

A
GENEALOGICAL MEMOIR
OF
THE LEONARD FAMILY:
CONTAINING
A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST THREE GENERATIONS
OF
THE FAMILY OF JAMES LEONARD,
WHO WAS
AN EARLY SETTLER OF TAUNTON, MS.
WITH
INCIDENTAL NOTICES OF LATER DESCENDANTS.

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It is now about sixty years since Rev. Peres Fobes, LL.D., pastor of the Congregational Church in Raynham, furnished for the Massachusetts Historical Collections an account of the Leonard family,* particularly of its longevity, promotion to office and attachment to the iron manufacture. In his parish was the location of that family; there they built their forge; there they erected their first dwelling; there passed the eventful scenes of their transactions and intercourse with the Indians, particularly with King Philip, that famous and warlike Chieftain of the red man.

Doctor Fobes' location afforded the opportunity of learning the remarkable and interesting characteristics of the Leonards, and his curiously historic and inquisitive turn of mind, impelled him to improve it in treasuring their annals, and noting the peculiar and remarkable traits by which they were distinguished. His wife was the daughter of Rev. John Wales, his predecessor in the ministry, whose wife was Hazadiah⁵, the daughter of Dea. Samuel Leonard⁴ (23).† By this connection, as well as by his pastoral relation, he possessed remarkable facilities for acquiring a knowledge of the minutest incidents in the history of the family of his day and generation, and of learning from them and others, on the very ground of their enactment, what thrilling and trying scenes the earlier members were obliged to pass through. Many interesting facts and anecdotes connected with the family were by his death obliterated from the memory of man; or were preserved only indistinctly by others, who, in their turn, have gone to the grave, and the facts with them. The account Doctor Fobes gave of the Leonard family is believed to be the first family genealogy of any considerable extent printed in New England.

Two generations have passed since Doct. Fobes' article was written, and now another individual, who is similarly connected with the family, undertakes to continue the account, with additional notices of descendants to the present period. Before two generations more shall have passed away, may the account be continued by still another. A Genealogical Tree of the family was made out by Dr. F., probably at the time that the article in the Historical Collections was written. This tree was discovered a few years since, among his papers, by the writer of this article, in whose possession it now is. Doctor F. was an elegant penman for his day, and this Tree shows a neatness and order which were characteristic of the man.‡

* Mass. H. C. Vol. III. p. 173.

† These figures refer to the numbers in the genealogical table at the end of this article.

‡ Doct. F. proposed in 1794, according to the advertisement or prospectus [Mass. H. Coll. Vol. III. p. 176] which follows his sketch of the Leonard family, to write "*A history of the ancient Colony of PLYMOUTH in New England.*" This he never accomplished. He had made considerable collections for this history, but, from ill health, or other causes, finally abandoned his purpose. He had a large number of copies of a series of questions written to be sent to different individuals and towns, and undoubtedly received much information which would now be considered of great value by the historian, but which, from several removals of the family who have his papers, it is greatly to be regretted, are probably lost. The history of the old colony has since been very ably written by the Hon. Francis Baylies, in whose mind are probably retained more of its early annals than have been treasured by any other individual now living. The deficiency of a thorough index to his work, we hope may be remedied in another edition. We hope, especially, at no distant day, also to see from the same pen, a history of Taunton, a town surpassed in historical interest in that colony only by Plymouth.

The brothers who first came to New England are stated by Doct. Fobes to have been from Pontypool, Co. of Monmouth, Wales. Pontypool is situated between two hills on a rivulet called the Avon, tributary to the Usk, which flows into Bristol channel. It is about 12 miles from Newport, the nearest harbor. This place was celebrated for its working of iron at an early date, and its present importance is derived from the iron and tin mines in the surrounding district, now chiefly belonging to Capel Hanbury Leigh, Esq., Lord Lieutenant of this county, and from the iron works situated near the town, conducted upon a very large scale.

The Leonards undoubtedly had some claim to the ownership of iron works at Bilston, Co. Stafford, England. At the time the Leonards came to New England there was probably but one furnace in the place.— Since that time, and within the past century, from vast additional discoveries of coal on this spot, “great numbers of furnaces, forges, rolling & slitting mills, &c.” have been erected; the iron trade here thus possessing advantages “not surpassed by any other place.”*

Some thirty years since a letter was received at Taunton, written by one James Leonard, a workman in the iron works at Bilston, directed to “James Leonard iron worker in or near Taunton, Mass. New England”; stating that extensive iron works situated there, belonged to the Leonards. The late Charles Richmond, Esq. of Taunton, visiting England about that time, improved the opportunity to go to Bilston, and took legal advice of an attorney “who stated to him, that if an action was brought to recover the property, it would go into the court of chancery, and it would probably take fifty years before the case would be decided.”†

He was also informed, that, by the laws of England, any Estate that is mortgaged is entitled to redemption, from the rents and profits. By the letter received from Bilston it is understood that the Leonards formerly owned the works there, that they left them largely encumbered by mortgage, and the establishment having since by its increased value and profitable operation worked out its own redemption, the fee simple should of right revert to the Leonard family.

There would have been great expense attendant upon the suit, and an uncertainty about the result,—together with a certainty of its being delayed at least one generation, if finally successful. Under these circumstances, the representative of the eldest branch of the family, who, according to the laws of England would be the heir, being indifferent in regard to it, no attempt was made to substantiate the claim.

Doctor Fobes states that the forge at Raynham was the first erected in America. This statement is evidently incorrect. At Lynn and Braintree forges were established at an earlier date. James & Henry Leonard were connected with them, but finally settled at Raynham, where they built the first iron works in the old colony. At that time, the proprietors of the iron works at Lynn and Braintree had a monopoly by grant, of this business for the Massachusetts colony. Their neighbors of the Plymouth colony, were also desirous to establish works of the kind, as appears by the following extract from a letter signed by Thomas folley, John Beex and Gualter Frost, dated “London this 28th of September 1652,” in which an agreement to employ Wm. Osborne (then in London) at “*Brantry furnas & fordges*” as “clark” is mentioned. They add;—“wee doe vnderstand so much by him, that if he hath no imployment by us, that then (he being desired long

* McCulloch's Gazetteer.

† MSS. letter of Horatio Leonard, Esq., dated Augt. 27, 1851, in which he also says,—with regard to the letter from Bilston, Eng. “It passed into the hands of various individuals of the Leonard family and I cannot now recollect in whose hands it is.”

sense by thoes of Plimouth Patent) to be imployed by them in raysing of yron worckes thaer, to ower graet preiudice ; & without him wee are confident thay will not be attempted."

They were attempted, as will appear by the following record made on the town book of Taunton Oct. 21. 1652. "It was at a town meeting conferred and agreed upon between the inhabitants of Taunton and Henry Leonard of Braintree :

'Imprimis. It was agreed and granted by the town to the said Henry Leonard and James Leonard his brother, and Ralph Russell, free consent to come hither and join with certain of our inhabitants to set up a bloomery work on the Two mile River.*"

At this very time, some of the owners in London, of the iron works in Massachusetts were so confident that by employing Osborne, they would prevent the erection of "yron worckes" in Plymouth colony, the Leonards and Russell were, undoubtedly, conferring with the Taunton people on the subject, and, before the arrival of that letter in this country, had obtained leave to establish their forge. The "Bloomery" according to this agreement "was erected and the iron manufacture extensively and prosperously pursued."†

The forge at Raynham was *the* great joint stock company of that vicinity and period. For several generations are found on the probate and other records "my share" or "shares in the iron works" as transmitted from father to son, or other heirs of the succeeding generation. These works were undoubtedly very profitable, although we have no certain knowledge of the amount of dividends paid.

Henry² (3) who, with his brother James² (2) established the forge at Taunton, (now Raynham) was at Lynn in 1655 and 1668, and afterwards carried on the works at Rowley village, which place he left early in 1674 ; and at that time, or soon after, went to New-Jersey, establishing the iron manufacture in that state.

Henry's sons Samuel³, Nathaniel³, and Thomas³, contracted to carry on the works at Rowley Village after their father had left, but undoubtedly, soon followed him to New-Jersey, where numerous and highly respected descendants are now living, and where generation after generation of this branch of the family, it is believed, to the present day, have been more or less interested in their favourite pursuit—the manufacture of iron. Hon. Stephen B. Leonard, M. C. 1835–7 and 1839–41, is said to be of this family.

The Leonards were interested in the iron works at Lynn, Braintree, Rowley Village, and Taunton, and at a later date in those at Canton, so that the observation "*where you can find Iron works there you will find a LEONARD*", has been almost literally verified. They were probably interested in most, if not all of the iron works established in this country within the first century after its settlement, and it is a remarkable fact that the iron manufacture has continued successively, and generally very successfully, in the hands of the Leonards, or their descendants, down to the present day. Their old forge, though it has been several times remodelled, has been in constant use for very nearly two hundred years, and is now in the full tide of successful operation. It is owned by Theodore Dean⁸ Esq. who is descended from the Leonards, through his father, Eliab B. Dean⁷, Esq. and his grandfather, Hon. Josiah Dean⁶, M. C. 1807–9, who was son of Josiah Dean⁵, who was son of Thomas Dean and Mary Kingsley⁴ (46.). Mr. Dean is also a descendant of the Leonards, in another line, through his grandmother, Sarah⁵, 'daughter of Rev. Eliab Byram, who died in Rayn-

* Baylies' Hist. Plymo. Col. Vol. II. p. 268.

† Ibid. II. p. 268.

ham, Jan. 13, 1849, in her ninety-ninth year, an instance of the remarkable longevity of the Leonard family.

The very extensive Iron works at Squabetty, on "Taunton Great River," lately belonging to H. Leonard & Co. and since incorporated as the "Old Colony Iron Company", are now carried on by Messrs. William A.⁸, Samuel L.⁸, and George A. Crocker⁸, Esqrs., who are descendants of James Leonard², through their father William Crocker⁷, Esq., by the marriage of their grandfather Josiah Crocker, son of Rev. Josiah Crocker, with Abigail⁶, daughter of Zephaniah Leonard⁵, Esq. who was son of Stephen⁴(36).

The old LEONARD HOUSE, which stood but a few rods from the forge, was pulled down a few years since. A part of this house was probably built as early as 1670, although the vane upon it had stencilled or cut into it, the year 1700. It had been occupied by the family down to the seventh generation, and the spot, with modern dwellings, is now owned and occupied by the eighth. At the time the old house was demolished it was probably the oldest mansion in New England, if not in the country.* "It was apparently modelled after an English fashion of the eighteenth century, with some modifications proper for defence against the Indians."† This house, in its first rude form, was with another, kept constantly garrisoned during Philip's war. "In the cellar under this house, was deposited for a considerable time, the head of King Philip; for it seems that even Philip himself shared the fate of Kings; ‡ he was decollated and his head carried about and shown as a curiosity by one Alderman, the Indian who shot him."§ Under the door steps of the same dwelling were buried two unfortunate young women who were shot by the Indians.|| It is greatly to be regretted that this ancient gothic structure was not suffered to remain, as a kind of castellated curiosity, a monumental memento, telling, in silent but expressive eloquence, to future generations, the story of the thrilling scenes by which it was surrounded and through which it had passed.

It has been said that the Leonards are of the family of *Lennard*, LORD DACRE; one of the most distinguished families of the nobility in the United Kingdom, and descended in two lines from EDWARD III; through two of his sons, *John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster*, and *Thomas Plantaganet, Duke of Gloucester*; and this statement has some plausibility. When Daniel Leonard, late Chief Justice of Bermuda, first went to England to reside, he was introduced to Lord Dacre, then a Lennard, "who acknowledged the affinity";¶ and Rev. Wm. McKinstry, who was a descendant of the Taunton Leonards, and settled in England, "was noticed as a relative by Lady Dacre."**

That the name Leonard is identical with that of Lennard is evident, as the same arms are born by both names. The earlier members of the Dacre family spelt it both ways; and there are early instances where the name as applied to the same individual, in print at least, has these two variations. It has been said that the title of Baron Dacre, belonged to the Taunton Leonards.

Sir Thomas Barrett Lennard, LORD DACRE, was the last Lennard who enjoyed that title. He died Feb. 12, 1786, leaving no legal issue, and was succeeded, whether by special grant or otherwise, is not stated, by his

* The oldest dwelling now standing in New England is supposed to be the house lately occupied by the Leonard Family in Norton.—See the No. of this work for Jan. last. Art. Obit. of Mrs. Bowen. † Thatcher's Indian Biography, Vol. I. p. 173.

‡ Among the Antiquities of the Massachusetts Hist. Soc., is the lock of the gun which proved fatal to King Philip, and also a samp dish found in his wigwam.

§ Doct. Fobes' Topographical Account of Raynham, Hist. Col. Vol. III. p. 171.

|| Ibid. ¶ J. E. Sprague, Esq. MS. letter confirmed by Hon. F. Baylies.

** J. E. Sprague's MS. letter.

nephew, Charles T. Roper, who died July 4, 1794, also without issue. He was succeeded, by grant of Parliament, by his only sister, *Gertrude*, as BARONESS DACRE. She had previously married Thomas Brand, Esq. Her son, Thomas Brand, on the death of his mother, in 1819, succeeded her in title and estates, and is the present LORD DACRE.

In 1786, on the death of SIR T. B. LENNARD, or in 1794, on the death of his successor, when no male heir appeared, George Leonard⁷, son of George⁶, (both of whom were *Loyalists* and went to the British Provinces to reside,) came to Norton and Raynham to consult with the Leonards there, upon the expediency of claiming the title in question. The precise evidence which could then have been brought forward to enforce this claim is unknown to the writer of this article. It is understood, however, that the particular individual who would have been the heir, if the title belonged to the Taunton Leonards, preferred the independence of Democratic liberty and ease, to bearing the Aristocratic honors of nobility in meekness or otherwise.

The statement has been made by J. E. Sprague, Esq., of Salem, in the Essex Register, that Hon. Daniel Leonard had the title of Baron offered him by the English Government, and that he refused it.* Among his friends and relatives, in Taunton and vicinity, no confirmation is obtained. It is there believed that he would have accepted the title had it been offered.

THOMAS¹ LEONARD, (1) the father of James² (2) and Henry² (3) did not emigrate to this country with his sons. He is known to us only by name.

James² (2) was the progenitor of the Leonards, of Taunton, Raynham, and Norton. He and his sons often traded with the Indians, and were on such terms of friendship with them, that, when the war broke out, King Philip gave strict orders to his men never to hurt the Leonards. Philip resided, in winter, at Mount Hope; but his summer residence was at Raynham, about a mile from the forge.

Thomas Leonard³, (5) son of the preceding, "was a distinguished character." His autograph, as written in 1694, is hereto annexed.

He came to New England with his father, "when a small boy," and "afterwards worked at the bloomery art with him

Thomas Leonard

in the forge."† He was a physician, major, justice of the peace, town clerk and deacon. He was also judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 1702-13. An eulogy upon his character by the Rev. Samuel Danforth, of Taunton, was printed in 1713. His second son, John⁴ (21) was the father of Thomas⁵, whose daughter, Sarah⁶, b. 26 June, 1729, was the wife of Rev. Eliab Byram, of Mendham, N. J., and mother of the wife of the late Hon. Josiah Dean, who was owner of the old Raynham forge. Gamaliel⁶, eldest son of Thomas⁵, b. 30 Apl. 1733, d. 12 Mch. 1809; was father of Eliakim⁷, b. 17 July, 1773, who m. Mary Williams, and was father of Rev. George⁸, of Portland. The latter was b. at Raynham, 17 Aug. 1802, grad. B. U. 1824, and d. 12 Aug. 1831. He m. 1827, Abigail C. dau. of Rev. Ebenezer Nelson, and was settled in 1830, over the First Baptist Church in Portland, Me. The year after his death, in 1832, a volume of his Sermons was published at Portland.

Major George Leonard⁴, (22) third son of Thomas³, removed about

* In a letter from J. E. Sprague, Esq., of Aug. 23, 1851, he says:—"In relation to the barony being offered to Daniel Leonard, all I know is from my mother Bartlett, from Mr. White and Mrs. Willis, late of Boston, daughter of Daniel McKinstry, who married a daughter of Nathl. Leonard. After I stated it in a biographical notice it was doubted. I questioned Mr. White and he assured me it was so."

† Doct. Fobes, Hist. Coll. Vol. iii. p. 171.

1690, to Norton,* then a part of Taunton, where he became the proprietor of very large tracts of land; being as it were the founder of that town and the progenitor of the Norton family. Here this family, as possessors of great wealth and of the largest landed estate, probably, of any in New England, have lived for one hundred and sixty years. Rev. Wm. Tyler, of Northampton, who spent his early days within a few miles of the Leonard mansion, writes thus: "The Norton family of Leonard, whether or not descended from the Lennards, Lord Dacre, have come the nearest to a baronial spirit and style of life of any family I have known in New England." The knowledge of the writer of this sketch, whose native spot is about the same distance from the Norton Leonards, is in precise accordance with that of Rev. Mr. Tyler. Major George⁴ was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1716. His eldest son, George⁵, b. 4 March, 1698, d. 4 Dec. 1778, "was a Colonel and a Judge, both of the Probate and Com. Pleas; he lived to be more than eighty."† He had four children. Rachel⁶, b. 6 July, 1727, m. Rev. David Barnes, D.D., of Scituate, Mass.‡ Her son, David Leonard Barnes,⁷ m. Joanna Russell, and was the father of George Leonard Barnes⁸, Esq., b. 6 Dec. 1797, who, by the death of Mrs. Bowen⁷, in 1850, inherits the original Leonard mansion, in Norton. Anna Barnes⁷, sister of David L.⁷, b. 26 Sept. 1765, d. 19 July, 1794, m. Wm. Jackson, Esq., of Plymouth, and was the mother of Leavitt Taylor Jackson⁸, Esq., of Brunswick, Me. Hon. George Leonard⁶, brother of Rachel⁶, (b. 4 July, 1729, d. 26 July, 1819, grad. H. C. 1748,) m. Experience, dau. of Hon. Samuel White, of Taunton, "Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, at the time of the Stamp Act, whose circular, as Speaker, called together the first Congress which assembled at New York, in October, 1765."§ Mr. Leonard "went through the necessary legal studies, was admitted to the bar, and commenced practice in his native town; though, the ample fortune to which he was born, rendered his practice rather an amusement than an occupation for a livelihood. He was a man of strict integrity, a mild disposition, and a sociable companion."|| He was a representative in the first Congress of the United States under the Constitution. He was also Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. His daughter, Peddy⁷, m. Hon. Jabez Bowen, Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island.¶

Rev. Nathaniel Leonard⁵, brother of Col. George⁵, was b. at Norton, 9 March, 1700, grad. H. C. 1719, and d. 1761. He m. 22 Oct. 1724, Priscilla Rogers, of Ipswich. They had sixteen children. He was ordained at Plymouth, 29 July, 1724, and was the minister there for upwards of thirty years. "He was a gentleman more inclined to the active than the studious life, but should be remembered for his useful services as a minister, and for his exemplary life and conversation."**

* Hon. Francis Baylies has in preparation a genealogy of the Norton Leonards.

† Doct. Fobes.

‡ Rev. Samuel Deane, who was settled as colleague with Dr. Barnes, has in the History of Scituate, given a very full account of him, from page 203 to 210.

§ Hon. Samuel White, was a great grand-son of Thomas White¹, early at Weymouth, whose son, Joseph², m. 19 Sept. 1660, Lydia Rogers, and was father of Sam'l³, b. 14 Feb. 1666, who m. Ann Bingley, and was father of Hon. Samuel⁴, who d. 20 Mar. 1769, in his 69th year. He was father of Experience⁵, who m. Hon. George Leonard as above, and Anna⁵, who m. Daniel Leonard. Another dau. m. Wm. Baylies, M.D., of Dighton, and was mother of Hon. Francis⁶, and Hon. Wm. Baylies⁶. Anna⁴, sister of Hon. Samuel⁴, was the first wife of Wm. Wilde, whose only child, Daniel Wilde⁵, m. Anna Sumner, and was the father of Hon. S. S. Wilde⁶, who has lately, at more than 80 years of age, resigned his seat on the bench of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

|| S. L. Knapp's Biographical Sketches, p. 341.

¶ See obituary of Mrs. Bowen, in January No. of the Genealogical Register, p. 101.

** Thacher's History Plymouth, p. 280.

Sarah⁶, daughter of the preceding, b. 27 Oct. 1726, m. Dr. Joseph Le Baron, and afterwards John White, Esq., of Haverhill, Mass. An only daughter, by her first husband, m. Hon. Wm. Hazen, a native of Haverhill, whose daughter Elizabeth⁸, m. Hon. Ward Chipman, (grad. H. C. 1770,) late Chief Justice of the Superior Court of New Brunswick, and was mother of Hon. Ward Chipman⁹, (grad. H. C. 1805,) who succeeded his father in that office. Her son, by her second husband, Hon. Leonard White⁷, of Haverhill, who grad. H. C. 1787, was classmate of Hon. John Quincy Adams. He was representative to Congress, 1811–1813, and d. 1849, aged 82.* His sister Peggy⁷, m. Hon. Bailey Bartlett, M. C. 1797–1801, and was mother of Eliza⁸, and Sarah L.⁸, wives of Joseph E. Sprague, Esq., late Sheriff of Essex County. Rev. Abiel⁶, D.D., son of Rev. Nathaniel⁵, b. 5 Nov. 1740, grad. H. C. 1759, d. 1778, was minister at Woodstock, Conn. George⁶, brother of Rev. Abiel⁶, b. 28 Nov. 1742, d. 1826, was a Loyalist, and removed with his son, George⁷, to New Brunswick, in 1783, “where he was much employed in public affairs.”†

Col. Ephraim Leonard⁵, brother of Rev. Nath¹⁵, was b. 16 Jan. 1705–6, and d. 2 May, 1786. He had three wives; the first was Judith Perkins, the second, Melatiah, “had been y^e wife of Jonathan Ware, Esq^r., and of Benjamin Ware, M.D.,” the third, Anna, “had been the wife of Mr. Elisha Woodworth, and also of y^e Rev^d. Mr. Timothy Ruggles.”‡ “He was a Colonel, a Judge of the Court, and a man of eminent piety. He lived to be more than eighty.”§ He was the wealthiest man in Mansfield, then a part of Norton, and had greater influence in public affairs, than any other individual in that town.

Hon. Daniel Leonard⁶, only ch. of Col. Ephraim⁵, (by his first wife,) was born in Norton, now Mansfield, grad. H. C. 1760, and died in London, June, 1829, æ. 89 years. His first wife was Anna White, b. 25 Feb. 1741, d. 4 April, 1768, dau. of Hon. Samuel White. His second, was Sarah Hammock. He was bred to the law, and was, before the revolution, a member of the General Court, an able political writer, and, according to President Adams, supported the whig cause, with great eloquence and energy. He was possessed of brilliant talents, and acquired great popularity, from which Governor Hutchinson was led to “exercise his blandishments upon him, and, as he seldom failed when he applied them in all their force, the tempter prevailed,” and Mr. Leonard became a loyalist. In 1774, he was an addresser of Hutchinson, and was appointed a Mandamus Councillor the same year.

Hon. Francis Baylies writes thus: “My father was a class-mate of Daniel Leonard; they married sisters, and for many years were in habits of close and confidential intercourse. Both were whigs, ardent and zealous in the same cause. But by Leonard’s espousal of the British interest, all intercourse was broken off for years; yet whatever their differences in opinion might have been, their personal attachment remained without abatement.”

The house that he occupied is now standing, near Taunton Green.

* See obit. Hist. and Gen. Reg. Vol. IV. 102.

† Sabine’s Loyalists.

‡ Grave Stones. Col. Ephraim Leonard and his three wives lie buried in a grove, in Mansfield, a short distance from his former residence. The house is now owned and occupied by Calvin Thomas, Esq.

§ Doct. Fobes’ Hist. Coll. Vol. III. p. 174.

|| In a recent conversation with Hon. Samuel Crocker, at Taunton, he remarked that the tree is still standing in his garden, where Governor Hutchinson, with his plausibility of manner and fascinating demeanor, had a long conversation with Daniel Leonard, the result of which was a firm adherence, by Leonard, to the side of the British.

Soon after his course had become known, "several mobs collected on the Green, uttering ferocious threats, and some were for submitting him to personal indignities, but as he had been much beloved by the people of Taunton, some of the leading whigs interfered, and persuaded the people to abstain from any acts of violence. He sought an asylum in Boston, then occupied by the British, believing confidently, that his family would be safe; but, his house was assailed in the night, and in it the marks of bullets can still be detected. His family soon after joined him in Boston."* In 1776, he accompanied the British to Halifax, and afterwards went to England to reside, where he received the appointment of Chief Justice of Bermuda. After filling this office for many years, he again in his last days, took up his residence in London.

"His children are all dead, but he left four grand-children, the children of his daughter Sarah, who married John Stewart, Esq., a captain in the British army, and afterwards Collector at the port of Bermuda. These grand-children are believed to be now all living. The eldest, Duncan Stewart, on the death of an uncle who died childless, succeeded to an ancient Lairdship in Scotland. His brother, Leonard Stewart, was, within a few years, an eminent physician in London,—somewhat conspicuous in the time of the cholera. His sister, Emily, married a Captain in the service of the East India Company. The other sister, Sarah John, married a Mr. Winslow, descended from the ancient governor of Plymouth, and a relative of Lord Lyndhurst, whose private Secretary he was, during his Chancellorship.

"The generous temper and affable manners of Mr. Leonard, seemed to have fascinated those who were in his household, and most about him. A very worthy woman belonging to a respectable family in this town, [Taunton,] who was entrusted with the care of the infant daughter of his first wife, would never leave him. She went with his family in all their wanderings; first to Boston, then to Halifax, then London, then Bermuda: she came with them to the United States, and went back to the West Indies, and then to London, and died in their service. His Deputy Sheriff, who had been a Captain in the Provincial service, a person of great address, wit and accomplishments, followed his fortunes, and was killed in the battle of Germantown, then a Major in the British service. A young gentleman educated at Harvard College and in his office went with him to London, where he died."†

The letters signed "Massachusettensis," which were published in "Draper's paper," in Boston, between December 12, 1774, and April 3, 1775, were written by Daniel Leonard. They were answered under the signature of Novanglus, by John Adams. Mr. Adams says, "week after week passed away, and these papers made a very visible impression on many minds; no answer appeared, and indeed some who were capable, were too busy, and others too timorous." Mr. Adams himself, therefore, immediately "began to write, and continued every week, in the Boston Gazette, till the 19th of April, 1775."

In the preface to the edition of *Massachusettensis* and *Novanglus*, published in a volume, in 1819, Mr. Adams attributes these letters to Jonathan Sewall, although at the time they were written, he had supposed them to have been the joint production of Sewall and Leonard. This volume, so prefaced by Mr. Adams, fixed upon the public mind, generally, the impression that Sewall was the author; although in Taunton, Mr. Leonard's former residence, they were still considered as his productions. Mr. Adams finally became satisfied that Leonard was the au-

* MS. Letter of Hon. Francis Baylies.

† Ibid.

hor, and the only one. The question, within a few months, having again been brought before the public, a well known writer (L. M. Sargent, Esq.,) has in the Boston Transcript, under the signature of "Sigma," * demonstrated, beyond a doubt, that Daniel Leonard was the author of said letters. The principal, though by no means the only evidence, is the testimony of the Hon. Ward Chipman, whose father had "personal knowledge" of the authorship, at the time. Mr. Chipman also states, that Judge Leonard himself, in a letter written to him in answer to his inquiries on this point, acknowledged that he was the author. The opinion that Mr. Sewall was the author has been traced to no contemporary authority, but Mr. Adams; and he, though he expressed himself, in 1819, in very strong language, had, it appears, nothing but conjecture to support his assertion. "The question now is of no great importance, except in a historical point of view. Its importance is derived from the fact of its having been the best defence of the measures of the King, the Ministry and the Parliament, which appeared on this side the water, and superior perhaps to any which appeared on the other side, with the exception of Doct. Johnson's 'Taxation no Tyranny.' Yet the arguments, however plausible, subtle and refined, rested on a frail foundation."† Col. Ephraim Leonard, the father of Hon. Daniel⁶, was a strong Whig, and opposed the course of his son. He lived till after the close of the Revolution, and at his death devised his large estate to such of his descendants as should take the oaths of naturalization and allegiance. 'This was done by Charles Leonard⁷, only son of Hon. Daniel. It was understood, however, that the father and sisters of Charles were to participate in the enjoyment of the property.

Abigail Leonard⁵, sister of Col. Ephraim⁵, b. 16 Dec. 1703, d. 18 Sept. 1789, m. Rev. Warham Williams, of Waltham, Mass., son of the "Redeemed Captive." Their son, Rev. Samuel⁶, LL.D., b. 23 Apl. 1743, d. 2 June, 1817; grad. H. C. 1761, was the author of the History of Vermont. He was ordained in 1765, at Bradford, Ct.; in 1780 was appointed Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural History at Cambridge; and afterwards preached at Rutland and Burlington, Vermont. "During his residence at Bradford, Benjamin Thompson, afterwards Count Rumford, studied philosophy, &c., under him, and was a member of his family for some time, and with whom he corresponded until the year 1791."‡ His son, Gen. Charles Kilbourne Williams⁷, LL.D., b. 24 Jan., 1782, was formerly Chief Justice of Vermont, and is now Governor of that State. Mary⁵, sister of Abigail⁵, b. 17 Jan. 1713-14, m. Rev. Thomas Clap, b. 1705, grad. H. C. 1725. "He was minister of the first church of Taunton a few years; afterwards a Judge of the Court of Plymouth County, and a Colonel of the Militia."§

Samuel Leonard⁴, (23) "the fourth son of Thomas, was a man of distinguished piety. He held the office of a deacon, a captain, and a justice of the peace. He had four sons and five daughters. Two of his sons were captains, one a justice of the peace, and all of them deacons."|| His eldest daughter, Bethiah⁵, m. David Howard, Esq., of Bridgewater, and was mother of Rev. Simeon Howard⁶, S.T.D., A.A.S., who was born 10 May, 1733, grad. H. C. 1758, and was ordained 1767, pastor of the West Church in Boston, as successor of Doct. Mayhew, of which church he continued the pastor till his death, 13 Aug., 1804. He was succeeded by Rev. Charles Lowell, D.D., the present senior pastor.

Hazadiah Leonard⁵, dau. of Dea. Samuel⁴, b. about 1712, d. "Oct. 14, N. S., 1752, in the 41st year of her age," m. 8 Nov. 1733, Rev. John Wales,

* See Transcript of April 15th and 18th, 1851. † MS. Letter, Hon. F. Baylies.

‡ Williams' Family, p. 104. § Deane's Hist. Scituate, p. 236. || Doct. Fobes.

first minister of Raynham, b. 25 May, 1699, grad. H. C. 1728, d. Feb. 23, 1765, aged 65, "in y^e 34th year of his ministry."—"He was blessed with talents, which rendered him very amiable and entertaining in social life. In public prayer his performances were eminent and on some occasions almost unequalled."* Prudence Wales⁶, eldest dau. of Hazadiah⁵, b. 12 Sept. 1736, d. 11 Apl. 1815, in the 79th year of her age, m. Rev. Peres Fobes, LL.D., b. 21 Sept. 1742, d. 23 Feb. 1812, grad. H. C. 1762, ordained in the ministry at Raynham, Nov. 19, 1766, as the successor of his father-in-law. In 1786 he was elected Professor of Natural Philosophy in the College of Rhode Island, (now Brown University.) "While a universal scholar, he had a peculiar taste for Philosophy. He was the kind parent, able preceptor, eminent divine, animated preacher and faithful pastor. His faith in the Gospel he preached was exhibited in the various duties of Temperance, Righteousness and Piety."† He published a sermon on the death of President Manning, 1791;—Election Sermon, 1795;—History of Raynham, 1794, (Mass. Hist. Coll. III);—Sermon to young men 1794;—Sermon at the Execution of John Dixson, 1784.

Nancy Fobes⁷, eldest dau. of Prudence⁶, b. 8 Sept. 1769, was m. Oct. 29, 1797, to Rev. Simeon Doggett, b. 6 March, 1765, grad. 1788, at B. U. where he was tutor from 1791 to 1796. Mr. Doggett is the only surviving member of his class, and the oldest graduate of Brown University now living, excepting Wm. Wilkinson, of the class of 1783. He was the first Preceptor of Bristol Academy, at Taunton, opening it by an address for the reception of scholars, July 16, 1796,—and remaining at the head of that institution seventeen years, till 1814, when he resigned it and was settled over the church in Mendon, Mass. In 1832, he accepted an invitation to become the pastor of the second congregational church, in Raynham, in which place he has since resided. Many individuals of eminence who originated in Taunton and vicinity, were educated under his care. Mr. & Mrs. Doggett are both living, having been married upwards of half a century. He has published an address at the opening of "Bristol Academy," 1796;—a sermon at the ordination of his son, Rev. T. P. Doggett, 1833;—and several other discourses.

Rev. Samuel Wales⁶, D.D., was son of Rev. John, of Raynham, grad. Y. C. 1767, and held the office of Professor of Divinity in that institution. His son, Hon. John Wales, was lately Senator in Congress from Delaware. Catherine Wales⁶, sister of Rev. Samuel⁶, m. Samuel Montgomery, grad. Y. C. 1773, a surgeon in the Revolutionary army. Their dau. Catherine⁷, is the wife of Job Godfrey⁷, Esq.,—himself also a descendant.

Dea. Elijah Leonard⁵, son of Dea. Samuel⁴, resided at Raynham, near the old Forge. He was the father of Rev. Elijah Leonard⁶, who grad. Y. C. 1783, m. 13 May, 1792, Polly Wales Fobes⁷, dau. of the Revd. Dr. Fobes, and was settled in the ministry at Marshfield. His son, Rev. George Leonard⁷, grad. H. C. 1823, succeeded his father, and is at this time pastor of the same church in Marshfield. Dea. Abiel Leonard⁵, son of Dea. Samuel⁴, settled in Mansfield. His son, Dea. Abijah⁶, was also of the same place, and his son, Dea. Simeon⁷, is now a resident there; he m. Olive Howard, dau. Elijah Howard, Esq., of Easton. Sophia⁶, dau. Dea. Abiel⁵, was the mother of Leonard Everett⁷, Esq., of Canton, Mass.

Elkanah Leonard⁴ (24) brother of Major George⁴, was the father of Elkanah Leonard⁵, "one of the most distinguished geniuses of his name and day." ‡ He practised law in Middleboro', in which place he was the

* Doct. Fobes' Hist. Raynham.

† Monumental Inscription.

‡ Rev. Dr. Fobes, Mass. Hist. Coll. III. 174.

first attorney, and the only one till about 1788.* “He possessed strong powers of investigation, a sound judgment, and an uncommon brilliancy of wit; and his inventive powers were not surpassed, if equalled, by any of his time.” “His assistance in the *defence* in criminal prosecutions was much sought for, and his abilities were never more conspicuous than in those defences.” † He received the appointment of Major at an early age. During the latter part of his life, his mind was obscured.

James Leonard⁸, (6) and his son James⁴, (34) were both Captains, and both lived to be more than eighty years old. The latter “had three sons and five daughters; two of the sons were military officers, and all of them lived to near the age of seventy.” ‡ His oldest daughter, Lydia⁵, was the wife of Col. Thomas Cobb, and the mother of Hon. David Cobb⁶, who grad. H. C. 1766, and for many years practised as a physician at Taunton. He (Hon. David Cobb) was a member of the Provincial Congress, 1775, and for several years during the Revolutionary War, “belonged to the military family of Gen. Washington.” § After the close of the war, he “became a Major General of militia in the Old Colony, as the southern counties were called, and he was also for several years a Judge of the Court of Pleas in the County of Bristol.” || It was while he held these two offices, during Shay’s Rebellion, that he uttered his memorable saying, that he “would sit as a Judge or die as a General.” He was a representative in Congress from 1793 to 1795; “a member of the Senate and of the House of Representatives in Massachusetts; and some time Speaker of the latter, and President of the former; and afterwards a member of the Executive Council, and Lieut. Governor for the year 1809. He had great knowledge of the world, was a very entertaining companion, and was justly esteemed an honorable man.” ¶ His son, David G. W. Cobb⁷, Esq., was a resident of Taunton. His daughter, Eunice⁷, was the wife of Hon. Samuel S. Wilde, LL.D.” ** grad. D. C. 1789, who was appointed, in 1815, a Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. They were the parents of Eunice Wilde⁸, who married Hon. William Emmons, of Augusta, Me., son of the late Rev. Nathanael Emmons, D.D., of Franklin, Mass. Delia Emmons⁹, dau. of William and Eunice⁸, is the wife of Rev. Mr. Tappan, of Charlestown, Mass., and her children, (the eldest being a daughter about ten years of age,) are the tenth generation in descent from Thos. Leonard¹ (1). George Sumner Wilde⁸, Esq., is Clerk of the Mass. S. J. Court. Hannah Cobb⁶, sister of the Hon. David⁶, was the second wife of Rev. Josiah Crocker, of Taunton. Their daughter, Hannah⁷, “a lady of great usefulness, many virtues, and distinguished energy of character,” mar. Ralph Hart Bowles, Esq., of Boston, an officer of the Revolutionary army, from the commencement of hostilities to the close of the war. He was at the battle of Monmouth and in other engagements. He commanded the first company that entered New York, after its evacuation by the British. Their son, Stephen J. Bowles⁸, Esq., mar. Elizabeth Thorndike Wallace, whose daughter, Elizabeth Wallace Bowles⁹, is the wife of J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., of Boston. Leonard Crocker Bowles⁸, Esq., of Boston, another son of Ralph H. Bowles, Esq., m. Catherine Cushing, dau. of Martin Lincoln, Esq., and grand-dau. of the late Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, of the Revolutionary army. Their dau. Mary Elizabeth⁹, is the wife of Wm. Crosby, of the firm of Crosby & Nichols, of this city. Sarah⁶,

* *Knapp’s Biog. Sketches*, 329.

† *Ibid.* 327-8.

‡ *Rev. Dr. Fobes*, Mass. Hist. Coll. III. 174.

§ *Bradford’s N. E. Biog.* 108.

|| *Ibid.* 108.

¶ *Ibid.* 109.

** See a biographical sketch of Judge Wilde, N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg. I, 87.

another sister of Hon. David Cobb⁶, mar. Hon. Robert Treat Paine, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Their son, Robert Treat Paine⁷, a poet of celebrity at the beginning of this century, was the author of the well-known patriotic song, "Adams and Liberty." His son, Robert T.⁸, Esq., of this city, is distinguished as an astronomer. Charles Paine⁷, Esq., another son of the signer of the Declaration of Independence, was the father of Charles C. Paine⁸, Esq., now of Boston, who married a daughter of Hon. Charles Jackson, (from 1813 to 1824, one of the Judges of the Mass. S. J. Court.) Antoinette Paine⁷, sister of Charles⁷, was the wf. of Dea. Samuel Greele, of Boston. Her sister, Mary⁷, m. Rev. Elisha Clapp, late of Boston. Eliphalet Leonard⁵, son of James⁴, was a bloomer, and settled in Easton. His son, Jonathan⁶, and his son-in-law, Adam Kinsley, (who m. his daughter) established the iron works, at Canton, now owned by Lyman Kinsley⁷, Esq., a son of Adam. Jonathan⁶, died a few years since, at an advanced age, in New Orleans; he had several sons, among them was Jonathan⁷, who recently resided at Meriden, Conn.

Stephen Leonard⁴, (24) son of James³, was a justice of the peace, and a judge of the Court of Common Pleas.* His oldest son, Maj. Zephaniah⁵, m. 24 Apl. 1724, Hannah⁵, d. of John & Alice⁴ (74) King of Raynham. He was a man of enterprise and energy,—possessing great native dignity of character,—and filled with honor the distinguished station in society which he attained. In 1761 he was appointed a judge of the Court of Common Pleas, which office he held till his death. He and his wife Hannah died the same day, 23 Apl. 1766; he in his 63d, she in her 62d year. They were the parents of fourteen children. Their oldest, Capt. Joshua⁶, was b. 5 Jan. 1724–5, and d. 27 Nov. 1816, aged 91. His oldest child, Rev. Joshua⁷, grad. B. U. 1788, being a classmate of Rev. Simeon Doggett, of Raynham. He was b. 25 June, 1769, d. 18 Dec. 1843, æ 75. He was first settled in Ellington, Ct., whence, about the year 1797 or 8, he went to Cazenovia, N.Y., then in its infancy; and on the 17th of May, 1799, formed the first Presbyterian church in that place, consisting of only nine members. He was the pastor of this church about 14 yrs., when on account of ill health he resigned his charge,—the church then numbering 127 members. He was the first pastor who settled west of what is now Oneida and Otsego counties. In a postscript to a theological work published by him a few years before his death, he says,—“I was the first pastor who settled in this wide region of country. I was a single independent Congregational minister. From Cazenovia to the Pacific Ocean, there was not one Congregational or Presbyterian pastor; not one in this state to the north or south of me; not one to the east nearer than Mr. Steele, of Paris, Oneida county.” Although originally a Presbyterian, as he advanced in life, he altered his religious views, and became a Unitarian. He published an able apology for the change of his views and secession.† Peyton Randolph Leonard⁷, Esq., brother of Rev. Joshua⁷, inherited the ancient mansion of the family. James⁸, his son, now lives in the house built by Peyton R.⁷, a few years before his death, in place of the old mansion. Olive⁸, dau. of the latter has been a contributor, in poetry and prose, to various periodicals. She m. Theodore Foster, of New York, since of California. Artemas Leonard⁷, Esq., another brother of Rev. Joshua⁷, was b. 25 July, 1783. He was formerly Pres’t of the Central Bank, Hallowell, Me., in which place he now resides. His brother Isaac⁷, Esq., formerly of this city, now of Illinois, was b. 14 Aug.

*Rev. Dr. Fobes, Mass. Hist. Coll. III. 174.

† See Obit. *Christian Register*, Jan. 27, 1844.

1790, and mar. Julia, (b. 5 Nov. 1792,) dau. of Hon. Seth Washburn, of Raynham. They have two sons and one daughter. Col. Zephaniah⁶, brother of Capt. Joshua⁶, grad. Y. C. 1758. He mar. Abigail Alden, a descendant of John Alden, the pilgrim. She died 25 Jan. 1843, aged nearly one hundred and one years.* He was Sheriff of Bristol County, in which office he was succeeded by his son, Horatio⁷, Esq.; that office having been filled by the two individuals for upwards of seventy years. Horatio Leonard⁷, Esq., mar. first, 29 Sept. 1812, Fanny Washburn, and secondly Mrs. Haven, of Portsmouth, dau. of the late Andrew Cunningham, Esq., of this city. By his first wife he had two children,—Gustavus⁸, and Maria Crocker⁸. Gustavus Leonard⁸, died within a few years, leaving two children. His widow is now the wife of Col. Almon D. Hodges, of Roxbury. Abigail⁷, sister of Horatio⁷, Esq., mar. 8 Mar. 1795, David West, Esq., of the firm of Thomas & West, Boston. After his death she married Andrew Cunningham, Esq., and is now living in this city as his widow. By her first husband she had one daughter, Abby⁸, who is the wife of Andrew Cunningham, Esq., (a son of the preceding) of the firm of A. & C. Cunningham, Boston. Abigail⁶, sister of Capt. Joshua⁶, was the wife of Josiah Crocker, son of Rev. Josiah, of Taunton; and was the mother of the late William Crocker⁷, Esq., as before stated, and of Samuel Crocker⁷, Esq., now of Taunton, who mar. for his first wife Sally⁷, dau. of Apollos Leonard⁶, and for his second a sister of Hon. Francis Baylies. He is the father of the wife of Samuel Bowers King⁷, Esq., (also a descendant,) and of the widow of Charles Richmond, Esq., both of Taunton. Samuel Leonard⁶, Esq., the youngest child of Maj. Zephaniah⁵, was a merchant at Taunton. His son, George⁷, mar. a dau. of Samuel Fales, Esq., and is now a physician in that place. Ezekiel B.⁷, brother of Dr. George⁷, mar. a dau. of the late Jonathan Ingell, Esq. Their dau. Harriet⁸, is the wife of Wm. A. Brown, Jr., Esq., of the firm of W. A. Brown, Jr. & Co., Boston. Another daughter, Almira J⁸, is the wife of J. S. Rounds, Esq., of Taunton. Mary⁷, sister of Ezekiel B.⁷, m. Thos. Bush, Esq., of Taunton, and was the mother of Samuel L. Bush⁸, Esq., of the firm of Beals, Bush & Co., New York; of James P. Bush⁸, of the firm of Bush & Wildes, of this city; and of Frederick T. Bush⁸, now U. S. Consul at Hongkong, China. John Burroughs Hopkins⁷, and Esek Samuel Hopkins Leonard⁷, half brothers of Ezekiel B.⁷, grad. B. U. 1814. The former is now a resident at Providence, R. I. Rev. Silas Leonard⁵, of New York, was a son of Stephen⁴, Esq., and a brother of Major Zephaniah Leonard⁵, of Raynham.

Benjamin⁸, (10) bro. of Thomas⁸, Esq., was the father of Joseph⁴, (72) whose son, Philip⁵, of Taunton, died in 1785, æ. about 60. Among his children were George⁶, Esq., of Middleboro', Chloe⁶, and Ephraim⁶; all now deceased. George Esq.⁶, lived at the Four Corners, and was the father of Samuel⁷, and Nehemiah⁷, merchants of N. Bedford, Lois⁷, who m. Rev. Lewis Leonard, of Cazenovia, N. Y.; and Emeline, who m. Thomas Doggett, Esq., of Middleboro'; Chloe⁶ d. in 1843, æ. 85. Her husband was Elephalet Elmes, of Middleboro', a revolutionary soldier, who d. in 1830, æ. 77. Mr. Ephraim L.⁶ (bro. of George⁶ & Chloe⁶) m. Mary Pratt, lived in Middleboro', and was the father of Mr. James L.⁷, now living there, Mrs. Jane⁷, wife of Mr. O. L. Perkins, of Boston, and Mrs. Sarah⁷, wife of Mr. Orlando Thompson, of New Bedford, and Mrs. Betsey, wife of Mr. J. Drake, of Boston. Uriah Leonard⁸, (12) the youngest son of James², (2) lived to be about eighty years old. During Philip's war, being then but about thirteen or fourteen years of age, as he was riding from Taunton to

* See Obit. Christian Register, 25 March, 1845.

the forge, he "was discovered and fired upon by the Indians. He instantly plucked off his hat, swung it around, which startled his horse, and, in full career, he reached the forge dam, without a wound; but several bullets were shot through the hat he held in his hand, and through the neck of the horse near the mane, from which the blood on both sides gushed and ran down on both legs." *

In the preceding notices of the Taunton Leonards only a small part of their descendants have been connected to the present period. Other lines, if traced, would probably include many persons of distinction. No connection has been discovered between the family of Leonards early at Bridgewater, (sometimes spelt Leonardson) and those of Taunton, though it is possible that they may both have been of the same English extraction. Dexter M. Leonard, of Providence, R. I., formerly of North Hadley, Mass., is the 7th generation in descent from Solomon Leonard—the early settler at Bridgewater. Manning Leonard, Esq., of Southbridge, Mass., is also descended from him. The late Dr. Jonathan Leonard, of Sandwich, a gentleman of a most estimable character, possessing in an uncommon degree benevolence, humanity and generosity worthy the imitation not only of physicians but of all others, was a descendant of the 6th generation from Solomon. He grad. H. C. 1786, and d. 26 Jan. 1849, at the age of 86.† His brothers, David and Benjamin, died the week previous; the former aged 84, and the latter 80. They died the same day, and were buried in one grave. Rev. Levi W. Leonard, (grad. H. C. 1815,) of Dublin, N. H., author of various school books, is also a descendant of Solomon, of the sixth generation.

It is a fact worthy of notice, that, while in the original stock of Lennard, Lord Dacre, the title has fallen into a family of their descendants, bearing another name; so a large number of the descendants of the family in this country, which is supposed to have been an offshoot from that stock, are becoming merged in other names. This fact is certainly much more remarkable in this family than in many others, and may be considered as an apology for introducing so many of their descendants with other names, into this sketch.

GENEALOGY.

- THOMAS LEONARD¹, who remained in Great Britain, had sons;—
- (2) I. JAMES², (5) was dead in 1691; wife Margaret, who survived him, was mother-in-law to all his children. She d. abt. 1701. He was at Lynn, 1651 ‡ of Braintree, 1652, and settled the same year, at Taunton, where he and his brother Henry erected the first forge in Plymouth Colony. This forge probably became soon after its erection the principal one in America.
 - (3) II. HENRY², (13) aged 37 in 1655; wife Mary in 1650; a wife living in 1675. He was at Lynn 1642; || of Braintree 1652, and probably earlier; of Taunton 1652, of Hammersmith (Lynn) 1655, freeman of Mass. (of Lynn) 1668, of Rowley Village 1674. He afterwards went to New Jersey.
 - (4) III. PHILIP².—Perhaps he was the Philip, nailer, of Marshfield,

* *Rev. Dr. Fobes*, Mass. Hist. Coll. III, 171. † See Obit. "Chrn. Register," 24 Feb. 1849.

‡ The following are entries on an account book of the Iron Company at Lynn, under date 1651: "James Leonnarde 15 days worke about finnerrey Chimneye and other worke in ye forge, 1:13:0.—To ditto Leonard for dressing his bellows 3 times, 1:10:0.—To ditto soe much allowed him for bringing his goods from Prouidence, 2:0:0."

|| *Lewis's Lynn*.

1678, and afterwards of Duxbury, who d. 3 July 1708, and whose wf. Lydia d. 13 Nov. 1707.* His only dau. Phebe, mar. 6 Nov. 1694, Samuel Hill, of Duxbury.

NOTE.—Rev. Dr. Fobes, in his account of the Leonard family, in Mass. Hist. Coll. vol. III, states that James Leonard², above, had “three brothers”; but, in his genealogical tree of said family, he gives but two, viz., Henry² and Philip². If there was a fourth brother in this family perhaps he remained in Wales. If he came to N. E. he may have been *Solomon* of Duxbury, 1637, and afterwards of Bridgewater,† or *John* of Springfield, 1639,‡ or *Rice* of Rehoboth, 1644.§ We know of no others of a proper age.

JAMES² (2) had issue;—

- (5) I. THOMAS³, (19) b. abt. 1641, having d. 24 Nov. 1713, æ. 72; mar. 21 Aug. 1662, Mary Watson, who d. 1 Dec. 1723, æ. 81.
- (6) II. JAMES³, (30) b. abt. 1643, having d. 1 Nov. 1726, in 84th yr.; wife Hannah, d. 25 Feb. 1674; mar. 29 Oct. 1675, for 2d w. Lydia Gulliver, dau. of Anthony G. of Milton; she d. 24 July, 1705, in 47th yr.; he mar. 3d., Rebecca ———, who d. 3 Apl. 1738, in 76th yr.
- (7) III. ABIGAIL³, (44) mar. John Kingsley of Milton. He d. abt. 1698.
- (8) IV. REBECCA³, (51) mar. 2 Sept. 1678, Isaac Chapman, of Barnstable.
- (9) V. JOSEPH³, (60) b. abt. 1655, having d. 17-18 Oct. 1692, in 38th yr.; mar. 15 Dec. 1679, Mary Black, of Milton.
- (10) VI. BENJAMIN³, (67) mar. 15 Jan. 1678-9, Sarah Thresher.
- (11) VII. HANNAH³, (74) mar. 24 Jan. 1677-8, Isaac Deane.
- (12) VIII. URIAH³, (81) b. 10 July, 1662; mar. 1 June, 1685, Elizabeth Caswell, b. 10 Jan. 1664-5, dau. of Thomas C. of Taunton.

HENRY² (3) had issue;—

- (13) I. SAMUEL³. He and his brothers, Nathaniel³ and Thomas³, on the “6th of Aprill 1674” contracted with “y^e owners of y^e Iron works at Rowley Village” to carry on said works.
- (14) II. NATHANIEL³.
- (15) III. THOMAS³.
- (16) IV. HENRY³, b. at Lynn, 14 June, 1656, d. Sept. 1657.
- (17) V. SARAH³, b. at L. 26 June, 1663.
- (18) VI. MARY³, b. 13 Jan. 1666, d. Aug. 1667.

THOMAS³ (5) had issue;—

- (19) I. MARY⁴, b. 2 Aug. 1663.
- (20) II. THOMAS⁴, b. 22 Jan. 1665-6; wife Joanna.
- (21) III. JOHN⁴, b. 18 May, 1668, mar. Mary, dau. of Philip King.
- (22) IV. GEORGE⁴, b. 18 Apl. 1671, d. 5 Sept. 1716; mar. 4 July, 1695, Anna Tisdale, b. 27 Jan. 1672-3, dau. of John and Hannah (Rogers) Tisdale, of Taunton.
- (23) V. SAMUEL⁴, b. 1 Feb. 1673-4, d. 13 Apl. 1745, æ. 71; mar. 17 Apl. 1701, Katharine, dau. of Thomas Deane, of Taunton.
- (24) VI. ELKANAH⁴, b. 15 May, 1677, d. 29 Dec. 1714; resided at Middleboro’.
- (25) VII. JAMES⁴, b. 17 Dec. 1679, d. 8 May, 1682.
- (26) VIII. A daughter still born, 10 Apl. 1681.
- (27) IX. SETH⁴, b. 28 Apl. 1682, d. 2 Nov. 1682.
- (28) X. PHEBE⁴, b. 3 Mch. 1684, d. 15 July, 1685.

* Winsor’s Dux. 275.

† Winsor’s Dux. and Mitchell’s Br. In the latter work is a very full genealogy of this family.

‡ Farmer’s Reg.

§ Bliss’s Rehob.

- (29) XI. ELIZABETH⁴, b. 15 July, 1686; mar. Jonathan Williams,* b. 1683, d. 7 Apl. 1761.

JAMES³ (6) had issue;—

- (30) I. EUNICE⁴, b. at Braintree, 25 Nov. 1668; mar. 18 Feb. 1695-6, Richard Burt, b. 21 June, 1663, son of Richard B. of Taunton.
 (31) II. PRUDENCE⁴, b. 24 Jan. 1669-70; mar. 10 Dec. 1690, Samuel Lewis, of Barnstable.
 (32) III. HANNAH⁴, b. at B. 2 Oct. 1671, mar. 13 Dec. 1686, John Crane.
 (33) IV. JAMES⁴, b. 1 Feb. 1672-3, d. 30 Dec. 1674.
 (34) V. JAMES⁴, b. 11 May, 1677, d. 16 Jan. 1764, in 87th yr.; wife Hannah, d. 2 Aug. 1725; mar. 2d Lydia Gulliver, wid. of John and dau. of Jonathan Gulliver, of Milton; mar. 3d Mercy ———.
 (35) VI. LYDIA⁴, b. 10 Mch. 1679, mar. ——— Britton.
 (36) VII. STEPHEN⁴, b. 14 Dec. 1680.
 (37) VIII. ABIGAIL⁴, b. 30 Jan. 1682-3, d. before 4 Mch. 1725-6; mar. Dr. Ezra Deane, of T.
 (38) IX. NATHANIEL⁴, b. 18 Mch. 1685, d. 11 June, 1685.
 (39) X. SETH⁴, b. 3 Apl. 1686.
 (40) XI. SARAH⁴, b. 6 Sept. 1688, mar. Henry Hodges, b. 13 July, 1687.
 (41) XII. MEHITABEL⁴, b. 24 Oct. 1691, d. 10 June, 1695.
 (42) XIII. ELIZABETH⁴, b. 19 Apl. 1694, d. 9 Oct. 1750; mar. Capt. Joseph Hall, who d. 9 Nov. 1773, in 80th yr.
 (43) XIV. EBENEZER⁴, b. 28 Aug. 1708, d. a young man unmd.
 ABIGAIL³ (7) who m. JOHN KINGSLEY, had issue;—
 (44) I. SUSANNAH⁴, mar. William Hack.
 (45) II. ABIGAIL⁴, prob. mar. Thomas Snell, of Bridgewater, b. 1671, son of Thos. S.
 (46) III. MARY⁴, b. abt. 1676, having d. 1 Feb. 1649-50 in 74th yr.; mar. Thomas Deane, of Raynham.
 (47) IV. JOHN⁴.
 (48) V. STEPHEN⁴, mar. Lydia Gulliver.
 (49) VI. SAMUEL⁴.
 (50) VII. ELIZABETH⁴, perhaps mar. Thomas Spurr, of Stoughton.

* RICHARD WILLIAMS¹, one of the early proprietors of Taunton, was from Glamorganshire, Wales. His wife, Frances Dighton, was from Somersetshire, Eng. and was sister to Katharine Dighton, who m. 1 Samuel Hagborne, 2 Gov. Thomas Dudley, 3 Rev. John Allin. Richard Williams¹, had ch:—I. *John*²;—II. *Samuel*², mar. Jane Gilbert, ch.—1. Mary³, mar. Henry Andrews, of T.; 2. Sarah³, mar. Benjamin Deane, of T.; 3. Hannah³, b. abt 1670, having d. 28 June, 1708, æ. 38, mar. Samuel Bunn, of T.; 4. Seth³, b. abt. 1676, mar. Mary Deane, and died 13 May, 1761, in 86th year; 5. Samuel³, b. abt 1680, having d. 17 Apl. 1765, in 86th yr., m. Abigail ———, who d. 23 Feb. 1779, in 94th yr.; 6. Daniel³, b. abt 1682, having d. 7 Sept. 1735, in 54th yr., m. Mercy Deane:—III. *Joseph*², d. 17 Aug. 1692, w. Elizabeth, ch.—1. Elizabeth³, b. 30 July, 1669, drowned 13 Oct. 1688; 2. Richard³, b. 26 Nov. 1671, d. 13 July, 1688; 3. Mehitabel³, b. 7 June, 1676, m. Increase Robinson, of T.; 4. Joseph³, b. 13 Feb. 1678; 5. Benjamin³, b. 15 Oct. 1681, d. 10 Jan. 1757, æ. 75, mar. Elizabeth Deane; 6. Ebenezer³, b. 21 Apl. 1685; 7. Phebe³, b. 25 Sept. 1687, mar. Christopher Richmond, of Middleboro': 8. Richard³, b. 26 Mch. 1689:—IV. *Nathaniel*², mar. 17 Nov. 1668, Elizabeth Rogers, of Duxbury, and had ch.—1. John³, b. 27 Aug. 1675; 2. Nathaniel³, b. 9 Apl. 1679; 3. Elizabeth³, b. 18 Apl. 1686, mar. John Macomber, of T.;—V. *Thomas*², wife Mary, ch. 1. Mary³, b. 1680, mar. Ebenezer Robinson, of Raynham; 2. Jonathan³, b. 1683, d. 7 Apl. 1761, in 78th yr., mar. Elizabeth Leonard; 3. Sarah³, b. 1685, mar. James Hall, of R.; 4. Macy³, b. 1687; 5. Hannah³, b. 1689, mar. Joseph Snell, of Bridgewater; 6. Bethiah³, b. 1692, mar. Maj. Joseph Hodges, of Norton; 7. Mehitabel³, b. 1695, mar. Rev. Benjamin Webb, of Eastham; 8. Damaris³, b. 1698, mar. 1724, Daniel Howard, of Bridgewater:—VI. *Benjamin*², mar. 18 Mch. 1689-90, Rebeckah Macy, and had ch. 1. Rebeckah³, b. 27 Nov. 1690, mar. 1 Samuel Pitts, 2 James Williams, both of T.; 2. Josiah³, b. 7 Nov. 1692, mar. Martha Howard; 3. Benjamin³, b. 31 July, 1695; 4. John³, b. 27 Mch. 1699; VII. *Elizabeth*², b. abt. 1647, d. 1724, æ. 77, mar. John Bird, of Dorchester, 6, 1641, d. 1732;—VIII. *Hannah*², mar. John Parmenter, of Boston.

REBECCA³, (8) who mar. ISAAC CHAPMAN, had issue ;—

- (51) I. LYDIA⁴, b. 15 Dec. 1679.
- (52) II. JOHN⁴, b. 12 May, 1681.
- (53) III. HANNAH⁴, b. 26 Dec. 1682, d. 6 July, 1689.
- (54) IV. JAMES⁴, b. 5 Aug. 1685.
- (55) V. ABIGAIL⁴, b. 11 July, 1687.
- (56) VI. HANNAH⁴, b. 10 Apl. 1690.
- (57) VII. ISAAC⁴, b. 29 Dec. 1692.
- (58) VIII. RALPH⁴, b. 19 Jan. 1695.
- (59) IX. REBECCA⁴, b. 10 June, 1697.

JOSEPH³ (9) had issue ;—

- (60) I. MARY⁴, b. 2 Oct. 1680, d. 3 June, 1688.
- (61) II. EXPERIENCE⁴, b. 18 Mh. 1681-2; m. Saml Hodges, b. 20 My, 1678.
- (62) III. JOSEPH⁴, b. 28 Jan. 1683-4, d. 6 Apl. 1705, æ. 21, unmd.
- (63) IV. MEHITABEL⁴, b. 22 Aug. 1685.
- (64) V. EDWARD⁴, b. 2 Nov. 1688.
- (65) VI. WILLIAM⁴, b. 26 Mch. 1690.
- (66) VII. SILENCE⁴.

BENJAMIN³ (10) had issue ;—

- (67) I. SARAH⁴, b. 21 May, 1680; mar. — Eddy.
- (68) II. BENJAMIN⁴, b. 25 Jan. 1682.
- (69) III. HANNAH⁴, b. 8 Nov. 1685, d. early.
- (70) IV. JERUSHA⁴, b. 25 June, 1689.
- (71) V. HANNAH⁴, b. 8 Dec. 1691.
- (72) VI. JOSEPH⁴, b. 22 Jan. 1692-3.
- (73) VII. HENRY⁴, b. 8 Nov. 1695.

HANNAH³, (11) who mar. ISAAC DEANE, had issue ;—

- (74) I. ALICE⁴, b. 20 Nov. 1678, d. 22 May, 1746; m. 1 Feb. 1699-1700, John King, son of Philip & Judith (Whitman) King. He d. 5 Oct. 1741, at Raynham.
- (75) II. ABIGAIL⁴, b. 16 Nov. 1680; mar. — Torry.
- (76) III. HANNAH⁴, b. 24 Apl. 1683; mar. Nathaniel Hodges¹,* of Norton. b. 2 April, 1675.
- (77) IV. NATHANIEL⁴, b. 25 Apl. 1685.
- (78) V. ABIAH⁴.
- (79) VI. JONATHAN⁴, b. abt. 1695, having d. 10 Sept. 1750, æ. 55; m. Abigail Burt, who survived him.
- (80) VII. DEBORAH⁴, perhaps the Deborah Dean who mar. 25 Nov. 1736, Joseph Allen, of Barrington.

URIAH³, (12) had issue :—

- (81) I. URIAH⁴, b. 10 Apl. 1686.
- (82) II. WILLIAM⁴.
- (83) III. JAMES⁴.
- (84) IV. SETH⁴.
- (85) V. JONATHAN⁴.
- (86) VI. MARGARET⁴.

* WILLIAM HODGES¹ was of Taunton 1643. He mar. Mary, dau. of Henry Andrews, of T. and d. before 14 Feb. 1653-4. His ch. were :—I. John², b. before 13 Mch. 1651-2, mar. 15 May, 1672, Elizabeth Macy, and had ch.—1. John³, b. 5 Apl. 1673, set. at Norton; 2. Nathaniel³, b. 2 Apl. 1675, mar. Hannah Deane and set. at Norton; 3. Samuel³, b. 20 May, 1678, mar. Experience Leonard; 4. William³, b. 6 June, 1682; 5. George³, b. 27 Nov. 1685; 6. Ebenezer³, b. 13 Mch. 1687; 7. Nathan³, b. 23 Oct. 1690;—II. Henry², b. 1652, d. 30 Sept. 1717, æ. 65, mar. 17 Dec. 1674, Esther Gallop, b. 21 July, 1653, dau. of John Gallop, and had ch.—1. Mary³, b. 3 Feb. 1675-6; 2. Esther³, b. 17 Feb. 1677-8; 3. William³, b. 18 Mch. 1679-80, set. at Taunton; 4. Charity³, b. 5 Apl. 1682; 5. Henry³, mar. Sarah Leonard; 6. Benjamin³, of Norton; 7. Joseph³, of Norton, mar. Bethiah Williams; 8. John³, mar. Hannah Morton.

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THOMAS LEONARD, (1)

