

THE

NEAL RECORD:

BEING

A LIST OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

John Reale,

ONE OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF SALEM, MASS.

COMPILED BY

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What countryman? What name? What parentage?

TWELFTH NIGHT.

Happy is the man who can trace his lineage, ancestor by ancestor, and cover hoary time with a green mantle of youth.—JEAN PAUL.

To trace lineage—to love and record the name and actions of those without whom we never could have been, who moulded us and made us what we are, and whom the very greatest genius of us all must know to have propagated influences into his being, which must, subtly but certainly, act upon his whole conduct in the world—all this is implied in ancestry and the love of it, and is natural and good.—Westminster Review.

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PREFACE.

When first I undertook the investigation of which the result is given in these pages, it was to gratify a sudden, and I supposed a transient, curiosity, and to while away a few leisure hours occurring occasionally in the intervals of business and of habitual recreations. I speedily became convinced, however, that I had entered rather upon a task requiring application and perseverance than a pastime, which might be taken up and dropped at will; but with this conviction arose a feeling that I owed it as a filial duty to my ancestors to rescue from utter oblivion among their posterity, their untarnished though humble and uneventful record, and I applied myself to my work with increased zeal.

----- My task

Would be as heavy to me as odious; but The mistress, which I serve, quickens what's dead, And makes my labors pleasures.

I am fully aware of the very imperfect manner in which I have performed this self-appointed duty. This is to be attributed mainly, perhaps, to an utter want of experience and skill in genealogical studies, but partly to the total absence of all information excepting such as was to be found in probate, conveyance, town, and church records; no family letters or memoranda of early date having been preserved. Moreover, some things that might have furnished important clues to an adept, were very serious obstacles in my path; never was proof-reader more bewildered by Mr. Choate's hieroglyphics, than was I by the quaintly-formed letters, the unaccountable abbrevia-

tions, and the varied and peculiar orthography of the manuscripts of the seventeenth century: never was the unknown quantity more incomprehensible to the tyro in algebra than were to me the occasional batches of eight or ten children,—most of whom, by-the-by, died in infancy, having been sent into the world for no other apparent purpose than to afflict their worthy parents and myself; and Proteus himself never assumed more shapes, nor was the wandering Jew more ubiquitous, than some of my forefathers, who, emulating that interesting and industrious domestic animal who is ever in another place when the finger is on him, would prove, as soon as I thought I had them fairly established in the bosoms of their families, to belong to another branch and a different generation; in consequence of all which, I am confident that no lovers within daily mail communication ever spoiled more paper than I have done during the prosecution of these inquiries.

I am indebted to my kinsman, Capt. Benjamin B. Neal, for much assistance in procuring data and in collating records. Several gentlemen of my name, with whom I have in vain endeavored to establish kinship, have most courteously replied to my queries, and I have been kindly aided by others versed in genealogical lore, among whom I owe especial gratitude to a fellow-townsman, a lineal descendant of one of the most prominent men in the early annals of Massachusetts, and himself distinguished for his antiquarian and historical researches, for the time he has so kindly devoted to my assistance, and for the very essential links which he has furnished in my chain of information.

I shall feel deeply obliged to any who may take sufficient interest in the matter to peruse these pages, for the detection of any errors, hints as to the further prosecution of these inquiries, or for any information or suggestions bearing upon the subject.

The plan pursued in this compilation is essentially the one originally adopted by S. G. Drake, Esq., in his Genealogical Memoir of the Farmer Family, (N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. 1, p. 21.) For example: (61) II. Joseph⁷ (87) shows that this person is No. 61 in the regular Arabic series, and the Roman numeral II. indicates his date among the children of the same particular family; while the ⁷ denotes him to be of the seventh generation from the first in the series; (87) that the list of his descendants commences with No. 87.

Salem, November 5th, 1856.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

I. THE NAME.

No inference concerning the origin of the name of Neal can be deduced from the signification of words of similar orthography or sound. Such are found in English, French, Italian, Latin, Hindustani, and possibly many other languages, and in no two instances have I been able to discover the faintest trace of similarity in the meanings. Dr. Coggswell, (Mass. Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. 2, p. 262,) renders the name, "blackish," deriving it I believe from the Italian, but gives no reasons.

In the Roll of Battle Abbey are found the names of Neel de S. Saueur le Vicomte, and Le Sinde Neauhou. This is the earliest (A. D. 1066) authentic record which I have encountered of any names sufficiently similar to that of Neal to warrant he slightest mention.

Burke General Armory furnishes amoranda more or less full of twenty-eight families bearing this name, (with various orthographical variations,) in the United Kingdom, one only of which (Neil) is Scotch, all the rest being English. If a close similarity of armorial insignia be assumed as an indication of common origin, the above number of families may be reduced one half.

In addition to the above, I have obtained from the various sources mentioned below, the following allusions to the name:

Francis Neal, Esq're, of Tugby.—(Burke's Commoners.)

THOMAS NEALE, born at Yeate, Gloucestershire, circa 1500. His mother was sister of Alexander Belsire. He was educated at New College, Oxford; was Master of Arts, Oxford, 1546; Bachelor of Divinity, Oxford, 1556, and died in 1590, aged

—, leaving a widow Christiana. He was an eminent writer and scholar.—(Wood's Ath. Oxon.)

John Neale, of Exeter College, B. A. Oxon. 1557. Rector of his college, 1560.—(Wood's Fasti Oxon.)

WILLIAM NEALE, Esquire, of Derby, married a daughter of William Beaumont, Esq., of Barrow-upon-Trent.—(Burke's Commoners.)

John Neale, Esq., of Dean, married Anne Cromwell, circa 1600.—(Burke's Commoners.) From this Family the Neals of Salem are supposed to have originated.

The above are all the allusions which I can find to persons of the name in England prior to 1630.

Among the early settlers of this country I find the following:—

Henry Neale, of Braintree, now Quincy, born 1607 and died 1678, had two wives and twenty-one children. From a pretty full account of his descendants kindly furnished to me by Benjamin Neal, Esq., of Newton, I am not able to trace any connection with the Salem family, though it is not unlikely that one existed, from the circumstance that the same baptismal names are strikingly common in both families, especially during the earlier generations. I think it probable that Henry Neale of Braintree was a brother of the first John Neale of Salem.

Jonathan Neale, born 1623, sailed from Gravesend for Virginia in the Transport, of London, July 4, 1635.—(Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. 3, p. 389.) There was no other person of the name on board, and it seems improbable that a child of so tender age would sail from England for America unless sent for by relatives on this side, and it is well known to have been usual at that time for families to come over in detached parties, being unable, from pecuniary reasons, to come in a body; or, perhaps, disinclined to involve all their members at once in a peril which, in the then existing state and means of navigation, was certainly not inconsiderable.

With reference to the destination of the ship being Virginia, see Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. 5, p. 248, where it is said, "Some vessels noted as bound to Virginia were in fact bound to New England, for at that early period New England was oftentimes spoken of as North Virginia, and was by some supposed to be within the bounds of Virginia proper, and perhaps, being so considered, the prefix of 'North' might be sometimes omitted." The writer of the article, of which the above is an extract, produces conclusive evidence that some of the passengers in the vessels bound to Virginia, did in fact settle in Massachusetts. As somewhat corroborative proofs of this, and as especially applicable to the particular case of Jonathan Neale, I may remark that I find in the same list of passengers in the Transport, the name of Thomas Payne, aged 23. Now in the Payne Family Record, (Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. 5, p. 332,) it appears that "Thomas Payne, born 11 Dec. 1586, came to Salem before August, 1637, made his will there 10 April, 1638, and died before 1640, probably." This Thomas Payne had a son Thomas, born January 18, 1612, settled in Dedham about 1640. The age of this son corresponds exactly with that of the passenger in the Transport, and they were, I think, probably one and the same person. I also find on the list of the Transport's passengers, names common in the early annals of Salem, such as Steevens, Waters, Saunders and Hathorne, the latter I believe found in no other part of the country prior to the present century. I have been thus particular because the fact of the name of Jonathan having been common in the Salem family from its earliest records to the present day, and other occasional coincidences, strongly induce the supposition that the subject of these remarks was a near relative of the first John Neale, and, having traced him to the old country, I do not despair of obtaining authentic information concerning the local origin of the family.

FFRANCIS NEALE, born 1626, was a prominent man at Casco, (see Willis's History of Portland, passim.) After the Indian War he settled in Salem, where he died in 1696, leaving a

widow whose maiden name was Mackworth, or perhaps Pickworth, and one son, Samuel; another son, Ffrancis, having died in 1693. Much intercourse seems to have existed between the families of John and Ffrancis, their names frequently appearing as witnesses to each other's signatures, appraisers of each other's property, &c., &c., arguing, I think, strongly in favor of a relationship.

Captain Walter Neale came to New Hampshire in 1630, in barque Warwick, and returned to England in 1633, after which there is no trace of him. Walter, who was of New Hampshire in 1673, is thought by Farmer to be his son, (Hist. and Gen. Reg., vol. ii., pp. 38 and 202, and Farmer, p. 203.) I see no grounds for conjecturing any connection between Walter Neale and the Salem family. He was probably the ancestor of the New Hampshire Neals.

Henry Neale was among those who went with Roger Williams to Rhode Island. He may have been the Henry Neale of Braintree, (vide supra,) but this is mere conjecture.

I find no other mention of the name in any New England chronicles of sufficiently early date to require notice here.

II. THE ORIGIN.

To this, the clue, if indeed it can be so called, is very slight and uncertain, being derived solely from the tolerable coincidence of a family tradition with a matrimonial alliance of the Neales of Dean, (county Bedford, and Allesley Park, county Warwick,) with whom a connection is thus, with some plausibility, inferred, and whose arms (per pale sa. and gu. a lion statant or.) are placed on the title page of this volume.

This tradition, as narrated to me by my grandfather, Jonathan Neal, who died in 1837, aged seventy-eight years, is simply as follows: "That he had always heard that he was descended from Oliver Cromwell." I was very young at the time of hearing this remark, and feeling, of course, immensely

proud of such a lineage, I assumed it, at once, for fact, without attempting any verification, or seeking from my grandfather any particular account of how this report reached him. Nor was it till some years after his death, when the whole matter had long slumbered in but not passed from my memory, that my attention was again aroused to it, by stumbling one day upon the Cromwell Genealogy in Burke's Commoners, and finding recorded there that John Neale, Esq., of Dean, married Anne, daughter of Henry Cromwell and cousin of the Great Protector. This, though not exactly corroborative of my grandfather's report, certainly indicates how it may have originated, and renders it not improbable that we are collateral though not direct descendants of the greatest occupant of the English throne. Of the Neales of Dean, I have been able to The only contemporary representative of the learn but little. family, of whom I find any mention, is the "Reverend Edward Vansittart Neale, Rector of Taplow, who took the name and arms of Neale, by sign manual, in 1805, he being the son of George Vansittart, of Bisham Abbey, Berks, Esquire, M. P., by Sarah his wife, daughter of Sir James Stonehouse, Bart., and Anne, his wife, eldest daughter of John Neale of Allesley, M. P. for Coventry, who was son of Henry Neale, Esq., a descendant of the Neales of Dean, who purchased the manor of Allesley.—(Burke's General Armory.) Allesley Park, the former seat of the Neales, appears by Black's Tourist, for 1851. to be the seat of J. Beck, Esq. It is fifteen and a half miles from Birmingham, ninety-four miles from London, and near the town of Allesley, which is about three miles from Coventry. It is in sight from the railway.

I place these data on record as possible clues to further investigations, and not to force a connection to which I have no authentic claim. Proud though I should be to know that one drop of my blood was cognate to that which flowed in the veins of the great Cromwell, I am nevertheless contented with what I do know of my ancestors. The Rolls of the Mayflower and her contemporaries, though not as ancient, are as honorable at least as that of Battle Abbey, and I am as well

satisfied to know that I had progenitors who fought in the great wars of my own country, as I should be if Agincourt or Hastings had given lustre to the name; and in these days, when American citizens are so speedily and easily manufactured, and the original Puritan stock has been so much alloyed by more recent immigration, I am not a little jubilant to find that for more than two centuries none but native American, and, what is more, native Massachusetts blood, has mingled with that of my race.

But I bid adieu to conjectures and glorifications, and in the following pages shall confine myself to a plain unvarnished statement of well-ascertained facts.

First Generation.

(1) John Neale, (2) of Salem, yeoman, born —, at —, admitted freeman, May 18, 1642, (H. & G. R., vol. 3, p. 189); married Mary, daughter of Ffrancis Lawes, of Salem, (Essex Deeds and Court Files, passim.) He probably resided in Salem previous to the above date, as one of his children was baptized in the First Church in that town, May 22d of Though church-membership was a necessary the same year. qualification for admission as freeman, Felt does not give the name of John Neale in his List of the Members of the First Church, then the only one in Salem, but he says, without specifying any reason, "No doubt a number of names are omitted from among those who joined the Church up to 1637." It is therefore to be presumed that he became a member of the Church on or before that year, or that he was a member of a Church in some other part of New England. presumption is the most natural, and nothing has yet come to light to give color to the latter. Mrs. Mary Neal became a member of the First Church in 1647.—(Felt, vol. 1, p. 556.) John Neale died May 12, 1672, (MS. Book of Marriages, Births and Deaths, vol. 1, p. 48, at City Clerk's Office, Salem,) leaving a considerable estate. His will and the inventory of his property are preserved in the Essex County Court Files, No. 24, June and November Terms, 1672. His widow married, previous to September 4, 1680, Andrew Mansfield of Salem, (Essex Deeds, l. 5, £ 91,) and died previous to February 13, 1683-4, (Do. l. 7, f. 17,) at which time her husband, Mansfield, was also dead. She appears to have been the only child of Ffrancis Lawes, having been the executrix of his

^{*}Nearly all the incidents recorded in this book having occurred in Salem, I have, as a general rule, omitted specifying the locality; that town, therefore, is to be understood where no other place is designated.

will, (Do. l. 5, f. 91,) and all his real estate having descended to her and her children. (Do. l. 13, ff. 218, 222 and 223; l. 14, f. 60.) It is rather remarkable that many of the descendants of John Neale, now have dwelling-houses on the original estate of Ffrancis Lawes, part of which has never, since the death of the former, been out of his family, and which may be roughly described as bounded by Essex, Summer and Broad streets as they now exist, and by a line drawn from the easterly bound of the Pickering estate in Broad street, north to the point of beginning on Essex street.

Second Generation.

- (1) JOHN, by his wife Mary, had children:—
- (2) I. Sara, b. —, d. 22d, 5th mo., 1658; no clue to the date of her birth has been found.
- (3) II. John,² b. —; baptized at First Church, 22d, 3d mo., 1642; doubtless died in infancy.
- (4) III. John,² b. —; bapt. First Church, 17th 1st mo., 1643; doubtless died in infancy.
- (5)IV. John,² (11) b. —; bapt. First Church, 24th 11th mo., 1657; married Anne Nichols, by whom he had four children, the oldest of whom was born 15th 2d mo., 1673, making it evident that at the date of his baptism, in 1657, he was more than a mere infant. Therefore, although some of his brothers and sisters were baptized before he was, I have ranked him as the oldest son who grew up, presuming this from his inheriting his father's name. John² died Nov. 11, 1679, and his widow Anne married about March 22d, 1682-3, William Starlin or Sterling, then of Haverhill, Mass., and afterwards of Lynn, (qu. Lyme?) New London county, Conn., (Essex Deeds, l. 6, f. 88.)
- (6) V. Lydia,² b. —; bapt. First Church, 7th 2d mo., 1630; married Jonathan Hart, and died previous to 1707.
- (7) VI. Jeremiah, (15) b. —; bapt. First Church, 18th 11th mo., 1645; was a housewright. He married, 1st, June 15, 1658, Sara Hart, by whom he had three children. She having died, Sept. 28, 1672, he married, 2d, Mary, daughter of Robert and Tamson Buffum, by whom he had seven

children. Robert Buffum came from Yorkshire to Salem in 1634, and he and his family were very prominent and contumacious Quakers,—(Felt, passim.) Jeremiah² married, 3d, Oct. 31, 1707, Dorothy Lord, by whom it does not appear that he had any issue. He died about July, 1722, and his widow, Dorothy, died previous to May 14, 1735. He appears to have been a man of considerable importance, was styled "Lieut." in the heading of deeds, and was frequently trustee, administrator, attorney, &c.

- (8) VII. Mary,² b. 14th 1st mo., 1655; bapt. First Church, 29th 2d mo., 1655; d. 6th 5th mo., 1658.
- (9) VIII. Jonathan,² b. —, 1658-9; a cordwainer; d. subsequent to 1707.
- IX. Joseph,² (25) b. ——, 1662-3; m. Judath, dau. of Mr. Richard Croad, who was from Hampton, Eugland, where he had an estate in 1684, and where his father Richard lived and died.—(Felt, vol. 1, p. 296.) Joseph² was a joiner and removed to Pennsylvania, where he died previous to January 22, 1717-18. His wife Judath, by whom he had issue four children, died previous to November, 1689.

Third Generation.

- (5) JOHN,2 by Anne his wife, had issue:—
- (11) I. John,³ (29) born 15th 2d mo., 1673; died previous to February, 1699-1700. He mar. Martha, dau. of Ephraim and Martha Skerry, by whom he had one daughter. Mrs. Skerry, his mother-in-law, afterwards married a Mr. Wells of Boston.
- (12) II. Thomas, born Feb. 14, 1675; died about June, 1705: was a fisherman.
- (13) III. Joseph,³ born Dec. 4, 1677, was a mariner, and lived in Scituate in 1705.
- (14) IV. REBEKAH, born Feb. 23, 1679.
- (7) JEREMIAH,² by his first wife Sarah, had issue:—
- (15) I. John, born April 16, 1669; lived in Pennsylvania in 1733.
- (16) II. MARY, born 11th 3d mo., 1670.
- (17) III. SARA, born 1st 9th mo., 1671. good = m later 1763

 By his second wife Mary, had issue:—
- (18) IV. Jeremiah, (30) born 25th 7th mo., 1674; married, March 29, 1705, Elizabeth Small, by whom he had children. Was a housewright.
- (19) V. ABIGAIL,³ unmarried 1735.
- (20) VI. Lydia, born previous to 1681, and died before 1722.
- (21) VII. Robert, (35) born ——; married, Nov. 6, 1702, Hannah Elsey, by whom he had issue two children. He died about May, 1745.
- (22) VIII. Deborah, born previous to 1681; lived in Boston in 1720; was unmarried in 1735.
- (23) IX. Hannah,³ born previous to 1690; married Charles Hooper previous to April 16, 1720.

- (24) X. Mercy, born ——; was unmarried and lived in Boston in 1720, and died previous to 1733.
- (10) JOSEPH,² by his wife Judath, had issue:—
- (25) I. Judath, born ———, 1681-2; died 1697-8.
- (26) II. Joseph,³ (39) only son, born 1689-90; married, Dec. 10, 1724, Eunice, daughter of John and Hannah (Burrill) Pickering, and aunt of Hon. Timothy Pickering, and had children. He died previous to January 19th, 1732. His widow Eunice married, April 6, 1738, William Pickering.
- (27) III. Lydia, born —; married, Jan. 12th, 1709-10, Samuel Ropes, cordwainer, and had six children, viz.: I. Lydia, born Dec. 3, 1710, died Jan. 21, 1710-11; II. Lydia, b. Dec. 23, 1711; III. Samuel, b. Sept. 1, 1714; IV. Sara, b. Aug. 7, 1717; V. Joseph, b. October 22, 1719; VI. Benjamin, b. March 22, 1721-2.
- (28) IV. Hannah, born ——; married Samuel Robinson of Boston, Dec. 29, 1737.

Fourth Generation.

- (11) JOHN,3 by his wife Martha, had a daughter
- 1. Abigail, baptized 1st Church, April 19, 1702.
- (18) JEREMIAH,³ by his wife Elizabeth, had issue:—
- 1. Jeremiah,⁴ twins, baptized June 4, 1709. (30)
- (31)
- III. Benjamin, baptized 1710. (32)
- IV. John, baptized 1710. (33)
- V. Jonathan, 4 (42) baptized June 6, 1713; married, (34)July 19, 1725, widow Mary Marston, by whom he had two children. He died July, 1732.
- (21) ROBERT,3 by his wife Hannah, had issue:—
- I. Mary, baptized June, 1716—a cripple. (35)
- II. Robert, (44) born August 11, 1718; married 1st, (36)Catherine ——, by whom he had one son; 2d, 1763, Hannah Bickford, by whom he had one son.
- III. Benjamin, baptized 1720. (37)
- IV. Benjamin, (45) born April 21, 1721, a cordwainer; (38)married, Oct. 4, 1742, Lydia Begoe, and had one He died about December, 1761. son.
- (26) JOSEPH,³ by his wife Eunice, had issue:—
- I. Joseph, baptized Nov. 2, 1725; died young. (39)
- II. Eunice, married, Feb. 20, 1745, Benjamin Brown. (40)
- III. Mary,4 married 1st, John Foster; 2d, Rev. John (41)Chever of Chebasco.

Fifth Generation.

- (34) JONATHAN,4 by his wife Mary, had issue:—
- (42) 1. Jonathan,⁵ (47) born about 1726, a husbandman; married Annis White, by whom he had ten children, and died about April, 1795.
- (43) II. David, 5 (57) born about 1730; married, June Sth, 1732, Hannah, dau. of Jonathan Webb, coaster, by whom he had four children. He was a shipmaster, and was knocked overboard by the main boom of his vessel and drowned in 1762. The inventory of his estate, presented July 15, 1762, amounted to £862. 18.8. His widow died Feb. 14, 1817, æt. 89.
- (36) ROBERT, by his first wife Catherine, had one son,
- (44) I. Robert, baptized March 15, 1740.

 By his second wife Hannah, had one son,
- (45) II. ROBERT.⁵
- (38) BENJAMIN,4 by his wife Lydia, had one son,
- (46) I. Robert,⁵ born previous to 1748, married, Aug. 24, 1788, Betsey Lander.
 - Note.—A Lydia Neal married Samuel Luscomb, Aug. 20, 1752. I think this must have been a daughter of Benjamin.⁴ There was also a Lydia Neal who married, July 13, 1766, Gedney King. This I think must have been the widow of Benjamin,⁴ he having died in the previous year. These being merely conjectures, I consider this the most proper way of recording them.

Sixth Generation.

- (42) JONATHAN,⁵ by his wife Annis, had issue:—
- I. Hannah, born 1750; married, May 20, 1775, Jo-(47)seph Smith, mariner, by whom she had three sons, viz.: I. Joseph, a mariner, who mar. ———, and had four children, Hannah, Mary, Joseph and Mehitable. Hannah married Theodore Littlefield, and had ch. Nathan S. and Joseph C.; Mary mar. William Ireland and had ch. Mary A., William A., Anna E., George F. and Martha H; Joseph mar. Sarah A. Colcord, and now resides in Salem. William, a mariner, who mar. Hannah Manning, and had children, Mary, William, and Joseph A. The daughter died unmarried. William was a mariner and died in California; he mar. Catherine Brant, and had ch., William, Catherine, Lorenzo, and Hannah. Joseph A. was a cabinet-maker; he mar. Lydia Abbott, and had ch. Augustus A., Laura E. and Helen F. III. George, a mariner, who married Mary Ford, and had a son George, a pianoforte-maker, who m. Mercy Loring. He lives in Lake Co., Illinois, and has several children. Hannah died Sept. 10, 1830.
- (48) II. Lydia, born 1752; died unmarried 1812.
- (49) III. Mary, born 1754; died unmarried May, 1826.
- (50) IV. Jonathan, (61) born 1756; married Mary Dowst, by whom he had two sons.
- (51) V. Elisabeth, born 1758; died unmarried 1770.
- (52) VI. Sarah, born 1760; married, Nov. 4, 1784, Joseph Gardner, by whom she had six children, viz.:—

- (53) VII. David, (63) born 1762; married, June 5, 1806, Mary, the widow of his brother, (54) Benjamin, and had four children. He died Dec. 1, 1823.
- (54) VIII. Benjamin,⁶ (67) born 1767; mar., April 25, 1793, Mary Elliott, by whom he had four children. He died August 17, 1801.
- (55) IX. Joseph, 6 born 1770; died of lockjaw, May, 1789.
- (56) X. Abial, a daughter, born 1772; married Frederick Brown, and had one daughter, who married William Lamb. Abial died April, 1816.
- (43) DAVID, by his wife Hannah, had issue:—
- (57) I. David, born October 1st, 1752; died Aug. 1, 1754.
- (58) II. David, born ——; married Martha ——, and died about Nov. 1785, leaving one daughter Hannah.
- III. Jonathan, (72) born January 15, 1759; was a **(59)** mariner till the Revolutionary war, when he enlisted in the army; was taken prisoner by the British at Fort Washington, Manhattan Island, New York, and confined in the prison-ship at that After being exchanged, he was officer and commander of privateers from Salem, till the peace, (Coggeshall and Felt, passim,) after which he commanded merchant ships, generally in the West Indian and European trade. Retiring from the sea, he was engaged in foreign commerce with his sons as partners, till within a year of his death. He married 1st, Mehetable, daughter of Captain Thomas Eden, who was by birth an Englishman, and sprang from the family of Eden of County

Durham, in which are two baronetcies and the barony of Auckland. Mrs. Mehetable Neal was born 1757, and died Sept. 29, 1786, leaving one daughter. Jonathans married, 2d, Hannah, dau. of Miles and Elisabeth (Goodale) Ward, by whom he had four sons. She died Jan. 26, 1814; he died Oct. 9, 1837. The following obituary notice appeared in the Salem Gazette:—

"Died on Monday afternoon, Capt. Jonathan Neal, aged 78. Through a long life, the earlier part of which was passed in active service both in the Army and Navy of the Revolution, and as an officer and commander in several of the private cruisers of that period, and the latter in the more peaceful pursuits of commerce, he has always been distinguished for a firmness of purpose and vigor of intellect that continued unimpaired to the last moment of his existence; for an energy of action and solidity of judgment that almost always insured success; and for an uncompromising integrity of character that has gained him universal respect as a merchant, and honor as a man. We understand that Capt. Neal has given by will, to be distributed by the committees of the several religious societies named, to the very poor of each society, as follows, viz.: \$500 to the Universalist Society; \$400 to Rev. Dr. Flint's society; \$400 to Rev. Dr. Brown Emerson's society; \$400 to Rev. Mr. Worcester's society. Also \$500 to be distributed by the committee of the Old Marine Society."

(60) IV. Hannah, born ——; married John Preston, by whom she had six children, viz.: I. William; II. David; III. Hannah; IV. Polly, all of whom died young; V. John, who m. —— Driver, and had children, and who died in 1855; VI. Jonathan, who married —— and has children.

Seventh Generation.

- (50) JONATHAN, by his wife Mary, had issue:—
- (61) I. Jonathan, (77) born 1790, a mason, married, 1811, Eunice Buffum, by whom he had ten children.
- (62) II. Joseph, (87) born Dec. 31, 1793, a mason. He m. 1817, Hannah C. Hutchinson, by whom he had ten children.
- (53) DAVID, by his wife Mary, had issue:—
- (63) I. Benjamin Baldwin, (97) born April 14, 1807,—a shipmaster. He married, Nov. 9, 1842, Martha Southwick, and has one son.
- (64) II. David, (98) born Dec. 7, 1808; married, May 5, 1836, Mary Southwick, by whom he had four children. He died Sept. 7, 1844; his widow and children now reside in Concord, N. H.
- (65) III. ELISABETH, born Dec. 1, 1810; married, May 29, 1833, Azor Hodgkins, by whom she has two children, viz.: I. Ellen, born 1835; II. George, born ——.
- (66) IV. Margaret J. born Feb. 2, 1814; married, July, 1843, John Lambert, and had three children, viz.: I. Margaret J., born April 18, 1844; II. Lucy L., III. William, twins, born October 4, 1846. Mrs. Lambert died in 1849.
- (54) BENJAMIN, by his wife Mary, had issue:—
- (67) I. ELISABETH, born May 4, 1794; died Nov. 4, 1807.
- (68) II. Sarah, born May 8, 1706; married, in 1816, John Marks, by whom she has five children, viz.: I.

Sarah E., born Aug. 3, 1817, mar. 1842, William Maloon, and has chil. William and Edward; II. John Louis, born June 23, 1821; mar. in 1843, Mary Ann Fellows, by whom he has ch. Charles and Louis; III. William V., born March 5, 1825; IV. Caroline E., born Jan. 13, 1830; mar. 1853, Joseph F. Dane, by whom she has a son Joseph; V. Benjamin N., born Dec. 27, 1833.

- (69) III. Mary, born July 11, 1798; married, 1825, John G. Waters, and has had six children, viz.: I. Sarah J., born December, 1826; II. Mary E., born Oct. 28, d. 1830; III. John G., b. 1835; IV. David P., b. 1838; V. George W., b. 1841.
- (70) IV. Benjamin, born June 12, 1800; d. Dec. 21, 1803.
- (58) DAVID,6 by his wife Martha, had a daughter
- (71) I. Hannah, b. —; married 1st, Feb. 13, 1803, Asa Kilham, by whom she had two children, Asa and Mary, (who m. Mansfield Carnes); 2d, Nov. 28, 1813, Stephen Richardson, by whom she had one son Stephen, now in California.
- (59) JONATHAN,6 by his first wife Mehetable, had a dau.
- (72) I. Mehetable, born November, 1783; married Amos Choate, who was for many years Register of Deeds of Essex County, and who died in 1844. Mrs. Choate died Oct. 20, 1856. She was a person of great kindness of disposition. For many years a severe sufferer from a most painful disease, she not only endured her distress without murmuring, but was ever most thoughtful and considerate, even to her last hour, for the comfort of those about her. Her charities were dispensed with a lavish hand, but most judiciously and unostentatiously. She won the affection of all who had the privilege of her acquaintance, and her memory will ever be hallowed in their hearts.

By his second wife Hannah, he had issue:-

- II. David Augustus, (102) born June 7, 1793; mar-(73)ried, July 26, 1818, Harriet Charlotte, daughter of James and Mary (Hall) Price of Boston, and a descendant of Denis Price of Newton, County Montgomery, Wales, who settled on Second River, in the Province of New Jersey, previous to 1732. D. A. Neal was officer of the privateer Diomede, Capt. Crowninshield, during the war of 1812; was captured by the British and carried to Halifax, and thence to Dartmoor Prison, where he remained till the close of the war. On his passage from Halifax to England, he was badly wounded in an unsuccessful attempt made by him and a few others to capture the transport in which they were, and his wounds were dressed by Barry O'Meara, afterwards well known as the surgeon of Napoleon I. at St. Helena. After the peace, he was supercargo and master of several vessels, principally in the East India business, and subsequently was engaged in commerce in Salem, in connection with his father and brothers. tired from commercial pursuits in 1846, having become President of the Eastern Railroad. Since that period he has devoted his time mainly to railroad enterprises. He has had five children.
- (74) III. NATHAN WARD, born Aug. 27, 1797, graduated at Harvard, 1816; was a merchant and President of the Asiatic Bank. He died Nov. 17, 1850.
- (75) IV. William Henry, born March 8, 1799; married Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Burchmore) Ropes; was a shipmaster, and afterwards a merchant, and President of the East India Marine Society. He died Jan. 17, 1851. The following, cut from the Salem Register, is from the pen of the late Hon. Joseph E. Sprague:—

"DEATH OF W. H. NEAL.—The late Captain Jonathan Neal of this city, who, during the war of the Revolution, was in the military service of the country, and after its close was remarkable for the energy of his character and his enterprise and success as a merchant, left behind him three sons, distinguished for their success in the mercantile profession. The three brothers constituted a mercantile house, possessing a knowledge of that profession second to none in existence. Two of the brothers made themselves accomplished navigators. The eldest and only survivor is the great railroad financier, who has so successfully conducted the Eastern Railroad, and saved from annihilation the Reading (Penn.) Railroad, and whose advice is sought throughout the Union in railroad difficulties and embarrassments. The second, Nathan W. Neal, bearing for his middle name his mother's name, was educated at Cambridge, in the class that graduated in 1816; was the partner who conducted the out-door business of the firm, and was as well known on the Exchange in New York and Boston, as any merchant in those cities, and as universally respected as known. He died two months since; and we have now to record the death of William H., the third brother, on Friday last. Remarkable for the suavity of his manners, his kindly feelings, and high sense of honor-an eminent merchant and skilful navigator—for many years President of the East India Marine Society—leaving a widow, the daughter of Joseph Ropes, Esq., who died less than four months since."

(76) V. Theodore Frederick, born November 3, 1802; died of yellow fever in Havana, June 14, 1821.

Eighth Generation.

- (61) JONATHAN, by his wife Eunice, had issue:—
- (77) I. Mary, born April 12, 1812; mar. 1st, James Ricker, by whom she had two chil., viz.: I. James, born 1836; II. Hiram, born 1842. She mar. 2d, Josiah Moulton.
- (78) II. Eunice, born April 22, 1815; married Asa Breed, by whom she has three children, viz.: I. Melissa, b. June 1, 1839; II. Augustus, b. Oct. 29, 1846; III. Frederick, b. March 7, 1851.
- (79) III. Jonathan,8 born May 17, 1817.
- (80) IV. SARAH A.8, born Feb. 5, 1821; mar. 1842, Andrew Ober.
- (81) V. Jane, born April 23, 1823.
- (82) VI. ESTHER,⁸ born April 17, 1825; mar. 1847, Alonzo Lewis, by whom she has three children, viz.:—
 I. Linwood, b. Dec. 10, 1847; II. Linolla, b. Nov. 30, 1848; III. Frances M., b. Oct. 18, 1850.
- (83) VII. ROBERT B.S, born Oct. 29, 1828.
- (84) VIII. WILLIAM,⁸ born April 3, 1830; died at sea, March, 1850.
- (85) IX. Henry,⁸ born Sept. 26, 1832.
- (86) X. Louisa,⁸ born March 3, 1835; mar. 1856, William C. Cummings.
- (62) JOSEPH,7 by his wife Hannah, had issue: --- .
- (87) I. HANNAH, born Sept. 7, 1818.
- (88) II. Elisabeth H.8, born July 21, 1820.
- (89) III. SARAH H.8, born Sept. 28, 1822; d. Nov. 20, 1823.
- (90) IV. CAROLINE A.8, born May 10, 1824.

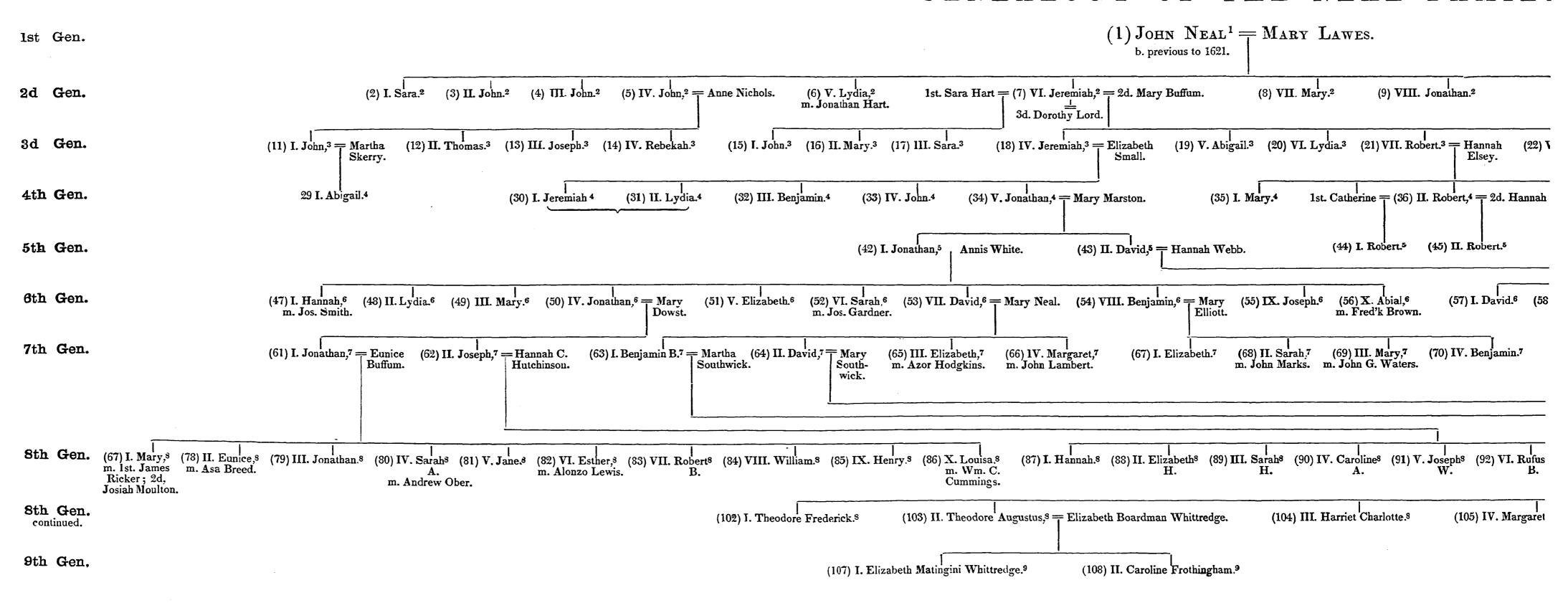
- (91) V. Joseph W.⁸ born Feb. 7, 1827.
- (92) VI. Rufus B.8 born March 9, 1829.
- (93) VII. CHARLES H.8 born Nov. 2, 1831.
- (94) VIII. George L.s born Jan. 8, 1834.
- (95) IX. MARY E.8 born Nov. 12, 1836.
- (96) X. James M.8 born Oct. 19, 1839.
- (63) BENJAMIN BALDWIN, by his wife Martha, has a son
- (97) I. William Silver, born August 11, 1843.
- (64) DAVID, by his wife Mary, had issue:—
- (98) I. DAVID L.8 born Feb. 8, 1837.
- (99) II. WILLIAM H.8 born Oct. 24, 1838.
- (100) III. MARY H.8 born Oct. 8, 1840.
- (101) IV. CAROLINE A.8 born Oct. 25, 1842.
- (73) DAVID AUGUSTUS,7 by his wife Harriet, had issue:
- (102) I. Theodore Frederick, born Dec. 18, 1822; died in infancy.
- (103) II. Theodore Augustus,⁸ born March 23, 1827—a merchant. He married, May 30, 1849, Elisabeth Boardman, oldest child of Thomas Cook and Susan Louisa (Mead) Whittredge, and has two children.
- (104) III. HARRIET CHARLOTTE, born Feb. 1, 1831; died March 17, 1837.
- (105) IV. MARGARET MARIA,8 born June 15, 1832.
- (106) V. HARRIET CHARLOTTE, born July 8, 1837.

Ninth Generation.

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- (102) THEODORE AUGUSTUS,⁸ by his wife Elizabeth, has issue:—
- (107) I. ELIZABETH MATINGINI WHITTREDGE, born March 10, 1850.
- (108) II. CAROLINE FROTHINGHAM,9 born April 20, 1855.

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