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FROM THE BOOK OF GENEALOGICAL RECORDS, COMPILED BY THE LATE REV. JOSEPH A. LAMB, OF OLD MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT, WHO DIED APRIL 3, 1893, COPIED BY HIS DAUGHTER, MISS LUCIE A. LAMB, WITH EXTENSIVE ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS BY FRANK B. LAMB AND FRED W. LAMB.

Isaac Lamb bought land near the Mystic river in what was New London, Conn., about 1695 or 1696. In 1704 all of New London east of the River Thames was made Groton. He is believed to have been the Isaac Lamb recorded as having been baptized and owned the covenant at Watertown, Mass., July 10, 1687. There is a well-founded tradition that Isaac Lamb, with his father (whose name is unknown but is believed to have been Daniel), came from England and settled first on a grant of land they had received at Haverhill, Mass., but they were finally driven away by the Indians, and Isaac went to New London, Conn., for safety. Isaac Lamb was said to have been a soldier in Cromwell's army. In 1714 he bought two hundred acres of land in Mystic, Conn., which has been the homestead ever since. He died in 1723. He married Elizabeth ———. They first joined the church at Norwich, Conn., but through some minor disbelief in orthodoxy, were excommunicated, and Isaac became one of the organizers of the first Baptist church in Connecticut, founded at Groton in 1705. Isaac Lamb was one of the two deacons first elected.

FIRST GENERATION.

Isaac Lamb and Elizabeth ——— had the following children :

1. Elizabeth, baptized November 24, 1695.
2. Else, baptized June 19, 1698.

3. Freelove.
4. Experience, married William Stark, Jr., April 13, 1710.
5. Ann, married Samuel Branch, May 23, 1728.
6. Jacob, baptized August 17, 1701, married Jerusha Williams, February, 1725.
7. Daniel, born 1703, married Zerviah Button, October 5, 1727.
8. Isaac, born 1705 in Mystic, married Lydia Richards, June 12, 1733, and had six children, two of whom were Baptist ministers. One son of his was named Daniel.
9. Dorothy, married David Morgan, December 12, 1728.

SECOND GENERATION.

Jacob Lamb, son of Isaac, was baptized August 17, 1701, and married Jerusha Williams of Preston, Conn., in February, 1725. He is said to have been the first to settle Lamb Town in Ledyard, Conn. Their children were :

1. Amy. There is a tradition that Amy married a Thos. Lamb, son of Ebenezer, son of Thomas, son of John Lamb of another family. This Thomas whom she is believed to have married had a daughter Amy and also a son Thomas who was killed in the Fort Griswold Massacre, 1781, aged 19 years.

2. Silas, married Eunice ———, and had a son Asa and a son Silas, Jr., born 1756 or 1762, and daughters Content and Bathsheba, Temperance, Pettis and Dorothy. This son Silas, Jr., married Jane ——— and had the following children :

- I. Nathan, born 1789, died July 9, 1832.
- II. Ezekiel, born 1790, died December 8, 1836.
- III. Asa, born 1792, died August 12, 1840.
- IV. Joseph, born 1797, died November 9, 1842.
- V. Silas, born 1803, died January 6, 1838.
- VI. Charlotte.

Silas, Jr., died January 6, 1845. His brother Asa lived in New York State after the Revolution, and his sister Content married Roswell Wells, and his sister Bathsheba married a Perkins.

3. Timothy, born 1733, married Mary Holdredge and died in 1807.

THIRD GENERATION.

Timothy Lamb, son of Jacob, was born in 1733, married Mary Holdredge April 20, 1766, and died in 1807. He was a soldier in the Old French and Indian War, serving in a company of militia under command of Capt. Joseph Morgan, which marched to the relief of Fort William Henry at the alarm of August, 1757. The company served fifteen days. His children were:

1. Timothy, Jr., born September 28, 1767.

2. William, born April 16, 1769. He married Anna — and had the following children :

I. William, had children, Mary, William, Sanford, George, Ardelia, Francis and Henry.

II. Lydia, married Hallam Whiting and had seven children.

III. Washington, had child George.

IV. Russell, had children, Elizabeth, Patience, Anna, Levi, Dennison, Milton, Edmond, Robert, Nelson, Erastus, Cortland, Elizabeth, Emetsin, and Delia.

V. Nathan, had children Amasa, Frank, Emeline and Edwin.

VI. Nancy, married John Ayers and had ten children.

VII. Jefferson, had children, Mary, Henry, Emeline, Eliza, Noyes, and Ellen.

VIII. Polly, married Ichabod Chapman and had twelve children.

IX. Hannah, married "Subal" Maynard and had eight children.

X. Lavinia, married Levi Chapman and had twelve children.

3. Mary, born April 10, 1771.

4. Prudence, born September 11, 1772.

5. Aaron, born January 18, 1774.

6. Isaac, born April 11, 1775.

7. Deborah, born March 7, 1776.

8. Rufus, born April 9, 1778.

9. John, born March 6, 1780.

10. Sabra, born March 7, 1783.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Rufus Lamb, son of Timothy, son of Jacob, son of Isaac, was born April 9, 1778, married Polly Searles and had the following children :

1. Billings, born in New London, Conn.
2. Rufus, Jr., born 1812, died in 1885.
3. Rodman, born in Preston, Conn.
4. Amos, born in Oxford and married Elvira Cheney.
5. Albert, married Charlotte ———, and located in New York.
6. Prudence, married William Whipple and went West.
7. Caroline, married Stephen Holdredge.
8. Julia, married Lyman Austin.
9. Lydia, married an Italian and removed to Italy.
10. Frances, died at twelve years of age.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Rufus Lamb, Jr., son of Rufus, son of Timothy, son of Jacob, son of Isaac, was born in 1812. He married at Southbridge, Mass., December 3, 1836, Sylvia Conant Lee, and died at Manchester, N. H., January 25, 1885. She died at Fremont, N. H., May 12, 1900. They had children as follows :

1. Frederick William, born at Webster, Mass., September 19, 1837, married December 7, 1865, at Leominster, Mass., Martha C. Howe. She died at Warren, Mass., December 21, 1870. He was a member of the 7th Wisconsin Volunteers, Co. H, in the Civil War. He died September 8, 1897. When a young man he went West and was for a time located at Mt. Hope, Henry County, Missouri. The writer has in his possession all of the letters which he wrote home from there. A few extracts may prove interesting.

“Just imagine that you see a large prairie, rather rolling but handsome, and bounded on one end with large groves of timber ; on one side in the distance the outlines of other groves and then as far as the eye can reach, one wide extended plain without a tree except two or three that stand alone. Now imagine that you see a little log house on the prairie and to the east of it about one-fourth of a mile is a creek with a few trees which line its banks. Now look at the interior of the log house which is built of logs on the same plan as children build cob-

houses, the cracks chinked up with mud. A large stone chimney stands at one end and an ample fireplace which takes as much wood to make one fire as you would burn all day in the east. One bedstead in the room, all the other beds being made up on the floor. There is one table, one bureau, a drygoods box for a cupboard, two splendid rifles hanging across the joist and a Colt's revolver hanging against the logs, then myself sitting in a rocking chair with my paper on my knees and you will see the way a log cabin looks.

"Sometimes when I have nothing to do I go hunting. We have plenty of prairie chickens, ducks, turkeys, wild geese, squirrels, rabbits, and so on."

From Bristol, Dane County, Wisconsin, he wrote as follows:

"We set fire to some prairie which we wanted to plow and the fire got the start of us and ran over to the land that never was plowed; we drove the team in front of it to stop it. The fire was so hot that it brought me on to my knees but I stuck to the plow handles and the horses dragged me out. We had to fight it about five hours; we threw down several fences, and cut willow sticks and whipped it out. There were fourteen of us. It ran as fast as I could and the flames ran about twenty feet. We never could have stopped it if it had not come to land that was mown last year. It ran about a mile."

2. Helen Frances, born at Grafton, Mass., September 22, 1842, married George W. Nichols, August 16, 1860, at Southbridge, Mass. He died May 5, 1897, at Fremont, N. H.

3. Franklin Lee, born June 9, 1848.

4. Jennie Stearns, born at Southbridge, Mass., April 17, 1852, married William H. Mould, June 22, 1887.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Franklin Lee Lamb, son of Rufus, Jr., son of Rufus, son of Timothy, son of Jacob, son of Isaac, was born at Southbridge, Mass., June 9, 1848, and married Josephine A. Savory, November 15, 1871, at Manchester, N. H., and has had the following children:

1. Fred William, born at Manchester, N. H., January 22, 1876.

2. Sylvia Lee, born at Manchester, N. H., February 4, 1883.

3. Walter Franklin, born at Akron, Ohio, July 22, 1886, died at Manchester, N. H., March 16, 1889.

