refuses to leave, etc. [original document]. *W. P. A. Index: 1684: 108: 5.*

There are three documents in the estate of John Brown of Colchester *: the inventory and two bonds; photostatic copies of the originals are included in the *Hills Notes*, of which brief notes follow. The inventory commences:

"Colchester November the 14 1707 an inventory of the estat of John Browen deceset

a houes and home Lot of 21 acres at	45	00	00
eight acers of upland an meddow at Stebinges meddow and	12	00	00
tow acers of meddow to mack = that 10 acers at one			
hundred acers of Lands more at	25	00	00"

Then follows his cattle and stock, household goods, farming tools, grain, wearing clothes and "severall Bookes," also a "gunn," to a total of £132-01-00. Thus it is clear that at his death, he was possessed of a house and a total of about one hundred and thirty acres. On the reverse of the inventory appears:

"The Names and Ages of the Children of y^e Deceased.

John Brown 24 years of Age

Elizabeth 21

Hannah 19

Joseph 15

Samuel 13

George 11

This Inventory Tacken and Sett downen in November 1707 By us

Joseph pumery

Nathaniel loomys"

And "Elizabeth Brown widow and Relict of John Brown Late of Colchester deceased" appeared at the Probate Court held in New London, 18 Feb. 1707-08 and attested this inventory, which was recorded in the Book of Wills in folio 101, 28 Feb. 1707-08.†

Bond: 18 Feb. 1707-08, Elizabeth Brown with John Brown, as her surety, both of Colchester, was bonded in the sum of £80, and appointed the administratrix of the estate of John Brown, late of same, deceased; both sign by mark.

* *C. S. L.*, Hartford, Conn. Note that when Benedict Arnold invaded New London, 6 Sept. 1781, all the Probate Records were destroyed, also the Files from 1777 and the Journals from Apr. 1763. So there are no extant records (copy books) for this estate. The Deeds and Town Records were in the part, now Waterford, so were saved.

† Only in Conn., do we find that quite commonly the names and ages of the children are written on the inventories.

Bond: 8 Feb. 1708 [-09], John Brown of Colchester, with Joseph Pumry of same, as his surety, was appointed the administrator of John Brown deceased [no residence cited]; signed by "John brown" and "Joseph pumery." [The latter's signature agrees with that on the inventory, but had John Brown, the son, learned to write his name during the past year?] (*New London Dist. Probate*, 781.)

Some of the following surveys apply to this John Brown and some to his eldest son * [Born in 1684, John was of full age in 1705]:

By virtue of a former grant to John Brown deceased of a homelot it is now recorded which is in breadth 21 rods & in length 160 rods bounded north on Jonathan Kilbourn's homelot and south on Henry Tomison's lot east and west on highways; entered 3 Mar. 1708-09. (*Colchester Deeds*, 1: 137.)

Laid out for John Brown in March 6th 1704 sixty acres of land which is called his first division lying west of Longmeadow bounding first at the northeast corner with a near stone by the road to James Brown's & so runs northwest 80 rods to bounds set by a run of water and then runs southwest 120 rods to a black oak tree marked by the Governor's road and then runs southeast 80 rods to bounds and then northeast 120 rods to the first bounds laid out; entered 3 Mar. 1708-09, John Skinner, Surveyor. (*ibid.*)

17 Jan. 1709, laid out for John Brown two hundred acres of land which is his second and third division lying near the deep brook beginning at the southeast corner bounds of Lt. Well's land and runeth southeasterly 8 score rods then runeth northeasterly 200 rods to a place called the falls then runeth northwesterly 160 rods then runeth southwesterly 200 rods to the first bounds, Samuel Pellet Surveyor. [probably 1709-10] (*ibid.*)

5 Mar. 1706, laid out for John Brown eight acres of meadow in the meadow called the Stebbins meadow bounding north on land of Joseph Wright's 111 rods west on common land 12 rods bounding south on Joshua Hemsted's land 111 rods bounded east with common land 12 rods, John Skinner, Surveyor. (*ibid.*)

3 Apr. 1716, Then laid out for the *heirs* of John Brown, deceased, one hundred acres of land which is in the fourth division lying on the north side of land of Ebenezer Colman on the east side of the old road to New London bounding first at Colman's northeast corner and so runeth east by 8 score rods to Colman's northeast corner and from thence north and by west 100 rods to bounds set and from thence west by south 8 score rods to bounds set by the road and from thence south and by east 100 rods to the first bounds aforesaid, John Skinner, Surveyor. (*ibid.*, 1: 223.)

As the following survey appears on the same page it probably pertains to Samuel, son of John, who was of full age in 1716, and who is called *Jr.*, to distinguish him from Samuel, son of Thomas and Hannah (Lee) Brown:

27 Mar. 1718, laid out to Samuel Brown Jr., one hundred acres of land which is the fourth division of that right which was his father's lying about

* Abstracted for me from the microfilm copies at the *C. S. L.*, by Mrs. Townsend; I did not personally cover the *Colchester Deeds* on the Browns.

half a mile from Salmon River on the east side of a place called Chestnut Hill, bounding first at a white oak tree marked stones about it and from thence northeast 8 score rods to a heap of stones and from thence northwest 100 rods to a black oak tree marked stones about it and from thence southwest 8 score rods to a chestnut tree marked stones about it and from thence southeast 100 rods to the first bounds above said, John Skinner, Surveyor. This is again recorded 4 Feb. 1716-17. (*ibid.*, 1: 223, 110.)*

Those deeds that deal with the estate of John Brown in which George Brown, his youngest son, appears, will be considered in that son's account. They should be consulted by those interested in the children of John, for they prove where some of them removed, *e.g.*, John went to Farmington and then to Canaan, Conn., and Joseph settled in Lyme, Conn., etc.

The abstracts below probably apply to John Brown Jr., born in 1684; he must not be confused with that John, born in Deerfield, Mass., 10 Feb. 1694-95, son of James and Remembrance (Brooks) Brown. After the father's death, in 1707, John Jr., became, it seems, the senior John in Colchester.

22 May 1710, John Brown, of Colchester, sold John Baker, of same, land there, on the road to New London, one mile below Lt. Wells' dwelling house and bounded north on land of Benjamin Fox, etc.; wit: Joseph Pumery and Ephraim Foot; ack. 13 Nov. 1710 and recd. 11 July 1713. (*Colchester Deeds*, 1: 458.)

10 Nov. 1710, John "Browne" of Colchester sold to Ephraim Wells, of New London, for £50, land in Colchester, comprising some fifty-three acres in upland and meadow with a house, upon part of same, the boundaries being Noah Wells, Joseph Pumery, John Adams, James Taylor, Samuel Pellet and Edward Wolf; wit: Joseph Pumery and Caleb Jeffers; ack. 13 Nov. 1710 and recd. 13 Nov. 1712. (*ibid.*, 1: 405.)

2 Nov. 1717, John Brown, husbandman, of Colchester, sold to Joseph Kellogg, for £30, land there; wit: Josiah Phelps and James Treadway; ack. 17 Dec. 1718 and recd. same. (*ibid.*, 2, part 1: 284.)

In 1724 and in 1728, by three deeds, a John Brown Jr., of Colchester, sold land there. Evidently a younger man. (*ibid.*, 2, part 1: 499, 654, 776.)

Testimony was given by a John Brown, aged eighteen, 10 Sept. 1713, at Colchester, in a witchcraft case.† This was evidently John, son of James, born 10 Feb. 1695, who is said to have married 28 Nov. 1725, Hannah Janes.

In the *Preface* to this little Brown account, reference was made to

* Samuel, of full age in 1719, son of Thomas Brown, appears in the deeds. (*Colchester Deeds*, 2, part 1: 287.) A Samuel m. 12 May 1713, Colchester, Elizabeth Collins; a Samuel m. 14 Apr. 1715, Suffield, Conn., as of Colchester, Priscilla Kent, recd. both places. Mrs. Townsend states that the Samuel who m. 6 Aug. 1729, Colchester, Mary Dunham, by whom he had three children 1729-1732, was an illeg. son of Thankful Brown, dau. of James and Remembrance (Brooks) Brown, by Samuel Fuller; later Thankful m. Richard Carrier.

† *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, 2: 75, at C. S. L., noted by Mrs. Townsend.

a court case. This relates to the events about a John Brown of Colchester that took place there, 11 Oct. 1710, the case being heard 19 Sept. 1713. Joseph Chapman was also accused of the same crime (sodomy), the verdict:

“viz^t that they shall sit on the Gallows the space of one hour with a rope about their necks and then be taken down and whipt on their naked bodies the number of thirty nine stripes.”

(*Crimes and misdemeanors*, 2: 82-88.)

Children of John and Elizabeth (Polly) Brown, first five recorded in Woburn, Mass., rest probably born in Colchester, Conn.:

- i. JOHN², b. 27 Mar. 1683, Billerica, Mass., d. 28 Mar. 1683.
- ii. JOHN, b. 22 Jan. 1684, aged 24 in 1708; m. 1710, Colchester, MARY CHANDLER. He was the admr. of his father's estate, 8 Feb. 1709, was of Farmington, Conn., by 1732 and of Canaan, Conn., 1752, as see his brother George Brown's deeds. A widow Mary Brown, d. 22 Dec. 1761, Cornwall, Conn., near Canaan. Children (Brown), b. Colchester, 1710-1729, (1) *Elizabeth*; (2) *John*; (3) *Hannah*; (4) *Sarah*; (5) *Timothy*; (6) *Nehemiah*. A few notes on another John Brown of Colchester are given at the end of this list of children.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 6 July 1685, d. infancy.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. 10 Feb. 1687, aged 21 in 1708; m. as his 2d wife, 17 Apr. 1717, SAMUEL HORSFORD, b. 1669, Windsor, Conn., d. there, 1746. 3 Jan. 1725-26, Samuel Horsford and his wife, Elizabeth, conveyed to brother Samuel Brown, of Colchester, all rights in the estate there of their hon. father, John Brown, late of same, decd. (1936, *Horsford Gen.*, p. 24.) Children (Horsford), (1) *Samuel*; (2) *Jesse*; (3) *Elizabeth*.
- v. HANNAH, b. 27 Apr. 1689, aged 19 in 1708^{*}; m. (1), 27 July 1720, Colchester, DANIEL HUNTLEY, b. 5 May 1682, Lyme, Conn., d. there, test., 14 Jan. 1732-33, son of Aaron Huntley; she m. (2), 6 Mar. 1735, THOMAS BAKER. Daniel Huntley in his will of 1733 cites land that came to him from his wife Hannah Brown. 11 Oct. 1737, George Brown, of Colchester, was apptd. guardian of James and Amos Huntley, sons of Daniel Huntley. 8 Oct. 1755, the sons of Daniel and Hannah Huntley, viz: Daniel, James and Amos, of Lyme, gave their rights in Colchester lands to their brother, Jacob. Children (Huntley), born in Lyme, (1) *Daniel*, b. 17 Aug. 1721; (2) *Jacob*, b. 5 June 1723; (3) *James*, b. 16 Aug. 1725; (4) *Amos*, b. 31 Oct. 1727[†].
- vi. JOSEPH, b. 1693, aged 15 in 1708. *H. W. B.*[‡] states he m. RUTH ———. The deeds show him to be of Lyme in 1746 and 1753, *vide post*.

^{*} The *Record* 36: 100, incorrectly identifies the Hannah who m. Shubael Rowley, for this Hannah was a dau. of James and Remembrance (Brooks) Brown.

[†] See *Hartford Times*, H. K. B., 8 Jan. 1955; I. H. H. and E. H. R., 30 Oct. 1954.

[‡] *H. W. Brainard Collections* at the Conn. Historical Society.

- vii. SAMUEL, b. 1695, aged 13 in 1708. *H. W. B.* states he m. 13 Aug. 1724, MERCY BROWN, b. 4 Jan. 1689-90, dau. of James and Remembrance (Brooks) Brown. Note that a Mercy Brown m. 10 Dec. 1754, Cornwall, Isaac Spalding and that in 1755, for one shilling, they quitclaimed rights to 200 acres originally laid out in Colchester to John Brown, decd., to George Brown, *vide post*.

- viii. GEORGE, b. 1697, aged 11 in 1708; m. ELIZABETH WELLS.

A John Brown of Colchester m. there, 13 Aug. 1724, Sarah Harris, who m. (2), Pelatiah Bliss. Children (Brown), b. Colchester, (1) *Sarah*, b. 20 June 1725; m. Joshua Ransom; (2) *John*, b. 11 Sept. 1727. I have a few notes on various early Colchester Browns. *W. L. H.*

GEORGE² BROWN (*John*¹), born probably in Colchester, Conn., in 1697, died there, intestate, 6 Feb. 1761, aged sixty-four. He married there, 12 Apr. 1730, ELIZABETH WELLS, baptised in New London, Conn., 17 July 1709, died in Colchester, testate, between 25 June 1769 and 1 Jan. 1771, daughter of Ensign Ephraim and Abigail (Allis) Wells.*

Evidently named for his maternal grandfather, George Polly, when the inventory of John Brown's estate was made, the youngest child listed in this original document is "George ——— 11." As an orphan, he had his way to make and did not marry until he was thirty-three. We have noted that, 11 Oct. 1737, George Brown was appointed the guardian of two of his Huntley nephews, *vide ante*. In 1745, he was administrator of the estate of Jonathan Kellogg of Colchester. No exhaustive research has been made; only his deeds and probate records have been covered:

4 Nov. 1719, Colchester, Mr. Taintor pray be pleased to record to my brother George Brown a piece of land lying on Deep Brook Hill being in estimation 70 acres be it more or less which is part of the 3d and 4th division begining at a stake and runing northward half a mile to a stake from thence eastward 70 rods to a black oak tree from thence southward half a mile to a place call'd the falls from thence westward 70 rods to the first bounds and also his part of the land not yet divided

Your friend and servant

John Brown

Recd. 13 Nov. 1719. (*Colchester Deeds*, 1: 324.)

15 Feb. 1727-28, James Pison [Persons?] of Hartford, Conn., for £18-10, sold to George Brown, of Colchester, eighteen acres there bounded by land

* Ephraim Wells was of New London, 10 Nov. 1710, when he bought a house and land in Colchester, of John Brown, George's oldest brother, *vide ante*. A son of Thomas and Mary (Beardsley) Wells of Hadley, Mass., Ephraim was a grandson of Frances (——) Wells and of William Beardsley; his wife, Abigail, a dau. of Capt. John and Mary (Meakins) (Clark) Allis, was a granddau. of Lt. William Allis and of Thomas Meakins.

Ephraim Wells was appointed Ensign of the Colchester Co. 12 May 1715, (*Col. Recds. of Conn.*, 5: 496); also served as deputy for the said town, 1724, 1727, 1728 and 1730. (*ibid.*, 6: 483, 7: 89, 121, 148, 190, 266.)

of the said grantee; wit: John Dod and Aaron Gillet; ack. same and recd. 1728. (*ibid.*, 2, part 2: 775.)

7 June 1732, a quitclaim by John Brown, yeoman, of Farmington, Conn., to Joseph and George Brown, both of Colchester, for a valuable sum of money, land in Colchester, bounded by land of the heirs of Noah Wells decd., together with all such divisions as have been laid to said Joseph and George, since the death of our hond. father, John Brown decd., on a £200-right in undivided lands there; wit: Samuel Welles and John Bulkley; ack. same day, date of recd. not cited. (*ibid.*, 5: 270.)

8 Sept. 1732, George Brown, of Colchester, for £25, sold eight acres and sixty-four rods of land there to Lemuel Fitch, of same; wit: John Bulkley and Gershom Bulkley; ack. and recd. 1732. (*ibid.*, 3: 217-218.)

2 Jan. 1745-46, Joseph Brown, of Lyme, Conn., for £32 sold George Brown, of Colchester, all his right in the sequestered commons so-called in the two divisions laid out on the right of our hond. father, John Brown, late of Colchester decd.; wit: Young Fuller and Daniel Foot; ack. 1746; no date of recd. (*ibid.*, 5: 310.)

12 Mar. 1746, George Brown, of Colchester, sold John Johnson Jr., of same, for £57-16-06, old tenor, nine fourteenths part of a lot there laid out in the sequestered commons, containing twenty acres in ye whole, bounded by Dea. Taintor, Elisha Pratt, Wm. Chamberlain and Dill Waters, the other five parts not being mine as highway running across it being excepted; wit: Nathaniel Kellogg and Elisha Pratt; ack. and recd. 1746. (*ibid.*, 4: 325.)

24 Oct. 1750, George Brown, and Elizabeth, his wife, with Hannah Wells convey to their brother, Thomas Wells, all of Colchester, for £80 old tenor, all right and title to one house and land there which was left to us by our hond. father, Ephraim Wells, late of same, decd., bounded east on the New London road, southerly and westerly on Thomas Wells' own land, north on Samuel Tozer, being about eight acres, divided into eleven parts, and one eleventh part of said house and land belongs to said George and his wife and one eleventh to said Hannah, which we now convey to said Thomas; wit: none cited, but ack. same date; recd. 1751. (*ibid.*, 6, part 2: 10.)

8 Jan. 1751-52, John Brown, of Canaan, Conn., conveys, for £5 old tenor, to George Brown, of Colchester, land in latter place in the sequestered commons and all undivided land that is not yet conveyed to get survey on record to himself and that already laid out in said commons; wit: Nathaniel Foot and James Jones; ack. same day; recd. 1752. (*ibid.*, 6, part 2: 109.)

25 May 1752, George Brown, of Colchester, conveyed to Oliver Buckley, of same, for £30 old tenor, small plot of land to be laid out in undivided land on right of John Brown, late of Colchester decd., which right I purchased of my brother, John Brown; wit: Nathaniel and Daniel Foot; ack. 1752 and recd. 10 Nov. 1762. (*ibid.*, 7: 274.)

13 Dec. 1753, Joseph Brown, of Lyme, Conn., for £20 old tenor, conveyed to George Brown, of Colchester, rights to any lands and buildings in Colchester; wit: James Smith and Benjamin Lee; ack. and recd. Dec. 1753. (*ibid.*, 6, part 2: 390.)

18 June 1755, Elizabeth Horsford, of Litchfield, Conn., quitclaimed, for one shilling, to George Brown, of Colchester, all rights to two hundred acres in latter town, laid out to John Brown, being his 2d and 3d divisions, and

lying near the Deep Brook; wit: Ebenezer Marsh, J.P., Jesse Hosford and Isaac Baldwin; ack. and recd. 1755. (*ibid.*, 6, part 2: 20.)*

19 June 1755, Isaac Spalding and Mercy Spalding, both of Cornwall, Conn., convey to George Brown, of Colchester, for one shilling, by quitclaim, all right and title to land in Colchester, now owned by said George Brown, viz: two hundred acres as laid out to John Brown decd., it being his 2d and 3d divisions; wit: John Beebe and John Beebe, Jr.; ack. 1755 and recd. 1756. (*ibid.*, 7: 289.)†

16 Oct. 1755, Jacob Huntley, of Hartford, Conn., for £10, quitclaimed to George Brown, of Colchester, land in latter place on which said George Brown now dwells and which was laid out, 17 Jan. 1709-10, to John Brown, for his 2d and 3d division, containing two hundred acres and bounded as in the records of the town of Colchester, Liber 1, Folio 138; wit: Joseph and Jerusha Pitkin; ack. and recd. Oct. 1755. (*ibid.*, 6, part 1: 5.) [He was an heir of Hannah (Brown) (Huntley) Baker, sister of George Brown.]

Notes on George Brown's estate appear below. The original file consists of one bond, one inventory (not dated), and one distribution, of which photostatic copies are included in the *Hills Notes*. The contemporary copybooks, (probate volumes) have not been consulted.

2 Mar. 1761, Elizabeth Brown, with Elias Worthington, both of Colchester, as her surety, was appointed the administratrix of the estate of George Brown, late of same decd., and signs the bond by mark.

The inventory was filed 3 Mar. 1761, having been made by Daniel Morgan, Elijah and Elias Worthington. It lists the household furnishings and farm utensils, as well as the clothing of the deceased, among these items we take special note of a Bible, an old Bible, two spelling books and other books, a gun and bullets, pewter and brass, a beaver hat, a great coat, leather breeches, beds and bedding, linen goods, cows, sheep and oxen, an old mare, a little mare and a year-old colt, grains, and finally the real property: one hundred twenty acres with buildings and orchard itemized at £480. [Depreciated currency of that era.]

The distribution, made by the appraisers of the estate, was filed in the Probate Court, 1 Mar. 1762. The real property was accorded the widow, Elizabeth, who had her thirds; then to Darius Brown, the eldest son; Ezra Brown; Jesse Brown; Oliver Brown; Amasa Brown; daughters: Elizabeth Brown, alias Stark; Chloe Brown; the heirs of Lydia Avery, decd., the wife of Jonathan Avery; Hannah Brown, alias Hills, as see verbatim copy below; a "pent way" is provided for across the lots of land. Roughly the widow received twenty-seven acres, Darius, sixteen acres, Ezra eight acres, Jesse, eleven acres, Oliver, twelve acres, Amasa, twelve acres, Elizabeth, ten acres, Chloe nine acres, heirs of Lydia, ten acres, and Hannah, twelve acres, as see below:

"To Hannah Brown alias Hills twelve acres lying at the South end of the

* This was Elizabeth (Brown) Horsford, sister of George.

† George's brother, Samuel Brown, m. Mercy Brown and in 1754, Mercy Brown m. in Cornwall, Isaac Spalding, see article by Kendall-P. Hayward in *American Gen.* 24. Thus Mercy (Brown) Spalding was undoubtedly an heir of Samuel Brown's.

farm Between the lots of Elisabeth and Lydia Bounded as follows Begining at Lydias, north east Corner runing East 28 Degrees north 54½ rods to bounds set by Starks[?] land then South 33 Degrees East 35 rods to Bounds Set by Tredways land thence west 28 Degrees South 55 rods to bounds set by Treadways and Lydias land thence north 27 Degrees west 36 rods to the first mentioned bounds with Liberty of a pentway through the northeast Corner of Lydias lot to the west side of the farm And [one ninth of two thirds] . . . of the old house and Barn."

The others also received varying amounts of the old house and barn: the children, except the eldest son, each had the same share as Hannah, the eldest son had two ninths of two thirds and the widow had her full thirds, or dower rights in the same. Finally:

"Distribution of the personal Estate of m^r George Brown late of Colchester Deceasd as follows (viz)

To Elisabeth Brown alias Stark	£15-18-03
Received of Her parents	07 17 11
To Chloe Brown	21 15 02
To the heirs of Lydia Deceas ^d	09 03 00
Received of her parents	12 12 03
To Hannah Browne alias Hills	09 07 04
Received of her parents	12 09 02
To the widow	27 00 08

So, each daughter had about the same in personal goods, the value of about £21. Chloe Brown, as unmarried, had not had her share. (*Colchester Dist. Probate*, 420.)

The widow drew her will, 25 June 1769, which was proved 1 Jan. 1771, so, at most, she only survived her husband not quite ten years. The probate volumes have not been examined for her estate but a copy of her original will follows:*

"In the Name of God amen June the 25th 1769

I Elisebeth Brown of Colchester in the County of Hartford Widdow

Being at present Weak in Body but through Divine goodness of Sound Mind and Memory Praised to God therefor And Calling to mind my Mortality Make and ordain this my Last will and Testament

firstly when my great Change shall Come Would Resign my Soul into the hands of God that Gave it hoping to Receive the Remission of all my Sins through the merits of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior and to be admitted to Life Eternal my body then I would Committ to the Earth to be buried in a Decent manner Nothing Doubting that I shall Receive the Same Again at the Ressurection of the Just by the Mighty power of god and as Touching my Temporal Estate I Give Dispose of and bequeath the Same in Manner following Viz my Will is and I do Order that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be paid and Discharged by my Sones in Manner following and hereafter Mentioned Viz I Give and bequeath unto my four Sones Ezra Brown Jesse Brown and Oliver Brown and Amasa Brown all my Land that I shall Die Seised of on Conditions hereafter Mentioned Viz that they the sd Ezra

* A photo copy of the will is included in the *Hills Notes*.

Jesse Oliver and Amasa pay and Discharge the one half of all the Debts that I shall owe at my Decease and the one half of My funeral Charges and probate Charges out of s^d Lands that I Give them or out of their own Estate Said Land to [be] Equally Divided between them

Item to my Sone Darius Brown and to my Grand Children Mary Avery and Abel Avery And to my Grand Daughter Cloe Dewey I give four shillings — Lawfull money to be paid to them out of my Moovable Estate by my Executors hereafter Named Within one Year after my Decease to be Equally Divided between them

Item my Will is and I Do order that the Other half of my Just Debts and funeral Charges be paid out of my Moovable Estate by my Executors here after named Item to my Daughters Elisebeth Stark and Hannah Hills I Give all the Residue of my Moovable Estate that shall be Left after s^d Debts Charges and Legacies be paid to be Equally Divided between them

and further more I Do hereby Nominate and appoint my two Sones Ezra Brown and Jesse Brown of s^d Colchester to bee the sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and Do hereby Dissannull Revoke and Make Void all . . . Other Wills and Testiments by me heretofore made and in confirmation of What is above Written I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal the Day of the Date aboves^d *

Signed Sealed published and Declared to be the Last will and testament of the above Testator in the presence of

John Watrous
Lemuel Fitch
Zebulon Ames

her
Elisabeth Brown"
mark

Proved 1 Jan. 1771 by all three witnesses; the will was evidently written by John Watrous. (*Colchester Dist. Probate*, 416.)

We have noted, that Hannah joined with her husband, Lebbeus Hills in a quitclaim of rights in her father, George Brown's homestead, in Colchester, 8 Mar. 1774, recorded in 1782, to her brother, Amasa Brown, this property being bounded by Lemuel Fitch, Ezra Brown, heirs of "Lydia Brown Alice Avery," [alias Avery] and land formerly Jesse Brown's. An earlier deed by Lebbeus and Hannah (Brown) Hills, dated 29 Mar. 1762, recorded in 1763, conveying property (twelve acres) there, to Elias Ransom, may also have been her inheritance, it was bounded by Jonathan Avery, Timothy Stark, and ——— Treadway. (*vide ante*.)

Apparently no stones are extant to the memories of George Brown and his widow, Elizabeth; her record of death is not in the church or town records so we lack the exact date. In 1779, her brother remembered his deceased sister:

The will of Thomas Wells of Colchester, advanced in years, drawn 13 Nov. 1779, filed 3 Mar. 1780, names wife Sarah; heirs of: deceased brother, Ephraim Wells, of brother Joshua Wells, of deceased sisters Abigail Marriner, Mary

* The part I have omitted is merely a repetition at top of reverse of the page.

Day, Sarah "Whay," *Elizabeth Brown*, Hannah ———, * Lydia Rowley and Rebeckkah Edgerton; witnessed by Elias Worthington Jr., Joshua Morgan and John Watrous. (*Colchester Dist. Probate, 3232.*)

Children of George and Elizabeth (Wells) Brown, born in Colchester, Conn.:

- i. ELIZABETH ³, b. 7 June 1731, alive 25 June 1769; m. by 1 Mar. 1762, ——— STARK.
- ii. DARIUS, b. 24 Apr. 1733, alive 25 June 1769; removed to Horton, Kings Co., Nova Scotia (*E. M. R.*) †; m. 6 Dec. 1753, SARAH BACON.
- iii. CHLOE, b. 30 June 1735, d. by 25 June 1769; m. after 1 Mar. 1762, ABRAHAM DEWEY. Child (Dewey), *Chloe*, alive 25 June 1769. ‡
- iv. LYDIA, b. 27 Aug. 1736, d. by 1 Mar. 1762; m. JONATHAN AVERY (*E. M. R.*). Children (Avery), alive 25 June 1769, (1) *Mary*; (2) *Abel*.
- v. HANNAH, b. 28 Oct. 1738; m. LEBBEUS HILLS.
- vi. CHILD, b. 9 Sept. 1740, d. 28 Sept. 1740.
- vii. CHILD, b. 10 Feb. 1743, d. y.
- viii. EZRA, b. 29 Aug. 1744, alive 25 June 1769.
- ix. JESSE, b. 2 Feb. 1747, alive 25 June 1769.
- x. OLIVER, b. 21 Sept. 1748, d. 23 May 1823, aged 75, bur. Linwood Cem., Colchester; m. there, 24 May 1770, MARY ARNOLD, b. 1748, d. 17 Feb. 1821, aged 74, dau. of Enoch and Dorothy (Emmons) Arnold. He gave two sons the name of ASAHIEL. Children (Brown), b. Colchester, (1) *Asahel*, b. 18 Oct. 1770, d. 31 Dec. 1774; (2) *Anna*, b. 11 Oct. 1772; m. ——— Wightman; (3) *Alice*, b. 17 July 1774; m. ——— Rathbone; (4) *Polly*, b. 1 Nov. 1776; m. ——— Randall; (5) *Lucy*, b. 31 Jan. 1779; m. ——— Rathbone; (6) *Asahel*, b. 20 Mar. 1781, d. 9 Feb. 1859, Norwich, Conn.; (7) *Russell*, b. 15 July 1783, alive 1823; (8) *Enoch*, b. 28 Feb. 1786; m. Sept. 1814, Delia Brown; (9) *Betsey*, b. 23 Aug. 1789; m. ——— Rathbone; (10) *Daughter*, b. and d. Sept. 1791. See *Brown Ms.* of Colchester, by the late H. W. Brainard. Four daughters of Oliver Brown married into the Rathbone family. The will of Oliver Brown, of Colchester, 1 Jan. 1823, names son Asahel; eldest dau. Anna Wightman; six of my children: Alice Rathbone, Mary Randall, Lucy Rathbone, Russell Brown, Enoch Brown and Betsey Rathbone. (*Colchester Dist. Probate, 437.*)
- xi. AMASA, b. 26 Feb. 1751, alive 8 Mar. 1774, of Colchester, when he acquired his sister Hannah's rights in their father's land there, *vide ante*. He m. SARAH ———, who d. 5 Nov. 1775, aged 22.

* ? Gun.

† *E. M. Rogers Collections* at the Conn. Historical Society.

‡ The 1898 *Dewey Gen.*, p. 409, states that Chloe d. 19 Mar. 1767, and m. 28 May 1766, Abraham Dewey. It omits her child, Chloe Dewey. He had other wives.

A copy of the original will of George Polly follows:

By these presents be it Knowne that I George Polly sen of Woburn in the Massachusetts Colony in the County of Middlesex being of sound understanding and perfect memory: Doe heerby make this writeing my last will and Testament: Renouncing all former wills by me made Committing my soule unto g^d in Christ my Saviour and my body Decently to be interred in the Earth: And After my Debts are paid and my funerall expenses discharged; I Doe give my estate both personal and Reall as follows

Imp: I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth the use of my now dwelling house all my land which I now posses my household stuff and the use of two oxen two Cows a mare together with cart plow and to my son John Polly all my land and meadow belonging to my houselott lying on the south west side bounded by a white oake stump at the upper end and so by a line through the middle of Drie pole swamp to the river and one Cow; two thirds of all my woodland: paying fourty Pounds as is heer after Expressed: I give unto my son George the other part of my land on the North East side of my houselott and my meadow on the south side of the river one third part of my woodland and one Cow: paying fourty pounds as I hereafter appoint; but if he faile to pay the fourty pounds: then I give him only his ten Acre lott he now possesseth one Cow and one quarter part of my woodlands: I Doe give unto my Daughter Elizabeth twenty pounds and one Cow as part of the twenty pounds: with that she hath already received: to my Daughter Hannah twenty pounds and my seven Acre lott on the other side [of] maple meadow river: to my son Samuel twenty one pounds or my great lott and twenty shillings and my musket; to my son Edward twenty one pounds; to my Daughter Sarah twenty one pounds: I Doe Give to my Daughter Hannah one Cow as part of the twenty pounds mentioned before: I Doe Appoint my sons John and George to pay my legacies to the other Children when they come to possese the lands; that is to say ten pounds yearly as it ariseth due untill the four scoure pounds be paid: only when Edward comes to Receive his legacy I Doe Appoint them to pay fiveteen pounds that yeer. I Doe give to my son Samuel a pair of steers Coming three year old when he is at age: I Doe give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth two cows a mare and my household stuff for her use dureing her Naturall life after my wives decease I Doe give my household stuffe equally to be devided Among my Children: I Doe Constitute and ordaine my sons John and George joint executours to this my will: I Doe Appoint my trustie friends Mathew Edwards and John Baker overseers: unto what is above written I George Polly have put to my hand and seal the fifth day of June one thousand six hundred and Eighty three

his mark
George X Polly

In p^rsence off
Sam Carter

her mark
Deborah X pierce."

Proved 1 Apr. 1684. The first named witness evidently wrote the will.

"An Inventory of the Estate of George poly sen^r who deceased upon the twenty second daye of Janewary 1683-4," was taken, 21 Feb. 1683[-84], by

“frances Kendall & James Converse,” the total amount being £298-09-06. It included “one small hous and about 35 acres of upland adjoyning,” some one hundred and one additional acres in upland, swamp, meadow and woodlot; his stock, with “one mare and bridle sadle and pilion and harnes”; carpenter’s tools; household effects with a “brass scilet” listed; a “Swarm of bees,” etc. 1 Apr. 1684, “Deborah Polly” attested to the truth of the inventory. (*Middlesex Probate, 17699.*) *

* Photo copies of the original will and inventory are included in Mr. Hills’ files which contain unfinished data on the various families in the ancestry of Hannah (Brown) Hills. (See chart.) The “Deborah Polly,” is an original error for *Elizabeth Polly*, the widow.

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