

THE PRIEST FAMILY

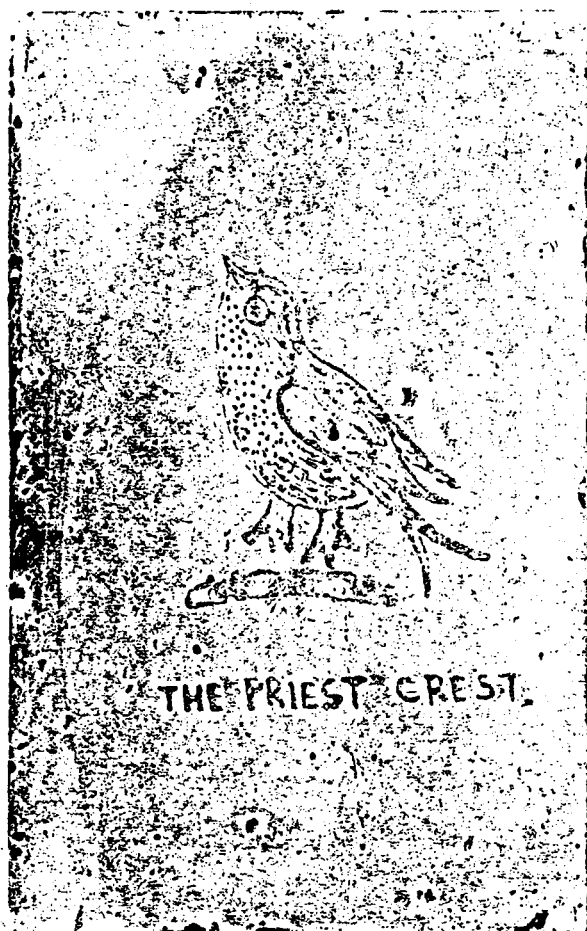
A

COLLECTION OF DATA, ORIGINAL, CONTRIBUTED AND SELECTED, CONCERNING VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE PRIEST FAMILY.

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"THOSE WHO DO NOT LOOK UPON THEMSELVES AS A LINK CONNECTING THE PAST WITH THE FUTURE DO NOT PERFORM THEIR DUTY TO THE WORLD."—*Daniel Webster.*



OVER THE RIVER.

BY NANCY A. W. PRIEST.

Over the river they beckon to me—
Loved ones who've crossed to the further side ;
The gleam of their snowy robes I see,
But their voices are drowned in the rushing tide.
There's one with ringlet's of sunny gold,
And eyes, the reflection of heaven's own blue ;
He crossed in the twilight, gray and cold,
And the pale mist hid him from mortal view.
We saw not the angels who met him there ;
The gates of the city we could not see ;
Over the river, over the river,
My brother stands waiting to welcome me ?

Over the river, the boatman pale
Carried another—the household pet ;
Her brown curls waved in the gentle gale—
Darling Minnie ! I see her yet.
She crossed on her bosom her dimpled hands,
And fearlessly entered the phantom bark ;
We watched it glide from the silver sands,
And all our sunshine grew strangely dark.
We know she is safe on the further side,
Where all the ransomed and angels be ;
Over the river, the mystic river,
My childhood's idol is waiting for me.

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For none return from those quiet shores,
Who cross with the boatman cold and pale ;
We hear the dip of the golden oars,
And catch a gleam of the snowy sail,—
And lo ! they have passed from our yearning heart ;
The cross the stream, and are gone for aye ;
We may not sunder the veil apart
That hides from our vision the gates of day ;
We only know that their bark no more
May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea ;
Yet somewhere, I know, on the unseen shore,
They watch, and beckon, and wait for me.

And I sit and think, when the sunset's gold
Is flushing river, and hill, and shore,
I shall one day stand by the water cold,
And list for the sound of the boatman's oar ;
I shall watch for a gleam of the flapping sail ;
I shall hear the boat as it gains the strand ;
I shall pass from sight, with the boatmen pale,
To the better shore of the spirit-land ;
I shall know the loved who have gone before,
And joyfully sweet will the meeting be,
When over the river, the peaceful river,
The Angel of Death shall carry me.

PREFACE.

This book is an omnium-gatherum of matter concerning the Priest Family in this country. The material has been drawn from all publications known to contain data concerning the family and I have spent many dollars in having town records searched, and have sent liberal fees to Keepers of Archives in Foreign lands. No one asked me to do this work, no one guaranteed a penny of return for time, labor or money spent. Yet when one learned that dollars of postage stamps had been enclosed to be used on return letters of information that seem to have stuck in the receivers pockets as they never returned, he generously sent \$2 in stamps, the sole contribution for the production of this work. As a general

thing the intelligent librarians of town libraries for history's sake alone have searched for and copied Priest records. The State Library sent bills for each and every service. Many amusing demands have been made, one person demanding a book for what he considered the privilege of inserting his name; another objected to giving family record if books were to be sold—to pay part cost of publication! Two or three when I sent out letters of inquiry regarding their ancestry seemingly became imbued with a suspicion that there was something up. I am not certain but what they still believe that some of their early ancestors left fortunes over the Ocean and that my devotion to history was only a subterfuge of a bold, bad man to in some way rob them of an inheritance. One person made threats that if errors occurred I should be arraigned by genealogists throughout the land: but the true genealogist never brands honest and faithful efforts: they well know that there has never yet been a perfect genealogy.

Says that well known writer, Mr. B. L. Swan, "There is no perfect genealogical work extant, nor can one be made. The causes of error are many and are difficult to avoid."

As a case in point, a lady who has furnished us many valuable Priest records, assured us of the correctness of some records that by a slip of her pen made her daughter's birthday many years previous to her own. In another case two persons unmistakably full brothers claimed different men as great-grandfathers and it was conclusively proven that one of the so called great-grandfathers never had a male child to perpetuate the name of Priest. In copying records it is a very frequent mistake after writing the name to take the date of birth, marriage or death from the line above or below and another is to copy Jun. for Jan. or Jan. for June. 3 for 8. We have found cases where the family Bible records owned by different members of the same branch of a family did not correspond: and frequently the Bible and town record are at variance as to date of birth or death and even the tombstones have contradictory records,

and printers even fail to correctly interpret the mystical handwriting of the contributors. No claim is made for any excellency as a specimen of the art preservative. I am neither a printer or a son of a printer, but as a matter of passing what others take for recreation hours, and in order that such Priest History as I have collected may become available to others, I have also set the type, and printed this book two pages at a time, the sole capacity of a boy's printing press, which with a case and a limited supply of type occupies a convenient alcove of my library. As copy was always printed as fast as received, chapters for separate branches were begun and this book will be found paged by sections and not as whole. As it is probable that another volume will be issued at no late date, the index has been deferred. I desire to thank many of the Priest Family who have kindly aided by work or kindly word, and I ask them to accept with as charitable criticism as possible this book, as an unpretentious monument of the author's industry, and good intent to preserve fast disappearing data concerning a family worthy of a better historian.

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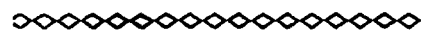
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It is related that ye old man Urquhart of Cromarty, moved by a laudable curiosity, sought to trace his pedigree to the antediluvians, "a fore the flude," and through Noah to Adam himself. History tells us that after long, untiring efforts, he failed to connect, but the result of his researches was a "gude sized buke," that contained so much that was creditable to Urquhart's lineage, that he, having looked on the printed pages, was content to depart to the land of souls, leaving his

record ancestral as a precious legacy to his children. The Priest Family in America, although having an excellent lineage, have lacked Urquhart's spirit, like scores of other families that have been simply living in the present rather than in the past; in fact letting "the past bury its dead." But a resurrection is dawning on the American people, and among hundreds of families today there is a growing desire to connect the present with the past, and so is it with the Priest family.

A most estimable lady, a member of the family under consideration, when interviewed on facts concerning the Priest family, said: "I shall not be afraid to find myself related to any Priests in this world." The lady's surmises were well founded, for the Priest family in America has a most honorable record, and the

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same can be said of the allied branches across the Ocean. The name Priest is in itself a guarantee of good faith. It is one of the surnames derived from ecclesiastical dignitaries, and has seldom belied its origin. The genealogist in search of the Priest pedigree has to stop somewhere this side of surname making, at a time when the most powerful baron and lowest serf answered to the same name, not from choice, but because they who administered the baptismal rites did it in a lump job, giving the whole lot first baptized the same name, and the second lot another name until it came to pass that there was such a multiplicity of the same name that confusion reigned. An era of surname making followed; the introduction of family names naturally began with those who stood highest in the nations. The usual surname adopted by persons

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of rank was that which designated the office which they held or the name of their most valuable estate. When a son succeeded as a matter of right to the property or dignity he also succeeded to the surname and in his turn transmitted it to his heir; thus came about through those wearing the garb of the priesthood the surname Priest. True to their name the great majority of the Priests, through centuries, have retained with true dignity their name-escutcheon, emblematic of dignity, religion and honor on which it was founded. Indeed, the very first of the Priest name in America was one of the Pilgrim band which came to new world in search of religious freedom, Degory Priest was also first of that Pilgrim band to die after reaching America.

The surnames most widely scattered in

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a country are those having their origin in location and occupation. To the multiplicity of early artizans is due to day the multitudes of Smiths. Families whose names arise from office and dignity are comparatively few. The membership of the Priest family is small wherever found. Going over to England, to Buckinghamshire, Devonshire and Middlesex where the greatest number of the Priest name reside to day, we find that with ten thousand names for a basis that of Priest occurs but seven times in Devonshire and fifteen each in Buckinghamshire and Middlesex. The American Priest family is for another reason small in numbers: while births were many, the survivals were few. The ever sympathetic genealogist feels to weep some times as he records the list of almost simultaneous deaths that left almost desolate a home once happy with large family of children. In more than

one case the received letter of information read:—"Yes, they did have a large family of interesting children, but they died almost in a bunch." In many cases the preponderance of children were girls; often only a single son was left to perpetuate the name, and with a remarkable frequency the legend reads--"he never married." From a study of the history of those counties in England where early Priests resided it is fair to conclude the Priests were of Saxon and Welsh origin, but Priest did not become a family name until about the close of the Saxon Heptarchy.

All branches of the New England Priest family have traditions that they descended from Degory Priest, who came over in the Mayflower. The best efforts of recent genealogists fail to find satisfactory or conclusive proof to verify the tradition. There is what seems to be

a laudable determination on the part of New England Priests to believe until the tradition is proven false, which it never has been. "Stand fast and hold to the traditions which ye have been taught," says the Scriptures. "Will you mock at Ancient tradition?" queries Shakespeare. Says Chalmers, the gifted author of 'Caledonia' "Tradition is always founded on something : and where it is feasible, and supported by existing monuments, it is likely to be true ; and if we reject it, we reject history itself."

Gen. Kneeland in his Genealogy traces Maria Priest as shown further on to Degory Priest, and has stated since that he did in his research actually find a statement that there was a son John. Prominent genealogist have stated to us their belief in Gen. Kneeland's honesty and his finding such record. Rev. Charles Priest

Hall found the same tradition among the Priests of Ct., where a reliable man had seen the statement that Degory Priest had a son. For the last twenty-five years I have been a collector of old books, and spent much time in old literature shops of Boston and New York. I have distinct recollection of reading soon after I had become allied in a roundabout way to the Priest Family by marriage, a statement in an old volume that Degory Priest had two daughters^s and two sons, the daughters came to America with their mother, the boys were left with relatives, I read this before I became specially interested in genealogy, or realized how pleasantly harmless is the zeal for tracing genealogy up toward Adam's days. During the last three years I have spent many hours in unsuccessful research to refind that record which I feel sure will again

be found. It is clearly shown that Degory Priest had two daughters, who came over to this country with their mother after she had married Cuthbert Cuthbertson. She had been wife of Degory Priest at least ten years. It is inconsistent with the custom of those days to suppose the issue only two girls. It was not an unusual thing for emigrants coming to this country to leave with relatives a portion of their children. The Keeper of Archives at Leyden, having searched records for me finds nothing concerning any children of Degory Priest. No one in Leyden was appointed Guardian of Degory's boys if he had boys. It is not inconsistent to suppose that these traditional boys were cared for by Degory's relatives in England. If Mrs. Priest had children by Vincent, her first husband, it is evident that she left them also behind on coming

to America. As before stated, there were very few families in England or elsewhere answering to the name of Priest. It is hardly probable that out of these few families that two or three unallied Priest families should have come as emigrants to America within the first score years of its settlement. Who was James of Dorchester, and Emanuel of Marblehead. and was Savage right in his guess that John was a brother? James of Dorchester in 1637, became a landholder. If Degory Priest left a son he would have been starting life about this time. It is almost certain that all the first Priests in America were relatives; they called their children after the same list of names and they followed each other in their short migrations. But who was the John, this missing link. that so many long to claim as ancestor? Has there been a mistaken identity be-

tween the Johns of Salem, Weymouth and Marblehead? Who were James and John, and Emanuel—and who the father of John of Woburn? I confess to hearing Echo answer with a very unsatisfactory “Who?”

But I have still confidence that these now puzzling questions will soon be with satisfaction solved. As the gifted author of “The Pilgrims in their Three Homes,” Dr. Griffis writes: “Strange to say, even the Pilgrims place of origin was not known to living man until half a century ago. Not only during their own lives but long after they had passed away, the Pilgrims now immortal in history and in story of human progress, were like the “poor wayfaring man of grief” so far as king or country was concerned. When they left England, nobody recked whither they went. In Holland few inquired from

whence they came. * * Until near 1850 their descendants, and our own and the English Nation could not place the Pilgrim's cradle land."

Degory Priest was the twenty-ninth among signers of the Mayflower Compact and had long been a member of the Leyden Company. In the Leyden Records he is named as having been from London; Allerton, his intimate friend was also from London. Degory Priest was made a citizen of Leyden Nov. 16, 1616 and in 1619 he made a deposition in which he called himself a hatter, and that he was 40 years of age.

The crest adopted by the Priests was a martlet and it was displayed in various forms. It was usually a fanciful bird, its legs cut down to mere feathery stumps and always without feet, as a mark of distinction of younger sons (by cadency

the fourth son) to remind them that they must rise by wings of virtue and merit not trusting to their feet since they have little land to stand upon.

Many of the earlier Priests in America accumulated wealth by blacksmithing; in some cases, being expert workmen they were appointed Town Blacksmiths: in after years we find Josiah, the greatest of Priests in literature, receiving the office of "Harnessmaker for the State of New York." More than one New England Town History eulogises the blacksmithing, joining and cabinet making of the Priests who were early settlers.

The early Priests grew well-to-do in this country by honest labor. When William Priest, the author and musician came to this country and visited the Priests in New England, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, he found nothing in them to be asha-

med of; when he went back to England he loved to tell of the Labor aristocracy in America. Here is one of William Priest's stories. With the accompanying illustration the story is taken from William Priest's "Travels in America."

"Peter Brown, a blacksmith, of this city (Philadelphia) having made his fortune set up his coach one of the finest in Philadelphia. But so far from being ashamed of the means by which he acquired his riches, he caused a large anvil to be painted on each pannel of his carriage with two naked arms in the act of striking. He also had on it the motto :

"BY THIS I GOT YE."

But the American Priests had not the spirit of assumption of the Philadelphia Brown; although no Governmental badge was pinned to the lapels of early Priests or was emblazoned on their carriages



we find that in Massachusetts they were granted lands for acts of patriotism. The Priests were not backward in the early history of New England to fight the battles of the new country. They met King Philip in his fiercest mood: they were in the French and Indian wars; many fought in the Revolution, and in the war of 1812, and in the Civil war,—each believing in the side they fought with; Northern and Southern Priests were in regiments hostile to each other; Priests, and brave soldiers of Priest blood, but of other name fought at Santiago.

For a century at least the New England Priests were particularly a religious family; they were leaders in organizing churches and contributed liberally toward building the meeting houses; and if a church had a steeple or a bell Priest generosity was a means for getting them. Being gener-

ous and often of high standing in these New England towns the Priests were assigned seats of dignity in the front at the churches they attended. As soon as possible after birth the Priest children were taken by the parents to Church for baptism ; or, if the child sickened and seemed about to die, so strong was the belief in baptism as a saving ordinance that the minister was summoned to the home in drifting snows and almost pathless forest. Although the early Priests resented any innovation in their religious belief,—and we have the graphic story of Elijah Priest standing whip in hand ready to whip Quakerism out of a Quaker,—the Priests of to day represent all shades of liberality.

In politics and in Legislative halls we find Priests who are stalwart Republicans ardent Democrats and uncompromising Prohibitionists.

The frequency which the early Priests were elected to town office is further proof of the confidence and esteem in which this family was held by their fellow citizens.

Further adding to the dignity of the Priest family were the marriage alliances. with such families as the Garfields, Whitcombs, Warners, Fairbanks, Lowdens, Childs, Sawyers, Houghtons and other NewEnglandFirst families.

The well tilled farms, the cabinet and joiners shops, and the honor of being town blacksmith, proved less inspiring to succeeding generations and many gained livelihood by school teaching and the professions, and thus it comes to pass that the Priest Family compared with other families seems to have its full quota of educated men, lawyers, physicians teachers, missionaries, College Deans

College Presidents and professors, journalists, and clergymen representing the strictest orthodoxy, and others of all shades of liberality.

The common belief that the Priest family in New England is made up of three distinct and unallied families is fast being dissipated. My latest discoveries bring the seemingly estranged branches into a historic bond of common origin. The majority of those bearing the Priest name in Pennsylvania are really of New England ancestry, and the line of Sweedish Origin will be found tottling on the foundation of mistaken ancestry. The family of that name from Ireland, that swooped down on the State of Maine, soon disappeared, apparently having no way multiplied or replenished the earth.

The line from Peter of Virginia is not allied to the New England Priests, — that is, this side of the Ocean.



IN THEIR COUNTRY'S DEFENCE.

The Priest family in America have always been true patriots. In King Philips war Joseph Priest took active part. He was in the Narragansett fight in Capt. Daniel Henschman's company. John of Woburn first comes into public notice as a soldier, particularly in the Narragansett fight. None engaged in that memorable engagement but brave men. To have been in that fight, and having passed through the terrors of the battle and the subsequent sufferings incident to that remarkably cold week places every soldier in the contest among the heroes. John Priest took with him to Lancaster the

same warlike spirit. His house was one of the garrisons. Nourse, in his history of Harvard, says : "In the listing of the Lancaster garrison, in March, 1692, Henry Willard, Joshua Atherton, John Priest and John Warner, with their families, and two soldiers detailed to their aid formed the eighth Lancaster garrison, with their fortified rendezvous at the Still River farm of Major Simon Willard." John Priest died in 1704 ; but in 1711, the most important garrison listed was that of his son, John Priest Jr., which then numbered twenty-five souls. In all the important wars and battles this country has had, the Priests have been a factor. In the King George's war, in the conquest of Canada, at Lexington, Cambridge, the battle of Bunker Hill, in Rhode Island, the Jerseys, Ticonderoga, and in the war of the Rebellion the Priests took active

part. In the alarm of April 19, 1778, Priests, young and old, left their work and marched as unenlisted soldiers to the front. Harvard alone furnished six or eight from this family. Abel was but sixteen years old when he joined the company that was hurrying away to Lexington. The names of Aaron, Joseph, Philemon, Jeremiah and others, appear on various rolls, but many of the muster rolls have been forever lost. Evidence has been found to show that on these too were enrolled the names of various Priests. Aaron Priest of Harvard did not stop to enlist on hearing of the April alarm, 1775, but fell into the ranks and marched to Cambridge with the others. He enlisted several times afterwards. In 1778, as a nine month man, to fill Harvard's quota he was described, "aged 20, stature 5 feet 9 inches, dark." He was also

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in the nine months men of 1779 Philemon Priest was not only at Lexington, and the Jersies, but was a participant in the division of Continental wages, the company of sixty-four men receiving sauce and mileage and prize money, two hundred forty-four pounds, twelve shillings and three pence. While in the service of his country he was promoted to corporal, lieutenant and captain.

NARRAGANSETT WAR.

Joseph Priest of Boston went to the Narragansett fight in Capt. Daniel Henschman's company.

John of Woburn was one of the eighteen impressed into the Narragansett war. Aug. 24, 1675, John Priest got £3 10s for duty at Chelmsford; 24 Aug., 1676, he received £5 2s; Aug. 24, 1677, he received

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£5 2s. He was recorded as at the garrison of the West Middlesex regiment, 1692.

KING GEORGE'S WAR.

Gabriel, Harvard, corporal, name on muster roll of a scouting party sent out from Harvard by Col. Samuel Willard for a week's tour in the woods, during July 1748.

NOTE. Joseph Priest at Royalston, Mass, soon after the settlement of the place, built a castle or block house. Priest river, in that place, was named after him.

AT TICONDEROGA,

Josiah Priest, jr was in a company of troopers commanded by Samuel Haskell of Harvard, 1757.

Joseph, in Col. Ezra Ward's Regiment; served eight months.

Benjamin Priest was at Crown Point under Capt. Thomas Farrington of Groton, Mass.

CANADIAN REBELLION.

Asa, son of Abel. See Abel and Zerviah.

BROAD STREET RIOT.

John Lothrop Priest. See Rindge N. H. Branch.

IN DEFENCE OF NEW YORK,

Philemon Priest in Col. Haskell's Regt. 1776. Harvard.

Aaron, a private in Sergt. Joseph Goodwin's Company, detachment, of the 18th Conn. Regt. of State Militia at the defence of N. Y. 1776 ; he was a resident of Barkhamstead, in 1775.

Darius Priest was a private in Captain William Sizer's Company, Regt. of Artificers, June, 1776--9. Credited to Simsbury, Conn. He set-

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tled in Barkhamstead in 1769, and
went to Simsbury.

WAR OF 1812.

Anson Priest served in the war of 1812 as
a private in Capt. Pettibone's Co.,
New London, 1813; lived in Sims-
bury, from which place he remov-
ed to Barkhamstead and was a tea-
cher, a man of education and much
of a gentleman; also a joiner; la-
ter removed to New Hartford, dy-
ing there about 1878, and is bur-
ied there.

LEXINGTON.

Jacob	in Col. John Whitcomb's	Regt.
Philemon	in " " "	"
Aaron	in Col. Asa	Militia.
Corp. John,	in " "	Regt.
Jeremiah	in Col. Asa	"
Job	" " "	"

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Abel in several Revolutionary battles.

Jonathan, see Daniel and Elizabeth.

Asa, " " " "

Levi, " " " "

IN THE JERSIES.

Corp. Philemon Priest under Capt. David
Nurse of Bolton, Mass.

IN RHODE ISLAND.

ELIJAH, under Capt. David Moore of Bol-
ton.

IN THE CIVIL WAR.

Almon V.. Corporal; enlisted, age 35,
July 14, 1862; promoted as Sergt.
23 Jan. 64: killed at Cold Harbor,
June '64. 11th Vermont.

Alonzo of Coventry Vt. Co. D, 6th Vt.
enlisted aged 25, Sept, '61; re-
enlisted 16 Sept, 1863,

Darius D. age 37 enlisted in 2nd Vt. 7
May. '61; mustered out, 29 June,
1864.

Daniel M., aged 23, Peru Vt. ; enlisted
in Co. A. 2nd Regt, 16 Oct. '61 :
discharged 15 Oct. 1862.

Ethan A., age 24, Mt Holley, Vt. private
Co, I, May 7 '61. Sergt. June 20
'61 : 1st Sergt. Jan. 20 '63 ; wound-
ed, 21 July, '61, June 27, '62 and
May 12, '64 2nd Vt. Regt : mus-
tered out of service June 29. '64.

George Eaton Priest, Commissioned 1st
Lieut, 5 November, '63 ; 57th
Mass. Regt.

Charles W., 36 Mass. Co. G, enlisted 13
Aug, '62, aged 25 : mustered out
8 June '65.

Jason, age 20 enlisted 30 Sept. '63 ; from
Coventry, Vt. in Co. D. 6th Vt.

John D. Commissioned 2nd Lieut. July 30
1863 : 1st Lieut. 17 May. 1864.

John F. 23 Mass. Co. H. Enlisted Sept.
28, 1861 : discharged for disabil-

ity, 26 Oct., 1862; died 19 Mar., 1873.

John H., Marlboro, Sergeant, mustered, 28 Nov., 1861; reduced to ranks at own request Jan 14, 1864; mustered out 27 Nov., 1864. 6th N. H.

Milo C., Brattleboro, Vt. Sergt. 1st Reg. Sharpshooters; enlisted Sept 11, 1861; discharged 31 Oct., 1862.

Nathan, aged 41, enlisted, 14th Vt. Sept., 1862. Credit, Mt. Tabor.

Samuel J., Co. E. Vt. Cav.; credit, Irasburg.

Thomas J., residence unknown: mustered 13 Aug., 1862; mustered out 10 June, 1865. 9th N. H.

Wesley Priest, —— Vt, paid commutation.

William H., Co. B. 26th Mass. Regt. was killed at Winchester, Va. Sept. 19 1864.

Alanson, Co. I. 3d N. H. Regt; mustered 1 Jan. 1864; died of disease at Wilmington, N. C., 11 Mar., 1865

Mrs. G. M. Houghton, of Worcester, Mass, a descendant of Gabriel Priest, finds that there were two Gabriels at the response to the alarm, 19 April, 1775; one went from Harvard and one from Lancaster. One was in Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt., and Joseph Fairbank's Co: the other in the cavalry under Capt. B. Houghton, in Col. John Whitcomb's regt.

The following were pensioners in 1840.
Joel Priest, Brownington, Vt., aged 92.
John Priest, Westminster, Vt., aged 95.
Joseph Priest, Coventry, Vt aged 78.
Mary Priest residing with Daniel Priest, Hancock, N. H., aged 74.

For the better understanding of the ancestry of the Priests mentioned in the four following items see chart Peter—Hugh in Descendants of Peter of Virginia.

Thomas Priest, son of Peter, of Virginia, was in the Revolutionary war.

Daniel, son of George of Va., was in the war of 1812, in Benj. Maxfield's company as a private.

Elias, son of George, grandson of Peter, was a soldier, 1812.

Simeon S. Priest of Sideview, Ky. and Thomas Wesley Priest were in the civil war, southern side; they were captured by the Union forces and imprisoned at Rock Island near Camp Douglass. Simeon escaped by crawling out through a sewer.

THE PRIESTS IN LITERATURE,

The Priest family both in America and England has been a contributor to good literature. Among the most successful American authors of his day was Josiah Priest, a native of New York State, born about 1790, died about 1850 and at one time held the position of Harnessmaker for the State of New York. His most successful book was "Antiquities and Discoveries in the Far West." This was published in Albany, N. Y. in 1835, and it quickly run through six editions, 20,000 copies being sold in three months. It had 400 pages and a double folder of illustrations. His second volume of 420 pages

appeared in 1837. It was entitled "The Anti Universalist, or the History of the Fallen Angels of the Scriptures." This book had a large sale and for many years was much quoted from. He wrote, also, "Wonders of Nature" "Views of the Millennium," and "Stories of the Revolution." "The true Narrative of the Capture of David Ogden; Among the Indians of the Revolution; Slavery, Suffering," etc. was published at Lansingburg in 1840. "The true Story of the Extraordinary Feats and Adventures of Mathew Calkins of Chenango County, N. Y. in the Revolution." was printed at Lansingburg in 1841.

"Stories of the Revolution, with an Account of the Lost Child of the Delawares, etc.," was printed in 1836, at Albany.

It may be of interest to note that England also had a Josiah Priest of considerable note, He was a dancing master

connected with the best theatres of London in the last quarter of the 17th century, who also kept a boarding school for gentle women in Leicester Fields, when he removed in 1680 to Chelsea. His claim to the extended notice which he has had is due to having engaged Henry Purcell to compose his fine opera "Dido and Æneas" for performance in his school. In turn Josiah Priest invented the dances of Purcell's Operas "The Prophetess", "Fairy Queen," "King Arthur," and others. Purcell b. in 1658 became a singer in the Kings Chapel in childhood; composed several anthems before he was eighteen years of age when he became organist of Westminster Abbey. He was very successful composer of music for operettas and dramatic music in general: besides a large number of anthems, sonatas, glees, choruses and odes he composed

a complete series of Church music. Priest and Purcell were for some time mutual helpers.

In 1855 J—— Priest published at London, "Thoughts on Life."

In 1810 Simon Priest published in London, a volume entitled "The Danger of Bad Company."

At Bristol, 1750, Isaac Priest published his Admirable "Defense of the Liturgy," on Ps. XCVI: 9. In 1753 three volumes of sermons.

In 1848 Alfred Priest, in London, published a moral story in verse entitled "The Hare and the Leverets."

Rev. St. John Priest wrote "General View of Agriculture in Buckinghamshire," an 8 vo. vol. in 1798. : also he wrote "Delectus Græcorum Sententiarum," published in 1798 and 1804.

In 1889 Amelia Burritt Priest wrote a



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pamphlet volume on the life of Joseph Burritt, which was published at Ithaca, N. Y.

About 1793, William Priest, a musician of considerable note, who was head musician at various times in the theatres of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston, published a volume of considerable interest which to day is much prized by antiquarians. It was a volume of 'Travels in the United States of America.' It was printed in London and a second edition appeared in 1804. The second and third sessions of the Provincial Congress were held at Watertown, Mass., in the meeting house, within the first six months of the year 1775. April 25, the Provincial Congress determined to enlist an army of 13,000 men for the siege of Boston, expecting other colonies to come to her aid. Wm. Priest says that a company of Vir-

ginians were quartered at Lancaster at this time. The following quotation, from Wm. Priest's book may be of interest to Lancaster people—the town where many early Priests resided. At any rate it is of interest as showing the skill of minute men with their rifles. [Nourse in his *History of Harvard* says: "The minute men were picked soldiers especially skilled with arms."] Wm. Priest wrote:—

"During the late war in 1775 a company of riflemen from the backwoods of Virginia were quartered at Lancaster in New England for some time. Two of them alternately held a board only 9 inches square between their knees, while his comrade fired a ball through it from a distance of one hundred paces. The board is still (1793) preserved, and I am assured by several who saw it that there was no deceit."

Returning to our American author, Josiah Priest, we give a few more titles;—

“The Fort Stanwix Captive or New England Volunteer, being the extraordinary Life and Adventures of Isaac Hubbell among the Indians of Canada and the West, in the War of the Revolution, and the story of his marriage with the Indian Princess from the lips of the Hero himself”

“Slavery as it relates to the Negro, or African Race, examined in the light of circumstances, history and the Holy Scriptures, with an account of the Origin of the Blackman's color, Causes of his State of Servitude and traces of his character as well in ancient as in modern times; with Scriptures on Abolitionism.”

“Bible Defence of Slavery or the Origin, History and Fortunes of the Negro Race, as deduced from History, both sa-

cred and profane, their natural relations, moral, mental and physical, to the other races of mankind compared and illustrated —their future destiny predicted, etc.”
 Louisville, Ky.

“The Captivity and sufferings of Gen. Freegift Patchin of Blenheim, Scoharie County, among the Indians under Brandt, the noted chief, during border warefare in the time of the American Revolution, with some account of the person and character of Joseph Brandt. Also traits of Mexican Tradition respecting the Flood of Noah, and the Confusion of the Ancient Languages.”

It seems useless to further enumerate the pamphlet productions of Josiah Priest as the same matter seems to have been issued under different titles and in various combinations. All editions are now scarce and are sold by collectors for the uniform price of \$5.00 each, which is many times above the original selling price. The larger, bound volumes are offered at \$4.50 by N. Y. dealers.

The lineage of Josiah Priest of literary fame before mentioned is as follows:—

I. Josiah born in Vermont about 1757 and died near Unadilla, N. Y., about 1794. Married Deborah Beach, daughter of Timothy and Abigail Beach, born in Stratford, Ct., in 1768; died in 1846. Her paternal ancestor was John Beach, whose name first appeared on the Stratford records in 1661: he purchased first land there in 1660; John had Nathaniel, b. 1662, who married Sarah, a daughter of Nathaniel Porter. in 1686, and had Ephriam born in 1687; he m. 3 July., 1711, Sarah Patterson and had Joseph, b. September, 1717. Joseph married Esther — and had Timothy born 1748, and m. Abigail—— and had Deborah b. 1768, who m. Josiah Priest. Josiah Priest's death was caused by pneumonia contracted in rescuing some people

who had broken through the ice while crossing the river. Josiah and Deborah had among other children ;—

1. JOSIAH, the author, b. at Unadilla, N. Y., 9 Dec., 1788, died in 1851. m. at Lansingburg. 5th July, 1812, Eliza Perry, b. at Lansingburg, N. Y., June 17 1789; died at Buffalo, 17 July., 1878. The children of Josiah Priest and Eliza Perry were :—
 - i. Ruth Eliza, b. 17 May, 1813; died, 17 May, 1865.
 - ii. Francis William, b. 25 Aug., 1814; died 1868.
 - iii. Jane Maria, born 25 Dec., 1819; married Henry Russell 19 Nov., 1834. Three children; two daughters died; son Frank resides in Buffalo. Henry died 1897 or 8.
 - iv. Charles Albert b. 18 Nov.

1817; d. 24 Sept., 1831.

v. Ann Caroline, b. 26 May, 1820,
m. Alex. Rowley: was living in
Denver Col., 1901; had son, Au-
gustus; resides in Denver.

vi. REV. JOSIAH ADDISON PRIEST,
born 28 April, 1822: died March
11, 1893; married Frances Wal-
ker, April 12, 1852. Issue:—

(a) Martha Bowers Priest, b.,
28 March, 1854; died Feb.
15, 1901 leaving a record of
a brave, unselfish, beauti-
ful life.

(b) Anna Eaton Priest, b. 22
July, 1860; m. 23 Sept.,
1884, Rev. John Crawford,
who died 7 July, 1897, and
1. Marian Crawford. b.
26 May, 1886.

2. Howard Walker, b.
July 2, 1887; died 27

July, 1896.

(c) Sarah Maud Walker Priest

b. 17 Nov., 1864; m. June

20, 1895, I. Seymour Crane

1. Walcott Bogle Crane;

b. 13 March, 1896.

2. Paul Howard Crane,

b. 17 Oct., 1897.

vii. Augustus Mathew, b. 14 Decem.

1824; died 29 July, 1841.

viii. Angeline Hannah, b. 29 March,

1826; died 20 Oct., 1849.

ix. George Washington, b. 7 July,

1827; died Sept 14, 1852.

x. Laura Emeline b. 30 Nov. 1829:

died 29 June, 1831.

xi. Laura Eugenia b. 1 Dec., 1832,

m. Silas T. Bowen, 24 Decem.,

1851: resides in Indianapolis:

two daughters, Mrs.——Hol-

man, a society leader in New

York, and Mrs.——Woolfolk



REV. JOSIAH ADDISON PRIEST.

a vocalist who has a daughter in Buffalo.

Rev. Josiah A. Priest was the successful pastor of several churches. He was graduated from Hamilton College and Auburn Theological Seminary: he was first settled in Cooperstown, N. Y., then Homer, then Gloversville, then at Montclair, New Jersey, and at the old Maine Street church (now demolished), Quincy, Ill, Newton, and Pine Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio. He visited Europe from time to time and traveled extensively on the Continent. His comprehensive knowledge of history, of ancient and modern languages, together with his keen observation of objects, made his brilliant intellect a vast storehouse of priceless facts and things, which he frequently used in his discourses with telling effect, in illustrating points in exposition of Scripture.

He was a born orator: his voice was musical: he was graceful in manner and polished in language, and of a fine commanding presence. At the time of his death, of him it was written:—

“He was one of the most gifted men of the Presbyterian Church. As a sermonizer all his discourses were models of strength and learning and beauty. He had a strong poetic temperament, which threw a gleam of sunlight over all his discourses. Besides this he was a man of great dramatic power.”

Rev. Dr. Josiah Addison Priest published a number of sermons and poems written for special occasions. He wrote many articles for the New York Evangelist, especially about places and things which he saw in Europe.

Frances Walker Priest was daughter of William Ames Walker and Sarah Wil-

liams Ingalls. She was born at Middlefield Otsego Co., N. Y. Cooperstown was their church home and her father was for many years an elder in the Presbyterian church there : died when fifty-five years of age respected and admired by a community in which he always lived. Her mother was a woman of the most perfect character ; she possessed a fine mind and was a graduate in Miss. Emma Willard's school in Troy. In Mrs. Priest's lineage Governors, several Judges and numerous clergymen are found. She resides (1901) at Montclair, N. J.

Had Longfellow sought for a type for a modern Priscilla, "patient, courageous * * * making the home rich with the wealth of her being," doing little acts of kindness everywhere, he would have needed to have sought no other to illustrate his poem having once known Mrs.

Priest's daughter Martha referred to on page 11. It is the mother's testimony that no one could fill a larger place in the household than she did: the citizens, universally speak of her kind deeds, and declare that she was like a sun-beam to meet as she had always something pleasant to say.

CORRECTION:—The select fragment of William Priest's story concerning Lancaster sharpshooter's, I find was incorrectly stated in the magazine article where it was found. It was not a New England Lancaster except in the way a large part of the Southern portion of North America was once so designated. Since page 6 of this chapter was put in type, I happily found the long sought book, in the Library of Cornell University. In this book, which is a series of letters, Wm. Priest was writing from Lancaster Pa. when he wrote of the riflemen.

FRANK FORT-ON-THE-MAIN.

BY REV. J. A. PRIEST.

In the old imperial city,
Seated on the shallow main,
Tossed I till the silent midnight,
Seeking slumber all in vain.
When from every tower and steeple
Came a harmony of bells,
Floating, crossing, intermingling,
With a hundred changeeful swells.
Silent midnight ! solemn midnight !
Striking, every one, just twelve !

And the pale and ghostly silver
Of the moon was falling wide.
Over square and steeple,
Far along the shallow tide.
All the living lay in slumber,
Like the slumber of the tomb ;
When it seemed to me the buried
Came from their sepulchral gloom.
Silent spirits ! solemn spirits !
Gliding forth from death's dark womb !

Came the pomp of Roman Emperors
 Called from many tongue and land
 Here to take the globe and sceptre
 In the gripping, iron hand :
 Came to have the sacred unction
 Poured upon the the haughty head,
 Came to flaunt with gold and splendor ;
 Long ago among the dead !
 Silent Cæsars ! solemn Cæsars !
 With no echo in their tread !

In the lofty old cathedral
 Bowed the heirs of Charlemagne ;
 Not by blood but by election,
 Lifted to his proud domain.
 And from sacred, priestly fingers
 Fell the blessing and the oil,
 'Neath the shade of tattered banners
 Taken with the battle's spoil.
 Silent banners ! solemn banners !
 Mocking pride's incessant toil !
 Then the doors with noiseless hinges
 Opened slow and wide again :
 Forth in the old Germanic splendor
 Issued the imperial train.
 Cloth of scarlet for the Cæsar
 Lay upon the narrow street ;

All too mean the common earth-mould
 For the proud imperial feet !
 Silent earth-mould ! solemn earth mould !
 Under thee now Cæsars meet !

And the square before the Romer,
 Banquet-halls where monarchs wait.
 Crowded was with all the people,
 There to see the Cæsar's state.
 Flowed with wine the stony fountain,
 Reeked the ox, with hoof and horn,
 And from out the silver measure
 Flung the marshal golden corn !
 Silent symbol ! solemn symbol
 Showing life from death is born !

Thus while seemed to pass the ages,
 Changeless stood the square and street
 But in ever changed procession
 Came the tread of silent feet.
 Soldier, knight, and solid burgher,
 Squalid poverty or crime,
 Strode or stole along the pavement
 Keeping ever equal time !
 Silent foot-falls ! solemn foot-falls !
 Bound to the eternal crime !

Then I thought, is this the picture
 Of the real in God's decree ?

Shall the past in human action
 Not forever cease to be?
 Far along the endless cycles
 Shall the scenes enacted here
 In eternal repetition
 To the eye of man appear?
 Silent acting! solemn acting!
 Filling souls with peace and fear!

And I prayed that from the midnight,
 And the moonbeam's solemn glare,
 And the silent, sleeping city,
 God would teach me wisdom there,
 Make me wise to think each moment
 That the deeds enacted here,
 In the grand, eternal future
 Would forever reappear!
 Silent future! solemn future!
 Never reached, yet ever near.

In this chapter mention of the beautiful poems of Nancie A. W. Priest has been omitted. A pen and ink portrait of this charming poetess of the early sixties, an account of her life and specimens of her poems appear elsewhere.

**THE BEGINNING OF A LIST OF
COLLEGE GRADUATES, PRO-
FESSORS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN.**

Amherst College.

**1858. Sylvanus Chickering, Priest. Died
1858, aged 27.**

Boston University.

1893. Ellen Mabel Langford Priest. A.D.

Buchtel College., Akron, O.

President, Prof. Ira Priest.

Columbia College.

1803. Henry Bate Priest. Died.

**1877. James Roberts Priest, E. M., C.
Died, 1880,**

Columbia University, Washington, D.

**Wm. Edwin Priest, Assistant
Prof. of History.**

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL:

Auburn Theological Seminary.

184-- Rev. Josiah Addison Priest.

Bellevue Medical College.

1870. Daniel Mahlon Priest.

Cornell University.

1891. Alice L. Priest. B. L.

1895. Asa B. Priest. Law.

Depew University, School of Theology.

A. R. Priest, Prof. of Oratory and Elocution. Greencastle, Ind.

Hamilton College.

1847. Rev. Josiah Addison Priest. A. B.

A. M., STD. 1872. Died 1893.

Harvard College.

1862. George Eaton Priest. A.B., A. M.

1868. Samuel Russell Priest. B. D.

1891. George Wesley Priest.

1895. Benjamin Sidney Priest.

1897. Herbert Bancroft Priest.

Lombard University.

1898. Henry Priest. Phd.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL.

Princeton College.

George Madison Priest, Prof. of German.

1872. Rev. J. M. Priest : was Missionary
at Sinore, Liberia.

St. Lawrence University, Canton, N.Y.

Henry Priest, Dean and Professor.
of Physics and Chemistry.

Trinity College, Hartford.

1843. John Weller Priest, A. B. A.M.
Died July, 1859, aged 34.

Tufts College.

1874. Henry Priest. A.B. 1877 A. M.

Union College.

1843. Elijah Priest ; non grad., Amster-
dam. N. Y.

University of New York.

1882. Fred. K. Priest. M. D.

Westminster College.

1872, Henry S. Priest.

Williams College.

1867. Daniel Mahlon Priest, A. B.

A FEW PHYSICIANS.

Albert G. Priest, Shelbyville, Ky. degree, 1852.

Eugene L. Priest, Nevada, Miss.

Francis M. Priest, Circleville, West Va.

Frank A. Priest, Marion, Ind.

George W. Priest, Shelbyville, Ky.

Henry Catlett Priest: resided at Greencastle, Ind.

Mary A. Priest, Toledo, Ohio. deg. 1880.

Stephen C. Priest, Newark, O. deg. '77.

Warren G. Priest, St Louis, Mo.

Wilson R. Priest, Concordia, Ky. 1886.

W. A. Priest, Emerson, Iowa. deg. 1872

Robert Priest was an English physician and Author as early as 1589.

PART 2.

“Only in a thoughtless temper would an intelligent man declare, that it matters nothing to him, who were his ancestors nor what his relationship might be to the rest of mankind, and to those coming after him.”—Kinship of Man: by HENRY KENDALL.

**DESCENDANTS OF JAMES PRIEST
AND WIFE ELIZABETH.**

James Priest is first found mentioned in Dorchester Records in 1637. Taking into consideration the custom of the day of naming first children after the names of their parents it is fair to conclude that Elizabeth and James were the first born. It is probable that James Priest, Sr., and Elizabeth were married not far from the date (1637) of his first land transaction recorded in Dorchester Records.

Dorchester Records; Vol. 29. "The allotted land being 'Manning's Moore': date 2nd Jan., 1637. "Got 8 akers more"

3d April, 1638. In 1651, Walter Harris made an attempt to obtain a portion of the above mentioned land. According to Suffolk Deeds, printed Volume 111, p. 356, there was a mortgage deed, date, Nov., 1660: 13 1-2 acres of land near Hingham line; James Preist, grantee: Margaret Staples grants, etc. A memorandum, (date not now at hand) says that James was allowed 24 shillings for having meeting house swept and galleries kept clean for one year; on Jan. 19 1674, James gave his son, James one half of a house in Boston. He died in 1676, and his wife, Elizabeth was made executor: the will was presented by Shadrack Thayer.

The children of James and Elizabeth were probably as follows:—

1. Elizabeth b., near 1638.
2. James, b., 1640.
3. Deliverance, b. 1644. Thayer Gen.

4. Mary.
5. John, Savage says a farmer at Weymouth. 1657. This may be a christening date.
- ✓6. Joseph.
7. Lydia b. 12 Feb. 1658; d.
8. Lydia, b. 16 Mar., 1662.

Emanuel and John of Marblehead, Mass., Savage thinks, were brothers. In 1663, they signed against impost. Emanuel was a fisherman: so probably was this John. The records always distinguished between the Johns of Salem and Marblehead. See Salem Court Records. Elizabeth m., according to a memorandum handed me by G. W. Priest, one John Hollis; Mary m. Henry Truefield. Deliverance married Shadrack Thayer; for line of ancestors, see our quotations from Alden Gen. on pages xxxviii-xl of first part of this book. The records of Salem, Mass., show that

John married 25 Feb'y, 1672, Elizabeth Gray and had Elizabeth, b. 20 Jan., 1676. Like Emanuel and John of Marblehead, he was a fisherman; a business that many New England pioneers carried on with an enthusiasm and a dignity that only the gods could inspire. His first wife died, date not found, and he married, Hannah Gill, daughter of Jeremiah, Mecham, Sr., 4 March, 1699-1700. They were both living in Salem in 1672, 1679, 1701, 1702, 1704, 1707. His autograph is attached to a will on file at Salem, made when he was about to make a voyage. His daughter, by wife Elizabeth, b. 20 Jan., 1676, m. 1st, Benjamin Ashley, 27 Nov., 1700; She m. 2nd, 26 May, 1719, Thomas Humphries and was his widow in 1722.

James b. 1640, suicided at Salem in 1663, unmarried. His father James had the husband of daughter Deliverance,

Shadrack Thayer, appointed administrator.

Joseph went to Boston. No trace of the second Lydia.

Will of Jas. Priest, 1676, Suffolk Deeds 792.

Will of Elizabeth Priest, 1676, Suffolk Deeds, † 792. Shadrack Thayer of Braintree, Executor.

JOSEPH AND HANNAH.

Joseph seems to have been the one on whom James had to lean in his declining days. James, Jr., whom he had declared to be 'the staff of his life' had suicided at Salem; Deliverance was the favorite daughter, her husband, Shadrack Thayer was the counsellor for the family. Two years before his death, (1674) James gave Joseph one half of his house in Boston. Shortly after, Joseph married Hannah. She evidently was a favorite in the memory of her descendants as Hannah was an oft repeated name from that time. The

children of Joseph and Hannah were :—

- 1 James, b., 1674—5 ; d. in Weston, 4 March. 1756. aged 81 years ; m. Sarah Treadway.
- 2 Joseph, b. 18 March, 1678: m, Dec. 25, 1701, Margaret Childs,
3. Hannah, b. 29 March, 1681 ; m. 25 Dec., 24. 1702, Thomas Sanderson.

The last record found in Boston of Joseph, son of James is in 1677 : Mass. Archives says : “ Joseph Priest of Watertown, appears as claimant for land ‘in the right of his father,’ Joseph Priest of Boston, in division of land, Narraganset, No. 2, now Westminster, Mass.” This shows where Joseph, son of James of Weymouth went to, on leaving Boston.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH AND MARGARET.

Joseph Priest of West Precinct, (Waltham) born 18 March, 1678, son of Joseph and Hannah, son of James (1) and Elizabeth, married on Christmas day, 1701, Margaret Child, the daughter of Richard and Hannah (Traine) Child who was born 16 May, 1687, being less than fifteen years old at the time of her marriage; he was about 23. Wm. Child one of the early emigrants to the Massachusetts Colony had for his second son, Richard b. at Wa-

tertown, 1631, who m. 30 March, 1662, Mehitable Dimmick, and by her had eight children; he m. 2nd, May 29, 1668, Hannah Traine, youngest daughter of the first John Traine, and by her had five children in Watertown; his eleventh and twelfth, Margaret and John, were twins. born 16 May, 1687. John m. Experience Fuller and Margaret, m. Joseph Priest as before stated. Feb. 12, 1700, Joseph Priest was granted leave to set up a smith shop on the Watertown's common between Zack Cuttings and Jona. Tainter's. He was in the King Philip war, and put in his claim for lands between 1727—⁽²⁴⁾?

His death occurred 28 of April, 1756, aged about 81 years. Children:—

1 Margaret, b. 3. Oct., 1702.

2. Joseph, b. Sept 4, 1704; m. Hannah ——. Children:—

- i. Hannah b. and d. Jan. 1730.
- ii. Joseph b. 29 Jan., 1732--3.
- iii. Hannah, b. 22 Jan., 1736;
pub. 17 June 1758, to Eli-
jah Ross of Sudbury.
3. Hannah, b. 20 March, 1706,; m.
Philip Gage of Weston, March 7.
1744-5.
4. Job. b. 8 Aug. 1709.
5. John, b. 9 Dec., 1711 : m. 25 Oct.,
1737, Bethia Hutchinson. Issue :—
 - i. John, b. 1738 : m. Mar. 12,
1770, Mary Longley.
 - ii. Hannah, b. 1738, (twin)
m. Mar. 12 1770, Ephriam
Foster of New Ipswich.
 - iii. Bethia, b. 24 Nov, 1739 : d.
1740.
 - iv. Sarah, b. July,— 1740 : d.
 - v. Sarah, b. 10 Feb. 1742 ; m.

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Sept., 20, 1769, John Huet.

Issue: John, b Sept. 15 1771

Molly, b. Aug. 29, 74

Israel, b. " 27, 1775.

vi. Mary, m. John Crossman.

"Estate of John Priest and wife Bethia, of Lancaster: John Jr. laborer) Hannah and Sarah (spinsters) sell R. Temple, 11 acres as from S. Hutchinson to Bethia P. in 1753, except rights of Mary, infant child of John and Mary Priest." [1768].

6. Joshua, b. m. Sarah,
had Joshua Priest, b., 1744.

7. James b. 1715 m. Hannah Lawrence: published at Woburn, 8th Sept., 1750. Issue:—

i. James, bapt. 7 Sept., 1755.

d. May 1790, aged 40: m.

27 Decem., 1772, Abigail

Lawrence and had:—

a. Abigail, bapt. 23 Jan.

1774: d.

- b. James, bapt. 26 May, 1776.
 - c. Abigail, b. 27, Sept., 1778.
 - d. Sally bapt, 31 Dec'm. 1780: m., Nov. 6th, 1803, Uriah Moore.
 - e. Polly, bap. 4 July, '84
 - f. Amos, bap. 16 Sep. '90
 - ii. Hannah, b. and d. 1757.
 - iii. Nathaniel, b. 4 Sep. 1759
 - iv. Moses, b. 8. Oct.. 1762.
- 8. Mehitable, b. 18 May. 1719; mar. Edward White in 1741.
- 9. Jonas. bapt. 20, Nov., 1726: m. Anna Lowden, 30 Dec., 1736, who owned the covenant, 20 Nov. 1737. Issue:—
 - i. Lowden, b. 30 Oct., 1737
 - ii. Anna, b. 6. Feb. 1739: d.
 - iii Anna, bapt. 3 Aug.. 1740

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iv. Elizabeth, bapt. 28 Feb. '42

y. Mary. bapt. 29 Jany, 1744.

m. 4 Jan., 1767. Zebediah

Cook, of Stockbridge. Mass

vi. Jonas, bapt. 12 Jan., 1746.

vii. Job. b. 5 June, 1748; m. —

Elizabeth, and had :—

a. Polly, bapt. 2 May, '73

b. William, " 19 Feb., 75

c. Daniel, " 25 Jan., 1778.

viii. Martha, bapt. 18 March,

1753; d. Dec. 12 1772.

ix. Margaret, bapt., 19 Jan'y
1755.

x. Amos, bapt. 31 July '57 :

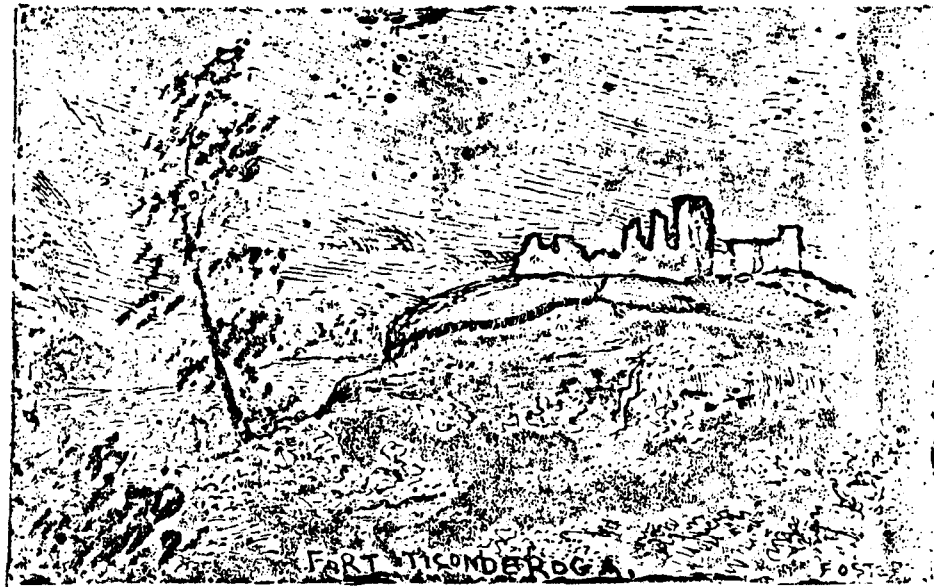
d. 5 March, 1758.

Jonas's estate taxed, 1741,—'42,—44.
Sells S. Hall, lot on Mystic River,
1748. Of S. Hntchinson, Jr., lot on
Winter Hill, 1741. To Thos Austin,
lot, 1742. To P. Edes, 4 acres, 1741
Ann (wife) deed of James Lowden,
1737.

JAMES AND MARY.

It is now believed that James^r Priest, (died in Weston, 4 March, 1756) was the first child of Joseph (2), son of James (1) Having received half of a house from his father into which to take his wife, Hannah, they gave to their first born child the name, James. He married Sarah Treadway, b. 18 Dec., 1679, 1[Nathaniel Treadway (1) Watertown: James (2); Josiah. brother of James (2), m. Sarah Swett, and had Josiah, James, and Sarah, who married James Priest.]

The children of James and Sarah:—



1. Josiah, b. 20 March, 1706: m. 18 Sept., 1727, Mary Bemis, of Concord, Mass; he m. 2nd, Mary Brewer, 16 Jan'y, 1738. The children of Josiah were: —

1. Mary, bapt., 12 Mar., 1732; d.
2. Mary, " 7 Oct., 1733.
3. Elizabeth, " 23 June, 1734.
4. Josiah, bapt., 4 June, 1739: of Groton; as Josiah, Jr, he was enrolled at Ticonderoga, in a company of troopers commanded by Samuel Haskell of Harvard, in 1757. Decem. 1, 1758,, he married, Eunice Jamison of Weston and resided for a time in Bolton where, before moving to Marlboro', Mass, they had at least three children, which they took with them. At Marlboro', they had Shadrack, b. 1769: He m.

Louisa Eaton, and had :—

- i. Abel R., b. 1797.
 - ii. Josiah, b. 1799.
 - iii. Eunice J., b. 1801.
 - iv. Henry, b. 1804.
5. Annah, bapt. 4 June, 1749
 6. Timothy, b. 19 Oct. 1742; and
bapt. 4 June, 1749, settled
in Groton; m. 22 August.
1764, Sarah Butterfield.
 - i. Molly, b. 13 Feb. 1766.
 - ii. Sarah, b. 25 Apr., 1767.
 - iii. Rebekah, b. Oct, 1768.
 - iv. Lydia, b. 21 Sept., 1770.
 - v. Susanna, b. Mar., 1773.
 - vi Jane, b. Feb. 14, 1775.
 7. Lydia b. 18 Oct., 1744.
 8. Jonas of Groton, b. 8 April 1746
m. 17 Jan., 1746, Martha Du-
rant of Billerica, Mass., by
Mr. Cummings.

9. Lucy, b. 18 Feb., 1749.
 10. Joel, b. 19 Feb., 1751.
 11. Jonathan, b. 12 June, 1754.
 12. William, b. 12 June, 1756.
 13. Sybil, b. 19 Sept., 1758.
 14. Sarah, b. 8 Feb., 1761
- II. Mindwell b. 27 June, 1708: m. 19
Sept., 1735, David Stone of
Stoughton.
- III, Abigail, b. 3 July 1709; m. 2
Apr., 1739. Isaac Carey.



DESCENDANTS OF MATHIAS
PRIEST AND WIFE ALICE (BISH-
OP) PRIEST.

Mathias, born———; died———; mar-
ried Alice Bishop. Had six children:

I. Sarah born, died ;mar.
——Youngblood. Issue, two sons.

i. ii.

II. Samuel, born ;died :married,
——Issue,

i. Bishop born ; died ; m.
——Issue.—

(a) Samuel b.

(b) Lizzie b. d. unm.

ii. Rebecca, b. d. unm.

iii. George Elwood, b. — ; married
 ——— Issue.

Was in ——— Regt.

III. Jesse, born, 1799: d. 7 Jan., 1874:
 m. 1822, Elizabeth Bengless, b.
 1804; d. 17 Dec., 1881. Issue;
 1. Edwin b. Aug. 1824, died
 1885. m. 1858. ——— Issue.

i. —

ii. Rosa.

iii. Jesse.

iv. Anna.

2. Eber b. 11 Feb. 1816; d.
 1884; m. Rachel Warrell in
 1852, who died 1870. Issue.

i. William H.

ii. Jesse

iii. Lizzie m. — Sharp:
 Wilmington, Del.

iv. Laura.

3. David (school teacher) b.

MATHIAS AND ALICE. 3

- 29 Nov. 1827: m. Mary A.
Justin: no children: he d.
Mar.. 1860; she d. 1890.
4. Rebecca b. Sept. 1829;
single: living, 1901.
5. Mary Jane, b. 15 Aug. 1831
m. Chalkley Smedley 26
Nov., 1862. he died 27 May
1901. Children.
i. Rebecca: m. Howard
Ashbridge and had
(a) Carlton.
(b) Elva.
ii. Anna.
iii. Howard.
6. Annie E. (school teacher) b.
1 Oct., 1833. unmarried; d.
1866.
7. William, b. 2 Dec. 1835: m.
Mary Ann Shaffner; most
of life farmer; 9 years post

master and store keeper.
has son Edgar, b. June
27, 1871.

8. Sarah L., b. 12 Apr., 1838 :
m. Geo. T. Philips, b. 3d
June, 1845. he d. 19 Mar.
1875 : Children :—

i. J. Elvyn, b. 6 Oct. '71.
died, 20 Apr, 1901.

ii. Lucinda, b. 18 April,
1873 ; d. 1, 1873.

9. Philena, b. 25 Aug. 1844.
m. Franklin J. Bishop : and
had five children :—

i. { Oscar,--had Horace.
{ Horace.

- ii. Ellen m. Charles Ful-
ton and had
(a) Marion.
(b) Elwyn.

(c) Emma.

iii. Lizzie.

iv. Louville.

IV. Abraham b. d. m.

1. Ruth Ann.

2. Franklin.

i. Harry,

ii. Willford.

iii. Clara.

3. Wellington, living, 1901.

i. Ida, died in infancy.

ii. Laura died in infancy.

V. George, died in infancy.

VI. William, b. m. d.

1. Alice Ann, m. Edwin Garrett
and had thirteen children.

2. George, b. m. resides
at Decatur, Ill.

3. Charles died at the old home-
stead, Phoenixville, Pa., May
31, 1897. He married Mary,
daughter of William Spear,

1 Nov., 1860. Children:—

i. William Edwin, b. Aug.
17, 1861: Assist. Prof. of
History, Columbia, Uni-
versity, Washington.

ii. John, Methodist Clergy-
man, at Christiana, Lan-
caster Co., Pa., born 11
June, 1863. Children:—

(a) Harvey.

(b) Esther.

iii. Harvey, b. 30 July '65.
d. May 27, 1899.

iv. Charles, b. 8 Apr., '71.
In hardware business at
Mont Clair, N. J.

v. Anna May b. June 13.
1877: resides with her
mother and brother W.
Edwin at Washington,
District Columbia.

4. Samuel. died.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES LOUDON PRIEST.

As will be seen on page 9, under heading "Joseph and Hannah," Joseph, son of Joseph, son of James (whose name appeared on Dorchester, Mass. Records in 1637.) married Margaret Childs Dec. 25 1701. Joseph and Margaret had at least nine children. The birth date of Jonas is not known: his delayed baptism took place, 20 Nov. 1726. His name appears as the last child. His sister Mehitabel's name preceeds this. She was born 18 May, 1719: The estate of Jonas was first taxed in 1741, so it is fair to conclude his birth was in 1720-1. On 30 Dec., 1736, Jonas Priest married Anna Lowden: and from information found on page 15, she

was a daughter of James Lowden. Records show that she had children as follows.

1. Lowden Priest, born 30 Oct., 1737:
2. Anna b. 6.Feb., 1739: died.
3. Anna, bapt. 3d Aug. 1740.

The fate of this Dorchester family has been obscure to genealogist for over a century and a quarter. Mrs. Norma Priest Culver living (1901) in Loudonville, Ohio, has documents in her possession proving that Lowden Priest was a resident of the town of Manlius, Onondaga, Co., N. Y. This township was formed in 1794. Deeds in the possession of Mrs. Norma Priest Culver, show that a deed was given to Lowden Priest, on March 1, 1796, from Wm. Haskens of the town of Pompey, same county, conveying one hundred acres of land. This William Haskens in company of Comfort

Rounds in 1792 settled in La Fayette, a part of which was formed from Pompey, in 1825. The place of settlement was Linn in South east part of town. Where Loudon Priest was from childhood to manhood I found no record. By indirect record it is shown that he married in Massachusetts previous to 1768, that he had there a son born May 1. 1769. He was given the name James Lowden Priest which was subsequently written James Loudon Priest. It is clearly shown that Lowden resided at Manlius, Onondaga, Co. He died aged 84. in 1821, at Loudonville, Ohio, a town founded by his son, James Loudon Priest. Mrs. Norma Priest Culver states that her grandfather James Loudon Priest married Paulina Chauncey in Massachusetts, and moved to Oneida Co., N. Y, which proves that he did not come to N. Y, until later than his father

as there was no Oneida County formed until 1798. From Oneida Co. he moved to Crawford Co. Pa., residing there until there began an influx of settlers into Ohio. With two men in two dugout canoes of his own construction, two years before the settlement of Columbus, he arrived in that part of Ohio, which is now Holmes County. On May 10, 1810, entered 1000 acres of land in what is now Holmes and Ashland Counties. He built his cabin on the banks of a stream now called Lake-fork. After doing what he could to make ready for his family he returned to Pennsylvania for them leaving the men in charge. This location not proving healthful, he built another cabin about a mile west in a more healthy locality and moved his family there. As his family enlarged he built an third cabin and more convenient about fifty feet

from the first and used it for a living room. The last one built is still (1901) standing, having been weatherboarded and built onto about seventy-five years ago. In 1812 he built a fort on his farm in Holmes County. On Aug. 6th 1814, he laid out what is now the flourishing village of Loudonville, Ohio. He was a civil engineer. The village was named after him. It is situated about two miles from the place where he once resided on a stream now called Black Fork. He laid out in the center of the town twelve lots which he deeded to the town as a gift, to be used as a public park : he also deeded land as a gift to the town to be used for a cemetery. Norma Priest Culver has in her possession a deed for land bought there in name of her grandfather, James Lowdon Priest, given by James Monroe, President of the United States,

Jan. 9, 1817. He died, 10 Aug., 1822, at the age of 53 years 3 mos and 9 days.

James L. Priest and Paulina Chauncy had nine sons and five daughters :- - Alphonso died in infancy ; all of the rest of the sons married and had families.

- 1 William b. Aug. 20, 1792 ; m. Catharine Oram : he died 29 March 1843 and was buried at Loudonville : age 50 years 7 mos and 9 days. The following of his children lived to man and womanhood, married and had children,

- i. Joshua,
- ii. Elizabeth,
- iii. Sarah,
- iv. Sabina,
- v. Catharine,
- vi. Lucy,
- vii. Nancy,
- viii. Jerusha,

ix. Paulina,

x. Reuben,

William Workman, now residing
in Loudonville is a son of Jerusha.

2. Daniel born 22 Mar. 1790; married
Elizabeth Quick; he died 17 Apr,
1877: aged 80 yrs. 1 mo. and 25. da.
Children that grew to man and wo-
manhood:—

i. Loudon,

ii. David,

iii. Anna,

iv Churchill.

v. William resides at Loudonville.

vi. Filena,

vii. Elizabeth.

All married except Loudon, and had
families. There were two or three
who died young.

3. Jonas born 1 May, 1790, m. Sarah

Robinson; he died 13 Aug. 1870: buried in Holmes C., aged 65 yrs, 4 mos and 13 days. Children that grew up were:

- i. Louisa,
- ii. Rebecka.
- iii. Clara,
- iv. Austin, at Commercial Hotel
Ottawa, Kansas.
- v. Robert,
- vi. Paulina,
- vii. Orland.

Louisa and Clara married and have no families: Austin and Robert married and had families. The rest died single.

4. John, born Jan. 25, 1807, in Crawford Co., Pa., married Barbara Workman; she died Jan. 25, 1890, and was buried at Loudonville, aged 72 years 6 mos. and 19 days. He

died 12 June, 1893, aged 76 years,
4 mos and 17 days. They had two
sons and six daughters. The two sons
and two daughters deceased after ar-
riving at man and womanhood.

i. Melissa, C. mar. Benjamin See

(a) Alvin L.

(b) Nellie B.

ii. Norma m. Leander S. Culver.

No family; he d. May 19, 1883:
aged 46 yrs, 5 mos and 15 days.

iii. Columbus D. died 2 Apr. 1893,
age 38 yrs 7 mos 18 days.

mar, Elizabeth Mc Crary;—

(a) Colda M.

(b) Harry R.

iv. Josephine L. m. James Hackett.

(a) Carrie J.

v. Morgan A., died 7 Nov. 1896,
Age 48 years, 8 mos. 6 days.

mar. Julia Schauwekor; Issue;

(a) Irwin G.

(b) Florence.

The rest were unmarried.

vi. Agnes L, d. Dec. 19, 1889,
aged 31 years, 8 mos 28 days.

vii. Elizabeth C. d. Jan. 31, 1899;
aged 60 yrs, 11 mos. 30 das.

viii. Ida M. living, 1901.

5. James m. —; had two sons Robert
and Alonzo.

6. Chauncey married and had family.

7. Alvin married and had at least four
children:

i. Lydia,

ii Isora,

iii Loudon.

iv. Eber. at Marion, Ohio,

8. Alonzo married Rhoda Clark: died
23 April, 1889, aged 72 yrs, 2 mos
13 days; buried in Holmes County.

i. Stephen,

- ii. Sarah,
 - iii. George, Lakeville, O., married and a family.
- 9 Clara m. Benj. Quick; died June 4, 1831; buried in Loudonville: age 34 years. At least six children;—
- i. David,
 - ii. Cornelius,
 - iii. Benjamin.
 - iv. Aaron, Perrysville, Ohio.
 - v. Harriett,
 - vi. Olive.
10. Sarah, m. Chepes Parker: she died 31. Oct., 1864, buried in Loudonville, age 56 yrs, 7 mos, 20 days. At least nine children.
- i. Silas, Attorney at Law, Mansfield, Ohio.
 - ii. Laura,
 - iii. Calvin,
 - iv. Alonzo,

- v. Dillion,
- vi. William,
- vii. Elnora,
- viii. Clementine,
- ix. Loudon,

- 11. Olive married twice; 1st, — Davidson, and had a daughter Filena, who married and had a large family. For information inquire of Andrew Workman, (?) Knox Co. O. Olive m. 2d, Andrew Smith. Issue Jackson, Churchill, Webster, Jonas and Chauncey. Olive d. Oct. 19, 1870. age 75 years, 8 mos 19 days. Chauncey Smith resides at Loudonville.
- 12. Eliza m. George Webster. Died — Had Sarah and John, he resides at Logansport, Ind. Each had a family,
- 13. Alfouzo died in infancy.
- 14. ——— daughter died in infancy.



Bay ; to the Honorable, his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives in General Court, assembled." for protection against Indians. This petition was dated June 7, 1755. On the following winter, Joshua Priest was returning home with a handsled loaded with hay ; he lost his way and fell into a pool or brook and so wet his clothes that he froze to death. The place is still named Priest Brook. His grave is in the cemetery at the middle of the town. It is said that Samuel emigrated to Vermont. Joseph married and had Joseph, who was born in 1753, and died in Gardner, Mass., 30 Sept., 1833. He married Patience Stiles of Lunenburg, Mass., who was born 16 Sept., 1763. She died in Templeton, Mass., 23 Oct. 1838.

They had six children :—

1. Levi, son of Joseph, of Gardner, b. 16 Oct. 1783 : d. at Winchendon,

22 Apr., 1852 : m. Hannah Woodbury of Winchendon. They had five children :—

i. Levi, b. at Gardner, Mass., 22 May 1813: d. at Hinsdale, N. H., 12 Oct., 1858. He m. twice, and had three children by first wife, and two boys and two girls by his second wife. The only survivor of the family (1900) was E. L. Priest, of Oakland, Cal.

ii. Francis Dana Priest, b. at Gardner, 9 June. 1815: m. 11 Feb., 1835, Sophia Bacon Hale, who was born at Winchendon, June 25. 1817. The children were :—

(a) Nancy Amelia Woodbury Priest :
b. at Royalston, Mass., 7 Dec.,

1836: d. 21 Sept., 1870. She was the poetess toward whom many of the Priest family point with pride. "Over the River,—and other Poems" was the name of a little volume, by her and printed at Lancaster, with an introduction and a biographical sketch, by Rev. A. P. Marvin, of Lancaster. As an appropriate beginning for a work on Genealogy, "Over the River." is given place at the beginning of this book. She m. 22 Dec., 1865, Lieut. Arlington C. Wakefield of Bartonville, Vt., who served in the war of the Rebellion, four and a half years, with Vermont troops. Says a writer in the "Union Pacific."

"Among the first volunteers from Massachusetts was a fair complex-

ioned and slender built lad by the name of Wakefield, of Winchendon. Miss. Priest's intense love for her country and for all human rights was deeply aroused, and, the dutiful steps firmly taken by the boy whose strong heart for his country led him from a devoted mother and friend to the front, sealed to him the hand and life affections of the noble poetess : hence most of her songs and work thereafter were for her country."

"Over the River" was one of her first efforts, and grew out of her sorrow resultant from the death of an idolized brother.

The descendants of Nancie A. W. (Priest) Wakefield :—

- i. Francis Arlington, b. Bartonville, Vt., 6th July. 1867. His marriage took place in

Springfield, Mass, 14 Nov. 1894

Anna H. Dean of Holyoke; had

Anna Frances, b. at Springfield, 5 Sept., 1895.

Harry, b. at Springfield, June 1897.

Esther Gertrude, b. Jan. 21, 1899, at Springfield, Mass.

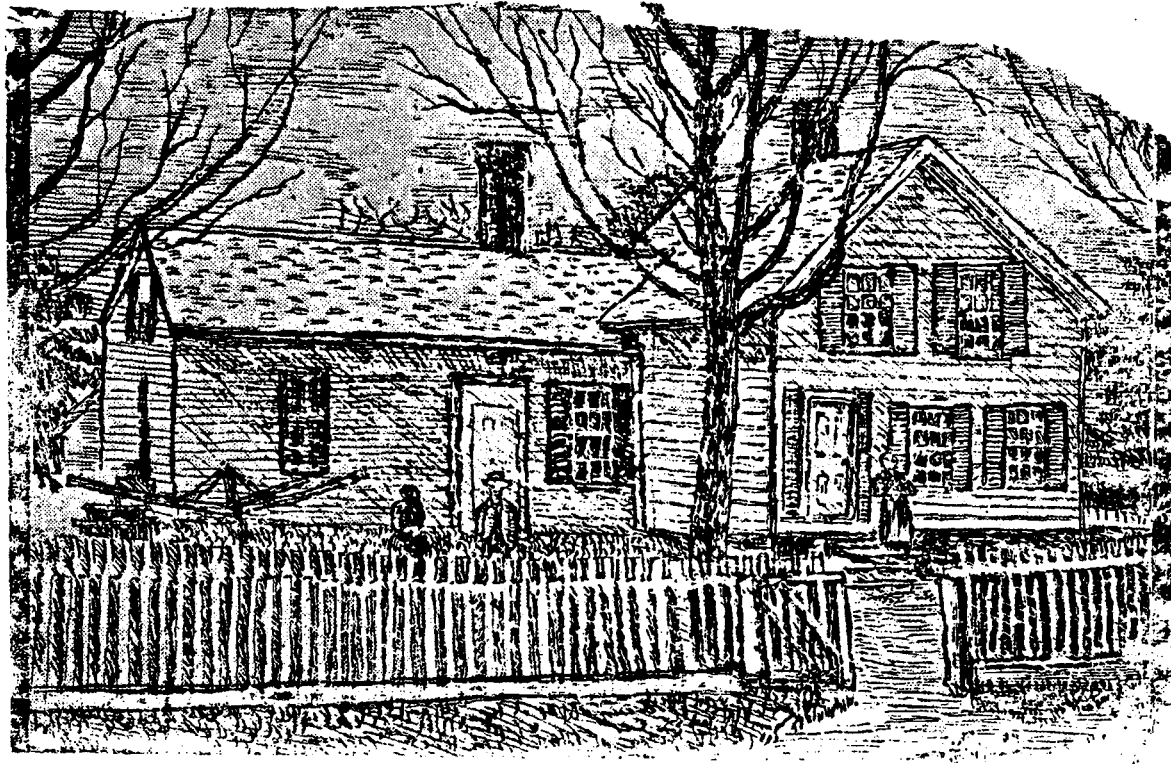
Corporal Frank A. Wakefield, and Harry C. Wakefield, both served in the Cuban war, and were mustered out with their Regt, Nov. 3, 1898.

ii. Harry Caveno Wakefield, born 28 May, 1869, at Winchendon, Mass.; m. 17 June, 1891, Emily Burnett of Springfield:

Earnest A., b. 30 July, 1892, at Springfield

Albert Harry, b. 11 Mar. 1894

iii. Alice Emma; b. 17 May



JOSEPH AND PATIENCE. 23

1870, at Winchendon : d. Sept.,
15, 1870.

- b. Lucia Hannah Priest, b. at Royal-
ston, Mass., 26 Sept., 1838, mar-
ried Alonzo A. Hale of Winchen-
don, 27 Oct., 1853, and had :—

Walter Alonzo Hale, b. 9 July,
1856, at Winchendon ; d. Aug.
25, 1856.

Jessie Hortense, b. 8 April, 1858.
married, 17 Sept., 1875, Hosea
Carter, of Petersham, Mass. Had

Alton Winthrop Carter, b. 25
April, 1880 ; d. 22 June, 1890.

Lester Hale Carter, b. Nov.
16, 1886, at Winchendon.

- (c) Francis Lafayette Priest, b. Oct,
16, 1843 : d. 22 Feb., 1844. It
was the decease of this brother
that inspired writing "Over the
River."

- (d) Emily Sophia Priest, b. at Winchendon, 4 of March, 1847; m. Henry A. Dean, of Gill, Mass., 2 Sep. 1869. He served in Co. A., 52nd Regt., Mass., Vols., for one year. Issue.

Arthur Arlington Dean, b. 27 Aug., 1870 at Fitchburg. d. 30 Aug. 1870.

Mary Ida, b. 13 June. 1872, at Orange, Mass

Anna Hortense, b. at Orange, Mass, 24 April, 1874.

Edith Martelli, b. at Orange Mass, 19 July, 1876: d. 2 May 1888.

Orvilli Priest Dean, b. at Orange, 21 Oct., 1878: enlisted in the Engineer's Corps, at West Point in 1897: served in the Cuban war with the Corps

and died Aug. 30. 1898 on the ill-fated "Roumania," while at sea, on her return trip to return sick and wounded soldiers to the United States.

(e) Orvilli Worth Priest, b. Winchendon, 15 Oct., 1849; d. 20th June, 1865.

(f) George Frank Priest, b. at Hinsdale, 28 May, 1853; d. 10 Sept., 1870.

3. Nancy W., daughter of Levi W., b. 26 Jan., 1817; d. at Winchendon, 5 Jan., 1831.

4. Joseph, fourth child of Levi son of Joseph, b. 30 Aug., 1818: resided in Winchester in 1901. June 13th 1844 he married Esther A. Howard, b. 30 Dec., 1821: they had: Clara Augusta, b. 13 June 1844: m. 28 Nov., 1867, Geo.

W. Gould, who was in the civil war. They had a son, Charles L., b. 18 June, 1869.

Nettie Isabell, b. 21 October, 1857; m. 3 Oct., 1888, Frank E. Russell, one of the mem- of the New England Box Co. They had no children.

5. Milo C., b. Aug. 15 1820: d. at Norway, Mich, 20 Dec. 1895. He left no children.
- II. Joseph, Jr., born at Gardner 25 Sept., 1786: d. at Gardner 12 Mar. 1854.
- III. Lucy, b. at Gardner, 2 Aug., 1789 m. Ezra Baker:d. 2 Mar., 1863.
- IV. Jacob, b. 28 July, 1791: died 21 Sept., 1862: m. Patty Clark.
Joseph.
Jacob, Jr.
Mary.

Martha.

Betsy.

Eliza.

Harriet.

V. Betsey. b. Sept., 17, 1800; d. July 16, 1824, at Cincinnati, O.: m. Elbridge Leland.

VI. Caleb, b. 30 June, 1803: d. 29 May, 1855; m. Nancy L. Gage, 24 March, 1825: b. 20 Sept., 1805; d. 10 May, 1872.

1. Lorenzo S., b. 20 Apr., 1827; d. 11 Oct., 1866: m. Abbie Richardson.

2. Alexander Caleb Priest, b. 4. Dec., 1829; d. Oct. 8, 1892; m. 20 Sept., 1859. Mary E. Knowlton, b. in Nelson, N. H., 25 Sept., 1836.

3. Julius Willard, b. 9 Sept.

1832: d. 13 Feb.. 1877.

4. George B., b. 27 March

1834: d. 26 Sept., 1894 :m.

Clara A. Knowlton, 1 Jan.,

1863; had Lorenzo L., b.

26 March, 1868.

5. Calvin Monroe Priest,

b. 9 Jan., 1838: his wife.

Delia Gabriel Priest, whom

he married, 15 Oct., 1865.

was born April, 1846; Four

children of this marriage :—

i. Nancy Louise, b. 3d.

March, 1867; m. Upton

Hale Mason, 14 October,

1884. One child by this

marriage, Emily Mason.

b. in Aug., 1885: died

the following December.

ii Mary Elizabeth Priest,

born Sept. 4, 1868; m.

Charles Milton Beam. April 20
1886; six child'n by this mar'ge.

(a) Milton Calvin Beam, born
14 Feb., 1887.

(b) Ethel Louise Beam, born
Aug. 21, 1889.

(c) Charles Milton Beam, Jr.
b. Aug. 28, 1892.

(d) Abbie Gertrude Beam, b.
20 April, 1894.

(e) and (f) twins :—

Stephen Mason Beam,
Helen Gladys Beam, born
Jan., 9, 1899.

iii. Calvin Monroe Priest, Jr., b.
Jan., 19, 1873; d. 21 Mar. 1873.

iv. Abbie Generieve Priest, born
April, 17, 1875.

6. Francis O., son of Caleb. b. 4
June, 1841; not married; died, 13
May, 1887.

7. Nancy L., b. 12 Mar., 1847; d.
14 Dec., 1861, aged 14 yrs. and
9 months.

BY NANCY A. W. PRIEST.

Beyond these chilling winds and gloomy
 skies,
Beyond Death's cloudy portal—
There is a land where beauty never dies,
And love becomes immortal.

A land whose light is never dimmed by
shade,
Whose fields are ever vernal,
Where nothing beautiful can ever fade,
But blooms for aye eternal.

We may not know how sweet its balmy
air,
How bright and fair its flowers;
We may not hear the songs that echo
there,
Through those enchanted bowers.

The city's shining towers we may not see,
With our dim earthly vision ;
For Death, the silent warder, keeps the
key
That opes those gates elysian.

But sometimes, where adown the western
sky
The fiery sunset lingers,
Its golden gates swing inward, noiselessly
Unlocked by silent fingers.

And while they stand a moment half ajar,
Gleams from the inner glory,
Stream lightly through the azure vault
afar,
And half reveal the story.

O land unknown ! O land of love divine !
Father all-wise, eternal,
Guide, guide, these wandering, way-worn
feet of mine,
Unto those pastures vernal.



ADDENDA,

Further information regarding descendants of Jacob and Patty (Clark) Priest. See Page 26,

I. Joseph, b. Jan. 28, 1815; d. 1822.

II. Jacob W., b. April 2, 1817; d. '24

III. Mary, b. Feb. 24, 1819; resided in Sioux City, January, 1884,

IV. Martha E., b. Jan 9, 1822; m. (1) Jan. 1, 1844, Orville C., son of Samuel Stiles of Rindge, N. H., b. in Stratford, Ct., Jan, 12, 1817. After marriage lived a short time in Fitzwilliam, N. H., and then moved to Fitchburg, Mass., where he died July 30, 1862, Children born at Fitchburg:—

i. Charles J., b. July 7, 1846; d. June 7, 1856.

ii. Mary, b. June 28, 1852; d. Feb. 12, 1853.

Widow Martha E. (Priest) Stiles
m. 2nd, David Barker; 3d — Holt:
resided at Sioux City, Iowa.

V. Betsey, b. June 15, 1826, m.
Arthur Kneeland Gould, born
Nov. 22, 1821. Issue:—

i. Emmons Oliver, b. 23 May,
1853; m. Fanny L. Thorpe,
b. Sept. 17, 1853, Issue:—

a. Harry Edwards, born 23
July, 1877,

b. Jessie Rose, b. 23 July, '80.

c. Lula May, b. Sept. 9, '82,

ii. Lillie May Belle, b. 30 May,
1867.

VI. Lucy, b. Dec. 8, 1828; d. Dec. '56,

VII. Eliza Patience, b. 16 Aug., 1832;
d. Jan. 21, 1855.

VIII. Harriet M., b. Sept. 16, 1837; d.
July 29, 1871.

Stiles genealogy gives the date of
Patience (Stiles) Priest's death as 1814.

Our data was received from a member of the family. Patience Stiles's father was Lieut. Levi Stiles, b. at Lunenburg Feb, 18, 1732-3, m. Dec. 16, 1775, by Rev. David Stearns of Lunenburg, Patience Smith of that place, who d. March 26 1828. They had twelve children, Patience who married Joseph Priest being the fourth. Her sister Mary married Dr. Lyman Lewis of Norwich, Vt., who was a person of great influence there, and one of the trustees of Norwich University. Her sister Hannah, the eleventh child, "lived single and possessed remarkable strength, Her nephew related that she could lift a barrel of cider and set it on a table as easily as he could a ten gallon jug."

Groton Mass. Historical Series dates the marriage of Jonas Priest of Groton to Martha Durant, Jan. 17, 1769.

Timothy Priest was dismissed from the Groton church and recommended to the Church of Christ, Winchendon, July 18, 1802: m. Sarah Butterfield, August 22, 1764.

March 18. 1756, the following appeared in a Groton paper: —

Strayed last July from Mr. John Priest of Groton a large Brindle cow with some white spots about her, having the letter W. marked with a hot iron on one of her horns. About seven years old. Now whoever shall give information of her either to John Priest or Jonas Priest of Waltham shall be well rewarded.

The two persons mentioned were probably brothers, and sons of Joseph Priest of Waltham.

Butler's History of Groton: —

Joseph and Mary Priest had

Lois, b. May 1, 1762.

Joseph, b. 1 Jan. 1765.



HENRY PRIEST
DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTR
ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

PROF HENRY PRIEST.

Prof. Henry Priest, Dean and Hayward Professor of Physics and Chemistry in St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., was born at Mount Holley, Vt., May 5th, 1847. He lived on a farm until he was twenty-one years of age, fitted for college and entered at twenty-three; Received the degree of A. B. at Tufts College in 1874; the degree of A. M. at Tufts in 1877; the degree of Ph. D. at Lombard, in 1898. He was Principal of Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vermont, from 1874 to 1883. That year he was elected Professor in St. Lawrence University, which position is still held. (1901.) In 1880, he was elected to the Vermont Legislature and re-elected in 1882. He was appointed on important committees and made Chairman of Committee on Education. Prof. Priest is in religion a Universalist and in politics a Prohibitionist. He has done much in an educational way for the University

along temperance lines. In 1881, he married Flora Coburn Eaton a native of Calais, Vt. She is a cultured and refined lady: was educated in the Methodist Seminary, Montpelier, Vt., and Goddard's Seminary at Barre, where she was graduated in 1873. She was two years preceptress of the Green Mountain Institute, Woodstock, Vt., and four years preceptress of Goddard's Seminary, her Alma mater. She joined the white ribbon movement in 1889, and since then has been prominently connected with the work in Canton, and the County of St. Lawrence. Her service as local president covers many terms and as County recording secretary and County president of the white-ribboners she has often been elected.

She is an active worker in the Universalist Church and is interested in every good work.

The following shows in part the lineage of Prof. Henry Priest:

Elijah Priest, born 16 May, 1756; died 15 April 1813: married March, 1793,



FLORA C. PRIEST,
Prominently Connected with the White Ribbon Movement.

Eunice Warner. born 30 Sept., 1763 :
died 20 Sept., 1856. Issue :—

1. Elijah, Jr., b. 8 June, 1794 ; died
24 Jan., 1796.
2. Daniel, born 7 Feb., 1797 ; died
4 Jan., 1876.
3. Elijah, 2d Jr., born 6 May 1799 :
died 6 July, 1811.
4. Ethan, born 9 Jan., 1802 : died 12
Sept., 1883 ; married 26 Feb, 1826
Hannah Dawley, b. 27 Feb., 1804 ;
died 1 Jan., 1871. Issue :—
 - i. Darius, b. 12 Dec., 1826 ; had
Ira, b. at Mechanicsville, Vt.
May, 1856 ; graduated from
Tufts Col., 1884 ; A. M.,
1897 ; D. D., 1898, Tufts Col.
Divinity School, B. D., 1887.
Commissioned Chaplain of the
Ohio, Nat. Guards, in 1899 :
Was in Universalist ministry,
1886-97 ; Pres. Buchtel Col-
lege May, 1897—1891.

- ii. Eunice Ursula, b. 29 Dec. 1828.
- iii. Martha Maria, born 26 June, 1830; died 22 Aug., 1861.
- iv. Diana, born 1 Jan., 1832; died 7 June, 1892; married
- v. Drusilla, born 57 July, 1833:
- vi. John Rancil, b. 31 Jan., 1885;
- vii. Ethan Allen, b. 9 Jan., 1837; died 28 Aug., 1893;
- viii. George, born 11 July 1841: died 2 March, 1858.
- ix Charles Wesley b. 27 January, 1843;—
- x. Henry, born 5 May, 1847; married 11 Aug., 1881, Flora Coburn Eaton, born 17 April, 1854. Issue:—
 - (a) Alice Eaton Priest, born 16 Dec., 1883.
 - (b) Ward Curtis, born 16 June, 1886.

PART 3.

JOHN PRIEST OF WOBURN.

In the year 1675, when an army of 1500 Englishmen was raised by the three colonies, viz., Massachusetts, Plymouth and Connecticut, for the purpose of breaking down the power of King Phillip among the Narragansett Indians, thirteen men in the town of Woburn, Mass., were impressed into military service. Of these thirteen, John Priest was one. It is probable, even likely, that he participated in the fight of the 19th Dec. of that year, a day memorable for cold in New England. The suffering of the English after the fight is thought never to have been equalled in history. It outranked the horrors of ancient Moscow, or the suffer-

ings by heat of the modern Santiago. But from all serious harm John Priest escaped. He, soon after his return, married Rachel Garfield, b. 23 Nov., 1656, daughter of Samuel and Mary Garfield. The Woburn records have the following entries with the exception of death record.

- I. Elizabeth, daughter of John Priest
b. 12 Sept., 1679, m., 1704,
Daniel Rugg; d. Dec. 3, 1754.
- II. John, son of John Priest, b. 1
Nov. 1681, d. 29 Sept., 1756.
- III. Daniel, son of John Priest, b. 19
July, 1686; d. 9 Oct., 1723.

There were other children born at Bare Hill, Lancaster or Harvard, as follows:—

- IV. Hannah, received into church
1718.
- V. Gabriel, b. 1690, m. Abigail——
d. 1755, aged 65.
- VI. Joseph, b. 1692, m. Mary ——

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VII. Mary, m. 20 March, 1720, John Nichols, and resided with her brother on Bare Hill.

As early as 1688, John Sr. was a property holder in Lancaster, for he was then taxed for the building of the minister's house, to be given to Reverend John Whitney at Bare Hill settlement.

According to historian Nourse, John Warner and John Priest were ^{Sr.}immigrants from Woburn. They were church members, young men, and evidently were deemed desirable acquisitions, for as an inducement to their coming hither the Lancaster proprietors voted to each of them a special grant of thirty acres on the easterly side of Bare Hill. At their coming the two families seemed to have lived together, or at least near each other, for the sixty acres grant was made to them jointly, and the record specifies one

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part of it as laid out for thirty-six acres, be it more or less, on which they have built.

Says Nourse: "John Priest the elder, dying in 1704, John Priest Jr. and the widow Rachel came into possession of the Bare Hill estate, the other children being minors. John ultimately built a new home more than a mile from the first Priest, and Warner garrison on the northern slope of Bare Hill. His mother died in 1737, his only son in 1738; when he sold his homestead to John Forbush, and removed to Bolton, where he died in 1756."

On page 83 of Nourse's History of Harvard is the following record:—

"An ancient gambrel rooted house of ample dimensions, until burned April 6, 1869, stood a little less than a mile from the Harvard postoffice on the eastern side

Bare Hill road. This was doubtless the 1711 garrison house* of John Priest, Jr. By those living, familiar with it, this was known as the Forbush place, the second John Priest selling it to John Forbush in 1738. It stood a little back from the highway on an admirably chosen site commanding an enchanted view to the north and west. Near by was a capacious gambrel-roofed barn. The huge chimney that surmounted the ridge pole at the center of the house was of stone, and within the present century several of the windows retained the original sash glazed with little greenish panes set in lead. This was a rare and noteworthy survival, for in the scarcity of lead during

*Just before John Sr. died the garrison on Bare Hill had ten men of military age in six families. Among them was John Priest, Sr.

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the early days of the Revolution, most of the metal sash were melted and run into bullets for the patriot army. The stairway was built of solid hewn timber, and the walls were ceiled throughout with plank instead of lath and plaster. Everywhere in the original construction there was a chary use of metal; wooden pins or dowels taking the place of the wrought nails which were generally employed in early colonial days for fastening the boarding to the frame, and the flooring and wainscoting to the posts. It was universally considered the oldest house in Harvard, and its venerable appearance and peculiarly antique carpentry justified this belief. The house standing on the hillside half way between the site of the John Priest garrison house on Bare Hill Pond, was the home of Joseph Priest, John's younger brother. He sold it, with

eighty acres of land to Benjamin Stow in 1743."

All descendants of John of Woburn and Rachel Garfield are in line with Edward Garfield of Chester, England. b. 1577. and consequently of same line as Ex President Garfield. Edward Garfield was descendant of the Garfields of Teddington, Middlesex, England. His son Edward came to this country with the colonists under the famous Governor Winthrop, landing in Boston, 30th June, 1630. He was a freeholder in Watertown in 1635, grantee of eight lots of land, and purchaser of four. Married Rebecca——, but afterwards the widow of Thomas Buckingham. Had all his children by first wife, viz. ; Samuel, Joseph, Rebecca and Abigail. Samuel married Mary Benfield ; had Rachel, who was born 23 Nov., 1656, and who married John Priest, and died May 17, 1737.

JOHN PRIEST, SON OF JOHN.

JOHN PRIEST, JR., son of John and Rachel (Garfield) Priest, b. in Woburn, 1681. He died 1756. His wife, Anna Houghton, whom he married ———, d. 3d April, 1751. The records of a Harvard church tell us that in 1708, John Priest's children, Anna, Mary and Abigail, were baptized. Anna m. 23 March, 1720, Jeremiah Holman. Mary m., same date, Ebenezer Houghton. On March 20, Mary Priest Sr., sister of John Jr., married John Nichols. On the old common burial ground at Lancaster may be read the following inscriptions:—

"Here lies buried | ye body of | Mr. |
John Priest | who departed this | life,
Sept. 29, A. D., 1756, in ye 75 year of
his age."

"Here lies buried | the body of Mrs. |
Anna Priest, wife of Mr. John | Priest,
who departed | this life April 3, | An-
nodomini 1751, in ye 67 year of her
age."

"Here Lies ye Body of Abigail Priest |
daughter of Mr. John & Mrs. Anna
Priest, | who dec'd Septr. 25th, 1723,
in ye 17th year of her age."

"Here lies buried | ye Body of Jons-
than Priest. | ye only son of | Mr.
John & Mrs. Anna | Priest, who died |
April ye 23, 1730, aged | 21 years and
seven months."

The first church record says: "Jona-
than, son of John, was baptized 1718.
Oct. 19. On same date was baptized

Eunice, daughter of Hannah." This record concerning Eunice is confusing.

The oldest records of the First church of Christ, Lancaster, began with the pastorate of Rev. John Prentis, who married Mrs. Prudence (Foster) Swan of Charlestown. Among the first seven added to the church under his pastorate were John Priest and wife, whose record precedes.

CHILDREN OF JOHN PRIEST, JR.,
AND HANNAH HOUGHTON.

- i. Anna, bap. 1708; m. 23 Mar. 1720,
Jeremiah Holeman.
- ii. Mary, bap. 1708; m. 23 March,
1720, Ebenezer Houghton
- iii. Abigail, bap. 1708; d. Sept. 25,
1723.
- iv. Damaris, bap. 1710; m. 20 Jan.,
1725, Joseph Whetcomb. and had
Jonathan Priest Whetcomb.
- v. Rachel, bap. 1713. m. Hezekiah
Whetcomb, 3 April, 1729.
- vi. Hepsibah, bap. 1716, m. 13 Nov,
1735, John Houghton.
- vii. Jonathan, bap. 1718; d. 23 Apr.,
1738.

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viii. Maria, bap. 1721 ; m. Oliver Stone,
Harvard. 1738 ; d. 13 June, 1758,
aged 32.

John Priest, Jr., died in Bolton, 29
Sep., 1756, aged 75. Hannah, his wife,
was daughter of James and Mary Hough-
ton. She died April 3d, 1751.

CHILDREN OF OLIVER AND MARIAH
PRIEST STONE.

- i. Anna, b. 7 May, 1741; d. 25 Feb.,
1749, age 7 years, 9 months.
- ii. Maria, b. 12 July, 1743; m. 11 Feb.
1761, Timothy Kneeland.
- iii. Sara, b. 4 June, 1746.
- iv. Oliver, b. 25 June, 1748; m. Dec.
30, 1762, Lucy Willard.
- v. John, b. 6 July, 1751.
- vi. Anna, b. 28 Apr., 1753.

CHILDREN OF GABRIEL SON OF
JOHN OF WOBURN.

Gabriel, son of John and Rachel (Garfield) Priest from Woburn, b. 1695; d. 27 March, 1755. He married Abigail —, a member of the church in Stow, who died 29 June, 1770, aged 77 years, 5 months and seven days. The children of Gabriel and Abigail were

I. JOHN, b. 21 Nov., 1717; bapt, 20 July, ye mother having owned ye covenant at Stow.

II. GABRIEL, b. 17 June, 1720.

III. JEREMIAH, b. 30 April, 1722.

**DESCENDANTS OF JOHN, SON OF
GABRIEL.**

John, son of Gabriel, son of John, m.
Mary Fairbanks. He died 4th April, 1772,
aged 54 years. She died 17 June, 1772,
aged 43. Their marriage took place 12
Oct., 1748. Mary Fairbanks was a
daughter of Joseph Fairbanks, who mar-
ried Mary Brown, 11 April, 1718. They
had thirteen children born to them, Mary
being the sixth child, a Mary having died
previously. Joseph Fairbanks was son

of Lieut. Jabes Fairbanks, and the grandson of Jonas, an early proprietor. Jonathan Fairbanks, the father of Jonas, came from Sowerby, England. Nourse says the Fairbank family were severe sufferers in the Indian war, and Lieut. Jabes attained celebrity in military affairs. Speaking further of Joseph Fairbanks, Mr. Nourse says: He was the choice of his townsmen for their first representative to the Great and General Court, but modestly declined to serve. He was one of the first selectmen, and for several years town treasurer. His oldest son Phineas became captain, and held nearly all the offices within the gift of his fellow townsmen.

Some insight may be gained of the family by a glance at some of the tombstones over the Fairbank's graves in the town of Lancaster, Mass.

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"Here lies interred | the body of Mrs. |
Lucy Fairbank, ye wife of Deacon |
Cyrus Fairbank | who died Sept. ye
16 | 1776. Aged 36 | years and 8 |
days | Likewise Ephraim, son of the |
Deceased, still born, Sept. ye 1st,
1776.

The small and great are here."

On the gravestone of Deacon Cyrus
Fairbanks, who died in 1801, are these
lines :

"The sweet remembrance of the just,
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

The tombstone of Thankful Fairbanks,
wife of Jonas, who died in 1795, has the
following :—

"She looked well to the ways of her
household,
And ate not the bread of idleness."

The tombstone of Sally, daughter of
Cyrus and Lucy Fairbank, who died in

1790, in the eighteenth year of her age,
has :—

“When this you see,
Remember me.”

Another stone marks the burial place
of Lieut. Jabes Fairbank, who died
March, 1758, aged 84 years.

The inscription over the grave of Elizabeth,
wife of Jonas Fairbank, who died
April 9, 1818, aged 70 years. is :—

“She opened her mouth with wisdom,
and in her tongue was the law of kindness.”

The names of Gabriel, Joseph and John
Priest appear in the Lancaster assessment
roll of 1723 ; also in the petition for
the new township of Harvard in 1731.
After the death of Rachel, widow of Gabriel’s
father, John of Woburn, who survived her
husband thirty-three years, “the heirs transferred
all their rights in the

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original Priest homestead to Gabriel Priest, and his descendants have ever since held title to it." In 1732, Harvard was set off from Lancaster. Gabriel Priest had worked hard for a town, and he was chosen one of the selectmen. In 1750 the church was rebuilt in Harvard, and a committee on reseating the congregation was appointed. Nourse said the committee were instructed "to seat the two foremost seats below respecting men for age as well as Pay, and all the other seats and persons to be seated on Dignity according to what they had paid to the minister, real and personal estate the three years past"

We find that Gabriel Priest was in the second seat below (central), while his father-in-law, Deac. Joseph Fairbank, was in the first seat. Jeremiah had the fourth seat in the gallery (front), and

John the second seat, side gallery. In the reseating in 1766, John advanced to front fore seat, gallery, and Jeremiah had front fore in gallery, also. Gabriel Priest was corporal in the scouting party sent out from Harvard by Colonel Samuel Willard for a week's tour in the woods during July, 1748. Gabriel died 27 March, 1755, aged 63 years. His widow died 29 June, 1770, aged 77 years, 5 months, 7 days.

The children of John Priest and Mary Fairbanks were as follows:

- I. A son, b. 10. July, 1749.
- II. John, b. 22 Aug., 1750; m. 2 May, 1770, Hannah Stowe.
- III. Philemon, b. 18 Feb., 1753; m. 1st, 21 March, 1776, Lois Hartwell; 2nd, 11 Feb., 1817, Mary Hartwell.
- IV. Mary, b. 22 Aug., 1755; d. 29

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Sept., 1756.

V. Jacob, b. 15 Aug., 1757, m.
Mary Stone, 4 April, 1782. who
d, 7 Nov. 1791.

VI. Abel, b. 20 April, 1760; m.
Zerviah Whitcomb, 7 March,
1785.

VII. Calvin, b. 14 Sept., 1762; d. 2
Oct., 1762.

VIII. Jabes, b. 23 Jan. 1764; d. 23
Nov., 1764.

IX. Mary, b. 9 Feb., 1765; d. 9
1767.

X. Relief, b. 10 Feb., 1771; d. Sep.
11, 1794.

XI. Sarah, b. —; d. 7 Jan., 1792.

CHILDREN OF JOHN Jr, AND
HANNAH (Stow) PRIEST.

John, son of John and Mary Fairbank,
b. 22 Aug., 1750; m. 2 May, 1770, Han-
nah Stow, and had

1. Mary, b. 25 Dec., 1772; m. Jona-
than Sawyer, 2 July, 1794 and had—
 - i. Jonathan, b. 12 Feb., 1796.
 - ii. Caleb, b. 13 April 1798
 - iii. Mary, b. 14 Feb., 1800.
 - iv. Lucy, b. 2 May, 1805.
 - v. Wesley, b. 5 Oct., 1807.
 - vi. Luke, b. 18 Oct., 1809.
 - vii. Mercy, b. 6 June, 1812.
 - viii. Augustus Jonathan, b. 14
Apr., 1816.
2. Mercy, b. 25 May, 1774; m. July,
1795, Reuben Whitcomb of Box-
borough.
3. Lucy, b. 9 Feb., 1776; m. Elias
Haskell, 10 Oct., 1796,

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In those days, according to Nourse, any one, who had capital and enterprise enough to become a retailer of merchandise in a country town stepped at once near the portals of gentility. Elias Haskell, Sr., was one of these merchants and Elias, Jr., was recorded from 1795—7.

The Haskells, except during the Revolutionary period, almost monopolized the trade at Still River for fully a century. Their last place of business was at the Southern corner of the meeting of the two highways leading to Lancaster. In this vicinity were in succession Samuel, Elias, Jr., Josiah, Jr. and Calvin. The valuation of Elias Haskell's stock in trade was placed at £100

CAPT. PHILEMON PRIEST.

Philemon Priest, son of John and Mary Fairbanks Priest, b. 18 Feb., 1753, was the oldest son with male representative, and he took the old place. He was at Lexington, Bunker Hill, Dorchester and the Jersies, in the capacity of soldier and officer. On the 21st of March, 1776, he married Lois Hartwell. She died Jan. 9, 1802, aged 44 years. He married, 2nd, Mary Hartwell, sister of Lois his first wife, 11 Feb., 1817. She died Jan. 13, 1821, aged 65 years. He died in Harvard, 24 Feb., 1837. He was corporal in Capt. David Nourse's company in 1777; in 1781, he was 2nd Lieutenant of the Seventh Company of the Second Worcester Regiment, and in 1787 was made Captain. The children of Philemon and Lois (Hartwell) Priest were as follows:

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1. Betsey, b. 21 July, 1777; m. —
Abijah Lawrence and had no children.
2. Sarah, b. 5 Oct., 1778; d. 2 March, 1800.
3. Nancy b. 18 August, 1780; m. —
Nathaniel Stone of Fitzwilliam
Issue;—
 1. Nahum.
 2. Charles.
 3. Gardner.
 4. Stacy.
 5. Nancy.
4. Benjamin, b. 12 June, 1782, m. —
Sally Wetherbee, and had:—
 1. Adeline, b. — m. Stillman
Whitcomb. Issue:—
 - a. Ann Maria.
 - b. Charles Austin.
 2. Sally, b. — m. Dr. Wood;
Issue;—

- a. Arthur.
- 3. Jerome, ———, m.——
 Louise Hoar. Issue :—
 a. Leon Alberti.
 b. Carrie Louisa.
 c. Mabel Barber.
- 4. Benjamin, b. ———, ———m.
 Eunice Wood. Issue :—
 a. Arabella.
 b. Orin.
- 5. Lucy A. b, ———m.——
 John Wood.
- 6. Susan b.— m.,——
 Jerome Willard.
- 5. Philemon, b. 30 June, 1785; m. 3d
 Nov. 1806, Ann Houghton. Issue ;—
 1. Jabes, b. 11 Feb., 1808;
 he married 1st Lydia Stone,
 and her sister, Mary Stone
 had no children.

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2. Sylvester, b, 25 March, 1809
m. —; Issue.
 - a. Anna, m. Judge Stone.
 - b. Charles Abbott.
3. Eliza Ann, b, 9 June 1811 :
m. 24 Nov., 1835, Ezekiel
Newton of Worcester. She
died Oct. 1882.
4. Philemon, b. Feb. 1816; m.
Eliza Smith. Issue :—
 - a. Charles Henry b, in
Harvard 1 Mar., 1842,
now in Evanston, Wy.
m, in Watertown Mass
to Mary Ellis Dec.,
1865 and had
 - i. Bertha Ellis; m.
28 Apr., 1888, Geo.
H. Capin, of Canton,
his ancestor, Bern-
ard Capin of Dorch-

ester, 1630. Issue:—

1. Catherine Lois, b 14th
March, 1889; died 28th
Jan., 1889 at Evanston.
2. George Phillip, born
Dec., 1890,
3. Rachel b. 10 May '96
- ii. Clara, b. 11 July 1876: d
31 June, 1878.
- iii. Mary b. — Sept. died—.
- b. Ellen E. born in Watertown, 21
June 1845; 24 d. July, 1847.
- c. Gardner N., b. in Harvard, 16
Jan., 1849.
5. David H. m. Mary Ann Eaton of
Boston, (Eaton Line, 1630.) 12
March, 1842; d. 20 May, 1888.
Issue.
- a. Frank H. b. 1846; died 1853.
David married 2nd, Mrs. Hannah
Wright, 8 June, 1892.

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6. John b. 9 June 1821; d. 1893.

m. 1844 Millie Whitney of Harvard: Issue;—

a. Abbie, m. Albert Thomas
and resides in Worcester:

John m. 2nd in 1849 or '50 Eveline White, a descendant from Peregrine White and had

Josephine b. 1852.

Harry White b. 25 Dec., '61

Resides in Watertown: country place in Duxbury.

7. Rozalana, b. 10 May 1824: m.

Wm. Henry Dadnum of Harvard; 16 March, 1861.

8. Benj. Lyman Priest b. 13

Aug., 1826; resides at Duxbury with Harry Priest: m.

1849, Theresa Isabella Barker; children: —

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- a. Etta born 1850; adopted
by Benj. Lyman's sister
Rozalana.
 - b. Robert, b. 1852,
 - c. Lyman Hartwell, born
1855; d. March 1886,
6. Jabes, b. 10 Aug., 1788; m. 21
Dec., 1815, Sally Fairbanks and
had twelve children, several of
which died simultaneously. She
died 16 Nov., 1844., Issue.
- Margaret.
Gilman, m. in Worcester : d,
George.
- Martha A., b. Oct. 4 1816; m.
21 Jan., 1841, Moses Hall.
- Louisa H., b. —, 1824: died
30 Jan., 1848.
- Seraphina Y, b. ———m. John
Tenny of Acton, 17 June, 1851.

**DESCENDANTS OF HARRISON H.
PRIEST.**

Harrison H. Priest, son of Jabes and Sally Fairbanks Priest, was born in Harvard, Mass, March 8th, 1818. Was one of the founders of Chicago Board of Trade Chamber of Commerce. Was a great speculator and at one time very rich. He married Lydia Stevenson Burpee of Sterling Mass., 15 April, 1848; he died 21 Feb. 1878. She was living aged 73 in 1901. They had two children:—

1. George H. born June 1, 1855; m. Nellie A. Willard of Sterling, Mass, 29 May, 1877. Issue:—
 - i. Helen H, b. 39 July, 1880
 - ii. Lydia E. b. 9 Dec. 1883.
2. Mary F. b. 26 Oct. 1865. Never married.

7. Sylvester, seventh child of Phil-
emon Priest, b. 24 June. 1792, m.
Dec. 1819 Rebecca Fuller. Issue.
 1. Mary, b. 3. Jan., 1820; d.
11 Sept., 1828.
 2. George, b. 12 Apr., 1825; d.
8 Dec., 1828.
 3. Caroline A., b. 4 Decem-
ber, 1827; d. 27 Aug., '41
 4. Mary H., b. 19 July 1829;
d. 12 April, 1853; m. 3d
March, 1851, Asa Hall:
had a son 10 April, 1853,
who with his mother died
two days after.
 5. Thurston S. [Information
promised was not sent.] b.
29 Oct. 1831. and died in
1871. He married Mary
Ann Lee, and had Walter
T., who m. Jane Stimpson

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of Miles Standish line, who had Frederick Stimpson Priest. Sylvester's wife Rebecca d. 29 Dec. 1831, aged 35 years. He m. 2d, Cynthia Eaton, daughter of Capt. Timothy and Elizabeth Eaton, 23 Jan., 1833 and had: —

6. Charles Henry, b. 13 Oct. 1838; d. 6 Oct., 1839.

7. George Eaton, b. 30 Jan., 1842; d. 22 July, 1897.

Sylvester's wife, Cynthia Eaton Priest, d. 4. July, 1858, aged 60 years. He m. 3d, Hannah Fuller, 18 Sept., 1859. She d. July, 1891, aged 90 years. He d. 30 Jan., 1879, aged 87 years.

George Eaton Priest, b. 30 Jan., 1842; m. 30 Sept., 1866, Mary Wallace Whittier, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Norris) Morse

Whittier, Wm. Morse and Elizabeth, the witch, being the head of her line.

Capt. George Eaton Priest was a gallant soldier in the civil war; Commissioned 1st Lieutenant in Fifty-seventh Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers Participated in the engagements at Spotsylvania, the Wilderness, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Before Petersburg, in The Trenches, Crater, Weldon Road and at Poplar Grove Church. Discharged 17th Dec., 1864. Was a graduate (M. A.) of Harvard, 1862. He was a much respected citizen of Watertown, thoroughly a man of business and connected with every good work in the town. A bronze tablet in his memory has been placed in the Free Public Library.

The Children of George Eaton Priest were :—

1. George Wesley, b. 10 August, 1868; was educated in Watertown schools, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was a graduate from Harvard, 1891. October, 16 1900, he married Mabel Ella Langford, (see Rindge Branch.) daughter of State Representative, Hon. John T. Langford of Newton, Mass. Mr. Priest has spent much time in making research for Priest history and to him as well as his wife, the compiler of this book feels much indebted for valuable information.
2. Jessie Whittier, b. 27 August, 1870; died 29 Nov., 1874.
3. Benjamin Sidney, b. 4 March, 1872: was graduated from

Harvard, in 1891: engaged in
lumber business founded by
Sylvanus.

4. Mabel Eaton, b. 12 Nov., '75;
was a Radcliffe graduate '98.,
5. Winnifred Morse, b. 26 Dec ,
1883; d. 2 Oct., 1884.
8. Jonathan, b. 11 Sept., 1795; m. 8
April, 1834, Sophia Farwell; d.
in Harvard, Mass., 4th Nov.,
1848. She died 13 Sept., 1888.
Children;—

1. Elizabeth Priest, b. 26 April,
1836; d. in Harvard, 20 Apr.
1839.
2. John F. Priest, b. 19 Sept,
1838: d. in Harvard, March
11, 1873, aged 34 yrs., 6 mos.
3. Edward H. b. 18 July 1840;
d. 17 Aug., 1845.
4. Mary E., b. 17th March, 1843.
5. Caroline S. b. 26 Mar., 1845.
6. Henry A., b. 18 Aug., 1847;

JACOB. [V]

Jacob, son of John and Mary (Fairbank Priest, was born 15 Aug., 1757, and was baptized 9 April, 1758. We find his name as private on the muster roll of Col. John Whitcomb's Reg't of Minute men who marched on the alarm, April ye 19, 1775. In 1778, he was enrolled as private in the Second Worcester Reg't, which took part in the operations in Rhode Island, and served under Capt. Manasseh Sawyer. He first married Mary Stone, who died 7 Nov., 1791, aged 33

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years, 5 months and 19 days. The epitaph reads:—

“Death, thou hast conquered me !
I, by thy dart am slain ;
But Christ has conquered thee,
And I shall rise again.

January 1, 1793 he married Rhoda Warner. In 1801, he was made Justice of the Peace in the town of Harvard. His wife died 12 April, 1848, aged 84 years,

Children by wife Mary:—

1. Lydia, b. 29 Mar., 1783.
m, 17 May, 1808, Reuben Meeds.
2. Jacob, b. 12 June, 1785.
m. 19 May, 1808, Sally Houghton ; had
 - (a) Jacob, b. Mar, 1810,
 - (b) Sarah E., b. 23 Sep., 1811 ; m. 23 May,

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1844, Whitney Adams.

(c) Andrew, b. March,

1 1817,

3. Oliver, b. 1 Nov., 1791.,

d. 11 Dec., 1791.

Jacob m. 2nd, 1 Jan., 1793

Rhoda Warner, and had

4. Charles, b. 1 Dec. 1793

5. Zimri, 2 Jan. 1801.

In 1822, Zimri and his bass drum were enlisted into the Harvard Rifle Company.

Andrew Priest, son of Jacob and Sally, b. 1 March, 1817, d. 18 April, 1892, age 75 years; m. Sarah Ann——; had:—

1. Eliza R., b. 2 Feb., 1848; m. Edward A. Butters, 11 Apr., 1869.

2. Andrew F. b. 8 Dec, 1850,

3. Sarah E., b, 7 June 1853; d. 3d Sept. 1854.

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4. Benj. J., b. 20 March, 1855.
5. Henry L., b. 28 Dec., 1863. m. 7
Apr., 1889, Della A. Whitcomb.
6. Florence L., b. 28 Dec., 1863; m.
4 May, 1889, Frank A. Goodrich.
7. Emma F., b. 22 June, 1867.

The home of Benj. J. Priest in Harvard was a little west of the first John Priest garrison. Nourse says: "A very old building was torn down here after the present house was built by the father of the late owner, Andrew Priest. The second John Priest, after the death of his father in 1704 took wife Anna Houghton to a new house built near his brother Joseph's upon the inherited lands at the northern part of Bare Hill. After the death of Rachel, widow of the first John Priest, who survived her husband thirty-three years, the heirs transferred all their rights in the original Priest Homestead to Gabriel Priest and his descendants have ever since held title to it."

JOHN H. PRIEST.

John H. Priest born in Harvard, Mass., June 24th. 1784; died in Marlow, N. H., Aug. 16th, 1856, aged 72 years: he married Nabby Balcom, born in Bolton, Mass., Aug. 7, 1780; died in Marlow, N. H., Feb., 18, 1854, aged 73 years.

The children of John H. and Nabby were as follows:—

- 1 Sally B., b. in Alstead, N. H., Jan. 25, 1808; m. John Holmes: died in Enosburg, Vt.. 4 May 1862. Had three children.
2. Micah B., b. in Alstead, Jan. 8th, 1810: and died in Marlboro., Mass. 2 Dec., 1888. Had 11 children and

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only three living in 1901.

3. Silas Holman b. in Alstead, 22 Oct. 1811 : died in Southborough, Mass., 1847. Had one son.
4. Betty Cutter Priest b. in Alstead, 7 Sept 1813 : m. ——— Farr ; died in Nashua, N. H. May 1841. There was one child.
5. Anna b. in Alstead 5 June, 1815 ; m. ——— Leoder ; d. in Keene 3 Mar. 1854. Had one son, Henry.
6. Joseph H., b. in Alstead, 11 Dec., 1817 ; a physician, [the only professional man in family] died in Texas 11 Aug., 1892 : no children.
7. Hervey C., b. in Alstead, 20 Dec., 1819. d. in Marlow, N. H., 2 Dec., 1881 : three children living 1901 ; had George H., Sarah, Euginia, Ellen, Georgetta A., Marshall and Marselles, twins.

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8. Mary W., b. in Alstead, Nov. 25, 1821; m. ——— Rogers: died in Gardner, Mass. Had four children.
9. Harriet F., b. at Alstead, 16 July, 1825; m. ——— Holden; died in Westminster, Worcester Co., Mass, 14 April, 1888.
10. John Q. A. Priest, [a contractor, at Westboro, Mass.] b. at Alstead Jan. 2, 1827. No children: died in Worcester, Mass., 6th. Dec., 1900, while on a visit. Buried from home in Westboro, Dec. 9. Parkman Commandery, R. A. M. attended funeral services in a body. Rev. Henry S. Mitchell, pastor of Unitarian Church and intimate friend of the deceased conducted the services. Burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery. He was the last survivor of this sturdy New

England family of ten children. Of himself he could say as he often did of his brothers, "None of them ever used tobacco or spiritous liquors."

He married, 22 Sept. 1852, Sarah Elvira Cragin of Marlow, born in Rindge, 1 Oct., 1832,

CHILDREN OF MICAH.

Micah Priest was born at Alstead, N. H., in 1808, and died in Marlboro, Mass 1888. He married Esther A. Brown of Marlboro, who was born there in 1818; died there 1850. They had eleven children:—

1. Silas, unmarried: died aged 21.
2. John Edwin; m. Jane Brown of Westboro, Mass.
3. Julia Marie, m. Dr. Wm. Webster Claflin of Ashland and had two children.
4. Micah Augustus; married.
5. George Orville; married.
6. Mary Ellen, m. Gorham F. Smith of Marlboro; no children
7. S. Jennie, m. S. Foster Goss of Marlboro and had Gussie Marie.
8. Abbie A.

9. Frank Brown.
10. Carrie Ellsworth.
11. Fred A.

The last four died between 17 and 19 years of age.

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The sole surviving children of Major Zenas Priest late of Little Falls, N. Y., are Mrs. George Bertram, (Lucy), who resides with her son Frank in N. Y. City, and Darwin, who now resides at Waseca, Minn. Melville H. Priest, Assistant Freight Agent of N. Y. Central, R. R., is a son of a brother of Zenas Priest.



PART 4,



..Those who do not look upon themselves  
as a link connecting the past with the fu-  
ture do not perform their duty to the  
world."—DANIEL WEBSTER.



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DESCENDANTS  
OF  
**ABEL PRIEST**  
AND  
WIFE ZERVIAH.

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**ABEL AND ZERVIAH WHITCOMB  
PRIEST.**

Abel Priest was the sixth child of John and Mary (Fairbanks) Priest. For the high standing of her family see elsewhere in this book. His grandfather, Gabriel, was in King George's war and was early promoted from private to Corporal. In his day, it was the custom to assign seats at church "according to dignity," and we find that grandfather Gabriel was honored with the second (fore) seat below. Abel's great-grandfather was John of Woburn, who fought in the Narragansett war and



was in the memorable fight against King Philip, 19 Dec., 1675. This branch of the Priest family claim descent from the pilgrim, Degory Priest, who came over in the Mayflower, basing their claims on the careful researches of Gen. Kneeland, whose conclusions are to be found in this book, see Part I, pages lxiii—lxvii, and which are further substantiated by Connecticut reminiscence, see page lix.

Abel was born in Harvard, Mass. 20 April, [March] 1760. At the age of sixteen years, like father, grand-father and great-grand-father, he was imbued with military spirit, enlisted in the Revolutionary war and did good service at Bunker Hill, Lexington and other engagements. He married at Harvard, Mass., March 7, 1785, Zerviah Whitcomb, of same blood as Gen. John Whitcomb of historic fame. She was born March 11, 1769.



Gen. John Whitcomb was born in Lancaster, Mass., about 1720: was Colonel of Massachusetts troops in the campaign against Crown Point in 1755: led a regiment to Boston; after the Battle of Lexington was appointed Brigadier General by the Provincial Congress: was chosen to the same command on the Continental establishment, June 5, and was advanced to Major-general June 12 but soon retired owing to advanced age. Abel, and several other of Priest name served under John Whitcomb. Abel and his wife had children in Harvard as follows:—

1. Infant died 26 March 1787.
- 2 John, b. 10 June, 1789; died in Weare, N. H., about 1823.
3. Abel. b. 4 April, 1792; went from Weare N. H. to N. Y. State.
4. Asa, b. 16 March, 1795; moved to Bolton Landing, N. Y. taking pa-



rents, Abel and Zerviah, where they for a time resided.

5. Arad, b. 21 Feb., 1797; moved to N. Y. State from Weare, N. H.

6. Jasper, b. 17 June, 1805: moved to the West.

#### JOHN AND LYDIA.

John, born 10 June, 1788 moved to Oil Mill village, town of Weare, in 1805. He worked several years in the mills: married Lydia George, grand-daughter of Deacon James Emerson; he engaged in the lumber business on the Merrimack river and died of rupture 29 Oct., 1823, and was taken to Emerson's cemetery on a bier carried by sixteen bearers.

James, son of John and Lydia Priest, born in Weare N. H. 8 April, 1813. Died at Derry N. H. 28 June, 1892. He was a hatter by trade and bought out his employer's business in 1832: was member of



Goffstown Light Infantry for fourteen years: was for some time an officer in Weare Rifle Co.: was wood agent for the railroad at time of its opening, and had charge of Oil Mill Station: in 1856 he moved to Derry where he was station-agent for thirty years; he was for eight years post master at Oil Mill and nine at Derry: he was express agent and telegraph operator; at the close of the thirty years' service for the Manchester and Lawrence R. R., in recognition of Mr. Priest's faithful services, and as a token of respect and esteem, Hill & Co's Express company presented him with a valuable gold headed, ebony cane. The head of the cane was elegant in design, bearing the following inscription.

PRESENTED  
TO  
HON. JAMES PRIEST,  
1856—EXPRESS—1886.  
AGENT.  
HILL & CO.



Mr. Priest was instrumental in establishing the post offices at both Oil Mill and Derry Depot: he was politically a Democrat; he wrote many political articles for the press and some of his suggestions in relation to the amendments to the State Constitution were adopted. ; he also wrote a large part of Weare History. In Weare he served at Select-man; in Derry he was twice (in 1874 and 1875) elected to the State Senate from his district: he was Justice of the Peace above forty years: he was director of Derry building association and one of the board of fire-wards: for a long time was member of Masonic fraternity. He married, 1st, Sarah F. Richards of Goffstown., 1 Jan. 1835: 2nd, Lurinda, daughter of Christopher Simons, of Weare, and Nancy Locke of Deering, 4 April. 1838; 3d, m, Irene Locke of Deering, Aug. 3 1839. By his second wife



had one child, Lurinda, b. 3 Sept, 1838.  
died 7 Nov. 1896; m.— —, John K.  
Wilson of Manchester. By second wife,  
he had five children;—

- 1 Lydia Ann, b. 10 Oct., 1840.
- 2 Addie S., b. 2 Oct., 1842; m. J.  
Milton Young of Haverhill. Mass,  
Mar. 6th. 1873.
3. Lucy Jane, b. 2 Sept., 1844; m. 22  
Sept., 1870, Nathaniel B. Couch,  
of Chester, N. H. Children :—
  - i. John S. b. Jan. 28, 1872 :  
Captain of fire company  
at Worcester, Mass,
  - ii. Albert P. b. 8 Oct., 1873
  - iii. James F. b. July, 20, 1882
4. George F. Priest, born 28 Novem-  
ber 1846; m. Oct.. 6. 1874, Mary Eliz-  
abeth Wyllie; died 24 May, 1897,  
Children :—
  - i. James Henry, b. 28 Jan.,  
1883.



ii. Geo. W., b. 6 Dec., 1884.

On Oct 5, 1898 Geo. F. Priest married Dora P. Whittier of Raymond, N. H.

George F. Priest was but a boy when his parents removed from Weare to Derry where he was reared and educated. As soon as old enough, he began Railroad-ing, and on his father's resignation as station agent at Derry, he was appointed and served under the Manchester & Lawrence and Boston & Maine systems until 1888, when he gave up his position in the employ of the railway company and started in the coal business to which he gave careful attention, winning the confidence of the public and met with eminent success, in building up an extensive and profitable trade. He is a Democrat in politics, and for two years served faithfully the town of Derry as Select man and in 1893 and 1894 was elected to repre-



sent the town in the State Legislature. He is active and prominent in the social circles and belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellow Orders of Derry, and of the Eastern Star.

5. John H., born Feb. 15, 1851; died July 17, 1878; he early learned of his father, in the railway station the art of telegraphing and all of the details of the express and freight business. Beginning in 1871, he was employed for five successive seasons by the Mount Washington, R. R. in capacity of conductor, station agent and Assistant Manager; in the winter of 1875-6, he was cashier of the Hamilton Hotel on one of the Bermuda Islands.

Mr. Priest was a member of St. Mark's Lodge of Masons, in Derry and of the Chapter in Lisbon. He died suddenly on July 17, 1878, and was buried with Masonic honors. He was dignified in bearing



kind and genial, liberal in sentiment and to do good was his religion.

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DESCENDANTS OF ASA AND MARTHA.

Asa Priest, born March 16, 1795, was fourth child of Abel and Zerviah (Whitcomb) Priest. Resided in Harvard, Mass. until 1818, when he went to Weare, N. H. From Weare, with other members of the family, he went to Bolton's Landing, in N. Y. State, where he remained for a short time. He was a man of commanding presence, and was imbued with the military spirit of his ancestors: viz., his father in the Revolution; his grandfather and great-grandfather being in the French and Indian war, and his great-great grand father, who went to battle against King Philip. Too young to enter the war of 1812, there was no chance to display deeds of valour until the time of the



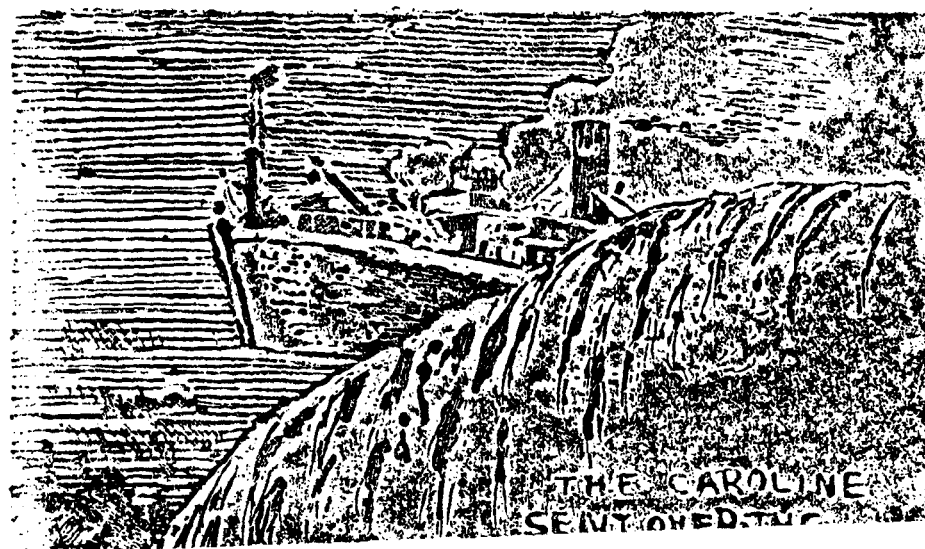
Canadian Rebellion in 1837-8. The terrible scenes incident to this insurrection have been vividly depicted by an eye-witness. [See "Canada in 1837-8, by E. A. Theller, Brigadier-general in the Canadian Republic service."] While these exciting scenes were being enacted in Canada, the population of the frontier states of the United States were not silent and listless spectators. Every day the papers teemed with the intelligence, and prayers of a people, descendants of those who, in the revolution of 1776, had like them struggled and suffered. Meetings were called, and resolutions were offered couched in manly language, dignity and force, expressive of their sympathy and their hopes for success of another "American experiment" of self-government. To the frontier towns of the western New York, toward which Asa Priest had now



drifted, is to be conceded the palm in the early encouragement of the Canadians.

In Middleburg, Burlington, in St. Albans, Buffalo, Albany, Auburn, Troy, Rochester, and many other New York towns meetings were held in favor of the patriot cause. Volunteer companies were organized, and among the first to enroll was Asa Priest and he was soon under the command of Rensselaer Van Rensselaer of Albany, the military commander that had been appointed by the provincial government. The place of rendezvous was Navy Island just above the cataract of Niagara falls. Asa Priest was a witness to the brutal destruction of the steamer, "Caroline," which was running between this island and the mainland. Twenty-three persons besides ten of the crew, one night were sleeping on board, with the American flag flying above them when











fifty men of the British force, began an indiscriminate slaughter on its undressed, unprepared and unarmed occupants and crew. Six were killed and others were wounded. The ill fated vessel, with the bodies of dead wounded and unharmed, was towed into the stream by the enemy, and set on fire. The blaze of the burning timbers apprized the occupants of Navy Island of the deed; the thrilling cry of the living souls on board, with the wails of the dying, as the burning vessel glided down the restless rapids, with the thunder of the tremendous cataract, more awfully distinct in the still midnight hour, horrified the mind of every spectator, as they watched their fellow-beings hopeless before their eyes, by the double horrors of a fate inevitable, that no effort of theirs could avert. They watched with agonized attention the flaming mass, until



it was hurried over the falls, to be crushed in the everlasting darkness of the unfathomed tomb of the waters below.

Soon after this while diplomatic correspondence was in progress between the United States and Great Britain concerning the action of United States citizens in aiding the insurrectionists, an appeal was made to loyal citizens to remain at home. Many, who had been at the rendezvous with Rensellaer Van Rensellaer returned to their homes and Asa Priest, who, by the way, was a Universalist minister and school teacher, returned to his family in Auburn. But the appeals for neutrality were soon drowned by the clamors of the so called patriots. At Auburn a secret lodge had been formed consisting of upwards of seven hundred persons in favor of freeing Canada, of which Asa Priest was one. Oct. 1838, nine months



after the destruction of the "Caroline" the militant members of the Auburn lodge, to the number of 41 or 42 men made ready to leave home, work and families to invade a friendly country. To this company Asa Priest attached himself. He left an interesting family of six. He had married a well-to-do widow with two small boys: the fruit of this second union had been two sons and a daughter. The Auburn contingent went to Syracuse on November 1st. 1838, by the horse-cars that ante-dated steam propulsion. From Syracuse they went to Oswego, where they lingered four or five days; thence went to Cape Vincent, the water trip being made in the two schooners, the Big and Little Vincent. They tarried at Cape Vincent about five days until arrival of the United States, which was the largest lake steamer plying the American waters. It had been seized by force by the



filibusters at Rochester or some where along the line. According to the report of a writer to the British Consul in New York, the capture was effected as follows.

“Previous to the sailing of the “United States”, for a few days upwards of a hundred fine fellows, strangers, who seemed to have no occupation, but who behaved with great propriety had been in the vicinity; their appearance respectable, and some of them evidently gentlemen. These, says the consul's correspondent, took passage in her, and 150 more of the same class of people. The latter appeared as the United States gave notice of sailing like Rhoderick Phu's men, at the sound of the whistle, in the glens.

The two schooners [before spoken of] were next seen by the United States, lying in the river St Lawrence; where Capt. Van Cleve, of the boat, was applied to by a passenger of respectable ap-



pearance, to take them in tow; saying, they were loaded with merchandise for Ogdensburg, which he was desirous of getting into port next morning. This request was assented to, and one of them lashed to each side of the steamboat. The boxes and barrels on their decks, with just men enough in sight to navigate them, exhibiting no evidence of their being any other than that represented by the passenger making the contract. However the captain of the boat was soon undeceived, by the armed men climbing from the schooner, on to his boat, to the number of some two hundred. When in the vicinity of Morriston the "patriots" made a transfer of over a hundred passengers from the steamboat, unfastened their vessels and were next morning at anchor in the river near Prescott, filled with armed men, numbering 770."



On Sunday the officers of the Canadian militia, who were in the plot came over to the American side and consulted with Gen. Burdge, who headed the filibuster movement and was among those on board the United States. The Canadians agreed if the Americans came across in large numbers next day, (2200 was the invading force agreed upon and promised,) to join in the assault upon the red-coats.

Gen. Burdge early Monday morning ordered the brave Polish colonel, Von Schoultz, who was in command of the men on the schooners to cross and make landing at The Windmill, now the lighthouse opposite Ogdensburg. This was done, but Burdge either was, or feigned sickness on board ship leaving his men without a leader. On Tuesday the main battle of 6 1-2 hours was fought 180 Americans against 1400 redcoats and Cana-



dian militia. The former occupied the windmill and the cover of such small houses as were there. The invaders lost 7 killed and 14 wounded and held their fort: the invaded lost 200 or 300 in killed and wounded, and retreated to the hill. Says an eye witness to the fighting of the patriots: "A line of fire blazed along the summit of the hill, in the rear of the wind mill, for about eighty or hundred rods, and the crack of the rifle and the musket made one continuous roar. The scene was one of most intense excitement and solicitude; men, full of high hopes and ardent expectations, were falling, fighting for freedom." On Wednesday the resisting force increased steadily until by Friday noon 4,000 or 5,000 confronted the little band of visitors, whose retreat was cut off; a flag of truce prevailed. Surrender was made on Friday evening and



the Yankees, including Asa Priest, were marched into Fort Henry, Kingston.

Says Theller: "The prisoners were tied in pairs, driven through the illuminated streets amidst the hurrahs, jeers, and pelting of the mob populace."

Some were confined there five months before trial. During their confinement, they learned that the Canadian militia had not dared join such a startlingly meagre invading force, had been compelled to join the assault by the red coat regulars but had steadily fired high over the Americans as the slight loss verified.

E. Price Senter, now (1901) of Auburn, N. Y. and Asa Priest, slept each rolled in his blanket on a straw tick from Kingston jail, all winter. Mr. Senter remembers his fellow prisoner as a cultured, reticent, unobtrusive man, quiet,



self-centered and well poised. He indulged in no idle regrets or vain grief. He was cheerful and courteous, but sought no intimacies." Speaking of the prisoners in general Theller says:—"Lawyers, notaries, priests, seigneurs. and other wealthy landed proprietors, as well as the mechanic and farmer, filled the list: they were all men of intelligence, wealth and respectability."

Late in March or early in April 1839 a military court of twelve regular British officers was held at Fort Henry, Before this stern tribunal the prisoners were led in squads of 12. Asa Priest pleaded not guilty to the charges as formulated and read; but was found guilty and sentenced to exile in Van Dieman's Land for life. Some were shot or hung; some were given shorter terms of exile. The banished suffered great hardships on the way to



Montreal, where some were thrown into a cold dungeon, while their clothing was still ice covered : they nearly perished of cold ; they were not allowed to leave the dungeon even at nature's call and the filth made life wretched ; the little food they had was thrown in as if to dogs. [Theller.

From Montreal Asa Priest was taken to Liverpool. In the latter city a review of the trial was had and its results approved and confirmed. He died before he reached the land to which he was banished and his body was dropped into the ocean.

His wife back in Auburn, distraught by the terrible fate, which so speedily overtook his lofty venture into country-conquering, soon lost the competence which should have schooled and embarked her young children and they were forced into premature endeavors to preserve a home for her.



Asa Priest married on Jan. 19, 1824, Martha Tuttle, b. 1 Aug., 1796. They had three children, viz ; Martha Elizabeth, Asa, and John Whitcomb.

## MARTHA AND REUBEN,

- i. Martha Elizabeth, b. 21 Feb. 1825. d. 23 Aug., 1896; m. 10 Aug., 1848 Reuben Parish, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Henry W. Parker, who to this day felicitates the occasion of uniting a Parish with a Priest. Children :—

- i. Mary A., b. 6 Aug., 1850: d. 31 July, 1871.

- ii. John L., b. 5. Apr., 1858; m. 8 Sept., 1872, Deborah E. Washburn, and had—

- (a) Ernest J., born 8 July, 1874.

- (b) Reuben A., born Dec., 6, 1876.

John L. Parish was of firm of



Parish, Gibbs, & Co. His son, E. J. Parish is a member of the firm, which is located at New London, Ohio.

## ASA, SON OF ASA.

2. Asa, born 20 June. 1827, married 11 July 1847 Mary Ann Webster, of Auburn, N. Y. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. P. Bragdon. She proudly traced her lineage to the branch from which Daniel Webster sprang. Her father, Milo Webster, of Saratoga, originally, but a pioneer settler of Hardenburg's Corners, (now Auburn), was a drum-major in the war of 1812-14: his wife was an Adams of New England. She was mother of five boys, all of whom were in the civil war; and of five daughters of which Mary was



the last survivor. Asa and Mary desiring a change went to Eagle's Nest, Kanawha Valley, near to Chareston, Va. from Auburn, N. Y. in 1855: and returned in 1860 just prior to the war. It was for his too plainly spoken Union sentiments, and for raising the stars and stripes on a Fourth of July, that it was plainly intimated to him, by some friendly slaveholding planter neighbors, that he would soon feel more at home back in the North from whence he came. It was daily made more apparent that they spoke truly and his return to Auburn antedated the Sumter episode but a few months.

Just after the outbreak of the Rebellion in 1861, Asa Priest removed to Ithaca from Auburn and engaged in business. Unable to withstand longer



the call of his country or restrain his own desires, he joined with Capt. David A. Signor, Oct 1863, in recruiting a company of cavalry for the 21st Regt., N. Y. Volunteers, in which he was to be a lieutenant. The high bounties offered at this time made the work of recruiting a rapid one, and yielding to the pressing desires of his friends, he withdrew from Signor's cavalry company and Dec. 2nd 1863, began enlisting men for the Fifth Foster (Heavy) Artillery, N. Y. Vols, Col. J. J. Morrison commanding. This was the regiment which had been raised in N. Y. city, but by the fate of war had its ranks decimated severely. Hence Lieut. Col. J. H. Ammer was made Government recruiting officer at Auburn for the purpose of swelling its numbers. It was by the desire of authority and order of the latter office that the raising of the ill-fated com-



pany was raised at Ithaca. As fast men were enlisted they were sent to Owego for examination and thence to the rendezvous at Elmira for muster and from there in squads to Yorktown, Pa. to join their regiment. Having obtained his complement of men Capt. Priest received a certificate of the fact from Maj. A. S. Diven of Elmira, Supt. of the Volunteer Recruiting Service and went to Albany, and upon examination of his papers by Governor Seymour, he counselled the immediate issuance of an order for the muster of officers with Asa Priest as Captain. When Capt. Priest reached the front, he found that his men were being drawn into other regiments. He made endeavor to gather his scattered men into the 111th Regt. Infantry. The autocrat, Gen. Butler learning his intent to withdraw from his division resented it and



made overtures toward incarcerating him on some trivial charge. Capt. Priest learning his intent, escaped, in uniform, and without pass went to Washington, undetected on board a boat conveying Confederate prisoners. He laid his case before the high authorities being supported by influential civilians and officers of high rank, but Gen Butler was more powerful than they all. Capt. Priest found his purpose defeated, but was honored with passes to the front where his men were as the scattered leaves; some singly, others were fortunately in groups. He found them in hospitals at Worcester, Va., and in cook houses at Harper's Ferry. All hope of reorganization was at an end.

In 1868, Capt. Priest removed from Ithaca to Auburn where he died in 1887.

Children . —





**GEORGE EUGENE PRIEST**







- i. George E., b. June 25, 1848.
- ii. Julia Eveline b. July 29, 1850,  
died——
- iii. Mary Virginia, b. Sept. 30,  
1852. Died in State of Vir-  
ginia, Sept. 1, 1854.
- iv. William Edgar, b. Dec. 4,  
1866: died Dec. 10, 1869,

George E. Priest, Chairman of the Board of Tax Commissioners of the State of New York, was born in Auburn, New York, June 25th, 1848. He was the 7th generation from John of Woburn, [1] who fought in the King Philip war, married Rachael Garfield and had Gabriel [2] who was a Corporal in the King George war, who had John [3] born 1717, married Mary Fairbanks, whose father was the first chosen in his town to be a Representative to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts. Their



sixth child was Abel [4], born March 20, 1760, who entered the Revolutionary war at the age of 16, and married Zerviah Whitcomb in line of Gen. John Whitcomb of historic fame. They had Asa, [5] born March 16, 1795, who joined with the "patriots" of the Canadian Rebellion. By wife Martha Tuttle had Asa [6], born 20 June, 1827, who was Captain in Civil war; m. Mary A. Webster, who had five brothers in Civil war. Daniel Webster lineage, and New England Adams family. They had George E. Priest as related before. He married 22 Oct, 1865, Amelia Eliza Burritt, daughter of Joseph and Lucinda Burritt; b. 24 of Jan., 1848, being seventh generation from William of Glamorganshire, Wales..

Children:—

- (a) Louise V., b. in Ithaca, N. Y., 1 Sept., 1867: m.





**AMELIA BURRITT PRIEST**







22 March, 1887 E. E. Ingalls, of Ithaca; and resided both in Syracuse and Ithaca; he employed in the office of the Ithaca Journal.

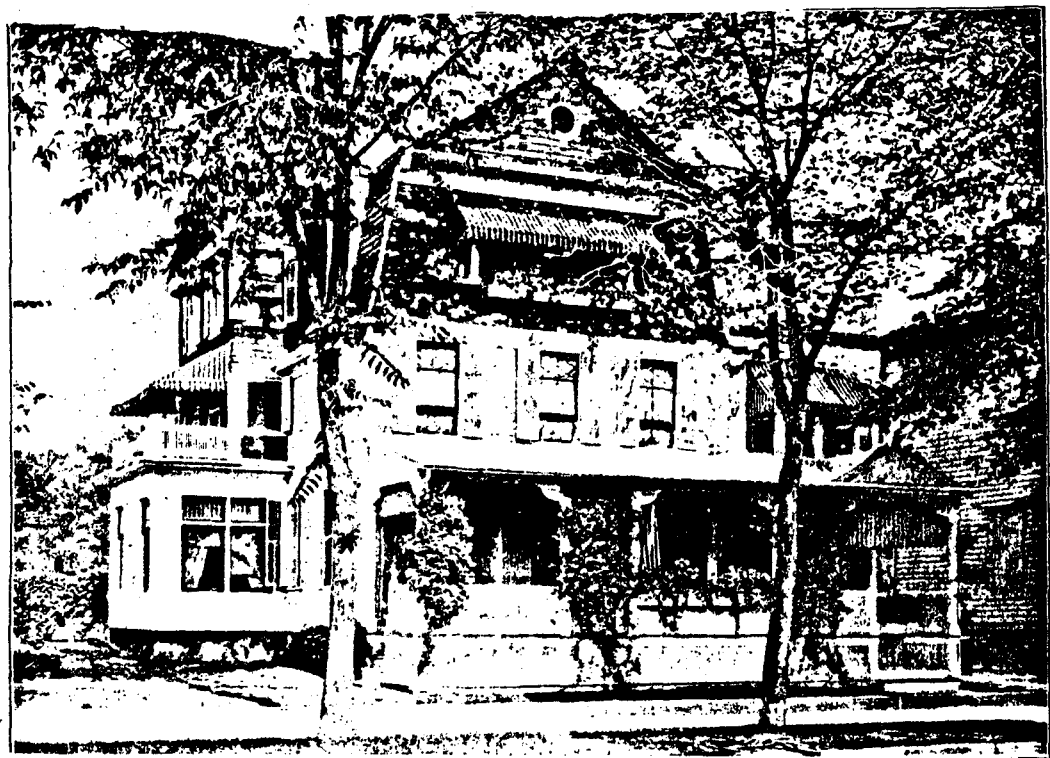
(b.) Jessie E. [artist; also writer of Society Notes for Ithaca Journal.] born at Ithaca, 2 Jan., 1870: m. 8 April, 1890, William T. Armstrong of Mont Vernon, N. Y. he was on editorial staff of Ithaca Daily Journal. Correspondent of N. Y. Sun, and other Metropolitan papers.

(c) Maud Winifred, born at Ithaca, 1 Sept., 1877



George E. Priest was educated in the schools of Auburn and Ithaca. In the latter city he energetically pursued the study of law until his public life really began by the acceptance of a Custom House position in the city of New York.; for nearly a half decade he acceptably filled that position. A keen observer of affairs and a fluent writer it was but natural that he should drift toward journalism. The Ithaca Journal, the leading paper in Tompkins County, N. Y., gave the opportunity. Later when the Ithaca Journal Association was formed, Mr. Priest became an officer and stockholder. This was in 1877. In course of time Mr. Priest and C. M. Benjamin became the sole owners of the Journal, Mr. Priest becoming editor-in-chief, Mr. Benjamin business manager, Mr. Priest being an uncompromising Republican in politics, did valiant work for











party through the columns of his paper the influence of his facile pen extending far beyond the limits of Tompkins County.

Recognizing the value of Mr Priest's labors for his party, with the warmest endorsement of his constituents, Governor Roosevelt appointed Mr. Priest as one of the Tax Commissioners of the State of New York. His co-laborers in office recognizing his executive ability made him Chairman of the Board. Mr. Priest is prominent in Masouic circles as are many others of his name.

JOHN WHITCOMB PRIEST,

3. John Whitcomb Priest was born in Caldwell, N. Y., 29 May, 1831. He married at the Lake House, in Fleming, Cayuga County, N. Y., on 25 July, 1852. Mary jane Smith, who was born at Auburn, N. Y., March 28, 1835, daughter of Parson Bar-



tholomew Smith, and Phoebe Baldwin, who came from New Jersey to Cayuga County prior to 1818,

- i. Mary Adelaide, b. in Auburn, N. Y., 3 Feb., 1854; was graduated from Auburn High School in 1875; was teacher in this country for two years; and was then accepted as a Missionary by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church to open their work at Hakodate, North Japan; sailed from San Francisco in September, 1878. On account of complete prostration of nervous system induced by climatic conditions and overwork, she was obliged to return to this country in 1880. Since returning she has held the position of District



Secretary, under the New York Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

- ii. Martha Jane, born in Bath, N. Y., 12 Feb., 1857 : m. 13 Jan'y, 1880, in Auburn, Frank E. Van Duyne. Child :—

Fred H., b. ———1886.

- iii. John Edgar Priest, b. in Bath, 29 May, 1860 : m. in Canandaigua Cornelia Maggs, March 20, 1888. Children :—

Hannah, Maggs. b. 22 July, 1893.

Helen Marion, b. Oct. 24, 1896.

- iv. Emma Olive, b. at Bath, June 10, 1863 ; m. in Auburn, Aug. 10, 1880. Edward Thomas and resides in Canandaigua, N. Y. Children :—



## ABEL AND ZERVIAH.

(a) Florence Adele, b. May  
5, 1881.

(b) Lillian Orena, b. Mar 24  
1885.

(c) Claude William, b. Mar.  
23, 1887.

(d) Frank Milville, b. July 3,  
1889.

(e) Edward Leigh b. Apr.,  
22, 1892.

(f) Willis Whitcom b, 30 July  
1894.

(g) Phoebe Pearl. b. Mar.  
1898.

Family reside in Canandaigua.

v. Anna Adele, b. at Bath, March  
17, 1867: m. in Canandaigua.

16 Oct., 1890, Jewett Canfield:

Reside in Canandaigua. Child.

Ardus Vilroy, b. Feb., 1892



vi Asa Beaumont, born in Auburn 16 Oct., 1870; m. 11 Oct., 1898, Helen Inscho Pier, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Elmina Pier of Corning, N. Y. He was educated at Cornell University, and graduated from the Law School in 1895. Asa B. Priest when in college was one of the fastest pitchers Cornell ever had. He was a source of grief to Princeton, Pennsylvania and other big universities on many a baseball field. Mr. Priest is now a prosperous lawyer in Canandaigua, N. Y.







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DESCENDANTS  
OF  
**GABRIEL PRIEST,**  
(Born 1720)  
AND  
WIFE SARAH.

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I. JOHN, of Woburn.

II. GABRIEL, born 1690.

III. GABRIEL, born, 17 June, 1720 : d.  
20 March, 1781 ; burried in North-  
field, Mass. m. Sarah——; born  
20 June, 1727 ; died 14 Sept., 1805.

Issue: —

1. Sarah, b. 25 March, 1751 ; d. Dec.,  
31, 1756.

2. Jonatban, b. 7 July, 1754 ; d. Oct.,  
19, 1777.

3. Olive, b. 8 May, 1755 ; d. 7. Jan.  
1757.

4. Gabriel, b. 24 Jan., 1757 ; d. Jan.,  
5, 1762.

5. Holman, b. 3 Oct., 1758 ; m. Apr.,  
20, 1773, Prudence Sawyer.



Silas was the 1st child of  
Holman and Prudence,  
See page 8.

6. Sarah, b. 12 April. 1761; m. Samuel Barnum. 15 Nov., 1798.
7. Olive, b., 6 Sept., 1764; m. Jan., 1788, Thomas Sawyer.
8. Calvin, b. 9. Apr., 1771; m. Oct., 6., 1798, Susanna Weston.
9. Luther, b. 27 Sept. 1772; d. Jan. 12, 1829; m. Asenath Bruce.
10. Silas, b. 6 Aug.. 1774; m. Persis Barnes, 27 May. 1802: Children: Rufus, b, 1803: m. Lydia Brigham; d. in Sterling: they had Silas, Ira. Angeline, Lewis and Mary: all died early except Angeline; she m. Silas Boynton; Ira. b. 21 Sept., 1806, d. Oct., 10. 1807, Silas, Sr. d., 1807: His widow m. Peletiah Jones of Berlin.



### CALVIN AND SUSANNA.

Calvin Priest born 9 April, 1771, son of Gabriel and Sarah, died Dec. 9., 1855 aged 84 years. He married 6 Oct. 1798 Susanna Weston of Athol, Mass., born 13 Sept., 1792; died 22 Oct., 1852, aged 80 years. Their children were:—

1. Josiah Willard Priest, born 25 May 1802; d. 4 July, 1860, aged 58 years m. Elizabeth Sweetzer, of Wendell Mass, who died 21 Oct., 1845, aged 39 years: they resided at Belcher town. Mass. Children:—

i. Josiah Randolph. b. 28 April 1829; d. 28 Sept., 1853. aged 24 years.



- ii. Henry Calvin, born 25 Nov., 1830; m. 21 Feb., 1855. L. Imogene Brown. They live in Alton, Ill.
- iii. Nathan Sweetser. b. 27 Aug., 1836; d. 2 Oct., 1859. Age 24.
- iv. Placenta English, b. 15 Sept., 1839; d. 28 March, 1890. age 50 years; m. Ira Crawford, 5 Nov., 1860, b. 28 Nov., 1830.

Children :—

- (a) Issac Franklin Crawford b. 1 Nov., '61. Rushford, N.Y
- (b) James Seth b. 16 May, 1863  
Freedom, New York.
- (c) Alice Jane b. 21 Oct., 1865.
- (d) John Welsh, 2. April, 1868.  
m. 10 Oct. 1895. Rosalie  
Ball of San Luis, Colorado.  
Issue. William, b. 12 Aug.  
1896.



**CALVIN AND SUSANNA.**

(e) William Nathan. b. 5th Jan.  
1871, at Freedom.

(f) Samuel Bowden, b. 9 Mar.  
1874, at Laverne, Minn.

(g) James Renwick, b. 29 Mar  
1877.

(h) Mary Laura b. 11 August  
1879, Beaver Creek, Minn

(i) Ira b. 8 Sept., 1881.

(j) Philip Melanchthon, 5 Dec.  
1882.

v. Willard Erving b. 23 Sept, 1842.

vi. William Avery, b. 18 Sept., 1844  
m. 28 Nov., 1882, Nancy S  
Holden, of Northfield, Mass.

2. Calvin b. 13 Nov., 1804; d. 1879  
aged 75 years: m. 27 Dec., 1825  
Clymenia A. Gould, b. in Bar-  
nardston, Mass. d. 28 Nov., 1874  
aged 71 years; resided in Erving  
Mass; Children:—

i. William Weston, b. 19 Oct.,



1826: unmarried.

ii. Delia Ann b. 20 Aug., 1828 :  
m. Albert D. Stearns of  
Northfield, Mass.

iii. Newton Emerson b. 8 March,  
1830 ; m. 6. Nov., 1854, Mary  
M. Houghton of Putney, Vt.  
Resided in Melrose, Florida ;  
Their children died in infancy.

iv. Sarah Minerva, b. 23 April,  
1834 ; m. 1 1858, Albert D.  
Stearns, who by her sister,  
Delia Ann, he had Delia  
Minerva, b. 7 Mar., 1854 ;  
d. 7 Aug., 1889 ; he died  
24 Dec. 1898 ; she then  
m. Samuel H. Sawyer of  
Sterling, Mass. By wife  
Sarah Minerva, Albert D.  
had Mary Priest Stearns' b.  
15 Sep., 1859 ; d. 12 June,



CALVIN AND SUSANNA.

1892, aged 33 yrs: m. Gamaliel W. Beaman, 22 Oct. 1885. resided in Boston.—

They had (a) Madeline Be Beaman, b. 16 July, 1866 (b) Helen Louise, b. Aug 25, 1890; d. Oct., 1890.

George Albert Stearns, b. 11 July, 1862, E. Lizzie Field, of Winchester, N. H. in 1864; d. 1 July, 1898 aged 34 years. Their children were Pearl Minerva, b. 1886; Effie Delia, b. 1889.

3. Avery b. 25 May, 1809; d. 9 Feb. 1866, aged 56 years; m. 3d. Oct., 1839; Elvira Field of Northfield, Mass., b. 28 Dec., 1808; d. 25 Oct., 1889, aged 81 years. Lived in Erving, Mass.



### HOLMAN AND PRUDENCE.

Holman, b. 3 Oct. 1756, married Prudence Sawyer and resided in Berlin.

1. Prudence, b. 12 Oct., 1785; died, 7 April, 1854; married John Bruce, of Berlin, who was born 15 May, 1781 and died 29 April, 1865; their children were all born in Berlin. From there the family moved to West Boylston, Mass. in 1826, where they died. He was town Moderator in 1847, and Selectman in 1814, —'16, —'20, —'22—'24, also '40 and '41.

Children:—

- i. Eusebia Bruce., 23 Dec., 1806;  
Married in Berlin, Mass., Wm.  
Jones, b. in Waterford, Me., 29  
Sept., 1799; d. 4 Jan., 1849, in  
Berlin: she died at her daughter



Eliza's in Clinton, Mass. He was Representative to the General Court of the State of Mass., in 1840, '41-'42. Children:—

(a) George W. Jones b. 4 Aug., 1827; died young.

(b) Wallace W. b. 26 June, '29: m. 7 July, 1857, Julia A. Noyes, b. in Templeton Me., 8 Feb., 1836; he was Sergeant in Civil war, 13th Regt. Me Vols. Children:—

William Edward Jones of Conway, N. H.; b. 23 Mar. 1860, at Wilton, Me. m. 20 June, 1880, Isadora Lovell b. 12 Feb., 1862 in Waldrich, Me. Children:—

Percy E., b. 18 Feb., 1882 at Wilton, Me.



Leroy L. b. 29 May, 1885  
at Conway, N. H.

(c) Eliza M., b. 12 Dec., 1832 ;  
m. 1 May, 1855, William Ira  
Babcock, b. 21 July 1829, at  
Berlin : resided there several  
years and moved to Clinton,  
Mass : at Worcester, 1900.

Children b. at Berlin :—

i. Herbert Ira Babcock. b.  
29 July, 1859 ; d. Sept.,  
13, 1864.

ii. Frank Everett, b. 11 May,  
1861 : m. 10 Sept., 1884.  
Abbie E. Wright at Clin-  
ton, Mass. Children :—

Chester Ira, b. 20 May,  
1887.

Willie Herbert, b. 12  
Nov., 1890.



**HOLMAN AND PRUDENCE.     11**

**Arthur French, b. May  
11, 1893.**

**Olive English, b. Sep.  
6, 1895.**

**Easter Mercy, b. Apr.  
6, 1897.**

**John Titus. b. Aug.. 7  
1899,**

- iii. **Lester Herbert, b. 1  
Nov., 1865: m. 8 Feb.,  
1888, in Clinton, Mary F.  
Shepley, b. 16 Aug., '67  
d. 4 June, 1900. Issue.—  
Harold Lester, b. 11th  
Feb., 1889.  
Alice Marion, b. Mar..  
22, 1891.  
Gladys, b. 9 July, 1894  
Ruth Evelyn b. June  
26, 1896.**



Eunice Alma, b. Mar.,

23, 1900

(d) Silas Everett Jones, b. Nov.

18, 1836; m. 2 Jan., 1869,

Sarah L. Sawyer, of Berlin

b. 6 April, 1843; settled in

Westboro. Children:—

i. Grace E., 4 Mar. 1870

ii. Willie E., b. 27 Aug.

1872.

iii. George I. b. 21 Sept.

1875.

iv. Alice L., b. 23, Jan.,

1879.

(e) Prudence Ella Jones, b. 6

Nov., 1842; d. 18 May '98;

m. 4 Nov., 1862, James G.

Smith of Berlin. Settled af-

ter marriage at Nelson N.

H., where their child Liz-

zie E. was b. 10 May 1864.



They moved to Lawrence,  
where Lizzie married March  
20, 1892, Edwin Lock, b. in  
Lancaster, 10 Aug., 1857.

- ii. Persis Bruce b. 11 Oct., 1808; d. 18  
Feb. 1873; m. James Wilson, b. 4th  
Sept., 1807. Children b. in North-  
Mass.—

- i. Olive M., b. 12 Mar., 18 4; d.  
1874; m. Aurelius Brigham of  
West Boylston, Mass. They  
removed to Sterling, where both  
died. Children:—

(a) Edith; died young.

(b) Edwin.

(c) Albert.

(d) William.

(e) Hattie.—

Harriet, b. 26 Jan., 1836;

d. 6. Oct., 1836,

Harriet, b. 10 Feb. 1838;



m. 1876, Edward Scollay ;

No children.

Lucretia, b.—; d.—aged,  
14 years.

Watson W., b. 1842 ; enlisted  
in Co. I. 36 Regt. Mass.

Vols. 27 August, 1862 : d.  
in Washington, Aug. 14,  
1864, of wounds received at  
Petersburg, June 18th.

James Mirrick, b. 1 Apr., '44.

m. 11 June, 1872. Harriet  
Holbrook of Upton, Mass, b  
5 Aug., 1843. Had one child,  
Mary Eliza, b. 11 June, '79:  
He was in 34 Mass. Vols.,  
and served three years.

iii. Olive M. Bruce, b. 4 April, 1810 ; m.

—Farnsworth and died soon after.

iv. Silas Priest Bruce, b. 3 Dec., 1811 :

d. 14 June, 1890: m. Persis L. Fair-



banks, b 30 June, 1817 : d. 7 May, 1879. Resided in West Boylston, Mass. Children :—

George Manley, b. 20 Sept., 1844  
d. 20 Feb., 1846.

William Mirrick, b. 7 Aug., 1838 ;  
m. 1st May 9, 1861. Sarah Sturte-  
vant of West Boylston : b. 5 Nov.  
1839 ; d. 3 Sept., 1864 ; Children.

Mary Elizabeth b. 8 Oct., 1862 :  
died 23 Oct., 1862.

Sarah Sturtevant, born Oct. 27,  
1863 : d. Jan., 4, 1864.

He m. 2nd, Eliza Tilton of West  
Boylston, b. 5 Sept, 1840 ; d. 29  
Dec., 1892. Their marriage on  
5 Nov, 1876. Had by her Alfred  
William, b 16 Jan., 1879. He m.  
3d, Ellen Sturtevant on 6 Feb. '94 ;  
she b. 27 Apr., 1843: sister of Sa-  
rah, his first wife.



- v. Ira Talmon Bruce, son of Prudence Priest Bruce, born 30 March, 1813; d. —: m. 7 Dec., 1837, Phoebe Sawin of Princeton, Mass., b. 2 Apr. 1813; d. 30 Mar, 1877. Resided in West Boylston. Many years road surveyor and school committee man: Children:—

- 1 Olive A. b. 28 Apr., 1839: m 10 Aug., 1865, Henry K. Hager b. in Princeton, Mass., 29 Aug., 1842: enlisted August, 1862 in Co. K. 53d Mass. Regt. Issue—  
(a, Herbert Ira Hager, b. 14 May 1868: m. in Clinton, Adeline H. Woodward, b. 2 April, 1867 in Waltham; child, Arthur Herbert b. 4 May, 1890 in Clinton.  
(b) Henry Elisha, b. in West Boylston. 2 Jan., 1870.



- (c) Alfred b. 19 Apr., 1873.
- 2. Ellen Priest Bruce b. 19 Dec., 1840; d. 19 Feb. 1861.
- 3. Myron I., Feb. 1843; d. 10th Sept., 1845.
- 4. Abbie F., b. 20 July, 1848, m. 27th Nov., 1884, George M. Houghton, b. 20 Jan., 1840 in Sterling, Mass. Resided on the home farm of father and grandfather in West Boylston until 1894, then removed to Worcester, Mass. He enlisted 15 Aug., 1862; discharged 2nd Sept, 1863. Was Corporal in Co. K, 53d Mass. Regt.
- vi. Zilpha Bruce, daughter of Prudence Priest Bruce, b. 11 Mar., 1815; died 18 May. 1895; m. 1st Mirrick Holt; d. —; m. 2nd in 1847, Jason Knowlton of Gratton, Mass. b. 1801; d. 1



Dec. 1846; she m. 3d 17 Oct., 1855,  
David Waite of Oxford, Mass. b. 5th  
Aug., 1796; d. 12 June. 1881. No  
children.

- vii. John Andrew Bruce, son of Prudence  
Priest, b. 10 July 1824; d. 17 Mar.  
1866 in Dublin. N. H. m. 10 May,  
1846, Lucy M. Howe, b. 25 Jan.,  
1824, in Boylston. Lived there some  
time after marriage, then moved to  
Dublin. Now reside at Chesham. No  
children.

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DIED.— In Alton, Ill., October 31st  
1900, Henry C. Priest, [see page 4.] lea-  
ving a widow, Lucia Imogene Priest, but  
no children.



### LUTHER.

Luther Priest, son of Gabriel, b. 27, Sept, 1772 : died 12 Jan, 1829, suddenly from effect of a fall on ice : m. 12 Aug., 1795, Aseneth Bruce, b. 16 April 1776, d. 30 Aug., 1862. Children ; —

1. Gabriel.
2. Granville.
3. Nancy Tuffs.
4. Sally, b. 24 Dec., 179.- : d. 8 Oct., 1815.
5. Roxana : d, young.
6. Clarendon, d. young.
7. Minerva, m. Dr. John Austin and went to Vermont.



8. Almyra m. 24 May, 1829, William Sawyer and went to his native place in Ohio.
9. Susan m. Joseph Derby, Boston.
10. Sarah m. Charles Putnam and had one son, He married.

All of this family were dead prior to 1879, except Sarah, who was then in the Old Ladies Home at Portland, Me., where she probably died.

Almyra, daughter of Luher, who m, her cousin, Wm. Sawyer, emigrated to Ohio from Berlin with an ox team driving their cows before them; and she knit seven pair of stockings on the way,

In after years, a son of Almyra influenced by the stories which his parents told of the East decided to go to Berlin; not getting the consent of his father, he started on foot and in due course of time reached Berlin where he lived until he



married his cousin Almyra and went back to Ohio,

Luther Priest was a resident of Berlin, Mass. He was a carpenter by trade and a Don Quixote in bravery, and could appreciate a good joke on himself. The Berlin History says: "Luther was coming from Bolton in the evening with his carpenter tools broad-axe and all in hand. A mother sow by the road side took after him. Luther ran, the sow ran, both the same way, but the sow ran the faster. One by one Luther dropped his tools,—broad axe included,—to aid his speed, in dire necessity he leaped the wall, on which, just behind him his pursuer rested her fore feet with a vicious grunt. Safe on the other side he stopped and with a shake of his fist and an affirmation not to be repeated the carpenter responded:— "If I had my broad axe here, I would make two sows of you,"







### A LINE OF SWEDISH ORIGIN.

A Priest family in early days came to this country from Sweeden and settled near Philadelphia, James Royalston Priest, of Edon, Ohio, contributes the following.—

#### I. LEVI.

2. **GEORGE**, who married Deborah Paulston, had three children.

i. ———

ii. Henry.

iii. George,

George (iii) born 7 Oct. 1740; died 1788. He married 31 Jan., 1776, Phoeby Evans, b, 24 Jan, 1756: died 2 Nov., 1806. Children:—



2      A LINE OF SWEDISH ORIGIN.

1. John b. 7 Oct., 1776.
  2. Elijah 3 Aug., 1778.
  3. Levi b. 1 July, 1780,
  5. Elizabeth, b. 17 Oct. 1785; died  
13 Nov., 1857.
  6. George b. 8. 1788; d. 18 May, 1865
  4. Samuel b. 2 April. 1784; died 27  
April, 1863; married 8 Oct., 1807  
Catherine Shenline b. 4 Mar. 1782  
died 25 Dec., 1821. Children—
    - i. Phoebe b. 2 Aug., 1803; d. 28  
Nov. 1857.
    - ii. Magdalen b, 10 June, 1810. d.  
1 Feb., 1834.
    - iii Joab b 26 Aug. 1812; d. Aug.,  
1840.
    - iv. Jacob b. 27 Dec., 1814.
    - v. Andrew Shenline b, 4 April,  
1817.
    - vi. Frank, b. 7 Sept., 1819.
- Samuel m. 2nd, in Jan., 1826, Sa-



A SWEDISH LINE OF PRIESTS.

Sands, b. Christmas week, 1802  
died 1 Sept. 1870: Children—

vii. Caroline b 5, Aug., 1826; d  
12 July, 1874.

viii. Jane b. 6 Apr., 1828.

ix. Elijah b 20 July, 1829.

x. George b 23 Dec., 1830: died  
6 Sept., 1897: m. 1st Ella Mul-  
len b. 1 Jan., 1832: d, Oct.  
12, 1874. Children—

(a) William Andrew b. 12  
Feb., 1852.

(b) John b. 9 Oct., 1854.

(c) Samuel Ellis b. March,  
15, 1856.

(d) James Royalston b.  
Sept., 1858.

(e) Mary Ellen b. 14 July.  
1860.

(f) George b, 14 Apr. 1868



## ▲ SWEDISH LINE OF PRIESTS.

(g) Annetta b. 17 Nov. '70

(h) Earnest, b. 3 June '73

George m. 2nd 31 Dec., 1875

Elizabeth J. Bible b. 6 April.  
1838.

xi Elizabeth b. 4 May, 1832,

xii. Samuel }  
                  } b. 12 Sept., 1834.

xiii. Sarah }

xiv. Richard b. 3 Nov., 1836.











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DESCENDANTS
OF
JEREMIAH PRIEST
AND
WIFE MARY.
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DESCENDANTS OF JEREMIAH  
AND MARY.

Jeremiah Priest, son of Gabriel, son of John, b. 30 Apr., 1722, d. Dec. 28, 1781, m. Mary Whitney of Stow, Mass. Intent of marriage was entered in Stow, Jan, 15, 1744. They had issue as follows:

I. Sarah, b. 10 Oct., 1744; m. 23 March, 1763, Jonathan P. Houghton.

II. Jeremiah, b. 10 Jan., 1746, m. 14 March, 1771, Rebecca Houghton.

1. Rebecca, b. 24 March, 1772.  
m. Apr. 1795, Abel Davis.

2. Leafe, b. 11 Apr., 1777.

3. Hepzibeth, b. 28 Nov. 1778;  
m. 2 Nov., 1795, Aaron Da-



vis, and had :—

a. Hepzibeth, b. 23 Feb. 8  
1798.

2. Aaron, b. 7 Sep., 1800.

c. Sally Chatburn, b. Jan.  
8, 1803.

d. Sophronia, b. 2 Nov. '05.

III. Nathan Priest, b. Oct. 22, 1747,  
in Harvard; d. in 1804, in Princeton,  
Mass. He remained in Harvard until  
about 1790, when he went to Princeton  
and bought a farm there. He m. Mary  
Bacon of Bedford, Mass., July 5, 1780,  
in Bolton, Mass. She was born Jan. 6,  
1761, in Bedford, the daughter of Michael  
and Elizabeth (Lane) Bacon, grand-  
daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Rich-  
ardson) Bacon. After the death of her  
husband she moved to Sunderland Mass.,  
and Dec. 1, 1811, married Nathan Frary



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of South Deerfield, Mass., who died Apr. 3, 1813. Mrs. Mary (Bacon) Priest Frary died Dec. 25, 1842, in West Northfield, Mass., at the home of her son, Nathan Priest, and is buried there in the Priest family lot. The children of Nathan and Mary (Bacon) Priest were:—

1. Mary, b. Apr. 25, 1781, in Harvard Mass.; died when sixteen, unmarried.
2. Nathan, died in infancy.
3. Solomon Bacon, b. Aug. 29, 1786, in Harvard, Mass. After the death of his father in 1804, an insane man, who according to the lax custom of the time, was not kept confined, threatened to kill the boy, and the mother in alarm started him to her relatives in Bedford. He was never heard of after



*THE PRIEST FAMILY.*

the first night, and long continued search never revealed anything further of him. Probably the insane man carried out his threat.

4. Lucretia, died when nineteen, unmarried.
5. Nancy, died in infancy.
6. Nathan, b. June 24, 1792, in Princeton, Mass.
7. Sarah, b. in Princeton, Mass; m. March 29, 1824, Daniel Darling of Northfield, Mass. No children.
8. Elizabeth, b. in Princeton, Mass; m. March 4, 1819, John Holton of Northfield, Mass. No children.

Nathan Priest (5), b. June 24, 1792 in Princeton, Mass., d. Aug. 15, 1874, in West Northfield, Mass., and was buried there. Before he was twenty-one years old he gave no promise of a long



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life, but after that age he grew in strength and stature, and became a strong man. In 1818, he bought a fine farm of one hundred and ten acres on the west side of the Connecticut river in Northfield, Mass., paying toward it the six hundred dollars he had saved from his earnings. The farm had a large, new, but unfinished house on it, which he completed, and in which he and the wife whom he soon took always afterward lived. - Soon after his coming to the new home he had a barn raising, with the neighbors for helpers, as was the custom, and liquor served as a matter of course. The host noticed that one man who was addicted to drink showed slightly the effect of the whiskey. and resolved never again to tempt a neighbor. People told him it would be impossible to get help if whiskey was not supplied, but at his next



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barn raising only safe refreshments were served, and there was abundance of help. Nathan Priest was a devoted son and brother, a most tender husband and father, and an honorable and prosperous business man. He married Dec. 3, 1818, Mary Gunn of Sunderland, Mass., born May 4, 1790, in Sunderland, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Baker) Gunn, and granddaughter of Nathaniel and ——— Gunn. She died June 19, 1854. Their children were born in West Northfield, Mass., and were:—

1. Mary Lucretia, b. Dec. 31, 1819.
2. Caroline, b. Feb. 12, 1822; d. 17 Sept., 1823, in West Northfield, Mass., and was buried there.
3. Austin Nathan, b. May 18, 1824.
4. Caroline Sarah, b. Aug. 20, 1826.
5. James Edward, b. Aug. 11, 1829.
6. Dwight Solomon, b. Aug. 28, '32.



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Mary Lucretia, b. Dec. 31, 1819. d. Dec. 20, 1893, in West Northfield, and was buried there. She married, Dec. 29, 1845, Allen R. Kingsley, b. June 4, '19, d. Nov. 29, 1874. Their children were :

1. Frank Priest, b. Dec. 24, 1846.
2. Dwight Allen, b. Dec. 17, 1848 ;  
m. July 13, 1870, Lizzie J. Allen  
b. Sept. 30, 1853. No children.  
He died Dec. 17, 1887, in West Northfield, and was buried there.
3. Austin Nathan, b. Nov. 19, 1850.
4. Mary Ella, b. March 23, 1853, d. Dec. 28, 1853, in West Northfield, and buried there.
5. Charlie Clifford, b. June 18, 1855, d. Jan. 28, 1873. Buried in West Northfield.

Frank Priest Kingsley, b. Dec. 24, 1846, d. Aug. 22, 1890, in Cascade, California, and buried in West Northfield, Mass., m. Dec. 13, 1870 Rosalia E.



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Bradley of Brattleboro', Vt., b. March 29,  
1849, d. 11 April, 1881, in Rocklin, Cal.  
Their child,

Charles Clifford, b. 28 April, '73,  
in Mass.

Austin Nathan Kingsley, b. 19 Nov.  
1850, m. 20 March 1883, in South Vernon  
Vt., Sara Maria Brooks, b. 18, Jan. '55.  
Their Children :

1. Maud Ethel, b. 17 April, 1884,  
in Ashuelot, N. H., d. Feb.  
8, 1886, and buried there.
2. Florence, Sara b. Jan. 26., '86.  
d. 18 Feb., 1886, b. and d.  
in Ashuelot.
3. Grover Austin, b. ———

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Austin Nathan Priest, b. 18 May 1824,  
d. 29 Aug. 1849, in Northfield, Mass. and  
buried there. He m. 31 March, 1846,



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Electa Holton, b. 25 July, 1823 in West Northfield, Their child, Mary Austin, b. 27 Oct, 1849 in West Northfield, d. 2. Aug. 1865, in West Swanzey, N. H., and was buried there.

Caroline Sarah Priest, b. 20 August, 1826, died 31 April, 1892 in Ashuelo, N. H., while on a visit; buried in West Northfield. Her home was always in the town of Northfield. She never lost the spirit nor the figure of youthfulness though for many years her hair was beautifully white. In New York, 9 Sep. 1880, she married William Holton of Northfield, b. 18 July, 1818; d. 7 July, 1888.

James Edward Priest, b. Aug. 11, '29, d. Dec. 23, 1875. He always lived on the farm on which he was born, though he was associated with his younger broth-



er in other business. He was an able and prosperous business man, and devoted to his family. His four children died within a space of twenty days, and he soon followed them; all of dyptheria. He married Jan. 7, 1862, in Marlboro, Vt., Sarah Elvira King, b. Aug. 26, 1833, in Marlboro, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Childs) King, grand-daughter of Ichabod and Louisa (Adams) King. Their children, all born in West Northfield, Mass., were:—

1. Everett Edward, b. June 15, 1863, d. Dec. 7, 1875.
2. Mary Elvira, b. July 21, 1865; d. Nov. 18, 1875.
3. Frank James, b. Nov. 5, 1866; d. Nov. 17, 1875.
4. Merritt King, b. Apr. 7, 1870, d. Dec. 2, 1875.



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Dwight Solomon Priest, b. Aug. 28, 1832. Until 1872 he lived in Northfield, Mass.; from 1872 to 1880, just across the line in South Vernon, Vt.; since then in Shenandoah, Iowa. In partnership, usually, with his elder brother, whom he has tenderly missed since 1875, he has carried on successfully, largely at the same time, several lines of business; farming, a sash and blind factory, a store, purchase of hops in northern New England and their sale in New York City, a hotel, and real estate and the superintendence of farms in Iowa. He is 6 feet, 1 inch tall, and of good figure. June 25, 1857, he married Susan Mandana Caldwell; one who, he says, "never purposely did wrong." She was born May 28, 1835, in West Northfield, daughter of Rufus and Lucinda (King) Caldwell, and grand-



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daughter of John and Elizabeth (Swan) Caldwell. She died Feb. 8, 1893, in Chicago, Ill., and was buried in West Northfield, Mass., Feb. 15. Their children are :

1. Jeannette Swan, b. Aug. 24, 1859, in West Northfield.
2. Edward Dwight, b. Nov. 9, 1861, in West Northfield.
3. Alice Lucinda, b. March 28, 1866, in West Northfield; graduated B. L., at Cornell, 1891.
4. Walter Caldwell, b. Apr. 11, 1873, in South Vernon, Vt.; d. Nov. 15, 1875, in South Vernon, and buried in West Northfield, Mass.

Edward Dwight Priest, b. Nov. 9, 1861, a graduate in 1884 of the Worcester, Mass., Institute of Technology, with post graduate work later. Since 1893 he has been superintendent of the design-



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ing department of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York. He married, Feb. 27, 1894, in Lynn, Mass., Lena Videtto, b. July 5, 1862, at Nictaux Nova Scotia, daughter of James and Hannah (Saunders) Videtto, granddaughter of Jesse and Isabel (Fisher) Videtto, all of Nova Scotia. They had :

1. Edward, b. Aug. 22, 1896, in Schenectady, N. Y. ; d. Aug. 25, 1896, in Schenectady, and buried in West Northfield, Mass.
2. Marcia Susan, b. Aug. 30, 1897, in Schenectady, N. Y.
3. Eleanor, b. 19 Apr. 1899, in Schenectady.



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IV. John, b. 22 Sept., 1749, m. 14 June, 1775, Annah Houghton; issue:—

1. Sarah, b. July, 1776; m. Nov. 15, 1798, Samuel Burnham.
2. Eunice, b. 4 Mar., 1779; d. 5 Mar., 1779

V. Mary, b. 28 March, 1752.

VI Daniel, b. July, 1754, was the 6th child of Jeremiah Priest and Mary Whitney; m. 16 Aug. 1773, Bette<sup>e</sup> Dupree; she and her child died 30 April 1773. He was drowned at Boston while crossing the river to join the Army. He was buried on Boston Common. Rev. Charles Priest Hall says: "My great, great Aunt Nancy saw the grave." His and other bodies there were removed prior to 1865.

VII Job, b. 27 March, 1756, m. Jan. 3, 1774. Martha Butler. Job was a private in Capt. Joshua Brown's company of the battallion of Massachusetts Bay forces,



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which was commanded by Timothy Bigelow, Esq., which was also known as the 15th Regiment Revolutionary War Army. He enlisted May 1, 1776, for three years. His name appears on the rolls from Dec. 1777 to Nov., 1778, when he was reported "sick in camp." His record is attested in the Record and Pension Office at Washington. The children of Job and Martha were :—

1. Daniel, b. 25 Jan., 1775, in Harvard, Mass.; m. in Middletown, Conn., 1805, Lucretia Sizer, b. 8 Nov., 1783. She was the daughter of Daniel Sizer, a Revolutionary soldier. Daniel Priest d. in Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 26, 1855, and was there buried. His wife died there 15 March, 1864. Children :—
  - a. Lucretia, b. in Middleton, Ct., Sept. 27, 1806; m. William



Watson Cadwell; d. in La Grange, Ill.

b. Daniel B., b 10 Apr , 1808;  
d. in Marietta, Wis.

c. Edwin B., b. 7 Feb., 1810.;  
d. in Durham, Ct., 17 May,  
1890.

d. Nathaniel, b. 14 July, 1812.  
He was deaf, and not hearing  
the cars was killed on the  
track. Home in Ohio.

e. Dennis, b. 5 Feb., 1816; m.  
29 Nov., 1837, Mary Ann  
Foote; d. 3 Oct., 1898, at  
Troy. She d. Dec. 1879,  
They had :—

i. Edwin, b.— ———; m.  
Frances Rogers.

ii. Harriett, b. 10 Dec., 1842;  
m: William Harrison.  
Hall, Dec. 25, 1862.



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He was an officer in U.  
S. Navy. She d. Dec.  
11, 1886. Issue:—

(a.) Charles Priest, b.  
22 June, 1866;  
m. 16 Oct. 1890  
Ella M. Wilcox,  
of Little Falls,  
N. Y. Issue:—  
Frank Wilcox,  
b. 20 July, 1891.  
Harold George,  
b. 15 Oct. 1895,  
d. 19 Oct. 1895.

(b) Mary Wentworth, b. Dec.  
21, 1869; m. 17 Nov.,  
1891, Frank H. Wager,  
Lansingburg N. Y. Issue

(a.) Eugenia St. John.

(b.) Grace Hall, b.  
March 7, 1896.



f. Lewis, b. 24 Nov., 1824; m.

Mary ———.

g. Mary E., b. 28 March, 1826:

m. ———; d. in Altamont,  
Tenn.; descendants live there.

h. Martha A., unmarried, resides  
in Middletown, Conn. (1899.)

2. Seth.

3. Lucretia; d. in childhood.

4. Nancy, b. 1791.

VIII Aaron, b. March 2, 1758. Aaron Priest's name is on the list of those who "Inlist'd into ye American Army." Mass. Archives Rev. rolls, XII, 99. He was on the roll of Col. Asa Whitcomb's regiment, Oct. ye 6th, 1775. He was one of the nine to fill Harvard's quota in 1778, who reported at Fishkill, June 17. It is doubtful if he married. He lived in Harvard, Stow and Still river.



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~~VIII~~<sup>IX</sup>. Elijah, b. 21 Jan., 1760; m. Lois Gates, 25 Oct., 1784; had Susannah, who d. 1800, July 4, 16 years.

During the Shaker excitement at Harvard, when they went forth with great zeal and worshiped God with singing, dancing, leaping, shouting, clapping of hands and such other exercises as they were led into by the Spirit, a mob gathered one morning to drive the non resident believers out of town. They formed a ring about one Abijah Worcester, whom they stripped and whipped for the crime of "going about and breaking up church and families." Jonathan Houghton and Elijah Priest were appointed to lay on the stripes. Mr. Houghton laid on ten, but before Priest had laid on the other ten, the whipping was stopped by a man stepping in the way and offering to take upon himself the other stripes.



Elijah Priest's name was upon the roll of short service recruits sent to Rhode Island in 1780, during the encampment of French troops there.

X. Abigail, b. 12 Apr., 1762; m. Elias Warner, 14 Dec., 1784. Issue:—

1. John, b. 23 Aug., 1789.
2. Abigail, b. 10 Aug., 1793.
3. Elias, b. 7 Oct., 1795.

[XI. Mary, b. 9 Feb, 1765]

NOTE. A misprint on page 14 makes Job, the 6th child of Jeremiah and Mary. He was the 7th, therefore Aaron was the 8th, Elijah 9th and Abigail the 10th.

#### THE EPITAPH

"Here lies ye body of Mr. Jeremiah Priest, who departed this life Dec. ye 28 A. D. 1781, aged 60 years and 8 months."

"Dear Friends for me pray do not weep, for here I lye in dust and sleep.

"And here indeed I must remain, til Christ shall raise me up again."



### ADDENDA.

The following addenda has been contributed by Alice L. Priest of Shenandoah, Iowa, who has spent much time searching for details concerning the descendants of Jeremiah Priest.

"Probably you noticed the discrepancy in the tomb-stone inscription giving the age of Jeremiah Priest and the age as given by the dates of birth and death. I wrote Mr. Henry S. Nourse, A. M., compiler of the Harvard, Mass. History, concerning this and will quote an extract from his reply."

South Lancaster, Mass., Oct 5, '97

Dear Miss. Priest,

Jeremiah's tombstone would be almost exceptional if its dates did not somehow clash with records. The year's discrepancy you note is a slight one and may be



due to a stone cutter, to a recording clerk or to a difference between family and public records. Such discrepancies are common enough. The birth date is exact as in Lancaster records, and the baptismal record "July 15, 1722" seems to prove it correct.      HENRY S. NOURSE.

Jeremiah Priest was born in Lancaster. (later Harvard) and died in Harvard.

Mary Whitney, wife of Jeremiah, was born in Stow, Mass. June 4. 1727, the daughter of Nathan and Mary (Holman) Whitney, and grand-daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Whitney. She was great-grand daughter to the John and Elinor Whitney, who came to America in 1633. [See Whitney Genealogy, by F. C. Pierce. p. 52.

Page 2. Nathan Priest. 1747-1804, died either in Worcester or Princeton; He went to Worcester leaving his family in Princeton. He was taken sick there with fever and his wife went to care for and bring him home. He grew better, but



no record is found of place of death. Nathan must have moved from Harvard to Stirling, for he did not go to Princeton until 1790 or Jan., 1791, and the Princeton record states that he came from Stirling. But he was taxed in Princeton as early as 1789 and the last tax assessed is that of 1794. He was a farmer, a large man of fair complexion.

The Bedford, Mass. records state that Mary (Bacon) Priest Frary was born 6th Jan., 1758, instead of 1761 as the family record gives it. Where the mistake lies it is difficult to state, since it is absolutely positive that she was the sister of Susanna Bacon, who on Jan. 21, 1788 married Nathan Merrill and was the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Lane) Bacon.

Mr. Nourse is right in his statement regarding discrepancies in early dates.

Page 3. Mary Priest [da. of Nathan and Mary (Bacon) Priest.] b. April 25, 1781, in Harvard; died Feb. 26, 1808 in Sunderland, Mass., of putrid fever.



Page 4. Lucretia, died July 25, 1808, at Deerfield, Mass. at the home of William Morris, aged 19.

Nancy not alive January 18, 1791.

Sarah W., d. May 14, 1857, buried in the North Bennington cemetery in the town of Shaftsbury, Vt.

Elizabeth died Aug. 23., 1857, aged 56; buried in the North Bennington cemetery in the town of Shaftsbury, Vt. : her husband, John Holton, was son of Lieut. John and Hannah (Sheldon) Holton : he was born, May, 22, 1792 at Northfield, Mass., and died in Spring of 1871, in or near South Shaftsbury, Vt. Both Sarah and Elizabeth lived in Northfield after marriage for many years, then moved to Shaftsbury.

Page 6. Nathan Priest and Mary Gunn were married in Sunderland, at the home of the bride's parents. The paternal grandmother of Mary (Gunn) Priest was Dorothy (Marsh) Gunn.

Page 7. Mary Lucretia Priest mar-



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ried in West Northfield, Mass., Allen R. Kingsley; he d. in South Vernon, Vt. and was buried in West Northfield, Mass. She lived after marriage at Athol and Gill, and after 1853 at West Northfield, Mass.

Frank Priest Kingsley was married at Brattleboro, Vt.

Page 8. Charlie Clifford Kingsley was born in Northhampton, Mass.

Sara Maria (Brooks) Kingsley was born in Vernon, Vt., the daughter of Henry Brooks.

Grover Austin Kingsley was born Feb. 28, 1887, at Ashuelot, N. H.

Page 9. Electa M. (Holton) Priest is the dau. of Elias and Fanny (Mattoon) Holton.

William Holton was the son of Horace and Molly (Dickinson) Holton.

Page 10. Not Louisa but Lovisa (Adams) King.

Page 12. Jeannett Susan.

Edward Dwight, b. in Northfield, E. side of the river.



Page 13. James and Hannah (Saunders) Videtto. Here it should be Vidityo. The daughter was christened Alenia Fear Vidityo and according to a Nova Scotia law signed her name thus to legal documents in Nova Scotia. But she was always called Lena, and finally Lena Videtto, and the name is so given in the marriage license. The parents were called Vidityo and the grand parents also and their ancestors for I do not know how far back.

Page 16. Edwin Priest was born Oct. 17, 1839; he m. 28 May, 1860, Frances Rogers, Their children were:—

1. Jennie, m. Fred Peso, a dentist in Philadelphia.
2. Susie, m. John Emerson.
3. Fred, d. in infancy.
4. Lottie d. in infancy.

Edwin had a brother, Curtis D., b. Aug. 5, 1847, whose name was not sent with the record on page 16.





REV. CHARLES PRIEST HALL.







**REV. CHARLES PRIEST HALL.**

Rev. Charles Priest Hall, son of Harriet J. Priest and William H. Hall, was born in Troy, N. Y., June 22nd, 1866. His education was obtained in the public schools of Troy, and he had begun work as a clerk in the hardware business in that city, when deeply stirred by a sermon on the subject of the Christian Ministry, he determined to study for its service and in the fall of 1885 entered the Divinity School of Tufts College from which he was graduated in June 1889, and on the 12th of that month was ordained to the work of the ministry of the Universalist Church in Goddard Chapel, a member of the first class to make the College which had prepared them for their work the scene of the final act which fitted them



for that work. Mr. Hall was in September of that year called to the pastorate of the Universalist Church at Oneonta, N. Y., where he ministered until November, 1890. On October 16, 1890 he was married to Miss. Ella Martha Wilcox of Little Falls, N. Y., and in November on the close of his Oneonta pastorate, accepted the call to the pastorate of the Universalist Church at Huntington, N. Y., where he was pastor until June 1st, 1894, when he accepted the position of Assistant Pastor at Baltimore, of the First Universalist Church of which Rev. Royal Pullman, D. D. was pastor. Here Mr. Hall ministered until the resignation of Dr. Pullman in 1898, and on June 1st of that year, entered on the pastorate of the first Universalist Church at Danbury, Connecticut.

Mr. Hall is prominently identified with the Masonic Fraternity, having joined the



order at Oneonta while pastor there, and was Chaplain of both Oneonta Lodge and Oneonta Chapter. He is now (1901) Captain General of Crusader Commandery of Knights Templar of Danbury. Mr. Hall is also Chaplain of the Fourth Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard and has been prominent in school affairs in Danbury. In his denomination he has been as prominent as in secular affairs, having been for several years President of the Murray District Conference of the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and Vice President of the State Young People's Christian Union of the Universalist Church in Conn. He is also interested in Sunday School work in Conn., being secretary of the Fairfield County Sunday School Auxiliary of the State Association. Mr. Hall is also a member of the Sons of the Revolution.



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Thomas, 2450, N. Stanley.  
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W. E. Priest, Broad. St.











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DESCENDANTS  
OF  
**DANIEL PRIEST**  
AND WIFE  
ELIZABETH.

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**DANIEL, SON OF JOHN OF WO-  
BURN.**

Daniel, the third child of John and Rachel Garfield Priest was born in Woburn, Mass, July 19, 1686; married Elizabeth— He was a land-holder in Harvard, as is seen in Nourse's history page 43. Oct. 9, 1723, he died, aged 53 years. Eleven months after his death his widow Elizabeth had six children baptized. The bapt. record reads: Sept. 27 (1724) "Widow Eliz; Priest's Children, John, Daniel, Eunice, Hasadiah, Bettee, Silence."



4 CHILDREN OF DANIEL, SR.

- I. JOHN, born 1709.
- II. DANIEL, m. Elizabeth Kilbourn.
- III. EUNICE, married Benjamin Atherton, March 3, 1726-7; children;
  - 1. Jonathan, b. 14 June, 1729.
  - 2. Betty, b. 8 Oct., 1731.
  - 3. Eunice, b. 29 Nov., 1733,
  - 4. Relief, b 29 May, 1736.
  - 5. Abigail, bapt. 6 Apr., 1740;  
m. 12th July, 1767, John  
Jones.
- IV. HASADIAH. d. 1736.
- V. BETTEE.
- VI. SILENCE.



## DANIEL AND BETSEY.

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1. JOHN of Woburn.
  2. DANIEL.
  3. JOHN, m. Mary——.
  4. DANIEL, m. Betsey Partrim.
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John, son of of Daniel, son of John of Woburn was born in 1709. He was oldest of four children, that Daniel's widow, Elizabeth had baptized in Lancaster, one year after husband's death. John married Mary ——, and had at least thirteen children. It was the almost invariable custom in those days for the first children to be named after parents and grand-



parents--the first daughters after mother and grandmother; the first sons after father and grandfather, and in this case providence seems to have worked satisfactory, the first child, a girl, was named Mary after her mother; the second child, a girl, named Elizabeth after her grandmother; the third child, a boy, named John after his father; the fourth child a boy, named Daniel after his grandfather. The issue of John and Mary was as follows:—

I. Mary, b. 15 April, 1739.

II. Bettee. b. 2 March, 1743 : d.

III. John, b. 2 Oct., 1744. According to records on file at Washington in 1816, John Priest, aged 72 years, who was a private in the Revolutionary war made application for miscarried pension.

IV. DANIEL. b. 16 Sept. 1746, m. Betsey Partrim, and had :—

1. Abraham, b.— “Abraham



Priest moving from Berlin, Mass. to Marlborough in 1809, m. Hilda Wells: had one child, Laurana, b. April 2, 1811: m. Luke Parkhurst.

2. Isaac, b.

3. Daniel, b. 17 Dec., 1773: d. 11 Jan., 1839: m. Abigail Flood, dau., of Dea. Jas. and Betsey (Whitcomb) Flood, March 25, 1802. Soon after birth of Daniel, in 1773, the family moved to Jaffrey, N. H. Daniel and Abigail had eight children:—

i. Gilman, b. 14 August, 1803; d. May, 1849.

ii. Carroll, b. 17 Sept., 1806; d. 20 Dec'r., 1810.



- iii. Henry H. b. 6 Oct., 1810:  
d. 27 Aug., 1888: May 1,  
1839, m. Martha Coolage;  
(a) Edward, b. 4 Feb.,  
1840; d. 30 April, '78  
(b) James C., b. 22 Nov,  
1843; d.—1891.  
(c) Abbie F., b. 19 Apr.  
1848; d. 24 July, '48.  
(d) Henry C., b. Sept.,  
10, 1849; Resides in  
Gardner, Mass; m.  
29 June, 1876 Sarah  
A. Nutter, and had  
Martha C. b. 31 May  
1877: m. 2nd Oct.  
1900, Lewis S. Law-  
rence.  
Mary, b. April, 29,  
1879.
- iv. Sarah, b 1 Oct., 1812; m. 3



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1838, David C. Brick. d. in  
Fitchburg, 6 June. 1842.

v. Silas S., b. 7 Mar., 1814; m. in  
Dec., 1839, Nancy Maria Wil-  
der, b. 27 June, 1817 at Jaffrey;  
d. at San Diego Cal., 30 Oct.,  
1887. Children:—

(a) Nancy, b. 9 Sept., 1840.

(b) Sarah Maria, b. 23 May,  
1842; d. 12 Oct., 1889.

(c) Elijah, b. 27 Dec., 1843.

(d) William Henry b. 15 July  
1845.

(e) Abby Amanda b. 22 Sept.  
1849.

(f) James Gilman b. April 8,  
1851; d. 12 Dec., '57

(g) Florence b. 5 May, 1854;  
d. 7 June, 1855.

(h) Anna, b. 15 Oct., 1856.

(i) Rose b. 17 Oct., 1857.



(k) Frank Silas b. 18 July,  
1859.

(l) Rev. Frederick C., b.  
26 Aug., 1861.

(m) Minnie Etta b. 24 Feb.,  
1864.

vi. Franklin b. 7 Mar 1818; d. Mar.,  
6, 1896; m. Abbie Cooledge; Chil-  
dren :—

Sarah d.

Llzzie d.

vii. Eliza b. Aug. 28, 1819; died in  
1862; m. 19 Sept. 1844, Wm.  
Bruce of Hudson, Mass. Had  
five children. 'Lived in Marl-  
boro'.

viii. James, b. in Hudson, Mass. 28  
June, 1821; d. in California.

See Addenda for family record,

4. Betsey. dau., of Daniel and Bet-  
sey,

5. Jacob.



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V. Abraham b. 26 Dec., 1746, m. in 1810, in his old age, [63 years] Abigail Whitcomb of Jaffrey, and had several children.

1. Jonathan b. 15 July, 1813.

2. Comfort.

3 & 4 Ephriam and Abigail twins, b.

5. Joseph.

6. Dolly.

Jonathan b. 15 July, 1813, m. 1835, Eleanor Fay, b. 1808. He d. 17 Feb., 1886: she d. 12 Aug., 1886.

They had:—

1. Abraham, b. 13 Jan., 1836, m. in 1859, Mary A. Wilder of Stow, b. 8, Dec., 1840.

i. George E. m. Carrie Holt, and had,

Earnest L, b. 1 Apr. 1886.



- George Alfred. b. 19  
July, 1892; d. Nov.  
4, 1892.  
Leon Windsor, b. 26  
May, 1895.  
ii. Alice M., m. Har-  
rison Greenwood.  
iii. Annie.
2. The second child of Jon a-  
than and Eleanor was Sarah  
Eliza, b. 7 Sept, 1838; m. 8,  
Jan., 1860, Benj. F. Folsom.  
i. Viola E., m. Herbert  
Stratton, Hudson, Mass.  
Issue. Eleanor Fay.  
Marion Wood.  
Olive.  
ii. Marion Wood Folsom.  
iii. May Sophia, m. Albert  
Gleason of Gleasondale,



Mass. Children, Emily  
and Howard.

- VI. Silence b. 9 Feb., 1750.
- VII. Issac b. 2 July, 1752.
- VIII. Jacob b. 17 Nov., 1754; m. 1st,  
Ann Jones; 2nd. Sarah Longly.
- IX. Comfort, b. 4 March, 1758: m. 20  
Jan., 1785, James Wilkins.
- X. Betsey b. 7 March, 1761.
- XI. Benjamin b. 16 Feb., 1764; m.  
15 June, 1786, Phebe Bruce.  
Had family, left no record.
- XII. Joseph b. 28 Nov., 1765.
- XIII. Jonathan b. 6 Oct., 1767.



1. Daniel, bapt, 26 Sept., 1742; died in Leominster, July 1771.
2. Elizabeth. bapt. 22 July, 1745; d. young.
3. Eunice, bapt. 14 Aug., 1748; d. young.
4. Jonathan, bapt. 23 Sept. 1751; m. 18 May, 1775, Molly Divoll, and had John, b. 2. March, 1777.
5. Elizabeth, bapt. 30 Sept., 1753; pub. 30 April, 1774. Samuel Jewett.
6. Eunice, bapt. 11 Jan. 1756: pub. 17 March, 1755 to Timothy Brown.
7. Asa bapt. 11 Dec., 1757. was in Revolutionary war and afterward with his brother Levi in Hancock, N. H. Three of Daniel Priest's children served in the Revolution; Hancock history mistakenly gives the name Asa for Daniel.
8. Levi, born 16 Aug., 1760; bapt.



at Sacramento, Cal., b. in New London, Conn., 11 April, 1826, and died ,August 30, 1899.

The children of James Priest and Elvira Ray were ;—

1. James Gilman, b. in Feltonville, Mass., now Hudson, 2 Jan., 1850; died 12 Jan., 1901, age 51 years and 10 days. He m. 5th Dec., 1874, in Fitchburg, Mass., Sarah Jane Pollard; d 23 March, 1899. Child :—
  - (a) James Henry Priest, b. in Gardner, 13 July, 1876. Not married in 1901. Residence, Gardner, Mass.
2. Charles Franklin, born in Feltonville. now Hudson, June 6th, 1852; married Fannie C. Lander, 3 July 1884, in San-



Francisco, Cal. No children.

3. Lucy Elvira, born in Hoodville.  
Cal., 22 Sept., 1858; d. there  
14 Nov., 1858.
4. Alice Mary, born 11 April, 1861  
in Dutch Flat, Cal. She mar-  
ried 16 Dec., 1886, in San  
Francisco, Cal., Walter Wood  
Cooley. Children of Alice M.  
Priest and W. W. Cooley.
  - (a) Walter Amos Cooley,  
born in S. F. Cal.,  
13 Dec., 1887.
  - (b) Alice Louise, born  
in San Quentin, Cal.,  
14 May, 1890.



Franklin Priest was subscriber toward repairing the meeting house in Marlborough, March 28, 1834.

Daniel Priest was a subscriber to purchase a bell for the old meeting house in Marlborough. So was Abraham.

Daniel lived for many years on the old Flood place, afterward owned by the widow of Dea. Smith. He was a carpenter and a very good workman at that trade as most houses built at that time were finished by him and gave evidence that he was an uncommonly skillful mechanic. He died June 11, 1839.

The third child of Silas was Eliza A. not Elijah as printed on page 5. Before going to California, Silas resided at Marlborough and Ashuelot, N. H. and Gardner, Mass.

Abraham Priest, a brother of Daniel, who went to Marlborough in 1809, was



a man fond of relating improbable stories of which the following will serve as a sample:—

“When I was down below, sir, I saw machine for making nail hammers which was worked by two horses.—A junk of iron of a ton's weight was put into a hopper at the top, along side of a piece of wood, and the hammers came out at the bottom all handled and ready for use just about as fast as you can count six.”

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**LEVI E. PRIEST, SON OF LEVI A.**

b. in Nelson, N. H., Dec., 1813. Came to Hancock in 1848, m. Harriet Smith. In 8 years removed to Nelson, then to Harrisville, where he built the Nabanisit House. He d. aged 64; his wife died in Marlboro, Aug. 6 1885.

Children;—

Eugenia, b. in Nelson; died in Harrisville.

Josephine, b. in Harrisville; m. Henry Metcalf: had a child living in Marlborough.











## DANIEL AND ELIZABETH.

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1. JOHN of Woburn.
2. DANIEL.
3. DANIEL.

Daniel, son of Daniel, son of John of Woburn, married June 4, 1741, at Lancaster, Elizabeth Kilbourn. On Sept. 26, 1742, with their first child, Daniel, the young parents owned the Church covenant in Lancaster, Mass. Another child, Elizabeth, was born in Lancaster, the others in Leominster. The children of Daniel and Elizabeth were: —



1. Daniel, bapt, 26 Sept., 1742; died in Leominster, July 1771.
2. Elizabeth. bapt. 22 July, 1745; d. young.
3. Eunice, bapt. 14 Aug., 1748; d. young.
4. Jonathan, bapt. 23 Sept. 1751; m. 18 May, 1775, Molly Divoll, and had John, b. 2. March, 1777.
5. Elizabeth, bapt. 30 Sept., 1753; pub. 30 April, 1774. Samuel Jewett.
6. Eunice, bapt. 11 Jan. 1756: pub. 17 March, 1755 to Timothy Brown.
7. Asa bapt. 11 Dec., 1757. was in Revolutionary war and afterward with his brother Levi in Hancock, N. H. Three of Daniel Priest's children served in the Revolution; Hancock history mistakenly gives the name Asa for Daniel.
8. Levi, born 16 Aug., 1760; bapt.



Dec., 1760.

Daniel Priest's wife Elizabeth died June 18, 1761, and April 5, 1762 he married Lydia Graves of Bolton; she was his widow as early as 1771 and was called 'widow Lydia Priest.' She died in 1807. The journal of Stephen Buss, says a daughter of Daniel Priest and Elizabeth Kilbourn died 10th Jan. 1760, but does not state whether it was Elizabeth 2 or Eunice 3. Jonathan and Asa were Revolutionary soldiers credited to Leominster. and Levi to a company in the adjoining town of Lancaster.

Priest long since ceased to be a family name in Leominster, but a street, there perpetuates their memory.

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#### LEVI, SON OF DANIEL.

What follows is mostly taken from the History of Hancock. N. H.

Levi, the youngest son of Daniel and



Elizabeth Priest, enlisted in the Revolutionary war at fourteen years of age, and served to the close of the war. As sixteen was the age required, Levi had his comrade answer for him and the deception was not noticed. He bore his full share of hardships incident to soldier life. In describing the shirts he had to wear at this time, he said : "The warp was grape-vine and the filling oven-wood." On one occasion hunger drove him a'most to despair so much so that, discovering a bone, in the yard where cattle were kept, he cleaned it and made a soup from it. Many times after he said this was the sweetest morsel he ever tasted. Lying down one night in his blanket, on a rise of ground, he awoke to find himself surrounded by water. At the close of the war, which was full of hardships for him, he married Mary Brooks of Sterling, Mass, who was



born 3 March, 1764; he emigrated to Hancock, and settled on what has since been known as the "Daniel Priest farm." Mary Priest did not forget her early home as she frequently visited it, making the journey of forty miles on horseback and carrying a child in her arms. They were among the first settlers to plant an orchard bringing the seeds and scions from their home in Massachusetts. In addition to the work incident to clearing his land and building a log cabin, Levi Priest was a manufacturer of brick. He died 22 Dec., 1828, his death being due to a fall from the high beams of his barn, the planks having been removed without his knowledge. His wife died 25 Oct., 1848. Children:

1. Lucy b. 2 Dec., 1784; m. Dr. John Boutelle, second son of William of Leominster, and was b. 1 Apr., 1783. He was the first college gradu-



ate from Hancock, N. H ; Dartmouth 1808, After his graduation he was tutor in Dartmouth, and for some years was engaged in teaching, and began the practice of medicine at Edgcombe, Me., where he continued to the close of his life. He died 30 April 1853. He was a sincere christian, an affectionate husband and a good citizen.

2. Levi, b. 2 Jan., 1787 ; m. 13 Mar., 1816, Mary Fiske of Dublin, b. 29 Mar., 1796 : resting place marked "A. Copeland." he was killed by a blast of rocks, 7 Nov. 1839. Shed. 28 April, 1875. Children :—
  - i. Olivia B., b. 24 Aug., 1717 ; m. 4. Oct., 1838, Charles Sawyer.
  - ii. Phedora W., b. 16 July, 1821 m. 1 Nov. 1846. Jason B.



Blanchard, of New Ipswich.  
who was born 2 Oct., 1824.

(a) Mary Ella, b. 10 Oct.  
1847; m. James L.  
Hill of Hancock.

(b) George Clifton, b. 28  
May, 1849; d. Sept,  
2, 1851.

(c) Eva P., b. Jan. 29,  
1851; m. Albert Ma-  
son.

3. Mary Brooks, b 3. March, 1780;  
d. 27 Apr., 1863; m. 29 Feb., 1820.  
Parker Fiske, of Dublin, b. 14 Feb.,  
1793; d. 8 Oct. 1866; resided in  
Dublin. Children.—

i. & ii. A son and daughter died in  
infancy.

iii. Eunice Priest, b. 18 Feb., 1823,  
m. 6 Oct. 1870, Rev. Daniel  
Mc Clenning; d. 22 May, '79.



- iv. Levi Whiton, b. Apr. 29, 1825 ;  
d. May 27, 1887 ; m. 26 Feb.  
1857, Sarah J. White, of Peterborough, b. 16 Aug., 1824,  
d. 7 Oct., 1885 ; Dublin. To him the Hancock, N. H. history publishers were indebted for their record of the Priest family. Children :—  
(a) Frank Parker, b. May 31. 1858 ; m. 6, 1882, Hannah M. Spofford, of Peterborough: child, Charles P., b. Oct., 25, 1883.
- v. Mary Eveline, b. 15 April 1830 : d. 13 Oct., 1874.
- vi. Asa Parker, b. 23 Dec. 1832 : d. 28 Feb., 1833
4. Jabes B., b. 22 Sept. 1790 ; m. Apr. 4, 1820, Fanny Moor, who was b. 15 Oct., 1789. He d. 17 Aug. 1826.



Dr. Priest located in Peterborough  
in 1816, and d. there. Children:—

- i. Charles B. b 25 Jan., 1821; d  
29 Aug., 1826.
  - ii. John M., b. 26 April, 1825; d.  
22 Aug., 1826.
5. Daniel, b. March 14, 1792; m. Oct.,  
12, 1816, Nancy Andrews, who d.  
Sept. 26, 1832, aged 35 years, 6  
mos; m. 2nd, Feb., '28th, 1833,  
Mehitable Howard, b. June, '96.  
He d. 11 Dec., 1860. Issue:—
- i. John B., b. 17 Dec., 1817.  
m. Harriett Knight; he was  
a painter; resided in Lowell  
d. 3 May 1845; she d. May  
1848. Child, George Henry  
d. 11 Mar., 1863.
  - ii. Howard E., b. 13 May,  
[1821; d. 1 May, 1895; m.  
24 Apr., 1850, Wealthy H.



Worden; she d. May 16, 1899; he was a machinist in Nashua.

- iii. Joseph K., b. 1824., Sept. 17; m. 24 April, 1850, Lucinda A. Davis: residence Nashua; machinist President of The American Shearer Manufacturing Company.

Child, Dr. Fred K. b. 12 Oct., 1860; graduated in medicine at University of New York, Class of 1882: m. 5 June, 1887, Mary Costello of New York City; Children:--

(a) Joseph Kilbourne, b. 2 Nov. 1890.

(b) Chester Anderson, b. 2 Dec., 1892.



Dr. Priest is Treasurer of American Shearer Manufacturing Company.

- iv. Isaac A., b. 24 Sept., 1829  
Teacher of music for five or six years; Enlisted in 91st N. Y. Infantry as Chief Musician, serving throughout the war; after the war he served in the regular army as musician in 25th Infantry and was stationed at Fort Clark, Texas; he died there of chronic dysentery, 1870.
- v. Rebecca, b. 24 Sept. 1829,  
m. David L. Wood.
- 6. Joseph K., 11 Oct., 1793; machinist: d. unmarried, 6 Jan., 1827.
- 7. Benjamin, b. 6 Feb., 1796; m. 22 Sept., 1824 Nancy Cooledge, of



Hillsborough, who was born June 3, 1803 and died 20 Feb. 1875; he d. 26 Aug. 1879. He was Postmaster at Hillsborough Center for many years. Children:—

- i. Nancy Elizabeth, b. 24 Aug. 1826; m. 18 Septem., 1851. Edward S. Morris. Residence, Biddeford, Me. Issue  
(a) Lizzie Estelle, b. Aug., 5, 1852.
- b. Belle Priest, b. 31 Mar., 1854.
- c. Emily Bailey, b. Aug., 1858.
- d. Arthur Edward born May 38, 1860.
- e. Bessie Elder, b. Aug., 10, 1864.
- f. Annie Eveline, b. Jan. 1, 1866.



- ii. Dr. George Arthur, b. Dec., 24, 1828. A successful physician at Manchester. Mass:
- iii. Charles Adams, b. 3 May '32 m. Emily Bailey of Brookline, Dec. 12, '55; resided in Fitchburg. Children:—
  - (a) Lizzie Adele, b. 12 Dec., 1858.
  - (h) George Herbert, b. 24 Sept., 1865.
- iv. Arabella Cooledge, b. 3 Aug., 1834; d. 16 Oct., 1879.
- .8 An infant b. 1797.
- 9. Betsey, b. 26 July, 1798; m. June 1821. Amos Townsend of Dublin. He d. 12 June 1849.; she died 25 Jan, 1854. Dublin. Children:—
  - i. Mary Ann, b. 12 August. 1822; m. 3 Feb., 1857,



- David L. Wood, of Hancock; d. 26 Oct., 1857;.
- ii. Lucy, b. 10 July, 1824; d. 10 Sept., 1826.
- iii. Jabes B., b., 4 June, 1826 : m. 1st, June 29 1854, Sarah Wadleigh of Sutton: died 17 June. 1857: m. 2nd Fannie Barker of Keene; she d. 25 Nov., 1881; he d. Apr., 1887. Child. Sarah F., b. 8 Jan., 1856.
- iv. Charles M., b. 10 Sept., 1828; m. 23 Dec., 1860, Charlotte Gates of Peterborough; residence, Dublin. Child, John G., b. 19 Dec., 1864.
- v. Elizabeth, b. 6 Feb., 1833; m. 16 Mar., 1854, Henry



J. Farwell of Harrisvill : d.  
3 Feb. 1855. Child, Lizzie  
J., b. 25 Jan., 1855: d. 2  
Oct., 1863.

10. Eunice, b. 1800 : d. aged six mos.

11. Eunice M., b. 15 Sept., 1802 ;  
David Cummings, 7 Feb., 1833 :  
she d. 6 Jan. 1834. He built the  
covered bridge at Hancock factory.  
Issue, Eunice Melvina, b. 1833 ; m.  
Charles Phillips of Cassadaga.

12. Jonathan, b. 5 Sept., 1804 : m.  
11 Nov., 1827, Mary S. Emery,  
daughter of Capt., Simon Emery  
of Biddeford, Me. He d. 23 June,  
1849. She was b. 30 Apr., 1807 :  
d. 19 April. 1872 ; he was a man-  
facturer at Biddeford. Children :  
i. Mary Olivia, b. 23 Sept.,  
1828 ; m. Fred Robie, M. D.



who was Governor of Maine in 1884. Hon. Fred Robie was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1847, and subsequently from the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia : was engaged in the active practice of his profession until the beginning of the war in 1861. He was appointed pay-master by President Lincoln. Served until the close of the war and for meritorious service at the restoration of Peace was breveted Lieut. Colonel. He was elected seven times • as State Representative ; was Speaker in 1872 and 1876 ; was a member of the State Council during Gov. Washburn's and Chairman



of Council under Governors Davis and Plaisted's administrations. Through his influence the Normal School at Gorham was established. He was one of the Commissioners to the Paris Exposition ; in Sept. 1884, he was elected Governor of the State ; several years Master of State Grange ; residence, Gorham, Me. Children:—

i. Harriett b. in Biddeford, Me., 3 Sept., 1868 ; m. 2nd June, 1875, Charles H. Barker, of Hiram, Me., a lineal descendant of Gov. Bradford, John Alden and Miles Standish ; his mother was a neice of Gen. Wads-



worth of Revolutionary fame: he spent most of his life in South America, but later lived at Portland, Me. Engaged in flour and grain business. In 1884 was appointed Postmaster at Portland, Me. Children, Olivia Robie, b. 5 Nov, 1877, and Benjamin, b. 20 Feb., 1879.

ii. Mary Fredonia. b. in Biddeford, 2 Mar., 1851.

iii. Eliza, b. in Waldeboro, Me., 6 Jan., 1856; died in Gorham, Me., 3 Sept 1863.

iv. William Pitt Fessenden, b. in Dorchester, Mass 5 Nov. 1863.

ii. Lydia Sophia, b. 26 Mar., 1830: m. 11 Feb., 1855, Hon. Charles A. Shaw, of Alfred,



Me., who was b. 5 Nov.,  
1831: broker; residence,  
in Boston. Child, Otis, b.  
7 Dec., 1856.

iii. Simon Clinton, b. 30  
March, 1832; d. 14 July,  
1834.

iv. Lucy Ann, b. 30 Apr.,  
1837: d. Jan. 1867;

v. Frances Ellen b. 20  
Aug., 1848; (?) m. Dec.,  
23, 1879, Charles F. W.  
Smith; Child. Mary M., b.  
20 Feb., 1881.

13. George Washington Priest, b. July  
19, 1806, a painter, who resided in  
Lowell, Mass; d. Feb., 1852: m.  
1st, 1830, Fanny, dau. of Lieut.  
John, and Emma Brooks, who was  
b. 9 August, 1808: d. 16 Jan. 1832  
m. 2nd, 24 Dec., 1834, Rebecca,



dau. of Abijah and Irene (Badger) Hutchins<sup>7</sup> of Danverse, Mass : she d. at Lowell, Mass, 6 May, 1846. m, 3d, 1847, Mrs. Mary S. (Howard) Smith. Children :—

A son in infancy.

George Fessenden, b. 8 June '38

Rebekah Frances b, 29 March.

1843 : m. 17 Dec., 1873, Charles

A. Fletcher of Middleboro.

Frederick H., b. 30 Mar., 1849.

14, Rhoda Eveline, b. 19 Mar., 1808 ;

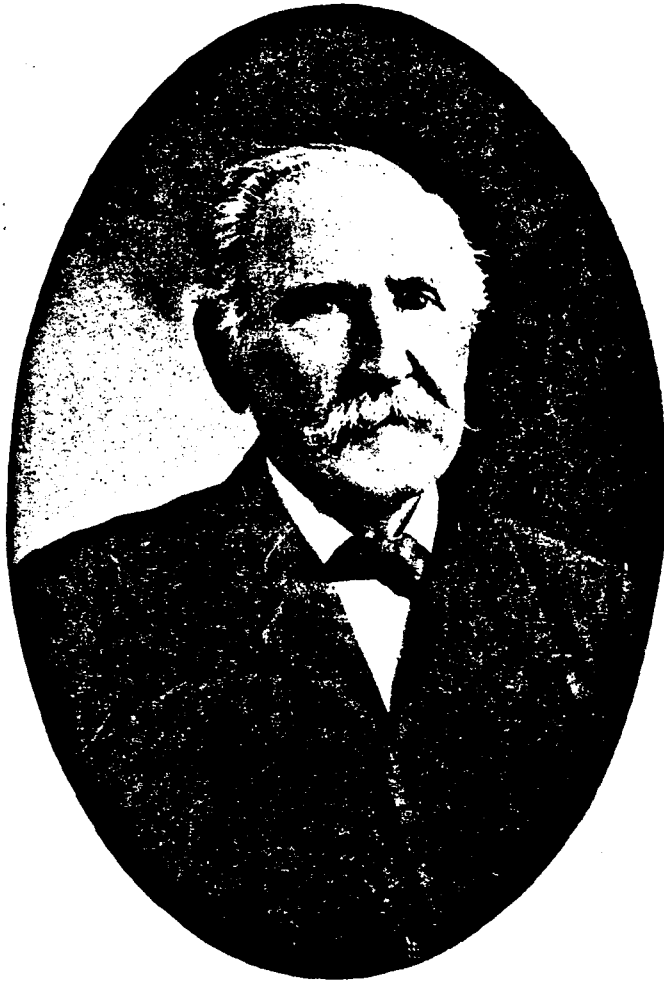
m. 1st, 26 Dec., 1850, Zachariah

Robbins of Hillsborough ; he d.,

6. Feb., 1856, aged 71 : m. 2nd 4

Feb., 1861, Ammi Smith of Hillsborough, who was b. 17 Aug., 1800.





JOSEPH K. PRIEST.







### JOSEPH K. PRIEST.

In Joseph K. Priest (see page 32), the inventive faculty predominated. He attended the village school in winter, and when not at school worked for his father on the farm and in the blacksmith shop connected with it, until he was twenty-one years of age; he then started out for himself as a cabinet maker in the village of Hancock, N. H. He worked at his trade for six months when he secured a position with the Nashua Lock Co., at Nashua, N. H. This was in 1845, and he continued in the employ of this company as pattern maker until 1853, when he became foreman for Gillis & Taylor, a firm located at Nashua, and engaged in building the Howe Sewing Machine.



This position he gave up in 1855 to return to the Nashua Lock Co. as foreman of the Tool and Pattern Department, remaining in this position until 1858, resigning to accept a position as foreman, with Howe & Taylor, New York City, builders of the Howe sewing machine. In 1860, he accepted a contract with these people to build the Howe sewing machines in Nashua, where he established the plant which he operated until 1863, when the business was moved to Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Priest, however, remained at Nashua, where he went into business for himself, as a Builder of Machine Tools: he continued in this business until 1866: when he sold out. He at once fitted up a shop for building a power sheep shearing machine, the idea for which he had in mind when a boy on the farm where they had considerable shearing with the old fashioned hand shears.



In carrying out the experimental work necessary for the developement of the sheep shearing machine the first Power Horse Clipping Machine was evolved, and almost immediately sprang into such demand as to completely overshadow the sheep shearing machine that he was to practically loose sight of until it should come back as an important branch of his business as late as the year 1900. The form of wool cutters, which he designed at that time, was taken up and copied by English concerns for the Australian market, where they are extensively used at the present time with very little, if any, practical change. In 1873, Mr. Priest invented and put upon the market the first Toilet Clipper for barbers' use. A partnership was formed for the purpose of building these different inventions under name of the American Horse Clipping Machine Co., of which Mr. Priest was



Superintendent and one fourth owner; two years later [1875], the same concern was incorporated under the name of the American Shearer M'fg. Co. In 1882. Mr. Priest purchased the other interests and in 1887 built and equipped the present factory, which he actively managed until 1891, when he was relieved of the executive management by his son, which allowed him to devote his time to working out of new improvements and inventions, in which he is actively engaged, with a long list of patents granted for improvements and new designs of hair and wool cutters, flexible shafts and other practical devices. It may be added here that of the four sons of Daniel Priest, Joseph K. is the only one with issue; see following sketch,





FRED. K. PRIEST.







### FRED. K. PRIEST.

Before completing his course in the local High School, Fred. K. Priest (see page 30), was placed at a Commercial School in Boston in which studies he was interrupted by a severe attack of typhoid fever. It was during a rather protracted convalescence that he became interested in the study of medicine to the extent of being turned from a business career to take up the study of medicine at the University of New York, where he received the degree of M. D. in the class of 1882, although he passed the examination in the class of '81, but being under twenty-one he could not receive the degree until the following commencement. In the in-



terval he passed a successful competitive examination for a position on the staff of the New York Charity and Maternity Hospitals where he served in the different positions of Assistant and House Physician and Surgeon for eighteen months. For six months following this period he was engaged in the special study of Pathology under Prof. Welsh, at Bellevue Laboratory ; he then accepted the position of Assistant Resident Physician at the Riverside Hospital for contagious diseases under the New York City Health Department. Upon the death of the Resident Physician, Dr. A. R. Mott, of typhus fever, during the epidemic of May, 1884, he was made Resident Physician which position he held until 1885, when he was detailed to fit up and to open the Willard Parker, in East 16th Street, for contagious diseases of children. Im-



mediately following he was made Resident Physician with additional charge of the Reception Hospital through which all cases of contagious diseases were distributed to the other Health Department Hospitals. During his service at these hospitals he devoted a great deal of time to the study of scarlet fever and diphtheria and in the treatment of the latter disease was one of the very first to take up O' Dwyer operation of intubation in laryngeal diphtheria and membranous croup. His record of over one hundred operations was a remarkably good one,

In 1889 after six years service in handling the contagious diseases which came under the care of the New York City Health Department, he resigned his position to take up practice in Brooklyn, N. Y. where he was located in 1891, when he was called upon by his father, Mr. Joseph



K. Priest, to go to Nashua N. H.. to assist him in the management of the business he had worked so hard to establish and which he wished to continue to develop. In the position of Treasurer and Manager of the American Shearer Manufacturing Co., he is now actively engaged.



**LIEUT. COLONEL GEO. H. PRIEST**

Lieut. Colonel George H. Priest enlisted in Co. B., 6th Regt. Infantry June 5th. 1885 as private, corporal, sergeant. Elected 2nd Lieut., 20 Feb. 1888; elected 1st Lieut., 3 Nov., 1890: elected Captain 18 March, 1892. During his six years in this position, the company was among the best in M. V. M.; Major 6th Regt. Infantry, M. V. M. 4 March, 1898.

Mustered into U. S. Service as Major 6th Regt, Mass. U. S. V. at Camp Dewey, So. Framingham, May 13, 1898, and served with the Regt. during the Spanish American war; Camp Alger, Va., and with Gen. Miles rush expedition from Charleston, S. C. to Santiago, Cuba: the Regt, did not land, but went to Porto Ri



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co landing at Guanica, thence to Yauco Ponce, Adjuntas, Utuado, Arecibo and San Juan. Commanded garrison at Guanica and Utuado. Mustered out Jan. 21 1899, with Regt.; immediately reported for duty as Major in the 6th Regt. M. V. M. May 22, 1899, he was elected Lieut. Colonel 6th Regt. receiving every vote cast, and was holding that position in 1901.

Mr. Priest is a member of Aurora Lodge F. & A. M. of which he was marshal in 1892-'93-'94-'95: he is also member of Thomas Chapter, R. A. M., of which he was scribe in 1898-'00-'01: a member of Jerusalem Commandery K. T. of which he was Captain General in 1899 1900-'91--: he was member of the Common Council at Fitchburg in 1897-'98; Member of the Board of Aldermen 1899, 1900--'01--. President of Board of Alder-



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men 1900--'01--: He is also a member of Park Club.

ADDITIONS FOR PAGE 33.

All of Benj. Priest's children are dead; Charles A., who was a lumber merchant in Fitchburg, Mass. died 19 Sept., 1887.

George H. Priest m. 15 Nov. 1887, Marian Louise Works, b. 28 May, 1863, and had Charles Edwin, born 4 Mar., 1889; 2nd George Herbert Jr. b. 10 Nov., 1893, 3d Alan Reed, b. Jan. 31, 1898.

Elizabeth A., b. 30 of Dec. 1858 (not Dec. 12 as is elsewhere stated) sister of Lieut. Colonel George H. Priest, married 5 June, 1883, John Mather, who died in 1895. Child, Margaret, b. 30 Oct., 1884.

ERRATTA PAGE 40.

2nd line for Hutchins read Hutchinson.  
Seventh line for Fessenden read Forester.

George Forester Priest is a farmer at Danverse, Mass.



#### DIRECTORY NAMES.

Jerome E. Priest, nurse, Albany, N. Y.  
Edwin Priest, Bath, N. Y.  
Daniel Priest, Clerk, N. Y. C. & H. R.  
R. Co., Lansingburg, N. Y.  
Benard J. Priest, Newberg, N. Y.  
Sarah Priest, operator, Newberg, N. Y.  
Thomas Priest, Newburg, N. Y.  
Dennis Priest, Troy, died 3 Oct. 1893.  
Albert N. Priest, dentist, Utica, N. Y.  
James A. Priest, dentist, Utica.  
Charles H. Priest, Springfield, Mass.  
George H. Priest, Springfield, Mass.  
James M. Priest, Springfield, Mass.  
William J. H. Priest, Springfield, Mass.  
Frances W. Priest, 5th St., Newark. O.  
Curtis Priest, Newark. O.  
Annie B. Priest, Newark, Ohio.  
Rev. George Priest, Columbus, Ohio.  
Benjamin Priest, Statehouse, Columbus.



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DESCENDANTS
OF
JOSEPH PRIEST
AND
WIFE MARY.
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### JOSEPH AND MARY.

John of Woburn and Rachel, his wife had Joseph, born in 1692 at Bare Hill, in Lancaster Mass. This Joseph married Mary [Willard?] and had ten children :

In 1723, the names of Joseph, Gabriel and John Priest are on the tax roll of sixty persons in the Lancastrian portion of Harvard ; in 1731 the same three Priests were among the Lancastrian petitioners for 11, 430 acres of land "besides the mile west of the river." Joseph Priest sold his house standing on the hillside half way between the site of the John Priest garrison house and Bare Hill Pond, with eighty acres of



land in 1743. He was a petitioner as from Groton, in 1747 for a new township, the Lancastrian Joseph who signed petition was Joseph, Jr.

1. Joseph, b. 28 Nov., 1717; d. May 17 1798 at Barrett's House, Lancaster: married Elizabeth——d. at a house of Aaron Johnson March 25 1798. Children;

i Benjamin b. 12 Dec., 1738, m. 20 Jan., 1761 Hannah Johnson; daugh. of Dole and Hannah Johnson, b. 2 Nov. 1739: owned the church covenant 30 Oct., 1763. Children:—

- (a) JOHN, [see Rindge, N. H. branch] bapt, 8 October, 1763; same date
- (b) Benjamin bapt.
- (c) Oliver Johnson, bapt. 4 Dec. 1768.



(d)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hannah,} \\ \text{Sarah,} \end{array} \right\}$  baptized  
26 Nov. 1769. Sarah  
m. Joseph Wyman in  
1786.

(e) Meribah bapt. 5 Jan.  
1772.

(f) Joel bapt 25 Feb. 1776.

(g) Solomon bapt. in Sher-  
ley, Dec. 28 1777. d.  
—Dec, 1777.

(h) Solomon, bapt. Dec.,  
31 1778, at home dan-  
gerously sick; d. Jan.  
4, 1779.

ii. Susanna b. 8 Oct. 1740; m.  
1 July 1764 Joseph Russ.

iii. Abigail, b. 7 Feb., 1742-3, m.  
21 March 1771 Jacob Zweir.  
She died Dec., 1820: he died  
Apr. 25, 1842, aged 83. Jacob  
Jr, of Lancaster and Fanny



## JOSEPH AND MARY.

Adams of Groton enter their intentions of marriage 1 Sept. 1, 1804. No record found of their marriage, but a record says in 1830, Miss Fanny Adams married Joseph Rice.

In Rev. Timothy Harrington's records of baptisms into the First Church Dec. 8, 1754 is the following. "Joseph and Betty Priest ye parents, and Benjamin, Susanna, Abigail, Joseph, Sarah, Eleazer, John, the children."

Benjamin was stationed under Capt. Thomas Farrington, of Groton at Crown Point in Conquest of Canada, 1762.

2. Benjamin b. 23 Mar., 1719 d 25 April, 1738.
3. Mary, b. 23 Mar., 1721; d. 16 July 1737.



4. Susannah b. 22 Mar., 1723: d. 9 Apr., 1737.
5. Eleazer b. 23 Aug., 1726. Captured by Indians. In 1746, he was with his father in Groton. Several Groton families had a few years previous become settlers of "No. 4," a township 6 miles square with its northern boundary in the upper part of the present township of Charlestown, N. H. Capt. Phineas Stevens, a native of Sudbury, who in boyhood had been captured by Indians, was an early settler of No. 4. The town in its infancy, was protected by his intrapidity. He received several commissions from Gen. Shirley, and rendered important services in protecting the frontiers. When Charlestown was abandoned by the



inhabitants Gen. Stevens was ordered to occupy the fort with thirty men (One account says sixty men,) and Eleazar Priest was one of them.

When the French and Indians learned of the shortness of their supplies they commanded Capt. Stevens to surrender. "My men are not afraid to die" was his only reply. But the weather was cold and the fuel in the fort was exhausted. Volunteers were called for to procure it some sixty rods away. Eight men responded. Among them Charles, son of Capt. Stevens, Nathaniel Andros, and Eleazar Priest. Twenty Indians [with snow shoes swooped on the snow-shoeless volunteers. Andros was wounded, Eleazar Priest taken prisoner, and the son of Capt.



Stevens was killed : the Indians then went leisurely away arriving at Montreal, March 29 with one scalp and one prisoner.

The French were strongly allied in those days with the Indians and announced their claims by nailing to the trees and sinking in the earth leaden plates bearing the arms of France. They held a strong line of posts from the St Lawrence to the mouth of the Mississippi. The Spanish war of 1739 had merged into the King George's war, which ended the year following Eleazar Priest's capture. The capture of Louisburg situated on the Island of Cape Breton, from the French by the English was the most important event of the war, as it commanded the entrance



of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Eleazar Priest was brought to Louisburg in the French Frigate to be sent to his home

[FROM MASS. ARCHIVES]

1749. the Petition of William Lawrence of Groton in the county of middx In behalf of Joseph Prest of sd Groton Husbandman, humbly shew that Eleazar Prest son to the said Joseph was in the Sarvis of this province at no 4 in the month of march 1747 & was sent out by his officer a littel way from the fourt to Gitt wood where Enemy made an attat upon him and others and Kild one Charls Stevens and took the sd Eleazar Prisoner and carried him to Cannada: where he was Detained in prison until sum time in august following and then was sent for new england and on his pasige was tacken sick--



and Laft at Luesburg where he  
Dyed aboute the midel of Septem-  
ber wharefore yr Petitioner Prays  
that there may be a Just and Eq-  
uitable Consideration made to the  
sd Joseph for his sd sons Eleazers  
Loss of time and suffering whilst  
In Captivety as your your Ex y.  
andand honors shall see meet and  
your Petitioner as In Duty shall  
Ever Pray

WILLIAM LAWRENCE,  
In behalf of Jos. Prest

Read & Ordered that there be  
allowed and paid out of the  
public Treasury to the Petition-  
er for the use of the said Joseph  
Priest the Sum of Eight  
Pounds Eighteen shillings & a  
penny in Consideration of the  
Loss of his said sons time &  
suffering above mentioned. The  
said Joseph to be accountable  
to the Judge of Prob't for the  
County of Middlesex in Case



any Debts do now or may here  
after appear due from the said  
Eleazer.

6. Tabitha b. 5 Nov., 1728; d. 28 Apr.,  
1759.

7. Bathshebah b. 1 Mar., 1731; d. 17  
Sept., 1759.

8. Dorothy, b. 11 Oct., 1733; m. 2  
Aug., 1753, at Stow Joseph Mof-  
fatt of "Ipswich Canada." \*

9. Betty, b. 24 Apr., 1736, d. 30 Apr.  
1775. Betty, Tabitha and Mary  
owned the 1st Church covenant,  
19 Dec., 1756.

10. John b. 13 May, 1738.

Dr. Samuel A. Green's Groton Historical  
Series has the following record.

Married 5 July, 1737 Joseph Priest Jr,  
of Harvard and Elizabeth Atkinson of  
Groton.

\* In my researches, I have found but



one other instance of a Moffatt marrying into the Priest family. William Moffatt settled in the west part of Winchendon, Mass, in 1753, his name and that of his brother John are signed to the petition to the governor-in-chief of his Majesty's province, etc., dated June 7th 1755, for protection from Indians. William Moffatt June 6, 1766 married Mary Priest in Winchendon. In Dec. 1779 there is a record of the town for hauling and chopping wood for Wm. Moffatt's wife and later for things delivered to Mrs. Moffatt and from this we infer that she was a widow for there is no further account of Wm. Moffatt. He had an extended military record and it is supposed that he d. in service. Nor do we learn from history what became of his widow and children except that one was drowned. The Moffatts, who married into the Priest family



were of Scotch descent.

At least two Moffatts in the early history of our country had estates confiscated by the English for Americanism. The Moffatts of Scotland, are of distinguished origin. Robert, born at Inverkeithing, went to South Africa as a missionary in 1817, and passed nearly sixty years successful labor among the Bechuanas and other barbarous tribes into whose language he translated portions of the Bible. He published, in 1842, a History of Missionary work in South Africa. A testimonial of £5,800 was presented him in 1873, in recognition of his labors. The wife of Dr. Livingston, the celebrated explorer was Mr. Moffatt's daughter, who died in 1862.

The town of Moffatt, Scotland, is in the County of Dumfries and fifty miles from Edinburg. There is the famous Moffatt well and famous ruins.



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**MARY PRIEST, SR.**  
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**MARY PRIEST, Sr.**

**Mary**, seventh child of John Priest of Woburn, was born on Bare Hill, Lancaster, Mass.; on March 20, 1720, married John Nichols and resided near her brother John on Bare Hill. John Nichols sold his Harvard estate to Jonathan Houghton and removed to the neighborhood of Fort Pond in Lancaster. Nourse says he had built upon this land but no clue to the site of the home is known. He died in Lancaster, June 7 1783 aged 83 years.

1. John b. — : m. Mercey Warner Nov. 8, 1750. She died Jan. 21 1763. He m. 2nd Silence Stow of Townsend 25 April, 1764.

i. Mary b. 28 Oct. 1753.

ii. John b. 19 May, 1756.

iii. Mercy b. 6 Oct. 1758,

iv. Anna bapt 15 Nov., 1761.



MARY PRIEST, SR.

- v. Leafy, bapt. 12 Feb., 1764,
- vi. Levi, bapt. 9 Nov. 5 1766.
- 2. Levi b. ———: m. Elizabeth Sawyer, 29 Nov. 1759.
  - i. Mary b. 4 May, 1761,
  - ii. Elizabeth b. 29 May, 1763.
  - iii. Eunice b. 29 Nov., 1765.
  - iv. Levi, b. 30 Oct. 1767.
  - v. Luke, b. 31 Oct., 1769.
  - vi. Sarah, b. 17 July, 1771.
- 3. Daniel b. ———: m. 9 Dec., 1767, Mary Jewett.
- 4. Abigail, b. 5 March, 1733: m. Ebenezer Hills of Swansea, Oct. 9, 1762.

In Rev. Timothy Harrington's records of baptisms in Lancaster for 1763 is the following. "Baptized Oct 23 John Nichols, ye Father and Joseph, Martha, Susanna, Elizabeth."











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RINDGE BRANCH
OF THE
PRIEST FAMILY.
Contributed by E. Mabel Langford.
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JOHN, of Woburn,  
JOSEPH, b. 1692.  
JOSEPH, b. 1717.  
BENJAMIN, b. 1738.  
JOHN, b. 1761, moved to  
Rindge, N. H., 1785,



**CHILDREN OF JOHN PRIEST AND  
REBECCA (GIBSON) PRIEST.**

John Priest was born in 1761, died 12 Apr., 1830. Rebecca Gibson was born in 1765, and died June 30, 1814. They were married in 1785. Their children were:—

I. John Fox Priest, b. May 31, 1786; d. July 12, 1846; m. Sept. 9, 1810, Catherine Brewer Mareau, b. July 21, 1794; d. May 12, 1855, Issue:—

1. Sarah Ann, b. Oct. 21, 1811; d. Dec. 25, 1896; m. Feb. 9, 1834, John W. Hall, b. July 23, 1807; d. Aug —, 1887. Issue:—  
a. Sarah A., b. Jan. 9, 1836.



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b. Ellen Catherine. b. Jan. 26,  
1840; m. George R. Clark,  
Oct. 17, 1865; he was b. 1839.

Issue:—

(1). Lillian, b. Oct. 30, '68;  
m. Apr. 15, 1896, Edw.  
C. Wade.

c. Addie Matilda, b. Oct. 14, '44,  
m. Oct. 14, 1873, L. Cushing  
Kimball, b. Feb. 16, 1843.

Issue:—

(1). Addie, b. Aug. 28, '74.

(2). L. Cushing, b. Jan. 12,  
1876.

(3). Henry H., b. Aug. 18,  
1878.

(4). Clarence Blake, b. June  
23, 1884.

d. Edward, died young.

e. Annie, b. Sept. —, 1849; d.  
March —, 1853.



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2. John Lothrop, b. Aug. 21, 1813; m.  
May 2, '39, Caroline Dodd, b. —  
d. Dec. 21, 1889. Issue:—
- a. Caroline Augusta, b. Feb.  
11, 1840.
  - b. John Dodd, b. March 28,  
1842; d. June 22, 1864;  
wounded at Salem Church,  
Va.
  - c. Henry Lothrop, b. Nov. 6,  
1844.
  - d. James Edward, b. Sept. 1,  
1846; d. Feb. 17, 1894.
  - e. Frank Perkins, b. March  
10, 1849.
  - f. George Wm., b. Oct. 12,  
1851; d. May 28, 1890.
  - g. Herbert Gibson, b. Jan. 29,  
1854.
  - h. Walter Ashley, b. June 3,



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1856; m. June 8, 1892,  
Susie Winkler. Issue:—

(1). John Lothrop, b.  
March 22, 1893.

(2). Margaret Louise,  
b. Sept. 14, '95;  
d. Nov. 7, 1895.

i. Allan, b. July 3, 1859; d.  
May 12, 1860.

3. Wm. Edw., b. Nov. 3, 1814; d.  
Jan. 24, 1815.

4. Wm. Edw., b. Oct. 17, 1816; d.  
July 19, 1854; m. Harriet Curtis,  
May 15, 1845; b. Sept. — 1824;  
d. March 22, 1853. Issue:—

a. Emma S., b. June, — '49;  
d. Sept. 13, 1854.

b. Wm. C., b. Feb. 10, 1852,  
d. Oct. 25, 1854.

5. Chas. Henry, b. Sept. 3, 1818; d.  
July 24, 1854; m. Feb. 4, 1847,



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Mary Rowe, b. —, 1824, d. 23  
Sept., 1853. Issue:—

a. Henry Augustus, b. Apr.  
18, 1848, m. Sept. 9, '71,  
Helen Marion Leslie, b.  
Aug. 27, 1848. Issue:—  
(1). Harry Dana, b. 30  
Nov. '73; m. 22  
Mar. '97, Bessie  
May Newman  
Brown, b. Dec.  
26, 1874.

b. John Fox, b. Nov. 23, '50,  
m. Dec. 21, '81, Ida Ge-  
row Travis, b. St. Johns,  
N. B., Jan. 1, 1857.

6. Catherine Brewer, b. Sept. 11, '20,  
d. Sept. 1, 1892; m. Dec. 9, 1841,  
S. Hammond Gibbens, b. July 27,  
1814, d. Feb. 12, 1875. Issue:—



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- a. Fred K. Hammond, b. Jan.  
27, '43 ; m. Oct. 29, '84,  
Mrs. Isabel Connelly  
Sanford, b. Dec. 25, '48.
- 7. Adeline Eliz., b. July 25, 1822, d.  
Apr. 13, 1823.
- 8. George Augustus, b, July 25, 1824,  
d. Oct. 1. 1887 ; m. Oct. 16, 1856,  
Caroline E. Pratt, b. Feb. 15. '33,  
d. Jan. 1, 1896. Issue :—
  - a. Fred'k Augustus, b. June  
17, 1857, d. Jan., 1859.
  - b. Frank Kingsbury, b. June  
1, 1861.
- 9. Eliz. Tucker, b. Sept. 21, 1826, d.  
Nov. 6, 1832.
- 10 Adeline Matilda, b. July 25, 1828,  
d. Oct. 13, 1888, m. June 3, 1858,  
Wm. H. Lewis, b. Oct. 20, 1830.  
Issue :—
  - a. Wm. Bertram, b. May 30,



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'59, m. Fannie E. Christian  
b. July 11, 1858, Virginia.  
No issue.

b. Alfred Edwin, b. Sept. 3  
'63, m. Feb. 18, '91, Adah  
Marie Whipple, b. March  
8, 1864. No issue.

c. Ada Maud, b. Sept. 3, 1867.

11. Ellen Mareau, b. Oct. 14, 1830; m  
1st, June 8, 1854, Franklin Kings-  
bury, b. Oct. 29, d. Apr. 27, 1860.

Issue :—

a. Edward Reynalds, b. March  
7, 1855; m. May 23, 1881.  
Mary Allyne Clarke, b. 8  
Oct., 1856. Issue :—

(1.) Maurice Dunlevie.

b. Oct. 26, 1882,

m. 2nd, Nov. 20, '67, John T.  
Langford, b. Feb. 8, 1842. Issue :

a. Eller. Mabel, b. June 10, '69.



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- b. William Priest, b. Sept. 7.  
1870, d. July 15, 1881.
12. Eliz. Tucker, b. Dec. 25, 1832. d.  
Aug. 26, 1836.
13. Joseph Stevens Buckminster, b. 29  
June, 1836, d. March 12, 1864.

II. Josiah Priest, b. Feb. 14, 1788, d.  
Apr. 27, 1850, m. Lydia R. Heywood.  
Issue:—

1. Jonas H., b. Apr. 27, 1817, d. —  
m. Eunice Durant, Issue:—

a. Emily ~~Durant~~, b. Aug. 19,  
1851, m. Geo. D. Milne.

Issue:—

- (1.) Alexander.  
(2.) William.  
(3.) Eunice.  
(4.) Douglas.

b. Mary, b. Jan. 11, 1857, m.



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Warren K. Blodgett. No  
issue.

c. William H., died in infancy.  
2. Mary, b. March 22, '82, d. Dec. 18,  
1893, at Fitchburg; m. Merrick  
Felton.

3. Lydia, b. April 30, '19, d. —, m.  
Frederick W. Hudson. Issue:—

a. Frederick H., b. July 13, '41.

b. Jonas P., b. Aug. 24, '54; d.  
Aug. 12, 1856.

c. Chas. E., b. June 12, 1856;  
d. —; m. 1st, Fanny  
Ennis; d. 5 Feb., 1887; m.  
2nd, Kate Cushing; d. 25  
Dec., 1889.

Issue:—

(1.) Emily L.

III. Abraham Gibson Priest, b. July 10,  
1791. At the request of his maternal  
uncle, his name was changed to Abraham  
Priest Gibson. He was American Consul



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at St. Petersburg for thirty years; was unmarried; died in London.

IV. Warham Priest, b. May 26, 1793;  
d. July 27, 1822; m. his cousin Esther  
Fox Gibson, b. Jan. 14, 1799; d. Feb. 9,  
1869. Issue:—

1. John.

2. Warham.

3. Warham.

4. Esther.

5. Esther.

6. Abigail Pope Gibson, b. Nov. 10,  
1818; m. Mason Morse, born at  
Franeestown, Nov. 17, '13. Issue:

a. Mason W., b. Jan. 14, 1841;  
m. Cleone G. Baxter. No  
issue.

b. Albert H., b. Apr. 16, 1843;

m. Ella Frost. Issue:—

(1.) Mabel F., b. June 4,



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1870; m. Walter  
B. Herrick, Jan.  
16, 1889

(2.) Son died in infancy.

(3.) Albert H. Jr., b. 29  
Sept. 1874, m. Ada  
Stranahan. Issue :-  
(a.) Ethel, b. Jan.  
22, 1898.

c. Ellen Augusta, b. Dec. 31,  
1844; died young.

d. Ada Maria, b. Jan. 16, 1848;  
m. Thomas E. Bixby, 27  
April, 1871. Issue.—

(1.) Thomas Ed. b. Nov.  
16, 1872; m. June 17,  
1896, Martha Wood-  
bury, and had Edith,  
b. June 14, 1889.

(2.) Levi Mason, b. Dec  
29, 1877.

(3.) Emma Frances, b.  
Sept. 20. 1879.

e. Mark Morse, b. July 6,



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1880; d. in infancy.

f. Ella Frances, b. Sept. 8,  
1852; died young.

g. Lillian Gibson, b. May 20,  
1858; d. young.

V. Rebecca Priest, b. May 15, 1795;  
d. at Lunenburg, Jan. 11, 1872; m. May  
26, 1814, Lincoln Heywood, b. at Lunen-  
burg, Apr. 29, 1791; d. Oct. 30, 1867.  
Issue.—

1. John, b. March 25, 1815; d. April  
9, 1864; m. Eliz. Thomas, March  
24, 1846. Issue:—

a. Addie E., b. Nov. 28, 1849;  
m. A. Nichols, 1872.

2. Abigail, b. Sept. 25, 1816; d. in  
Kansas, Sept. 26, '79; m. Horatio  
N. Welch, Oct. 27, 1836. Issue:—

a. Chas. F. Welch, b. Aug. 24,  
1838; m. Apr. 13, '73, Dor-  
othea Grosher. Issue:—

(1.) Minnie M., b. Oct. 19,  
1874.

(2.) Grace H., b. Oct. 21  
1881.



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3. Humphrey Barrett, b. Jan. 27, 1818;  
d. Apr. 9, '83; m. Theoda Bartlett,  
May 27, 1844. Issue:—  
a. Albert Lincoln, b. 23 Apr., '45;  
d. at Fort Gregg, Va., Nov.  
8, 1864.  
b. Helen Miranda, August, '31  
1847; d. Dec. 17, 1878; m.  
Herbert C. Houghton, Nov.,  
1, 1877.  
c. George, b. Jan. 5, '52; d. Nov,  
17, 1864.
4. Miranda Priest, b. Nov. 5, 1819;  
m. A. P. Ford, Feb. 25, 1849; d.  
Feb. 16, 1868. Issue:—  
a. Ella M. Ford, b. Feb. 9, '52;  
d. Jan. 11, 1861.
5. George, b. Oct. 2, 1821; d. Dec.,  
28, 1850; m. Mary Welch, Nov.  
26, 1846. Issue.—  
a. Mary Heywood, b. Nov. 8,  
1850.  
b. George Lincoln, b. Apr. 5, '54;
6. Adeline Eliz., b. March 26, 1823.



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d. Sept. 27. 1885; m. Leander W  
Conant, June 8, 1843. Issue:—

a. Alonzo H., b. Feb. 28, 1848

b. William L., b. July 20, 1858;

d. Aug. 31, 1858.

7. Mary Ann, b. Apr. 27, '26; d. Feb.  
4, 1848; m. A. P. Ford, Apr. 23,  
1846.

8. Chas. Lincoln, b. Apr. 17, 1828; d.  
June 23, 1883; m. Ann F. Taylor,  
Nov. 25, 1857.

9. Sarah R., b. Nov. 16, 1830; m.  
Andrew Goodrich, July 4, 1853.—  
a. Fannie M., b. July 7, 1854; m.  
T. W. Woolredge, Jan. 2, '75.  
(1) Walter E., b. Sept. 28,  
1883.

b. Nellie F. b. 9 May, 1860; m.  
9 May 1882, Geo. W. Page;  
Fred W., b. Aug, 30 '83. d.  
Bessie b. 9 Mar. 1886.  
Evelyn G.. b. 9 May 1893.  
Chester W. b. 7 Feb., 1896,



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- (1) Fred W. b. 30  
Aug., '83, d. 11  
Feb., 1885.
- (2) Bessie, b. March  
9, 1886.
- (3) Evelyn, b. May  
7, 1893.
- (4) Chester W., b.  
Feb. 7, 1896.

VI. Dole Johnson Priest, b. Apr. 26,  
1796, died young.

VII. Joel Priest, b. Ridge, May 11,  
1799, d. Boston, Apr. 26, 1848; m. 1st  
wife, Oct. 26, 1824, Maria Dutch, who d.  
May 23, 1825; 2nd wife, July 30, 1823,  
Miriam White Stedman. Eight children,  
born in Boston.

- 1. Joel Henry, b. June 21, 1829, d. 27  
Aug., 1873; m. twice, 1st wife 19  
July, 1853, Catherine Kuhn; 2nd



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- Apr. 29, 1866, Minnie Walker.
2. Josiah Stedman, b. July 14, 1831, d. March 31, 1890, unmarried.
3. Albert Wallace, b. Nov. 4, 1833, m. Aug. 30, 1865, Louise Drew; d. Dec. 7, 1881.
4. George, b. Jan. 26, 1837, d. March 8, 1838.
5. Elvina, b. Jan. 18, 1839, d. Oct. 14, 1844.
6. Georgiana, b. March 7, 1841, d. 26 Aug., 1882; m. Sept. 4, 1861, Charles A. Hovey, b. June 19, 1844. Had three children, viz:—  
    (a) Justine DePeyster, b. —, d. young.  
    (b) Miriam, b. —, m. Rev. J. Coleman Adams, and had Justine, John and Miriam.
7. Alonzo, b. Sept. 4, 1843, m. May 23, 1873; m. Hannah M. Wilson,



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and had six children, viz :—

(a) Arthur Wilson, b. Oct. 22,  
1874.

(b) Miriam, b. Oct. 26, 1876, d.  
Jan. 14, 1879.

(c) Florence, b. July 20, 1878.

(d) Catherine, b. June 23, 1881.

(e) Daisy, b. June 23, 1881, d.  
June 28, 1881.

(f) Georgiana, b. Sept. 20, 1885.

8. Walter, b. Apr. 2, 1846; m. Isabel  
Chisholm, —, 1889.

VIII. Miranda Priest, b. Rindge, June  
16, 1802; d in Boston, March 11, 1869;  
m. May 11, 1826, Abraham G. Wyman,  
b. Walpole, N. H., Aug. 5, 1801, d. in  
Boston, June 24, 1868. Five children, born  
in Boston.

1. George Henry, b. Apr. 10, 1827, d.  
Apr. 13, 1893; m. 1st wife, Feb.  
7, 1853, Sarah E. Haskell, who d.



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Jan. 25, 1857; m., for 2nd wife,  
Almira Tucker, Apr. 10, 1860,  
and had three children, born in  
Bos-ton. Issue :—

(a) Harry Haskell, b. Jan. 11,  
1861, m. Minnie Gaines of  
Cleveland, Ohio, June 2,  
1886, and had Mildred, b.  
Feb. 3, 1887.

(b) Sarah Alice and Maria, b.  
Oct. 27, 1864. Maria d. at  
birth.

2. Maria Priest, b. Dec. 5, 1828, d.  
Aug. 23, 1891; m. Nov. 17, 1853,  
Joseph B. Heard, who d. Nov. 21,  
1857.

3. Abraham Gibson, b Sept. 24, 1830;  
m., 1st wife, Adelaide Lovell, and  
had two children; 2nd wife, Abby  
A. Phipps of Boston, Sept. 1, 1873.



(a) Walter Henry, b. March, 1860; m., 1st wife, Letitia Campbell of New York, who d. July 5, 1897, and had six children, born in New York.

1. Evelyn Amelia, b. Sept. 28, 1884.

2. Edith Caroline, b. Aug. 5, 1886.

3. Harold Lansing, b. Sept. 1, 1887.

4. Ernest Leslie, b. Nov. 30, 1889, d. Aug. 6, 1894.

5. Gladys Campbell, b. Oct. 15, 1894.

6. Hubert Towle, b. March 2, 1897.

The 2nd wife of Walter Henry was Adella Robinson, m. Aug 17, 1898.



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(b) Evelyn, b. Sept. 15, 1865, m.  
George Napier Fowle, Oct,  
15, 1890.

4. Caroline Elizabeth, b. Feb. 4, 1834.

5. Charles Francis, b. May 16, 1836.  
m., 1st wife, Aug. 4, 1859, Marga-  
ret D. Eaton of Boston, who d. May  
4, 1874. They had

(a) George Pierce, died at birth,  
May 4, 1874.

2nd wife, Helen K. Bullard of Cam-  
bridge, and had three children,  
born at Cambridge.

(a) Allen Storer, b. Nov. 3, 1877,  
d. Dec. 23, 1878.

(b) Arthur Dickinson, b. Nov. 1,  
1879.

(c) Florence May, b. Sept. 5, 1881.  
Charles Francis Wyman is, and has  
been for several years, Vice Consul



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to Russia for the New England States.

IX. Stillman Gibson, b. Rindge, Dec. 18, 1807, d. Nov. 7, 1851; m. May 2, 1832, Eveline Cannon of Nantucket; had three children.

1. George Stillman; b. in Boston, Mar. 31, 1833, m. twice, 1st wife May, E. Whitmarsh, and had :—

(a) Arthur Edward, b. in Boston, May 2, 1868.

(b) Alice; b. in Boston, d. young. He m. 2nd, Anna S. Safford, June 22, 1876.

X. Fanny, b. Rindge June 12, 1809, m. Dr. Woolcott Chandler of Natick, Mass., and had four children.

1. Nancy White, b. —, d. —.

2. Charles Wolcott, b. —, d. —, m. Martha —, and had :—



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(a) Gertrude.

3. Fanny, m. C. B. Houghton, had

(a) May, b. ———.

4. Ella.

XI. Jonas Heywood b. in Lunenburg,  
July, 6, 1812, d. in Waltham 20 May,  
1886; m. 1st Jan. 23, 1843, Miranda Ed-  
garton of Shirley; 2nd 17 Jan'y., 1855,  
Laura B. Thorpe, of New York. Issue:—

1. Herman Edgarton, b. in Waltham,

Oct. 20, 1844, m. Oct. 19, 1872,

Ella Grace Gillett, b. June 9, 1853.

—— and had:—

(a) George Heywood, b. May 16,  
1877.

2. ——— Priest, b. 1846, d. young.



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Since the preceding page was printed the following fuller record of Fanny, the daughter of John and Rebecca Priest has been received:—

Fanny Priest, b. at Rindge, 12 June, 1809; d. 24 Feb. 1890; m. 2 March, 1830 Wolcott Charles Chandler, M. D., of Natick, Mass. They had four children:

1. Nancy White Chandler, b. 30 March, 1831; d. in Natick, 28 Aug., 1848.

2. Charles Wolcott, b. 6 Apr., '34; d. in San Francisco, 6 May 1867; m. 6 July, '54, Martha (Manson) Crehore;

(a) Gertrude, b. 2 Apr., '55; m. —Catton; 2nd Elbridge Durbrew. Two children by first marriage



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Charles W. born

26 Jan., 1875.

Ross Lewis, born

25 Dec., 1877.

Both sons took the  
name of Durbrew.

3. Fanny Maria b. 20 Oct., 1835:  
m. 6 Nov., 1860, Cornelius  
Biggs Houghton of Benicia,  
California; one child, b. at  
Benicia. May, b. 6 Nov., '63.  
d. 30 Jan. 1874.
4. Ella Priest. b. in South Natick,  
Sept. 1847. d. 23 Aug., 1848.



### ADDITIONS.

The following additions and corrections have been furnished from various sources.

Page 3. Mareau should be Marean.

After Rebecca (Gibson) Priest first wife of John Priest died, June 30, 1814, he remarried, Nov. 15, 1815, Phebe (Allerton) Sherman, and had two daughters, one of whom died young. The second daughter, Abigail, b. in 1819, m. Luke Carter of Leominster, and had twelve children.

Page 4. The first four children of Addie Matilda were born in Boston.

Page 5. Caroline Dodd Priest, b. Oct.



5, 1818. John Dodd Priest was a Lieutenant in the civil war.

Page 8. Fred Hannond Priest has lived in New York for many years.

One report gives the birth of Caroline E. Pratt as 1832.

Page 9. Franklin Kingsbury, b. 1829. Reynalds usually given Reynolds.

Page 10. Josiah was born at Rindge; Gibson record says he died at Lunenburg, Oct. 7, 1861. His marriage to Lydia Ripley Heywood took place March 30, 1815. Their son, John H., was born in Jaffrey, and resided later in Boston; Sept. 15, 1847, he married Eunice Durant of that city, who died 21



Dec., 1872. Their three children were born in Boston. The Gibson Record calls their first child Emily Campbell instead of Durant. Her husband, Geo. D. Milne, was from Scotland. Their childrens' births not given on page 12 are as follows :—  
Alexander, b, Sept. 25, 1883.  
William D., b. June 16, 1885  
Eunice Campbell, b. Nov. 11, 1890.  
Douglas Duncan, b. July 13. 1892.

Page 11. Lydia Ripley Priest d. Feb. 9, 1899. Her marriage to Mr. Hudson of Leomister took place May 3, 1842, and Fred H. was born in 1847, which is a correction of date given on



page 11. The marriage of Charles E. to his first wife Fanny took place Feb. 5, 1837. She was born Sept. 14, 1860. They had Emily L., b. Oct. 11, 1834. His second marriage to Catherine Cushing took place Dec. 25, 1839. She was born Sept. 5, 1862.

It is claimed that there was a child of John and Rebecca Priest named Rebecca, born between the births of Joseph and Abraham Gibson.

Page 12. The five children of Warham Priest born in Boston died in infancy. The surviving child, Abigail Pope Gibson Priest m. Mason Morse of Frances-town, N. H., Nov. 17, 1839.

Page 13. Mabel Frost Morse m. 16 Jan.,



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1889, Walter B. Herrick.

Thomas E. Morse m. June 17,  
1896, Martha Woodbury, and  
had Edith, b. 14 June, 1889.

Page 14. John Priest died in Brattle-  
borough, Vt., Apr. 9, 1864.

The children of Horatio N.  
Welch and Abigail Hayward  
were Chas. F. Welch of Den-  
ver, Col., b. 1838; m. Apr.  
13, 1873, Dorothea L. Cröw-  
sher, and had:—

(a) Minnie M., b. October 19,  
1874.

(b) Grace H., b. 21 October,  
1881.

Page 15. Ella M. Ford d. Jan. 11, 1864.

The first child of George and  
Mary Welsh, b. July 13, 1848.  
was named Mary Welsh after  
her mother; probably died soon



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after. The third child, Geo.  
Lincoln, died young.

Page 16. Mary Ann Welsh m. 231 Apr.,  
1846, as first wife of A. P. Ford  
mentioned on page 15.

Page 17. (4) Chester W., b. Feb. 7,  
1896.

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**THE GIBSON ANCESTRY.**

The ancestry of the Gibsons, who be-  
came connected with the Priest family by  
marriage in 1776 is here given.

**WHEELER.**

Isaac Wheeler m. May 5, 1673, Eliza-  
beth Chamberlain.

Thomas Wheeler married Ruth Wood ;  
was appointed Lieutenant Oct. 12, 1669  
(see Colonial Records, vol. 4, 2nd p 439)  
appointed Captain of 2nd Troop of Horse,  
Middlesex County, May 31, 1671.



DAVIS.

Dolor Davis m. in 1634 Margery Willard, daughter of Richard Willard, and was the English pioneer in America in 1634.

Simon Davis of Concord, Mass., second son of Dolor, served with Captain Thomas Wheeler in the siege at Brookfield, was commissioned Lieutenant July 2, 1689. Simon Davis m. Mary Blood.

Deliverance Wheeler m. Mary Davis.

Mary Wheeler, daughter of Deliverance Wheeler m. Abraham Gibson, who was born in Stow, 1701; d. in Stow, Mass., Nov. 8, 1740, aged 39 years, 9 months. His military record stands thus: "Muster Roll of Capt. Bridgan and Company Troopers from Sept. 18 to Oct. 9, 1725. Abraham Gibson Cent. from Sept. 13 to Oct. 9, 1725; three weeks and one day.



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Mary (Wheeler) Gibson, his wife, born in Stow, Mass., Nov. 5, 1707, d. at Stow Jan. 15, 1793, as Mrs. Daniel Hapgood.

Abraham Gibson, b. in Stow, Mass., June 25, 1735, d. in Lunenburg, Mass., Sept. 9, 1813; m. Esther Fox after Jan. 13, 1760, who was b. in Concord, Mass., July 23, 1743, d. in Rindge, N. H., Apr 30, 1803. Abraham Gibson was 2nd Lieutenant in Capt. Abijah Hall's Co. Col. Willard's Reg't in expedition to Crown Point from May 9, 1759, to Jan. 12, 1760, 31 weeks and 2 days, and in the Revolutionary War he was private in Capt. Wood's Co.; Col. Asa Whitcomb's Reg't in 1775 at the Lexington alarm.

Rebecca Gibson, daughter of Abraham Gibson and Esther (Fox) Gibson m. John Priest, who was private in Capt. Hartwell's Company; Col. Nicholas Dike's Regiment, July 10, 1776, and doing service at Dorchester Heights.



John Lothrop Priest mentioned on 5th page of Rindge Branch was a shipping merchant and exporter in Boston, where he died in 1898. He was born on Milk street and attended the High and Latin Schools. Beginning business with Howard & Merry, on Central wharf he was about to become a partner, when Mr. H. was lost on steamer Lexington in 1840, when a large number of Bostonians were drowned. He then began business for himself in the Central American trade; was owner of the wellknown bark "Vesta." As a member of Boston Light Infantry, he responded to the call to suppress the Broad street riot; he was also a member of the Old Guard. Was a member of the old Brattle street church. Retired from business in 1889.

John T. Langford, (see page 9) who married Ellen Marean (Priest) Kingsbury, was elected to the Mass. Legislature of 1899—1900.



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Miss. Caroline E. Wyman, (see page 22 ) died April 15, 1900.

MARRIED:—October 16, 1900, Ella Mabel Langford (see page 9) to George Wesley Priest of Watertown. Mass. (See Descendants of Capt. Philemon Priest.)

Lydia Ripley Priest (see page 11) was the second child. b. 30 April, 1819: died 9 Feb., 1899. Mary was the third child b. March 22, 1822, missprint '82: died 18 Dec., 1893.

The following is from the History of Rindge, N. H.

John Priest born 1761, married Rebecca Gibson and came to Rindge in 1785. He removed from this town in 1811, and died April 12, 1830. His sons have a most honorable record in merchantile and other pursuits. In 1796, he was awarded the work of building the steeple of the new church for \$300 but subsequently the contract was executed between the town and the Barkers and the money paid to them.



### JOSEPH OF BERLIN, MASS.

Berlin was taken from Bolton (1784) and Marlborough. Bolton was formerly a part of Lancaster and formed most of the territory of Berlin. Lancaster was first settled in 1643; incorporated 1653. Marlborough was settled in 1654 and granted from Sudbury in 1655, incorporated 1660. Sudbury was incorporated in 1639 being first settled in 1635.—Ed.

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#### [FROM HISTORY OF BERLIN,]

Joseph Priest, son of John of Woburn, later a settler on Bare Hill, Lancaster, was born in 1693. He married Hannah —, born 1684: both buried in the old cemetery, the latter being the earliest born of any there buried, it is probable that she was disinterred from some other



cemetery. She died Aug., 1772, and he died 30 Nov., 1781. Both aged 88 years. He was one of the earliest settlers, about 1733. Had Joseph b. 1732, and, Hannah born 22 June 1735. She married Enoch Whitcomb. Joseph was in the expedition against Crown Point, in 1757 under Col. Whitcomb of Bolton,

JOSEPH JR.

Joseph Jr., born 1732, died 1817: he was unmarried. He was a peculiar character; his will was probated Sept 1817, Solomon How Executor; the town of Berlin was made residuary legatee as appears from the following extract from his will:—

“All the remainder and residue of my estate I give and bequeath to the town of Berlin to be kept on good security at-interest annually, and said interest applied solely for literary purposes,” The amount



**JOSEPH OF BERLIN.**

received from the executor being \$595.3  
the interest of which has annually been  
appropriated for schooling.

**A TREASURED HISTORIC POEM.**

Among the names that blest the town,  
Stands Joseph Priest of fair renown;  
The gift he gave what good it's done  
To you and me and every one  
In Berlin schools, who've had a share  
In the learning gained here and there  
This first of gifts by no means least,  
The town received of Joseph Priest;  
Peculiar gifts in him adhered:  
Peculiar speech and garb appeared  
He joked the parson with all grace.  
And dared the widow face to face.

**ITS EXPLANATION.**

Joseph Priest, Jr. was noticably expressive in sayings, and always wore the continental costume---cocked hat, knee and shoe buckle.

What was meant about joking the parson is as follows:—



Dr. Puffer, the minister, at that time used the then common expression in Prayer, "Thou hast found out a way of salvation."

Uncle Joe, as he was called, met the parson and said:

"Well done, Puffer! Well done! The Almighty has found out something, has He?"

There was a man named Ephriam Babcock, who lived away from the public road. Uncle Joe made him a call one day on foot and said:

"Well, Ephriam, I am glad parson Puffer prays for you every Sunday."

"How is that?" said Mr. Babcock.

"Why, he prays that the uttermost parts of the earth may have the gospel sent to them."

It is related of Uncle Joe, that when his father would have married a second wife at 80 years, he went to dissuade the widow in Marlboro. Persuasion naught availing,











he said; "My name is Joe. Priest; I live between the two hills in Bolton, [Berlin was then a part of Bolton] and if I ever see you there, I will kill you." She decided not to adopt such a son-in-law.

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#### THE PRIESTS AS INNKEEPERS.

Several of the earlier Priests were Innkeepers. Joseph and his younger brother John were early settlers in Royalston. Says an extract from a historical address by Hon. Alexander H. Bullock :

"The Purchasers and first proprietors of our town were men of exalted names and characters, and although they were proprietors only, not all being settlers, yet I cannot doubt that association with so much of fame and virtue left their impressions of manliness and honor upon those who came and remained here. The names of five men and others, for the con-



consideration of £1348 took the title to 28,357 exclusive of former private grants amounting to 1700 acres and known in the archives at the State House as 'Pierponts, PRIESTS and Hapgood's.' In accordance with the wise policy of the government of that day, the Sovereign power bestowed these grants as bounties for military services rendered. The name attached to one of these grants has become a part of the local geography and daily life of the town—Joseph Priest, who received 300 acres in recognition of his loyalty in extending the hospitality of his half-way house near the boundary of the town to all those who passed that way to and from the French wars, will ever live in the beautiful river that bears his name."

The fame of New England inn-keepers such as were the Priests has been written both in poetry and prose. The famous











Thoreau after tramping through the ancestral Priest towns, described the early Massachusetts inn-keeper as "a host that is indeed a host, a self-appointed brother, called to his place, besides, by all the winds of Heaven, and this good genius, as the preacher has been called to preach—a man of universal sympathies, a broad genial human nature."

And Longfellow, too, pictured in verse the early New England Inn—

"Where noon and night the panting  
teams

Stop under great oaks that throw  
Tangles of light and shade below,  
On roofs and doors and window sills:

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And from the parlor of the inn  
A pleasant murmur smote the air  
Like water rushing through a weir,  
Oft intermingled by the din  
Of laughter and applause.  
And in the intervening pause—  
The music of the violin.  
Before the blazing fire of wood,



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Erect the rapt musician stood :  
Around the fire and at their ease,  
There sat a group of friends entranced  
With the delicious *mélodies*."

In the appendix of Mr. Bullock's address it is said that "Joseph Priest took the precaution of making a sort of castle, or to express ourselves less romantically, a block house for his residence. We suspect that his small defensive provisions, constitute all the material there is for the tradition there is of a fort in that vicinity. Another tradition has some currency and perhaps more solid grounds to stand upon. It is said that one of the committee for visiting this new territory, and preparing the way for settlement, brought with him a small package of choice tea, and putting up at the Priest castle requested Mrs. P. that she would prepare some for their refreshment, at their evening meal. on their return from their tramp. The good woman did so cooking the whole of the fragrant parsel as season for a boiled-dish."











### THE MISSING JOB PRIEST.

“What became of Job Priest, and which Job was it that really lost himself, thus causing weary but patient genealogists a host of trouble?”

That is the question dozens of searchers after Priest history are asking.

There seems to have been one too many Job Priest born—a Job Priest, that having been born, left no other record. He seems neither to have continued to live, marry, nor die ;— the sole purpose of his being born seems to have been to exasperate the genealogist.



I suppose, out of prejudice. I long ago settled down to the conclusion, that Job was a bad boy and ran away, and his parents never made mention of it. This was a mistake of the parents;—all such escapades should at once be inscribed, for the benefit of future generations, upon the pages of the Family Bible, which are so much sought after by genealogists.

But here is a possible solution of what became of the missing Job.

In looking up literature concerning the Priest Family in America, I found that some American and at least one English Bibliographer spoke encouragingly of a book written many years ago entitled "The wonderful Adventures of Capt. Job Priest," by Philip Paxton.

As no perpetuated or extinct branch of the Priest family laid claim to this Capt. Job Priest, and as Paxton, his biographer,



like many other biographers and genealogists had wearied of this world and had, per force, gone in search of a better, how was I, as a faithful genealogist of the Priest family to find out whether or not this Captain was the missing Job Priest, unless in some way I could be possessor of the book?

Of course the book was out of print, the once honest publishers were now non est; the book had long since disappeared from public libraries,—like elm trees in Fall, funny books in a library lose their leaves early. At last a dealer in curious books, one of those self-benevolent persons, who can swell the price of a book in proportion to the anxiety of the customer to procure it, learning my distress on the subject, offered me at a somewhat fabulous price a copy of the book, which he had doubtless purchased for a penny



or two at some "rummage sale."

I bought the book, and gave the price, just as the shrewd curio-dealer knew I would, for whoever knew \$ \$ \$ to stand between a genealogist and a possible "missing link?"

Having read the book, I cheerfully as possible declare "The Wonderful Adventures of Capt. Job Priest," a misnomer. There was much amusing, but the word "wonderful" is too superlative by half.

Whether Capt. Job was or not the long lost Job, I shall leave all Priest students to decide; somehow to me, although he boasted of his pride of ancestry, all the real characteristics are missing. "There is nothing mean about me,"—having paid the dealer the price he asked, I hope to save hereafter all, who are interested in Priest history, from a similar fate; I shall in few words redescribe the man and tell



all the 325 page book has about him, all free of special charge. Having loaned the book to members of several branches of the Priest family, not one acknowledges him to be a kin. Paxton has complicated matters : through him the lost was not proved found, but an alleged Priest was found, who was never lost .

According to Paxton, Capt. Job made his debut on the farm of one Col. Jenkins as a cow boy or general utility youth, on Long Island. He apparently came from no where, which may be a point of evidence that he was the missing Job Priest.

Paxton says it could be scarcely said with propriety that his education had been neglected, for he had received none to neglect. He could neither read or write, and what would have been very singular, in any less singular being, he was singularly proud of his want of



knowledge, usually deemed of such importance. No mention of Job's wife was made in the book, but he must have had one, as he lived with his beloved daughter and her aunt Keziah in a white cottage on the shores of Long Island Bay, where he "carried sail," and from whence, being latterly a mariner, he sailed in his small schooner the "Sally Ann." The only reference made by Paxton of Job's parents, was the sage remark, that "when they named him Job, they certainly made a job of it. His daughter's name was Mary—was there ever a branch of the Priest family that did not have in it from one to a dozen having the name Mary.

Paxton wrote:—"Capt. Job was a short, stubby, thick-set fellow, with a dried apple face, tanned and stained by the combined effect of sun and wind, until he looked something like an ex-sarcoph-



agus'd mummy. His color was a mixture of brown and yellow—orange tawny, perhaps— with a slight tinge of brick red, upon the extreme verge and outskirts of his face, which roseate hue increased in radiance as it approached the center— his nose—and upon this part of his ultimate of the facial globe, it blazed out with intense ferocity. Some attributed this to the effects of a too generous liquid diet, others to the great proximity which this organ usually enjoyed to a very short and uncommonly busy pipe, while the Captain himself gave the exposures incident to his profession the whole credit of it. \*\*

His dress was invariably a sailor's jacket of blue cloth, and buttons that had once been gilt, vest ditto, and a collar opened leaving the breast bare. As for the covering of his nether man, there was nothing singular about it saving that his



terminals terminated invariably within the confines of a pair of potmetal-boots.

Capt. Job was a proud man; he was proud of his ignorance: he considered it as proof of his exceeding cleverness that he had got on so well in the world despite of his deficiencies, for Job had grown rich, and was now the sole owner of the "Sally Ann," which was as snug a little ship as ploughed the waters of the bay; he was very proud of his house: proud of his farm, very proud of his vessel, immeasurably proud of his daughter, and as strange as it may seem, the acme, the culmination, the crowning point of all this great pyramid of pride was his daughter's aristocratic descent. His daughter Mary had a lover, which Capt. Job did not like, and in spite of his dislike the lovers very often met. One day Job had an offer to transport a cargo to Boston on the Sally











Ann. At first he declined to take the job because, while the Sally Ann would be tossing in the tempestuous sea, his daughter Mary's beau would have clean sailing at home, but finally he discovered the plan of taking Mary with him and thus leave her lover stuck fast on shore, like a shipwrecked vessel.

As the voyage was an unusually long one for Job to take, and he was afraid he and his daughter would both be drowned, he decided to make his will and will her the bulk of his property. One morning some three hours before daylight, he was calling out of bed the nearest Squire and dictated the following :—

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Job Priest, captain and sole owner of the fast sailing sloop Sally Ann, of Bay Harher, forty-five tons, Custom, House measurement, and now engaged in the brick and lumber carrying trade,



being warranted sound in mind and limb, do hereby affirm this to be my last will and testament. [Job objected to the word 'testament' and asked the Squire if the 'hull bible wasn't stronger'] whereas hereby nevertheless, and in consideration of my being on the eve of embarking on a long and perilous voyage, along with Mary, my daughter, after Squire Underwood's ashes, and whereas the said sloop "Sally Ann" may meet with some dangerous accident, and go down with me and my daughter Mary, and all hands on board, now therefore I leave to my aforesaid daughter Mary, the said sloop, the "Sally Ann," with all her rigging, cables, chains and anchors, to have and to hold, in lease hold and freehold for evermore, amen! Provided always and notwithstanding, that she does not marry contrary to my wishes, and whereas I have considerable money deposited with old Mister Bigler and others, about which the said Mary, my daughter knows more than anybody



else, I hereby convey it to her in feesimple. I also and further give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary, my house and land, situated lying and being upon the side hill, commanding her however that she give her aunt Keziah a home as long as she remains peaceable and don't become too fractious. I also command her to break and burn up the old water-cask under the ketchen window, and not to tell anyone what she did it for. [The reason was that Job had fallen into the well filled cask, while perched upon it, and trying to hear what a widow in whom he was interested was saying to Keziah.] and to make the following presents in my name, Viz, to wit ;—To Pete, my mate my valuable silver watch with steel chain and seals. Also the sum of twenty dollars, and don't give him my clothes, because they wouldn't fit. To Dick my cabin-boy, all my old clothes, hats, caps, and boots, and five dollars, and I hope he will live to fill them all.



I hereby appoint my friend, Adoniram Peabody my executor, and command him to keep this will out of sight as long as I am alive, and also my daughter Mary is enjoined to present him with a new suit of mourning, including hat, boots, gloves, and twenty dollars—

IMPRIMIS. In case my daughter Mary should get married contrary to my wishes or shouldn't live to enjoy this will, it is all to go to my sister-in-law Keziah, and Adoniram Peabody knows what I mean about Mary's getting married.

NOTA BENE.—All the cows, calves, sheep, hogs, pigs and swine together with the ploughs, carts, stable, barn, and everything else goes with the rest. And I hereby bind my daughter Mary, her heirs, executors and assigns, to present to Teddy Mulligan ten dollars in my name, and to employ him upon the farm as long as they are all agreeable,

JOE PRIEST,— X. (his mark.)

Peabody's landlady and son were witnesses, and were angry at being called up before day light to sign it.



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But for once Job's plans did not work : neither he nor his daughter Mary were drowned and of course by the terms of the will she did not at that time get the property. Job's scheme to separate Mary from her lover was also a failure. He set the time for setting sail, but some time before hurried Mary on board, and then anchored the Sally Ann far out in the bay, and himself returned to the shore to finish up his business. Mary's lover discovered his return and rowed to the Sally Ann and to Mary. Time passed so quickly and so pleasantly that Job's boat was touching the Sally Ann on its return trip before Job was discovered by the lovers, and Mary had only time to conceal him down the hatchway before Job was on board. Of course Mary expected to liberate her lover long before the hour set for sailing. But Job had changed his mind. He was



anxious to get Mary at once as far as possible from her lover's influence. So Job ordered all sails up, he fastened down the hatch and the Sally Ann was soon sailing after Squire Underwood's ashes. Job's good nature seemed to increase in proportion to the increasing distance between the Sally Ann and the shore, where he supposed Mary's lover was stranded: but the distance between lovers was really and only the thickness of the plank of the hatch on which Mary was then seated and endeavoring to communicate with her lover.

Now Job, not being used to navigating out of sight of land, began to follow a boat that he thought was also going to Boston. The captain of the followed ship took the following Sally Ann as a pirate and in trying to escape zizzaged a course in every direction except toward Boston.



After several days chase Job lost view of the frightened ship he had been taking as a guide-board and discovered by hailing another ship that he was hopelessly lost somewhere near Cuba. And here was a proper place for Mary's lover to appear from his hiding place as he was a skilled navigator.

Job was so delighted to have a skilled navigator on board that he at once forgave Mary and her lover, and the latter safely sailed the sloop to Boston, and after ward to Bay Harbor.

The Sally Ann had been so long gone that Bay Harbor folks supposed she was wrecked and that all on board had perished. The Squire, who made Job's will, knowing where the money was going to in case of Mary's death had too promptly married Keziah, donned his suit of mourning and appropriated his bequest of \$20.



Everybody was glad to see Job except the Squire and Keziah.

“Why! Job, you swore that she should never marry him,” said every body.

“And she shan’t, thundered Job, who had always prided himself on never giving up, but by the living jingo! HE shall marry her.” And so they were happy.

I have given this review, not because it properly belongs in this work, but to enliven the many pages of dry dates, and as before said, to prevent anyone paying for information contained in the book unless they want to, at curio-dealer’s price.

P. S. My copy of “The Wondertul Adventures of Capt. Job. Priest” is for sale—at the price paid for it.



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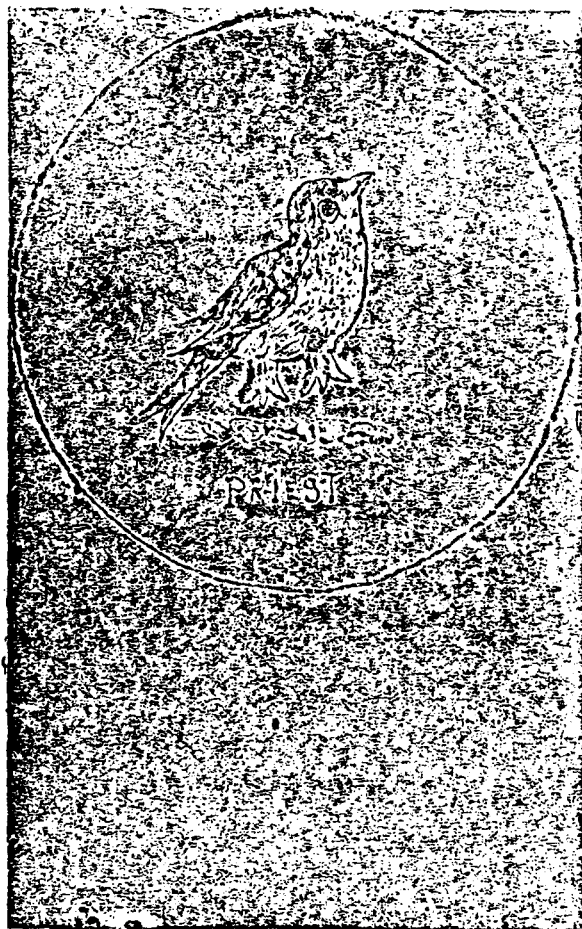
## **PART 5.**

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DESCENDANTS OF  
**PETER PRIEST**  
OF VIRGINIA



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## DESCENDANTS OF PETER PRIEST OF VIRGINIA.

Peter Priest came to this country from England about 1700; and settled in Virginia. Children:—

1. Thomas.
2. John.
3. George,
4. Peter went to Kentucky in its early settlement.
5. William, went to West Virginia and died without family.
6. ———daughter, m. ———Murray.
7. ———daughter m. ———Lawrence.

One of the above daughters was named Elizabeth.



Thomas married Miss. Stark of Culpeper Co. and settled in Fauquier Co., Va. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Died at the age of 96. Children;—

1. James: Never married: last heard of in Springfield Ill.
2. Peter married and settled in Culpeper Co.
3. Louis. married Polly Baker and lived in Warren Co., Va., later they moved to Shelby Co., Mo. Issue;—
  - i. Louis.
  - ii. Mathew.
  - iii. Henry.
  - iv. Jacob.
  - v. Emily.
  - vi. Sally.
  - vii. Elizabeth.
4. Thomas married Miss. Weton and moved to Mo., 1841.
5. Henry, m. 1st Sarah Murrey; moved from Va. to Ralls Co. Mo, 1841.



i. James, lived and died in Farquite Co; by 1st wife Jane Cochran had two children, Ellen and John; second wife, Mrs. Kincheloc.

ii. William married, 1st Miss Dodd, and had:—

(a) Henry J.

(b) James M.

(c) Martha.

(d) Sally.

By 2d wife Emily Cochran;—

(e) Molly.

(f) Wiallim B.

Henry [5] married 2nd Lavina Grilic and had :—

i. Louis.

m. Emily Priest : daughter  
Nancy lives in Shelby County  
Missouri.



ii. Thomas J., m. Amelia Brown  
Resides in Ralls Co., Mo.

(a) Theodore. (c) Daniel.

(b) Tillie. (d) Janie.

iii. Henry H., lived in Ralls Co.  
Mo., m. Anna Dodd ; Issue

(a) Charles, (c) Elizabeth

(b) James.

iv. Sarah E. m. Dr. John Long,  
Child. Henry : lives in  
Monroe Co., Mo.

v. John A. m. Sarah Hurston ;

(a) John, (c) Ida,

(b) Edward,

By wife Helen Chinn ;

(a) Jefferson, (b) Alena,

Live in Ralls Co.

vi. Albert G, m. Martha Ennis,

(a) Henry

(b) Mooder.

(c) Marie,



(d) Cora.

They reside in Shelby Co Mo.

vii. Madeline M. mar. Albert Shortridge; live in Macon Co. Mo. Children:— James, Emma, Sally, Elizabeth. George.

viii George W, 1st wife. Lavina Hearne; no children. 2nd wife, Patty Dedman. Lived in Shelbyville. Ky.

ix. Emma, m. J. R. Parsons.

Robert S.

George W.

Lavina,

Anna,

Glenn,

Cora,

Elizabeth,

Sally—Red Oak So, Dak.

6. Elizabeth. m. — Debele, lived at Maysville, Ky, and had no child.



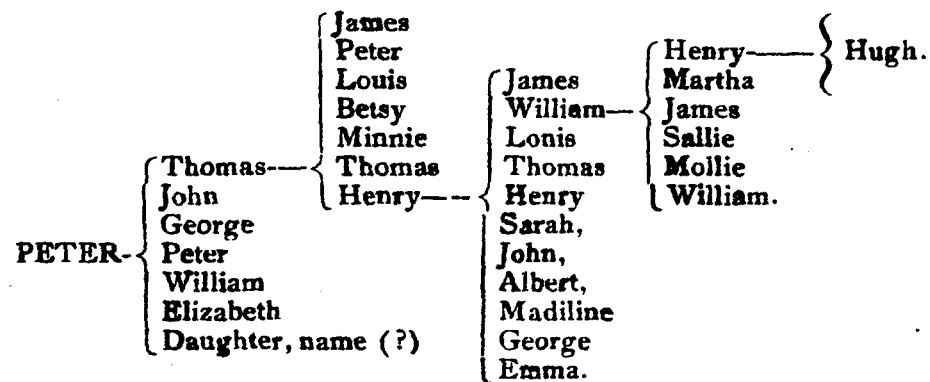
7. Minnie, m. Col. John Winn, and moved to Mo. in 1839. Descendants live in New London, Mo.

Children :—

- |                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| i. Mary,       | iv. Isham,   |
| ii. Elizabeth, | v. Minott,   |
| iii. Thomas,   | vi. William. |



A LINE FROM PETER PRIEST OF VIRGINIA.



William Priest, (grandfather) and Henry, (father) and Hugh, (son) reside in New London, Missouri.



#### PETER OF VIRGINIA

In or about the year 1700, three brothers came to this country from the North of Wales: one went to South Carolina or Georgia and reared a family; one died soon after landing, and never was married: one (Peter) remained in Virginia.—HUGH PRIEST.

Simeon S. Priest of Sideview, Ky., and Thomas Wesley Priest were in the civil war, southern side; they were captured by the Union forces and imprisoned at Rock Island near Camp Douglass. Simeon escaped by crawling out through a sewer.

Daniel, son of George of Va., was in the war of 1812, in Benj. Maxfield's company as a private.

Thomas Priest, son of Peter, of Virginia, was in the Revolutionary war.

Elias, son of George, grandson of Peter, was a soldier, 1812.





**JUDGE HENRY SAMUEL PRIEST**

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**







### HENRY SAMUEL PRIEST.

[FROM ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE HISTORY  
OF ST. LOUIS.]

Henry Samuel Priest, lawyer and jurist, was born in Ralls County, Missouri, February 7, 1853. His parents, Thomas J. and Amelia E. (Brown) Priest, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Kentucky, were connected with the distinguished Houston family, of which General Samuel Houston was a member. He was educated at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, graduating in the class of 1872. From there he went to Taylorsville, Kentucky, where he began the study of law in the office of Major Mark E. Houston, completing his prescribed



course of legal studies in Hannibal Missouri, under the direction of Judge James Carr, who was at the time general attorney for the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company. At Hannibal he was admitted to the bar by Judge John T. Redd in the spring of 1873, and soon afterward located at Moberly, where he entered upon the practice of his profession and began the career destined to bring him a great measure of success and renown. In a short time, or soon as he was eligible, he was elected city attorney, which office he filled acceptably, and continued practice of his chosen vocation for about eight years, when he accepted the tender of the position of assistant attorney for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, appearing for his client in numerous important cases in the courts of St. Louis and elsewhere in the State. This employ-



ment continued from October 1881 to December 1, 1883, when he was appointed attorney for the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railroad Company, now the Wabash Railway. This position he held with distinction for seven years, or until December 1, 1890, when he was appointed general attorney for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, with which corporation he had become associated in a legal capacity when he came to St. Louis. In 1894 he resigned to accept appointment by President Cleveland to the Judgeship of the United States District Court as the successor of Judge Thayer promoted to the United States Circuit Judgeship; but a year later he resigned and retired from the bench. As a result of this latter move the notable firm of Boyle, Priest & Lehmann was formed. A judgeship, even on the Federal bench, which is equivalent



to a life service, though honorable and coveted, entails upon the encumbent a constant attention in varied fields of legal investigation, and demands a virtual exclusion from the allurements of social intercourse. Judge Priest probably found the exactions of his new office more onerous than was suited to his tastes. The field was rather more restricted than was agreeable to his aptitudes and ambition.

In the partnership effected upon his retirement, from the bench there was congeniality of association and harmony of interests.

Judge Priest is a member of the Mercantile, St. Louis, Noonday, Country and Jockey Clubs, and from his court and office work finds time to recreate his intellectual combats and legal labors with the delights of literature and the pleasures of contact with observant, thinking men.



In his profession, he is a careful collator of decisions and opinions held as authority, presents his cases ably, forcibly, logically and in good order, faithfully looks after every detail in the interests of his clients, possesses great composure of character, and in manner is suave and pleasing. These, though not, perhaps, all the traits of an eminent lawyer, go far in the direction of establishing a high reputation among the best. At the bar Judge Priest is held in universal regard, as shown by his unanimous election to be president of the Missouri State Bar Association in 1891, as well as by the recommendations he had when he was appointed Judge of the United States Circuit Court by President Cleveland. Nov. 9, 1876, Judge Priest was married to Miss Henrietta King Parsell, of Webster Groves, St. Louis County, Missouri, a daughter of George B. and Elizabeth



(Wright) Parsell, of Portland, Maine. Their children are George T., Grace E., Jeannette B. and Wells Blodgett Priest.

In a personal letter to the compiler of this book, Judge Priest wrote: —“I am in possession of little information concerning my family, on my father's side, further back than my grandfather, Henry Priest, who came to Ralls County, Mo., between 1825 and '30. He had one brother, Thomas, who came to Missouri with him. My father's name was Thomas Jefferson. He had six brothers and four sisters all of whom except James came also to Mo. James remained in Virginia. Before I arrived at that age when an interest would be excited in matters of this kind my father died. I have an impression, however, that in my younger days, my father told me that there were three Priest brothers, early emigrants to this country; —one settled in New England, one in Pennsylvania and the other in Virginia.”



JOHN,

JOHN, son of Peter married Elizabeth Brown and settled in Fauquier County,

Va. Children:—

1. Mason, married Sallie Lawrence:

- i Fellows, m. Lucy Hickerson.
- ii. Willis, m. Nancy Lawrence, his cousin.
- iii Nancy m. John Brown, her cousin.

2. John, b. Jan. 31, 1767; d. 17 July, 1817; m. 1798, Nancy Neal.

- i. Thomas; d. in Va.
- ii. Mathew d, in Va,
- iii. William.
- iv. Turner.
- v. Rhodham.
- vi. Elizabeth,

The above excepting the first two moved to Mo. and raised families.



3. George married his cousin Susan Lawrence.
  - i. A daughter.
  - ii. A daughter.
  - iii. Peter married Miss. Turley.
4. Rhodham, b. —d. Aug. 28, 1836.
  - m, Francis Brown, daughter of Hezekiah and Ann Stubblefield Brown of Culpepper Co., Va. and moved to Franklin Co, Ky. 1790, Bourborn Co. in 1795 : and to Logan Co. in 1805. Children.
    - i. Hezekiah Lawrence b. Sept. 24, 1791 : died 1870,
    - ii. John Hackley, b. 10 May, 1793: died 1851.
    - iii. Henry Fellows, b. 22 Jan. 1799; died 1845.
    - iv. Elizabeth, b. 20 Feb. 1795 ;
    - v. James Stubblefield, b. Feb. 26, 1797 ; died 1864 ; m.



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Felural Stark Wayne ; ha

(a) Virginia Ann, 7 Aug  
1822. m. Branch Ar  
cher Blackwell : Issu

Viola Wayne,

Cornelia Francis,

Chapman T.

Mary Courtney.

Adrienne Priest ; m.

Horsley Dagg a r

lives in Kentucky

(b) William Coleman.

(c) James Avasco.

(d) T. — Wayne.

(e) Adrienne.

vi. Ann S. b. 23 Mar. 1801.

vii. George S. b, 6 June. 1803 :  
died 1888.

viii. Minerva Brown b. 25 Nov.  
1805, died 1883.



ix. Mohala b. 26 Dec. 1808:  
died 1858.

5. Nelson lived to be old—never married.
6. William,
7. Elizabeth,
8. Mary, married Allen Dodd.
9. Sally,
10. Nancy, died young.
11. Thomas, died young.











## GEORGE.

GEORGE, son of Peter, b. Aug. 16, 1748, in Va. : died at Side View, Ky. 7 Dec., 1829; married 25 December, 1771, Francis Catlett, b. 23 Mar., 1754; died 5 Feb. 1818; came to Mt. Sterling then in Clark Co., in 1793. Children;—

1. William, b. 14 Dec. 1772; died 28 Oct., 1794.

2. Margaret b. 8 Oct. 1774 : d——m, Smith McMurry.

3. Saily, b. Nov. 25, 1777 : d. 4 July, 1795.

4. Peter, b. 10 Dec, 1779 : d. Aug. 27, 1835.

5. Nancy, b. 9 Oct. 1781; m. Levi Simpson in 1816 : died in Bourbon Co., and is buried at North Middletown, Ky, Children;—

i. Joseph mar. Amanda Mitchell.



- ii. Francis, mar. —Yates.
  - iii. Mildred, m. Shelton Bradley
  - iv. Lucy m. — Fagg :was liv-  
ing in Indianapolis, Ind. 1901.
    - (a) Icy, m. Gen. Young and  
lives at Roachdale.
    - (b) Lucy.
    - (c) Lenora Boyd, m. Jules  
DuBiel, Ph, D., a Paris-  
ian —educated at Heidel-  
burg, Ger: iutroduced  
Beet Sugar Industry into  
this country: with Na-  
tional Starch Co. in 1891
    - (d) Cloy.
    - (e) Mary.
  - v. Fanny, b. 12 May 1824: died  
11 June, 1899 near Middletown  
Ky. m. Frank Houston.
  - vi. Emily, —Stuart.
- The children of Fanny Simpson  
and Frank Houston were:—



- i. Nancy, m. ———-Boone.
  - (a) Willard. Wichita, Ks.
  - (b) Frank,
  - (c) Fannie.
  - (d) Florence. Died.
  - (e) Laura.
- ii. French lives in Arkansas.
- iii. Laura b. near Middletown,  
Ky; mar. Albert Craig, Ve-  
vay, Ind. Issue;—  
Frank.  
Evelyn.
- iv. Richard, mar. twice: died in  
Mo. or Ks. 1900.
- v. Fannie L. buried at North  
Middletown, Ky.: mar. H. C.  
Stone, Little Rock, Ky. Issue.  
Albert.  
Lizzie.
- vii Jefferson resides in Kansas.



- vii. Queenie married Joseph M.  
Rion ; live at Paris Kentucky.  
Children :—

Houston, Mayme,  
Croxtton, Francis,  
Craig, Georgia.

- viii. Joseph resides in Wichita,  
Kansas. Is a lawyer.

6. John, b. 17 May, 1784.

7. Fielding, b. 20 Mar., 1786, in Va.  
died near Grand Castle Ind., mar.  
Nancy Badger, sister of Fanny B.  
wife of Lewis Corbin, Children ;

i. Elizabeth.

ii. Thomas.

iii. John

iv. Robert m. Lucy Turpin,

v. Daniel.

vi. Henry m. Matt Turner.

vii. Lewis.

viii. George.



ix. Sarah, m. —Hall, and  
had a son named Thomas  
Priest Hall living at Breck-  
enridge, Mo.

8. Mary, b, 17 Feb, 1788, in Va : m.

Robert Burnett : Children ;—

i. George.

ii. Francis m. Isaac Redmond,  
a shoemaker at Mt, Sterling

Ky. and had Jane b. Aug.,

23. 1814 : d. 19 May, 1838.

m. 3 Jan. 1833 John Wm.

Stevens, b. 20 Mar, 1808 ;

d. 31 Nov., 1893. Issue ;—

(a) James Andrew, b.

21 Nov, 1833, d. '98

in Kansas City, and

left family.

(b) Maryetta b. March.

3, 1835 : d. 1 Apr.,

1835.



- (c) Emily Elizabeth b.  
19 Aug., 1836; m.  
—Noble, is a widow  
residing in Kansas.
- (d) Zelinda Jane b. 1  
Feb., 1838: m.—  
Miggs; in Kansas.
- 9. Elias, b. 17 May, 1790; d. 2 Sept,  
1848, in Richmond, Mo., m. Dec.  
15, 1814, Elizabeth Ringo, b. 28  
Feb. 1791: d. 24 Feb., 1852. Issue
  - i. Robert Ringo, b. 27 Dec.  
1815; died 26 Oct., 1845 at  
Richmond, Va.; never mar.
  - ii. Silas Corbin b. 14 May, 1817  
d. at sideview, Ky, 22 Jan'y,  
1844: never married.
  - iii. Luke Daniel, b. 15 May,  
1819; d. in Richmond, Mo.  
6 July, 1895: m. 27 May,  
1841, Sally Jane, daughter  
of Noble Goe, b. 1 March,



1821, in Mo; d. in Richmond, 25 Jan., 1883: Issue,

(a) Mary Elizabeth b. 4 May 1742; d. 5 May, 1843,

(b) Margaret Jane, b. Aug, 1843. m. 17 Dec, 1874, Edward Watson Kemper of Oldham Co. Ky, Present address, Butte Montana. Children;—

Lucy J., b. 3 Mar. 1876

Margaret A. b. March,

21, 1885, (Richmond)

(c) Susan Ann Priest, b. Dec, 6, 1845; m. 1st——

Proffit; Children:—

Hattie m. ——— Kreuger

Alfred,

m. 2nd Fobe Hallowell,

Katherine,

Daniel.

(d) Robert Daniel b. 18 Nov, 1847; d. 2 Dec. 1854.

(e) Amanda Rebecca, b. Mar, 5, 1850; d. 3 Dec., 1854.



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- (f) William David b. 10 Oct.  
1852; d. 19 Jan. 1888; m  
Mahala TeeGarden. Issue  
Bennett.  
Sallie mar. Howard  
Pointer.  
Alice m. ——— Young  
Amanda.
- (g) Charles Eppie b. 18 Feb.  
1855; d. in Indian Ter.,  
9 Oct 1883; m. Nelly—  
and had Pearl P., who  
m. John Thrapp, lives in  
Texas and has one child,  
Roy Catlett b. in 1900
- (h) Catlett Smith b. 5 May  
1857; not m. in 1901.
- (i) Luke McMurry b. Aug.  
29, 1859 Address Joplin,  
Mo. m. Belle Dooley, had  
Jessie, b. there 26 Dec.,  
1899.
- (j) Virginia Alice b. 9 Feb.  
1862; d. 28 June 1897 ;at



Liberty Mo.. m. Albert  
Quails. No children,

(k) Infant son b. and d. 7  
Dec., 1864.

(l) George Mosby b. 7 May  
1866 m. "George Dooly"  
resides in Richmond.

iv Lucian Jefferson, b. 2 Jan.,  
1822: d, 19 March, 18— in  
Ky; m, Eliza Stout; no  
children.

v. Elizabeth Catlett, b, Dec.  
13, 1823: d, 7 July, 1888;  
never married.

vi. Zalinda Jane: b. 29 Nov.,  
1825; d. 3 Oct., 1853; and  
never married.

vii. Benjamin Franklyn, b. 7  
Nov., 1827; d. 2 Jan. 1864  
and never married.

viii. Mary Catherine b. 27 June  
1830: d. 2 Mar., 1896, in



Kansas City, Mo : m. Ed-  
Tanner ; no children.

- ix. Emily Ann b. 9 April,  
1833 ; d 8 Oct, 1893 : m.  
Milton Ringo : no children.
- x. Margaret Francis b. Aug.,  
27, 1836 : d. 28 July, 1897  
m. ———Proffitt : resided  
near Richmond, Mo.
- 10. George, 25 Aug., 1792 in Virginia,  
m. Sally Lane
  - i. John, m. ———Lane, a cousin.
  - ii. Joseph,
  - iii. Francis.
  - iv. Mary Etta ,
  - v. Gemina ,
  - vi. Sarah ; m. ———Lane, a cousin.
  - vii. Elizabeth,
  - viii. Margaret,  
Lived near Green Castle, Ind.
- 11. Daniel, b. 7 Oct, 1794, at Mt.  
Sterling, Ky ; d. 10 July. 1892 at



Side View.; m. 28th Aug., 1823,  
Mildred Kemper b. 19 Jun. 1804  
died 11 Oct., 1891.

- i. Francis Amanda, b. 6 Nov.  
'24; d. 19 April. 59, at Pay-  
on's Landing, Ky; m. 20  
Feb., 1849, Joseph Johnson  
Live near Side View, Ky.

(a) Margaret Butler, b. 29  
Mar., 1850; m. Geo.  
Washington son of  
Vardinean Kemper :—  
Joe, b. 6--14--1872.  
Emma, b. 3--17 '74  
Mildred b. 3--29 '79  
Rulan, b. 10--22 '81  
Priest, b. 7--21 '84  
Clark, b. 7--22 '89  
Present address Mil-  
lersburg, Ky.



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- (b) Sarah Francis, b. Dec.  
8, 1851, m. Mr. Lucian  
Green. (Mt. Sterling.)  
Ollie, b. 11-10-1870  
died 11-23-1887,  
Amanda, b. 2-4-1874  
Samuel, b. 4-15- '76  
Frank, b. 6-2 '80  
Lucian D. b. 7-9 '83  
Kellar, b. 4-6 '86  
Anna M. b. 7-6 '89  
Ralph D. b. 11-17 '91

- (c) Mildred Aseneth b. 11  
Oct., 1857; m. Dunlap  
Gay; Child, Shields.

- ii. William George Priest. b.  
4 Sept. 1827, at Side View,  
Ky: d. 12 Feb., 1867, at  
Cairo, Ill: buried at: Villa  
Ridge; m. 1st, January,  
1853, Mary Frost: no chil-



dren : m. 2d Emeline Morton, b. 17 Sept., 1837 : d. 8 Oct., 1884 ; buried at Topeka, Ks. Children :—

- (a) William George b. 20 Nov., 1859, at Memphis, Tenn. : died at Trinidad, Col., March 16. 1890 ; m. at Lexington, Ky, in 1883 Fanny Hunt, and had Hunt b. 3 Nov. 1884.
- (b. Nettie E., [Artist] b. 30 July, 1863 : resides at Mauston, Wis.
- (c) Emma Lausdon, b. 27 Aug., 1865, in Cairo, Ill : m. at Mauston, 8 Oct., 1889. Wm. Wallace Hinton, b. 30 July



1863, at Camp Douglas. Wis; Cashier of State Bank, Mauston, Wis. Children —

Hallie b. 24 Oct., 1892.

George William, b. 20 Dec., 1894.

iii. Sarah b. 6 Oct., 1829;  
d. 18 Oct., 1878: m  
Robert Hearne: no  
children.

iv. Fielding Catlett b. 18  
July, 1832 at Side View  
d. 10 Feb., 1874, at  
Carlinsville, Ill; m. 16  
Dec., '62 Huldah Gage  
Child, Mildred b. 11  
Oct., 1863: d. 3 Feb.,  
1864.

v. Simeon Smith, b. July



9, 1839; m. 22 Nov.,  
1872 at Grassy Lick,  
Ky, Ann Roberts b. 9  
Oct., 1851: Children;  
Daniel Holt, b. 22  
Dec., 1873.

Ella Hearne, b. 23  
Oct., 1876. All live  
at Side View, Ky.

vi. Thomas Wesley, b.  
29 Aug., 1841; d. 21  
May, 1898; mar. Ella  
Roberts; no children.

12. Lewis Corbin, b, 14 Mar. 1797 at  
Mt. Sterling Ky; lived near Green  
Castle, Ind: m. Fanny Badger, a  
sister, of Nancy Badger. Issue:

- i. George m —Nelson.
- ii. William m. —Bliss.
- iii. David m. —Nelson.



- iv Horace.
- v. James.
- vi. Oliver m. Hanks.
- vii Catlett.
- viii. Mary.











MARRIAGES, AT HARVARD, MASS.

The following record was furnished by  
Abner Barnard, Town Clerk of Harvard,  
Mass.

John Priest and Mary Fairbank, 12 Oct.  
1748.

John Priest and Hannah Stone, 19 Mar.  
1772.

Philemon Priest and Lois Hartwell, 21  
Mar. 1776.

Elijah Priest and Lois Gates, 25 Oct.  
1784.

Abel Priest and Zeruiah Whitcomb, both  
of Bolton, 7 Mar. 1785.

Jacob Priest and Rhoda Warner, 1 Jan.  
1793.

Dorothy Priest of Stow and James Moffett  
of Ipswich, Canada, 2 Aug. 1753.

Sarah Priest and Jonathan P. Houghton  
of Bolton, 23 Mar. 1763.

Abigail Priest and Elias Warner, 14 Dec.  
1784.

Mary Priest and Jonathan Sawyer, 2 July  
1794.

Hephsebeth Priest and Aaron Davis, 12  
Nov. 1795.



VIII. HARVARD MARRIAGES.

Mercy Priest and Reuben Whitcomb of  
Boxboro, 2 July 1795.

Lucy Priest and Elias Haskell, Jr., 10  
Oct. 1796.

Martha A. Priest and Moses Hale, 21  
Jan. 1841

Susan Priest of Boxboro and Jerome H.  
Willard, 8 Apr. 1841.

Sarah E. Priest and Whitney Adams of  
Northboro, 23 May, 1844.

Jacob Priest and Sally Houghton, 19  
May, 1808.

Charles Priest and Nancy Whitney, 20  
Oct. 1814.

Jabez Priest and Sally Fairbank, 21 Dec.  
1815.

Philemon Priest and Mary Hartwell, 11  
Feb. 1817.

Jonathan Priest and Sophia Farwell, 8  
April, 1834.

Lydia Priest and Reuben Meeds, 17 May,  
1808.

Nancy Priest and Nathaniel Stone of  
Fitzwilliam, 13 Dec. 1808.

Sally Priest and William Conn, 27 Nov.  
1811.

Eliza Ann Priest and Ezekiel Newton of  
Worcester, 24 Nov. 1835.

Sarah E. Priest and Whitney Adams of  
Northboro, May 23, 1844.



HARVARD MARRIAGES. IX.

Roxalana Priest and Wm. H. Dadmun, 4  
Feb. 1846.

Seraphinia Y. Priest and John Tenny of  
Acton, 17 June, 1851.

Eliza R. Priest and Edward A. Butters,  
11 April, 1869.

Henry L. Priest and Della A. Whitcomb  
of Bolton, 4 April, 1889.

Florence L. Priest and Frank A. Good-  
rich, 4 May, 1889.



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DEATHS AT HARVARD, MASS.

Sarah, wife of John Priest, 6 Dec. 1744.

Mrs. Hannah Priest, 12 Mar. 1772.

Eunice, daughter of John and Anna Priest, 5 Mar. 1779.

Oliver, son of Jacob and Mary Priest, 11 Dec. 1791.

Mary, wife of Jacob Priest, 7 Nov. 1791.

Susanna, daughter of Elijah and Lois Priest, 4 July, 1800, aged 17 years.

Molly Priest, 13 Jan. 1821, aged 65 yrs.

Edward, W., son of Jonathan and Sophia Priest, 27 Aug. 1845.

Jabez, son of Philemon and Lois Priest, 16 Nov. 1844, aged 56 years.

Henry A., son of Jonathan and Sophia Priest, 8 Nov. 1847, aged 1 year.

Louisa H., daughter of Jabez and Sally Priest, 30 Jan. 1848, aged 24 years.

Rhoda Priest, 12 April, 1848, aged 84 yrs.

Adelia C., daughter of Nathan and Mercy Priest, — 1847, aged 3 years.

Jacob, son of Nathan and Mercy Priest, 9 Aug. 1850, aged 3 months.

Jonathan, son of Philemon and Lois Priest, 4 Nov. 1849, aged 54 years.



HARVARD DEATHS.

XI.

Sarah E., daughter of Andrew and Sarah Ann Priest, 3 Sept. 1854, aged 15 months.

Jacob, son of Jacob and Mercy Priest, 11 Sept. 1858, aged 73 years and 3 months.

Philemon, son of Philemon and Lois Priest, 10 April, 1860, aged 75 years.

Ann P. Priest, 22 Oct. 1861, aged 78 yrs.

Mary Addie, daughter of Jacob and Adaline A. Priest, 20 Sept. 1866, aged 20 days.

John F., son of Jonathan and Sophia, Priest, 11 March, 1873, aged 34 years.

Sophia, wife of Jonathan Priest, 13 Sept. 1888, aged 82 years.

Charlotte, daughter Charles F. and Elizabeth, 25 May, 1891, aged 90 years.

Andrew, son of Jacob and Sally Priest, 18 April, 1892, aged 75 years.



BIRTHS AT HARVARD, MASS.

Dorothy Priest, daughter of Joseph and Mary, 11 Oct. 1733.

Betty, daughter of Joseph and Mary, 24 April, 1736.

John, son of John and Mary, 13 Jan. 1737-8.

John, son of John and Mary, 22 Aug. 1750.

Philemon, son of John and Mary, 18 Feb. 1753.

Mary, daughter of John and Mary, 23 Aug. 1755.

Jacob, son of John and Mary, 15 Aug. 1757.

Abel, son of John and Mary, 20 April, 1760.

Jabez, son of John and Mary, 23 Jan. 1764.

Relief, daughter of John and Mary, 13 Nov. 1767.

Sarah, daughter of John and Mary, 10 Feb. 1771.

Benjamin, son of Joseph Jr. and Elizabeth, 12 Dec. 1738.



HARVARD BIRTHS.

XIII.

Susanna, daughter of Joseph Jr. and Elizabeth, 8 Oct. 1740.

Abigail, daughter of John and Betty, 7 Feb. 1742-3.

Jonathan, son of Gabriel Jr. and Sarah, 7 July, 1743.

Sarah, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary, 10 Oct. 1744.

Jeremiah, son of Jeremiah and Mary, 10 Jan. 1746.

Nathaniel, son of Jeremiah and Mary, 22 Oct. 1747.

John, son of Jeremiah and Mary, 22 Sept. 1749.

Mary, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary, 28 Mar. 1752.

Daniel, son of Jeremiah and Mary, 6 July, 1754.

Job, son of Jeremiah and Mary, 27 Mar. 1756.

Aaron, son of Jeremiah and Mary, 2 Mar. 1758.

Elijah, son of Jeremiah and Mary, 21 June, 1760.

Abigail, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary, 12 April, 1762.

Mary, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary, 9 Feb. 1765.

Mary, daughter of John Jr. and Hannah, 25 Dec. 1772.



## XIV.

## HARVARD BIRTHS.

Lucy, daughter John Jr. and Hannah,  
9 Feb. 1776.

Mercy, of John and Hannah, 25 May,  
1778.

Sarah, daughter of John and Anna, 18  
July, 1776.

Eunice, daughter of John and Anna,  
1779.

Betsey, daughter of Philemon and Lios,  
21 July, 1777.

Sarah, daughter of Philemon and Lois,  
5 Oct. 1778.

Nancy, daughter of Philemon and Lois,  
18 Aug. 1780.

Benjamin, son of Philemon and Lois, 12  
June, 1782.

Philemon, son of Philemon and Lois, 30  
June, 1785.

Jabez, son of Philemon and Lois, 10 Aug.  
1788.

Daniel, son of Job and Martha, 25 Jan.  
1778.

Mary, daughter of Nathan and Mary, 25  
April, 1781.

Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Mary, 29  
Mar. 1783.

Jacob, son of Jacob and Mary, 12 June,  
1785.

Oliver, son of Jacob and Mary, 1 Nov.  
1791.



# HARVARD BIRTHS.

XV.

Solomon, son of Nathan and Mary, 29 Aug. 1786.

John, son of Abel and Zeruiah, 10 June, 1788.

Abel, son of Abel and Zeruiah, 4 April, 1792.

Asa, son of Abel and Zeruiah, 16 Mar. 1795.

Arad, son of Abel and Zeruiah, 21 Feb. 1797.

Jasper, son of Abel and Zeruiah, 17 June, 1805.

Charles, son of Jacob and Rhoda, 1 Dec. 1793.

Zimri, son of Jacob and Rhoda, 20 Jan. 1801.

Jacob Hartwell, son of Philemon and Ann, 11 Feb. 1807.

Silvester, son of Philemon and Ann, 25 Mar. 1809.

Eliza Ann, daughter of Philemon and Ann, 9 June, 1811.

David Houghton, son of Philemon and Ann, 12 Mar. 1819.

Jacob, son of Jacob Jr. and Sally, 2 Mar. 1810.

Andrew, son of Jacob Jr. and Sally, 1 Mar. 1817.

Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Sally, 23 Sept. 1811.



XVI.

HARVARD BIRTHS.

Martha, daughter of Jabez and Sally, 4  
Oct. 1816.

Harrison H., son of Jabez and Sally, 8  
Mar. 1818.

Harriet, daughter of Charles and Nancy,

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Sarah Stearns, daughter of Charles and  
Nancy, 20 Oct. 1817.

Rhoda Francena, daughter of Charles and  
Nancy, 10 Jan. 1820.

Nancy Elizabeth, daughter of Charles  
and Nancy, 2 April, 1822.

Asa Henry, son of Charles and Nancy,  
25 April, 1824.

Adolphus M., son of Charles and Nancy,  
born at Cambridge, 25 Sept. 1827.

Electa, daughter of Charles and Nancy, 2  
July, 1833.

Sylvanus, son of Charles and Nancy, 12  
Oct. 1835.

John Farwell, son Jonathan and Sophia,  
19 Sept. 1838.

Edward H. son of Jonathan and Sophia,  
18 July, 1840.

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan  
and Sophia, 17 Mar. 1842.

Caroline Sophia, daughter of Jonathan  
and Sophia, 26 Mar. 1845.

Eliza R., daughter of Andrew and Sarah  
Ann, 1 Feb. 1848.











HARVARD BIRTHS.

XVII.

Gardner N., son of Philemon Jr. and Eliza, 16 Jan. 1849.

Jacob, son of Nathan and Mercy, 8 May, 1850.

Andrew F., son of Andrew and Sarah Ann, 8 Dec. 1850.

Sarah E., daughter of Andrew and Sarah Ann, 7 June, 1853.

Benjamin J., son of Andrew and Sarah Ann, 20 Mar. 1855.

Henry L., son of Andrew and Sarah Ann, 28 Dec. 1863.

Florence L., daughter of Andrew and Sarah, 28 Dec. 1863.

Mary Addie, daughter of Jacob and Adeline, 1 Sept. 1866.

George E., son of Jacob and Adeline, Mar. 1862.

Emma Frances, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Ann, 22 June, 1867.



### MARRIAGES, BOLTON, MASS.

Moriah Priest of Bolton & Oliver Stone  
of Harvard, m. 29 Nov., 1739.

Hannah Priest & David Whitcomb both  
of Bolton, m. 31 May, 1753.

Josiah of Bolton & Eunice Janison of West-  
ton, m. 11 Dec., 1758.

Daniel Priest, of Leomister and Lydia  
Graves of Bolton m. Apr. 5, 1762.

Sarah Priest of Harvard & Jonathan  
Priest Houghton, of Bolton, m. 23 Mar.  
1763.

Jeremiah Jr., of Harvard and Rebecca  
Houghton of Bolton, m. 14 Mar., 1771.

Daniel m. Betty Dupee both of Bolton, 16  
Aug., 1773.

Joseph m. Tabitha Russell both of Bolton  
m. 15 July, 1773.

Holman m. Prudence Sawyer, both of  
Bolton, 28 Apr., 1774.

John of Jaffrey and Mary Hemmenway  
of Bolton, m. 3 Jan., 1774.



Job of Harvard and Martha Butler of Bolton m. 3 Jan. 1774.

John m. Hannah Houghton both of Bolton, 14 June, 1775.

Jonathan, of Bolton & Ann Sanderson, of Sudbury, m. 16 Dec., 1774.

Nathan of Harvard and Mary Bacon of Bedford, m. 5. July, 1780.

Jacob of Marlborough & Anna Jones of Bolton m. 3 March, 1783.

Abel of Bolton & Zeruiah Whitcomb, m. 7 Mar., 1785.

Olive Priest & Thomas Sawyer both of Bolton m. 1 Jan, 1788.

Sally of Bolton & Nathaniel Parkhill of Springfield, Vt., m. 13 Jan., 1791.

Rebecca m. Abel Davis, both of Bolton, 15 April, 1795.

Sarah Priest and Samuel Barnam, m. 15 Nov., 1798.

Sally Priest & James Dunton, citizens of the World; m. 29 Nov., 1798.

Philemon Jr, of Harvard & Ann Houghton of Bolton m. 3 Nov., 1800.



28 Nov. 1778.

Silas, s. of Holman & Prudence b. 16  
Aug., 1778.

William, s. of Abraham & Louisa, b. 9  
Apr., 1820.

Mary Elizabeth, " " " b.  
27 June, 1824.

Silas Emerson, " " " b.  
17 Jan., 1827.

## DEATHS.

Sarah, d. of Gabriel & Sarah, d. 30 Dec.  
1756; age not given.

Olive d. of Gabriel & Sarah, d. 7 Jan'y,  
1757; age not giyen.

Rebecca, wife of Jeremiah Priest, d. Sept.  
7, 1785.

Mr Priest., 1811; age not given.

Avery Priest, " " " 1829.

I have made a careful search and have  
copied the Priest data as found on Bolton  
Town Records.

A. S. Haynes,

Town Clerk.



# BIRTHS, BOLTON, MASS.

Gabriel Priest, s. of Gabriel & Abigail,  
b. 17 June, 17 21.

Hannah, d. of Joseph, & Hannah, b. 22  
Jan., 1735--6.

Joshua, s. of Joshua & Sarah, b 21 Nov.  
1744.

Sarah, d. of Gabriel & Sarah, b. March  
25, 1751.

Jouathan, s of " " " b. July 7, '54

Olive. d. of " " " b. 8 May, '56

Gabriel s. of " " " b. 24 Jan., '57

Holman, " " " b. 3 Oct. '58

Nathaniel, s. of James & Hannah, b. 4th  
Sep., 1759.

Moses, s. of " " " b. 8 Oct.,  
1762.

Rebecca, d. of Jeremiah & Rebecca, b.  
24 March, 1771.

Leafe, d. of " " " b 11  
Apr., 1777.

Hepzibath, d. of " " " b.



Emanuel, Marblehead, 1668, kn. only as sign. with John, perhaps his br., against impost.

James, Weymouth, freem. 10 May, 1643, and tho. twice insert. in the list we may be confid., as the same carelessness attaches to two other names, that only one man is intend.; had James, b. 8 May, 1640; and by w. Eliz. had Lydia b. 12 Feb., 1658, d. young; and Lydia again, 16 March, 1662; and d. at Salem, 1664. John Weymouth, 1657, John, Salem, m. 25 Feb., 1673, Eliz. Gray, had Eliz., b. 20 Jan., 1680.

John Woburn had Eliz., b. 12 Sept., 1679; John, 1 Nov., 1681; Daniel (Bond 911 has Hannah) 19 July, 1686; and perhaps others. William, Watertown, 1672, perhaps by w. Leah had William, wh. d. 3 Dec., 1688; and William again, b. 7 Nov., 1689. But Bond leaves it in no doubt that the name was Price, wh. see.



#### SAVAGES AMBIGUOUS RECORD.

Priest, Degory, Plymouth, 1620. d, in few days aft. land. from the Mayflower, on 1 Jan., 1621; and his w. wh. was, says Gov. Bradford, sis. of Mr. Allerton, and their childr. came after. He was formerly thot. the first m. of any of the Leyden exiles, but the rec. there shows that his intent was pub. 4 Oct., 1611, and the m. with Sarah Vincent, wid. of John of London, 4 Nov. foll. and we kn. that both Isaac Allerton and his sis. had a few wks. earlier been m. I obs. on the Dutch rec. that aft. hear of the d. of Priest so early at P. his wid. m. 13 Nov. of that same yr. one, wh. was, in my opin. the Cuthbert Cuthbertson wh. bro. her and the ch. in the Ann.



understood that her right name is Price. William Price (her son), signed a quit claim to this property to Samuel Livermore. A little before this, viz. May 1., 1695 wid., Mary Price and her son Wm. sold to Wm Shattuck 14 acres in the same neighborhood.

Her death is not recorded in Watertown, and it is probable that about this time of their sales she left the town to reside with one of her children.

At a trial in court, between parties belonging to Watertown, Wm. Priest" was a witness. His age is not given. It is not improbable that he came over in his youth with John Wetherill his kinsman. [Here was given a facsimile of Wm. ~~Pierce's~~ autograph.

Of William <sup>Priest</sup> ~~Pierce~~ Jr. the latest notice discovered is his signing a quitclaim to the mother's homestead, as above stated.



### BOND'S RECORD.

PRICE. It will be seen, p. 408, that query was entertained as to the identity of families of the name of Price and Priest. Several circumstances had formerly rendered this very probable, and it is now satisfactorily ascertained that they were identical. In the town records, Nov. 28, 1670, the name of William Price is written Priest. Oct. 23, 1697, Mary, relict of Wm. Price for £90 sold to Samuel Livermore a home and 14 acres, bounded E. and N. by Cambrige line; W. by Philpot's lot and Henry Godden; S. by Wm. Shattuck, and town land common. To this deed is attached the following mem.

☞ Whereas ye grantois name in this deed is called Priest, which name she is commonly known by, yet it is here to be



Of John Price (exr. of his father Wm. sen.) no precise information has been obtained, but it is conjectured that he settled in Lancaster. After the death of his father he was lessee of the Philpot lot in Dec. 1686 and July 1688. Perhaps he is the one who married Rachel, daughter of Samuel Garfield. In a deed for land in Weston, sold 1710, it is described bounded N. and W. by John Priest, and James Priest.



William Priest (?Price) of Watertown, executor and residuary legatee of his kinsman John Witherill, 1672."

"Feb. 12, 1700, Joseph Priest had leave to set up a smith's shop on the town's common land between Zack. Cutting's and Jonah Tainter's."

"Joseph Priest of the West Precinct (Waltham), m. Dec. 25, 1701, Margaret Child [b. 16 May, 1687]. He died Apr.



28, 1756, aged about eighty."

"James Priest, who died in Weston, March 4, 1756, aged eighty-one, by wife Sarah, had in the West Precinct (Waltham), child- (The ages of the above-James and Joseph corresponded with the ages of James and Joseph Price."

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[165] Desember the 13th 1670.

Willyam preift John Fisk and George Lorance being warned to a meeting of the selectmen at John Bigulah his house they makeing their apearance: and being found defecttue weer admonihfed for not Learneing their Children to read their englilh tounge: weer convenced did ack anowlidg their neglects and did promise amendment.—Watertown Records.



Hannah Priest m. in Watertown, Dec.

24, 1702, Thomas Sanderson.

Anna Priest of Waltham m. March 7.

1744-5, Philip Gage of Weston.

Susanna Priest m. March 19, 1752.

Simeon Hagar of Weston.

Mary Priest m. Jan. 4, 1761, Zebediah

Cooke of Stockbridge.

Eunice Priest m. May 29, 1751, John

Barnard, both of Waltham.

Hanna Priest of Weston m. (pub. Jun

17) 1758, Elijah Ross of Sudbury.

Martha Priest m. Jan. 17, 1811, Amos

Whitney of Watertown.

Louisa Priest m. Jan. 21, 1811, Samuel

Crooks.



**WILLIAM THE FORT BUILDER.**

At the end of the French war the pent up settlements in Virginia began to expand. From Fort Creswell toward the westward there was a pretty open country bordered on the northeast and southwest by mountains some fifty or so miles in width. The Cherokees were to the southward and the Shawnees to the northward. In 1775 Martin and a band of associate adventurers made a stand at Martin's Station, and were fifty miles in advance of the most extreme frontier settlement on the Clinch river, and lay on the road to Kentucky, one hundred and twenty miles distant. Martin's company was raised in Henry County, Virginia, and had started on Christmas day, 1774, arriving in the valley early in January.



**XXX WILLIAM, THE FORT BUILDER.**

They were sixteen or eighteen in number, and were provided with necessary utensils for settling. They built several strong cabins and made them part of a stockaded fort. They fenced in with brush and rails a large part of an old field and raised a crop of corn. In the fall, William Priest, with eight or ten men, built a fort a few miles above Martin's. The post was however held with much difficulty, and in the spring of 1776 the men were in need of provisions, and became discouraged. The settlers of Priest's and Mump's forts returned to Virginia.



SIMSBURY, CONN., PRIESTS.

Darius Priest and Hepzibah —— his wife resided in West Simsbury as early as 1768. He resided on several different farms during his life; was a remarkably strong man for labor. His two oldest children were cut down in the autumn of 1776 by the dysentery which was then prevalent and very mortal in this part of the country. Their children were:—

1. Cynthia, b. 1769, d. 1776, aged 7.
2. Mary, b. 1772, d. 1776, aged 4.
3. Darius, Jr., b. 1775.
4. William, b. 1778.
5. Hepzibah, b. 1787, was living with  
Mr. Hosea Case; d. 1806, age 19.

The Simsbury records in Bates' book are these:—



**xxxii. SIMSBURY, CONN., PRIESTS.**

Phillip son of Aaron Priest, b. June 27,  
1737.

Elizabeth, daughter of Aaron Priest,  
b. Dec. 6, 1738.

Huldah, daughter of Aaron Priest, b.  
Sept. 26, 1743.

Aaron, son of Aaron Priest, b. Nov. 3,  
1745.

Asa, son of Aaron Priest, b. March 9,  
1750-1.

Lydia Hawley, daughter of Huldah  
Priest, b. Dec. 14, 1767.

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Aaron, son of Aaron Priest, b. at Sims-  
bury, April 22, 1775.

Rosabelle, daughter of Aaron Priest, b.  
Feb. 23, 1778.

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The record of Asa Priest's family reads  
as follows:—

Asa, b. June 7, 1775, d. Sept. 9, 1777



SIMSBURY, CONN., PRIESTS. xxxiii.

Lovice, b. March 11, 1778, d. March 19, 1788.

Asa, b. Oct. 14, 1779, d. Apr. 15, 1784.

Naamah, b. July 28, 1781.

Orpha, b. March 17, 1786, d. Jan. 20, 1787.

Alvin, b. Feb. 23, 1788, d. June 13, 1802.

Anson, b. Apr. 6, 1792.

Charity, b. Dec. 4, 1793, m. Wm. M. Clark of Nethersfield, on Nov. 28, 1826.

Christened, at St. James' church, Waterbury, Jan. 22, 1754, a female child of Eleazer Priest (?) named Sarah (see records of Rev. Roger Viets, pastor a St. Andrew's, Simsbury, Ct.



**DESCENDANTS OF MIRIAM  
PRIEST.**

Miriam Priest of Connecticut, m. Eliphalet Barden, who soon after marriage moved to New York State, the descendants residing many years in Tioga County. Children :—

I. Zalmon, m. Mary Ann Todd, and had :—

1. Edgar, m. Augusta Willis, and had :—

(a) Arthur.

(b) Mabel.

(c) Martha.

2. Loretta, m. Wm. Holt; had :

(a) Sela.

(b) Charles.

3. Ella, m. Frank Harding, and had no children.

II. William, m. Mariette Manning, and had :—



**DESCENDANTS OF MIRIAM PRIEST    XXXV.**

**I. Aaron Priest, m. Elida Alexander and had :—**

(a) May, m. Chas. Adams,  
and had a son.

(b) Dora, m. Chas. Mansfield, and had no issue.

**III. Albert, m. Polly Barden, and had**

**1. Gertrude, m. — Clifford,  
and had 5 boys and 1 girl.**

**2. William m. Nellie Hollenbeck. No children.**

**IV. Levi, m. Eliza Davenport.**

**V. Miriam, m. John Jefferson, and had**

**1. William, d. in civil war.**

**2. Alfred, went to Kansas.**

**3. James, resides in Ithaca, N.  
Y. (1900).**

**4. Angeline m. Church Jewell  
and had :—**

(a) Warren.

**VI. Caroline m. Josiah Clark and had**



xxxvi DESCENDANTS OF MIRIAM PRIEST.

1. Monday, a son.

VII. Olive m. Francis Giltner, and had

1. Ezra m. Rosalie Etcherson.

(a) Floyd.

VIII. Freelove m. Nicholas M. Schoon-  
over, and had :—

1. Minerva, d. — aged 3 yrs.

2. Simeon, m. May Buchanan.

3. Ambrose, m. Albertine Park.

No children.



# NOTES CONCERNING DELIVER- ANCE PRIEST.

Deliverance Priest was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Priest of Weymouth. She was born 1644. She died 17 Jan., 1723. Her father was first mentioned in Dorchester records in 1637. On Dec. 5, 1661, she married Shadrack Thayer. One of her brothers was the James Priest who suicided in Salem, Mass., 1663. Her father petitioned that his recently acquired son-in-law should be the administrator of his estate. Indeed Shadrack, after the death of James (2), appeared to be as a staff for James (1). Later Shadrack was executor of the wills of James and wife Elizabeth, as of Braintree.



xxxviii.      DELIVERANCE PRIEST.

Will of Jas. Priest 1676; Suffolk Co. Deeds, 792.

Will of Elizabeth Priest 1676; Suffolk Co. Deeds, 792.

The Alden Genealogy in New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1898, page 438, gives the following:

"Shadrack Thayer and Deliverance Priest had:—

"Ephraim Thayer, b. Jan. 17, 1669-70, m. Jan. 7, 1691-2, Sarah Bass, b. 29 March, 1672. She d. Aug. 19, 1751, aged 77 years and 5 months, and in 1754 he m. 2nd, widow Mary Kingman. He d. 15 June, 1757."

Ephraim Thayer d. June 15, 1757.

Children, born in Braintree.

1. Sarah Thayer, b. Feb. 5, 1692-3; d. a widow in Braintree, June 12, 1753; m. Aug. 4, 1715, Seth Dorman, and settled in Norton.



2. Ephraim Thayer, b. July 8, 1694,  
m. April 1, 1718, Mary Copeland,  
b. Nov. 24, 1692, dau. of Thomas.
3. Philip Thayer, b. Apr. 14, 1696; m.  
April 1, 1718, Mary Wilson; after-  
wards of Norton and Mansfield.
4. Hannah, b. Jan. 13. 1697-8; m.  
1st, 1724, Nathaniel Blanchard;  
2nd, May 8, 1765, William Noyes.
5. Joseph, b. July 28, 1699, m. 1st, 16  
Dec., 1725, Sarah Faxson; 2nd,  
Nov. 16. 1738, Eunice Ludden.
6. Shadrach, b. Apr. 18, 1701; d. 17  
Feb. 1783; m. May 2, 1723, Rachel  
White.
7. Christopher, b. March 4, 1702-3,  
and d. Dec. 10, 1787; m. Mary  
Morse.
8. Ruth, b. Apr. 1, 1704; m. Sept. 20,  
1722, John Capen.
9. Esther, b. July 24, 1705; m. Dec.



24, 1730, Moses French. She d. 13 Dec., 1800.

10. Napthali, b. Jan. 30, 1706-7; m. Feb. 3, 1721-2, Bathsheba Bass.

11. Peter, b. July 12, 1708; m. June 1, 1732, Anna Porter of Norton, and went to Peterborough, N. H., and d. Sept. 27, 1798.

12. Priscilla, b. March 7, 1710; m. 1st, July 11, 1732, Elijah Hayden; 2nd, Joseph Ford; 3d, 1781, Wm. Spear. She d. 1795.

13. James, b. March 16, 1712; m. Deborah Arnold; d. June 19, 1790.

14. Abigail, b. Nov. 15, 1713; m. Nov. 21, 1734, Dr. Benjamin Richards of Weymouth. He d. June 25, 1755. She d. March 10, 1766.

(See Vinton and Thayer for further information.)



**DECENDANTS OF FRANK PRIEST  
AND MARY WOOD.**

The following pages are copied from  
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and John Wood, compiled and published  
by William S. Wood, Supt. City Schools,  
Seymour, Ind. Press of Charles Hamil-  
ton, Worcester, Mass. 1885."

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Frank Priest, b. in Littleton, Mass.,  
Feb. 26, 1784, d. in Parishville, N. Y.,  
Aug. 7, 1850; m. Mary Wood, b. in  
Littleton, Mass., June 28, 1788, d. Aug.  
15, 1874; daughter of John and Lucy  
(Martin) Wood.



DESCENDANTS OF  
FRANK PRIEST AND MARY  
WOOD PRIEST.

John Wood, b. in Pomfret, Vt., Oct. 18, 1809, m. Olive Wakefield, Lucinda Stafford, Katherine E. Wright, Mrs. Phœbe Eggleston. Has been Mayor of Springfield, Illinois, three terms, and has been prominent there as a man of wealth and enterprise.

Olive Wakefield, of Parishville, N. Y.,  
d. 1842.

Lucinda Stafford, of Springfield, Ill.,  
d. Sept. 10, 1851.

Katherine E. Wright, of St. Lawrence  
Co., N. Y., deceased.

Mrs. Phœbe Eggleston, of Rochester,  
Ill.

Nina Jones, b. in Pomfret, Vt., Nov. 27, 1810, m. Henry Converse,; d. Aug. 17, 1882.



Henry Converse, b. in Lyme, Grafton Co., N. Y., June 7, 1806. He has been an active, energetic citizen, and has accumulated a handsome property. Himself and wife have always been interested in the care of orphans, having furnished a home for sixteen in number. They celebrated their golden wedding Feb. 4, 1880, and had lived together over fifty-two years, when she was killed by a runaway team.

Maria, b. in Pomfret, Vt., Apr. 26, 1812, m. Charles B. Smythe; d. Aug. 9, 1856.

Charles B. Smythe m. in 1834; d. Apr. 1, 1859.

Mary, b. in Pomfret, Vt., Mar. 14, 1814, m. George B. Pease; d. Feb. 11, 1844.

George B. Pease m. Sept. 21, 1834.

Lucy, b. in Parishville, N. Y., Nov.



5, 1816, m. J. H. Currier; d. Apr. 9, 1858.

J. H. Currier m. Feb. 16, 1848.

Benjamin Franklin, who always writes his name Franklin Priest, has been prominently connected with the important enterprises in Decatur, Ill., and has twice been Mayor of that city; b. in Parishville N. Y., Feb. 20, 1818; m. Adeline Pike, Abigail Jane Priest.

Adeline Pike m. in Painesville, Ohio; d. Sept. 23, 1854.

Abigail Jane Priest, of Littleton, Mass. d. March 22, 1883.

Miranda, b. Oct. 22, 1819, m. J. H. Currier, Mar. 26, 1846; d. May 1, 1847.

Luther, b. in Parishville, N. Y., Mar. 31, 1821. Capt. Co. E. 106th Regt. N. Y. Vol. in Civil War; m. Barbara Rose and Elizabeth F. Rose; d. March 14, 1863, at Martinsburg Va., buried at Par-



Mary Adeline, b. in Springfield, Ill.,  
Feb. 25, 1848; m. John O'Neal, in Decatur,  
Ill.

George Rogers, b. in Springfield, Ill.,  
Nov. 18, 1849, d. Jan. 13, 1884; m. in  
Decatur, Ill., Julia McNamara, June 8,  
1879.

By second wife, Abigail Jane (Priest)  
Priest.

Hattie, b. in Decatur, Ill., Jan. 3, 1860,  
d. July 25, 1860.

Attie L., b. in Decatur, Ill., Oct. 9,  
1862; d. July 1, 1876.

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Child of J. H. and Miranda Priest Currier.

Azro, b. Jan. 15, 1847; d. July 28,  
1864.

The following are the children of Luther and Elizabeth Rose Priest.



Addie Barbara, b. Dec. 27, 1854; m.  
Edgar A. Newell, Nov. 19, 1879.

Cynthia Elizabeth, b. Dec. 2, 1858; d.  
Aug. 29, 1877.

Lucy Rose, b. June 1, 1861.

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The following are the children of Frederick W. L. Priest:—

By first wife, Eveline W. Parker Priest.

Clarissa Mary, b. Oct. 26, 1846; d.  
Aug. 3, 1879; m. Harrison McDaniel,  
Feb., 1868; he d. 1882.

Orville F., b. May 22, 1848; m. Jennie  
Taylor in 1881; have two daughters.

Frank L., b. Aug. 1, 1850.

Lucy D., b. Feb. 20 1852; m. Peter  
Lanham, in 1883.

Nina M., b. Sept. 20, 1855.

Ina E., b. Oct., 1857; d. Jan. 1859.

Harriett E., b. Dec., 27. 1859: m.—

Russell; have two daughters.



Frederick F., b. Sept. 18, 1861.

By second wife, Susan Cassidy Priest.

Susan A., b. 2 Jan., 1870; d. 7 Aug.  
1870.

By third wife, Sarah Johnson Priest.

John W., b. June 5., 1872.

Thomas W., b. Oct. 21, 1879.

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The following are the children of Valentine Thomas and Celestia B. Sanford Priest.

Celestia Abba, b. in Taylorsville, Ill.,  
Oct., 25 1855; d. June 11, 1856.

Permelia Clarinda, b. in Taylorsville,  
Aug, 10., 1859; m. in Helena, Montana Territory, Clarence M. Coodale

Mary Abba, b. in Taylorsville, Ill. 23  
June, 1861; d. 15 Jan., 1865.

Celestia Sanford, b. Aug. 13. 1863; d.  
28 Jan., 1865.

Alice Sanford, b. 21., 1868.



CONCERNING PHINEHAS PRATT, WHO  
MARRIED MARY, DAUGHTER OF  
DIGORY PRIEST.

A monograph prepared by Eleasar Pratt on "Phinehas Pratt and some of his Descendants", says :—

"In 1630, Phineas Pratt married Mary Priest, who was one of the daughters of Digorie or Deggory Priest and Sarah his wife. Sarah had survived her husband, and had now married her third husband, Cuthbert Cuthbertson, or Godbert Godbertson, as he was sometimes called, a pious Hollander, who joined Robinson's church at Leyden, and came to Plymouth in the ship "Ann." Priest died of the "great sickness," Jan. 1, 1621, N. S. He was one of the signers of the compact on board of the May-flower, having left his wife and children behind. His wife



Mary Adeline, b. in Springfield, Ill., Feb. 25, 1848; m. John O'Neal, in Decatur, Ill.

George Rogers, b. in Springfield, Ill., Nov. 18, 1849, d. Jan. 13, 1884; m. in Decatur, Ill., Julia McNamara, June 8, 1879.

By second wife, Abigail Jane (Priest) Priest.

Hattie, b. in Decatur, Ill., Jan. 3, 1860, d. July 25, 1860.

Attie L., b. in Decatur, Ill., Oct. 9, 1862; d. July 1, 1876.

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Child of J. H. and Miranda Priest Currier.

Azro, b. Jan. 15, 1847; d. July 28, 1864.

The following are the children of Luther and Elizabeth Foss Priest.



Addie Barbara, b. Dec. 27, 1854; m.  
Edgar A. Newell, Nov. 19, 1879.  
Cynthia Elizabeth, b. Dec. 2, 1858; d.  
Aug. 29, 1877.  
Lucy Rose, b. June 1, 1861.

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The following are the children of Frederick W. L. Priest:—

By first wife, Eveline W. Parker Priest.  
Clarissa Mary, b. Oct. 26, 1846; d.  
Aug. 3, 1879; m. Harrison McDaniel,  
Feb., 1868; he d. 1882.

Orville F., b. May 22, 1848; m. Jennie  
Taylor in 1881; have two daughters.

Frank L., b. Aug. 1, 1850.

Lucy D., b. Feb. 20 1852; m. Peter  
Lanham, in 1883.

Nina M., b. Sept. 20, 1855.

Ina E., b. Oct., 1857; d. Jan. 1859.

Harriett E., b. Dec., 27. 1859: m.—  
Russell; have two daughters.



Frederick F., b. Sept. 18, 1861.

By second wife, Susan Cassidy Priest.

Susan A., b. 2 Jan., 1870; d. 7 Aug.  
1870.

By third wife, Sarah Johnson Priest.

John W., b. June 5., 1872.

Thomas W., b. Oct. 21, 1879.

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The following are the children of Valentine Thomas and Celestia B. Sanford Priest.

Celestia Abba, b. in Taylorsville, Ill.,  
Oct., 25 1855; d. June 11, 1856.

Permelia Clarinda, b. in Taylorsville,  
Aug. 10., 1859; m. in Helena, Montana Territory, Clarence M. Goodale

Mary Abba, b. in Taylorsville, Ill. 28  
June, 1861; d. 15 Jan., 1865.

Celestia Sanford, b. Aug. 13, 1863; d.  
28 Jan., 1865.

Alice Sanford, b. Jan., 10, 1868.



CONCERNING PHINEHAS PRATT, WHO  
MARRIED MARY, DAUGHTER OF  
DIGORY PRIEST.

A monograph prepared by Eleasar Pratt on "Phinehas Pratt and some of his Descendants", says :—

"In 1630, Phineas Pratt married Mary Priest, who was one of the daughters of Digorie or Deggory Priest and Sarah his wife. Sarah had survived her husband, and had now married her third husband, Cuthbert Cuthbertson, or Godbert Godbertson, as he was sometimes called, a pious Hollander, who joined Robinson's church at Leyden, and came to Plymouth in the ship "Ann." Priest died of the "great sickness," Jan. 1, 1621, N. S. He was one of the signers of the compact on board of the May-flower, having left his wife and children behind. His wife



Sarah was a sister of Isaac Allerton, who was chosen Assistant Governor with Bradford from A. D. 1621 until 1624. He was perhaps the wealthiest, as he was the most influential of the Plymouth colony. Priest married her when a widow. He was admitted as a citizen of Leyden, Holland, Nov., 1615, Isaac Allerton "guaranteeing for him," upon his admission to civil rights in that city. During 1619, Priest's disposition was taken there, in which he says he was forty years of age. Sarah, the widow of Deggory Priest, had two daughters by him, Sarah and Mary, sometimes spelled Marra. The daughter of Deggory and Sarah, also another Sarah, married John Come or Combe, who is styled "Gentleman" on the Old Colony records. Her name is frequently spelled Sara or Zara.



Cuthbertson or Godbertson was a widower when he married Mrs. Sarah Priest, who had twice been a widow, her first husband having been a Vincent of London. Cuthbertson by a former marriage had one son, Samuel. The historians of Plymouth Colony are therefore mistaken when they say that Phineas Platt married the daughter of Cuthbertson. She was in fact his step daughter.

Those who may have interest in the descendants of Mary Priest Pratt should read the well compiled genealogy by Eleazar Platt before mentioned. It is sufficient here to say that they had eight children.

John. No trace.

Samuel, who was slain in the great Pawtucket fight, 26 March, 1676.

Daniel.



Peter.

Joseph.

Aaron.

Mary.

Mercy.

Samuel Pratt, a descendant of Mary Priest, daughter of Deggory Priest, graduated at Harvard, 1742.

Dr. Gustavus E. Pratt (7), son of Francis L., Ezekiel, Aaron, Aaron, Aaron, Phineas, graduated at Exeter, 1860. Graduate of medical college, appointed by Governor Andrew First Lieutenant with rank of Assistant Surgeon in 32nd Mass. Regt., Dec. 7, 1863, promoted to Brigade Surgeon with rank of Major, 23 Nov., 1864. Served in 19th and 20th Mass. Regt. until close of war.

Eenj. Pratt, who graduated at Harvard, 1737, was a descendant of Mary, daughter of Deggory Priest. He was a



chief justice of New York State. [See Drake's Biographical Dictionary.]

The Hon. Wm. Mitchell, A. M., and Miss Martha Mitchell the astronomer, of Nantasket, Mass., and Charles W. Cortwright, late of Boston, are descendants of Mary Priest. Cuthbertson and his wife Sarah died in 1637, when Plymouth was visited by an "infectious fever," of which many fell ill.

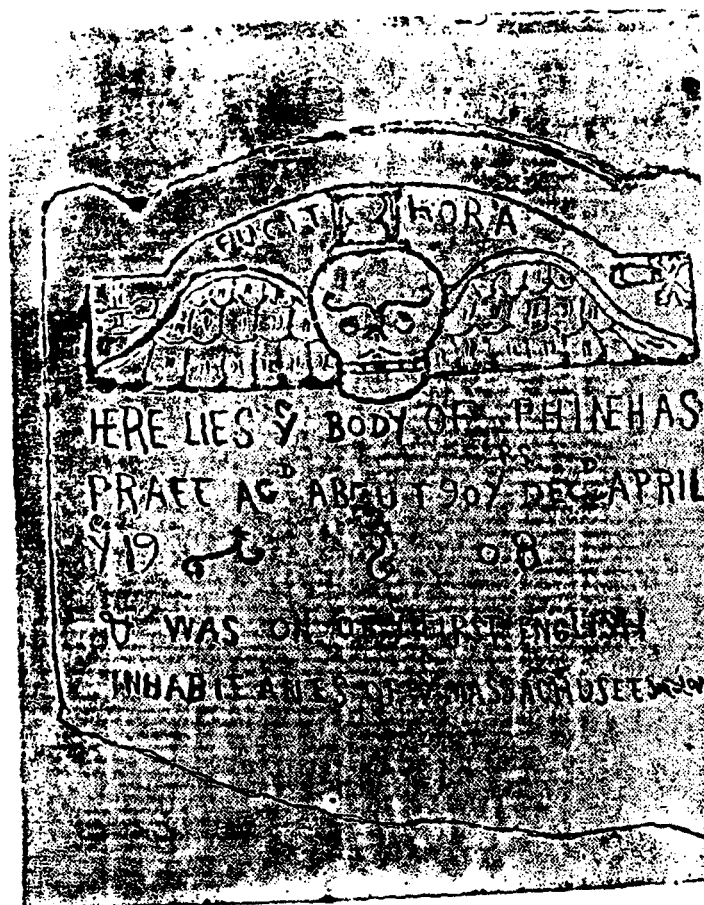
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The following is the Will of Phinehas Pratt:—

I, Phinehas Pratt of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex, Joiner, being very aged, and crazie of body, yett in perfect memory and understanding, make this my last will and testament.

Item. I give to my be'oved wife, Mary Pratt all my movable goods, and fortie











shillings a year to be paid out of my lands in Charleston, and the use of the garden for the term of her life ; this forty shillings is to be payed by my sonn, Joseph Pratt, for and in consideration of the having my land, and my wife is to have a convenient room of my sonn Joseph, with a chimney in it, to her content to live in for the term of her life, without molestation or trouble. But if my son Joseph doeth not perform this, I will that then my wife, Mary Pratt, shall have one-half of the land to disposing for her best comfort. It is to be understood that the one-half which the new house standeth on is given to Joseph upon condition of providing of a convenient room for me and my wife for term of our lives, and the other half, for the paying of the fortie shillings a year, paying it quarterly ; that is to say ten shillings a quarter, in money and



firewood at money prices. And if I have anything left at the death of my wife it shall be equally divided among the rest of my children.

This eighth of January, 1667.

Scaled and delivered in presents of  
Walter Alen.

Phinehas Pratt.

The work of Robert Alen. L. S.



### A CONNECTICUT LEGEND.

Rev. Charles Priest Hall writes :—

I have received a letter from an aunt, who resides in Middletown, Connecticut, who says : "The Priests originally came from Leyden, England. It is supposed that James of Weymouth was a brother, and Emanuel of Marblehead was also a brother of Deggory Priest. One of the children who came over with the widow of Deggory was a boy, whose name was John." She says that Prof. Fowler, formerly town clerk of Derham Center, Ct., told her brother Edwin Priest, that the fact of three brothers coming from Leyden, England, came to him through Ancient Historical Record.



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Whoever James and Emanuel may have been, it is certain that they came to this country after the arrival of Deggory's widow and her two girls. If there was a boy John, he came later, and he may have been left with his uncles. From Plymouth Records we glean the following, which would indicate that in 1627 at least, there was no son John recognized.

In the cattle division made in town meeting, June 1, 1627, the second lot fell to Mr. Isaac Allerton and his company joined to him, and his wife.

Fear Allerton.

Bartholomew Allerton.

Remember Allerton.

Mary Allerton.

Sarah Allerton.

Cuthbert Cuthbertson.

Sarah Cuthbertson.

Samuel Cuthbertson.



Maria Priest.

Sarah Priest.

Edward Bumpus.

John Crackstone.

To this lot fell the great black cow which came in the "Anne," to which they might keep the lesser of the two steers.

But in the land division at Plymouth, it is found that Cuthbertson took six of the shares where one was allowed for each person. For whom he took the sixth has caused much speculation. It was for a child as seen in the quotation below taken from the land division list.

"Cuthbert Cuthbertson, his wife Sarah and four children."

The question many ask is, "Could this sixth share have been for a child (John?) son of Degory Priest, and detained for a time in Leyden, after the twice widowed Sarah Vincent Priest became Mrs. Cuthbertson and emigrated to America?"



Hoping to find some record of the Degory Priest's children. I sent a liberal fee to Charles M. Dozey, keeper of Records, at Leyden, in the province of South Holland asking him to make a faithful search.

His reply was as follows :—

“The marriages of Degory Priest and Godbert Godberts (note the spelling of name on records) are truly registered, though, with the last, only three proclamations—30 Oct., 6 and 13 of November—are noted, but this may be an omission. But I find nothing about the children of Degory Priest. I had hoped that a ‘tutor’ (guardian) had been appointed after his death, or at the marriage of his widow but the very rich archives of the Orphan-chamber do not contain his name.”

Davis, in his history of Plymouth, says, “It is recorded in Leyden that Degory Priest was a hatter.”

Sarah, daughter of Degory Priest in 1630 married John Coombs.



Phineas Pratt married Mary, daughter of Degory Priest.

Another Plymouth record gives the above marriage as follows: "Mary Cuthberton married Phineas Pratt."

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Probably no one person has done more to fix the belief on the part of some, that Degory Priest had a son John, who was the father of John of Woburn, than has Mr. Kneeland in his *Genealogy of the Kneeland Family*. We understand that since the book was printed, Mr. Kneeland reiterates the statement, by saying that he found it in some ancient records but he fails to remember where. We give below what Mr. Kneeland had to say on the subject on pages 160—163 of his carefully prepared *Genealogy*.

☞ Moriah Stone, wife of Timothy Kneeland was a lineal descendant on her mother's side of Degory Priest, of the



Mayflower, and on her father's side of Capt. John Stone, the celebrated Indian fighter of the early Colonial days. His wild, ungovernable spirit brought him into constant clashings with the strict disciplinarians of that Puritan age, as appears from the "Log Book" of Governor Bradford.

Degory (or Diggory Priest), one of the Leyden exiles, came over in the Mayflower, with his brother-in-law, Mr. Allerton, and died a few days after his arrival. He had married Sarah (Allerton) Vincent, at Leyden. Cuthbertson brought the wife and three children over in the Ann, (see Dutch Records and Savage's Gen'l Register). Priest, Allerton and Governor Bradford were the only members of the Mayflower that had the distinguished honor of being admitted "citizens of Leyden." Cuthbertson afterward married Mrs. Priest. He was her third Husband. Degory and Sarah Priest had three Children—one son, John, and two daughters, Moriah and Sarah.



John married Sarah Allerton and settled in Woburn. His oldest son, John Priest, Jr., was born at Woburn, about 1648. He married Rachel Garfield, March 10, 1678. On Dec. 1, 1675, he enlisted from Woburn in the Narragansett expedition (see History of Woburn). "The children of John Priest and Rachel Garfield were John, born 1681, and brought from Woburn," etc., mentioning others born at Bare Hill (History of Harvard, Mass., p. 559). From this it appears that John Priest Jr., settled in Harvard and became John Priest, Sr.

The new John Priest, Jr. b. in 1681, married Anna Houghton and had several children, including Moriah (the name in the several generations is spelled Marah [first division of cattle in Plymouth] Moriah, Moria, Mariah, Maria, etc.), baptized in Lancaster, in 1721. The father, John Priest, finally located in Bolton, and died there Sep., 29, 1756, aged 75. (History of Harvard, p. 559). "Nov. 29, 1739,







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Degory Priest,

This branch of the Stone family came from Essex County, England and according to Burke, their Coat of Arms is: "Ar, three cinque foils sa on a chief az. a sun or. Crest. out of a ducal coronet, or a griffin's head betw. two wings expanded, gu bezantee."



**RACHEL GARFIELD PRIEST.**

Edward Garfield, Dec. 30, 1637, was one of the eleven freemen chosen in the town of Watertown, "to order the civil affaires of ye town." He came to America in 1630; settled at an early date in Watertown, was the grantee of eight lots and the purchaser of four. He married 1st, Rebecca, who was the mother of all his children: viz., Samuel, Joseph, Rebecca, Benjamin and Abigail. He married 2nd, Johanna, widow of Thomas Buckmaster, Watertown Records [31].



1652, Samuel Gearfeild and Mary Benfeild married the 28th of September [38]

1656, Rachell Gearfeild, daughter of Samuel and Mary, borne the 23d of the :9: It has been definitely settled that it was not John Price, but John Priest who married Rachell Garfield, on Mar 10, 1678

Edward Garfield of Watertown came to America with colonists under Governor Winthrop, and is said to have descended from the Garfields of Teddington, Middlesex, England. The descendants of the Lancaster and Harvard Priests and ex-President Garfield each trace ancestral blood to the Garfields of Teddington.



**DAMARIS PRIEST WHITCOMB.**

Damaris Priest, daughter of John Jr., son of John of Woburn, b. 1710, m. 20 Jan., 1725, Joseph Whitcomb. Issue:—

1. Abigail, b. 13 Apr., 1728; m. Jonathan Osgood.
2. Mary, b. 4 March, 1729.
3. Joseph, b. 15 March, 1731-2.
4. Benjamin, b. 1 Sept., 1735.
5. Benjamin, b. 29 Sept., 1737.
6. Jonathan, b. 14 Jan., 1740.
7. Elijah, b. 18 Oct., 1742.
8. Damaris, b. 21 March, 1746.
9. Philemon, b. 29 Oct., 1748.
10. Abijah, b. 25 June, 1751.



**LEOMINSTER CHURCH RECORD.**

The following marriages are recorded on the church records in Leominster :

May 18, 1775, Jonathan Priest and Molly Divoll.

Aug. 11, 1793, Oliver Priest and Receive Fiske (?) of Leominster. A descendant of this family, who resides in Ithaca, N. Y. gives (?) the name of Fuller.

Sept. 9, 1810, Eleazer Priest of Lunenburg and Sally Sawtelle of Lancaster.



lxxii LEOMINSTER CHURCH RECORD.

Dec. 12, 1819, Sylvester Priest of Harvard and Rebecca Fuller of Leominster.

The following deaths were recorded :-

July 29, 1771, Daniel Priest, who was bapt. at Lancaster, Sept 26, 1742.

Oct. 17, 1820, Sarah, wife of Joseph Priest.

March 18, 1824, Joseph Priest, aged 77 years.

Jan. 29, 1807, Lydia Priest, widow, aged 87 years. She was second wife of Daniel Priest, who first married Elizabeth Kilbourn. In 1771 she was a widow. Asa, Levi and one daughter of Daniel's were still living at the time of the Revolution.

The records sent give a baptism of Jonathan, son of Jonathan, June, 1743.



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This must be an error. March 2, 1777, John, son of Jonathan and Molly Priest was baptized.

1785, March 20, Jonathan Priest and wife were dismissed from the Leominster church and recommended to the church in Jaffrey, N. H. Under date of Dec., 1899, the pastor of the Jaffrey church says: "I do not find the name Priest on our church record (first Congregational, founded May, 1780.) The genealogical index of the History of Jaffrey does not have the name. The only reference I find to it is in the record of the Hodge family in town history where it is said that Eunice (Hodge), b. Sept., 1802, m. Jacob Priest. A neighbor of mine, an old man, tells me that Jacob Priest died childless."

Daniel Priest, m. at Lancaster, 4 June, 1841, Elizabeth Kilbourne, and had:—



lxxiv LEOMINSTER CHURCH RECORDS.

1. Daniel baptized at Lancaster, 26,  
Sept., 1742.
2. Elizabeth, bap. at Chocksett church,  
Lancaster, July 20, 1745-6.
3. Eunice, bap. at Leominster, 14 Aug.,  
1748.
4. Elizabeth bap. at Leominster, 30  
Sept., 1753.
5. Eunice, bapt. " " 18  
Jan., 1756.
6. Asa, bapt. " " 11  
Dec., 1757.
7. Levi, bapt. " " 16  
Aug., 1760.

Levi settled in Hancock, N. H. His  
brother Asa lived in Hancock for a time.

The following not on Leominster Ch.  
records is furnished by Walter Priest of  
Ithaca, N. Y.

Oliver Priest, Aug., 1793, m. Rebecca  
Fuller and lived in Connecticut, and also



IN LEOMINSTER LINE. lxxv.

Lawrence, Otsego Co., N. Y. They had  
Calvin.

Edson.

Emily, m. Nelson Merrill. She died in  
Lawrence.

Susan, d. in Lawrence.

Sally, m. Green Carr, resided in Pitts-  
field, N. Y., 1898.

The children of Calvin :—

i. Walter, b. 5 Aug. 1830. m. Emily  
Meeks and had—

i. James, b. 30 July, 1853 : m.  
Sylvia Lathrop.

ii. Calvin, b. 2 June, 1855 : m.  
Emma Edwards.

iii. Stephen W., b. 21. January,  
1857 : m, Lottie Crandall.

iv. Herbert E., b. 1 June, 1860 ;  
m. Ann Atwood.

v. Emily, b. 23 Sept. 1862 : m.



Fred Winters.

vi. Helen, b.— Aug., 1865 ; m.

John Farr.

vii. Estella, b. 17 Aug., 1867 ;  
m. Denton Atwood.

viii Clara, b. 21 Aug., 1870 : m.

John Harget.

2. John: m. Harriet Oltz.

3. Zebulon : m. Ann Bruce.

4. James : m. — Welch.

5. Eliza: m. — Brooks.

6. Helen : m.—Jackson.

7. Sarah.



PHILIP PRIEST OF KILLING-  
WORTH, CONN.

Philip Priest, emigrating from Killingworth, Conn., reached Fair Haven, Vt., in 1780. He took with him a family, and wife, Trueby, whom he had married in Connecticut. Some of his real estate transactions are recorded in Fair Haven History. For a time he was associated with his brother-in-law, Merritt. For a number of years he was an inn keeper. He was always an active man in the affairs of the town. It is recorded that he was employed by the proprietors of the



lxxviii PHILIP, FROM KILLINGWORTH.

town, in 1780, to lay out the school house lot, and charged them three shillings for one half day's work in doing it. The first meeting for the organizing of Town government was holden at his house, and he was made the first Select man. His house was used for the same purpose in 1784. He was Selectman of the town as late as 1796. About 1800, he moved to Chateaugay Falls, Franklin Co., N. Y. where he died suddenly, in 1816.

The children of Philip and Trueby (Merritt) Priest were :—

- i. Trueby, b. 4. Feb., 1763, in Conn.
  - m. Elijah Tryon of West Haven  
21 Feb., 1786. Children :—
    - i. Della F.
    - ii. William.
    - iii. Betsey.
    - iv. Elijah.
    - v. Cynthia.



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vi Samuel W.

vii. Jason.

viii.. Moriah.

ix.<sup>f</sup> Matilda.

2. Betsey, m. Asa Smith prior to 1796.

3. Noah, b. about 1780, was first m.  
to Nabby Cleveland, youngest  
daughter of Enoch, a sister of  
Solomon C. Cleveland of Hamp-  
ton, N. Y. His second wife was  
a Sphor; and his eldest child,

i Clara, m. Harry Dibble.

ii Chauncey.

iii Evarton.

iv Trueby.

He was an active politician on  
the Federalist side, a pettifogger,  
and a noted anti-Mason. He is  
said to have gone to western N.  
Y. and there died.

4. Abi, m. Timothy Martin; moved  
to Chateaugay, where he died



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and she m., 2nd, Gideon Knowles.

5. Diana, m. James Dada.
6. Charity, m. Hamilton Bowles. A daughter resided in Whitefield.
7. Elizabeth was the 5th daughter in the Priest will.
8. Merritt moved to Southern Ohio, where he died.
9. Zadock, was a Methodist minister in southern New York and Pennsylvania, and left a good record among Methodists. Was probably father of Jonathan D. Priest, of Jefferson Co., N. Y. Rev. James D. Priest of Norfolk, Na. a Methodist clergyman writes :  
"My grandfather Priest was b. in Vt., and as a young man moved to Jefferson Co., N. Y. My father, Jonathan D. Priest was born in Theresa, N. Y. 25 Nov.



PHILIP, FROM KILMANGWORTH lxxx

1821. He lived for a time at Watertown, N. Y. Had several brothers, Samuel, DeWitt C., Gilbert and another. Jonathan D. m. in 1849, Miss. Caroline Hutchins, and in 1852, moved to eastern Iowa. Had Rev. Jas. D. b. 21 Nov., 1856, who has a son and daughter."

10. Polly m. a Mr. Hall and had two sons, who were Methodist clergymen.
11. Sally m. Benj. Emmons and d. at Chateaugay, N. Y.
12. Aaron, b. in Fair Haven. Vt. 27 Mar., 1784. Resided for a time at Benson, where he engaged in merchantile and lumber trade. He started to go to Fort Edward to purchase an anchor; he put up at a tavern near Comstock's Landing and was never after heard of.



**MORE HARVARD RECORDS.**

[1742, June 3, John Priest and Sarah Whitney.]

Married by Rev. John Seccomb :—

1748, Oct. 12. John Priest and Mary Fairbanks.

Married by Rev. Joseph Wheeler :—

1768, March 23, Jonathan Priest Houghton and Sarah Priest.

Married by Rev. Daniel Johnson :—

1772, John Priest ye third and Hannah Stow.

1776, March 21, Philemon Priest and Lois Hartwell.



SOME HARVARD MARRIAGES. lxxxiii

Married by Rev. William Emerson :—

1793, 1 Jan., Jacob Priest and Rhoda Warner.

1794, July 2, Jonathan Sawyer and Mary Priest.

1795, July 2. Reuben Whitcomb, of Boxborough and Mercy Priest.

1796, Oct. 10, Elias Haskell Jun., and Lucy Priest.

1785, March 5, Abel Priest and Zerviah Whitcomb.

Married by Rev. Isaiah Parker M. D.

1795, Nov. 2, Arron Davis and Hepsibeth Priest.

Married by Peter Atherton. Esq :—

1753, Aug. 2, Joseph Moffit of Ipswich, Canada, and Doratha Priest of Stow.

Married by Josiah Whitney, J. P. :—

1784, Oct. 25, Elijah Priest and Lois Gates ; Dec. 14, Elias Warner and Abigail Priest.



lxxxiv SOME HARVARD RECORDS.

Married in Bolton by John Whitcomb, Esq., July 5, 1780, Nathan Priest and Mary Bacon of Bedford.

Married in Stow, Apr, 4, 1782. by Rev. Jona. Newell, Jacob Priest and Mary Stone of Stow.

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The following deaths are taken from Harvard History.

1736, July 19, Hezekiah Priest. Ætat 35 years.

1737, Apr. 9, Susannah Priest, daughter of Joseph. Ætat 15 years.

May 17, The widow Mary, [Rachel] Priest. Ætat 82 yrs. [81]

July 16, Mary, daughter of Joseph Priest. Ætat 16 years.

Sept. 6, the widdow [of Daniel] Elizabeth Priest, Ætat 53.

1738, Apr. 25, Benjamin, son of Joseph Priest. Ætat 18 years and 2 mos.



SOME HARVARD DEATHS. lxxxv.

1744, Dec. 5, a child of John and Sarah Priest.

Dec. 6, Sarah, wife of John Priest.  
in her 25th year.

1749, July 19, A child of John Priest's.

1755, March 27, Gabriel Priest. Æt. 65.

1756, Sept. 20. Mary, daughter of John  
and Mary Priest aged 13 months.

1762, Oct. 9. An infant child of John  
Priest's, named Calvin.

1767, June 8., Mary, D. to John Priest,  
in the third year of her age.

1770, June 29, widow [of Gabriel] Abigail Priest, of advanced years.  
[77 y. 5. m. 7 d.]

1772, Jan. 7, Sarah, daughter of John Priest, abt. 11 months old.

March 13. The widow Hannah P.  
of advanced years.

Apr. 3. John Priest[aged 54 years]



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June 17, widow Mary Priest, [age  
43 years.

1779, March 5, A Child of John Priest,  
Jr. [Eunice.]

1781, Dec. 30. Jeremiah Priest.

1787, Mar. 16, infant child of Abel Priest.

1789, Nov. 23, Jabes Priest, a young  
man.

1790, July 21, wife of Job Priest.

1791, November 7., wife of Jacob Priest.  
[Mary.]

Dec. 11. child of Jacob Priest.  
[Oliver.]

1794, Sept. 11. Relief, 27 years, maiden,  
fell from a horse.

1798, Oct. 17, Sally Priest 67 dysentery.

1800, March 2. Sally Priest.

July 4, Susanna, daughter of Elijah  
and Lois Priest, in the 17th year of  
of her age.

July 14. Lucy Priest.



EPITAPHS.

The following epitaphs are to be found  
in the Harvard, Mass., Burial Grounds.

HERE LIES THE BODY | OF MRS ELIZA-  
BETH PRIEST | THE RELIKS OF MR DANIEL  
PRIEST | WHO DIED SEPTEMBER | THE  
6th, 1737 IN THE 53 | YEAR OF HER AGE.

In Memory of | Oliver Priest son of |  
Mr Jacob & Mrs Mary | Priest, who died  
| Dec. 11th, 1791 | aged 1 month | and  
10 days.

In Memory of | Mrs Mary Priest | wife  
of | Mr Jacob Priest | who died Nov. 7th  
| 1791, aged 33 years | 5 months & 19  
days..

Death thou has conquer'd me,  
I by thy dart am slain,  
But Christ has conquer'd thee,  
And I shall rise again.



In Memory of | Miss Sarah Priest |  
daughr. of Capt. Philemon | & Mrs Lois  
Priest, | who died March 2 1800 | aged  
21 years.

Fresh in the morn the summer rose  
Hangs withering ere 'tis noon :  
We scarce enjoy the balmy gift,  
But mourn the pleasure gone.

HERE LIES THE | BODY OF MRS | HAZAD-  
IAH PRIEST | WHO DIED JULY | THE 1,  
1736 : | IN THE 19 | YEAR OF HER AGE.

HERE LIES | THE BODY OF | THE WIDOW ||  
RACHEL PRIEST. | WHO DIED MAY | YE 17th  
1737 : | IN THE 81st YEAR : | OF HER AGE.

Here Lies ye body of | Mary Priest  
Dastr. of || Mr John & Mrs Mary | Priest.  
Who Died || June 9, 1767. || Aged 2 years ||  
& 4 Months.

Here Lies ye || Body of Calvin || Priest  
son of Mr || John & Mrs Mary || Priest, who  
died || Oct. ye 2. 1762 || Aged 3 Weeks &  
4 Days.



Here Lies ye body of | Sarah Priest  
Daft. of || Mr John & Mrs Mary | Priest,  
Who Died || January ye || 7 1772 aged | 10  
months. & 27 days.

Here Lies ye || Body of a son of | Mr  
John & Mrs || Mary Priest. Born || July ye  
19, 1749 || & Deceased || ye same day.

Here Lies ye || Body of Mary || Priest.  
Daft. of Mr John || & Mrs Mary || Priest  
who died || Sept. ye 29 || 1756 Age 1 year  
& 27 D.

HERE LIES BURIED || YE BODY OF MRS ||  
SARAH PRIEST YE WIFE OF MR JOHN ||  
PRIEST & THEIR CHILD || BORN 3d DECd.  
ye 4th of YE SAME || MONTH, WHO DEC'd ||  
DECEMBER YE 6th, A. D. || 1744 || AGE 24  
YEARS || 7 M. & 19 D.

Here Lies ye body of | Mr John Priest.  
|| who departed this || Life, April ye 4th, |  
A. D. 1772, aged 54 years || 4 months &  
2 Days.

Here Lies ye body of || Mrs Mary. Priest,  
|| wife of Mr John || Priest. who departed ||



this Life June|| ye 17th. A. D. 1772|| age  
43 years.

In Memory of || Miss Relief Priest |  
daughter of Mr John & Mrs Mary Priest  
| who died Sept 11th, | 1794, Aged 26  
years | 9 months & 28 days.

In Memory of | Mr JABES PRIEST. | son  
of Mr JOHN & || Mrs MARY PRIEST | who  
departed this Life|| Novr: 23d: 1789:  
Aged | 25 years & 10 months.

Just in my prime & noon of day,  
The Lord has call'd, I must away.  
Down to the dust till Christ returns,  
And summons all before his throne.

Here Lies ye Body of|| Mr Jeremiah  
Priest. | who departed this||life Decembr  
ye 28|| A D. 1781 aged 60 | Years & 8  
Months.

Dear friends for me pray do not |  
weep, for here I lye in dust and |  
Sleep, And here indeed I must |  
Remain till Christ shall rais me me up  
again.



**FROM LANCASTER RECORDS.**

The following is selected from Nourse's  
Lancaster Records— :

John Priest of Lancaster. Inventory,  
dated 21 Dec. 1704.

Benjamin Priest of Lancaster entered  
his intentions of marriage with Hannah  
Johnson of Lancaster, December 29 1760.  
Daniel Priest with Elizabeth Kilborn, Oct-  
ober, ye 18th 1740.

Joseph Russ of Lunenburg & Susanah  
Priest of Lancaster Declar'd their inten-  
tions of Marriage May 26 1764.

John Huit of Ashby & Sarah Priest of  
Lancaster, Sept. 2 1769.



Ephriam Foster of New Ipswich and  
Hannah Priest of Lancaster march ye 12  
1770.

John Priest and Mary Longly Both of  
Lancaster Declaired their Intention of  
marage march ye 12th, 1770.

Jacob Zwear and Abigaiel Priest Both  
Lancaster, Jany. ye 6th 1771.

James Crosman, Jun. of New Marlbro'  
& Mary Priest of Lancaster Declared their  
Intentions of Marriage August 10, 1768.  
Aug 20, 1768 the abovesaid Mary Priest  
this day forbid the bands of Matrimony  
with James Crosman. Sept. 1 1768, the  
above James Crosman & Mary Priest,  
declared their Intentions of marriage.

Married, by Rev. Timothy Harrington,  
James Crosman of Manadnuck and Mary  
Priest of Lancaster, Octbr. ye 17. 1768.

On page 120 Book 1. Lancaster Rec-  
ords. "Born Elijah, Son to James and  
Mary Crosman. June ye 10, 1769."

On page 121, "Jonathan Son to James  
& Mary Crosman, born June 10, 1769.

[Crossed out]



Samuel Jewett, & Elizabeth Priest declared their intentions of marriage, April 30, 1774.

Fimothy Brown and Eunice Priest both of Lancaster, declared their intentions of marriage March 17, 1775.

Married by John Houghton, Justice of ye Peace :

John Nicholls & Mary Priest, Sr. were married ye 20th Day of March an :dom : 1720-1.

Jeremiah Holeman & Ann Priest were married ye 23 Day of March an :dom : 1720-1.

Ebenezer Houghton & Mary Priest were married, ye 23d day of March an :dom : 1720-1.

Joseph Whetcomb & Damaris Priest both of Lancaster were married, Jan. 20, 1725.

Benjamin Atherton & Eunice Priest Both of Lancaster were married the 23 day of March, 1726-7.

Hezekiah Whitcomb and Rachel Priest



was married by Joseph Wilder Esqr.  
April ye 3d, 1729.

John Houghton and Hephzibah Priest  
was married by Joseph Wilder Esqr. ye  
13 of Novembr. 1735.

Oliver Ston of Harvard & Mariah Priest  
of Bolton November ye 29th 1739.

Daniel Priest and Elizabeth Kilborn June  
ye forth 1741.

Married by Joseph Wilder, Esqr., Benj.  
Priest, & Hanah Johnson both of Lancas-  
ter, Jany. 20, 1761.

Joseph Russ to Susanah Priest both of  
Lancaster, July, 1764.

Married by Rev. Timothy Harrington :  
April 10, 1770, James Foster of New Ip-  
swich & Hanah Priest of Lancaster.

May 5th, John Priest Junr. & Mary Lon-  
gly both of Lancaster.

1771, March 21st. Jacob Zweier & Abi-  
gail Priest both of Lancaster.

1787, July 14. Joseph Wyman & Sarah  
Priest.



1779, Sept. 8, Jonn Cooledge and Hannah Priest: intentions entered Aug. 14.

Married. by Nathaniel Thayer, S. T. D., 7 Dec. 1837, Mr. Luke Carter, of Westminster, to Miss. Abigail F. Priest.

#### BORN.

John, the Son of Gabriel & Abigail Priest was born November 21st, 1717.

Gabriel, the Son of Gabriel & Abigail Priest was born June ye 17, 1720.

Jeremiah the Son of Gabriel and Abigail Priest was born April ye 30, 1722.

Joseph Preist, ye Son of Joseph & Mary was born ye 28 day of November, 1727.

Benjamin ye son of Joseph & Mary Preist was born ye 29 day of february, 1719-20.

Mary Priest, ye daughter of Joseph & Mary was born ye 23d day of March, 1721-22.

Susanah, daughter of Joseph & Mary Priest was born ye 22 day of March, 1723

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Eleazer, ye Son of Joseph & Mary Priest  
was born ye 23 day of August, 1726.

Tabitha, ye daughter of Joseph & Mary  
Preist was born ye 5 of november 1727.

Batshheba, ye daughter of Joseph & Ma-  
ry Priest was born may ye : 1 : 1731.

1827, Sept. 25, at Cambridge, Adolphus  
M., son of Charles and Nancy Priest.

1830, Oct. 12 ; bapt. March 2. 1831, Syl-  
vanus C., son of Charles and Nancy.

1833, July 4. Electa M., daughter of Chas  
and Nancy.

#### BAPTIZED.

1710, April 2, Damaris, daughter of John  
Priest.

1713, Dec. 2. Rachel, daughter of John  
Priest.

1716, April 8, Hephzibah, daughter of  
John Priest.

1717, Nov. 9, Jonathan, son of John : Eu-  
nice, daughter of Hannah Priest.

1720, Apr. 3 Gabriel, son of Gabriel.

1721, Sept. 3, Maria, daughter of John.



- 1722, July 15, Jeremiah, son of Gabriel P.  
1724, Sept 22, widow Elizabeth Priest and  
her children, John, Daniel, Eunice  
Hazadiah, Bettie and Silence.  
1742, Sept. 26, Daniel Priest and wife  
owned the covenant and had son  
Daniel baptized.  
1745, July 20, child of Daniel Priest,  
named Elizabeth.  
1754, Dec. 8, Joseph and Bette Priest, ye  
parents, and Benjamin, Susanna,  
Abigail, Sarah, and Eleazer, the  
children.  
1756, Dec. 19, Tabitha, Elizabeth, Mary  
daughters of Joseph Pries.t  
1758, Apr. 9, Jacob, son of John Priest.  
1763, Dec. 30, John and Benjamin, chil-  
dren of Benjamin and Hannah.  
1768, Dec. 4, Oliver Johnson, son of Ben-  
jamin Priest.  
1769, Nov. 26, Hannah, Sarah, twins of



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- Benjamin Priest.
- 1771, Mar. 12, Charlotte, daughter of John Priest.
- 1772, Jan. 5, Miribah, daughter of Benjamin Priest.
- 1776, Feb. 28, Joel, son of Benjamin P.
- 1777, Dec. 28 Solomon, son of Benjamin Priest.
- 1833, Nov. 24. Electa Maria, daughter of Charles and Nancy Priest.
- Added to the Church of Christ, Lancaster, July 25. 1708, John Priest and wife.
- Baptized. 1708, Sept. 12, Annah, Mary, Abigail, children of John Priest.



### DIED IN LANCASTER.

(See also epitaphs.)

- 1723, Oct. ye 9, Daniel Preist.  
1759, Apr. 27, Tabitha Priest.  
Aug. 18, Dr of Joseph Priest.  
1775, Apr. 30, Bettie Priest and child.  
1776, June —, The widow Priest. Ætat  
80 years.  
1777, Dec. —, Solomon, son of Benjamin  
Priest.  
1779, Jan. 4, Solomon son of Benjamin  
Priest.  
1797, Sept. 9, John Priest, aged 88 :  
Mortification.  
1798, Mar. 25. Elizabeth Preist, aged 84.  
May 17, Joseph Preist, aged 83.  
1831, Sept 31, Zimri Priest.  
1838, Aug. 16, at Shaker Community.  
Bettie Priest.



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MERCY PRIEST.

Mercy Priest, daughter of John Priest, Jr, and Hannah Stow. b, 25 May, 1774, on July 2, 1795, married Reuben Whitcomb, and had John Priest Whitcomb b. 16 June, 1796. John Priest Whitcomb was captain of a Harvard Military Co., in 1822; made Colonel 23 Aug., 1826; made Brigadier General 19 July, 1830: was licensed store-keeper; in 1829, was Vice President of a society growing out of the great temperance revival, and was afterward its President, and when he died in 1847, resolutions were adopted by the society. He was one of the advisory school committee in 1832-6; town clerk of Harvard, Mass, 1824-9 and 1831; assessor, 1829; post master in 1826: Justice of Peace in 1842.



The following data was furnished by  
Maine State Genealogical Society and  
was compiled from Directories.

William H. Priest, tailor, Belfast, Di-  
rectory, 1882.

Wesley H. Priest, cutter, Rockland,  
Directory, 1882, and

Wesley H. Priest, pressman, Bangor  
Directory, 1895.

Martin Priest, Bangor and Falmouth  
Directories, 1895.

Henry K. Priest, clerk, Bangor Direc-  
tory, 1895.

Patrick Priest, laborer, Falmouth, Di-  
rectory, 1895.

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Jesse Priest, m. Elizabeth Beeden. 1st  
Dec., 1836, at Belfast, Maine. He was a  
member of the Temperance Society in  
1841

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Deidamia Preist, witness to a will of  
of Katherine Grass. Sept. 1790, at Thom-  
aston, Me.



cii. FROM OLD CONCORD FAMILIES.

That below was gleaned from Potter's Genealogies of old families of Concord, Mass.

William G. Priest m. 15 Dec., 1848, Mary Jane Hayward, b. in Concord, Massachusetts, b. Apr., 27, 1826. Children b. in Concord, Mass;—

1. William H., b. 5 Oct., 1849; d. 26 July, 1875.
2. Henri L., b. 4 Feb., 1851; died 27 Oct., 1867.
3. Mary J., b. 5 Dec., 1855.
4. Georgie, b. 14 Jan., 1856; m. 18 Aug., 1879, Jonathan P. Blodgett and had;
  - i. William H., b. 17 June, '78
  - ii. Walter P., b. 29 June, 1880
  - iii. Raymond P., b. 2 July, 1884.

Mary Jane (Hayward) Priest. married 2nd Lewis C. Puffer, 29 May, 1867. and had;—

1. Lewis H., b. July, 1868.
2. Eddie E., b 26 Aug., 1871



CHARLES AND NANCY ciii.

CHARLES, son of Jacob and Rhoda, b. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 1793; m. Nancy Whitney. 20 Oct., 1814. issue:—

1. Harriet, Entered Hillside Church in 1831.
2. Sarah, b. 20 Oct., 1817.
3. Rhoda Francena, b. 10 Jan., 1820.
4. Nancy Elizabeth, b. 2 Apr., 1822.
5. Asa Henry, b. 25 Apr., 1824.
6. Adolphus M., b. in Cambridge, 2 Sept., 1827.
7. Sylvanus Chickering, b. 12 Oct., 1829; 1858 graduated at Amherst College.
8. Electa b. 4 July, 1833.

The corner stone of a house of worship was laid on Wataquodock Hill in Bolton in 1828. Rev. J. W. Chickering was the first pastor. Mrs. Frances E. Chickering, Charles Priest, Mrs. Nancy Priest and others united from Lancaster in 1831. Harriet united there in 1831; Sarah S.



**AMI FROM SWITZERLAND.**

Ami Pretre, now called Priest, resides at Norfolk, Conn. He was born in Jarnane Switzerland, May 11, 1841; he married there Eliza Jonneru. His father was Pierre Pretre and was born 1809: his mother was Eliza de la Chau, born 1809. His grandfather's name was Abram Pretre, who married Lidie Redaulte.



## THE DAUGHTERS OF DEGORY PRIEST,

BY E. S. ATWOOD.

The object of this article is to show that there has been an obscuration of the history of the daughters of Degory Priest by a majority of genealogist. Degory Priest married Sarah Allerton, sister of Isaac Allerton and widow of John Vincent in Leyden, 1611. He left his wife and children there and came in the "Mayflower" dying at Plymouth very soon after his arrival Jan., 1621. His widow, Nov. 13 1621, married again in Leyden, Godbert Godbertson, a Hollander, who had been



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admitted to membership in the Pilgrim Church at Leyden. He came to this country in the "Ann" bringing his wife Sarah, Degory Priest's widow, and Mary and Sarah Priest, two daughters of Degory Priest. (Davis' Landmarks, Part 11., p. 209. After arrival in this country in process of time, his name became anglicized as Cuthbert Cuthbertson.

Genealogists for the most part have stated that Phineas Pratt married Mary, the daughter of Cuthbert Cuthbertson, and that John Coombs married Sarah, Cuthbert Cuthbertson's daughter. There is no official record of marriages in Plymouth Colony prior to 1643, and the above statement is based on the following taken from page 159, Vol. 1, of the published Records. It is a report of proceedings before the Governor and associates held 3d August, 1640, and reads as follows;—



“For as much as it appeareth by the testimony of Joshua Pratt and otherwise, that the two acres of upland lying at Wellingsly brook on the north side of the lot given to Godbert Godbertson, were given by the said Godbert Godbertson to John Coombs, gent., and Phineas Pratt, in marriage with their wives, his daughters, the court doth confirm the said two acres to the said John Coombs and Phineas Pratt, their heirs and assigns forever.

We know that Phineas Pratt's wife was named Mary, because he united with her in a deed to John Smith of land sold at Charlestown, 1662—3, and that John Coombs' wife was named Sarah, because he also united with her in a deed to Gov. Prentice.

Of course this statement was perfectly correct. It omits to say, however, what is a fact that Sarah and Mary the wives of



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John Coombs and Phineas Pratt were Cuthbert Cuthbertson's step-daughters and not his own children. This is readily shown as follows ;—

1st. It is beyond the bounds of possibility that Mrs. Cutbertson would have two Marys and two Sarahs amongst the 1 children. Mary and Sarah were the daughters of Degory Priest

2nd. This case was tried Aug. 3, 1640, and related to events that had occurred some years previously, and yet Cuthbertson had been married only 18 yrs 8 mos. and 20 days at this time—not long enough to have married off two daughters of his own.

Again a footnote on page 122 Vol. 7, Mass. Historical Collections, 2nd series, says ;—

“Phinehas Pratt (Joiner) was at Plymouth about 1623. He moved to Charles-



town and was living there 1677. He married the daughter of Cuthbert Cuthbertson, 1630."

Davis in his "Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth," page 347, says that in 1632, John Coombs and wife Sarah, daughter of Cuthbert Cuthbertson, sold land to Thomas Prence. As Cuthbertson was married in 1621, it is perfectly evident that these were not his own daughters, but the children of his wife, and daughters of Degory Priest.

3d. The division of cattle, May 22, 1627 gives the name of every man, woman and child in Plymouth on that date. The grouping is by families. In the second lot (that of Isaac Allerton) Cuthbertson's family is shown to consist of himself, his wife Sarah, a son Samuel and two step-daughters, Mary Priest and Sarah Priest. He had no other daughters.



Finally, we know that Phineas Pratt lived many years in Charlestown. Mass., and died there about 1690. Wyman in his *Genealogies of the Estates of Charlestown.* page 771, says that his wife was Mary Priest, and again, on page 773, that Mary daughter of Degory Priest of Plymouth married Phineas Pratt. These are the squarest kind of statements and fit the facts exactly. None of the others made bear sifting. In face of all the evidence, there can be no doubt that Phineas Pratt married Mary, daughter of Degory Priest and that John Coombs married Sarah, daughter of Degory Priest.—[From N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Record. 1897.]



## MISCELLANEOUS LIST OFFICIALS.

Postmasters. 1884.

C. W. Priest Mechanicsville, Vermont.

D. Priest, Henrietta, Wisconsin.

E. Priest, Minnie Lake, North Dakota

Wm. Priest, Goshenville. Pa.

J. D. C. Priest, born in Chili, postoffice  
clerk in N. Y. City. 1884.

Luke K., mail messenger, 1884, Spencer,  
Wisconsin.

Charles H., register of Land office. 1884.  
Evanstown, Wyoming.

Engene S. Priest, guager, U. S. Internal  
Revenue Service at Nashville, Tenn.

L. O. Priest, 1885, constable, Center  
Township, Madison, Co., Kansas.

Zenas C. Priest, Presidential Elector for  
New York, 1884.

Henry S. Priest, Judge, U. S. Circuit  
Court, St. Louis. 1894.



