

LONGLEY GENEALOGY.

A RECORD

OF THE

LONGLEY FAMILIES

—OF—

SHIRLEY, MASSACHUSETTS,

AND THEIR

DESCENDANTS.

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Among the early settlers of Shirley, the Longley families held a conspicuous position. The descendants of these families, of the fifth and sixth generations, in large numbers, still retain residences within the town and vicinity. At the commencement of the present century they were so numerous that a large portion of the population could claim affinity with them. They have not only filled a large place, numerically, in our community, but they have also, as a general fact, maintained a useful and honored citizenship. There have been many titled personages since the Norman conquest, of the names of Longley and Langley, that have figured in the annals of Brittany; but whether the humble settler in Lynn, of that name, was a descendant of any of these personages, time has not fully revealed, though some efforts have been made to show this, to which we may refer in another place.

Richard Longley, the supposed original of all of that name in New England, was settled at Lynn, as early as 1635. He had children, among whom were William and Jonathan, and perhaps others. His future history is rather blind, but he is presumed to have lived and died at Lynn. His posterity have sometimes called themselves Langley, though this orthographical distinction is no proof of distinction of families.*

William Longley, supposed to be a son of Richard, removed with his family from Lynn to Groton, and was a resident proprietor of the

*See Appendix AA.

extensive territory that bore that name. When the land was equitably divided among the shareholders, he became the owner of a large amount of native forest, which was eventually divided into farms, and occupied by his descendants. According to a manuscript record left by the late Rev. James D. Farnsworth, William Longley settled in Groton as early as 1659. His name is found in the records of that town in 1663, and in 1665 he was chosen selectman. He died at Groton, Nov. 29, 1680. How many children he had does not fully appear, but he had one son :

William Longley, Jr., who was probably born at Lynn, and married in Groton, and had five children ; or, as one tradition has it, eight children. He held a reputable position among his fellow-townsmen, and was appointed town clerk in 1666, and was continued in that office until his death, in 1694. At this period he and his family became the victims of Indian depredation, and all were slain but three of the children, who were carried into captivity. The house was rifled and burned, and near where it stood the mutilated remains of the murdered family were buried, and a small stone, even with the surface of the ground, was the only monument to mark the place of their interment for almost two centuries. Recently, however, a more imposing structure has been erected to hallow the spot of such sad historical interest. Mr. Butler gathered the traditions of this tragedy from the older inhabitants of his time, and condensed them into the following account, which is taken from his *History of Groton*, pages 93 and 94 :

"The Indians, having lurked about the premises undiscovered, the day previous to the slaughter, watching a favorable opportunity to effect their purpose, early in the morning of the fatal day turned the cattle out of the barnyard into a cornfield, and lay in ambush. This trick had the desired effect to draw out some of the family, probably Mr. Longley and his sons, unarmed, to drive the cattle from the corn. The Indians then rose upon them, and killed or captured the whole family. It is said, however, that Jemima, a daughter of Mr. Longley, whom they had tomahawked and scalped, was found alive, sitting upon a rock, and that she survived many years, married, and had children."

The condition of the killed was little more to be deplored than the fate of the spared members of the family, who were carried into captivity. They were three in number, Betty, Lydia and John. Betty died in her captivity, of starvation. Lydia was sold to the French in Canada, and upon becoming a Catholic, entered a nunnery at Montreal, where she remained for life. She became very much attached

to her order, and carried her zeal for her faith into the most decided bigotry. She wrote letters to her brother John, expressing her sorrow that he should remain under the influence of a heretical faith through which none could obtain salvation.

A milder fate awaited the third captive, John, who was about twelve years of age when his family was massacred and himself made prisoner by the Indians. It is said that after proceeding some way with his captors from the scene of their devastation, when the company came to a halt, he told them that his father's sheep were shut up in the barn, and would starve unless they would permit him to go back and let them out, and that having done this he would at once return to them. They consented, and he fulfilled his promise. Instead of lamenting his change of condition the lad entered into the pursuits of his new state with a relish, and during the five years of his wild life that followed hoped that he might never be removed from his savage to his former civilized position. Accordingly, when he was ransomed by government, he was so reluctant to leave his new and cherished pursuits, that force had to be added to persuasion to bring the young captive from barbarism to civilization.

After young Longley had returned to his former home in Groton, and had become somewhat weaned from the romance of his captive

John Longley
1704

state, he entered into the duties of civilization with the same zeal that he had manifested in his savage life. He was twice married, (first)

to Sarah Prescott of Groton, a daughter of Jonas Prescott, Esq., by whom he had five children,—three sons and two daughters. She was a sister of Hon. Benjamin Prescott, who was the father of Col. William Prescott,—of Bunker hill memory,—of Col. James and Dr. Oliver Prescott of Groton. Sarah, the first wife of John Longley, died March 8, 1718. He married (second) Deborah Houghton, by whom he had seven children. She died Nov. 7, 1763.

Mr. Longley was the clerk of the town for six years, and had three elections to the office of representative to the general court. He was a deacon of the church twenty-eight years, a good man, and an exemplary Christian. He died May 25, 1750.

It has been seen that William Longley, Sen., the grandfather of John of Indian memory, was one of the original proprietors of Groton, and with two exceptions he was the largest proprietor. It is highly probable that when the territory was divided among the proprietors, according to their number of shares in the stock, a large tract of land lying in what is now the southern part of Shirley was awarded to him, as his children of the third generation became permanent settlers there.

The three eldest sons of the redeemed captive, John, emigrated to Shirley, in company, in the year 1751. This was thirty years after the

settlements had commenced in Shirley, and but two years before the town was incorporated as a district. As, however, the northern and eastern sections of the town,—being nearer the center of Groton, and, of course, nearer the paternal homes of most of the Shirley settlers,—were first inhabited, and as the progress of settlement was slow, but few families are supposed to have been living, in 1750, south of what is now known as the “Pound-hill” school-house. Hence the three farms of the Longleys were in a wild state, and covered with a primitive growth of pine, oak and chestnut, the progress of whose huge bodies had never been disturbed except by wind and age.

The younger of these three brothers had previously lived within the limits of what now constitutes Shirley, as his name appears on the list of the petitioners for a separate town, in 1747; but he had probably returned to his paternal home in Groton, and prepared for a final settlement on his Shirley inheritance, with his older brothers, in 1751.

More than forty years ago the daughter of Jonas, (the younger brother of the emigrants,) then past eighty years of age, related to the compiler of this history, an account of the removal of her father and his brothers from Groton to Shirley, their new home. She said her father liked to often repeat this relation to his family, as the most notable adventure of his life.

The distance in a direct course could not have exceeded eight miles. But, although rude bridges had been thrown over the intervening streams at certain places, and a highway had been surveyed from Groton to Lancaster, the bridges were too far down the stream to be available, and the highway was so far east as to leave the territory of Shirley untouched. They could travel a short distance on the road leading from Groton Centre to Chelmsford; then they must make a right-angle in their way, and take a southerly direction, and pass over the territory that now forms the town of Ayer, towards the dwelling of the late Abel L. Holden. There the banks of the intervalle were so low that the river could be safely forded, and passing over the farm now owned by Charles Dodge, they would reach the borders of their own estates.

When the day of their departure arrived they assembled, with their wives and children, their cattle, farming utensils and household gear, taking such a store of provision as was demanded for present want, and commenced their trying journey, some ten or more miles through the wilderness, to what proved permanent earthly homes for themselves and for some generations of their posterity. They made good progress while they travelled east, but when they turned the angle to the south they found imperfect cart-paths and narrow bridle-ways, with obstructions at every turn; these were succeeded by an untrodden forest in its natal wildness. Huge logs lay across their path; stony pitfalls, concealed by pitiless jungle, were obstacles in their way; so that the spade as well as the axe were required to open a passage for their overburdened teams. Almost three entire days were

required to complete this undertaking. But, as the father of my informant stated, "The weather was warm and clear, so that our healths were uninjured, yet we thought it a terrible long *v'y'ge*!" This narrative of the removal of the Longleys exhibits some of the lighter trials endured by the fathers in the early settlements of the country.

The Shirley genealogy of these families commences with

Longley, William. (William,⁵ John,⁴ William,³ William,² Richard.¹) He was the eldest son of John and Sarah (Prescott) Longley, and was born at Groton, Feb. 7, 1708, and married Mary Parker of Groton, Jan. 4, 1734. He settled in what is now the South Village in the town. According to the most consistent tradition, his house was situated on the north side of the Catacunemaug, on the side of the hill, about half way between the river and the bed of the Fitchburg railway. Mr. Longley was a man of enterprise and efficiency, but either from a want of ability, or inclination, or taste, or popularity, his name appears in no place of public trust or employment; yet, with his countrymen generally, he nourished that inbred spirit of patriotism which secured in his day the independence of the United States, a work that older and abler men had desired to see effected, but who had died without the sight.

There is, however, one event that must give prominence to the reputation of William Longley as long as the history of Shirley shall exist. In connection with Samuel Hazen he builded the first grist-mill that existed within the town, to which a saw-mill was afterward appended. Tradition is strong in the position that the grist-mill stood on the southern bank of the stream, where its successor since stood; that incontestable relics of the fact have been discovered there and seen by living witnesses. There is, however, evidence stronger than tradition, though sustained by relics unearthed upon the supposed site of the former mill. It is as follows: The half of the property owned by Mr. Hazen was conveyed, directly or indirectly, to William Longley, Jr., son of the other proprietor; and in 1764 the other half was deeded to Elijah Wilds. According to the instrument of conveyance, both mills, (that is one-half of both,) including thirty-five acres of land belonging to the firm, were sold to said Wilds for "forty Pound." The deed says that the land was bounded on the east by land lately claimed by Buckston, (probably not an inhabitant of the town,) northerly by land owned by Samuel Flood; westerly by land of Thomas Trowbridge; southerly by *Catacunemaug brook*. This is almost positive evidence that the mills both stood upon the north side of the river.

William Longley died in Shirley, May 15, 1788. He had twelve children:

I. WILLIAM, b. at Groton, Jan. 24, 1734, d. young.

II. MARY, b. at Groton, Oct. 13, 1736, d. in 1749.

III. WILLIAM, b. at Groton, May 23, 1738, and was thirteen

years old when his father removed to Shirley. He m. Lydia Warrensford of Lancaster, Aug. 8, 1763. He lived in a house at the north-east corner of the door-yard of the present residence of the widow of the late Thomas Hazen. He followed in the footsteps of his father, both as a miller and an agriculturist, and wore the dusty coat of his craft unto old age. He d. at Shirley, Jan. 9, 1813. He had nine children, all b. at Shirley:

1. *EZEKIEL*, b. March, [1763,] m. Mary Swan, pub. Oct. 3, 1784. He lived in Harvard, Shirley, and Lancaster. At the last-named town his wife d.; soon after, his home was broken up and his children were scattered abroad. He finally settled in Chittenden, Vt., where he passed most of his remaining years, but d. at Pittsford, Vt., in March, 1834. He had eight children:
 - (1.) *David*, b. at Shirley, March 27, 1786.
 - (2.) *Mary*, b. at Harvard, Feb. 25, 1788, m. Ira Pinson.
 - (3.) *William*, b. at Shirley, May 23, 1790.
 - (4.) *Emery*, b. at Shirley, March 11, 1792.
 - (5.) *Joseph*, b. at Shirley, Oct. 29, 1794.
 - (6.) *Jacob*, b. at Shirley, July 1, 1801. When but a little past infancy, he was taken up by a Mr. Samuel Morrison, and carried to the home of said Morrison, at Stoddard, N. H., and finally became his son, by adoption, without a change of name. Eventually Mr. Morrison removed to Peterboro', where he d., and where Mr. Longley lived in 1878. He (Longley) m. Hepzibah Ames, March 10, 1831. He was a farmer by occupation, and was a justice of the peace. His wife d. Sept. 13, 1871. He had four children, all b. at Peterboro': 1. "George H.," b. April 4, 1832, m. Sarah M. Kimball, June 1, 1854; he has had three children: 1. George Wason, b. March 23, 1855; 2. Fred Kimball, b. Aug. 31, 1856; 3. Jacob W., b. Feb. 13, 1862. 2. "William Hiram," b. June 7, 1834, m. Mary White, Dec. 11, 1856, r. Peterboro' (1878); he has had four children: 1. Frank White, b. May 20, 1858, d. Sept. 29, 1858; 2. William H. C., b. Sept. 20, 1862; 3. Samuel P., b. Oct. 20, 1864; 4. Henry C., b. June 20, 1867. 3. "Timothy M.," b. May 9, 1837, m. Emma Converse, Feb. 28, 1860, r. Peterboro' (1878); he has had three children: 1. Edith, b. Jan. 6, 1861; 2. Arthur, b. Aug. 20, 1863; 3. Maurice, b. April 9, 1865. 4. "Stillman Parker," b. April 8, 1841, m. Sarah S. Converse, 1867, r. Peterboro' (1878); he has had two children: 1. Frank, b. March 13, 1869; 2. Albert, b. Oct. 12, 1871.
 - (7.) *Solomon*, b. at Shirley, Oct. 20, 1804, r. Chittenden, Vt. (1878); he was twice m., (first) to Hannah Pike, March 5, 1824; m. (second) Caroline M. Davenport, Sept. 10, 1856. He has had six children: 1. "Josephine M.," b. Sept. 27, 1829, m. Seth Boutwell, r. Stockbridge, Vt. (1878); 2. "Rosaline," b. July 25, 1831, m. Emery Brown, d. July 19,

1875; 3. "Sullivan S.," b. July 14, 1834, m. Marcia Eggleston, r. Stockbridge (1878); 4. "Justin," b. Dec. 27, 1835, m. Jane Morgan, d. Feb. 21, 1873; 5. "Amanda Malvina," b. March 22, 1842, m. Martin Durfee, r. Pittsford, Vt. (1878); 6. "Solomon," b. March 12, 1859. The children of Solomon were b. at Chittenden.

(8.) *Osmyn*, b. at Shirley, July 16, 1806.

All the children of Ezekiel Longley are d. except Jacob and Solomon.

2. ABIGAIL, b. 1764, became a Shaker, and d. in that communion, June 2, 1817.

3. ISRAEL, b. Nov. 2, 1766, was twice m., (first) to Lucy Conant of Harvard, pub. Feb. 2, 1794; she d.; he m. (second) Mrs. Sally Tarbell, June 6, 1799; he d. at Shirley, Aug. 24, 1819; he was a man of enterprise and thrift; his widow d. April 11, 1826. He had two children:

(1.) *Walter*, b. at Shirley, June 2, 1801, drowned Aug. 16, 1813.

(2.) *Israel*, b. at Shirley, Dec. 1, 1803, was twice m., (first) to Sophia Bullard, May 2, 1830; she d. Nov. 15, 1830; he m. (second) Sarah Hazen Parker, May 29, 1836, and d. March 24, 1871.

It has been said, on another page of this history, that Joseph Edgerton, Esq., was the pioneer of the Shirley manufacturing enterprise; and, with equal truth it may be here said that Israel Longley stood second in this laudable work. His father had, in a small way, commenced the undertaking into which he vigorously entered as soon as he attained his years of majority; and this was not far from the time that our cotton manufactories were receiving an impulse, by the invention and introduction to use of the power loom. Cotton spinning, through the agency of Mr. Edgerton, had for a time been in successful operation in Shirley, and, to some extent, the power loom had been introduced; yet it was attended with so many imperfections, in its incipient stages, as to bring partial discouragement over the enterprise. It seemed, therefore, to belong to Mr. Longley, by a separate effort, an effort independent of all previous attempts, to enlarge the system and bring it to a higher state of perfection. He accordingly suggested and became the leader of what is called the Fredonia Company. This company builded and furnished the largest cotton manufactory that had ever appeared in town until the erection of the Phoenix mill in 1850.

Mr. Longley continued his interest in the Fredonia Company as long as he lived, and had an interest, likewise, in many of the smaller factories that stood along the banks of the Catacunemaug, the most of which have since, from time to time, been destroyed by fire.

For many years the manufacture of cottons was of such variable success as to cover the hearts and hopes of its actors with seasons of gloom and sunshine, alternately gathering and

scattering such hopes, and raising and discouraging public expectations. The subject of this notice, notwithstanding, continued to sustain the system and give it due prominence. He made it his life-work, and lived to behold it a complete success.

He also took a lively interest in the construction of the railway from Fitchburg to Boston, which passes through the South Village in Shirley. He was a large subscriber to the stock of the company, and for several years was one of its directors.

At different times he held offices of town appointment, the duties of which he performed to the satisfaction of his constituents. He was a selectman six years. He was two years a member of the town school committee, and he represented his fellow-townsmen in the legislature of the state in 1833 and 1834.

In his personal appearance Mr. Longley maintained a neatness to which few persons aspire. In his social relations he was mild and courteous, endeavoring to receive and impart ease and comfort by speech and demeanor. In early life he seemed to give little thought to experimental religion, but in later years he exhibited a change in this respect, and united with the Universalist church; but, in his last sickness he was led to a partial modification of his religious faith. At his death the branch of the William Longley, Jr., family, to which he belonged, laid away its last representative.

4. LYDIA, b. in [1768], m. Asa Gale of Chesterfield, N. H., Sept. 29, 1800.
5. SARAH, b. in 1773, became a Shaker, and d. in that communion, Sept. 14, 1818.
6. IVORY, b. 1775, m. Lydia Munroe of Harvard, April 5, 1797. He was a blacksmith by trade, and in attempting to cross the Catacunemaug, upon a dam, he slipped from his icy footing, and perished in the stream below. He d. Jan. 14, 1808; his widow d. April 9, 1859. He had four children:
 - (1.) *Lucy*, b. at Harvard, May 18, 1797, m. Darius Emery of Shirley, Dec. 24, 1865, d. at Shirley, Dec. 27, 1878.
 - (2.) *Nancy*, b. at Shirley, May 2, 1801, d. Nov. 5, 1805.
 - (3.) *Lydia*, b. at Shirley, May 26, 1803, m. Darius Emery, May 14, 1824, d. at Shirley, July 31, 1863. She had one child: 1. "Hiram," b. at Shirley, March 22, 1825; he was twice m., (first) to Eliza A. Gay, Oct. 19, 1849; she d. at Lowell, Feb. 19, 1859; he m. (second) Mrs. Lazure, March 20, 1867; he d. at Springfield, June 26, 1874. He had one child: 1. Lucy, b. at Lowell, March 23, 1850, m. George F. Fuller, Nov. 20, 1872, r. Springfield (1882).
 - (4.) *Hiram*, b. at Shirley, Aug. 31, 1805, m. Mary A. Farnsworth of Harvard, May 3, 1838. Mr. Longley was a man of enterprise and of a peculiar executive ability. For several

years he was engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods in Shirley Village, which, in the end, proved not a successful operation. After some changes, he went to Chicago, Ill., and became the proprietor of a large hotel called the Massasoit House, where he did an extensive and profitable business. Having acquired property sufficient to justify the undertaking, he returned to Shirley and purchased the large and elegant residence of the late John K. Going, Esq., with the purpose of making it his life-residence. But the great fire at Chicago destroyed a large portion of his property, and in his endeavors to resuscitate his condition he overtaxed his strength, and became the victim of his efforts. He d. Feb. 15, 1877. His widow retains a home at Shirley (1882). With the death of Hiram Longley, the male descendants of the branch of the family represented by Ivory Longley became extinct.

7. WILLIAM, JR., b. at Shirley, m. Rebecca Munjoy of Harvard, Sept. 20, 1794. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and wrought at his craft in Shirley, and in other places, without the success necessary to secure a competent livelihood for himself and dependents. In a fit of discouragement he wandered away from home, but was eventually brought back in a state of extreme destitution, and required assistance from the town. At the annual town meeting he was made the subject of the barbarous custom of boarding with the man who would provide for him at the lowest auction price. He openly rebelled against the custom, defied the authorities, and resolutely left the town to return no more. He finally became a dweller in Chittenden, Vt., where his elder brother, Ezekiel, had previously settled. He there resumed his work at his trade, and secured for himself an independent livelihood. He d. at Pittsford, Vt., in 1836. His wife, Rebecca, d. at Shirley, April 7, 1821; she was buried in the old cemetery of the town, and her grave is surrounded by a durable enclosure, within which is a simple yet beautiful monument, all of which were reared by the hand of an affectionate daughter. Mr. Longley had nine children:
 - (1.) *Stedman*, b. at Shirley, Dec. 16, 1794.
 - (2.) *Lydia*, b. at Shirley, Aug. 15, 1796.
 - (3.) *Dexter*, b. at Harvard, Oct. 23, 1798.
 - (4.) *Betsey*, b. at Lancaster, Oct. 9, 1800, m. Samuel Gambels of Waltham, 1818, d. at Chicopee, March 2, 1846. She had six children: 1. "Samuel," b. at Waltham, d. young; 2. "Eliza," b. at Waltham, d. young; 3. "Rachel," b. at Waltham, Jan., 1822; 4. "Sarah," b. at Waltham, 1825, m. Lysander Howard, 1843; 5. "Charles," b. at Waltham, 1827, d. Nov. 27, 1872; 6. "Elizabeth," b. at Waltham, 1830, m. Horace Favor, 1850, r. West Springfield, 1879.
 - (5.) *William*, b. at Shirley, Aug. 24, 1804.
 - (6.) *Luther*, b. at Marlboro', Feb. 7, 1807, m. Eliza Jane Wilder, April 7, 1836, r. Leominster (1878). He has had five children: 1. "Ellen S.," b. July 8, 1844, d. Oct. 8, 1845; 2.

- "George Luther," b. July 27, 1846, d. Feb. 24, 1848; 3. "George Luther," b. Aug. 10, d. Aug. 21, 1848; 4. "Elizabeth K.," b. July 14, 1849, d. July 29, 1850; 5. "Mary E.," b. July 16, 1850.
- (7.) *Rebecca*, b. at Shirley, Oct. 31, 1810, m. George Lawrence, d. at Springfield, March 29, 1878.
- (8.) *Sarah*, b. at Shirley, June 11, 1812, m. Thomas W. Wason, Nov., 1837; he d. at Springfield, Aug. 27, 1870; he was a builder of railroad cars, a very skilful mechanic, and was called away from life in the midst of his days and usefulness. His widow survives (1882); she has two children: 1. "Sarah Jenny," b. Sept. 19, 1839, m. Henry S. Hyde of Detroit, Mich., Dec. 4, 1863; 2. "George Thomas," b. April, 1846, m. Alice Thomas of Rochester, N. Y., Dec., 1864.
- (9.) *Samuel*, b. at Shirley, April, 1815, d. April 7, 1876.
8. ELIJAH, b. July 15, 1778, m. Betsey Stone, and lived on the estate now owned by Dexter Bruce, where he d. Aug. 18, 1821. He had seven children:
- (1.) *Otis*, b. at Shirley, May 6, 1806, m. Nancy Goodhue, Dec. 23, 1830. He has had three children: 1. "Charles Otis," b. Nov. 24, 1831; 2. "Albert M.," b. Sept. 9, 1840, d. July 18, 1843; 3. "Albert Warren," b. Oct. 12, 1848.
- (2.) *Jonas*, b. Oct. 1, 1808, m. Mary D. Bowers of Townsend, Jan., 1840, r. Lunenburg (1878); he has had two children: 1. "Hiram W.," b. Jan. 7, 1841; 2. "Charles B.," b. April 23, 1845.
- (3.) *Levi*, b. Dec. 11, 1810, d. July 18, 1843, unm.
- (4.) *Nahum*, b. March 16, 1813, m. Elizabeth Cass.
- (5.) *Serena*, b. Oct. 14, 1815, m. Chaney L. Burnell, Feb. 5, 1843.
- (6.) *Elizabeth*, b. June 10, 1818, m. William Stanford, Aug., 1855.
- (7.) *Sarah Ann*, b. Aug. 30, 1820, m. Edward French, Nov., 1842.
9. LUTHER, b. at Shirley, m. Mary Bartlett, daughter of William and Lois (Cook) Bartlett, pub. Nov. 6, 1807. He lived on the Bartlett farm, near the present residence of Sidney Benjamin; but at length became so straitened in his pecuniary circumstances as to ask town assistance toward the support of himself and family. He d. June 25, 1833; his wife d. July 31, 1813. He had three children:
- (1.) *Mary*, b. at Shirley, June 28, 1808, m. John Folsom, Nov. 14, 1834, r. Lowell (1878); she has had two children: 1. "John," b. April 13, 1838, d. May 6, 1841; 2. "Mary," b. Jan. 30, 1847.
- (2.) *Lucy Bartlett*, b. at Shirley, Oct. 14, 1812, d. June 15, 1827.
- (3.) *Lois Bartlett*, b. at Shirley, Oct. 14, 1812, m. Thomas Eaton of Shirley, June 27, 1835, r. Peoria, Ill. (1878.) She has had five children: 1. "William O.," b. at Shirley, Aug. 31, 1836;

- he has been twice m., r. Clinton (1878). 2. "Sarah A.," b. at Shirley, Jan. 9, 1839, m. C. H. Stockwell, Nov. 27, 1860; she has had six children: 1. Sybil A., b. at Boston, April 25, 1865, d. at Peoria, Ill., Dec. 31, 1865; 2. Frank E., b. at Peoria, Dec. 31, 1867; 3. Eddie E., b. at Bushnell, Conn., Aug. 25, 1869; 4. Ida E., born at Lawrence, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1871; 5. Charles, b. at Monmouth, Ill., July 8, 1875; 6. Mabel F., b. at Monmouth, Ill., July 3, 1877. 3. "Mary F.," b. at Shirley, Dec. 31, 1841, d. Nov., 1856. 4. "Thomas A.," b. at Shirley, Nov. 30, 1843, m. L. A. Holbrook, Nov. 30, 1863; he has had three children: 1. Nettie, b. at Peoria, Sept. 25, 1866; 2. Sybil A., b. at Peoria, Oct. 27, 1868; 3. Charles L., b. at Peoria, June 22, 1872, d. July 31, 1873. 5. "Sybil A.," b. at Clinton, March 26, 1849, d. March 31, 1856.
- IV. SARAH, b. at Groton, Feb. 18, 1740. She was twice m., (first) to James Willard, by whom she had two children, JAMES LONGLEY, and another son; she m. (second) ——— Hall of Swansey, and d. when about forty years of age.
- V. ANNA, b. at Groton, March 10, 1742, m. Samuel, son of Nicholas Bartlett of Shirley, and d. at Hopkinton, N. H., April 18, 1826.
- VI. LYDIA, b. at Groton, Dec. 31, 1743, m. Thomas Bennett of Lancaster, d. at Turin, N. Y., 1828. She had three children b. at Lancaster:
1. BATHSHEBA, b. June 2, 1767, m. Abijah Wheelock, Nov. 20, 1788.
 2. THOMAS, b. Jan. 31, 1769, m. Asabel Phelps, Aug. 19, 1792.
 3. LYDIA, b. June 1, 1771, m. Benjamin Houghton, Sept. 27, 1796.
- VII. ISRAEL, b. at Groton, Oct. 12, 1745. The following account of Israel Longley is from his grandson, Isaac, who resided in Paradise, Nova Scotia, in 1879: "In or about the year 1759 or 1760, there came from Shirley a man by the name of Longley, bringing with him a son named Israel, who was my grandfather. His father, after stopping one or two seasons, and liking the country, returned home to Shirley, with the intention of removing his family to Nova Scotia, and making that place his permanent home, but he did not live to effect his purpose."

The readers of this history have learned something of the quaintness of the words and ways of William Longley, by allusions that have been made to him, and will be prepared to recognize, as characteristic of him, the following anecdote that occurred while he was abroad. In crossing the Annapolis river, on a boat loaded with brick, the crew and cargo went down, and it required considerable effort to save the passengers from drowning. Sometime after, the question was asked, "Mr. Longley, what were your

thoughts while under water?" His answer was, "A living man has no right to complain."

He left his son, Israel, behind when he returned to the States, whom he apprenticed to a man by the name of Parker to learn the carpenter's trade. The boy was then sixteen years of age, and he made Nova Scotia the place of his life-residence. He m. Anna Kent, had fourteen children, and d. Sept. 16, 1824.

There is a well-founded tradition in relation to Mr. Longley, that deserves a place here. Soon after his marriage he decided to make his Shirley kindred a visit, and again look upon the home of his childhood, from which he had been long absent. From his home in Nova Scotia he had some twenty-five miles to travel before he came to water transport. He there cut up a sapling willow for a cane, and traveled to the bay, having crossed which, he landed in Maine, and proceeded overland to Shirley. He planted his cane in the ground when he had come to town, a few rods east of Mr. Davis' saw-mill, in Shirley Village. It took on roots and grew to be a great tree, and is the supposed progenitor of all the trees of its species within the town. At this writing (1879) the trunk of this huge willow lies upon the ground in a state of remarkable preservation, having been felled about twenty years. A few feet from where this gigantic tree grew stands another, a progeny of the original, of large dimensions, at the base of which is a water-spring of excellent quality. I have sometimes thought that the fountain and its tree-guardian should bear the name of the planter of the original willow. The children of Israel Longley were :

1. ISAAC, b. July 2, 1771, and was twice m., (first) to Dorcas Bent, Sept. 16, 1794; she d., and he m. (second) Freelove Dodge, May 26, 1813. He d. Oct. 12, 1855. He had twelve children :
 (1.) *Maria*. (2.) *Israel*. (3.) *Diadima*. (4.) *Lavice*.
 (5.) *Ann*. (6.) *Lucy*. (7.) *David*. (8.) *Elizabeth*.
 (9.) *John Fletcher*. (10.) *Dorcas*. (11.) *Minetta*.
 (12.) *Isaac*, b. at Paradise, Dec. 16, 1823.
2. ANNA, b. Feb. 23, 1773, m. Joseph Bent, and d. Sept. 12, 1860. She had ten children :
 (1.) *Warren*. (2.) *Lucy*. (3.) *Susan*.
 (4.) *Amelia*. (5.) *Israel*.
 (6.) *Fletcher*, who is a Methodist preacher (1878).
 (7.) *William*. (8.) *Mary*. (9.) *Gilbert*. (10.) *John*.
3. WILLIAM, b. March 10, 1775, m. Esther Dodge, Jan. 13, 1802, d. March 24, 1842. He had three children :
 (1.) *Bethiah*. (2.) *Susanna*. (3.) *Warren*.
4. ASAPH, b. Nov. 26, 1776. He was twice m., (first) to Grace Morse, (second) to Dorcas Poole, d. June 3, 1853. He had seven children :
 (1.) *Warren*.
 (2.) *Ellen*, m. Ebenezer Balcom.
 (3.) *Caroline*, m. John Hall.

- (4.) *Harriet*. She was twice m., (first) to George Brown, (second) to William Sprawl.
 - (5.) *Israel*, d. Sept., 1871.
 - (6.) *Avard*.
 - (7.) *William*, d. young.
5. SUSANNA, b. Oct. 27, 1778, m. Jonathan C. Morse, d. Oct. 11, 1842. She had seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Morse d. within two weeks of each other.
- (1.) *Edward*. (2.) *Israel*. (3.) *Eliza*. (4.) *Lucy*.
 - (5.) *Caroline*. (6.) *Minetta*. (7.) *Mary Cecilia*.
6. ISRAEL, b. Sept 28, 1780, m. Mary Bath, who d. Nov. 29, 1842. He d. Nov. 29, 1871. He had nine children:
- (1.) *Tamer Cecilia*.
 - (2.) *John Bath*. He was keeper of the penitentiary, St. Johns, N. B., d. 1880.
 - (3.) *Israel James*, r. Greenville, Nova Scotia (1878). He had one child: 1. "Robert Bath," b. [1841,] d. Sept. 4, 1861.
 - (4.) *Lucy Ann*, m. Delancy Grenever.
 - (5.) *Samuel Charles*, b. Oct. 3, 1815, m. Eliza Isabella Fowler, r. Greenville, Nova Scotia. He has had four children: 1. "Mary Matilda," b. Aug. 16, 1841; 2. "William Fletcher," b. July, 1844; 3. "Caroline Eliza," b. July 10, 1848; 4. "Anna Gallandlet," b. Feb. 18, 1852.
 - (6.) *Nehemiah Fletcher*, b. 1818, d. Feb. 24, 1844.
 - (7.) *An Infant*, who lived but a few days, unnamed.
 - (8.) *Robert Wesley*, b. July 19, 1821, m. Charlotte Harris, Nov. 27, 1844, r. Grantville, Nova Scotia.
 - (9.) *Mary Elizabeth*, m. John Millbury of Digby, Nova Scotia.
7. DIADIMIA, b. Dec. 17, 1782, m. John McNeal of Halifax, a hatter by trade. She had seven children, and d. June 2, 1860.
- (1.) *Israel*, r. Newfoundland (1872).
 - (2.) *Henry*, d. at Halifax.
 - (3.) *Diedem*. (4.) *Susan*. (5.) *Margaret*. (6.) *Warren*.
 - (7.) *Edward*, lost at sea.
8. CHRISTINA, b. March 20, 1785, m. John Chesley, lived in Annapolis county, Nova Scotia, had seven children, and d. May 9, 1855.
- (1.) *Ambrose*. (2.) *Nelson*. (3.) *Benjamin*.
 - (4.) *Eliza*, m. Allen Morse.
 - (5.) *Phebe*. (6.) *Diedem*. (7.) *Berthia*.
9. ELIZABETH, b. 1788, m. John Tupper, had seven children, d. July 23, 1850.
- (1.) *Susan*, m. Henry Randall, r. Newburyport (1878).
 - (2.) *Miner*.
 - (3.) *Mary Eliza*, m. Capt. Peter McRay, r. Bridgetown, Nova Scotia (1878).
 - (4.) *Harriet*, m. Edward Foster.
 - (5.) *Alvira*, m. George Murdock of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia.

(6.) *Israel*, was drowned.

(7.) *Mayhew*.

10. LUCY, b. 1789, d. young.

11. WESLEY, b. 1794, lost at sea in the year 1818.

12. 13. 14. TRIPLETS, d. unnamed.

VIII. NEHEMIAH, b. at Groton, Sept. 4, 1747, m. Miriam Sawtell of Shirley. He had nine children. Two birth-dates have been entered upon the records of Shirley, and no further account of the family can be given in these pages.

1. OBADIAH, b. at Shirley, Feb. 3, 1773. He was a Quaker by profession.

2. MIRIAM, b. at Shirley, Aug. 9, 1774.

IX. MARY, b. at Groton, Nov. 4, 1749, m. John Priest of Lancaster. She was removed to Westminster, Vt., where she had children, and where she d. March 22, 1822.

X. JOSHUA, b. at Groton, July 23, 1751, m. Bridget Melvin of Concord, March 20, 1770. She was the youngest daughter of Eleazer and Mary Melvin of Concord, and was b. Dec. 9, 1751.* They passed their lives in Shirley, where he d. Nov. 7, 1814; she d. Feb. 27, 1817. Their remains were interred in the old cemetery at Shirley, and a beautiful marble headstone marks the place of their graves,—erected by a grandson, the late Samuel Chase, of Pepperell.

The different members of the Longley families had a general reputable standing in this town, where they lived, as their fathers had in the town where they were born. In their lives was presented, it is true, the various phases of character that belong to our common humanity, from the grave to the gay, and from the mild to the severe; yet but few of them failed to appreciate the duties of life, and to discharge these duties according to the dictates of a well-regulated conscience.

But, of all who have borne that name in Shirley, Joshua, (the tenth-born of William, the eldest son of the redeemed captive, whose family register is here under consideration,) was the most illustrious. His father removed from Groton to Shirley the year he was born; hence his childhood and boyhood were passed at that inauspicious period when no schools existed within the town. Of course he almost necessarily grew up without a knowledge of letters. Tradition saith that at the age of twenty-one he could not write or even read. But such was his strength of intellect, and such the bias of his inclinations, that he could not see an honorable and useful call to business, beyond the reach of his present ability, without an effort to qualify himself for the calling. He therefore labored with an assiduity that finds no immovable obstacles in the way of success. With such means as he had at his

*See Appendix BB.

command, he furnished himself with that kind of education which the exigence of his situation demanded, and devoted his acquirements to the best possible advantage in all his active course, giving his mind but little respite until its purposes were effected.

In 1780, when he was twenty-nine years of age, he was appointed a selectman of the town, and for twenty-one years he

was re-appointed to the same important official station. He was the town-clerk for fifteen years, and was a civil magistrate during a large portion of his business life. He was also called to discharge legal duties of a more private character, such as solemnizing marriages, drawing business instruments, presiding over petit courts of justice, and thus had a general as well as a business and social influence which few have attained. In 1775 he was a volunteer on the alarm of the 19th of April.

He builded, during his life, two large dwelling-houses after the same pattern; they were of the largest which the town could then boast. They were faced to the south, and neither of them fronted upon the streets on which they were located. He was also the first occupant of the only water-privilege within the town upon the Nashua river, where he builded saw and corn-mills, which property soon passed to the hands of other owners. The farm dwellings, where himself and family usually resided, are yet all standing, in good repair, and have been heliotyped to embellish the pages of this history.

The death of Mr. Longley was almost without warning. It was a fine autumnal afternoon, and the voters of the town had assembled for a public business meeting in the old church; the purpose of which meeting was to take into consideration the situation of Rev. Phinehas Whitney, who had become, permanently, an invalid, and to relieve him of a part, or all, of his ministerial duties, by settling with him a colleague. The meeting had proceeded so far as to resolve upon the measure, and to pass a vote extending an invitation to Rev. William Bascom, then of Fitchburg, to fill the position. At this point it was announced that Mr. Joshua Longley—who was in his usual health, as far as any that were there had been advised—was dead, having just expired at his own mansion, but a quarter of a mile away. Whereupon, Wallis Little, Esq., arose, and, after expressing a surprise at the suddenness of the event, so fruitful of regret to a widespread community, and after briefly recounting the merits of the deceased, moved an adjournment of the meeting, and a general suspension of business until the remains of their distinguished friend and fellow-townsmen should receive the rites of sepulture. Joshua Longley had eight children, b. at Shirley.

1. LOVINA, b. May 9, 1771, d. Aug. 11, 1777.

2. ANNE, b. Sept. 17, 1773, d. Aug. 9, 1777.

3. ANNA, b. Aug. 20, 1776; she was twice m., (first) to Samuel Chase of Shirley, April 3, 1795; he d. at Pepperell, Nov. 6, 1808; she m., (second) William Hall of Brookline, N. H., Oct. 3, 1826, and d. at Hollis, N. H., June 6, 1866.
4. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 25, 1779; he was twice m., (first) to Rhoda, daughter of James and Sarah (Dickerson) Parker of Shirley, Jan. 7, 1798; she d. Dec. 7, 1833; he m. (second) Mrs. Nancy Butler of Shirley, Nov. 11, 1840, and d. July 17, 1847.

Stephen Longley was thirty-five years old at the period of his father's death, and was well entered upon that course of activity which was continued until his latter years.

Hitherto he acted under parental supervision; now he was ready to receive and wear the mantle of public service, which had so long graced the shoulders of his honored parent, which was readily understood by an appreciative constituency. It is true he had not the genius and executive ability of his father, and yet he had a business talent which was noted and improved by his fellow-townsmen. He held the office of selectman for six years, and was honored with other responsible positions. His chief excellence, however, seemed to consist of an ability and readiness to discharge the duties of a civil magistrate. These duties engaged his occasional attention almost as long as he lived.

As a man of sympathetic action he had few equals. Wherever he could help the sick and suffering, he invariably appeared with a tender of his services. In 1816 a fever of great malignancy broke out in a family that occupied what was afterward the town almshouse, pervading, to some extent, the entire neighborhood, and numbering persons of different ages among its victims. As the sickness was considered infectious, many people were kept by their fears from those offices of charity and sympathy of which the sufferers stood in great need. Without stopping to consider personal danger, he entered boldly into scenes of pain and helplessness, and, day after day and night after night, was found at his post of duty and usefulness. It, however, proved to him a post of danger, for he imbibed the infection, and after weeks of suffering, under which he was brought near the door of death, he partially recovered, but never overcame the disability which his sickness occasioned.

His later years were troubled with pecuniary difficulties, arising from losses and misfortune. His inability to meet and cancel his liabilities produced a regret so mortifying and repulsive of his better nature as to greatly sadden his declining years. This was a state of mind unknown in many modern bankruptcies, where every species of rascality is perpetrated under a protection of legal forms. Mr. Longley had six children, all born in Shirley.

- (1.) *Edmund*, b. June 4, 1799. He was twice m., (first) to Cynthia Jones of Lancaster, pub. April 4, 1819; she d. Sept. 4, 1838; he m. (second) Mrs. Adeline Stevens of Groton, pub. Aug. 25, 1840; he d. June 13, 1844. He had five children, b. at Shirley: 1. "Sarah Parker Jones," b. Sept. 26, 1819, d. March 1, 1836. 2. "Cynthia Ann," b. Oct. 4, 1824, m. Henry Edgarton of Shirley, July 23, 1844, r. Shirley (1883). 3. "Malvina Amanda," b. May 4, 1830, m. Albert Butler of Shirley, Nov. 27, 1849, d. Aug. 26, 1865; she had three children: 1. Carrie Isabel, b. at New Castle, Del., March 19, 1856, d. Sept. 7, 1856; 2. Hattie May, b. at New Castle, March 12, 1858, d. May 14, 1866; 3. Genie Anna, b. at New Castle, Nov. 22, 1860. 4. "Jane A.," b. July 25, 1833, m. Charles A. Edgarton of Shirley, June 17, 1852, r. Shirley (1883). 5. "Josephine," b. May 30, 1838, d. Aug. 7, 1838.
- (2.) *Stephen Melvin*, b. Aug. 11, 1802, m. Mary F. Gibson of Lunenburg, Dec. 31, 1832. He conducted the noble farming establishment which had been in the family for the two preceding generations, and which is now in the possession of his children (1883). He d. Aug. 16, 1860.

It is seldom that three successive generations, of the same family, can each produce a representative competent to serve the public in official positions and give satisfaction in that service; but such was the case with the Longleys, whose registry is here given. Stephen M. Longley walked in the steps of his grandfather and of his father, without intending it, as a town official and private adviser. He was chosen a selectman on five occasions, and in 1834 he was appointed treasurer of the town.

He gave all subjects submitted for his examination, a careful consideration, and acted according to the convictions of a mature understanding, not often finding reason to cancel or modify his opinions. He died, as some other members of his family had done, of consumption. For several years previous to his death he was, more or less, under the influence of this malady. It preyed upon his constitution, paralyzed his strength, benumbed his spirits, and suspended physical action, so that he was unable to continue those private engagements and public duties to which his life had been devoted. His domestic relations were of a tender character, and so esteemed was his position in his family, that his death, though long premeditated, produced a shock afflicting to witness, and hard to overcome.

Mr. Longley had eight children: 1. "Charles Albert," b. at Shirley, Aug. 7, 1834, m. Hannah Powers of Shirley, May 5, 1855, r. Shirley (1883); he has had three children: 1. Lilly M., b. at Shirley, June 18, 1858; 2. Charles C., b. at Shirley, Dec. 25, 1859; 3. Alice G., b. at Shirley, Feb. 24, 1862. 2. "Stephen Webster," b. at Shirley, Aug. 1, 1836, m. Sara E. Sylvester of Townsend, Dec. 11, 1867, d. at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 1, 1872; he had three children: 1. Frank Lester, b. at

- Newfield, N. J., Sept. 19, 1868; 2. Welcome Hathaway, b. at Newfield, July 16, 1870; 3. Stephen Laroy, b. at Shirley, Dec. 13, 1872; his widow r. Shirley (1883). 3. "Nelson Parker," b. at Shirley, Jan. 18, 1838, d. Aug. 24, 1838. 4. "Mary Maria," b. at Shirley, Sept. 9, 1839. 5. "Ellen Eliza," b. at Shirley, Aug. 10, 1842, d. May 27, 1866. 6. "Clara Melissa," b. at Shirley, Jan. 1, 1845, m. Gilbert M. Ballou of Shirley, Nov. 25, 1878, r. Shirley (1883). 7. "Melvin Whittemore," b. in Shirley, Feb. 2, 1849. 8. "Marette Frances," b. at Shirley, June 17, 1853.
- (3.) *Rhoda Maria*, b. at Shirley, June 19, 1805, m. Nathaniel Holden, Jr., pub. July 21, 1822, d. Oct., 1831.
- (4.) *Anna*, b. at Shirley, Nov. 22, 1811, m. Joseph Hazen of Shirley, June 30, 1825, r. Shirley (1883).
- (5.) *James Parker*, b. at Shirley, April 13, 1814, m. Lucy Chaplin of Shirley, Dec. 15, 1835. He r. in Shirley (1883). Since the first pages of this volume went to press the wife of Mr. Longley has been called to her final resting-place. She d. May 15, 1882. Home is a blessed institution, and especially so when presided over by one possessing the quiet, orderly and industrious habits and persevering energy which characterized Mrs. Longley. She maintained a consistent character in all the relations of life. She attended faithfully to the wants of her own household, meeting the requirements of husband, children and friends, as they came to her notice, while at the same time the social duties due to kindred, acquaintances and strangers outside the family circle, were not left undone. Wherever she cast her eyes the beams of peace and encouragement went forth to gladden all around; and, if it can be said that any one has lived a Christian life and died a Christian death, that surely may be said of Mrs. James P. Longley. They had two children: 1. "Savillion," b. at Shirley, July 7, 1841, r. Shirley (1883), unm.; 2. "Harriman," b. at Shirley, Aug. 19, 1843, m. Sarah Eliza Brown of Fitchburg, March 1, 1877, r. Shirley (1883).
- (6.) *Lydia*, b. at Shirley, Nov. 15, 1819, d. March 25, 1827.
5. *LAVINA*, b. Aug. 15, 1781, m. Abel Tarbel of Groton, Jan. 31, 1802, d. at Groton, Oct. 1, 1803.
6. *LUCINDA*, b. March 30, 1785, m. John Little of Peterboro', N. H., pub. Aug. 27, 1809, d. at Peterboro', Sept. 13, 1850.
7. *RUFUS*, b. Sept. 2, 1788, m. Margaret Bartlett of Haverhill, Nov. 5, 1819, settled at Haverhill as a physician, and practised his profession in that town until his death, which occurred there March 12, 1855. He had four children, all b. at Haverhill.
- (1.) *Margaret E.*, b. Dec. 22, 1820, d. at Haverhill, Nov., 1842, unm.
- (2.) *William Rufus*, b. Dec. 26, 1822, d. at San Francisco, Cal., June 23, 1863, unm.
- (3.) *Caroline H.*, b. Aug. 13, 1826, r. Haverhill, unm. (1878.)

- (4.) *James Henry*, b. Oct. 8, 1828, d. at California, June 6, 1858.

Margaret, the widow of Dr. Rufus Longley, r. Haverhill (1878). She was a daughter of Hon. Bailey Bartlett, and belonged to a family of fifteen children, five sons and ten daughters. She, and one sister and two brothers, are all that now live. She is in the enjoyment of a green old age, in good health, and in the eighty-eighth year of her life.

8. *LYDIA*, b. May 20, 1792, d. Jan. 5, 1795.

- XI. *JAMES*, b. at Shirley, Nov. 4, 1753, m. Molly Bartlett of Northborough; she d. Aug. 27, 1831; he r. in Boylston during his active life, and d. in that town, Jan. 14, 1837.

As the father of Mr. Longley had a large family, he was forced, in very early boyhood, to cast his lot among strangers, and, at length, found a home in the town of Northborough, and was bound to the service of Samuel Gamble, a resident of that town and by trade a carpenter.

According to the custom of the time he was to remain with his guardian until he was twenty-one years of age, and then receive a written discharge which was a testimonial of freedom. During his residence with Mr. Gamble, he did not receive a day's schooling, was very coarsely and inefficiently clad, and was subjected to inconveniences and disabilities that were hard to be borne, and that would not have been tolerated at a later period of our history. He went on bravely, however, bearing his ordinary and extraordinary burdens, until he passed the season of his minority, and became his own master.

He soon obtained a position with the proprietor of a hotel in Northborough, and arranged with a private teacher to assist him in acquiring a knowledge of letters. He commenced as the child does, with the alphabet, but passed rapidly along through the primary departments of study, and did not dismiss his teacher until he had learned to read, write, and solve the problems in common arithmetic. With this beginning he became a student for life, giving special attention to those branches of instruction that qualify for the duties of social and business enterprise.

In after life he received the appointment of selectman and assessor for a long series of years. He was also the commander of the militia of his town during the usual term of such appointments. He was for nearly half a century a justice of the peace, and for several years represented his town in the state legislature.

He had passed his years of minority before the American Revolution had produced a war; and he at once threw himself into the struggle, that he might assist in securing the independence of his country. He was at first a mariner under Commodore Moody, and made several successful cruises. He afterward joined the land forces, and was in that dangerous retreat from Long Island, under General Sullivan. He was in the battle that captured Burgoyne. Near the close of the war he settled in his home in Boylston,

which proved a life settlement; yet he held a commission under General Lincoln for the suppression of the Shays rebellion in 1787, and was in that night march from Hadley to Petersham, through a blinding storm of snow.

During the last years of his life he was cheered by the reception of a pension from government. He lived long and saw many good days, and was one of whom his friends could say, "He hath had neither a vain nor useless existence." Mr. Longley had eleven children:

1. OTIS, b. Dec. 8, 1784, m. Lydia Patch of Worcester, May, 1827, d. March 21, 1848. He was b., lived and d. at his paternal home in Boylston. He had six children, all b. at Boylston.
 - (1.) *Joseph Lyon*, b. March 9, 1828, m. Ann Bussell of Lawrence, Nov. 12, 1853, r. Wright county, Iowa; has had four children: 1. "Otis M.," b. Dec. 18, 1856; 2. "Charles Edwin," b. May 21, 1859; 3. "Henry Wilton," b. March 17, 1862, d. March 30, 1868; 4. "Lydia Mabel," b. Nov. 8, 1869.
 - (2.) *James B.*, b. Sept. 11, 1830, m. Caroline E. Lawrence of West Brookfield, Feb. 9, 1853. He has had two children: 1. "Alice Maria," b. Aug. 27, 1854, m. Franklin E. Adams of Rutland, Vt., Feb. 4, 1875, r. Waltham (1882); 2. "Emma E.," b. Oct. 26, 1856.
 - (3.) *Jane C.*, b. Feb. 24, 1833, d. Aug. 23, 1859, unm.
 - (4.) *John B.*, b. May 4, 1835, d. at the house of Joseph L., in Iowa, Feb. 4, 1873, unm.
 - (5.) *Granville A.*, b. Dec. 20, 1837, m. Elizabeth L. Buffington of Warren, R. I., June 6, 1864, r. Worcester (1878). He has had five children: 1. "Granville A.," b. Sept. 23, 1867; 2. "Bertha E.," b. April 3, 1870; 3. "Hester M.," b. Aug. 11, 1872; 4. "Henry K.," b. Nov. 1, 1874, d. Sept. 17, 1878; 5. "Mary B.," b. April 29, 1878.
 - (6.) *Henry G.*, b. Oct. 18, 1841, m. Sarah E. Withinson of Worcester, Sept. 1, 1862, d. of malarial fever at Newbern, N. C., Feb. 24, 1863, a soldier in the rebel war.
2. MARY, b. Feb. 18, 1786, m. Deacon Abijah Flagg of Boylston, Feb. 18, 1808, who d. Dec. 22, 1850. She had seven children, all b. at Boylston, where she d. March 3, 1863.
 - (1.) *William Frederick*, b. April 2, 1808. He has been twice m., (first) to Sarah Walker of Natick, Feb. 13, 1832; she d. at Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 22, 1858; he m. (second) Margaret Catherine Ryburn. He went to the western states in early life, and his residence is still there. He has had ten children: 1. "Edward Payson," b. Jan. 26, 1834 or 1835, m. Anna LaRice of Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 1, 1861. He has three children: 1. Emma Walker; 2. Mary Elizabeth; 3. Another daughter. 2. "William," b. Sept., 1836, d. Sept., 1837. 3. "William Abijah," b. Oct. 11, 1838, is m., and lives in the southern part of Illinois. 4. "Henry Harrison," b. Feb., 1840, d. March, 1840. 5. "Eugene Emery," b. Feb. 26, 1842, d. in California, March 11, 1874, unm. 6. "Sarah

- Walker," b. Dec. 22, 1844, m. Walter M. Bell of Bloomington, Ill., May 22, 1867; she has had three children: 1. William; 2. Eugene Emlen; 3. Another son, b. Jan., 1873. 7. "Frances Emily," b. Feb. 26, 1847, m. Thomas P. Phillips of Bloomington, Nov. 9, 1869, had one child: 1. William, b. 1871. 8. "George Lowell," b. Oct. 1, 1849, d. Dec. 3, 1855. 9. "W. Frederick," b. July 22, 1864. 10. "Cora," b. Jan. 4, 1873.
- (2.) *Montraville*, b. Jan. 31, 1810, m. Parney Parker Houghton of Boylston, Dec. 17, 1834, r. Boylston, on a farm lately owned by his father. He has had nine children: 1. "Lyman Munson," b. March 17, 1836, d. Dec. 9, 1841. 2. "Ellen Sanford," b. Dec. 24, 1837, m. Dr. George W. Warren, and is his second wife. 3. "Cornelia Ann," b. Oct. 5, 1839, d. Dec. 19, 1841. 4. "Estus Abijah," b. Sept. 3, 1841, d. Jan. 12, 1842. 5. "Cornelia," b. Jan. 6, 1843, d. Sept. 12, 1844. 6. "Rebecca Moore," b. Feb. 24, 1844; a widow, without children (1878). 7. "Julietta Naomi," b. Sept. 27, 1846; 8. "Montraville," b. Aug. 24, 1849, m. ——— Flagg, and has one child (1878). 9. "Charles Abijah," b. Oct. 13, 1850, d. Jan. 13, 1851.
- (3.) *Nahum* b. July 15, 1811, m. Hannah Bracket Wilson of Worcester. He had two children: 1. "Jonathan Wilson," b. May 3, 1840, m. ——— Andrews of Boylston, who has d.; r. Worcester, a widower (1878). 2. "Emma Elizabeth," b. Sept. 27, 1842.
- (4.) *Israel Longley*, b. July 13, 1813, d. June 17, 1817.
- (5.) *Abijah*, b. May 20, 1815.
- (6.) *John Dexter*, b. Aug. 3, 1817, m. Elizabeth Davenport of Boylston, March 15, 1840, r. Boylston (1878). He has had six children: 1. "Estella Viola," b. Dec. 26, 1843. 2. "Harriet Elizabeth," b. Nov. 4, 1846. 3. "George Abijah," b. May 16, 1848. 4. "Mary Maria," b. March 18, 1850. 5. "John Dexter," b. Oct. 15, 1815, d. July 25, 1853. 6. "John Nathaniel," b. Oct., 1854.
- (7.) *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 17, 1823, m. Edwin Stewart of Amherst, April 1, 1849, r. New York, N. Y. She has had five children: 1. "Edwin Abijah," b. at Oakham, Dec. 9, 1849, d. at New York, Aug. 30, 1853. 2. "Frederick James," b. Nov. 19, 1851, d. March 18, 1856. 3. "Frank Hubert," b. at New York, March 12, 1854, d. May 3, 1861. 4. "Jessie Fremont," b. at New York, Dec. 25, 1855. 5. "Merrett Lugar," b. at New York, Feb. 25, 1860.
3. JONAS, b. Nov. 11, 1787, m. Susan Smith of Northborough, Dec. 22, 1812. He d. at Westborough, Jan. 31, 1866. His widow d. April 14, 1870. He had four children:
- (1.) *James Alfred*, b. Jan. 6, 1814, m. Harriet A. Parker of Southborough, Nov. 1, 1843, d. at Southborough, March 8, 1861. He was a carpenter and architect. He had five children: 1. "Harriet Elizabeth," b. at Westborough, Oct. 28,

- 1845; she m. Irving E. Lewis of Westborough, r. Brooklyn, N. Y. (1878). 2. "George Allston," b. Dec. 31, 1847, m. Julia L. Mirick of West Brookfield, Oct. 6, 1870. 3. "Ella Ada," b. May 3, 1850. 4. "Arthur Edgar," b. Feb. 22, 1853. 5. "Herbert Parker," b. Feb. 12, 1856.
- (2.) *Susan Bartlett*, b. May 13, 1818, m. Ansel Lakin of Worcester, Sept. 12, 1853, and d. at Westborough, June 1, 1877.
- (3.) *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 16, 1819, m. Benjamin Bayley Nourse of Westborough, Oct. 19, 1843. She has always r. at Westborough, and has had six children: 1. "Henry Bingham," b. Feb. 26, 1850. 2. "Frank Longley," b. Feb. 1, 1852, d. Aug., 1868. 3. "Walter Bayley," b. Nov. 5, 1853. 4. "Emma Susan," b. Nov. 25, 1855. 5. "Edward Solon," b. Nov. 25, 1855, d. Jan. 18, 1856. 6. "Edward Solon," b. May 8, 1859, d. Aug. 18, 1859.
- (4.) *Charles Otis*, b. July 20, 1824, m. Nov. 1, 1859, Adaliza Merriam Keyes of Westborough, r. Westborough (1878), and has had four children, all b. at Westborough: 1. "Mary Smith," b. Dec. 11, 1850. 2. "Ellen Monroe," b. June 22, 1856. 3. "Alfred Henry," b. Sept. 27, 1863. 4. "Anna Brigham," b. March 4, 1866.
4. JONATHAN, b. June 21, 1789. He was never m., and was by profession a clergyman. He d. at the house of his brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Dudley, Jan. 26, 1850. The following notice of him was written by Rev. George Allen of Worcester:
- "Mr. Longley was a man of strong mind, sound learning, and solid worth, with more modesty than was convenient for himself, and therefore more merit than could be appreciated by many others. Having known him much from his boyhood onward through life, we speak with the more freedom and the firmer confidence. He had an every-day conscience pervading all his conduct. A more reliable man is not often found. He had much more and better scholarship than is the possession of most professional men, for more than most he loved learning and was patient of thought. He entered Harvard University in 1811, and took a high stand in the class of Sparks, Palfrey, Francis, Parsons, Harris and others well known for their attainments in learning, but from a failure of pecuniary means, was compelled through life to regret his uncompleted liberal education.
- "He studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Emmons, by whom he was much esteemed, and afterwards was principal of several respectable academies, in this state and New York. His familiarity with Jewish and American history, political and ecclesiastical, was such as many would covet, but few really possess. His memory was more like a book than that of any man we have known. It was surprisingly and conscientiously accurate. With a multitude of opportunities to test his knowledge of the Scriptures, we can think of no instance when he needed any other concordance than his own memory, whether the passage cited

or inquired for was in the Old or New Testament, and whether doctrinal, perceptive, historical, or what not. Probably, in this respect, to no man in New England, in his day, could these lines in the quaint epitaph on John Cotton be so truly applied :

‘A living, breathing Bible; tables where
Both covenants at large engraven were,
Gospel and law in ’s heart had each a column;
His head an index to the sacred volumn.’

“ He read his Bible, not so much to remember its words as to understand its truths and keep them in his heart. He of course died as he lived,—a good man.”

5. JAMES, b. June 22, 1791, d. June 10, 1793.
6. ISRAEL, b. Nov. 21, 1792, d. June 6, 1793.
7. JAMES, b. Sept. 3, 1794, m. Sally Eustice of Boston, July 3, 1838. Mr. Longley lived upon his father's farm in Boylston till about 1814, when finding his health not sufficiently firm for farm work, he went to Boston and was for a short time engaged at the pottery works in East Cambridge, on the site of the present manufactory of the New England Glass Company. Afterwards he was in a grocery store on Leverett street. He then went as a clerk to the Commercial Coffee House, then located on the northeast corner of Milk and Batterymarch streets, remaining there till he became its proprietor, and retiring from it about 1836; from which time he was not engaged in active business.
He served his fellow-citizens in a variety of positions. Being extensively interested in manufacturing corporations, he often acted as a director in these institutions, and he was twice elected on the board of aldermen. His health, never very strong, was by care and prudence preserved and sustained in such manner that he was seldom confined to his house by illness, during the last thirty years of his life.
Though his life was not marked with more than ordinary action, he was somewhat widely known and respected by his associates, who had regard for his judgment, and often solicited his advice. Mr. Longley d. at Boston, Jan. 13, 1867. He had two children :
 - (1.) *James*, b. at Boston, Jan. 13, 1840, m. Julia Frances Robinson of Boston, Oct. 24, 1866, r. Boston (1879).
 - (2.) *Theodore*, b. at Boston, Aug. 8, 1841, d. March 3, 1843.
8. ISRAEL, b. Nov. 8, 1795, d. Nov. 30, 1812.
9. BETSEY, b. May 28, 1799, m. Daniel Barnes of Berlin, in which town she afterward resided while her husband lived, who d. Nov. 6, 1854. She had ten children, all b. at Berlin. Her present residence is Boylston (1879).
 - (1.) *Mary Sophia*, b. June 12, 1822, m. Oliver Carter of Berlin, Feb., 1849. She has had four children : 1. “Mary Dillay,” b. Nov. 28, 1849; 2. “Samuel Marshall,” b. March 4, 1851;

3. "Julia," b. Oct. 30, 1853; 4. "Ernest Merriam," b. March 8, 1858.
- (2.) *Caroline Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 16, 1823, m. Levi Lincoln Flagg of Boylston, April 2, 1848. She is a widow (1879), has had eight children: 1. "Eleanor Elizabeth," b. Jan. 3, 1849; 2. "Christopher Lincoln," b. June 23, 1850; 3. "Arthur," b. Oct. 30, 1851; 4. "Joseph Walter," b. Aug. 14, 1853; 5. "George," b. June 14, 1855; 6. "Alice Jane," b. June 7, 1857; 7. "Jenny L.," b. May 9, 1859; 8. "Mary Martha," b. Dec. 11, 1860.
- (3.) *Israel Longley*, b. May 19, 1825, m. Martha Maria Bates of Sutton, May 11, 1869. He has had one child: 1. "Betsey Maria," b. March 9, 1870.
- (4.) *Augenette*, b. Dec. 10, 1826, m. Levi Edward Brigham of Boylston, April 1, 1849, and has had five children (1878): 1. "Edwin Lawson," b. Sept., 1851; 2. "Daniel Webster," b. July, 1854; 3. "Ella Jeanette," b. July, 1857; 4. "Isadore," b. July, 1859; 5. "Dolly Ann," b. July 13, 1860.
- (5.) *Rowena*, b. Oct. 21, 1828, m. Charles Whitcomb, April 17, 1849, who d. at Boylston, April 16, 1860. She has had six children: 1. "Oscar Luke," b. Oct. 4, 1851; 2. "Mary Elizabeth," b. May 30, 1853; 3. "Hannah Sophia," b. May 14, 1854; 4. "Fanny Maria," b. Jan. 13, 1856; 5. "Lucy Ellen," b. Sept. 11, 1858; 6. "Mary Jane," b. Feb. 2, 1860.
- (6.) *George Henry*, b. Dec. 18, 1833, m. Eliza Ann Bachelor of Upton, May 11, 1859, r. Berlin (1879), had four children: 1. "Mary Imogenia," b. Oct. 22, 1860, d. Dec. 10, 1874; 2. "John Henry," b. April 26, 1864; 3. "Lucy Sophia," b. Nov., 1865; 4. "George Daniel," b. Dec. 25, 1868.
- (7.) *Hannah Jane*, b. Aug. 10, 1835, m. Samuel H. Hastings of Berlin, Jan. 1, 1854. She has had two children: 1. "Matilda Jane," b. Sept., 1855; 2. "Lunetta Maria," b. Dec. 30, 1858.
- (8.) *Martha*, b. March 30, 1837, unm. (1879.)
- (9.) *Asenath Moore*, b. July 25, 1839, m. John Francis Bartlett, Nov. 9, 1859. She has had five children: 1. "Frank," b. Sept. 13, 1860; 2. "Inez May," b. Aug. 2, 1862, d. April 13, 1869; 3. "Julia A.," b. July 18, 1865; 4. "Solon," b. April 13, 1867; 5. "John," b. April 12, 1869.
- (10.) *David*, b. Oct. 19, 1842, m. Miranda Parker of Boylston.
10. PARKER, b. Nov. 22, 1800, m. Lydia D. Green of Northborough, April 3, 1832, d. May 2, 1860. His widow d. at Boylston, Oct. 9, 1877. He had four children, all b. at Boylston:
 - (1.) *Edwin*, b. Oct. 3, 1833, d. Oct. 17, 1833.
 - (2.) *Edwin Franklin*, b. Aug. 29, 1834, m. Emily Stephenson of Northborough, Jan. 19, 1856. He has had three children: 1. "Nellie Anna," b. Sept. 4, 1857, d.; 2. "Edwin Franklin," b. Nov. 19, 1858, d. Feb. 17, 1859; 3. "Charles Herbert," b. Dec. 28, 1860.
 - (3.) *Charles Israel*, b. April 12, 1837.

- (4.) *Asahel Parker*, b. Nov. 11, 1840, r. Marlborough (1878).
11. *Lois*, b. May 26, 1805, m. *Joseph Dudley*, April 29, 1829, who d. Feb. 25, 1866, a very worthy man, and his death was much lamented. Mrs. Dudley is a widow, r. Northbridge (1878), where her children were b. She had ten children :
- (1.) *Eliza Ann*, b. Sept. 13, 1830, d. July 3, 1832.
- (2.) *James Edward*, b. Sept. 13, 1832, d. at Northbridge, May 10, 1866.
- (3.) *Mary Eliza*, b. Jan. 23, 1834, d. Jan. 6, 1836.
- (4.) *Charles Joseph*, b. Jan. 13, 1836, m. *Mary W. Dudley* of Sutton, March 20, 1878, r. Northbridge (1878).
- (5.) *Ellen Abbie*, b. Feb. 28, 1838, m. *Perley Goddard* of Grafton, Feb. 28, 1864, r. Grafton (1878). She has had six children : 1. "Emma," b. Dec. 21, 1864 ; 2. "Nellie," b. Oct. 23, 1866, d. Jan. 27, 1867 ; 3. "Joseph Dudley," b. April 28, 1868 ; 4. "Lillie Mabel," b. March 14, 1870 ; 5. "Edwin Perley," b. March 27, 1872 ; 6. "Ella Frances," b. Nov. 1, 1874.
- (6.) *Jane Augusta*, b. Dec. 12, 1839, d. May, 1845.
- (7.) *Edwin Augustus*, b. June 9, 1842, d. Feb. 5, 1845.
- (8.) *Emma Ruth*, b. June 25, 1844, d. Nov. 12, 1853.
- (9.) *Edwin Augustine*, b. May 29, 1846, d. Sept. 11, 1849.
- (10.) *Francis Seth*, b. Dec. 17, 1848, unm. (1878.)

IX. *ABIGAIL*, b. at Shirley, Dec. 1, 1755, d. Oct., 1758.

Longley, John, a brother of William, and a son of Dea. John Longley of Groton, the redeemed captive, (John,³ John,⁴ William,³ William,² Richard.¹) He was b. at Groton, Jan. 6, 1710, and was the second of the three brothers that removed from Groton and settled in Shirley, in 1751. His farm was upon what is now the east road from Shirley Centre to the South Village of the town ; and it is yet in the possession of the family. Its present owner is Elihu D. Longley, of the fourth generation from John, the original settler.

Mr. John Longley was a man of high standing and character for his time and place. Unlike his elder brother, William, he accepted public trusts when called to them by the votes of the people, and the early success of the town was largely due to his care, skill and industry. He was town clerk eight years, he was one of the selectmen eleven years, and at the organization of the town militia he was appointed captain. Although he was sixty-five years old when the muster roll of volunteers, to join the American army at Cambridge, was drawn, his name was on that roll as one of the eighty in Captain Haskell's company ; and he did much other good service in the cause of liberty and the independence of the country.

He was of the number that constituted the church at its formation in 1762, and was chosen deacon, which office he held during life. He d. March 17, 1792. His remains were interred in the old cemetery, but no stone has been reared to mark the place of his grave,—a great omission on the part of his kinsmen, and one which they should, even now, make a united effort to retrieve.

Dea. Longley was twice m., (first) as is supposed, to Mary Lawrence of Groton, Feb. 1, 1739. There is no record of any children as the fruit of this marriage, nor yet is there any registry of her death. He m. (second) Elizabeth Patterson, in 1751, by whom he had eight children, and all b. at Shirley.

I. MARY, b. July 5, 1752, m. Joseph Brown of Shirley, Nov. 24, 1773, d. April 27, 1790.

II. JOHN, b. Nov. 5, 1753, d. young.

III. SUSANNA, b. Nov. 5, 1755, m. Israel Willard, 1770, d. June 15, 1839.

IV. JOHN, b. May 26, 1758. When but seventeen years old he joined the volunteers, with his father, on the 19th of April, 1775. He was also one of the eight months men in the company of Capt. Robert Longley of Bolton. His last enlistment was April 27, 1775. He m. Sally Tarbell, June 23, 1784, and lived on the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. Joseph Hazen. He had three children :

1. ALPHEUS, b. May 17, 1785, removed to Hatfield, had a family, and d. there.

2. SALLY, b. at Shirley, April 23, 1788, m. Salmon Lawrence of Groton, July 25, 1816. She had one child :
(1.) *Salmon*, b. Dec. 16, 1816, r. Groton, unm. (1879.)

3. EDMUND, b. at Shirley, Dec. 9, 1790, m. Clarissa Dickenson of Hatfield, Dec. 16, 1818, d. Jan. 27, 1833. His widow d. Aug. 30, 1849. He had one child :

(1.) *Sarah*, b. Feb. 11, 1820, m. Joseph F. Hall of Groton, Dec. 16, 1837. She has had four children, r. Groton (1879).
1. "Edward B.," b. Jan. 7, 1839; 2. "Emily Frances," b. at Groton, May 25, 1842; 3. "Clara Moors," b. at Groton, Jan. 3, 1845; 4. "Alice Ward," b. at Groton, Nov. 14, 1852.

V. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 27, 1760, m. Mary Pratt, Feb. 15, 1787, d. Sept. 20, 1813. He lived on the farm settled by his father, now owned by his grandson, Elihu. He had eight children, all b. at Shirley. They were

1. ELIZABETH, b. May 26, 1787, m. Marshall Blood of Leominster, Dec., 1832, d. at Leominster, Nov. 17, 1855.

2. JOSEPH, b. June 1, 1789, m. Parmelia Dickenson of Hatfield, Oct. 19, 1814, d. Sept. 24, 1826; his widow d. Jan. 23, 1866. He had four children :

(1.) *Elihu Dickenson*, b. June 5, 1816, r. Shirley, unm. (1882.)
(2.) *Charles*, b. Sept. 21, 1818, d. April 21, 1821.
(3.) *Mary*, b. June 17, 1820, m. William F. Hews, Nov. 18, 1850, r. Shirley, has had four children : 1. "Janet Mary," b. at Shirley, Jan. 1, 1851, d. Jan. 1, 1856; 2. "William F.," b.

at Shirley, Oct. 15, 1853, m. Jeanette E. Cummings of Farnumsville, Nov. 2, 1879, r. Shirley (1882); 3. "Eddie Longley," b. at Shirley, Sept. 21, 1858; 4. "Mary C.," b. at Shirley, March 7, 1861.

3. HORACE, b. at Shirley, Sept. 1, 1791, d. Sept. 25, 1819.
 4. JOHN, b. at Shirley, Aug. 9, 1793, m. Olive Adams, d. at Athol, Aug. 24, 1835.
 5. POLLY, b. at Shirley, 1797, d. Oct. 27, 1817.
 6. LUCY, b. at Shirley, July 10, 1800, m. Thomas Haynes, d. April 8, 1855.
 7. SUSAN WILLARD, b. at Shirley, July 6, 1803, m. Varnum Barrett of Shirley, Nov. 12, 1827, d. at Lunenburg, Jan. 21, 1857. She had three children:
 - (1.) *George Varnum*, b. June 10, 1837, m. Nellie Johnson of Lunenburg, Aug. 9, 1876, r. in Ayer (1882), and holds the office of deputy sheriff.
 - (2.) *Mary E.*, b. Nov. 12, 1840, m. Orrin M. Bennett, Nov. 18, 1858, d. at Shirley, Aug. 30, 1869.
 - (3.) *Josephine*, b. July 12, 1843, d. at Ayer, July 9, 1876.
 8. EDMUND, b. Sept. 20, 1808, m. Mary Ann Manning Reed, Nov. 23, 1847, r. Salem (1879). He has had three children:
 - (1.) *Mary Louisa*, b. June 6, 1851.
 - (2.) *Anna Prescott*, b. April 17, 1855, d. July 4, 1866.
 - (3.) *Edmund Waters*, b. March 30, 1863.
- VI. CALVIN, b. at Shirley, Aug. 21, 1763, d. Aug. 21, 1803.
- VII. LUCY, b. April 2, 1766, m. Daniel Livermore of Shirley, pub. Jan. 19, 1793, d. 1794.
- VIII. EDMUND, b. March 6, 1768.

Longley, Jonas, b. at Groton, Jan. 22, 1712. He was the third son of the redeemed captive, Dea. John Longley, and a younger brother of William and John, with whom he came to town, as before related. He m. Esther Patterson, Nov. 20, 1751, and d. Sept. 24, 1799. His wife d. June 5, 1767. Mr. Longley owned the farm now in the possession of Mrs. Augustus Holden, and passed his Shirley life in that quiet home. The first public school was set up in his house, and was continued through several terms. He was the first treasurer of the town, being elected at its organization, in 1753. He held many other places of trust and responsibility. He was in every respect highly esteemed as a citizen, being a man of unbending integrity, large benevolence, and of fraternal and affectionate manners. He had seven children, all of whom were b. at Shirley.

- I. JONAS, b. June 13, 1753, d. at Groton, being killed by a falling tree, April 20, 1779. He, and his father, were among the eighty volunteers called out by the alarm of April 19, 1775.

II. ESTHER, b. May 7, 1756, m. Deacon Joseph Brown, Nov. 17, 1791, d. at Shirley, Feb. 22, 1838.

III. SARAH, b. July 12, 1758, m. Moses Jennerson of Shirley, March, 1778. Her husband, at the time of his marriage, was entirely destitute of a knowledge of letters, but she taught him to read, write and transact common business. She discharged all the duties of family and home with the utmost fidelity, and went down to an honored grave, Oct. 10, 1842.

IV. ABEL, b. Jan. 23, 1760, m. Hannah King, Jan. 1, 1804. He was killed at Townsend, by a falling tree, Jan. 28, 1828. His wife d. Feb. 27, 1825.

There are men of larger capacity, brighter understanding, and of more extended genius than Mr. Longley, but few can be named



that have excelled him in moral goodness, and in a consistent greatness of character, or that have more strictly adhered to the principle of

the golden rule, in all its persistency of requirement. He was respected, trusted, loved, both at home and abroad. The sick and afflicted found in him a helper, the poor a benefactor, and every tongue, within the charmed circle of his intimate acquaintance, was ready to pronounce him blessed. He had three children b. in Shirley.

1. JONAS, b. Dec. 10, 1807, m. Anna Phelps, July 5, 1830, d. March, 1851. He had one child:

(1.) *Jonas*, b. at Shirley, Aug. 14, 1830, m. S. Angenette King of Shirley, Nov. 3, 1859, who d. May 27, 1866. He had three children, r. Shirley, remains a widower (1882). His children were: 1. "Abbott King," b. at Shirley, March 16, 1860, d. July 22, 1860; 2. "Grace Miranda," b. at Shirley, May 9, 1861, d. Aug. 17, 1861; 3. "Angenette," b. at Shirley, June 1, 1863, d. Aug. 12, 1863.

2. ARTEMAS, b. Aug. 29, 1809, m. Roxalana Wright of Pepperell, Jan. 17, 1832, r. Nashua, N. H. (1882.) He has had seven children:

(1.) *Elvira L.*, b. at Shirley, Oct. 14, 1834. She has been twice m., but is now a widow, r. Nashua, N. H. (1882.) She m. (first) Horace Anderson of Nashua, Dec. 20, 1861, who d. Feb. 21, 1862; m. (second) Isaiah Faxon of Boston, Nov. 15, 1866, who d. May 25, 1876. She had two children: 1. "Edward Henry," b. at Boston, Aug. 16, 1867; 2. "Helen L.," b. at Boston, April 16, 1871, d. June 19, 1875.

(2.) *Frances D.*, b. at Shirley, Aug. 28, 1836, d. at Nashua, Oct. 13, 1852.

(3.) *Edward M.*, b. at Shirley, Dec. 29, 1839, d. at Nashua, Nov. 12, 1842.

- (4.) *Charles N.*, b. at Nashua, Feb. 26, 1842, d. May 26, 1845.
- (5.) *Roxanna W.*, b. at Nashua, Jan. 24, 1844, a teacher in Boston (1882).
- (6.) *Maria K.*, b. at Nashua, Aug. 6, 1846, m. Fitz Henry Smith of Boston, June 21, 1866, r. Boston (1882). She has had five children: 1. "Annie L.," b. Jan. 25, 1868, d. Dec. 19, 1868; 2. "Mabel M.," b. Sept. 30, 1869, d. April 24, 1874; 3. "Fitz Henry," b. Nov. 20, 1873; 4. "Clarence L.," b. Dec. 9, 1875, d. Sept. 6, 1876; 5. "Marion Ellen," b. Feb. 20, 1878.
- (7.) *Otis W.*, b. at Nashua, July 10, 1848, d. Nov. 14, 1877.
3. ABEL, b. March 5, 1811, m. Jane P. Livermore of Shirley, Aug. 16, 1835. He removed from Shirley to Montezuma, N. Y., where his wife d. Aug. 27, 1847. He had three children, and when on a journey overland to California was murdered and robbed, June 2, 1856. His children were:
 - (1.) *Margaret B.*, b. May 22, 1836, m. Samuel Farnsworth, April 14, 1859, r. Ayer.
 - (2.) *Julia Clark*, b. at Montezuma, N. Y., April 18, 1839, m. Oliver N. Wing, Nov. 13, 1862, r. Chelsea (1882). She has had one child: 1. "Edward Longley," b. at Shirley, Aug. 19, 1866.
 - (3.) *Lillian Ella*, b. at Montezuma, April 18, 1845, d. at Savannah, Wayne county, N. Y., March, 1862.
- V. ASA, b. July 10, 1762, m. Sarah Hazen of Shirley, pub. April 9, 1785. He lived on the farm east of the centre of the town, which descended to his eldest son, and is now in the possession of a grandson, Samuel Longley, Esq. He had nine children, all b. in Shirley:
 1. ARTEMAS, b. Feb. 11, 1787, m. Desire, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Hartwell of Shirley, March 24, 1815. He d. July 10, 1824.

Artemas Longley

The early part of his manhood was partially devoted to agricultural pursuits and partially to the instruction of youth. He, for several terms, presided over the district schools in town, as their teacher, but d. before he arrived at the meridian of manhood, and before he could give full proof of the usefulness predicted of him. He had four children b. at Shirley:

- (1.) *Artemas*, b. Oct. 19, 1815, m. Elizabeth Barrett of Shirley, May 18, 1845, d. at Groton, Feb. 26, 1876. He had five children: 1. "Elizabeth," b. at Shirley, July 12, 1847; 2. "Harriet Going," b. at Shirley, Aug. 19, 1849; 3. "Emily," b. at Shirley, Jan. 21, 1852, d. at Groton, Oct. 17, 1866; 4. "Jennie," b. at Groton, Aug. 11, 1857; 5. "George Artemas," b. at Groton, Sept. 29, 1860.

- (2.) *Emily*, b. June 10, 1819, m. Thomas Page, Dec. 29, 1840, d. Sept. 19, 1850.
 - (3.) *Sarah H.*, b. Aug. 27, 1821, d. at Shirley, Dec. 30, 1869, unm.
 - (4.) *Samuel*, b. Dec. 2, 1823, has been twice m., (first) to Elizabeth Hathaway of Grafton, March 19, 1855; she d. May 29, 1859; m. (second) Ellen H. Fay of Grafton, May 18, 1860, r. Shirley (1882). He has had seven children: 1. "Charles," b. May 30, 1856; 2. "Elizabeth," b. April 20, 1859, m. Rev. Francis S. Bickford of Townsend, Dec. 13, 1881, r. Townsend (1882); 3. "Samuel H.," b. Jan. 11, 1861; 4. "Ellen J.," b. Dec. 15, 1864; 5. "Francis B.," b. Oct. 26, 1870; 6. "John A.," b. July 15, 1872; 7. "Mary E.," b. Feb. 22, 1875.
2. JENNEY, b. Nov. 7, 1788, m. Caleb Putnam of Wilton, N. H., Dec. 22, 1812. She d. at Wilton, Jan. 2, 1854. Mr. Putnam d. Sept. 8, 1862.

In the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Putnam we have an exhibition of that thrift which may be secured by New England agriculturists, where a purpose has been deliberately established and perseveringly pursued. Mr. Putnam was unable to begin his course of real thrift until he was thirty-five years of age, when he found himself located on the hills of New Hampshire, the sterile, stony soil of which required purpose, will and muscle to bring it into a proper state of tilth and fertility; but all of the obstacles that lay in his way of success were removed or overcome, so that from his labor he derived ability to sustain a family of eleven children, and to die possessed of property to the amount of about twelve thousand dollars, with no other resource of gain but that derived from the labor of his hands in his farming operations. In all of his course, it should be added, he was aided by the labors of a wife early trained to the duties of her position in a home where free industry, honest action, consistent economy, and persevering effort were taught by precept and example.

Although from the necessities of the case the life of Mr. Putnam was mainly passed at home or within the precincts of his own estate, and devoted to his personal interests, he by no means neglected the calls of social duties and public trusts. He animated the unfortunate to new efforts and trials, encouraged the virtuous, and helped the indigent and infirm. During the greater part of his active life he held official positions in his town, and this, too, at a time when the honor that came of the appointment constituted the only recompense. He also had a proclivity for military pursuits, was a private in the cavalry of the twenty-second New Hampshire regiment of troops, and at length became its commanding officer, and here manifested the same energy of character he had displayed in other pursuits. By skill and address he greatly enlarged the number and improved the discipline of his command, and made it an honor to

that branch of the state militia with which it was connected. He was an ornament of the town where he lived, and left a precious memory at his death. His children were all b. at Wilton, and were :

- (1.) *Lydia*, b. Sept. 3, 1813, m. Samuel Goldsmith, April 30, 1844. She has had six children, all b. at Wilton, r. Wilton (1882). 1. "Lydia H.," b. Feb. 24, 1845, m. Cyrus O. Whitney of Hartford, Vt., Dec. 16, 1868, had two children: 1. Henry G., b. April 20, 1870; 2. James E., b. Sept. 18, 1873. 2. "Caleb S.," b. June 28, 1847. 3. "Sarah J.," b. July 15, 1849; she has been twice m., (first) to Abel B. Currier of Wilton; m. (second) George Parkhurst of Wilton, March 20, 1877; she has had two children: 1. Elmer W., b. Feb. 21, 1873, d. Dec. 14, 1875; 2. George, b. Oct. 26, 1878. 4. "Asa H.," b. April 14, 1851. 5. "Frank P.," b. Dec. 5, 1852, d. July 24, 1853. 6. "Ellen M.," b. March 13, 1856.
- (2.) *Jane*, b. Dec. 25, 1814, m. Orrin Blood of Temple, N. H., May 8, 1856. He d. May 5, 1868; she r. at Wilton (1882), a widow.
- (3.) *Caleb*, b. Sept. 15, 1816, d. Jan. 23, 1845.
- (4.) *Roxanna*, b. July 16, 1818, m. Augustus Peacock of Milford, N. H., June 6, 1849. She has had three children: 1. "George P.," b. at Milford, Sept. 22, 1850, m. Dora Pierce; 2. "Charles A.," b. Oct. 23, 1853, d. June 5, 1863; 3. "Anna C.," b. June 3, 1860.
- (5.) *Samuel*, b. May 18, 1820. He has been twice m., (first) to Jane Augusta Pierce of Leominster, Nov. 27, 1845; she d. at Leominster, Jan. 12, 1880; he m. (second) Melora F. Goodrich of Lunenburg, Dec. 23, 1880, r. Leominster (1882).
- (6.) *Jacob*, b. Aug. 16, 1822. He was twice m., (first) to Flora Ann Hartshorn of Lyndeborough, N. H., Dec. 31, 1850; she d. Oct. 4, 1875; he m., (second) Anna Upton of Nashua, N. H., r. Wilton, on the old homestead, one of the first settled farms in the town. He has had two children: 1. "Flora J.," b. at Wilton, Feb. 4, 1854, m. Herbert Wilkinson of Hertfordshire, England, Feb. 3, 1873. She has had three children, all b. at Wilton: 1. Eddie C., b. Aug. 20, 1873; 2. Flora Ann, b. Feb. 21, 1876; 3. Perley J., b. Dec. 9, 1877. 2. "H. Annabelle," b. May 24, 1857, m. Henry A. Proctor of Stoddard, N. H., June 3, 1878, r. Wilton.
- (7.) *Ruth Ann*, b. June 19, 1824, d. at Nashua, Oct. 28, 1838.
- (8.) *Asa L.*, b. July 9, 1826, m. Isabelle C. Chute of Leominster, May 5, 1864. He has had five children: 1. "Samuel," b. at Templeton, Feb. 12, 1865; 2. "Sarah M.," b. at Templeton, Sept. 20, 1867, d. May 7, 1870; 3. "Asa," b. at Troy, N. H., March 31, 1869; 4. "George," b. at Leominster, Dec. 11, 1870, d. Feb. 2, 1877; 5. "Andrew W.," b. at Leominster, Dec. 28, 1872.
- (9.) *Andrew J.*, b. July 25, 1828, m. Sarah F. Whitney of Adrian, Mich., May 1, 1861, r. Wilton (1882). He has had five children, all b. at Wilton: 1. "Samuel H.," b. Oct.,

- 1862, d. Nov. 10, 1863; 2. "Willie A.," b. Feb. 13, 1864; 3. "Hattie L.," b. Dec. 6, 1865; 4. "Mabel L.," b. April 23, 1868; 5. "Augusta W.," b. May 26, 1873.
- (10.) *Artemas*, b. Jan. 31, 1831, m. Mary O. Kidder of Wilton, N. H., May 21, 1854, r. Wilton (1882). He has had four children: 1. "Willie," b. at Leominster, June 1, 1855, d. June 7, 1865; 2. "Mary Ida," b. at Leominster, Feb. 4, 1858; 3. "John C.," b. at Leominster, March 31, 1860; 4. "Fred B.," b. at Leominster, June 12, 1862.
- (11.) *Sarah M.*, b. Oct. 13, 1834, m. Calvin D. Blanchard of Harvard, April 11, 1861, r. Harvard (1869). She has had three children, all b. at Harvard: 1. "Abbie J.," b. June 7, 1863, d. Oct. 7, 1872; 2. "A. Maria," b. Dec. 17, 1866; 3. "Samuel P.," b. Jan. 31, 1869.
3. BETSEY, b. Sept. 6, 1790, d. Oct. 30, 1820, unm.
4. ROXANNA, b. July, 1792, d. Sept. 16, 1820, unm.
5. SALLY, b. Jan. 7, 1794, d. April 19, 1798.
6. ASA, b. May 19, 1796, m. Mary C. Fairbanks of Fitchburg, July 16, 1818. She d. at Leominster, Feb. 20, 1874. He passed his active life, after he had arrived to manhood, in Leominster, was a useful and reputable citizen, and died at the advanced age of eighty-six years, May 21, 1882. He had seven children:
- Asa Longley*
- (1.) *Henry W.*, b. Dec. 26, 1820, d. Dec. 22, 1823.
- (2.) *Charles W.*, b. Oct. 20, 1822, m. Sarah C. Hurlburt of Hartford, Conn., Sept. 16, 1846. He has had two children: 1. "Alice Elizabeth," b. at Worcester, Sept. 4, 1847, m. Alfred D. Worthington of Hartford, Oct. 6, 1868; she has had seven children, all b. at Hartford: 1. Charles Alfred, b. Oct. 14, 1869; 2. Frederick L., b. July 11, 1871; 3. Alice Louisa, b. Sept. 6, 1872; 4. May, b. Aug. 11, 1874, d. same day; 5. Arthur Gregory, b. Aug. 22, 1877, d. April 23, 1878; 6. Howard, b. March 13, 1880; 7. Florence May, b. April 29, 1882. 2. "Charles Henry," b. at Worcester, Oct. 28, 1849, m. Bella Chase of Hartford, Ct., Nov. 18, 1874.
- (3.) *Henry W.*, b. March 1, 1824, m. Eliza D. Proctor, Oct. 4, 1849, r. Boston (1882). He has had two children: 1. "Henry W.," b. Sept. 23, 1850, m. Alice A. Stone, Aug. 31, 1875. 2. "Frank W.," b. Sept. 13, 1854; he has been twice m., (first) to Lizzie Bird, June 1, 1873; she d. Jan. 31, 1875; he m. (second) Angie A. Grover, Jan. 1, 1877; he has had one child: 1. Arthur, b. Jan. 23, 1875.
- (4.) *Albert S.*, b. Nov. 25, 1825, m. Lizzie Grover, 1854, r. Leominster (1879).
- (5.) *Mary E.*, b. Oct. 22, 1828, m. George A. Brown of Worcester, Nov. 24, 1847, r. Worcester (1882); she has had four

- children: 1. "A Son," b. Aug. 16, 1848, d. Aug. 18, 1848.
 2. "Lizzie A.," b. Sept. 1, 1850, d. Aug. 27, 1859. 3. "Mary E.," b. Jan. 3, 1852, m. George E. Kendall, Oct. 9, 1872, r. Worcester (1882); she has had two children: 1. Gracia L., b. May 2, 1876; 2. Kate, b. July 2, 1878. 4. "Charles A.," b. June 25, 1856, r. Sandwich Islands, unm.
- (6.) *Sarah A.*, b. Jan. 22, 1831, d. Dec. 31, 1865, unm.
- (7.) *Ellen S.*, b. May 19, 1834, m. C. A. Whitcomb of Leominster, Aug. 16, 1862, r. Leominster (1882).
7. SARAH, b. Sept. 22, 1798, m. Jonathan Kilburn of Lunenburg, Jan. 1, 1824. She had nine children, all b. at Shirley.
- (1.) *Martha*, b. Dec. 26, 1825, m. Augustus Dyke of Shirley, June 26, 1862; she had two children, and d. at Ayer, Jan. 27, 1867. 1. "Jenny Maria," b. at Shirley, April 12, 1863; 2. "Carrie Estella," b. at Ayer, Jan. 27, 1866.
- (2.) *George*, b. Jan. 21, 1828, m. Lucy A. Lord, Jan. 3, 1860, r. Shirley (1882).
- (3.) *Joseph Albert*, b. June 24, 1830, slain in battle, 1862, unm.
- (4.) *Sarah Jane*, b. July 31, 1832, d. at Shirley, Jan. 25, 1859, unm.
- (5.) *Charles Edwin*, b. Oct. 2, 1835, d. Dec. 11, 1882.
- (6.) *Cyrus Alden*, b. March 9, 1837. He has been twice m., (first) to Maria L. Mitchell, Oct. 12, 1867; she d. Feb. 13, 1874; he m. (second) Mrs. Julia F. Tobey, April 18, 1875, r. Shirley (1882); he has two children: 1. "Eva Maria," b. at Shirley, Sept. 4, 1868; 2. "Gracia Marion," b. at Shirley, Sept. 29, 1876.
- (7.) *Maria Elizabeth*, b. March 17, 1839, m. George Billings of Lunenburg, Sept. 8, 1864; she d. Nov. 1, 1882; she had four children, all b. at Lunenburg: 1. "George Alden," b. Nov. 24, 1867; 2. "Ida Maria," b. Jan. 16, 1870; 3. "Mary Amelia Longley," b. March 1, 1872; 4. "Arthur Pierce," b. May 8, 1875.
- (8.) *Lucy Angelina*, b. July 7, 1843, m. Augustus Dyke, March 18, 1873, r. Worcester (1882).
- (9.) *David Pingree*, b. July 10, 1847, r. Shirley (1880), unm.
8. SAMUEL, b. July 27, 1800, d. Aug. 10, 1820.
9. LUCY H., b. Oct. 10, 1802, m. Joseph Goodrich of Lunenburg, Dec. 6, 1825. She had seven children, and d. at Lunenburg, Oct. 11, 1879; Mr. Goodrich d. May 20, 1881.

Lucy H. Goodrich

Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich possessed a home of natural richness and beauty. It was one that had been in the Goodrich family during the four preceding generations. Its soil, naturally fertile, had the advantage of thorough cultivation at the hands of all its former occupants. It is productive of grass, grain, fruits, and indeed, well

pays the cultivation of all those products that are grown on New England fields and gardens. Such, too,

Joseph Goodrich

is the altitude of the locality, that a

salubrious and invigorating atmosphere is experienced at all seasons of the year. The buildings overlook a pleasant valley, at the bottom of which is a beautiful sheet of water, known as Masshapaug pond, but are, nevertheless, so far above this water as not to be incommoded by its damps and fogs. Here they lived, reared their family, and blessed their age by an example of industry and fidelity to duty. Their children, all b. at Lunenburg, were

- (1.) *Charles L.*, b. Sept. 7, 1831, d. Nov. 12, 1831.
- (2.) *Joseph Prescott*, b. Aug. 24, 1832, d. July 13, 1859, unm.
- (3.) *Melora Frances*, b. Oct. 3, 1834, m. Samuel Putnam of Leominster, Dec. 23, 1880, r. Leominster (1882).
- (4.) *Lewis Augustus*, b. June 29, 1836, d. Jan. 6, 1865, unm.
- (5.) *Lucy Augusta*, b. June 29, 1836, r. Lunenburg, unm. (1882).
- (6.) *George Edwin*, b. Nov. 4, 1838, d. Sept. 2, 1847.
- (7.) *Mary Fane*, b. Nov. 30, 1840, m. Charles G. Bigelow of Paxton, r. Leominster (1882). She has one child: 1. "Norman G.," b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., April 14, 1872.

VI. PHINEHAS, b. Aug. 27, 1764, m. Lydia Lowell of Millbury, June 3, 1804. He was a physician, and commenced the practice of his profession in his native town, but passed the most of his active life in Millbury, where he d. Jan. 4, 1831. He had one child:

1. ELVIRA, b. July 10, 1809, m. Rev. Willard M. Harding of Provincetown, Nov. 28, 1839; she is now a widow (1882).

VII. MIRIAM, b. April 24, 1767, m. Phinehas Holden of Shirley, Nov. 25, 1789, d. July 13, 1811.

Longley, Joseph, son of Deacon John of Groton and Deborah (Houghton), his second wife, and half-brother of William, John and Jonas, who had previously become residents of Shirley. He (Joseph) was b. at Groton, Sept. 12, 1724, m. Mary Walker, and became an inhabitant of what is now Shirley, a few years before it was incorporated a town. He owned the farm which is now the home of William P. Wilbur, situated near the South Village. At the organization of the town, in 1753, he was appointed chairman of the board of selectmen, five in number, and was also chosen clerk of the town at the same meeting. He was four times elected to the first office, and was retained as clerk until 1758, when he entered his majesty's service, and was mortally wounded in the battle and defeat at Fort William. He d. at Greenbush, N. Y. He had seven children:

1. JOSEPH, b. at Groton, Aug. 6, 1744. He was twice m., (first) to Elizabeth Thayer, who d. Feb. 1, 1797; he m. (second) Lucy

Shattuck, who d. May 20, 1834. He d. July 8, 1836. The following obituary appeared in the *Massachusetts Spy*, Worcester, Aug. 24, 1836:

"Died at Hawley, July 8, 1836, Mr. Joseph Longley, born at Groton, Mass., Aug. 6, 1744. He was a great-grandson to William Longley, who, with a part of his family, were killed by the Indians, at Groton, in 1684,—grandson to John Longley, who was a captive five years in Canada,—and son to Joseph Longley, who was mortally wounded in the battle and defeat of Fort William, 1758.

"When he was sixteen years of age, he was in the French war one year, and helped to build the stone barracks at Crown Point, 1769. He was five years in the revolutionary war for independence; in the first eight months, 1775; at Ticonderoga in 1776; at the capture of Burgoyne, 1777. In the December following, while in the van of one hundred volunteers, under Major Hull, pursuing a foraging party, eighty-two were cut off by the British cavalry, near Derby, deprived of their blankets, and put in prison at Philadelphia, where more than half died of cold, hunger and disease.

"In April, 1778, he, with others, were put on board a prison-ship for New York, where he was exchanged in July, and soon after joined his regiment and was in the battle that was fought in Rhode Island, and at that signal retreat under General Sullivan." He had five children, all b. at Shirley:

1. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 6, 1766, d. the same day.
2. JOHN, b. June 2, 1768, d. in Canada.
3. JOSEPH, b. May 9, 1770, m. Sally Parker of Pepperell, had eleven children, and d. at Rome, N. Y.
 - (1.) *Jonas*, b. at Hawley, Oct. 25, 1793, d. Sept. 14, 1794.
 - (2.) *Sally*, b. at Hawley, Aug. 28, 1795, d. Nov. 11, 1802.
 - (3.) *Olive*, b. at Hawley, May 22, 1797, d. Nov. 11, 1802.
 - (4.) *Jonas Parker*, b. at Hawley, June 27, 1799, m. Almira Crittenden, Dec. 5, 1819. Has had four children: 1. "Sally," b. Sept. 25, 1820; 2. "Olive," b. Sept. 5, 1822; 3. "Lyman," b. Aug. 30, 1824; 4. "Eliza," b. April 7, 1827.
 - (5.) *Lyman*, b. March 14, 1801.
 - (6.) *Olive*, b. at Hawley, Jan. 20, 1803, m. Ira Holden, Oct. 7, 1828.
 - (7.) *Calvin*, b. at Hawley, Jan. 4, 1805.
 - (8.) *Sally*, b. May 5, 1806, m. C. W. Steward, Nov. 21, 1826, d. Jan. 12, 1876.
 - (9.) *James Sullivan*, b. at Hawley, March 4, 1808, m. S. Miles of Ashfield, Dec. 9, 1829. He has had three children: 1. "Lewis," b. Dec. 24, 1830; 2. "Luther," b. April 14, 1832, d. May 14, 1832; 3. "Edwin," b. May 22, 1835.
 - (10.) *Caroline*, b. at Hawley, Sept. 24, 1810, m. I. T. Field, d. 1872.
 - (11.) *Zachary*, b. at Hawley, April 7, 1814, m. E. Kilbourn of Ashfield. He had one son, b. at Chester.

4. ZIMRI, b. Jan. 8, 1772, m. Lucy Shattuck of Hawley, who d. July 31, 1805. He had three children :

(1.) *Loren*, b. at Hawley, March 22, 1794, m. Thankful Tripp, April 30, 1817. He had four children, all b. at Hawley : 1. "Lucy," b. May 5, 1819 ; 2. "Elizabeth," b. April 28, 1821, d. July 8, 1822 ; 3. "Lorenzo," b. Oct. 14, 1824 ; 4. "Elizabeth," b. April 30, 1826.

(2.) *Daniel*, b. Oct. 7, 1795, d. Oct. 9, 1795.

(3.) *Elizabeth*, b. June 2, 1797, d. Aug. 1, 1797.

5. MARY, b. March 2, 1773, m. Levi Holden of Langdon, N. H., d. Dec. 19, 1839.

II. EDMUND, b. at Groton, Nov. 11, 1746, m. Alice Lawrence of Pepperell, pub. Oct. 15, 1773 ; she was b. Sept. 13, 1749. The largest portion of his active life was passed in Hawley, and he d. there Nov. 29, 1842. His wife d. Feb. 21, 1842. As has been intimated, his father was an early settler in Shirley, and an organizer of the town, having removed there from Groton when Edmund was but two or three years of age. Edmund remained in Shirley until he was m. and had three children, when he took his pack upon his back and his axe upon his shoulder, and traveled into western Massachusetts. Here he located himself, on an estate which he had purchased in the wilderness, in what was subsequently a town corporation bearing the name of Hawley, and situated in what is now Franklin county. Having set up a log cabin, he returned to Shirley for his family, with whom he removed to his forest home, which has proved the abiding place of his posterity unto the present time.

He was tall, comely, and of a commanding aspect, well adapted to the position he held, that of a military colonel, and his appearance would mark him as one who could command armies as well as regiments. He was one of the eighty that volunteered at the call of April 19, 1775, and was one of the eight months men that were mustered the same year. He had eight children :

1. THOMAS, b. at Shirley, Sept. 4, 1774, m. Martha Ann Taylor of Buckland. He lived with his father at Hawley, and enjoyed a wide-spread reputation. In his boyhood he was—with the exception of a few weeks—wholly deprived of the benefits of a public instruction ; but, knowing his wants, he became his own instructor, and no pupil could be placed in the care of a more devoted teacher. His geography, grammar, and, indeed, all the manuals of common-school acquirements, were his constant companions, when he could be for a moment released from physical labor. He was thus prepared for public trusts to which he was successively called in his town, county, and commonwealth. He was clerk of the town for several years, and was the representative of his townsmen in the state legislature at different times, and held that office at his death. He was a senator for the county of Franklin, and was a presidential elector in 1832 and 1836. For about twenty years he was in military life. He

commanded a regiment in the war of 1812. Afterwards he was a brigadier-general. In all his military engagements he was never known to be behind time. He d. in 1848, as full of honors as of years. He had twelve children, all b. at Hawley :

- (1.) *A Son*, b. Sept. 11, 1805, d. Sept. 24, 1805.
- (2.) *Martha Ann*, b. Sept. 30, 1806, d. Jan. 26, 1817.
- (3.) *Thomas Lawrence*, b. Feb. 13, 1808, d. Jan. 4, 1821.
- (4.) *Alfred*, b. Nov. 10, 1809, m. Julia M. Reed of Norton, Feb. 20, 1844. He has one child: 1. "Charles Lawrence," b. at Hawley, May 29, 1845, r. Centre Framingham, Trumbull county, Ohio, and was for a time teacher and preacher (1879).
- (5.) *Lucretia S.*, b. Oct. 4, 1811, m. Sedgwick Cooley.
- (6.) *Mary Ann*, b. Nov. 10, 1813, m. Rev. Stephen R. Riggs, missionary to the Sioux Indians, Feb. 16, 1837; she d. while on her mission, and left two sons, ministers, and two daughters, missionaries, who are yet in the Sioux country (1879).
- (7.) *Moses Maynard*, b. June 14, 1815. In 1844 he took up a residence in Oberlin, Ohio, as a teacher.
- (8.) *Martha Ann*, b. June 24, 1817, d. May 11, 1820.
- (9.) *Rhoda Olive*, b. March 2, 1819, d. April 28, 1821.
- (10.) *Thomas Lawrence*, b. Feb. 15, 1821, d. July 15, 1843. He was drowned in St. Peter's river, at Prairie des Sioux, where he had gone to aid his sister's husband, Rev. Mr. Riggs, in erecting a house, and to pass a year with his sister.
- (11.) *Joseph Grout*, b. May 24, 1823. In 1844 he went to Stringsville, Ohio, as a religious teacher, and d. May 6, 1871.
- (12.) *Henrietta Ann*, b. July 12, 1826, d. Sept. 9, 1850.

2. OLIVE, b. at Shirley, Oct. 18, 1776, d. at Shirley, Jan. 22, 1778.

3. EDMUND, b. at Shirley, April 11, 1779, m. Olive Field of Hawley, 1805. Like others of his name and family, he took distinguished rank among his fellow-citizens. He held a military office, and many times represented the town in the legislature of the state. He d. Aug. 18, 1853. He had ten children, all b. at Hawley :

- (1.) *Edmund*, b. Aug. 5, 1806, d. at Hawley, Oct. 28, 1829.
- (2.) *Calvin Cooley*, b. Jan. 29, 1808, d. at Hawley, Nov. 17, 1825.
- (3.) *Elijah Field*, b. May 13, 1810, m. Catharine Tolman of Cornelius, N. Y., and had two children: 1. "Edmund," b. at Canandaigua, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1838; 2. "Calvin Elijah," b. at Hawley, Dec. 23, 1843.
- (4.) *Otis*, b. June 19, 1812, m. G. Rebecca Mantor, Oct. 8, 1837, and had two children, both b. at Canandaigua: 1. "Gratia C.," b. Jan. 6, 1839, d. Feb. 1, 1843; 2. "Angie K.," b. June 23, 1840. Mr. Longley was murdered in Lawrence, Kansas, Aug. 23, 1863, at the "Quantrell raid." His widow m. Samuel Williams of Hawley, June 4, 1866.
- (5.) *William Ferguson*, b. Aug. 6, 1814, m. Lydia Bassett of Hawley.

- (6.) *Freeman*, b. Oct. 19, 1816, m. Millicent B. Ward of Halifax, Vt.
- (7.) *Wealthy Field*, b. July 13, 1819, m. Franklin Howes of Hawley.
- (8.) *Abner T.*, b. Nov. 26, 1821.
- (9.) *Olive W.*, b. May 16, 1824.
- (10.) *Eliza H.*, b. Sept. 11, 1827.
- 4. OLIVE, b. June 28, 1781, m. Rev. Thomas H. Wood of Halifax, Vt., and d. there, March, 1817, leaving children.
- 5. RHODA, b. Oct. 20, 1783, d. Sept. 7, 1794.
- 6. LUTHER, b. Aug. 16, 1785, m. Harriet Shattuck of Hawley, Jan. 5, 1808; he d. June 12, 1832. He passed his life in Hawley, and was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and also received from his townsmen important official trusts. He was clerk of the town twenty-eight successive years, and for a quarter of a century he was post-master. His son-in-law, Edwin Scott, succeeded Mr. Longley in the last-named office, and has held it for twenty-three years (1879), thus making it a family trust for almost half a century. Mr. Longley had nine children; they were all b. at Hawley:
 - (1.) *Calvin S.*, b. Nov. 29, 1809, m. Eliza Joy, Oct. 25, 1832. He had eight children: 1. "Ann Eliza," b. April 23, 1833, m. Edwin Scott, Sept. 10, 1854; she has had four children: 1. George E., b. May 8, 1855, d. May 28, 1860; 2. Florence B., b. May 11, 1861; 3. Frank B., b. Sept. 10, 1865, d. Aug. 7, 1867; 4. Carrie L., b. Aug. 11, 1869. 2. "Sylvia Hawks," b. Sept. 30, 1835, m. J. H. Bassett, Sept. 8, 1859. 3. "Perris J.," b. Sept. 18, 1837, d. Dec. 20, 1837. 4. "A Son," b. April 19, 1839, d. same day. 5. "A Son," b. July 19, 1840, d. July 22, 1840. 6. "Carrie E.," b. Dec. 15, 1842, m. Nathaniel Lamson, June 5, 1861, d. April 4, 1872. 7. "Julia H.," b. July 6, 1845. 8. "Flora A.," b. March 10, 1854, m. Nathaniel Lamson, Dec. 24, 1872.
 - (2.) *Dan*, b. March 25, 1812, d. March 27, 1812.
 - (3.) *Luther*, b. May 5, 1813, m. Elizabeth McDougal, 1842, d. April 1, 1875; he had one child: 1. "Oscar E.," b. July 28, 1843.
 - (4.) *Alice Lawrence*, b. Aug. 13, 1815, d. June 3, 1862.
 - (5.) *Harriet N.*, b. 1818, m. Melzor Hunt, June 25, 1856, d. Feb. 5, 1864.
 - (6.) *Oliver S.*, b. July 23, 1820, m. Elizabeth Mickins, Nov. 26, 1844, d. March 11, 1876; he had three children: 1. "Luther C.," b. May 12, 1849, d. Aug. 12, 1852; 2. "Sarah J.," b. Aug. 5, 1846, d. Feb. 20, 1878; 3. "Ella M.," b. May 16, 1854.
 - (7.) *S. Newell*, b. Feb. 7, 1823, m. Maria Bassett, Aug. 20, 1849; he had four children, and d. Dec. 4, 1864: 1. "Alice M.," b. Oct. 17, 1850, d. Dec. 15, 1872; 2. "Lizzie A.," b. Jan. 23, 1853, d. June 21, 1859; 3. "Abby L.," b. July 14, 1855; 4. "Hattie L.," b. Jan. 17, 1860.

- (8.) *R. Olivia*, b. May 13, 1825, m. Uzal Bisbee, Oct. 6, 1842. She had four children: 1. "Hattie L.," b. Jan. 8, 1846, d. Dec. 13, 1869; 2. "R. Alice," b. Aug. 9, 1849, d. March 3, 1879; 3. "Julia C.," b. May 3, 1856; 4. "Carrie L.," b. May 12, 1860.
- (9.) *Emily S.*, b. March 2, 1828.
7. *JOSHUA*, b. at Hawley, Aug. 26, 1787, m. Elizabeth Hawks of Charlemont, June 4, 1812. He d. Nov. 2, 1851; his widow d. 1862. Agricultural pursuits engaged his attention in early life, but at the age of twenty-four years he commenced a mercantile course, which he pursued for a quarter of a century. Like some of his ancestry he had a proclivity for military service, and was early led to accept of a command in that service. He eventually became colonel of the regiment with which his town militia was connected. He removed from Hawley to Belchertown, Jan., 1838. He there held the office of post-master four years, an office that he had previously filled in his native town. He had ten children, all b. at Hawley:
- (1.) *Roswell Hawks*, b. Feb. 27, 1813, d. Feb. 27, 1846, unm. He was devoted to study, and worked hard during his boyhood, that he might be early prepared for a college course. But a failure of health forced him to relinquish his long cherished plan. Yet he seemed happy only when he could be engaged in the study of some favorite branch of literature or science. And, notwithstanding his invalid state, he practised writing some and studied much, and had not ill-health cut short his prospects, he gave promise of distinguishment in whatever profession he might have chosen.
- The town of Hawley forms a point of altitude above any other in Franklin county. It overlooks the beautiful valley of the Deerfield river, from which it is separated by a distance of about five miles, which space inclines from the Hawley heights to the bed of the river, forming a prospect grand and picturesque. While perambulating these heights and admiring this scenery in company with a friend, Mr. Longley was asked by his companion to write an acrostic which should spell the name of his native town. He responded in the following lines:
- "Hung amid rocks and nature's battlements she stands,
And toward high heaven she lifts her outstretched hands;
Waked by the eagle's cry, rocked by the stormy blast,
Long may she proudly stand, to tell of ages past;
Earth hath no sturdier elms, no race of men more brave,
Youth, age and beauty, there, but not one cringing slave."
- (2.) *Henry Ashley*, b. Jan. 5, 1814, m. Eliza O. Smith of Belchertown, Oct. 16, 1839. He has had two children: 1. "Willie Hide," b. Aug. 18, 1843, d. Sept. 13, 1852; 2. "S. Lizzie," b. June 24, 1846.

Mr. Longley left Hawley and settled at Belchertown in 1836, and engaged in mercantile pursuits, which he followed for

twenty years. But he was one who could not escape official trusts if he would, and had no disposition to ignore duty, public or private, if he could. He was post-master four years, was clerk, treasurer and town tax-collector eleven years, and was a deputy sheriff ten years. He was appointed sheriff of the county of Hampshire in 1855, and has held that position until [1879]. He represented Belchertown in the lower department of the state legislature in 1849, 1850, and in 1854; but his appointment to the office of county sheriff seemed to require that his residence should be in the shire-town, Northampton, where he was commissioned to the charge of the jail and house of correction in the year 1861.

- (3.) *Sylvia Hawks*, b. Aug. 27, 1815. She was for a time connected with a ladies' seminary at Philadelphia during early life, m. Lewis Bodman, Dec., 1837. She had one child that d. in infancy. She d. Oct. 22, 1838.
- (4.) *Olive Wood*, b. July 29, 1817, d. April 22, 1820.
- (5.) *Joshua Grout*, b. Aug. 27, 1819, was twice m., (first) to Delia Stacy, Oct. 1, 1846; she d. 1862; he m. (second) Maria D. Sakin, Nov. 22, 1871. He had five children: 1. "Jenny H.," b. June 2, 1850, d. Sept. 3, 1870; 2. "Herbert J.," b. Oct. 9, 1851; 3. "Kate," b. July, 1857; 4. "Hattie B.," b. June 3, 1862; 5. "Marion S.," b. Oct. 15, 1874. Mr. Longley was for a time a selectman in the town of Belchertown, and represented that town in the state legislature in 1864. He d. Jan. 20, 1874.
- (6.) *Samuel Worcester*, b. May 11, 1822. In early life he was apprenticed to a merchant in Charlemont during his minority, and afterward established himself in the same pursuit in Palmer. He, however, soon removed to Belchertown, where he d. July 9, 1882. He was appointed post-master during the Lincoln administration, and was for eighteen years deputy sheriff. He m. Delia L. Kingsbury of Williamsburg, 1846. He had five children: 1. "Ella J.," b. Nov. 6, 1847, d. Feb. 23, 1873; 2. "Eva J.," b. April 26, 1851, d. Jan. 30, 1874; 3. "George W.," b. June 8, 1855, r. Belchertown (1879); 4. "Susan L.," b. Jan. 26, 1857, d. Jan. 11, 1865; 5. "Julian," b. Nov. 23, 1864, d. Dec. 11, 1865.
- (7.) *Augustus Henry*, b. Nov. 4, 1824, m. Julia Bartlett, June 29, 1853; she d. Sept. 15, 1855. He had one child: 1. "Willie A.," b. April 21, 1854, d. Sept. 15, 1854.
- (8.) *Chalmers Payson*, b. Jan. 30, 1827, m. Maria Shaw, who d. Aug. 15, 1875. He was for twenty years turnkey of the county jail, but retired from public life in 1877.
- (9.) *Elizabeth Brigham*, b. Jan. 14, 1831, d.
- (10.) *Julia Aspatia*, b. March 11, 1833, m. Edwin R. Bridgman, Oct. 26, 1852. She has had four children: 1. "Lizzie M.," b. Oct. 4, 1853, d. Oct. 4, 1854; 2. "Robert L.," b. Sept. 24, 1855; 3. "Gracie," b. May 6, 1862, d. Feb. 16, 1864; 4. "Bessie," b. Nov. 12, 1865.

- 8. CALVIN, b. April 5, 1791, d. Sept. 11, 1794.
- III. PHEBE, b. at Groton, Nov. 26, 1748.
- IV. JOHN, b. at Groton, Feb. 17, 1750.
- V. EUNICE, b. at Shirley, May 27, 1753.
- VI. OLIVE, b. at Shirley, June 26, 1755, d. Jan. 8, 1857.
- VII. OLIVE, b. at Shirley, Oct. 28, 1857.

APPENDIX.

AA.

This account of the origin and settlement of the Longleys in New England is from the History and Genealogy of the New-England families, by the Hon. James Savage of Boston; but, for substantial reasons which will now be enumerated, some of the Longley descendants of the present day have regarded it incorrect. These reasons will here be presented, that all interested may have an opportunity to compare them with the statement of Mr. Savage, and draw their own conclusions as to the respective validity of the two records.

First.—Mr. Savage accompanies his statement with a doubt. He says that William Longley, (whom he supposes to have been the son of Richard, and who removed to Groton, and died in 1680,) in 1661, “was able to prove that there was no Richard, but that he was the person to whom, in the partition of lands in 1638, a grant was made in the name of Richard.” Savage calls this a “blind story,” yet it furnishes ground of, doubt, or, at least, of controversy.

Second.—The sustaining of his claims, by a legal process, seems to give force to the supposition that William, and not Richard, was the ancestor of the Longleys of Groton and Shirley, and that if there was a Richard he was of another family.

In 1638 the settlers of Lynn made a division of their lands among the grantees, and when the name of Richard Longley came up, there was no one of the name to respond, but a *William* Longley came forward and declared himself the true claimant, though by mistake, or from some cause, the name of Richard had been substituted for that of William. The case that grew out of this mistake was tried at a court held at Ipswich, March 26, 1661, and the claim of William Longley was then and there sustained. The testimony in the case is here copied from the New-England Genealogical Register, vol. 7, pp. 188–9.

“*Andrew Mansfield*, aged about thirty-eight years, testifieth that he hath been an inhabitant of the town of Lynn about two or three and twenty years, and the same year the said *Mansfield* came to live at Lynn,

William Longley came to be an inhabitant of Lynn, also, and hath ever since by himself and family been an inhabitant of the said town and bought house and land there, and a little while after his coming to Lynn town, the town of Lynn distributed several of their lands to the inhabitants of the town, and that *William Longley* made a demand of said town about eleven or twelve years since, at a general town meeting to lay him out his proportion of land according to the town record, the records were viewed, and therein was found forty acres, granted to one *Richard Longley*, but his name being *William* and not *Richard*, and some asking the said *Longley* whether he had paid for the laying it out; he answered that he had not, the vote passed in the negative by the major part; also that the said *Longley* hath been called by name *Langley*, but have never known any inhabitant of Lynn called *Longley* or *Langley* but this *William Longley* and his family.

"Sworn in court held at Ipswich, the 26 of March, 1661.

"ROBERT LORD, Clerk."

"*Clement Coldham*, of Gloster, in a case of difference depending between *William Longley* of Lynn and the said town of Lynn, saith that he this deponent hath known the above named *Longley* to have been an inhabitant of the town of Lynn, for about twenty and three years, and that about the time of the said *Longley's* coming to the said town, or shortly after, there was a grant and distribution of land proportionably to all the present householders, inhabitants of said town of Lynn; also that about twelve years since the said *W. Longley* did in my hearing demand his proportion of land according to a former grant, and this demand being at a general town meeting, some present answered that [if] he, the said *Longley* could prove lands to be granted to him by the town he might have it or else not; some present granting that there was land granted to *Richard Langley*, but none to *William Longley*: further this deponent being an inhabitant of the town of Lynn, before *William Longley* came to the said town, and many years after, affirm that the said *Longley* was for many years called *Langh*, and not *Longley*, and is frequently so called unto this day; neither hath this deponent known any inhabitant of Lynn called by the name of *Langley* or *Longley* but only this *William Longley* and his family.

"Sworn in court held at Ipswich the 26 of March, 1661.

"ROBERT LORD, Clerk."

"*Hugh Bert*, aged seventy years or thereabouts, saith that he this deponent having been an inhabitant of the town of Lynn for about five and twenty years, doth testify, etc. [similar to Coldham]; further this deponent testifieth that the said *William Longley* about twelve years since, did come into a public town meeting at Lynn and did there demand his proportion of land according to the record in the town book, the which being searched and found to be written *Richard Longley*, they cast it in the negative by the major part.

"Sworn in court held at Ipswich, the 26 of March, 1661.

"ROBERT LORD, Clerk."

It would seem, from this testimony, that the name of *Richard* was written by mistake for *William*. It appears, also, that William Longley was there as early as 1637 or 1638, and that Coldham was there before Longley came, and that he never knew any resident of Lynn of the name of Longley or Langley but William and his family. Hence the error of making Richard Longley the first immigrant and the ancestor of the New England race of Longleys is attributable to this mistake in the town records of Lynn.

"And yet," as Lewis says in his *Annals of Lynn*, "it is a little remarkable that at the 'generall towne meeting' at which his [W. Longley's] petition was considered, there should not have been numbers who really knew whether he was the person intended in the distribution which was made but twelve years before. It is difficult to conclude that the town was determined to withhold the land, right or wrong, or that the petitioner was fraudulently endeavoring to gain it by boldly claiming what he knew was intended for another. It seems, however, on the whole, pretty well established, though there remained room for doubt, that *William* was intended. Yet it must be added, that there was a Richard Longley in some part of Lynn, in 1636, who had two sons, William and Jonathan. He may have left town before the distribution, and without the deponents having any knowledge of him."

Thus much from the *Annals of Lynn*. It is, however, strange that if there had been a Richard Longley in Lynn within twelve years, that no one then knew of his whereabouts, and that one of another given name could recover judgment, in the court, for land that belonged to another.

Third.—Although, for the above mentioned reasons, we cannot endorse the generally received opinion of the Longley origin, without a doubt, it has been somewhat difficult to ascertain the true relation of such origin. According to the town records of Groton, William Longley died there Nov. 29, 1680. From the same source we learn that he became a resident there as early as 1661, and probably removed there from Lynn about that time. He was admitted a free-man March 14, 1638, and as subsequent events prove, became a grantee of Lynn at or about that time. His residence in Lynn was continued for twenty-two years, and there, it is presumed, the most of his children were born. Wyman, in his "*Charlestown Genealogy and Estates*," gives the following names: 1. John; 2. Mary, who married Samuel Leman in 1666; 3. Sarah, who married (first) Thomas Rand, in 1679; she married (second) Benjamin Watts, in 1701. He also had a son, William, Jr., who, with the most of his family, was slain in Groton, by the Indians, in 1694, when the Groton settlement was for a time broken up. Wyman supposes that he had children born at Groton. He was married in England, and according to Wyman's account, the name of his wife was Joanna, and other evidence is at hand to prove that her name was Joanna Goffe, and that she was a sister of Thomas Goffe, who was Deputy-Governor of the Massachusetts Company, that received a grant from the crown, March 19, 1628.

All readers of New England colonial history know the position assumed by Goffe in securing and sustaining the colonies. He was a member of both the Plymouth and the Massachusetts Bay Companies, according to Palfrey's History of New England, Nelson's History of Waltham, and Drake's History of Middlesex County. He is mentioned in Gov. Winthrop's Diary and History of the Colony, Vol. 1, pp. 9 and 14. And in the appendix of Vol. 2 it is stated that Goffe was a merchant of London, and chartered some of the ships that brought over Gov. Winthrop and his party of emigrants in 1630, by which he lost heavily, as appears from an entry in Gov. Winthrop's diary, Oct. 29, 1630.

His family position was such as to show his patrician birth, else he could not have been elected deputy-governor of the company. Matthew Cradock, who was a wealthy merchant, was chosen governor, and both were sworn into office, March 23, 1629.

From whatever family, therefore, William Longley descended, it is certain that his was an elevated position, when measured by English custom, from the fact that his wife was a sister of Deputy-Governor Goffe.

The fact of this kinship is placed beyond doubt by the testimony following, from minutes of the General Court, preserved at the state-house in Boston :

"March 1, 1734. A petition of Robert Rand of Boston, sailmaker, showing that his great uncle, Thomas Goffe, Esq., Deputy-Governor of the Company, for settling the late colony of the Massachusetts Bay, was at great expense in bringing forward and planting the said colony, and after large adventures here, he took a voyage for this country, but died on the passage, and never received any gratuity from the Planters or Settlers, nor any person for him ; that the petitioner's grandmother was a sister to the said Mr. Goffe, and that he is eldest son to her daughter ; praying that forasmuch as the colony was greatly benefited by the experience and estate of the said Mr. Goffe, and never received anything therefor, and the petitioner being reduced to low and necessitous circumstances, that the court, of their compassionate consideration, would make him a grant of some of the unappropriated land of the Province, for reasons aforesaid."

"April 16, 1734. A petition of Robert Rand of Boston, as entered the first of March last, and referred, read again, and *ordered* that the petitioner have liberty, by a surveyor and chainmen, under oath to lay out one thousand acres of some of the unappropriated lands of the Province and present a Plot thereof to this court within twelve months, for confirmation."

"July 3, 1734. A Plot of one thousand acres of land laid out to satisfy a grant of this court made to Robert Rand, in April last, lying on the east side of the Merrimac River, to the northward of little Cohass Brook, great Cohass River running through the same, was presented for allowance, etc."

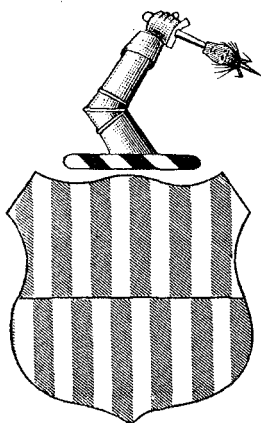
"Dec. 5, 1734. R. Rand sold the above to his brother, Dr. Wm. Rand, an apothecary, for £500. Middlesex Deeds, Vol. 70, p. 165."

This goes to show that Joanna Goffe was the ancestress of the New England Longleys.

An esteemed friend, a descendant of William Longley who settled at Groton in 1661, sent me a pen and ink sketch of the Longley arms, here inserted, which she copied from Vol. 98 of the Chetham Society's publications at the Boston Athenæum. In relation to it she wrote: "From that book I learn that it was first used by Roger de Penulbury of the manor of Penulbury, Lancashire, about the early part of the thirteenth century, and is now extant on a grant of a manor to his son. The manor of Penulbury passed by marriage to the Pestwiche family, and in the same manner to the early Longleys, seated at Langley, parish of Middleton, and at Agecroft, in Lancashire, which manors of Penulbury and Agecroft were a part of the inheritance of the four daughters, co-heirs of Sir Robert Longley, who married Cicely, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford, and was the last of the oldest and main line of the Longleys, dying about 1567.



"This device of the cockatrice, sable, with golden beak on a white shield, (argent, a cockatrice sable, beaked or,) was undoubtedly used by the main family, and also by some of its branches, certainly by those settled about Manchester, of whom three, named William Longley, were rectors of the church of Pestwiche, and a letter of John, son of the last, dated 1616, is printed in Vol. 96, p. 27, Chetham Society's publications, and was sealed with a cockatrice, quartered with two other coats. The last rector of Pestwiche was a zealous Puritan, and connected with several Puritan preachers in the neighborhood of Manchester, of whom was Edmund Longley, minister of Oldham in 1587, and James Longley, vicar of Leyland in 1611."



The fact that this same device has been seen with some of the old families of New England,—descendants of William Longley and Joanna (Goffe) Longley,—is presumptive evidence that he descended from the English Longleys above named.

To one branch of this family Thomas Longley belonged, who was born in 1370, died in 1437, and was Bishop of Durham, Cardinal, Lord Chancellor of England, etc. His device is thus described:

"LONGLEY CREST.—An arm couped at the shoulder, resting on the elbow, holding a sword in pale, enfiled with a savage's head couped. PALE of six, silver and green, by division attenuated."

BB.

Eleazer Melvin, the father of Mrs. Joshua Longley, and his brother, David Melvin, were among the patriots of Concord during the dark days of Indian and French wars. At that fierce and obstinate battle, fought May 8, 1725, at Pigwacket, both of the Melvins were engaged. Thirty-three white men were attacked by over forty Indians, and after a most bloody engagement, the white men remained masters of the ground, and the Indians were killed and dispersed. Out of the thirty-three white men that went into the battle, twelve were killed, three were mortally wounded, nine were wounded but were able to march, and nine were unhurt, among whom were the two Melvins.

"The war of the Austrian Succession opened in 1744. Its crowning glory was the capture of the stronghold of Louisburg, by an army of farmers and fishermen. To that army Concord sent Captain David and Lieutenant Eleazer Melvin, both survivors of Lovewell's fight, and a dozen more. The Captain was wounded, and, after twenty years of hardship and peril came home to die." He died Nov. 18, 1745. His brother Eleazer kept bright the family record. Returning from the successful siege, he went back to his old business of Indian scouting, and led a company, in 1746, to join the expedition against Canada, and made what was called "the long march," into the very borders of the enemy's country. The next year he was stationed with fifty men, at Northfield, to protect the frontier. In 1748 he recruited a new company of rangers, mainly from his native town, and through the spring of that year he was at Fort Dummer, near Brattleborough. With eighteen men he started from that post on a scout through the woods to Crown Point. When he reached Lake Champlain two canoes came in sight, and though he was but a mile distant from the enemy's fort, he imprudently permitted his men to fire upon them. He retreated; but on the banks of the West River, where Londonderry now stands, was overtaken by one hundred and fifty Indians. He was himself surrounded and had his belt cut by a flying hatchet, but finally succeeded, with twelve men, in reaching Fort Dummer. He lived to command a company in Governor Shirley's expedition against the French forts and settlements in Maine, and died soon after his return. He died Oct. 18, 1754. See Drake's History of Middlesex, p. 384. See also Shattuck's History of Concord.