

JOHN HAMILTON - YEOMAN OF CONCORD

SKETCHES OF TEN GENERATIONS OF ONE BRANCH
OF THE HAMILTON FAMILY IN AMERICA

(1658 - 1958)

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TO MY FATHER

Son of a home missionary, who - although orphaned at twelve and with only a country school education - became leading merchant in small midwest town, highly respected by the entire community for his sterling integrity, his good character and his pride of family.

His life inspired the compilation of these family sketches.

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P R E F A C E

"The first and simplest emotion
which we discover in the human
mind, is curiosity.".... Burke

Curiosity prompted the investigation which led to the writing of these brief sketches of one branch of America's early pioneer families. A ponderous brown leather Bible, printed in 1841, after having passed from kinfolk to kinfolk through several generations finally came into my possession in 1928. In my boyhood I had seen the formidable old book in my father's library many times but as it contained but few illustrations I hardly even so much as thumbed the pages. As an heirloom this book took on a new significance. Then, for the first time, I seriously undertook to read the careful longhand entries appearing on the hand-illuminated page entitled "Family Register", as also the many scribbled marginal notes, parts of letters and clippings of printed matter pasted onto fly leaves and even over the text in places. My interest was intrigued with the names of numerous Hamiltons of known and vague relationship and the repeated reference to certain localities in the Eastern States. The broken list of dates, persons and places suggested a slow westward ancestral trek from Massachusetts to Michigan over a period of more than two centuries.

Brookfield, Mass., figured more prominently among the Bible notes of the earliest date. Without any serious interest or conscious hope of untangling family connections I decided to visit that village at the first opportune moment. From my home in New Jersey such a visit could be conveniently made any weekend. But it was not until October, 1930, that my wife and I had the opportunity and inclination to drive eastward to the shores of Quabaug Pond and through streets of simple New England homes, half hidden beneath spreading branches of oak and elm. The painted

buildings and neat fences, great yards of green grass and the brilliant fall foliage overhead made a charming picture - colorful, fresh and restful. The town Inn proved to be as comfortable as it was quaint. Guests were permitted to lounge in a large ground floor, low-ceilinged room, cluttered about with all sorts of antique furniture, miscellaneous bric-a-brac, hooked rugs and the precious whatnots of Revolution and Civil War days. Upon inquiry our genial host readily announced there were no Hamiltons then living in the Brookfields; however, he explained, we would find the cemetery and the town records full of them. The real quest began with a stroll along the quiet shady walks and grassy borders of the old low walled cemetery. There we saw scores of time worn headstones on which our family name appeared. One well preserved marker of white marble bore the inscription "In Memory of Mr. Jude Hamilton, who died June 25, 1798 in possession of the earnest of the heavenly inheritance AE 48 years". That name and that date I remembered having seen in the family Bible. Upon visiting the village clerk we learned most of the ancient town Records had been destroyed by fire in 1862, but, fortunately, much of the vital and historical facts were later compiled by the Historical Society of North Brookfield and published in book form in 1887. The local library had a copy of this publication and therein we found abundant evidence that many families of Hamiltons had owned property in or near Brookfield for more than a century. To be exact, the "Vital Records of Brookfield, Mass., to the end of the year 1849" lists a total of 216 births, 121 marriages, and 69 deaths under the names of Hamelton, Hamilton and Hammilton.

Out of this trip to Brookfield, Mass., there was born a desire to unravel if possible the tangled threads of family history to the end that my children and grandchildren might know something of their American forefathers.

At first my inquiries were casual and infrequent. But as the pieces of information began to fit into an understandable chain of dates, persons, places and events, I found myself spending many hours poring over periodicals and books in the Genealogical Section of the New York Public Library. Letters were written to living relatives asking for confirming data and new evidence. The research, by fits and starts, has spread over many years but there are still some bare limbs on the family tree and all too little history pertaining to the several generations. Yet time does not permit me more exhaustive study. With full knowledge of the incompleteness of my material - though I have gone much farther than I ever had in mind at the onset - I am persuaded to privately print these sketches in the hope that some one else, sometime, will find the opportunity and inclination to consummate the story with particular reference to the Ninth, Tenth and succeeding generations.

Postscript

An apology: Some of the family may not agree that our American branch of the Hamilton clan stemmed from John Hamilton (Hamelton) of Charlestown, Mass., 1658. My great Aunt Charlotte (1831-1921), who was something of an amateur genealogist, maintained that "her family" descended from the Duke of Hamilton. In some of her notes there appears the following:

"The families of Josiah, Jude, Chancey and Calvin came from Grange, Scotland to Brookfield, Mass., in 16___. The Hamiltons of Grange belonged to the Cambus Keith branch of the House of Hamiltons. The founder of the branch was Walter de Hamilton, son of Sir Gilbert de Hamilton, who was the common ancestor of the Dukes of Hamilton, of Abercorn, Earls of Haddington, Viscounts Boyne and Barons Belhaven (extinct peerage) and of all the Scotch and Irish families of Hamilton."

"This is from statistical accounts of Scotland, Vol. 5,
page 450, Edinburgh and Parish of Stevenston in Ayrshire."

Maybe so, but the results of my search indicate, rather positively,
that Josiah (above) was the great grandson of John Hamblton (Hamelton) of
Charlestown, Mass., 1658 and there seems to be no record of how or from
where the first John Hamilton immigrated to America.

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THE NAME OF HAMILTON

The name of Hamilton is said by some genealogists to be derived from the Anglo Saxon Hamill and tun, which literally means home (ham), hedgehog (il) and farm (tun). Others claim its origin from Hammel, meaning a mansion or seat of a freeholder, and dun, meaning a town or fortified place. The first census record of England, made about 1086 AD, known as the Domesday Book, mentions several places of Hamilton spelled Hameldun, Hamildune, Hamildone, Hamiltun, Hamiltune and Hameledune. In America, as in England, evidently the name was written into the early records as it happened to be pronounced or as the one writing conceived the name should be spelled. In the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register", there are listed under the name of Hamilton the following: Hamblton, Hambleton, Hambelton, Hamelton, Hammilton, Hamileton, Hamilton, Hamleton, Hammelton, Hamilton, and Hamilton. In the 1658 records of Charlestown, Mass., the name was spelled Hamblton, while a few years later the Concord vital statistics refers to the same person as John Hamelton. The son of John wrote his name "John Hamilton, Jr." and that spelling has since persisted in the family for some three hundred years.

TEN GENERATIONS IN AMERICA

These sketches deal with ten generations of Hamiltons over a period of three centuries of American History. In sequence the chain reads:

- I John Hamblton (Hamelton) (First Record 1658)
- II John Hamilton, Jr. b. 1667 d. 1747
- III Joseph Hamilton b. 1697 d. ----
- IV Josiah Hamilton b. 1724 d. 1792
- V Jude Hamilton b. 1750 d. 1798
- VI Walter Hamilton b. 1784 d. 1869
- VII Dillis Dyer Hamilton b. 1824 d. 1876
- VIII Edward Dillis Dyer Hamilton b. 1864 d. 1928
- IX Charles Walter Hamilton b. 1890 Living
- X Four Children of IX, all living.

Down through the Hamilton family the farmer predominates. John (I) is known only as a farmer. John Jr. was known as "Yeoman of Concord" when he came to Brookfield, although later he was granted land to encourage his trade as a "malster". Joseph, Josiah and Jude were all farmers in the region of Brookfield, when they were not fighting Indians in frontier skirmishes and taking part in the Revolutionary War. It is thought that Walter was also a farmer but may have practiced the trade of "hatter". Dillis Dyer was ordained a minister, however in middle life he too returned part time, to the soil as a farmer missionary in Michigan. While Edward Dillis Dyer was born and raised on a farm and lived all his life in a farming community he was the first to really break away from the old order of living by becoming a merchant. Charles Walter stepped even further

afield and chose for his livelihood the profession of geologist, which eventually led to an executive position in New York City and later in London. The tenth generation have never lived on a farm or even resided in a farming atmosphere - for them the farm influence is totally lacking.

Geographically, the family appeared first in America in the records of Charlestown, Mass., from where John moved to Concord, Mass., the birthplace of John Jr. The next three generations were born in Brookfield, Mass., and there raised their families. Walter removed to Sharon, Vermont, where all his children were born, after which the entire family moved to western New York State. Dillis Dyer became a minister of the Gospel, married and raised his several children in almost as many different towns in western New York before the whole family removed to Pompeii, Michigan. Edward Dillis Dyer grew to manhood in the country near his father's homestead, then located in business in Ithaca, Michigan, where he married and resided during his remaining lifetime. Charles Walter was born in Ithaca but after completing college in Oklahoma removed to Mexico and from thence to New Jersey. The tenth generation were born respectively in Grand Rapids, Mich., Tampico, Mexico, and two in Montclair, N. J.

A full account of the times, customs, conditions and events of each geographic stopping place in the circuitous trek of the Hamilton family would be interesting, no doubt, but too long a story to be incorporated herein. However, some of the historical highlights concerning each generation will be touched upon in the notes which follow.

JOHN HAMBLTON (Hamelton)

(First Record - Charlestown, Mass., 1658)

After a careful search of early Americana and English references, the writer admits not being able to establish the origin of John Hamblton or Hamelton on either side of the Atlantic. His forebears may have been titled gentry or even of noble birth but positive proof of any such connection has not been yet uncovered. In America, John was a typical pioneer farmer and his offspring for the five succeeding generations were for the most part tillers of the soil, therefore it would seem safe to assume that he too came from farmer stock. Probably either he or his father emigrated from Scotland or possibly England, at least the life and customs of his descendants in the new country afforded no indication of Irish ancestry.

The name of John Hamblton (Hamelton) or, in fact, of any Hamilton, however spelled, does not appear in "The Original Lists of Persons of Quality; Emigrants; Religious Exiles; Political Rebels; Serving Men sold for a term of years; Apprentices; Children Stolen; Maidens pressed; and others - who went from Great Britain to the American Plantations 1600-1700" (by John C. Hotten, 1880). While that book is an undisputed standard reference, so far as the lists go, the record covers only a few of the hundreds of ships which crossed the sea early in the seventeenth century. History notes that literally thousands of commoners and others sailed from the British Isles during those times on vessels not regularly engaged in trade or exploration. Few, nowadays, realize the far-flung activity of the British fishing fleets immediately following the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth (1620). The emigrants were a boon to that trade. Scores of vessels sailed westward crowded to the gunwales with people and chattel

and returned eastward full of fish and whale oil. One historian refers to the year 1626 with this comment, "The Coast of Newfoundland, for the most of late years, was frequented by 250 English vessels, estimated at 15,000 tons, employing 5000 persons and making an annual profit of about one hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds sterling".⁽¹⁾ So rapid was the influx of immigrants that by 1635 settlements in New England of such importance as to be dignified by name, numbered twenty-two all told. By 1638 it is estimated twenty-one thousand two hundred men, women and children had crossed the Atlantic to the shores of New England. Among the throng of undocumented settlers, traders, adventurers, prisoners and others who followed the Pilgrims to America, came John Hamblton.

Twenty-nine years following the settlement (1629) of Charlestown, Mass., or Mishawum, as it was first called, the land records ⁽²⁾ of the town list John Hamblton as holding several acres of woodland and commons. How long John had been in America before his name appears as a landowner

(1)
Holmes American Annals, Vol I page 195

(2)
Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Mass., Vol I,
p. 461 "John Hamblton had 4 acres woods 3 (not 1) of
commons 1653"

is not known. The history of his life is largely a blank save for one or two meager facts. John is reported to have married in Charlestown, sold his property and moved to Concord in 1658⁽³⁾. Then follows a gap of nine unaccounted-for years until his sons' birthdays were recorded. "John, son of John Hamelton and Christian was born (in Concord) Mar. 1, 1667:68" and "Joseph was born Jan. 9, 1671"⁽⁴⁾. In the absence of any proof to the contrary, it may be safely assumed that the John Hamelton of Concord is the same person as the John Hamblton of Charlestown despite the difference in spelling of the family name. In the pioneer days of this country those who could read and write were few in number, hence names similarly pronounced were often variously spelled according to the fancy of the one wielding the pen.

A history of early Concord says, "John Hamilton was here a few years before 1670 but removed to Marlborough"⁽⁵⁾. If so, the family did

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A History of the House of Hamilton, p. 1044 (contributed by Miss Paton and Miss S.L. Kimball): "John Hamblton and Christian - his wife sold lands in Charleston, Mass., in 1658 and removed to Concord, Mass."

ident, p. 1068. (Contributed by Mrs. W. H. Moore and Mr. C. W. Hamilton*): "Captain John Hamilton of Charlestown, Mass., 1651. (Arms. - Quarterly 1st and 4th gn a mullet org. between 3 cinquefoils erm, 2nd and 3rd gn a heart ppr between 3 cinquefoils erm. Crest - a boar's head)".

(*not the author of these sketches)

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Concord, Mass., Births, Marriages and Deaths 1635-1850,
p. 14 "John, son of John Hamelton and Christian b. Mar. 1, 1667:68"
p. 16 "Joseph, son of John Hamelton and Christian b. Jan. 9, 1671"

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History of the Town of Concord, Middlesex County, Mass. from earliest settlement to 1632, page 373

not tarry there long enough to be mentioned in the history of Marlborough or for the name to appear in the town lists of births, marriages and deaths of that period. It was about this time that King Philip of the Wampanoag Indian tribe struck his first blow at the whites. In the early spring of 1676 the Indians attacked both Concord and Marlborough as also many neighboring settlements. The sporadic warfare, which involved most of New England at one time or another, lasted from the fall of 1675 until the treaty of Casco was signed in 1678. In course of the fighting with the Indians many settlers were killed and whole settlements were abandoned. In the turmoil of these trying years John and Christian disappeared in so far as existing records are concerned.

II

JOHN HAMILTON, JR.

1667 - 1747

When John and Christian Hamelton removed from Concord to Marlborough some time after 1671, presumably their two young sons were taken along. But whatever may have been the eventual fate of the parents and perhaps also their second son did not befall their first born. John Jr. returned to his birthplace some time before he came of age and, it is believed, was married there. Unless there is an error in the Concord vital records the name of the mother of John Jr.'s first son - Joseph, born September 5, 1697⁽⁶⁾ - was Sarah. Less than two years later the mother of John's second son - John (III), born August 26, 1699⁽⁷⁾ - was entered on the record as Hanah. Perhaps Sarah died in childbed or shortly thereafter, or it may be Hanah was also called Sarah in her younger days. It is not certain. Whatever the facts, there can be no dispute but what Hanah was the mother of all John's children, except Joseph, and Hanah it was who later settled in Brookfield with John.

Identified as the "Yeoman of Concord", John Hamilton came to Brookfield⁽⁸⁾ in 1701 and there took up residence with his wife and two

(6) Concord, Mass. Births, Marriages and Deaths 1635-1850, p. 44

(7) Concord, Mass. Births, Marriages and Deaths 1635-1850, p. 48

(8) Holmes American Annals, Vol. I, p. 315 (settled as Quabaug 1660)

sons on a farm consisting of several parcels of land, house and barn⁽⁹⁾. In November of that year the Town Committee granted to him 50 acres of upland, formerly laid out to James Hosmore. Later he had a grant "as an encouragement to set up the trade of a malster". Within a very few years after the family arrived in the community, John Hamilton was a landowner of importance. On March 18, 1708, John sold his farm in Concord to Obadiah Wheeler⁽¹⁰⁾. Nine years later (Apr. 22, 1717), his name appears in a list of 98 landholders assessed a total of £121.3.8 "for the paying the Minister of Brookfield and the meetinghouse and other Necessary changes in sd place"⁽¹¹⁾. John Hamilton's tax assessment was £3.17.8, the third largest in the list - hence it would seem that at the time he was the third largest landholder in the town. On November 12, 1718, Brookfield was made a township. One of the first acts of the new town was to arrange for a confirmation of previous land grants and the apportionment among the then inhabitants of the lands not already taken up. By March, 1720, grants totaling 12,883 acres had been recorded. John (Sr.) was confirmed with 340 acres⁽¹²⁾. Later his holdings are said to have aggregated 556 acres⁽¹³⁾. In those

(9) History of North Brookfield, p. 613

(10) A History of the House of Hamilton, p. 1044

(11) History of North Brookfield, p. 194

(12) History of North Brookfield, p. 198

(13) History of North Brookfield, p. 449-463 incl. - also map opposite p. 449

days, pew ground in the meeting house was assigned only to men whose taxable estates entitled them to such distinction. During 1719 John Hamilton (Sr.) was granted pew room eight feet square.

The frontier towns suffered much from harassing attacks from the French and Indians during the early years of the eighteenth century. In 1704, particularly, was the normal routine of living disturbed in the country around Brookfield. Towns were cleared of provisions and the outlying fields were left unplowed and untilled. That year there was no harvest. Troops were constantly on the move. Recruits were drafted for scouting and garrison duty. So bad was the condition that when winter came the people of Brookfield were desperate. John Hamilton joined with twenty-two other men in sending a petition to the Government authorities - quoted below graphically and phonetically as written:

Brookfield, Dec. 14, 1704

"To His Excellancy, etc.

We hues names are underwritten do Humbly beage your Excelancy's faver and that you wod consider our weke condishone; the faver we beg is that we all ov us not such of us as find thay are under such disadvantages that they cant subsist there might remove into some other towne where they may worke for there liveinge. by the deficulty of the times we are reduste to such p'verty that we cant subsist except your onors will plese to grant us wages as solders and pay for our diat for we raize litle or none of our provision by rezen of our being drawn so far frome our improvements of Lands. our families are so large and our means are so small that we cant live without sume other imploye than any we have at presant. and if the honoured Cort se coaus to put us in as solders we will as we do account

it our duti conform to the order of authority - but we rather if it may be granted chuse to remove into other towns. and we humbly intrete that the onors of the Corte would plesse to grant us pay for our diat for the time we have searve(d) as soldears. No more at presant but we remain youars as followeth:"⁽¹⁴⁾

Two years later the inhabitants of Brookfield petitioned the Government to continue the bounty towards the Minister. This paper⁽¹⁵⁾ is also quoted for its interesting text and because "John Hamilton" appears as one of the inhabitants of the 19 Soldiers and 19 Inhabitants who signed:

"The Humble Address of the Inhabitants and Soldiers of Brookfield showeth our grateful acknowledgements to your Honours, in that you did so consider our low condition, in so much as your Hon^{rs} did the year past grant a considerable suply of Moneys towards the maintaining a Minister to preach the Gospel to us in this place. We now humbly begg the gracious continuance of your Hon^{rs} goodness and bounty to us for the ensuing year, els we shall starve and pine away for want of that spiritual food with the which throw your Honours liberality we were the last year so plentifully fed with.

Brookfield, Oct. 30, 1796"

⁽¹⁴⁾
History of North Brookfield, p. 167

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History of North Brookfield, p. 171

Many of the early records of Brookfield were lost or destroyed by the fire of 1862, hence it is now most difficult to piece together the vital facts respecting its settlers of over two hundred years ago. However, through the excellent work of the North Brookfield Historical Society, which was founded in 1864, and the research made possible by the Systematic History Fund (instituted in 1896), the "History of North Brookfield, with a Genealogical Register" by J. H. Temple and "Vital Records of Brookfield, Mass., to the end of the year 1849" by Franklin P. Rice, came to be published. Largely from these sources some information - believed to be substantially correct - has been abstracted concerning the children and grandchildren of John Hamilton.

Joseph, b. Concord Mass., Sept. 5, 1697 (see later notes
under "Joseph III")

John⁽¹⁶⁾ b. Concord, Mass., Aug. 26, 1699, son of John and
Hanah
m. Mary Wheeler of Spencer, Mass.,
Jan. 8, 1724(5)

Children - Rueben, John, Levi, Hannah,
Silas, Mary, and Mercy
d. Brookfield, Mass., 1745/6

Hannah, b. Brookfield, Mass. (?) 1704
m. William Ayres in Brookfield Jan. 8, 1724

Children - Hannah, Sarah, Joseph, Mary,
William, Elizabeth, Olive, Benjamin,
Lydia, and Increase

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(For record descendants of John Hamilton who married Mary Wheeler see "Historic Homes and Institutions and Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Worcester County, Mass.", compiled under supervision of Ellery Bicknell Crane. 1907. 4 vols - pages 392-393 and 394)

Dorothy, b. _____ (?)
 m. Josiah Wood in Brookfield, Dec. 14, 1725
 Children - Obadiah, Hannah, Dorothy, and Thomas
 d. _____, 1777 (?)

Jonah, b. _____ (?)
 m. Silence Brown in Brookfield, June 28, 1733
 Children - Israel, Amos, Marcy, Aaron, Thankful,
 Timothy, and Jabish

Nathan, b. _____ (?)
 m. Ruth Wheeler in Spencer, Mass., June 23, 1732
 Children - Ezra, Mary, Elisha, Moses, John, Hannah,
 and Ruth

Amos (17) b. _____ (?)
 m. 1st - Lydia
 Children - Lydia and Jason
 2nd - Miriam, widow of Daniel Newell, in
 Brookfield, September 1761
 d. _____, 1772 (?) (GS)

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History of Town of Palmer, Mass. 1716-1889
 by J. H. Temple

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The Hamilton Family

Col. Amos Hamilton came to Palmer when young and was a clerk in the store of Converse Bros at the Old Centre in 179_. He commenced trade in his own name, assisted by capital of some Brookfield Parties. From his stock in trade he disposed to the good people of the town shelf goods and family groceries, which included New England Rum, said to prevent or supply the loss of shrinkage on sugar.

Mr. Hamilton was probably descendant of John Hamilton of Concord that afterward settled in Brookfield in 1701. He was grandson of Amos, whose family registers and town records are unknown to me. He was town clerk for many years - from 1809 till the decline of life.

Col. Amos, b. 1773
 m. Sarah Brewer, b. 1769
 d. Jan. 9, 1831
 2nd Mrs Lucy Shearer
 d. Feb. 12, 1843

John, the second son of the "Yeoman of Concord", apparently inherited much of his father's aptitude for business. At the age of nineteen he was listed as a holder of property. Six years later the same young man built a sawmill on Seven-mile River which unites with Five-mile River in East Brookfield and then flows into the northeast corner of Quabaug Pond⁽¹⁸⁾. During 1722 John Hamilton 3rd was in service as scout along the Western Frontier, in what is known as Father Ralle's War, with Maj. John Chandler's company from August 16 to November 26⁽¹⁹⁾. In the fall of the next year the Indians descended on Rutland, killed several settlers and carried off two boys. Brookfield men went to the relief, among them being John. Later, in 1724, John was made Corporal of a squad of nine men in the Brookfield garrison.

Of the other sons of John and Hanah Hamilton there are no historical notes of interest.

The "Yeoman of Concord" died on December 9, 1747⁽²⁰⁾ at the age of 80 years. He must have been a shrewd, forceful citizen and a good father. As a farmer and trader in farm properties, John Hamilton attained considerable wealth for his time and community. Like their sturdy pioneer father, all his children grew to maturity and married well in Brookfield. It is regretted that so little is known about this great frontiersman and his family.

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History of North Brookfield, page 12

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History of North Brookfield, p. 203

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History of North Brookfield, p. 613

III

JOSEPH HAMILTON

1697 - ____ (?)

Joseph, the eldest son of John Jr. (II), was born in Concord, Mass., on September 5, 1697. The vital records⁽²¹⁾ of his birthplace give his mother's name as Sarah. Provided Sarah is correctly identified on the record she must have died in childbirth or very shortly thereafter, for another son, John, was born to John Jr. and Hanah less than two years later. Hanah is known to have been the mother of all of Joseph's brothers and sisters.

As has been noted in the preceding sketch, the family moved to Brookfield while Joseph was still a baby. Of his early life we know nothing. He married Sarah ____ about 1719 but there is no information available as to her maiden name or as to the exact date and place of the ceremony. However, their six sons and three daughters were all born in Brookfield as follows⁽²²⁾: Melesent (Milesent), May 16, 1720; Joseph, Jr., April 14, 1722; Josiah, November 17, 1724; Mary, April 15, 1727; Sarah, October 20 (Nov. 21), 1729; Eliphalet, February 13, 1734⁽⁵⁾; Seth, ____ 1737; Nathaniel, ____ 1739 (?); Erastus (Eresters), September 25, 1741.

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Concord, Mass., Births, Marriages and Deaths 1635-1850 p. 44

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Vital Records of Brookfield to the end of the year 1849 by F. P. Rice 1909. Also, undated letter A.H. Page (1807-1884) to C. A. Hamilton (1831-1921) now in possession of the author.

In the appendix hereto will be found some further vital details about these children and their respective families.

According to the history of the town, in 1739 Joseph was appointed one of a committee of two "to prevent killing of deer, as law provides"⁽²³⁾. The same source says "Great Brook, named in early deeds, runs into Quabaug from the southeast. Joseph Hamilton built a sawmill on the only privilege here about 1747"⁽²⁴⁾.

Joseph Sr. probably owned farm property though his name does not appear in the early Brookfield land records or tax lists.

It is not known when or where either Joseph, Sr. or his wife Sarah Hamilton died.

In preparing these sketches no attempt has been made to present in any detail or even generally the life history of all the sons and daughters of each successive generation. However, in searching for material concerning the direct family line there has come to light, in certain cases, information of such interest and character as to justify inclusion herein. The activity of Joseph's sons in the last French and Indian wars and in the Revolutionary War are especially worthy of mention, as reflecting the condition of the times and more particularly the loyal valor of those pioneer Hamilton men.

⁽²³⁾
History of North Brookfield, p. 202

⁽²⁴⁾
History of North Brookfield, p. 15

Not long after the treaty of Aix la Chapelle (1748), the Indians recommenced hostilities. Finally the English Government determined to end this constant marauding by breaking the French dominion along the northern frontier of the American Colonies and called upon the Provinces to furnish their full quotas of men for several different and widely scattered expeditions. So began the last French and Indian War, waged from 1754 to 1763⁽²⁵⁾. For the expedition to the Eastern Frontiers, Seth Hamilton enlisted in 1754 for service with Captain Eleazer Melvin's Concord company and was out from May to November. In the Crown Point expedition, Sergeant Josiah Hamilton and Nathan Hamilton served in Capt. Andrew Dalrymple's Petersham company from August 9 to December 27, 1755. From February to December, 1756, Ensign Joseph Hamilton, Eliphalet Hamilton and Nathan Hamilton were enlisted in Captain Edmund Bemis' Spencer company in the campaign against the forts at Crown Point and Niagara. Several alarms in 1757 called out Brookfield men. That year, in the expeditions planned against Crown Point and Ticonderoga were Sergeant Nathan Hamilton, Eliphalet Hamilton and Josiah Hamilton in Captain Jabez Upham's company from August 9 to August 26. In 1759, Lieutenant Eliphalet Hamilton and his brother Erastus served under Captain Sylvanus Walker in his Brookfield company from May 15 to December 27, and Nathan Hamilton took part in another Crown Point expedition with Captain Wm. Paige's Hardwick company. Nathan Hamilton again went out from February to December, 1760, with the company of Captain Daniel McFarland of Worcester. Though the reduction of Canada theoretically ended the war, yet in the spring

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History of North Brookfield, p. 209-219

of 1761 Massachusetts levied an army of 3000 men. In this levy Nathan was made Ensign under Captain John White of the First Company Brookfield Militia - no doubt some of his brothers served in the militia ranks but their names are not on record. The campaign against the French and Indians officially terminated with the signing of the Treaty at Paris February 10, 1763.

After a comparatively quiet period of twelve years the British soldiers began their historic advance on Lexington and Concord. The news appears to have reached Brookfield April 19, 1775. Three companies of Minute Men and Rangers immediately started for the scene of conflict. With these companies marched several of Joseph Hamilton's boys, namely 2nd Lieu't Nathan, Erastus and Josiah. (Also Josiah's son Jude, then a young man of 25 years). Joseph Jr. enlisted later in the war which followed and rendered notable service along with the other three brothers. The brief resume of their respective service in the War for Independence is taken verbatim from the "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution", Vol. 7 of 17 volumes:

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HAMILTON, Joseph, Brookfield. Private, Capt. Peter Harwood's co., Col. Ebenezer Learned's regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted July 15, 1775; service, 2 weeks 3 days; also company return dated Oct. 7, 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Camp at Roxbury, Dec. 20, 1775; also, company receipt, given to Capt. Barnabas Sears, for ammunition, dated Dorchester Camp, Feb. 15, 1776; also, certificate dated Hardwick, July 19, 1776, signed by Capt. Barnabas Sears, stating that said Hamilton was a soldier in his company and that a gun belonging to him, but in the hands of Obadiah Adams, was broken to pieces by a cannon ball on the night of March 10, 1776, at Dorchester Hill, which killed said Adams, and asked remuneration for said gun; £1 16.s. allowed by resolve of September 9, 1776.

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HAMILTON, Josiah, Brookfield. (see later sketch under Josiah IV)

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HAMILTON, Nathan, Brookfield. 2d Lieutenant, Capt. Ithamar Wright's co., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; returned home May 1, 1775; service, 15 days, travel included; mileage out and home (126 miles) also allowed; also, Lieutenant; company receipt, given to Capt. Barnabas Sears, for ammunition, dated Dorchester Camp, Feb. 15, 1776; also, 1st Lieutenant, Capt. Barnabas Sear's co., Col. Whitney's regt.; list of officers dated 1776; also, 1st Lieutenant, Capt. Jonathan King's 1st (Brookfield) co., Col. James Converse's (4th Worcester Co.) regt. of Mass. militia; list of officers chosen by the several companies in said regiment, dated Brookfield, May 14, 1776; ordered in Council May 31, 1776, that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned May 31, 1776; also, Captain, Col. Samuel Brewer's regt.; service from August 3, 1776, to Sept. 30, 1776 1 mo. 29 (also given 2 mos 2) days; also, captain, same regt.; pay abstract for travel allowance, etc., from Fort Edward home, dated Brookfield, Feb. 6, 1777; said Hamilton credited with allowance for $8\frac{1}{2}$ days (170 miles); also, same regt.; pay abstract for travel allowance, etc., dated Brookfield, Feb. 17, 1777; 160 miles travel allowed said Hamilton; also, Captain, 1st co., Col. James Converse's (4th Worcester co.) regt. of Mass. militia; list of officers chosen in said company, dated Brookfield, July 23, 1777; ordered in Council July 29, 1777, that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned July 29, 1777."

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HAMILTON, Erastus, Brookfield. Private, Capt. Ithamar Wright's co., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775; returned home April 22, 1775; service, 7 days, travel included; mileage out and home (126) miles also allowed; also, Capt. John Banister's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt.; enlisted Sept. 7, 1777; discharged Nov. 29, 1777; service, 3 mos. 2 days, with Northern army, including 9 days (180 miles) travel home; also, list of men dated Brookfield, June 13, 1778, showing service credited to them, respectively, as returned by the committee chosen to make an average of the service rendered to the credit of the 3rd Precinct of Brookfield; total amount of service rendered made to average $5\frac{1}{2}$ months for each single poll in said precinct; said Hamilton credited with $3\frac{1}{4}$ mos. service; also, Private; pay roll of a company of volunteers who enlisted from Capt. Nathan Hamilton's co., belonging to the 3d Precinct in Brookfield, upon application to Committee of Safety of Brookfield by Samuel Webb, Conductor of Ordnance Stores at that place, for guards; service from Jan. 1, 1779,

to Feb. 6, 1779, 1 mo. 6 days, under Lieut. Joseph Olmstead, guarding magazine stores, and 6 days in addition guarding stores to Providence by order of Col. Chevers, making a total of 1 mo. 12 days service.

Author's Note:

Eliphalet Hamilton, son of Joseph, is not listed among the men who served in the War of the Revolution, though Eliphalet, son of Erastus and grandson of Joseph, enlisted at age of seventeen ("Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution"; see page 151, Vol. 7). Seth Hamilton, son of Joseph, may have served for a short time in 1779 and 1780 ("Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution"; see page 160, Vol. 7), but the writer believes the Seth mentioned was the son of Josiah, grandson of Joseph, as he would have been about seventeen at that time.)

IV

JOSIAH HAMILTON

1724 - 1792

Josiah was born to Joseph (III) and Sarah Hamilton on November 17, 1724, in the township of Brookfield, Mass., then a growing frontier settlement situated on the low rolling sparsely timbered hills surrounding Quabaug, South, Wekabaug and other smaller ponds. The lands were fertile; the streams abounded in fish and were the source of water power for saw-mill, grist-mill and blacksmith shop. Iron ore was easily accessible from the bottom and shores of the Wekabaug. In the meeting house, which his grandfather had had a part in establishing about 1719, it may be presumed, young Josiah learned his R's on week days in winter and attended religious service on the Sabbath. During the spring, summer and early fall months, no doubt Josiah, like the other lads in the settlement, tilled the soil from early morn until late at night. Every boy had his task in those strenuous times.

Josiah's father built a sawmill on Great Brook, which runs into Quabaug Pond from the southeast, in 1747. During the same year, or shortly before - the exact date is not recorded - Josiah married Hulder (Hulda)⁽²⁶⁾, the eighteen-year old daughter of Comfort and Sarah Barnes of Brookfield. To this union there were born seven sons and five daughters. Despite the drudgery of pioneer farm life, the harrowing alarms of Indian attacks and

⁽²⁶⁾Brookfield Vital Record, p. 32 (Hulder Barnes b. June 11, 1729)

the vicissitudes of motherhood, Hulda lived to the grand age of 93 years. Thirty years following the decease of her husband, this remarkable pioneer woman died in Brookfield on May (10) 1822 and was buried in the local cemetery. On her gravestone may still be seen this inscription: "My descendants are a host amounting to 218. The old must die, the young may die"(27).

All the children of Josiah and Hulda were born in Brookfield, all but one married there or in Spencer, Mass., and eight of the twelve are known to have died in Brookfield. The first born was Comfort, June 15, 1748; then followed in the order named - Jude, April 8, 1750; Josiah, Jr., June 3, 1752; Hulda, April 29, 1754; Bulah, May 6, 1756; Asa⁽²⁸⁾, May 1, 1758; Joseph, September 5, 1760; Seth, September 16, 1762; Sarah, February 5, 1765; Cheney, September 2, 1767; Cynthia, October 15, 1769; and Lucy, January 13, 1772. (Other vital data concerning these children, their marriages, death dates and particulars are to their respective children and grandchildren, will be found in the appendix to these sketches.)

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Brookfield Vital Record, p. 494

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by Salome Hamilton (1894)

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My great grandfather, Dr. Asa Hamilton, son of Josiah 2nd, was born in Brookfield, May 1, 1758, married Rebecca Hamilton in 1777, removed to Somers Ct May 18, 1779 and died April 16, 1801. Rebecca, his wife, was the daughter of John Hamilton of Brookfield. John Hamilton and Johanna Woolcott were married June 24, 1753. John moved to and died in Palmer, Mass. Rebecca was born in Brookfield, June 18, 1758.

by Horatio A. Hamilton
Dec. 9, 1887, age 47

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Shortly after Josiah became a father for the fourth time the Provinces were called upon by the English Government to furnish troops to man the expeditions projected against the French and Indians along the frontiers. In these campaigns Josiah and his brothers took an active part. Josiah served as Serg't in the Crown Point Expedition under Capt. Andrew Dalrymple from August 9 to December 27, 1755⁽²⁹⁾ and as a private in the Crown Point-Ticonderoga expedition under Capt. Jabez Upham from August 9 to August 26, 1757⁽³⁰⁾. He may have engaged in other service during the last French and Indian Wars, during the period 1754-1763, but there is no specific data available to such effect. However, Josiah had won the title of Ensign before the War of Independence for on the gravestone of his eldest son, who died in Brookfield during April 1772, there appear these words: "Comfort Hamilton, son of Ensⁿ Josiah Hamilton"⁽³¹⁾.

Among the Rangers who went out of Brookfield and Spencer, Mass., on that memorable April 19, 1775 in consequence of the alarm on said day of the British advance on Lexington and Concord, Josiah, then a man of over 50 years, marched under Capt. Woolcott with his son Jude, his son-in-law William Hamilton, and his uncle, Sarg't Elisha Hamilton⁽³²⁾. His brothers, 2nd Lieut. Nathan and private Erastus Hamilton, went out on the same day

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with the Minute company under Capt. Ithamar Wright. Josiah Hamilton also marched with a company of volunteers under command of Capt. Asa Danforth, from Brookfield Sept. 23, 1777 to join the army of General Gates⁽³³⁾ at the Northwest and took part in the battle of Saratoga on October 7. The record of his service in the war of the Revolution is briefly as follows:⁽³⁴⁾

HAMILTON, Josiah, Brookfield. Private, Capt. John Woolcott's co. of rangers, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Brookfield and Spencer; service, 12 days; also, Capt. Asa Danforth's co. of volunteers; service, 20 days; mileage (130 miles) allowed; company marched from Brookfield Sept. 23, 1777, to join army under Gen. Gates at the Northward; also, list of men dated Brookfield, June 30, 1778, showing service credited to them, respectively, as returned by the committee chosen to make an average of the service rendered to the credit of the 3rd Precinct of Brookfield; total amount of service rendered made to average $5\frac{1}{2}$ months for each single poll in said precinct; said Hamilton credited with $5\frac{1}{2}$ mos. service.

Though the service files do not credit Josiah with having been a commissioned officer in the militia or volunteer army of the Revolution, it is certain that following the War he was known among his townsmen as Lieut. Josiah Hamilton. Upon his death in Brookfield, there was erected in his memory a gravestone in the local cemetery, on which may be still dimly seen the inscription "Lieut. Josiah Hamilton, March 22, 1792 in 68th Y."⁽³⁵⁾

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History of North Brookfield, p. 234

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"Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution", Vol. 7, p. 157

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Brookfield Vital Records, p. 494

Five of Josiah's sons and William Hamilton, his son-in-law, served with the militia and volunteer troops in the New England campaigns of the Revolution. Their service records are given in Vol. 7 of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution" as follows:

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HAMILTON, Jude (see later sketch under Jude V)

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HAMILTON, Josiah, Jr. List of men dated Brookfield, June 30, 1778, showing service credited to them, respectively, as returned by the committee chosen to make an average of the service rendered to the credit of the 3d Precinct of Brookfield; total amount of service rendered made to average $5\frac{1}{2}$ months for each single poll in said precinct; said Hamilton credited with $8\frac{1}{2}$ mos. service; also, Corporal; pay roll of a company of volunteers who enlisted from Capt. Nathan Hamilton's co., belonging to the 3d Precinct in Brookfield, upon application to Committee of Safety of Brookfield by Samuel Webb, Conductor of Ordnance Stores at that place, for guards; service from Jan. 1, 1779, to Feb. 6, 1779, 1 mo. 6 days, under Lieut. Joseph Olmstead, guarding magazine stores.

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HAMILTON, William, Brookfield. Private, Capt. John Wolcott's co. of rangers, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Brookfield and Spencer; service 12 days; also, company receipt, given to Capt. Barnabas Sears, for ammunition, dated Dorchester Camp, Feb. 15, 1776; also, Private, Capt. Asa Danforth's co. of volunteers; service, 22 days; mileage (130 miles) allowed; company marched from Brookfield Sept. 23, 1777, to join army under Gen. Gates at the Northward; also, list of men dated Brookfield, June 30, 1778, showing service credited to them, respectively, as returned by the committee chosen to make an average of the service rendered to the credit of the 3d Precinct of Brookfield; total amount of service rendered made to average $5\frac{1}{2}$ months for each single poll in said precinct; said Hamilton credited with $3\frac{1}{3}$ mos. service; also, list of men mustered; said Hamilton appears among men raised for Col. Wade's regt. for service at Rhode Island; Capt. Cutler's Co.; mustered June 8 (year not given); also, Private, Capt. John Cutler's co., Col. Nathaniel Wade's regt.; enlisted May 21, 1778; service to June 10, 1778, 20 days, at Rhode Island; also, same co. and regt.; enlisted July 15, 1778; service, 5 mos. 21 days, at Rhode Island; travel

HAMILTON, William
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(80 miles) home allowed; also, same co. and regt.; muster rolls dated East Greenwich, Sept. 17, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, and Dec. 1, 1778; enlistment to expire Jan. 1, 1779; also, receipt dated Brookfield, Oct. 20, 1779, for bounties paid said Hamilton and others by the Selectmen to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 months, agreeable to resolve of Oct. 9, 1779; also, Sergeant, Capt. Joseph Richard's co., Col. Samuel Denny's regt.; engaged Oct. 19, 1779; discharged Nov. 23, 1779; service, 1 mo. 12 days, at Claverack, including 7 days (140 miles) travel home; company raised for 3 months; roll sworn to in Worcester Co.

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HAMILTON, ASA

List of men dated Brookfield, June 30, 1778, showing service credited to them, respectively, as returned by the committee chosen to make an average of the service rendered to the credit of the 3d Precinct of Brookfield; total amount of service rendered made to average $5\frac{1}{2}$ months for each single poll in said precinct; said Hamilton credited with $1\frac{1}{3}$ mos. service.

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HAMILTON, Joseph,

Brookfield. List of men dated Brookfield, June 30, 1778, showing service credited to them, respectively, as returned by the committee chosen to make an average of the service rendered to the credit of the 3d Precinct of Brookfield; total amount of service rendered made to average $5\frac{1}{2}$ months for each single poll in said precinct; said Hamilton credited with $3\frac{1}{3}$ mos. service; also, Private; pay roll of a company of volunteers who enlisted from Capt. Nathan Hamilton's co., belonging to the 3d Precinct in Brookfield, upon application to Committee of Safety of Brookfield by Samuel Webb, Conductor of Ordnance Stores at that place, for guards; service from Jan. 1, 1779, to Feb. 6, 1779, 1 mo. 6 days, under Lieut. Joseph Olmstead, guarding magazine stores, and 6 days in addition, guarding stores to Providence by order of Col. Chevers, making a total of 1 mo. 12 days service; also, receipt dated April 3, 1781, for bounty paid said Hamilton by Benjamin Felton, on behalf of the 3d Precinct of the town of Brookfield, to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years; also, descriptive list of men raised in Worcester Co. to serve in the Continental Army, agreeable to resolve of Dec. 2, 1780, as returned by Seth Washburn, Superintendent; Capt. Hamilton's co., Col. Rice's regt.; age 20 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 5 in.; complexion, light; occupation, farmer; engaged for town of Brookfield; engaged Jan. 30, 1781; term, 3 years; also, Private, Capt. James Tisdale's co., Col. John Greation's (3d) regt.; muster roll for June, 1781, dated Camp

HAMILTON, Joseph,
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Phillipsburgh; enlisted April 18, 1781; enlistment, 3 years; also, muster rolls for Aug. and Sept. 1781, dated Camp Peekskill; reported on command at West Point in Aug., 1781; promoted to Corporal Oct. 1, 1781; also, Corporal, same co. and regt.; muster roll for Oct. and Nov., 1781, dated Camp Highlands; also, muster rolls for Dec., 1781-Feb., 1782, dated Huttons, New Boston; also descriptive list dated Huttons, New Boston, May 13, 1782; Capt. James Tisdale's co., Col. John Groaton's (3d) regt.; age, 20 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (also given 5 ft. 5 in.); complexion, light; hair, light; eyes, dark; occupation, yeoman (also given laborer); residence, Brookfield; enlisted April 18, 1781; enlistment, 3 years; also, Corporal, Capt. Tisdale's (3d) co., Col. Groaton's regt.; muster rolls for Sept. and Oct., 1782; also, Capt. Tisdale's (3d) co., 3d Mass. regt. commanded by Lieut. Col. James Mellin; muster rolls for Jan. and Feb., 1783; also, Sergeant, Capt. Tisdale's (4th) co., 3d Mass. regt. commanded by Col. Michael Jackson; muster roll for Aug. and Sept., 1783; also, 3d co., 3d Mass. regt.; list of men who died or were discharged in the year 1783; said Hamilton discharged Oct. 5, 1783, for inability; reported as having received clothing at various dates between Nov. 20, 1782, and Aug. 25, 1783.

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HAMILTON, Seth

Brookfield. Private, Capt. William Henry's co.; enlisted Oct. 2, 1779; discharged Nov. 10, 1779; service, 1 mo. 13 days, travel included, at Castle and Governor's Islands; distance to camp 71 miles; company raised in Worcester Co.; also, Capt. Thomas Whipple's co.; enlisted April 20, 1780; discharged Dec. 20, 1780; service, 8 mos. 1 day, with guards at Rutland.

JUDE HAMILTON

1750 - 1798

Jude, second child of Josiah (IV) and Hulda Barnes Hamilton, was born in Brookfield, Mass., April 8, 1750. As to his boyhood there is no specific information extant. However, it may be assumed he was raised on a farm as had been his father Josiah, his grandfather Joseph, and his great-grandfather John before him.

Brookfield was no longer a frontier town. Leicester, Sturbridge, Brimfield, Western and Hardwick had sprung up on her borders and so stood as outposts between the older settlement and the Indians. The latter had been peaceful for some years until incited by the French to attack the Colonial settlers as the result of the war declared by France against England in 1744. This outbreak, with its consequent alarms, lasted for five years. Then followed four years of quiet. Again in 1754 the Indians recommenced hostilities and this time England and the colonies determined to effect a lasting peace through the conquest of Canada. Jude was too young for service in the last French and Indian war, 1754-1763, but his father and uncles marched out of Brookfield on several expeditions. The boy must have been stirred with the excitement and fervor of the period.

On October 31, 1771, Jude was married to Sarah Hoyt, also of Brookfield. For some unknown reason the existing Brookfield birth records contain no reference to the children of either Jude and Sarah or Jude and his second wife Rhoda, although it seems certain the family lived in the Town until after Jude's death in 1798. As a matter of fact Jude, Sarah, and their two daughters, Zubah and Charlotte, were buried in the local cemetery.

Vital facts concerning the children of Jude and Sarah have largely been assembled from various notes appearing in the old family Bible, of which mention is made in the Preface, and an undated letter from Adaline Hamilton Page (1807-1884) to her youngest sister Charlotte A. Hamilton (1831-1921). From this source it has been determined there were four sons and five daughters born to Sarah as follows: Zubah (daughter), _____ 1771; Comfort, June __, 1774; Jude, Jr., July 4, 1776; Betsy, March __, 1778; Aruba, January 1, 1779; Calvin U., __ 1780; Charlotte, _____ 1782; Walter (IV), April 9, 1784; Sarah, August 3, 1786; and Fanny, January 1, 1789 ⁽³⁶⁾. Less than two years after the birth of Fanny, the mother died (July 6, 1790) at the age of 41 years and was buried in Brookfield. The gray sandstone grave marker still stands but was in poor condition when seen in 1930.

Jude married a second time on April 18, 1793 - to Rhoda Prouty of Spencer, Mass. ⁽³⁷⁾ then a woman of 33 years. She was the eleventh child in a family of twelve, the oldest of whom was twenty when she was born. The Prouty name is one of the most numerous of any in early Spencer history. Rhoda's great-grandfather, Richard Prouty, lived in Scituate in 1667. Her grandfather Isaac, who married Elizabeth Merritt in 1710, removed to Spencer with his six sons and one daughter. David Prouty (b. 1716 d. Dec. 29, 1767), father of

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For more detailed information concerning the children of Jude and Sarah, see appendix.

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Vital Records, Spencer, Mass., p. 195

Rhoda, married Elizabeth Smith in 1739. Rhoda's marriage to Jude occurred after the death of both her parents. To this union were born three children ⁽³⁸⁾, namely Washington, Harriet and Nancy, but there is no record of their birth dates in either the Spencer or Brookfield records. It is certain however, these children were born in the five years following 1793. Rhoda died April 13, 1824 ⁽³⁹⁾.

When the alarm of the British Soldiers' advance towards Lexington and Concord came on April 19, 1775, Jude Hamilton marched out as a private with the Rangers under Capt. John Wolcott. With him went his father and several uncles. The three companies of Minute Men and Rangers from Brookfield and Spencer were in service 12 days on this particular foray. Jude's further record in the War of the Revolution is quoted ⁽⁴⁰⁾:

".....; also, list of men dated Brookfield, June 30, 1778, showing service credited to them, respectively, as returned by the committee chosen to make an average of the service rendered to the credit of the 3d Precinct of Brookfield; total amount of service rendered made to average $5\frac{1}{2}$ months for each single poll in said precinct; said Hamilton credited with $3\frac{2}{3}$ mos. service; also, Private, Capt. Adam Henry's co. of guards; enlisted Jan. 5, 1779; discharged March 31 (also given April 1), 1779; service, 2 mos. 28 days; company detached from militia to guard troops of convention at Rutland for 3 months from Jan. 1, 1779."

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From Notes in undated letter Adaline H. Page to Charlotte A. Hamilton

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From notes in Family Bible in possession of the author

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"Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution", Vol. 7, p. 157:

Jude Hamilton (Sr.) died June 25, 1798. The white marble monument which marks his grave in the Brookfield cemetery is still in an excellent state of preservation with its inscription clearly legible.

This sketch would not be complete without referring to that memorable gathering of Jude's surviving children in Rochester, N.Y., in the summer of 1858. An account of this meeting as written by Rev. Edgar J. Goodspeed, Baptist University of Rochester, is quoted below in full:

"Rarely does such a gathering of aged persons take place as I have been privileged to witness this week at the house of Dr. O. D. Hamilton, South Sophia St. The children of a Massachusetts farmer of Revolutionary times, they inherited the constitutions of New England men, and received that moral training that has resulted in an old age of intelligence and piety. The youngest of the five is a resident of Auburn. Mrs. Sarah H. Dibble, now seventy years of age yet retaining the vigor of a modern lady of forty. The youngest of the four brothers, Mr. Walter Hamilton, resides in this city, is a member of the Washington St. Church and bids fair to outrun all in the race of life, though seventy-two winters have whitened his locks. Mr. Calvin U. Hamilton, whose son, Dr. Frank H. Hamilton⁽⁴¹⁾ of Buffalo has won an enviable distinction in the medical world is seventy-six, has been many years an elder in the Washington St. Church. Mr. Jude Hamilton of Geneva, aged eighty, was born on the day of the Declaration of Independence.

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The Dr. Frank Hastings Hamilton referred to above as the son of Calvin U. was born in Wilmington, Vt., 1813, and died in Rochester, N.Y., Aug. 11 (1884 ?). Graduated from University of Pennsylvania 1833, - Professor of Surgery at the Fairfield, N. Y. Medical School in 1839 and Geneva Medical School 1840; assisted in establishing medical department of the University of Buffalo 1846 where he taught surgery; moved to Brooklyn 1860 where he was first professor of surgery in Long Island Hospital; became surgeon of the Thirty-first New York regiment in Civil War 1861 and was made brigade surgeon after battle of Bull Run and surgeon of Ben. Keyes Corps in 1862; later became medical inspector of U.S. Army; one of founders of Bellevue Medical College in 1861 and professor of surgery there until 1875; voluminous writer and accepted authority on surgery; one of the physicians who attended President Garfield when he was shot in 1881.

In his own striking language he said 'I shall never forget the date on which my country was born, on which I was born, and on which my sainted mother⁽⁴²⁾ and my wife died'. He is an Episcopalian, but on Sabbath afternoon the five surrounded the Lord's table in holy communion, at Dr. Shaw's Church, as members of the same family in Christ. Mr. Comfort Hamilton of Avon, long an elder in the Presbyterian Church, though eighty-two years have passed their storms upon him, yet walks erect a hale, hearty old man. Their united ages amount to 380 years, the average age of the five being 76. This meeting so fraught with pleasant memories, is yet solemn, because probably the last this side of Heaven. Fifty years have elapsed since they all met but fifty more will not have passed before they all gather around their Father's throne in Heaven no more to separate."



The four brothers in front row from left to right are:
 Jude Hamilton of Geneva, 80 years; Comfort Hamilton of Avon, 82 years;
 Calvin Hamilton of Rochester 76 years; Walter Hamilton of Rochester, 72 years
 Rear row from left to right:
 Sarah Hamilton Dibble of Auburn, 70 years; Orlando Dyer Hamilton of Rochester, 40 years;
 Mehetable Dyer Hamilton of Rochester, 67 years
 This photo was taken in 1856.

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Sarah, his mother, died July 6, 1790, according to inscription on her headstone in Brookfield

VI

WALTER HAMILTON

1784 - 1869

Although the existing vital records of the Town of Brookfield - admittedly incomplete by reason of missing documents, either lost or burned - fail to note the birth of Walter Hamilton, his daughter Adaline has written "Our father, Walter, visited South Brookfield in 1848 and found the house in which they were all born still perfect and the same as when he left; then he visited the graveyard and found the graves of his ancestors for several generations". In the old family Bible, of which mention has heretofore been made in these Sketches, there are several inscriptions referring to Walter's birthdate as "April 9, 1784 in Brookfield, Mass." This son of Jude (V) and Sarah Hoyt Hamilton was only six years old when his mother died. Three years later his father married again, no doubt realizing the need of a mother's hand and influence in the caring for this family of nine living children, the oldest of which was then nineteen (Comfort), while the youngest (Fanny) had but reached the age of four years. Rhoda Prouty of Spencer was already a mature woman when she undertook to mother Jude's flock on April 18, 1793. Not only did she manage to create a wholesome home life for the foster children but she became mother in her own right to three more of Jude's offspring. Two years after the new mother came into the home, Betsy married Joel Adams, Jr., and about the same time Comfort left the fireside to make his own way in the world. However, despite their leaving it must have been a jolly family for a time, with at least five of the daughters and three or maybe four of the sons under the same roof.

Then came the sad year of 1798 when two were taken by death. Walter's second oldest living sister, Aruba, then a girl of nineteen, died on January 19th and on June 25th his father Jude passed away at the age of 48 years. Then or shortly thereafter the older children began to migrate from Brookfield.

Walter removed to Sharon, Vermont, some time during the eight years following his father's death. In that place he met and married Mehitable Dyer* on Nov. 12, 1806. Probably Walter, like his forebears for several generations, was a farmer, although one of his grandchildren has said he was a "hatter". The extant family records all agree that Walter and Mehitable Hamilton resided in Sharon for at least twenty-five years.

The fourteen children, ten daughters and four sons, of Walter and Mehitable were all born in Sharon. Two of the daughters died a few days after birth, one son lived only four months and one other daughter died but three weeks short of her first birthday. The family consisted of Adaline ⁽⁴³⁾, born Oct. 23, 1807; after who were born Cordelia Almira, April 19, 1809; Mary Ann, January 6, 1811; Aurora, September 8, 1812; Emily Maria, June 17, 1814; Manson Dyer, February 15, 1816; Orlando Dyer, March 7, 1817; Eliza Learned, June 18, 1819; Harriett Orvilla, June 8,

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Married John Page 1828. Frequent reference has been made in these Sketches to the family history in her undated letter to her youngest sister Charlotte Aurora Hamilton.

(*) See later text "The Dyers and The Bradfords", these Sketches page _____

1821; Dillis Dyer (VII), January 14, 1824; an infant girl, August 20, 1825; Charles Raymond, January 28, 1827; an infant girl, November 25, 1829; and Charlotte Aurora ⁽⁴⁴⁾, August 16, 1831.

So far as is known, none of the children married in Sharon and none of them came to reside there after marriage. However, Adaline, the oldest child, married a John Page of Queechee, Vermont, in 1828 and eight years later Emily Maria married a Daniel Morris Cummings of Woodstock, Vermont.

Some time between 1831 and 1841 Walter and Mehitable Hamilton and their unmarried sons and daughters removed to Rochester, New York. Several of Walter's brothers and one sister also migrated to Western New York about this time but whether they moved before Walter or after he did, is not certain. The reasons which prompted their removal from Massachusetts and Vermont to Western New York are not known. It is possible, the family may have been persuaded to leave the lean farms of New England for the more fertile fields bordering that great Inland water way, the Erie Canal, which was first opened to navigation from the Hudson River through to the Great Lakes in 1825. From the first the Canal was jammed with traffic. By 1835 the cut had to be widened. The new and cheap water transportation induced immigration of people to the Middle West and

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Author's Note: Charlotte A. Hamilton lived to be 90 years old. She visited my father's home in Ithaca, Michigan, when I was a baby. At her request I was named "Walter" after her father - my great grandfather. In 1898 my sister was baptized Charlotte Aurora Hamilton in this great-aunt's honor; their respective birthdays being in the same month (August), but 67 years and one day apart.

the movement of food and farm products eastward. The intermediate canal towns, such as Rochester, began to grow as they tapped the ebb and flow of traffic each way. Walter and his brothers had been farmers in New England and they probably continued as such in New York State, at least for a few years, until their children reached maturity.

Even in those early days there were good grade schools in the larger towns and already several young colleges were flourishing in Western New York. Evidently Walter's children were given every scholastic advantage. Mary Ann began teaching school at the age of fifteen and continued in that service all her life. Orlando Dyer became a physician. Dillis Dyer graduated from the Rochester University in 1853 and later was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church. Charlotte Aurora was also a school teacher in her younger days but travelled extensively in this country and abroad when she retired from active teaching. Emily Maria's husband, Daniel Cummings, was millright by trade but also a machinist and patentee. As to the other children's education and occupation, little is known to the writer.

In the summer of 1856 Walter met with his brothers Jude, Comfort and Calvin and his sister Sarah H. Dibble, in the home of his son Dr. O.D. Hamilton, on Sophia Street, Rochester ⁽⁴⁵⁾. It was the first time in fifty years that the five had all been together. At that time Sarah was a resident of Auburn; Walter and Calvin were living in Rochester,

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For full text of article by Rev. Edgar J. Goodspeed, "Meeting of Aged Worthies", see text under Jude (V)

and were members of the Washington Street Presbyterian Church ⁽⁴⁶⁾ which afterwards became the Central Presbyterian; Comfort was an elder in a church of the same denomination in Avon, while Jude is credited as being an Episcopalian from Geneva.

On Monday, March 22, 1869, Captain ⁽⁴⁷⁾ Walter Hamilton died at the age of 85 years. The funeral took place from the home of his son-in-law Ezra Taylor at 205 Plymouth Avenue, Rochester. His good wife, Mehitable, lived until February 24, 1874, when she too was laid to rest from the home of her daughter Mrs. Ezra Taylor (Harriet Orvilla Hamilton).

This sketch would not be complete in any sense without the inclusion of some family history of that lovely lady to whom Walter Hamilton was so happily wed for sixty-three years. Mehitable Dyer's ^(*) parents, Ebenezer and Mehitable Ensworth Dyer, married in Canterbury, Conn., June 24, 1784, and all their children were born in that place. Luther Dyer, the eldest child, was born February 23, 1785, then followed William, August 23, 1786; Mehitable, August 13, 1788; Manson, July 22, 1791; Dillis, November 5, 1795; and Orvilla, April 30, 1798. The

(46) "Churches of Rochester", by Rev. DeW. Ward, D.D. 1871 p.44

(47) The title "Captain" appears in the newspaper clipping reporting Walter's death, but it is not known by the author how he came by the title. His name is not listed among the Vermont soldiers who served in the War of 1812-14 (see Roster of Soldiers in the War of 1812-14 State of Vermont, published 1933 under direction Herbert J. Johnson, the Adjutant General)

(*) Also see later text "The Dyers and The Bradfords"

family removed to Sharon, Vermont, in 1800 where the father died August 23, 1839 just three days short of his eighty-third birthday. It is believed Ebenezer Dyer was the grandson of the Col. John Dyer who first settled in Canterbury in 1713. "Col. John Dyer was grandson of Dea. Thomas Dyer of Weymouth, Mass., who emigrated to this country from Somersetshire, England, about 1632. Abigail Fitch Dyer, wife of Col. John Dyer, was the daughter of Maj. James Fitch, who built the first frame dwelling in Canterbury, and was the great granddaughter of William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Colony for 31 years". (48)

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From undated and unidentified newspaper obituary of Harvey Robinson Dyer of Canterbury, Conn.

VII

DILLIS DYER HAMILTON

1824 - 1876

Dillis Dyer Hamilton, the tenth child in a family of fourteen, was born on January 14, 1824, to Walter (VI) and Mehitable Hamilton in Sharon, Vermont. His early boyhood days were spent on a farm in the White River Valley. Some time after 1831 and before 1841 the family removed to Western New York State where they settled on another farm in the near vicinity of Rochester.

The family were all members in the Central Presbyterian Church, of Rochester. Dillis became especially active in church work. Even as a young man it was apparent to the family and their friends that he felt called to the ministry and determined to be ordained though it meant long years of hard work to achieve that goal. To earn money for college education he took to the road as a traveling salesman in the south and west. His persistent effort finally won for him graduation honors in the Rochester University class of 1853 at the age of 29. Undaunted he began his theological training in the local seminary but later graduated from the Auburn Theological Seminary.

While pursuing his studies Dillis met Mis Eliza Saunders (49) to whom he was wed in West Gaines, New York, on January 3, 1854.

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Eliza Saunders was the daughter of Isaac Vars Saunders who was the son of Peleg Saunders, private in Capt. Edward Whitford's Co. 45th Knickerbocker's Regt. N. Y. Militia, from Sept. 8-19, 1814. He was in Battle of Lunfy's Lane. B. 1785. D. after 1858 in Farmington, Ill.

Their first child, a girl, christened Ella Eliza, was born January 16, 1855 in West Gaines. A second daughter, Mary Lyon, was born in Rochester March 12, 1857 in the last year of the father's seminary work. Young Reverend Dillis Dyer Hamilton took charge of his first church at Akron, New York, where he remained two years. During this pastorate a third daughter, Harriet Newell, was born on August 25, 1858. His next church was located in Cambria, Niagara County, New York. There were born his next three children - Emma Louisa on November 22, 1859; Henry Herbert on May 8, 1861; and Jennie Adelaid, September 29, 1862. The family then removed to Clarence, Erie County, New York, where his last two children were born - Edward Dillis Dyer (VIII) on May 16, 1864, and Frank Walter on December 14, 1865. Removing from Clarence the family next spent a year at Somerset, near Lake Ontario, after which the young minister entered home missionary work for the Presbyterian society of New York City. The change from pastorate duties to the home-missionary field was prompted by the doctors orders to spend more time out of doors. He was always a nervous, energetic person.

At the age of 44 with a wife and eight small children ranging from thirteen down to three years of age, still undaunted in his zeal for spreading the gospel, Rev. D.D. Hamilton purchased a farm near Pompeii in Gratiot County, Michigan to which the family and chattels were moved by train and wagon in the spring of 1868, and there he began the arduous

dual duties of farmer-missionary. (50)

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The homestead was purchased in two parcels, the First parcel consisted of 48 acres ($SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ and south half of the West half of the $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of the $SE\frac{1}{4}$ excepting 2 acres of the SE corner) in Sec. 36 of Newark township, was transferred to Rev. D. D. Hamilton by Deed dated May 13, 1868 from George W. Davis and Susannah Davis for the consideration of \$1400. The second parcel consisted of two acres, being the corner of the SE of Sec. 36 above described and transferred by Deed to Rev. D. D. Hamilton from David Helms and Catherine Helms for the consideration of \$100 on October 18, 1869.

Because it may be of interest to the present generation, a summary of the taxes paid by Rev. Hamilton on the above described 50 acre farm is shown for the years 1868 to 1873 inclusive:

| | <u>1868</u> | <u>1869</u> | <u>1870</u> | <u>1871</u> | <u>1872</u> | <u>1873</u> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Dog Tax | | | 1.00 | 1.00 | | |
| Drain Tax | | | | .47 | | 1.07 |
| School Tax | 2.92 | 2.35 | 3.04 | 2.86 | 4.64 | 8.33 |
| Road Tax | .87 | .46 | | 1.23 | 1.62 | |
| Town Tax | 1.43 | 1.12 | .87 | 2.25 | 1.24 | 2.08 |
| County Tax | 3.97 | 4.62 | 2.96 | 3.58 | 4.57 | 5.20 |
| State Tax | 1.14 | .84 | .58 | .86 | 1.14 | 1.32 |
| Collection | | | .33 | .12 | .13 | .18 |
| Total | \$10.33 | \$ 9.37 | \$ 8.78 | \$12.37 | \$13.34 | \$18.18 |

After the death of the parents the then living children - Ella, Mary, Hattie, Emma, Herbert, Edward and Frank - conveyed a deed for the 50-acre farm to Alonzo W. Loomis on June 13, 1887 for the sum of \$2500.

Having established the family in their new log home, the father set about to clear and plant the farmland by weekday but without neglecting his church duties on the Sabbath. The tillable acres were enlarged and fenced. A grove of maples was tapped for sap to make sugar and syrup. Young apple and pear trees were set out in the orchard. During the winter months the older children attended the county school but in summer the whole family labored long hours sowing and harvesting. Six days in the week Rev. Hamilton toiled to support his large family and provide for them a home. On the Sabbath he labored to win souls for Christ.

He was one of the organizers of the Presbyterian Church in North Star and was also connected with the Church in Emerson. Rev. D. D. Hamilton was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan from March 1871 until April 1875.

In the spring of 1871 Dillis D. Hamilton was elected County Superintendent of Gratiot Schools, which then numbered 98 school districts, for a term of two years at the annual salary of \$600. He later (1875) served as school inspector for Newark township. The Newark Grange (#514) was organized October 8, 1874 with 18 charter members - Rev. Hamilton was chosen to be its first Master.

As though the difficulties of winning souls while striving to make a living from the soil were not enough to test his mettle, there came sore affliction to the Minister's home. Emma, the fourth daughter, was splitting stove wood one day when a stick flew up and struck her face, destroying the sight of one eye - inflammation subsequently affected the other, uninjured eye, causing blindness in later years. This accident was followed by the death of Mrs. Eliza Hamilton on December 8, 1874.

Within a year of the loss of his beloved wife, the youngest daughter, Jennie Adelaïd, sickened of fever and died (August 21, 1875). These troubles and sorrows seemed to dishearten the father. A throat difficulty aggravated by preaching for long hours several times each week, became serious. He gargled vinegar to clear his throat passage in order to better enable him to preach. The acid reacted on his stomach causing stomachatitis from which he succumbed in Pompeii on July 22, 1876 at the age of 52. "He certainly believed in the religion and Christ he professed and in his darkest hours and on his death bed knew in whom he put his trust. His parting words to his seven orphan children were 'Good night, I'll meet you in the morning', and in that morning of the resurrection the good that he has accomplished and souls he has been the means of winning will be made known"(51).

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From the "Death of Rev. D. D. Hamilton", Gratiot Journal,
Ithaca, Mich., July 28, 1876

These last words of Rev. D. D. Hamilton inspired O. F. Wisner to write this poem for the Gratiot Journal at the time of his death:

" 'I'll meet you in the morning',
 At the dawning of the day,
 When the constellations vanish
 And forever fade away;
 When the sun in regal splendor
 Gilds the mountain, vale and stream,
 And the forest in its verdure
 Flashes back the golden beam.

'I'll meet you in the morning',
 Said the dying man of God,
 When the resurrected millions
 Rise above the burial sod -
 Though the night be long and silent
 And the shadows thickly fall,
 Yet, 'I'll meet you in the morning'
 At the silver trumpet's call.

'I'll meet you in the morning'
 Clothed in immortality complete -
 Meet you where the angels gather
 By the cross at Jesus' feet.
 Though the night be long and silent
 Where the sleepers dreamless sleep,
 Yet 'I'll meet you in the morning'
 By the cross at Jesus' feet.

'I'll meet you in the morning'
 When our Savior comes again,
 In the brightness of His glory
 and the flashing of His train -
 Sweeping from the skies in splendor
 With a halo 'round His head,
 Waking up with noise of thunder
 All the sleepers 'mong the dead.

'I'll meet you in the morning',
 When the skies shall fall away
 At the coming of His power
 In the early dawn of day;
 Though the night be long and silent,
 Yet promised morn will come,
 When the purified, immortal,
 Cross the threshold of their home.

'I'll meet you in the morning',
O my children loved and dear!
With the cherished gone before us -
They who clustered 'round us here;
Though the night be long and silent,
Yet my children we must meet
In the glorious dawn that's coming
By the cross at Jesus' feet. "

True to their father's trust in them, the children remained on the homestead, mothered by the two eldest sisters, Ella and Mary, until even the youngest brother had the full benefit of a country school education and could shift for himself. Before 1887 when the farm was sold, the children had all removed from Pompeii and gone their several ways in life.

VIII

EDWARD DILLIS DYER HAMILTON

1864 - 1928

Edward Dillis Dyer Hamilton was born on May 16, 1864 to Rev. Dillis Dyer (VII) and Eliza Saunders Hamilton in a modest home in the little western New York State town of Clarence. As the seventh child in the family, Edward was chosen by his parents to bear the father's full Christian name - a real honor in those days, especially considering the father's distinguished calling. Soon after the birth of the eighth child, another son, the family removed to Somerset near Lake Ontario where they remained but a year before the now Presbyterian home missionary father packed the wife, children and chattels off by train and wagon to a partly cleared 50-acre farm near Pompeii in Gratiot County, Michigan.

The family settled down in the new homestead which the father had purchased in the spring of 1868. Then followed several years of gruelling hard work for parents and children alike. Logs and timber were cut from the woodland to form additions to the house and barn. Slashings were stumped and cleared for planting. The maple sugar bush was put in order and sap buckets ordered for the annual sugaring off. An orchard of young apple and pear trees was set out. From spring until after the fall harvest the three young boys did what their age and strength would permit to assist the father in the field on week days, from sun up until sundown. The five girls too had their allotted work in the garden and home helping mother - cooking, washing and sewing for a family of eight growing youngsters, with no hired help, was a formidable task. On the Sabbath all went to church,

not once but several times, to hear the father preach. During the winter months the children attended the Yond country school located a mile and a half away. However, the boys did not mind so much what would seem today to be real hardships for they were outfitted in brass-toed red top knee-high leather boots for hiking and besides there were skating, coasting and trapping to be enjoyed after school hours when the ground was covered with snow and ice. The children thrived on the pioneer life but the parents overtaxed their physical strength.

Edward's mother laid down her earthly burden when he was but ten years old. A year later his next oldest sister Jennie, then a child of thirteen, came down with a fever and died. Edward had only passed his twelfth birthday when his dear stern father's death occurred in the summer of 1876. To be an orphan is tragedy for any boy but doubly so when it is necessary to put aside childish things and take on a man's work.

For several years following the death of Rev. D. D. Hamilton, Ella and Mary, the two older girls, managed to keep the family together. Then the farm was rented and the children boarded around among their friendly neighbors. Edward earned "his keep" for a year or so with the Fritz family who lived on the same section 36 of Newark Township near the Yond School.

At the age of sixteen Edward drove a stage coach carrying mail and passengers between Saint John's and Saint Louis in Michigan - two railroad towns. The route ran through Pompeii and Ithaca, a distance of about 27 miles. On April 22, 1881, young Hamilton was sworn as deputy postmaster in the Post Office at Pompeii. While in that capacity it fell to his lot to carry by stage to Ithaca the news of Garfield's assassination (July 2, 1881) at the same time as Dr. Frank H. Hamilton - the son of Edward's grandfather's

brother - was being summoned from New York to give surgical aid to the stricken President in Washington.

In January 1882 Edward Hamilton, or "Ned" as he was then called, began his business career with a job in the store of Seaver Brothers in Pompeii. Shortly after, he left Pompeii to take employment with the Ithaca firm of Nelson⁽⁵²⁾ and Barber, general merchandise, where he remained for eleven years. This experience was followed by more than a year on the road traveling for a Lansing wholesale house selling candy, cookies and crackers throughout Michigan. In the summer of 1894 the long sought opportunity presented itself, to wit, the chance to finance the purchase of a good retail business in a live country town. He left the road and with some financial aid from his wife's father, C. H. Weidman, bought the F.W. Balch grocery and crockery store in Ithaca. The store was successfully conducted in the name of "E. D. Hamilton", until 1910. That year he entered partnership with C. P. Yost under the firm name of "Yost and Hamilton" and consolidated the "E. D. Hamilton" fine stock of groceries and crockery with the purchased stock of general merchandise, groceries and shoes of "Peet Bros." in the DeMay building on the main street of Ithaca. For sixteen years the business was continued without change in ownership until the store building was sold, forcing the firm to vacate. Rather than move to another location the partners preferred to liquidate and retire from active business, which they did August 1926. Thus at the age of 62 Edward Hamilton began his first real vacation from business in 45 years.

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Edward's sister Mary Hamilton married Wilbur Nelson June 13, 1882.

Edward was eighteen years old when he came to Ithaca in 1882 - a strong, husky, lad fresh off the farm and stage coach. With him amateur wrestling was a hobby. It did not interfere with his store duties. One of his local matches was advertised by the hand bill, reproduced below -

WRESTLING MATCH

There will be a Wrestling Match at Church's Opera

HOUSE

TO - NIGHT

Thursday Evening February 28, 1884 between

FRED FOX AND NED HAMILTON

For \$25 a side, Collar and Elbow, best 3 in 5. Doors open at 8 o'clock. Fun begins at 8 1-2 sharp. Admission 15 cts. Good order will be preserved. Ladies Free.

While still a clerk with Nelson and Barber, "Ned" met, wooed and won Ella Weidman, the only child of Charles and Helen Weidman. They were married in the home of the bride's parents on South Jefferson Street (now Jeffery Ave.) in Ithaca, Nov. 7, 1885. When the Weidmans removed to Howard City a few years later their house became the home of the Hamiltons and was occupied by them for over forty years.

The children born to Edward and Ella Hamilton were Charles Walter on April 8, 1890 and Charlotte Aurora on August 17, 1898. Both were born in Ithaca, Michigan and lived at home with their parents until they finished the local high school.

Shortly after retiring from business in 1926 Edward and his wife made a long-deferred trip to California to visit relatives and many old

Michigan friends, some of whom, including Edward's brother Herbert, they had not seen in thirty years. Though westward bound the parents entrained for the east in order to spend some time with Charles (who had located in Montclair, New Jersey in 1923) and his family before sailing from New York to California via the Panama Canal. From the Pacific Coast they returned to their Michigan home by railroad over the Santa Fe route. It was fortunate this trip was not longer deferred for within a year brother Herbert sickened and died.

Early in 1928 Edward and Ella were persuaded to again journey east but this time with the idea of spending the rest of their days near their children (Charlotte was then also living in Montclair) and grandchildren. On February 9 they started from the old home by auto. The day was cold but clear. Ice and snow covered the roads, however the chains were on the wheels and the car was equipped with a heater off the engine manifold. When some $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of St. John's - about 16 miles from Ithaca - Edward, who was driving, lost control of the wheel, the car angled off the left side of the road, crashed into a telephone pole and fence, and turned over. The injured were immediately rescued by passersby and rushed to the Clinton Memorial Hospital in St. John's. Charlotte and Charles were notified by phone and within a few hours had left Montclair, New Jersey, for St. Johns by first train. Edward died the same day of a complete fracture of the skull without regaining consciousness. His wife was not seriously injured though she was hospitalized for more than a week for severe nervous shock, the effects of which continued to give her trouble for years after the accident. No one knows certainly what caused the accident - Ella has no recollection of the accident itself or in fact of anything which happened

for at least a mile back of the scene of the wreck - but it is believed both occupants of the car may have been overcome by gas fumes from the motor escaping through the manifold heater fitted in the dashboard. On Sunday afternoon, February 12, 1928, simple services for Edward Dillis Dyer Hamilton were conducted in the Ithaca Presbyterian Church by Rev. Roy Hamilton of Alma College. The body was interred the same day in the Ithaca cemetery, in the presence of his children, sister Mary and her family, sister Emma, brother Frank, and hundreds of friends and neighbors.

During his long business career "Ned" Hamilton established a country-wide reputation for honesty and fair dealing. Though he had only enjoyed a country grade school education, his extensive reading and keen mind gave him a broader outlook on life than many who had the advantage of college schooling. The daily newspaper was his encyclopedia of knowledge. He rarely forgot the name or the face of even a casual acquaintance. Edward was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church. At one time he was Chancellor in the Knights of Pythias fraternal order. Though urged to run for local public office on many occasions, he always refused civic honor or publicity. He was a Director in the Ithaca Commercial Bank for several years before his death. From cradle to grave, Edward commanded the respect and friendship of all his fellow townsmen and countless acquaintances throughout the country and state.

Ella W. Hamilton, like her husband, Edward, experienced pioneer life in childhood. Father Weidman had transported the first steam locomotive⁽⁵³⁾ by barge from Fort Howard in Wisconsin down Green Bay to

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"Dupage" No. 16, a small Hinkley locomotive

Sand Point, Michigan, in 1863 from where the new railroad was building to Negaunee and Marquette. Soon after coming to Escanaba the father built a small but comfortable frame house to which he brought his bride, Helen E. Winters, following their marriage in 1864. Ella was the second white child to be born in Escanaba - New Year's Day 1867. She was the idol of all the white folks, mostly railroad men, miners and trappers and the object of great interest to the numerous Indians. These, later, often entered the house unbidden to squat on the floor silently before her baby crib.

When Ella was nine years old, the parents removed to Ionia in the lower Peninsula of Michigan where, for the first time, the young lady had an opportunity to learn music and the social graces possible only in a settled community. In 1884 the family moved to Ithaca. There Miss Weidman met and married Edward Hamilton, then a dashing young store clerk.

Being the wife of a small town leading merchant is no sinecure at best. Main Street is always critical and very exacting. Everyone is everybody's neighbor. Without benefit of house servants, the difficulties of rearing lively children in a real home atmosphere, in addition to keeping up the family's social standing in lodge, literary club, sewing circle, church work and the like, requires much doing. All this and more Ella Hamilton accomplished successfully for forty-three years of married life.

After her two children, Charles and Charlotte, had reached maturity, Mrs. Hamilton's enthusiasm, vitality and flare for direction found vent in fostering local organizations of Campfire Girls, Boy Scouts, nature study groups and Red Cross Work. During the Great War she rendered conspicuous service to town, country and state. Among the activities she

directed were the county-wide Comfort Bag service to boys overseas, ex-officio member of Michigan War Preparedness Committee for Gratiot County (appointed by Gov. Albert E. Sleeper, Sept. 3, 1918), and as County Director "to compile the records of Soldiers and Sailors" (appointed by Gov. Sleeper Dec. 16, 1918).

Following the fatal automobile accident in February 1928, which took the life of her husband and caused severe injury to herself, Ella W. Hamilton came to live in Montclair, New Jersey, the home of her son and her several grandchildren. In the fall of 1929 "Mother Hamilton" moved to California with her daughter where they resided until her death in North Hollywood in 1954 at the age of 87. Ella was interred in the Weidman-Hamilton plot in the Ithaca, Michigan cemetery alongside her beloved husband, Edward and close by her father and mother Weidman.

The following postscript was written
by Charlotte A. Hamilton - constant
companion of her mother during all
their sojourns in California, 1929-1954.

Ella Hamilton died on May 25, 1954 after a prolonged and severe illness. But from the time she came to California to live in 1929 until her death she was very active in travel, clubs, charitable and church work. Ella and her daughter lived in various places for the first few years in California, among them Santa Catalina Island, Santa Monica, Hollywood, Berkeley and finally settling in North Hollywood where they purchased their present home in 1941.

"Mother Hamilton", as she was affectionately known in the various organizations, never held an executive office in these California Clubs

preferring to remain behind the scenes serving as chairman of various committees in the Los Angeles Audubon Society, the North Hollywood Woman's Club, and California Federated Club Work. Because of their love for her she was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in both the Laurel Garden Club and the North Hollywood Woman's Club. Crocheting and knitting were great hobbies with her but also the means of providing great comfort for many ill and crippled children and young people for she made countless afghans and bed shoes for the Orthopedic Hospital of Los Angeles, and many Service and Veteran's Hospitals in Southern California. Many were the letters of appreciation received by her from these sources.

"Mother Hamilton" with her daughter Charlotte, were charter members of the Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank. Here again hers was the sustaining presence back of many of the church activities, for with her cheerfulness, kindness and love of people she was always ready with encouragement, mothering many that were lonely and heartsick. Throughout her life she was doing kindly, thoughtful, little things for others which she thought might help them in their work or bring a little more love into their lives. Wherever she went, stranger and friend alike welcomed her for she always had a smile and a kind word for everyone, in fact many were known to her only as her smiling acquaintances. Her memory is enshrined in the hearts of many for truly she lived her life with love and understanding of her fellowman.

THE NINTH GENERATION

(1) Charles Walter Hamilton
1890-

(2) Charlotte Aurora Hamilton
1898-

(1) Charles Walter, only son of Edward D.D. and Ella Weidman Hamilton, was born in Ithaca, Michigan, April 8, 1890.

Education: Completed Ithaca High School June 1908; Alma College (one year) 1908-1909; Lieut. Braden's Preparatory School for West Point, Highland Falls, N.Y. (3 months) 1909; University of Oklahoma, Feb. 1910 to June 1912, B.A.; Graduate School, University of Chicago spring semester, 1915.

Business: Oklahoma and United States Geological Survey party in N. E. Oklahoma Summer 1910; USGS in North Dakota-Montana lignite area summer 1911; assisted in Oklahoma Geological Survey office (Norman) during school years, 1910-1911 and 1911-1912; Geologist with Mexican Eagle Oil Company in Mexico, June 1912 to January 1915; Geologist with Roma Oil Company in Oklahoma June 1915 to March 1916; Chief Geologist Mexican Gulf Oil Company in Mexico, March 1916 to 1917; then General Agent for same company in Mexico, 1917 thru 1922; Assistant to Vice President of Venezuela Gulf Oil Company in New York City, 1923 until 1940; Vice President of Gulf Oil Corporation, June 1940 to July 1957; also Vice President and/or Director of many subsidiaries of Gulf Oil Corporation engaged in exploration and development in foreign countries (1940-1957); Chairman of Board of Gulf Eastern Company with residence in London, 1955 thru June 1957. As of July 1, 1957 retired from active service with The Gulf Companies.

Extra-Business: President and director Tampico (Mexico) YMCA, 1919-1922; President and director The American Chamber of Commerce of Tampico S. C. L., 1919-1921; Charter Member Tampico Rotary Club, 1922; Governor Deer Lake Association, 1935-1939; Director Inter-American Safety Council, 1943-1945, Vice President and director, 1946-1947; Director Venezuela Chamber of Commerce (New York) 1943-1945, President and Director, 1945-1946; Director Colombian-American Chamber of Commerce (New York), 1946-1949; Member of Montclair Housing Authority, 1949-1951; Vice President and Director Montclair YMCA, 1949-1955; Director of Pan American Society of U. S., Inc., 1948-1955; Advisory Council, Dept. of Oriental Languages and Literature, Princeton University, 1952-1955; The English Speaking Union (London), 1955-1957; The American Society in London, 1955-1957; also one time member of Bolivarian Society of U. S. and U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Married: Irene Lucile Stroup, daughter of Frank Edward and Blanche Carmer Stroup, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 26, 1916.

Children: Robert Dyer, born Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dec. 14, 1917; Irene Elizabeth, born Tampico, Mexico, April 18, 1920; Charles Walter, Jr., born Montclair, New Jersey, April 13, 1928; Jean, born Montclair, New Jersey, February 7, 1933.

Church: Formerly Presbyterian, now Congregational (Trustee Union Congregational Church, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, 1934-1940, 1946-1949).

Fraternal: Mason, Beta Theta Pi, Gamma Alpha (University of Chicago), Phi Phi Alpha (Alma College).

Clubs and Societies: Currently member of American Club (London); University Club (New York City); Whitehall Club (New York City); Duquesne Club (Pittsburgh); Upper Montclair Country Club; Montclair Society of Engineers; 25 Year Club of American Petroleum Institute; American Petroleum Institute; American Association of Petroleum Geologists; American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, Inc.

Political: Republican

Residence: Upper Montclair, New Jersey

(2) Charlotte Aurora, only daughter of Edward D. D. and Ella Weidman Hamilton was born in Ithaca, Michigan, August 7, 1898.

Education: Completed Ithaca High School 1917; Alma College (one-half year) 1917-1918; University of Chicago (one year, plus) 1919-1920.

Business: Florist with Massman, Inc., Montclair, 1924-26; Manager of Massman's Upper Montclair shop October 1926 to February 1929, resigned because of ill health, housekeeper and companion for her mother, 1929 to 1954; Speaker for various clubs and organizations upon garden and nature subjects.

Married: No.

Church: Formerly Presbyterian and Congregational, now member of Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank, (a branch church of the Unity School of Christianity, at Lee's Summit, Missouri); Member of the Church Corporation, Chairman of Advisory Board; Teacher of Bible and other classes of the week-day church school. Active in many other of the church organizations.

Fraternal: Eastern Star; Delta Sigma Society (University of Chicago); P.E.O. Sorority Chapter GZ.

Clubs: President (1936) Los Angeles Audubon Society, Life member and held other offices of same organization; Director and First Vice President of North Hollywood Woman's Club, also Chairman of Garden Section and other departments of same club and District Federation of California Women's Clubs; Director in California State Audubon Society; First Vice President of South California Garden Club; President of Laurel Garden Club: Wrote nature calendars for Los Angeles Girl Scout Monthly Magazine; Gray Lady five years with the American Red Cross, being at one time the only Nature Gray Lady in the U. S.; in early life a Camp Fire Girl and also Guardian of same in Ithaca, Michigan.

Political: Republican.

Residence: North Hollywood, California.

For its possible general interest there is reproduced below the full text of an article entitled "Former Ithaca Man Tells of Service in 40 Countries" and an editorial captioned "The Middle East and Oil", which appeared in the October 17, 1957 issue of the Gratiot County Herald of Ithaca, Michigan.

WITH GULF OIL CORP.

Former Ithaca Man Tells Of Service In 40 Countries

"I got into the Oil business because of my mother's rheumatism," said Charles W. Hamilton, retired vice president in charge of the London office of the Gulf Oil Corporation, as he addressed the student body at Alma college, Oct. 14th.

Born in Ithaca, Michigan, 1890, Hamilton grew into a young man who helped his mother with household tasks. Later, when her rheumatism made it impossible for her to cook and bake, young Hamilton became master of the culinary arts.

He attended Alma College with the class of 1912, but left to enter West Point. He failed the examinations, studied, took them again and failed a second time.

Vowing not to return to Michigan until he became successful, Hamilton enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. In the summer of his freshman year, he learned of a combined United States and Oklahoma Geological Survey being planned for the oil fields of northeast Oklahoma. As a chemistry major, he requested permission to serve in the expedition. He was refused. The group had no need for a chemistry student but they did need a cook.

"I'm a pretty fair cook," said Hamilton, and thanks to his mother's rheumatism, he got the job and began his career in the oil fields.

Upon graduation from Oklahoma University, Hamilton accepted a position as a geologist with Cia Mexicana de Petroleo El Aguila in Mexico. Later he did post-graduate work in the Graduate School of Geology at the University of Chicago.

On March 1, 1916 at the age of 26, he was employed as chief geologist for the Mexican Gulf Oil Company in Mexico. Eleven months later, when the general manager resigned his position, was named to succeed him. He was a general agent for Gulf until 1923 when he was named assistant to the vice president and transferred to the New York office. Hamilton assisted in the concession negotiations in Kuwait and Iran and, until recently, was director of the Kuwait Oil Co., Ltd., and of the affiliated companies known as Iranian Oil Participants Ltd., and Iranian Oil Services, Ltd.



CHARLES W. HAMILTON

For several years, Hamilton was a member of the advisory council of the Department of Oriental Languages and Literature at Princeton University. In previous years, he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Tampico, Mexico, and he organized the American Society and the Venezuelan and Colombian-American Chambers of Commerce in New York City.

In 1940, Hamilton was named vice president in charge of foreign production of the Gulf Oil Corporation. Three years ago he was transferred to London as chairman of the newly-organized Gulf Eastern Company.

On July 1, 1957, he retired from the firm.

How does an executive sum up 41 years of service in 40 countries? Charles Hamilton says; "It's been fun, demanding and rewarding, and," he adds, with a smile, "it all came through a set of circumstances that begun with my mother's rheumatism."

In anticipation of his forthcoming retirement, Vice President C. W. Hamilton was tendered a testimonial dinner by fellow employees and associates in the oil industry, at the Dorchester Hotel in London, England, on April 8, 1957, Mr. Hamilton's birthday. Host for the occasion was Mr. Gregerson, who has now succeeded Mr. Hamilton as head of Gulf's ex-

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Errata -

While in Mexico Hamilton organized and became first President of The Tampico YMCA and the American Chamber of Commerce of Tampico. Later he became a member and officer of both the Venezuelan and Colombian Chambers of Commerce in New York City.

ploration and production activities in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Upon Hamilton's retirement, his Gulf friends presented him with a personal portrait in oil, painted by the renowned English artist, Mr. Frank O. Salisbury, who has painted many members of the royal family as well as several Presidents of the United States.

Mr. Hamilton, with his wife and sister, Miss Charlotte Hamilton, of North Hollywood, California, visited relatives and renewed old friendships in Ithaca from Friday until Monday.

While here Mr. Hamilton had an opportunity to attend two homecoming football games of his Alma Maters, seeing Ithaca high school trounce their traditional rivals St. Louis on Friday night 26 to 6, and Alma College win from Adrain College 25 to 0 on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, left Monday afternoon for their home in Upper Montclair, New Jersey and Miss Hamilton took a plane from Lansing for California.

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The Middle East and Oil

Monday's headlines did nothing to quiet apprehension in this country about the unrest in the middle east and the possibility of an explosion that would again rock the world.

Egyptian troops and tanks which had landed in Syria were reported moving up to the tense Turkish border. Egyptian sources in Cairo warned that Egypt "will take military action if necessary to defend Arab nationalism against big power moves" — a warning that caused new uneasiness in Israel and Jordan.

The Turkish foreign office in Istanbul reaffirmed Turkey's desire for friendly relations with Egypt and Turkish opposition to communism, stressing that if the Egyptian troop movements were communism-inspired Turkey would consider the action as the "worst."

Left to themselves, without support from major world powers, particularly Britain and the United States, there is little doubt that the small nations of this area would soon be gobbled up by Russia. The one big reason for Russia's desire to dominate the area is OIL.

Charles W. Hamilton, formerly of Ithaca, who retired July 1 as a vice-president of Gulf Oil Co., and has been in charge of that company's exploration and production in the middle east, recently published a small booklet setting forth his personal views on the situation there.

Mr. Hamilton's opinions, and he clearly states that they are his own and have not been edited or approved by his former company, carry considerable weight in the oil industry and are particularly pertinent at this time.

With the author's permission we quote from this publication which he titled "The Middle East and Oil."

"The proven crude oil reserves of the Middle East countries are now conservatively estimated to be over four times greater than those of continental United States. Excluding Russia, the presently known proven oil reserves of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Neutrual Zone and Bahrein together approximate 70% of the world's total."

"The Suez Canal incident never should have happened: but it did and because of the interruption to international traffic the entire western world suffered, especially Britain and Europe. However, with the problems arising from the Suez stoppage came, at least, a partial

solution — namely, bigger and faster tankers that could navigate around the Cape to destinations at only a slightly greater cost per barrel and a projected new big inch pipeline system from the head of the Persian Gulf through Iraq to a port in Turkey on the Mediterranean.

"Within a few years Suez will no longer be a bottleneck for international waterborne traffic. Egypt gained a victory of sorts in temporarily denying the use of the Suez Canal to the nations of the world, but definitely has lost control of future traffic between the East and the West. Silly Syria also made a costly mistake in blowing up the Iraq pipelines which cross her territory to two Mediterranean terminals—one in Lebanon and one in Syria. By this move Syria provoked her Arab neighbors to threatened retaliation and caused the oil companies to seek other pipeline routes to carry their oil through more stable countries to the sea."

"The Arab world is only now beginning to know something of democratic process of government. The Middle East countries' contact with the western world has brought new ideas and a prosperity never before known. New political and social ideas take time to assimilate. However, the Arab takes prosperity in stride—from camel transport to Cadillacs in a generation is a fact."

"Perhaps the greatest deterrent to good relations between the East and West is the existence of the State of Israel. The Arab simply cannot understand Zionism. To him the creation of such a state was entirely contrary to the democratic processes preached by the West. Whatever may be the solution is not yet apparent."

"The potential threat of nationalization of oil concessions in the Middle East is probably less today than in the past. Mossadegh nationalized the British oil concessions in Iran, but it was a hollow victory since Iran could not capture the oil markets along with the supply. While the Iranian oil fields were virtually shut in for over three years, Iran's neighbors increased their production to satisfy the markets. As yet, Iran has not regained its place in the sun. The situation is well known to all the other producing countries in the area; hence there is reason to believe that they will be slow to emulate Iran."

"For well over a century Britain has maintained relative peace among the countries and sheikhdoms bordering on the Persian Gulf. But since India went her independent way, and now with the loss of Suez, British prestige has been so lowered and her military power so weakened that Britain is no longer able to do its self-appointed police job in the area as effectively and as quickly as in days gone by. Were it not for British protection many of the sheikhdoms along the fringe of Arabia would have long ago disappeared."

"Many of those who know the Middle East and its problems first-hand feel that it is unfair to expect Britain to 'carry on as the lone policeman over a beat so large and so economically important. The well-informed folk hold that Britain needs help in the Middle East, preferably from some international body with an adequate police force in the area."

"Middle East oil is too important to posterity to ever again permit a situation to arise by which its flow to the world markets could be unduly and unilaterally restricted or denied."

"To ensure peaceful, equitable and prosperous co-existence for the producing countries and the oil companies in the Middle East, in my opinion, an early and serious effort should be made to create an international court to adjudicate contractual differences between the nation and the private party, and also to create an international police body to enforce law and order in the area."

THE TENTH GENERATION
(all living 1958)

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| (1) Robert Dyer Hamilton | (3) Charles Walter Hamilton, Jr. |
| (2) Irene Elizabeth Hamilton | (4) Jean Hamilton |

- (1) Robert Dyer Hamilton, the first child of Charles Walter and Irene Lucile (Stroup) Hamilton, was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, December 14, 1917.

Education: Completed Montclair (New Jersey) High School 1937; graduated Blair Academy, Blairstown, New Jersey 1938; completed radio engineering course RCA Institute, Inc., New York City August 1940.

Business: Laboratory Assistant Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Mfg. Co., Rochester, N.Y., June-September 1938; Laboratory Assistant RCA Institute, Inc., New York City, May-August 1939; Laboratory Assistant Gulf Research and Development Co., Hamarville, Penna., September 1940-March 1941; (U.S. Army April 1941-October 1945); Engineering Assistant Ediphone Division Thomas A. Edison Inc., West Orange, New Jersey, February 1946-January 1947; Project Engineer (Electronic) Conmar Products Corporation, Newark, New Jersey January 1947-January 1951; Test Equipment Engineer Kearfott Company, Inc., Little Falls, New Jersey January 1951-January 1954; Engineer El Mec Laboratories, Inc., Kenilworth, New Jersey January-August 1954; Service Test Equipment Engineer, Eclipse Pioneer Division, Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, New Jersey September 1954-April 1956; Project Engineer (Electro-Mechanical) G. M. Giannini and Company, Inc., Eastern Division, Caldwell Township, New Jersey April 1956-March 1958; Allen B. Dumont Laboratories Inc., East Paterson, New Jersey March 1958 to date.

Military Service: Signal Corps. U. S. Army April 1941-October 1945. Enlisted as Private, became radio instructor and later Staff Sergeant at Fort Monmouth (NJ) Signal Corps School. October 1942 became Technical Sergeant in charge of the radio repair section of a Signal Corps Company and saw service overseas in England, Northern Ireland, France and Germany. Honorable discharge in October 1945 as Technical Sergeant.

Married: Elizabeth Jane Wood, daughter of Loraine M. and Martha Alyea Wood, in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, March 23, 1941.
Born: June 13, 1920 in Rutherford, N.J.
Education: Completed Montclair (New Jersey) High School June 1938; attended Smith College, Northampton, Mass., 1938-1940 in class of 1942.

Children: Robert Dyer Hamilton, Jr., born in Passaic, N.J., Dec. 20, 1941
 Elizabeth Jane Hamilton, " " " " " , July 9, 1943
 Virginia Jane Hamilton, " " " " " , Oct. 7, 1946
 Edward Loraine Hamilton, " " " " " , Aug. 30, 1949
 Deborah Sue Hamilton, " " " " " , Mar. 6, 1954
 Cynthia Louise Hamilton " " " " " , May 1, 1956

Church: Congregational

Club and Societies: Montclair Society of Engineers, (Cubmaster Pack #13, Upper Montclair 1952-1953).

Politics: Republican

Residence: Upper Montclair, New Jersey

- (2) Irene Elizabeth Hamilton (Winner), the second child of Charles Walter and Irene Lucile (Stroup) Hamilton, was born in Tampico, Mexico, April 18, 1920.

Education: Completed Montclair (New Jersey) High School 1938; attended University of Michigan (Music School) Ann Arbor, Michigan 1939-1940, majored in voice; studied Voice under Florence Ostrander 1937-1942 and under Edith Nichols 1942-1944; Ballet under Suzanne Sawyer until 1936; Piano under Frances Robinson-Duff 1938-1939 and under Enrica Clay Dillon 1941-1943; French under Mme Jeanne Blanc 1941-42 and Spanish at Berlitz School 1940-1941; Summer Theater, Harrison, Maine 1942; sang in various Montclair Operetta Club productions and in the Choirs of Union Congregational Church (Upper Montclair) and St. Lukes Episcopal Church (Montclair).

Business: Clerk, First National Bank, Montclair, N.J., Nov. 1942-Nov. 1943; National City Bank of New York, New York City, July 1944-July 1945; Young and Rubicam (advertising), New York City, August 1945-March 1946.

Married: James Robert Winner, Jr., son of Caroline Walter and James Robert Winner, Sr., in Upper Montclair, N.J., July 18, 1947. Born: November 1, 1919 in Wilmington, Delaware. Education: Hill School, Pottstown, Penna.; graduated Montclair Academy, Montclair, N.J., Lafayette College, Easton, Penna., 1939-1940 (member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity); Drake Business College, Montclair, N.J., 1940-1941. Business: Attendant at General Motors Exhibit World's Fair, New York City, 1939-1940; Hyatt Roller Bearing Company, 6 months prior March 1942; U.S. Army service in United States, North Africa, Sicily, Corsica, Southern France and Italy March 1942-Nov. 1945, Honorable discharge with rank Sergeant; A.C. Spark Plug Co. (Factory representative), 1945-1948; Gulf Oil Corporation (Territory Sales representative) Nov. 1948 to date

Children: James Robert Winner III, born Morristown, N.J., March 28, 1949
 Peter Hamilton Winner, born Montclair, N.J., Sept. 20, 1951
 Jeffrey Barr Winner, born Montclair, N.J., Jan. 6, 1955
 Bruce Cabot Winner, born Montclair, N.J., Sept. 28, 1956

Church: Congregational

Clubs and Societies: Post Member Montclair Operetta Club, Montclair Music Club, 200 Club, Montclair Women's Club; Current Member Meridian Club (part of Women's Club), DAR.

Politics: Republican.

Residence: Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

(3) Charles Walter Hamilton, Jr., the third child of Charles Walter and Irene Lucile (Stroup) Hamilton, was born in Montclair, New Jersey, April 13, 1928

Education: Completed Montclair (New Jersey) High School 1946; graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire A.B. class of 1950. Studied dramatics with Joseph Anthony 1954 and Herbert Berghof 1955; voice with Sara Lee 1955 to date; dance with Katheen O'Brien 1954-1957.

Business and Profession: Teacher and Actor. Studio Players and Montclair Dramatic Club actor and stage manager various productions 1942-1946; Dartmouth Players and Experimental Theater, various productions 1946-1950; Industrial Relations Dept. of Mene Grande Oil Co. Venezuela Summer of 1948; Group Worker at Chicago Commons (Settlement House) Chicago, Ill., Summer of 1949; Assistant Instructor in English and Director of Dramatics University of Beirut, Lebanon, October 1950-July 1953; Technician and actor, summer stock at Lake Whalom Playhouse Fitchburg, Mass., 1954 and 1955 seasons; Assistant Stage Manager, Properties Master and Off Stage voice for "Cradle Song" Circle in the Square Theater, New York City Nov. 1955-April 1956; Technical Assistant Properties Master and Actor for "Iceman Cometh", Circle in the Square Theater, New York City May 1956-Feb. 1958 - at opening played "Lieb" and understudied roles of "Jimmy Tomorrow" and "Willie Orban", in 1957 became replacement for "Jimmy Tomorrow".

Married: No.

Church: Congregational

Organizations: Actors Equity Association, Dartmouth Alumni Association, American University of Beirut Alumni Association.

Politics: Democrat.

Residence: New York City.

(4) Jean Hamilton (Parsons), the fourth child of Charles Walter and Irene Lucile (Stroup) Hamilton, was born in Montclair, New Jersey, February 7, 1933.

Education: Completed Montclair (New Jersey) High School in June 1950, graduated from Goucher College (Towson, Maryland) degree B.A. June 1954 having been on the Dean's List for all 4 years - elected Phi Beta Kappa.

Business: Proofreader on Newspaper (The Capital) in Annapolis, Md. mid-1954 for several months, then Secretary to Manager Annapolis Chamber of Commerce Annapolis, Md., to mid-1955.

Married: William Eugene Parsons, son of Nell Bagley and Clarence E. Parsons, in the United States Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Maryland June 4, 1955.

Born: June 12, 1931 in Pinckney City, Alabama.

Education: Minor High School, Ensley, Alabama (left at the end of his junior year in 1948 to join U.S. Navy), attended U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island Fall 1950 to Spring 1951, graduated as Ensign from USNA Annapolis, Maryland June 1955 and immediately elected to join the United States Air Force as 2nd Lieutenant.

Business: Enlisted man U.S. Navy 1948-1951 - highest rank, petty officer 3rd class, served in Pacific area; good conduct medal 1951; 1950 won competitive appointment from the "Fleet" and also a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy; joined U.S.A.F. as 2nd Lt. June 1955; stationed at McAllen, Texas August-December 1955, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado December 1955 to date (December 7, 1956 promoted to First Lieutenant U.S.A.F.).

Children: Jeffrey Hamilton Parsons, born in Denver, Colorado, Dec. 6, 1956.

Church: Congregational

Clubs and Societies: Phi Beta Kappa, Alumni Association of Goucher College, Officer's Club Lowry Air Force Base.

Politics: Republican.

Residence: Denver, Colorado.

THE WEIDMANS AND THE WINTERS

Charles H. Weidman and Helen Winters Weidman were the parents of the wife of Edward D. D. Hamilton (VIII), maternal grandparents of Charles W. and Charlotte A. Hamilton (IX), and great grandparents of Robert, Irene, Charles Jr., and Jean Hamilton (X).

Not a great deal is known by the writer concerning the forebears of the Weidmans. That they were farmers of Pennsylvania Dutch stock is certain. Jonathan Weidman was born in Shuberts, Berks County, Penna., on March 15, 1809. Susan Schappel was born in Winsor Township of Berks County, Penna., on April 7, 1809. In the home of the bride's uncle Henry Heinle, Susan was married to Jonathan by Rev. Myer, June 12, 1831. To this union there were born twelve children: Catherine, b. 1832 (?); Lovina, b. November 12, 1833; Charles, b. January 11, 1835; Curtis, b. September 26, 1836; Mary, b. August 3 (or 30), 1840; John, b. 1842 (?) (died 1865 New Orleans, age 21 or 22); Susan, b. November 24, 1844; Sarah, b. January 12, 1847; Caster, b. (?) (died 1854 or 1855, Danby, age about 17); Caroline, b. (?); Hannah, b. 1852 (died 1867 or 1868, Danby); Joel, (Joe) b. February 24, 1854 (died June 9, 1940, Cherokee, Iowa). In 1852 the family removed from Reading, Penna., where they were then living, to a farm near Glen Ellyn (formerly Danby), Illinois. Except for Hannah, who was born while the family were en route from Pennsylvania, and Joel, who was born on a farm south of Danby, all the other children were born in Pennsylvania. Johnathan Weidman died in Cleveland, Ohio, December 30, 1881 and Susan, his beloved wife, died October 2, 1899 in Wheaton, Ill., in the home of one of her grandchildren at the advanced age of 90 years, 5 months and 25 days.

Charles H. Weidman, son of Jonathan and Susan, was born in a Dunkers ⁽¹⁾ settlement in Pennsylvania, January 11, 1835. As a mere lad of seventeen he began a lifelong career of railroading. His first job was that of water boy to the shovelers in a large railroad gravel pit at Danby, then he was made boss of the shovel gang and subsequently became brakeman, fireman and finally engineman - from bucket to throttle in less than six years. According to his personal diaries some of the woodburners young Weidman operated in the late 50's and early 60's around Chicago and in Wisconsin and Michigan bore such names as "Dupage", "Manasha", "Fox", "St. Anthanso", "Monitor", "Minnesota", "Escanaba", "Michigan", "Portage", "Rockford", and "Negaunee". In 1863 he operated the first steam locomotive to run in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

After coming to Escanaba, Charles Weidman married Helen E. Winters in Neenah, Wisconsin, on June 29, 1864. Their only child, Ella, christened Augusta Eliot, was born January 1, 1867. For some fourteen years the family continued to live in Escanaba. In 1876 they removed to Ionia, Michigan. Eight years later the father was

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Dunkers (Dunkards) (Tunkers) or German Baptist brethren, were founded in America in 1723. The name of the sect was derived from the German verb "tunker" meaning "To dip", because of the practice of triple immersion at baptism. It was the custom to celebrate annually a love feast at which the rites of the Last Supper were observed, including the washing of one another's feet.

transferred to a stub railroad run between Ithaca and Saginaw. While the parents resided in Ithaca, their daughter married Edward Hamilton (1885). Soon thereafter Weidman was located in Howard City with the Pere Marquette lines and finally was transferred to Grand Rapids, Michigan, with the same railroad about 1898.

On June 21, 1905, while pulling the Pere Marquette Grand Rapids-Saginaw passenger flyer into Saginaw, Weidman's engine was ditched with a broken drive-wheel flange and he was badly scalded. The accident was not fatal but owing to his advanced years at the time of injury he never fully regained his former vigor. The burns left his arms and fingers too stiff to resume the flyer run so Weidman - then a man of seventy - accepted switch engine duty. This work was entirely too strenuous and necessitated too long hours for a man of his years. In Grand Rapids on February 9, 1908, Charles Weidman succumbed to Pneumonia but nine days after his wife, Helen, had passed away from the same disease. Both were interred, side by side, in the Hamilton-Weidman plot in the cemetery at Ithaca, Michigan.

Charles Weidman was typically a railroad man in his liberality and great heart. His family enjoyed good homes and the best of living. He made it possible for his son-in-law to become a merchant. The Ithaca residence was deeded to his daughter. Nothing was too good for wife, daughter and the grandchildren. But it was not until after his death had become known to the public through the press that those closest to him appreciated the extent to which "Charlie" Weidman had been magnificent benefactor and friend to others. Letters came to the daughter from all over the world, from folk in all walks of life,

telling of how they had received kindly word, candy, food, fruit, newspapers and financial aid from the grizzled railroadman in years gone by. Children all along his runs knew his whistle and waited at the crossroads for the largess from the rushing engine cab which they had come to expect. He was literally knight of the throttle - a true brother of mankind to his own and all those he contacted. At his death Charles Weidman was one of the oldest enginemen in term of service - over fifty years at the throttle - in all the country.

Helen Ehle Winters, wife of Charles H. Weidman, was born in Lynn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, October 31, 1845, the fifth in a family of seven girls. Her parents, Marshall Franklin Winters (b. July 4, 1812, Western Oneida, New York, d. Nov. 20, 1898, Neenah, Wisconsin) and Catherine Meyers Winters (b. July 26, 1813, Columbia, Herkimer County, New York, d. May 13, 1885) were married in Oriskany, New York, December 26, 1831. The children born to Marshall and Catherine were the following:

Imergine, b. Nov. 12, 1834; m. Chas. Boardman
May 4, 1855
Racine, Wis.

Rosina, b. July 13, 1836; m. James M. Spencer
July 1869
Winona, Minn.

Catherine, b. Aug. 1, 1840; m. Jackson Clement
August 1, 1859
Neenah, Wis.

Mary E., b. April 30, 1843; m. Chas. W. Andrews
April 15, 1869
Winona, Minn.

Helen E., (married Weidman - see other notes)

Eugenia, b. Jan. 28, 1848; m. Edwin P. Barros
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 Escanaba, Michigan

Anna L., b. May 5, 1851, m. John D. Ross
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 Escanaba, Michigan

The Winters family came from England and located in Ohio.

Samuel Winters, a cousin of Sir William Winter and also of Sir Leslie Coombs married Rosanna (Rosina) Marshall to whom were born Catherine (m. Henry Thurston) and Marshall Franklin (m. Catherin Meyers). The latter was the father of Helen Ehle Winters.

The Meyers family are said to have come to this country from Holland. They settled upon the Mohawk River in New York State some time during the 1700's. Michael Meyers (b. 1752, Anville, N. Y., d. 1814) married Catherine Herter (b. 1756, d. 1839) to whom were born four sons and one daughter - Joseph (b. May 9, 1787, d. Sept. 8, 1852, Racine, Wis.), Jacob, John, Peter and Nancy. Michael⁽¹⁾ was a member of Tryon (Fryon) Militia Company 4th Regiment under Col. Peter Bellinger. Joseph Meyers, son of Michael, married Jane Winn (b. Sept. 28, 1787 d. Oct. 15, 1863), the daughter of John Winn, Jr., and Helena Moore Winn. Jane's grandfather, Judge John Winn (b. Dublin 1745 d. 1827) is reported to have been on General Washington's staff during the Revolutionary War and afterward became a member of the first House of Representatives from New York. He was a neighbor of General Schuyler near Albany.

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His wife, Elizabeth Schermerhorn, was born in Holland - a sister of Mrs. J. J. Astor. Joseph and Jane had seven children, namely:

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| John W. Meyers | b. July 8, 1808 |
| James Meyers | b. June 29, 1810 |
| Catherine Meyers | (Married Winters-see other notes) |
| Michael Meyers | b. Jan. __, 1817 |
| Eugene Meyers | b. Apr. 2, 1820 |
| Joseph Meyers | b. July 7, 1821 |
| Mary E. Meyers | b. July 7, 1821 |

Joseph Meyers, Sr., the grandfather of Helen E. Winters (Weidman) fought in the War of 1812 and was wounded in the battle at Oriskany, New York.

NOTE:

The above data of the Meyers family were furnished the author by Louise Ross McCullough (DAR #266406), daughter of Anna L. Winters and J. D. Ross, and by Anna Clement Bissell (DAR #273403), daughter of Catherine Winters and Jackson Clement, from their DAR records and the "Family Record" in the old Bible of Marshall F. Winters and Catherine Meyers Winters.

THE STROUPS AND THE CARMERS

Frank Edward Stroup and Blanche Carmer Stroup were the parents of Irene Lucile, wife of Charles W. Hamilton (IX), and maternal grandparents of Robert, Irene, Charles Jr. and Jean.

Irene Lucile Stroup was born in Lansing, Michigan, November 27, 1892. As a child she lived with her parents in Perrington, Michigan for six years, where her father operated a general store, until the family moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1899. Lucile, as did her older brother (Irving) and younger sister (Helen), graduated from Grand Rapids High School.

In 1911 Lucile enrolled in the University of Michigan and four years later received her A. B. from that University. While at Ann Arbor she met Charles Hamilton, who had come up from Mexico for special dermatological treatment in the University's Medical School. Actually, Lucile had met Charles before when she was a young girl in pigtails, for oddly enough Charles' grandparents (the Weidmans) lived directly across from the Stroups on La Grave Street in Grand Rapids. Cupid took a quick hand in Ann Arbor and their engagement to be married was announced in the summer of 1915. Meanwhile Charles, after a short post graduate course in Geology at the University of Chicago, had obtained employment in Oklahoma with the Roma Oil Company. Nine months later Charles was offered the position of Chief Geologist in Mexico for the Mexican Gulf Oil Company. On March 1, 1916, he accepted this post at a salary which promised to be sufficient for the support of two.

So it was that on October 26, 1916, Lucile and Charles were

married in the home of her parents of 313 Orchard Hill S. E. in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It was a quiet though colorful ceremony. Little Mildred Stroup (daughter of Lucile's brother Irving) was flower girl. The bride was attended by her sister Helen and Charlotte Hamilton, sister of the groom. Adrian Graham of Detroit was best man. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. D. Hamilton of Ithaca, Michigan were present, as also was Miles A. Nelson, cousin. It was a fitting reunion of old friends for as it happened the bride's parents, Frank Stroup and Blanche Carner, had taught school in Ithaca before their marriage and had known there the groom's parents, Ned Hamilton and Ella Weidman, before they were married.

After a short honeymoon in and around Grand Rapids, Lucile and Charles returned to Tampico, Mexico and took up residence. A few months later Charles was made General Agent of the Mexican Gulf Oil Co. and continued in that executive position until transferred to Gulf's New York City office in December 1922 as Assistant to the Vice President in charge of the Mellon's foreign oil exploration and production activities, world wide.

Thus, after living six hectic years in the vicissitudes of revolutions torn Mexico, Lucile and her growing family established their home in Montclair, New Jersey - within commuting distance of her husband's office. Though Charles retired from active business in mid-1957, the Hamiltons still reside in Upper Montclair.

Lucile is the mother of four children:

Robert Dyer Hamilton, born December 14, 1917 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Irene Elizabeth Hamilton, born April 18, 1920 in Tampico, Mexico.

Charles W. Hamilton, Jr., born April 13, 1928 in Montclair, New Jersey.

Jean Hamilton, born February 7, 1933 in Montclair, New Jersey.

At this writing, all these children are living and, except for Charles, Jr., have married. Lucile's grandchildren now number eleven.

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

Lucile, as a bride, was a beautiful, charming, somewhat shy, young girl - Lucile as a multi-grandmother is a lovely, gracious, poised Christian lady. To Charles, her husband, Lucile has been a devoted, loving, patient wife and mother - no man could ask for more.

Mary Blanche Carmer (Stroup)

The mother of Lucile, was born in Lansing, Michigan, January 12, 1867 to William Carmer and Jane Maitland (Metlin). After a full life, she died in Grand Rapids on August 12, 1946 from pneumonia following two years of failing health.

Her family, her relatives and her host of friends all held that Blanche Stroup exemplified the highest and finest of Christian living. She never wavered in her faith in God and mankind.

Her life story, so aptly briefed under the caption "Death Takes Mary Stroup - Active Mission Worker Here Since 1899" in a Grand Rapids newspaper at the time of her death, is quoted in part below.

"Mrs. Stroup was a native of Lansing. After graduation from Lansing High School, she taught in Ithaca and Lansing several years."

"She was married July 9, 1890 and moved to Midland, where Mr. Stroup was superintendent of schools for two years. They lived in Lansing and Perrington before they came to Grand Rapids in 1899."

"Mr. Stroup is the retired president of the Industrial Mortgage Co., which he and his son, Irving H., founded in 1910. The business was liquidated last January."

"Mrs. Stroup was president of the Grand Rapids Presbyterian Society of Missions 19 years and advisory Vice President and Secretary of the Spiritual Life group of that Society 11 years. She was an honorary life member of the board of national and foreign missions."

"In recognition of her many years of service she was made a member of the Caravan of His Service, a national organization. For many years she conducted prayer meetings in her home and also took charge of the prayer group before missionary meetings."

"A member of the Fulton Circle of Westminster Presbyterian church, she was active in Sunday School and Young people's activities. As a member of several committees of the YWCA she sponsored the annual school of missions."

"Mrs. Stroup also was a member of the Ladies Literary Club, the DAR and the WCTU."

"Surviving Mrs. Stroup, besides her husband and son, Irving H., are two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Young of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Charles W. Hamilton of Upper Montclair,

N. J., a sister Mrs. Garrett Van Allsburg of Spring Lake;
six grandchildren and three great grandchildren."

NOTE:

Blanche Carmer was a direct descendant of John Forster who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting as Lieutenant of Northumberland County, Pa. association 1776 and as Captain 1778 Col. Kelly's regiment (See Pennsylvania Archives 5th Series p. 679 Armies of Buffalo Valley Pg. 207 National #1445788 and 18144). According to DAR records:

1. Blanche Carmer born 1867 child of
William Carmer 1836 and
Jane Maitland (Metlin) 1838-1919
married 1864
2. Jane Maitland (Metlin) born 1838 child of
Thomas Maitland, Jr. 1807-1886 and
Elija Ann Towner 1803-1873
married 1830
3. Thomas Maitland (Metlin) Jr. born 1807 was child of
Thomas Maitland (Metlin) 1779-1858 and
Margaret Ann Foster (Forster) 1770-1856
married before 1806
4. Margaret Ann Foster (Forster) born 1770 was the child of
John Forster 1732-May 25, 1786 and
Jane Johnson 1741-Feb. 3, 1813
married Feb. 13, 1765

(For proof that Margaret Ann Forster was
a child of Capt. John Forster see will
of Capt. John Forster on record Sunbury,
Pa. 1786.)

Frank Edward Stroup

The father of Lucile was born of Pennsylvania Dutch stock at

Leavittsburg, Ohio, January 22, 1863. Frank Stroup lost his father when six months old and lived with relatives until his destitute mother remarried and he could rejoin her. At the age of 10 his right knee was injured in a playground accident and bone tuberculosis set in, leaving him partly crippled for life.

Studying nights, at 18 Frank obtained a job as country school teacher, was graduated from Austinburg, Ohio, seminary and later obtained a life certificate from Ypsilanti State Normal School. He was principal at Ithaca High School, school superintendent and county school examiner at Tawas City for two years, then superintendent of school at Midland, Michigan. While at Midland he became a close friend of Herbert H. Dow and was almost, but not quite, persuaded to invest his meager savings in the Midland Chemical Company, which later became the present Dow Chemical Company. Instead Frank bought out a general store in the little country town of Perrington, Michigan. Such was the beginning of his merchant experience. The Perrington store he operated for six years, until in 1899 he moved to Grand Rapids and started the wholesale produce business, from which he branched with his first loan enterprise eleven years later.

Frank Stroup was one of the pioneers in developing the legitimate small loan business in Michigan. He was one of the founders of the Michigan Loan Association of Small Loan Companies and served as its president for six years. In 1944 he was honored by the award of that organization's first certificate of distinguished service.

The following is an extract from the text of an article appearing in the Grand Rapids Herald on December 9, 1948, the day after

Frank Stroup's death at the age of 85 years.

"When the small loan business in Grand Rapids was a 'jungle' of salary buyers and a 10-percent-a-month-loansharks preying on small wage earners, Mr. Stroup through his low-rate Chattel Loan Co., organized in 1910, made more than 600 settlements for people who were in the clutches of the high-rate companies."

"Seven of the eight 'sharp' firms then loaning in Grand Rapids were driven out of business by him and the eighth reduced its rates to become a legitimate loan operator. The Russell Sage Foundation's model rates for small loans were proposed in a report made after the foundation had consulted with Mr. Stroup on his experience here. The maximum rates became the foundation of the Michigan and other state small loan laws."

"About 1918 the company name was changed to Industrial Mortgage and Investment Co., and later to Industrial Mortgage Co., the latter opening a branch office in Muskegon. The company was dissolved in 1946, Mr. Stroup's son, Irving H., purchasing the Muskegon office which he now operates. The Grand Rapids office was bought by Liberty Loan Corporation."

"Mr. Stroup's wife, the former Mary Blanche Carmer, died in 1946 after the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Both were members of Westminister Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Stroup had served as an Elder."

"Surviving besides the son, are two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Young of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Charles W. Hamilton of Upper Montclair, N. J.; six grandchildren, Mrs. Russel Moore of Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. J. Robert Winner of Mendham, N. J., Robert D., Charles W. Jr. and Jean Hamilton of Upper Montclair, N. J. and Gordon Young of Grand Rapids and five great-grandchildren."

THE DYERS AND THE BRADFORDS

Mehetable (Mehitable) Dyer, daughter of Elijah Dyer and Elizabeth Williams, was married to Walter Hamilton in Sharon, Vermont, November 12, 1806. To that union there was born fourteen children. Dillis Dyer Hamilton, their third son (b. January 14, 1824 in Sharon), gave his name to the second son of his marriage to Eliza Saunders. Edward Dillis Dyer Hamilton is the grandfather of Robert Dyer Hamilton (son of Charles Walter Hamilton) and so the honorable name of "Dyer" is perpetuated in the Hamilton Clan descended from the Yeoman of Concord.

Mehetable (Mehitable) Dyer was the great-great-great-great grandchild of William Bradford who came to America with the Pilgrims on the Mayflower. The Mayflower dropped anchor off "Plimoth" on December 16, 1620. William Bradford was chosen to be second governor of the Plymouth Colony in 1621 following the death of John Carver.

The following notes relative to William Bradford and his descendants are taken from records of the Taylor family as assembled by Jennie Taylor, daughter of Harriet Orrila (Harriet Orvilla) Hamilton, sister of Walter Hamilton, (VI).

1. Gov. William Bradford
 - b. Austerfield, Yorkshire, England, March __, 1588 (1590).
 - m. Alice Carpenter Southworth, Plymouth, August 14, 1623.
 - d. Plymouth, Mass., May 9, 1657.
2. Major William Bradford (son of Gov. Bradford and Alice Carpenter)
 - b. Plymouth, Mass., June 17, 1624
 - m. Alice Richards
 - d. Plymouth, Mass., February 20, 1703.

3. Alice Bradford (daughter of William Bradford, Jr. and
Alice Richards)
b. Plymouth, Mass. (1661)
m. Major James Fitch May 8, 1677
d. Canterbury, Conn., March 15, 1745.
4. Abigail Fitch (daughter of James Fitch and Alice Bradford)
b. February 22, 1688
m. Col. John Dyer, Canterbury, Conn., October 22, 1713
d. May 19, 1750
5. Elijah Dyer (son of John Dyer and Abigail Fitch)
b. Canterbury, Conn., September 10, 1716
m. Elizabeth Williams, Canterbury, Conn., November 16, 1752
d. February 15, 1793
6. Ebenezer Dyer (son of Elijah Dyer and Elizabeth Williams)
b. Canterbury, Conn., August 26, 1756
m. Mehitable Ensworth, Canterbury, Conn., June 24, 1784
d. Sharon, Vermont, August 23, 1839
7. Mehitable Dyer (daughter of Ebenezer Dyer and Mehitable
Dyer)
b. Canterbury, Conn., August 15, 1788
m. Walter Hamilton, Sharon, Vermont, November 12, 1806
d. Rochester, New York, February 24, 1874

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APPENDIX

FAMILY TREE

I
 JOHN HAMELTON
 Son of _____
 Born _____
 Married - Christian
 (Place and date
 unknown)
 Died _____

II John Jr.

B. Mar. 1, 1667-8
 Concord, Mass.
 M. 1st Sarah
 (Place & date
 Unknown)
 2nd Hanah
 (Probably Concord,
 sometime in
 1697 or '98)
 D. Dec. 9, 1747
 Brookfield, Mass.

III Children of John Jr. and Sarah
Joseph, Sept. 5, 1697-m. Sarah _____Children of John Jr. and Hanah

John, Aug. 26, 1699-m. Mary Wheeler 1724
 Hannah, _____, 1704-m. William Ayres 1724
 Dorothy, _____-m. Josiah Wood 1725
 Jonah, _____-m. Silence Brown 1732
 Nathan, _____-m. Ruth Wheeler, 1732
 Amos, _____-m. 1st Lydia 2nd Miriam
 Newell 1761

Joseph

B. Jan. 9, 1671
 Concord, Mass.
 M. _____
 D. _____

II

JOHN, Jr., son of
John and Christian
Hamelton

Born - Mar. 1, 1667(8)
Concord, Mass.

Married - 1st Sarah _____
2nd Hanah _____
(Concord, date unknown)

Died - Dec. 9, 1747
Brookfield, Mass.

(Note: Except for Joseph,
the son of Sarah, all
John Jr.'s other
children were born to
Hanah - his second
wife.)

III Joseph

- B. Concord, Mass.
Sept. 5, 1697
- M. Sarah _____
(Place & date
unknown)
- D. (no record)

John

- B. Concord, Mass.
Aug. 26, 1699
- M. Mary Wheeler
Brookfield, Mass.
Jan. 8, 1724(5)
- D. Brookfield, Mass.
1745/6

Hannah

- B. Brookfield (?)
1704
- M. William Ayres
Brookfield, Mass.
Jan. 8, 1724
- D. Brookfield, Mass.
Dec. 8, 1748
(GS1)

Dorothy

- B. _____
- M. Josiah Wood
Brookfield, Mass.
December 14, 1725
- D. 1777 (?)

Melesant-May 16, 1720-m. Ebenezer Gilbert
1739

Joseph-Apr. 14, 1722

IV Josiah-Nov. 17, 1724-m. Hulda Barnes

Mary-Apr. 15, 1727-m. Henry Saunders, Jr.,
of Warham 1742

Sarah-Oct. 20 (Nov. 21) 1729

Eliphalet-Feb. 13, 1734-5

Seth - 1737 (?)

Nathaniel- 1739

Erastus-Sept. 25, 1741-m. Mary Adams 1762

Reuben-Nov. 6, 1726-m. Lucretia Hubbard
1756

John-Dec. 18, 1728-m. Joanna Woolcott
1753

Levi-Dec. 25, 1730

Hannah-Dec. 10, 1733-m. Nathaniel Woolcott
Jr., 1756

Silas-Feb. 10, 1735-6

Mary-Nov. 4, 1739-m. _____ Goodrich

Mercy-June 11, 1743-m. Henry Spring 1767

Hannah-Oct. 11, 1725-m. _____ Gould
Sarah-Sept. 17, 1727-m. _____ Sprague

Joseph-Nov. 17, 1729

Mary-Dec. 22, 1731-m. Joseph Locke 1754

William-May 1, 1734-m. Rachel Barnes 1753

Elizabeth-Apr. 27, 1736-m. Rufus Putnam
1761

Olive-May 14, 1739-m. Ephraim Wheeler
1761

Benjamin-Oct. 15, 1741-m. Bulah Crosby
1762

Lydia-Nov. 21, 17(43)-m. Jonathan Wyman

Increase-Jan. 17, 1748

Obadiah-Apr. 22, 1726-m. Rebaca Forbush
1754

Hannah-Apr. 5, 1729

Dorothy-Feb. 9, 1733-m. Jonas Bemis 1758

Thomas - Mar. 2, 1736

Jonah

- B. _____
 M. Silence Brown
 Brookfield, Mass.
 June 28, 1733
 D. _____

Israel-Mar. 24, 1734 Apparently removed
 Amos-Apr. 20, 1737 from Brookfield
 Marcy-July 19, 1739 soon after 1747.
 Aaron-Dec. 21, 1741 In 1790 Aaron,
 Thankful-Nov. 30, 1743 Timothy and John
 Timothy-Jan. 2, 1745 were settled in
 Jabish-Feb. 11, 1747 Russett, Arwich,
 Albany Co., N.Y.

Nathan

- B. _____
 M. Ruth Wheeler,
 Spencer, Mass.
 June 23, 1732
 D. _____

Ezra-June 6, (20), 1733-m.
 (1) Lydia Barnes
 (2) Abigail Crosby 1763
 (3) _____
 Mary-Feb. 5, 1735-m. Jabez Crossby 1757
 Elisha-Nov. 10, 1739-m. Mary Smith 1763
 Moses-July 2, 1744-m. Hannah Felton 1767
 John-Nov. 16, 1747-m. Isabel Burnet 1777
 Hannah-Dec. 28, 1749-m. Aaron Willard
 1769
 Ruth-Dec. 3, 1752-m. Benjamin Felton 1771

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JOHN, Jr., cont'd

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Amos

- B. _____
 M. 1st Lydea (Lydia)
 d. Apr. 30,
 1761
 2nd Miriam, Wf. of
 Daniel Newell
 of Brookfield,
 Mass.
 Sept. 1761
 D. _____, 1772 (?)
 Brookfield, Mass.
 (GSl)

Children of Amos and Lydea

Lydia-June 29, 1746-m. Elias Staples 1762
 Jason-Feb. 29, 1747 (?) -m. Lydia Hill
 1771

(Perhaps there were older children
 born elsewhere)

III

JOSEPH, son of
John Hamilton,
Jr. and Sarah

Born Sept. 5,
1697, Concord,
Mass.

Married Sarah-
(Place & date
unknown)

Died -

Melesent (Milescent)
B. May 16, 1720
Brookfield, Mass.
M. Ebenezer Gilbert
Brookfield, Mass.
July 18, 1739
D. _____

Joseph
B. Brookfield, Mass.
April 14, 1722

IV Josiah
B. Nov. 17, 1724
Brookfield, Mass.
M. Hulda Barnes
Brookfield, Mass.
(Place & date
unknown)
D. Mar. 22, 1792
Brookfield, Mass.
(GSl)

Belle (son)-Dec. 3, 1739 (?)
Abraham-May 21, 1742
Sarah-May 23, 1744
Melesent-Oct. 31, 1747

Comfort-Jan. 15, 1748
V Jude-Apr. 8, 1750-m. (1st) Sarah Hoyt
1771
(2nd) Rhoda Prcuty
1793
Josiah-Feb. 5, 1752-m. Sally McCluer 1774
Hulda-Apr. 29, 1754-m. Samuel Baldwin
1796 (?)
Bulah-May 6, 1756-m. William Hamilton,
1778
Asa-May 1, 1758-m. Rebeca Hamilton 1778
Joseph-Sept. 7, 1760-m. Persis Hill 1784
Seth-Sept. 16, 1762-m. Margaret Morgan
1788
Sally-Feb. 5, 1765-m. Thomas Richardson
1785
Cheney-Sept. 2, 1767-m.
Cynthia-Oct. 16, 1769-m. Ephraim Richard-
son 1788
Lucy-Jan. 13, 1772-m. William Richardson
1794

Mary
B. Apr. 15, 1727
Brookfield, Mass.

M.

D.

Sarah
B. Oct. 20, (Nov. 21)
1729
Brookfield, Mass.
M.
D.

Eliphalet

B. Feb. 13, 1734(5)
Brookfield, Mass.

M.

D.

Seth

B. _____, 1737 (?)
Brookfield, Mass.

M.

D.

Nathaniel

B. _____, 1739 (?)
Brookfield, Mass.

M.

D.

(Names of Nathaniel's children according to notes by A.H. Page in old Family Bible. Births not recorded in Brookfield.)

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| (Children of Nathan Hamilton & Molly _____ - no record of this marriage in Brookfield though children born there) |
| Rebeckah-b. Dec. 3, 1763 |
| Polly-b. Nov. 17, 1765 |
| Elias-b. Sept. 7, 1767 |
| Bemiss-b. Jan. 9, 1770 |
| Phebe-b. Sept. 7, 1767 |

(Nathan Hamilton m. Mary Richardson July 26, 1758; also, Nathan Hamelton, Jr., m. Mary Bemiss of Spencer, April 21, 1763. No Children recorded in Brookfield to either of these marriages.)

Erastus (Eresters)

B. Sept. 25, 1741
Brookfield, Mass.

M. Mary Adams
Brookfield, Mass.
Jan. ___, 1762

D.

Eliphalet-Aug. 1, 1762
Susanna-Dec. 4, 1763-m. Samuel White, 1781
Abraham-Feb. 11, 1765
Lydia-Dec. 17, 1767-m. Bemessly Gilbert, 1791
Betsy-Dec. 29, 1769
Sewell-Dec. 17, 1771
Jesse-Feb. 22, 1773
Obadiah-Feb. 5, 1776
Jabez-Jan. 12, 1778-m. Patty Ward of Charlton 1804 ?
Polly-Apr. 22, 1780
Cyrus-Feb. 16, 1782

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JOSEPH, cont'd

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IV

JOSIAH, son of
Joseph Hamilton
and Sarah

Born - Nov. 17, 1724
Brookfield, Mass.

Married - Hulda Barnes
about 1747, exact date
and place of marriage
is not in Brookfield
records. Hulder (Hulda),
daughter of Comfort and
Sarah Barnes, was born
in Brookfield, Mass.,
June 11, 1729. She died
in Brookfield May 10,
1822, at the age of 93
years.

Died - Mar. 22, 1792
Brookfield, Mass. (GSl)

Comfort

- B. June 15, 1748
Brookfield, Mass.
D. Apr. 21 (Apr. 29)
1772
Brookfield, Mass.
(GSl)

V Jude

- B. Apr. 8, 1750
Brookfield, Mass.
M. (1st) Sarah Hoyt
Brookfield,
Mass.
Oct. 31, 1771
(2nd) Rhoda Prouty
Spencer,
Mass.
Apr. 18,
1793
D. June 25, 1798
Brookfield, Mass.
(GSl)

Josiah (Jr.)

- B. June 3, 1752
Brookfield, Mass.
M. Sally (Sarah) Mc-
Cluer (Mason)
Spencer, Mass.
August 24, 1774
D. June 3, 1809
Brookfield, Mass.
(GSl)

Hulda (Hulda)
(Hulder)

- B. Apr. 29, 1754
Brookfield, Mass.
M. (Samuel Baldwin
Spencer, Mass.
Feb. 16, 1796)?
D. _____

Children of Jude and Sarah

- Zubah (Azubah) - 1772
Comfort-1774-m. Charity Carpenter
1802
Jude-July 4, 1776
Betsy-Mar. 1778-m. Joel Adams 1795
Aruba-Jan. 1, 1779
Calvin-1780-m. Lucinda Hastings 1809
Charlotte-1782-
(VL) Walter-Apr. 9, 1784-m. Mehetable
Dyer 1806
Sarah-Aug. 3, 1786
Fanny-Jan. 1, 1789
Children of Jude and Rhoda
Washington-m. Mary Brigham 1816 (?)
Harriet
Nancy-m. Hiram Rawson 1808 (?)

- Joseph Warren-Jan. 5, 17(80)-m.
Bathsheba Brigham 1802
Achsa-Apr. 25, 178(2)-m. Nicholas
McCluer 1800
Josiah Jr.-June 28, 1784-m. Fanny
Hobbs 1809
Cheney (Chauncy)-Mar. 24, 1787-m.
Lydia Frary Hastings 1810

(No children in records of Spencer
or Brookfield)

IV
JOSIAH, cont'd

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <u>Bulah (Beula)</u> (Beulah) | James-Mar. 8, 1779-m. Lucy Nichols 1804 or Hannah Haven 1805 |
| B. May 6, 1756 | William-Jan. 14, 1781 |
| Brookfield, Mass. | Persis-Apr. 29, 1783-m. Levi Adams 1804 |
| M. William Hamilton, (cousin) | Asa-Apr. 22, 1785 |
| Brookfield, Mass. | Darius-May 29, 1787 |
| Oct. 24, 1778 | Huldah-Mar. 3, 1792-m. Luke Draper 1813 |
| D. Oct. 31, 1838 | Bulah-Nov. 13, 1797-m. Curtis Richards 1818 |
| Brookfield, Mass. (GSl) | |
| <u>Asa</u> | Arnold (Children born in Somers, Theodore Conn., where parents Joshua removed to May 18, 1779) Rebecca |
| B. May 1, 1758 | |
| Brookfield, Mass. | |
| M. Rebecca Hamilton | |
| Brookfield, Mass. | |
| Feb. 9, 1778 | |
| D. Apr. 16, 1801 | |
| Brookfield, Mass. | |
| <u>Joseph</u> | Catherine-Dec. 25, 1784-m. John McCluer 1808 |
| B. Sept. 7, 1760 | Chauncey (Cheney)-Mar. 31, 1786-m. Sally Richardson (1808) |
| Brookfield, Mass. | Basmouth (Bosworth)-Oct. 9, 1787-m. Joel Brigham 1812 |
| M. Persis Hill | Squier-June 27, 1789-m. Catherine Adams 1816 |
| Brookfield, Mass. | Joseph-Feb. 18, 1791-m. Ruth Putnam 1818 |
| Apr. 29, 1784 | Azubah-Nov. 22, 1792 |
| D. Feb. 16, 1827 | Horace-Aug. 29, 1794 |
| Brookfield, Mass. (GSl) | Persis-Dec. 8, 1796 |
| | Persis 2nd-Dec. 15, 1797 |
| | Elizabeth-May 7, 1799 |
| | Juliann-Sept. 6, 1801-m. Geo. W. Reed, 1825 |
| | Farewell-Mar. 31, 1804 |
| <u>Seth</u> | Orrin-May 21, 178(8) |
| B. Sept. 16, 1762 | Melinda-Apr. 14, 1790 |
| Brookfield, Mass. | Cynthia-Apr. 10, 1792-m. John B. Gleason, 1816 ? |
| M. Margaret (Peggy) | Melinda 2nd-Mar. 28, 1794 |
| Morgan | Orpha-Apr. 23, 1796 |
| Spencer, Mass. | Dwight- |
| May 19, 1788 | Lucy- m. Harvey Willington 1830 ? |
| D. Dec. 20, 1812 | Sukey-Morgan-May 12, 1800 |
| Burlington, Vt. | Calista-Apr. 19, 1802 |
| | Fidelia-Apr. 13, 1803 |
| | Charlotte-Oct. 24, 1812 |

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JOSIAH, cont'd

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Sally (Sarah)

- B. Feb. 5, 1765
Brookfield, Mass.
- M. Thomas Richardson (Sally died in child bed)
Brookfield, Mass.
Nov. 17, 1785
- D. Feb. 5, 1786
Brookfield, Mass.

Chancy (Cheney)
(Chauncey)

- B. Sept. 2, 1767
Brookfield, Mass.
- M. _____
- D. "Dr. Chauncey
Hamilton" died
in Brookfield,
Mass. March 21,
1797 in 30th
year (GSl)

Cynthia (Cintha)

- B. Oct. 15, 1769
Brookfield, Mass.
- M. Ephraim Richardson (No children recorded in
Spencer, Mass. Spencer or Brookfield)
May 29, 1788
- D. _____

Lucy

- B. Jan. 13, 1772
Brookfield, Mass. (No children recorded in
Spencer or Brookfield)
- M. William Richardson
Spencer, Mass.
March 20, 1794
- D. _____

V

JUDE, son of
Josiah Hamilton
and Hulda (Barnes)

Born - Apr. 8, 1750
Brookfield, Mass.

Married - (1st)
Sarah Hoyt
Brookfield, Mass.
Oct. 31, 1771

Sarah was born
1749-died in
Brookfield,
Mass., July 6,
1790-1 (GS1)

(2nd) Rhoda Prouty
Spencer, Mass.
April 18, 1793

Rhoda was born in
Spencer to David
and Elizabeth Smith
Prouty-one of 12
children-May 17,
1759. She died
April 13, 1824

Died - June 25, 1798
Brookfield, Mass.
(GS1)

Children of Jude and Sarah

Zubah (Azubah)

B. Nov. 20, 1772
D. Dec. 8, 1790
Brookfield, Mass.
(GS1)

Comfort

B. June __, 1774
M. Charity Carpenter
of Keene, N. H.
D. March 16, 1863
Avon, N. Y.

Jude, Jr.

B. July 4, 1776
D. Oct. 24, 1858
Geneva, N.Y.

Betsy

B. Mar. __, 1778
M. Joel Adams, Jr.
Brookfield, Mass.
Feb. 19, 1795
D. Sept. 22, 1854
Grate Valley, N.Y.

(Note: Joel Adams died July 1866 at
the age of 90 years)

Aruba

B. Jan. 1, 1779
M.
D. Jan. 19, 1798

Calvin U.

B. 1780
M. Lucinda Hastings
Amherst, Mass.
April 2, 1809
D. July 11 (15), 1864
Rochester, N.Y.

(3rd Son) Frank Hastings, (Dr.)-m.

1st Mary Virginia
McMurren 1834
2nd Mary Hart of
Oswego, N.Y.

b. Sept. 10, 1813
Wilmington, Vt.
d. August 11, 1886
New York

Charlotte

B. 1782
D. Jan. 12, 1805
Brookfield, Mass.
(GS1)

VI Walter

B. Apr. 9, 1784
 Brookfield, (?)
 M. Mehetable Dyer
 Sharon, Vt.
 Nov. 12, 1806
 D. Mar. 22, 1869
 Rochester, N.Y.

Sarah

B. Aug. 3, 1786
 M. Dibble
 July 24, 1864
 Auburn, N.Y.

Fanny

B. Jan. 1, 1789
 M. Zacheus Wells
 (date?)
 b. Dec. 4, 1778
 d. Sept. 22, 1845
 Rising Sun, Ind.
 D. Rising Sun, Indiana
 August 7, 1845

Children of Jude and RhodaWashington

B.
 M. Mary Brigham 1816
 D.

Harriet

B.
 M.
 D.

Nancy

B. Nov. __, 1793
 M. Adolphus Wing
 d. Aug. 22, 1825 age 32 yrs.
 . . . , 1815

Adaline-Oct. 23, 1807-m. John Page 1828
 Cordelia Almira-Apr. 19, 1809-m. Horacio
 Stevens

Mary Ann-Jan. 6, 1811
 Aurora-Sept. 8, 1812
 Emily Maria-June 17, 1814-m. Daniel Morris
 Cummings 1836

Mansur Dyer-Feb. 15, 1816
 Orlando Dyer-Mar. 7, 1817-m. Caroline A.
 Greene 1841

Eliza Learned-June 18, 1819
 Harriet Orvilla-June 8, 1821-m. Ezra
 Taylor 1845

(VII) Dillis Dyer-Jan. 14, 1824-m. Eliza
 Saunders 1854

(Infant Girl)-August 20, 1825
 Charles Raymond-Jan. 28, 1827-m. Huldah
 Rogers 1856

(Infant Girl)-Nov. 25, 1829
 Charlotte Aurora-Aug. 16, 1831

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VI

WALTER, son of
Jude Hamilton
and Sarah (Hoyt)

Born - Apr. 9, 1784
Brookfield, Mass.

Married - Mehetable
Dyer of Sharon, Vt.
Nov. 12, 1806

Mehetable was
born in Canter-
bury, Conn.,
Aug. 13, 1788
to Ebenezer and
Mehetable Dyer.
She died Feb. 24,
1874, Rochester,
N. Y.

Died - March 22, 1869
Rochester, N. Y.

Adaline
B. Oct. 23, 1807
Sharon, Vt.
M. John Page of
Queechee, Vt.
1828
D. April 7, 1884
Enfield, N.H.

Cordelia Almira
B. Apr. 19, 1809
Sharon, Vt.
M. Horacio Stevens
D. Sept. 29, 1866

Mary Ann
B. Jan. 6, 1811
Sharon, Vt.
M. (Spinster)
D. June 4, 1876
Newburgh, N.Y.

Aurora
B. Sept. 8, 1812
Sharon, Vt.
D. Aug. 13, 1813
Sharon, Vt.

Emily Maria
B. June 17, 1814
Sharon, Vt.
M. Daniel Morris
Cummings
Woodstock, Vt.
Nov. 30, 1836
D. Feb. 11, 1895
Enfield, N.H.

Mansur Dyer
B. Feb. 15, 1816
Sharon, Vt.
D. June 15, 1816
Sharon, Vt.

Selden-Sept. 22, 1829
Ann Elizabeth-Nov. 30, 1832
Henry-March 4, 1836-d. Apr. 12, 1918,
Salt Lake City, Utah

(Began to teach at 15 years, conducted
private school in Rochester NY for
twenty years. Last six years before she
died taught school in Newburgh, N.Y.)

Owen Taft-Dec. 5, 1837-m. Mary L. Gates
1866

Emma Maria-Dec. 7, 1840
Albert Galatin-Nov. 19, 1842-m. Nellie C.
Currier 1871

Puley Martin-July 12, 1844-m. Lizzie
Wanzer 1874

Homer Hamilton-Feb. 3, 1846-m. Sally Condin
1873

Mary Ann-Apr. 18, 1848
Dillis Morris-Jan. 17, 1850-d. Aug. 23, 1853
Cordelia E.-Jan. 1, 1852-d. Aug. 28, 1853
Delia Morris-Feb. 16, 1854
Walter Dillis-Nov. 12, 1856-d. Nov. 1863

Orlando Dyer (Dr.)
 B. Mar. 7, 1817
 Sharon, Vt.
 M. Caroline A. Greene
 Vernon, N.Y.
 Sept. 19, 1841
 d. Aug. 2, 1899
 age 78 yrs.
 D. Sept. 8, 1895

Eliza Learned
 B. June 18, 1819
 Sharon, Vt.
 D. May 22, 1838

Harriet Orvillia
 B. June 8, 1821
 Sharon, Vt.
 M. Ezra Taylor
 Rochester, N.Y.
 1845
 D. July 19, 1896

C. Will (Dr.)-Jan. 20, 1851-m.
1st Ruth Willoughby of Pompeii, Mich.
 1877 (Divorced)
2nd Ella Eliza Hamilton (cousin) 1882
 Mary Eliza-Oct. 31, 1847-m. Arthur Luetchford
 b. July 4, 1846-London England
 d. Apr. 12, 1905 Pittsford, NY
 Carrie- m. Truman H. Swetland
 Fanny- m. Frank G. Hackley
 Edwin F.

Frank H.-(artist and lithographer of
 Philadelphia & New York)
 Louis
 Ellen (Ella)- (d. March 26, 1872,
 age 20 yrs.)
 Jennie
 Clifford

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WALTER, cont'd.

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VII Dillis Dyer
 B. Jan. 14, 1824
 Sharon, Vt.
 M. Eliza Saunders
 West Gaines, N.Y.
 Jan. 3, 1854
 D. July 22, 1876
 Pompeii, Mich.

Ella Eliza-June 16, 1855-m. C. Will
 Hamilton 1882
 Mary Lyon-Mar. 12, 1857-m. Wilbur Nelson
 1882
 Harriet Newell-Aug. 25, 1858-m.
1st Henry Saunders
2nd Gilbert J. Roote
 Emma Louise-Nov. 22, 1859-d. Sept. 14, 1936
 Henry Herbert-May 8, 1861-m. Edith V.
 Johnson 1892
 Jennie Adelaid-Sept. 29, 1862-(died Aug.
 21, 1875)
 (VIII) Edward Dillis Dyer-May 16, 1864-m.
 Ella Weidman 1885
 Frank Walter-Dec. 14, 1865-m. Fanny _____

An Infant Girl
 B. Aug. 20, 1825
 D. Aug. 21, 1825
 Sharon, Vt.

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Charles Raymond
 B. Jan. 28, 1827
 Sharon, Vt.
 M. 1st Huldah Rogers
 Gronfsburg,
 N.Y. 1856
 (Divorced)
 2nd Mary
 D. March 20, 1911

(Charles and Huldah lived in Saginaw, Mich.
 Adopted Harry Goadby who later became a
 partner of Hamilton & North spring and
 wagon works of Pontiac, and then became
 an associate of Durant in General Motors)

(Lived in Midland, Michigan, and probably
 had children but names not known)

An Infant Girl
 B. Nov. 25, 1829
 Sharon, Vt.
 D. Nov. 26, 1829

Charlotte Aurora
 B. Aug. 16, 1831
 Sharon, Vt.
 M. (Spinster)
 D. Mar. 12, 1921
 Rochester, N.Y.

VII

DILLIS DYER (Rev.)
Son of Walter
Hamilton and
Mehetable (Dyer)

Born - Jan. 14, 1824
Sharon, Vt.

Married - Eliza Saunders of West Gaines NY
Jan. 3, 1854. Eliza was born May 6, 1823 in West Gaines. She died in Pompeii, Mich., Dec. 8, 1874

Died - July 22, 1876
Pompeii, Mich.

Ella Eliza
B. Jan. 16, 1855
West Gaines, NY
M. C. Will Hamilton
(cousin) of St.
Charles, Mich.
Sept. 12, 1882
D. July 20, 1925
Sioux City, Iowa
(Interred Ithaca,
Mich.)

Robert Lynn-June 29, 1883-(unmarried)
d. Feb. 19, 1944

Mary Lyon
B. Mar. 12, 1857
Rochester, NY
M. Wilbur Nelson
Ithaca, Mich.
June 13, 1882
D. June 10, 1936
Chicago, Ill.
(Interred Ithaca,
Mich.)

Authur-Aug. 11, 1883-d. Oct. 26, 1911
Gladys-Aug. 17, 1884-(unmarried 1958)
Gaylord-Jan. 25, 1886-m. Hal Fraley 1917
d. March 22, 1947
Theodore-Mar. 26, 1888-(Unmarried 1958)
Miles A.-Oct. 22, 1890-m. Elizabeth C.
Otterbein May 15, 1920

Harriet Newell
B. Aug. 25, 1858
Akron, N.Y.
M. 1st Henry Saunders
2nd Col. Gilbert
Jenkins Roote
Cal.
D. Feb. 19, 1909
San Francisco, Cal.

Authur Saunders-Apr. 10, 1876-m. Lillian
Goeller _____

Emma Louisa
B. Nov. 22, 1859
Cambria, N.Y.
M. (Spinster)
D. Sept. 14, 1936
Grand Rapids, Mich.
(Interred Ithaca,
Mich.)

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DILLIS DYER (Rev.) cont'd.

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Henry Herbert
 B. May 8, 1861
 Cambria, N.Y.
 M. Edith V. Johnson
 Ithaca, Mich.
 Aug. 10, 1892
 D. Oct. 26, 1927
 Long Beach, Cal.

Jennie Adelaid
 B. Sept. 29, 1862
 Cambria, N.Y.
 D. Aug. 21, 1875
 Pompeii, Mich.

VIII Edward Dillis
Dyer

B. May 16, 1864
 Clarence, N.Y.
 M. Ella Weidman
 Ithaca, Mich.
 Nov. 7, 1885
 D. Feb. 9, 1898
 Ithaca, Mich.

(IX) Charles Walter-Apr. 8, 1890-m.
Irene Lucile Stroup 1916
Charlotte Aurora-Aug. 17, 1898 (Unmarried
 1958)

Frank Walter
 B. Dec. 14, 1865
 Clarence, N.Y.
 M. Fanny
 of Marion, Mich.
 D. Oct. 28, 1931
 Munsing, Mich.
 (Interred Ithaca,
 Mich.)

VIII

EDWARD DILLIS DYER-
Son of Dillis Dyer
Hamilton and Eliza
(Saunders)

Born - May 16, 1864
Clarence, N.Y.

Married - Ella Weidman
Ithaca, Mich.
Nov. 7, 1885

Ella was born Jan.
1, 1867 in Escanaba,
Mich., to Charles
Weidman and Helen
(Winters). (Ella died
in North Hollywood,
California May 25, 1954,
interred Ithaca, Michigan)

Died - February 9, 1928
Interred Ithaca, Mich.

(IX) Charles Walter

B. April 8, 1890
Ithaca, Mich.

M. Irene Lucile Stroup
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Oct. 26, 1916

D. Living 1958
Upper Montclair, N. J.

Charlotte Aurora

B. Aug. 17, 1898
Ithaca, Mich.

M. (unmarried 1958)

D. Living 1958
North Hollywood, Calif.

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Robert Dyer-Dec. 14, 1917
Irene Elizabeth-Apr. 18, 1920
Charles Walter, Jr.-Apr. 13, 1928
Jean-Feb. 7, 1933

IX

CHARLES WALTER, son
of Edward Dillis Dyer
Hamilton and Ella
(Weidman)

Born April 8, 1890
Ithaca, Michigan

Married Irene Lucile
Stroup, Oct. 26, 1916
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Lucile, daughter of
Frank E. and Blanche
Carmer Stroup was
born in Lansing,
Mich., Nov. 27, 1892.
(Living in 1958.)

Living 1958

(X)

Robert Dyer

- B. Dec. 14, 1917
Grand Rapids, Mich.
M. Elizabeth Jane Wood
March 23, 1941
D. Living 1958

Irene Elizabeth

- B. April 18, 1920
Tampico, Mexico
M. James Robert
Winner, Jr.
July 18, 1947
D. Living 1958

Charles Walter, Jr.

- B. April 13, 1928
Montclair, N. J.
M. (unmarried 1958)
D. Living 1958

Jean

- B. Feb. 7, 1933
Montclair, N. J.
M. William Eugene Parsons
June 4, 1955
D. Living 1958

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Robert Dyer, Jr.-Dec. 20, 1941
Elizabeth Jane-July 9, 1943
Virginia Diane-Oct. 7, 1946
Edward Loraine-Aug. 30, 1949
Deborah Sue-Mar. 6, 1954
Cynthia Louise-May 1, 1956

James Robert III-Mar. 28, 1949
Peter Hamilton-Sept. 20, 1951
Jeffrey Barr-Jan. 6, 1955
Bruce Cabot-Sept. 28, 1956

Jeffrey Hamilton-Dec. 6, 1956