

# Family Records

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## PARKER—POND—PECK

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## PREFACE

THERE are many distinct groups of Parkers, whose relationship is remote and obscure. The Saybrook group, well-defined in its development, is the only one dealt with in this pamphlet; and this is not treated with any completeness, but simply so as to show forth to my children and theirs the derivation of our household from *William Parker* of Hartford and Saybrook, and to indicate some of the lines in which the family has branched out. No attempt is made to follow out the lines formed by marriages of the Parker women into other families, such as the Chapmans, Pratts, Pecks, Bushnells, Buckinghams, etc., etc.

I have inserted some account of my grandmother, Mary (Peck) Parker, showing her direct descent from Henry Peck of New Haven. I have appended a sketch of my mother's derivation, taken from the "Pond Genealogy." The names in **THIS TYPE** show the line of *direct* descent to my own family. The asterisk (\*) indicates that the name thus marked is carried forward for fuller treatment.

When I began this work of tracing our ancestry, nothing was known of my Parker progenitors beyond the fact that my Grandfather James was born at Saybrook in 1764. As no traces of him or of his parents could be found in or about Saybrook, my task seemed hopeless. But gradually and unexpectedly clues were found. Church, probate, and town records and old graveyards disclosed important secrets; old letters gave the dead a voice wherewith to speak and discover themselves; aged people contributed in-

valuable recollections; and, in due time, the missing links were found, and the entire chain was completed.

My great-grandfather, Matthew, with all his household, removed from Saybrook to Sharon, Conn., in 1773. About 1789 he removed to Cornwall, Vt., tarrying briefly at Clarendon by the way. In Sharon the lost links were unearthed.

I am greatly indebted to Francis H. Parker, Esq., of Hartford, who has kindly permitted me to examine and make use of his manuscript records.

I am neither surprised nor sorry to find that "my own people" in the generations past have been plain, humble folk, though by no means lacking in intelligence and influence. The records show that, as a rule, they have been industrious, intelligent, and religious.

EDWIN POND PARKER.

*Hartford, Conn., June 15, 1892.*





## WILLIAM PARKER

Of Hartford and Saybrook

**William Parker** came from England; perhaps with Thomas Wiggin, in the autumn of 1633, in the ship *James*, to Dover, N. H., and thence with William Whiting.

In 1633 "the Bristol men had sold their interest in Piscataqua to the Lords Say and Brooke, George Wyllys, and William Whiting, who continued Thomas Wiggin their agent." ("Memorial History Hartford County," vol. 1, page 269.) He was an original proprietor of Hartford, 1636; his home-lot in 1639 was on the west side of the "road from Seth Grant's to Centinel Hill," now Trumbull Street. (Ibid.) About 1649 he removed to Saybrook, where he was a large land-holder, having also much land in Hebron acquired by will from one Joshua, third son of Uncas. In the division of upland in East Hartford, in 1666, he received thirty-six acres of land, which he sold to William Pitkin and William Goodwin. In the division of land, 1674, on west side of Hartford, his share was sold to Thomas and Samuel Olcott. He probably served in the Pequot war, for in 1673, soon after numerous grants to Pequot soldiers, 100 acres of land were granted to his son William, confirming a prior grant that had "slipt recording." He filled several town offices, was frequently a member of important town committees, and was Deputy to the General Court at the special session of 1652, at the May sessions, 1679 and 1681, and at the October sessions of 1678, 1679, 1680, and 1681.

About 1636 he married MARGERY ———, who was probably a ward or relative of William Whiting, as he left

her ten pounds in his will. She died Dec. 6, 1680. He married for a second wife, prior to 1682, Elizabeth Pratt, widow of Lieut. William Pratt.

He died at Saybrook, Dec. 28, 1686. In all the records of his day he appears as one of the four or five chief men of Saybrook town. Of his parentage, birthplace, or relation to other New England settlers of his name, nothing is certainly known.

#### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARGERY PARKER.

*SARAH,	born about Oct. 29, 1637.
JOSEPH,	" Mar., 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ , died, aged 20 weeks.
*JOHN,	" Feb. 1, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
*RUTH,	" June 1, 1643.
*WILLIAM,	" midsummer, 1645.
*JOSEPH,	" Feb. 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ .
*MARGARET,	" probably 1650.
JONATHAN,	" Feb. 16 $\frac{5}{8}$ , died before 1683.
*DAVID,	" Feb. 1656.
DEBORA,	" Mar., 1658, died before 1683.

Of these children, the first Joseph, Jonathan, and Debora died early. Of Sarah, Ruth, Margaret, and David I shall give account for one generation only, and then proceed with the three brothers, John, William, and Joseph.

SARAH PARKER, eldest daughter of William and Margery, born in Hartford a "little before Michaelmas," 1637, married in 1662 Joseph Peck, youngest son of Deacon William Peck—one of the early settlers of New Haven. They were probably married by his brother, Rev. Jeremiah Peck, minister of church at Saybrook from 1661 to 1665. In 1672 Joseph Peck and his wife removed to Lyme, where he was a citizen of importance. He was Ensign of Train-band, Justice of Peace, Town Clerk, Deacon of Church, and a Deputy to General Court for twenty-six sessions. He died in 1718, aged 77. His wife died in 1726, nearly 90 years of age. Their descendants are very numerous, and many of them have been distinguished. (See "Peck Genealogy," page 395.) It is noteworthy that whereas, in 1662, Sarah Parker married Joseph Peck, son of Dea. William of New Haven, James Parker, her father's great-great-grandson, in 1790 married Mary Peck, a descendant from Dea. William Peck's brother Henry.



According to Hotten's History of American Emigrants, *William Parker and Margaret Pritchard*, aged 17 years, were passengers on ship "Matthew," from London, May 21, 1635, (Richard Goodladd, Master), for St. Christophers, a small island in West Indies, where was an English colony. It is not unlikely that this William Parker was our ancestor, and that his wife, "Margery," was that Margaret Pritchard. In 1635 a Dutch ship brought salt and tobacco directly from St. Christophers to Marblehead. Many came from England hither by that roundabout way. William Parker and Margery his wife might easily enough have come thence and arrived in Hartford, 1636. Their first child was born October, 1637.



CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND SARAH (PARKER) PECK.

SARAH,	born	Aug. 4, 1663,	married	Matthew Gilbert.
JOSEPH,	"	1667,	died	same year.
ELISABETH,	"	1669,	married	Samuel Pratt, 1686, died 1688.
DEBORAH,	"	1672,	"	Daniel Sperry, 1694.
HANNAH,	"	1674,	"	Thomas Anderson, 1696.
RUTH,	"	1676,	"	Jasper Griffin, 1696.
SAMUEL,	"	1678,	"	Elizabeth Lee, 1699; married, again, Martha Barber, 1732; died 1735.
JOSEPH,	"	1680.		

RUTH, daughter of William and Margery Parker, born at Hartford, June 1, 1643, married William Barber about 1663. Their children were as follows :

RUTH,	born	1664,	married	Daniel Clark.
ELISABETH,	"	1666,	"	Daniel Barrett.
GEORGE,	"	1668,	unmarried.	
DEBORAH,	"	1670,	married	Abraham Chalker, 1691.
MARTHA.				
HANNAH,			"	Samuel Nettleton.
ABIGAIL.				
WILLIAM,	"	1684.		

MARGARET, daughter of William and Margery Parker, born at Saybrook about 1650, married in 1671 Joseph Pratt, son of Lieut. William and Elisabeth (Clark) Pratt, but died before 1686, in which year Joseph Pratt married Sarah Chapman. ("Saybrook Records," vol. 3, p. 289; vol. 4, p. 368; vol. 3, pp. 539, 540; vol. 3, p. 536.)

Their children were as follows :

JOSEPH,	born	1672,	died	1740.
WILLIAM,	"	1674,	married	Hannah Hough.
SARAH,	"	1676.		
EXPERIENCE,	"	1678,	"	Joseph Edgerton, 1702.
MARGARET,	"	1680,	"	Philip Shattuck, 1704.

DAVID, son of William and Margery Parker, born at Saybrook, Feb., 1656, served in the Indian wars in his youth, and received in 1678 five acres of land from the town of Saybrook for services "out of town." He was severely wounded, and felt the effects of his wound through life, as would appear from the action of the General Court

in 1682 exempting him from certain pecuniary liabilities. He had no children, and died in 1723. In his will he gave to the church at Saybrook eight rods square of land to set a meeting-house on, and also land "for the use, behoof, and advantage of an orthodox, dissenting ministry in Saybrook Old Society." ("Guilford Prob. Rec.," vol. 1, pp. 101-110.)

#### THE LINE OF JOHN FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS.

JOHN, son of William and Margery Parker, was born at Hartford, Feb. 1, 1641-2. He was regarded as a proprietor at Saybrook, and given 100 pounds accommodation. He was a man of much activity and influence in town affairs. He was Deputy to General Court at May sessions of 1686, 1688, and 1700, and at October sessions 1699 and 1700. A large landholder at Saybrook and Hebron. Appointed gunner and master of the great artillery at Saybrook Fort, Nov. 30, 1683, and had charge of the fort during Andros's régime.

He married, Dec. 24, 1666, *Mary Buckingham*, daughter of Thomas, settler of Milford, and sister of Rev. Thomas S., Pastor of Saybrook Church in 1670. He had title of Lieutenant. He died at Saybrook, 1706.

#### CHILDREN OF LIEUT. JOHN AND MARY (BUCKINGHAM) PARKER.

*JOHN <sup>2</sup> ,	born Oct. 6, 1667.
DEBORAH,	" Aug. 31, 1671.
*EBENEZER,	" Aug. 18, 1674.
SAMUEL,	" Jan. 24, 1677.

JOHN,<sup>2</sup> son of Lieut. John and Mary (Buckingham) Parker, born Oct. 6, 1667, served as constable, 1694, and was one of the first to act as attorney-at-law under the law of 1708. He married, Dec. 11, 1690, *Mary Jones*, daughter of Lieut. Samuel and Mary (Bushnell) Jones, and died at Norwich, Dec. 24, 1709.

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN<sup>2</sup> AND MARY (JONES) PARKER.

*NATHANIEL,	born Oct. 2, 1691.
MARY,	" Nov. 20, 1693, married Thomas Buckingham, grandson of Rev. Thomas of Saybrook.
*JOHN <sup>3</sup> ,	" Mar. 11, 1696.
DEBORAH,	" Dec. 24, 1698, died 1700.
JEMIMA,	" Aug. 18, 1701.
DEBORAH,	" May 12, 1704, married Isaac Jones.
MARJORIE,	" July 14, 1708, " Samuel Doty, and afterwards Elisha Lord.

NATHANIEL, son of John<sup>2</sup> and Mary (Jones) Parker, born Oct. 2, 1691; married, 1727, *Sarah Buckingham*; and died July 6, 1742.

Their children were: *Ann*, born 1728, died 1736; an unknown daughter; and *Nathaniel*, born 1734, died 1736.

JOHN<sup>3</sup>, son of John<sup>2</sup> and Mary (Jones) Parker, born March 11, 1696; prominent in Ecclesiastical Society; Sergeant of Train-band, 1731; Ensign in Cape Breton expedition; died at Louisburg, May 17, 1746. Married, May 8, 1723, *Mary Chapman*, and afterwards *Elizabeth Dunk*.

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN<sup>3</sup> AND MARY (CHAPMAN) PARKER.

*JOHN <sup>4</sup> ,	born Nov. 6, 1724.
DAUGHTER,	" Aug. 2, 1727, died Aug. 7th.
MARY,	" Dec. 12, 1728.
GIDEON,	" June 6, 1732, married, 1758, Jerusha Wellman, died in Havana expedition, 1762.
LUCY,	" Jan. 3, 1736.
NATHANIEL <sup>2</sup> ,	" Jan. 6, 1738, living in 1760.
MARTIN,	" Feb., 1740, died 1740.

JOHN<sup>4</sup>, son of Ensign John<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Chapman) Parker, born Nov. 6, 1724; served in Cape Breton expedition, and at Havana, dying at the latter place, 1762. He married, July 30, 1751, *Martha Willard*, who died in 1807.

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN<sup>4</sup> AND MARTHA (WILLARD) PARKER.

JOHN,	born May 3, 1752, died same year.
MARTHA,	" April 24, 1756.
*JOHN <sup>5</sup> ,	" June 17, 1758.
SARAH,	" Feb. 12, 1761, died in 1846, aged 85.

JOHN,<sup>6</sup> son of John<sup>4</sup> and Martha (Willard) Parker, born June 17, 1758, and served in Revolutionary War. He married, 1783, *Martha Lord*, who died in 1799. He married, 1800, *Lucy Dennison*, who died in 1842, aged 79. He died in 1839, aged 81. Their children were:

JOHN,	born May 15, 1784, died 1875, aged 90 years.
LUCY,	" March 9, 1786, " 1870, " 95 "
GIDEON,	" Nov. 1, 1788, " 1884, " 75 "
RICHARD LORD,	" March 3, 1792, " 1864, " 72 "
LYDIA LORD,	" May 31, 1794, " 1865, " 71 "
JOSEPH WILLIAM,	" April 1, 1797, " 1866, " 69 "
MARSHFIELD,	" Oct. 20, 1799, " 1874, " 74 "
MARY ANN,	" Sept. 20, 1806, " 1860, " 53 "

EBENEZER, son of John<sup>1</sup> and Mary (Buckingham) Parker, born Aug. 18, 1674; shipbuilder and sea captain; married, Sept. 3, 1694, *Mary Smith*. He lived as late as 1730.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER AND MARY (SMITH) PARKER.

*ABNER, CAPT.,	born at Saybrook, May 14, 1697.
ANNE,	" " April 3, 1700.
DAVID,	" " Sept. 10, 1702.
MARY,	" " Feb. 1, 1706.
PENELOPE,	" " April 29, 1714.

ABNER, Capt., son of Ebenezer and Mary (Smith) Parker, born May 14, 1697; was a sea captain, and also Deacon of the church; made chart of Saybrook harbor and its entrance; a very vigorous and prominent man. He married, Jan. 9, 1722, *Abigail Pratt*.

Their children were: (1) *Samuel*, born Jan. 21, 1723; (2) *Abner*, born Sept. 27, 1724, married *Keturah Nott* in 1749, and died without sons, 1756; (3) *Reuben*, born June 5, 1726; (4) *Gideon*, born April 26, 1728, married *Sarah Lay*; had children: Samuel, 1755, Sarah, and Temperance; died 1760; (5) *Abigail*, 1730; (6) *Sarah*, 1732; (7) *Isabel*, 1734; (8) *Ebenezer*, 1736.

~~Samuel, the eldest of these,~~ married *Abigail Dennison*, lived in Essex, and died in 1811. His wife died in 1802.

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SAMUEL PARKER, son of Gideon and Sarah (Lay) Parker, born 1755; married *Abigail Denison*, born 1762.

Their children were as follows:

SUBMIT,	born 1782, married Asa Williams.
TEMPERANCE,	" 1783.
NANCY,	" 1786.
*GIDEON,	" 1790.
SAMUEL,	died 1811.

CAPT. GIDEON PARKER, son of above Samuel and Abigail, married *Eunice Mather Post*, May 6, 1813. She was born May 26, 1793, and died in 1862, having had eleven children, as follows:

SARAH LAY,	born 1814, married Reuben Calkins of Lyme.
JOHN LA FARGE,	" 1818, died 1861; four daughters.
GIDEON M.,	" 1821, " 1874, married Jane Mills.
EBENEZER J.,	" 1823, " 1868, " Augusta Brainard.
ABIGAIL SMITH,	" 1825, " 1869, " Isaac Calkins.
SUSAN HARRIET,	" 1827, " 1862, " Alexander Pratt.
EUNICE SOPHIA,	" 1829, " 1880, " Charles P. Williams.
HENRY CLAY, }	" 1831, " 1864, killed in battle.
TIMOTHY GREEN, }	" 1861.
SAMUEL Sr. JOHN,	" 1832, " 1867, at Mobile.
ELIZA SWEET,	" 1834.

Capt. Gideon Parker married (second) Esther Ely Ransom; and he died Feb. 27, 1871.





## LINE OF WILLIAM.<sup>2</sup>

WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> PARKER, Deacon, son of William<sup>1</sup> and Margery Parker, was born in 1645; married, first, Cora —, about 1672, and afterwards *Lydia Brown*, Sept. 7, 1676. She died in 1728. He died Aug. 20, 1725. His will, probated in Guilford, Jan. 15, 1725-6, gives bequests to his wife Lydia, to his brother Joseph, to "cousins" Joseph and Jonathan, and to his granddaughter.

His son *William*<sup>3</sup>, born Jan. 15, 1673, never married. His daughter *Lydia*, born Feb. 13, 1690, married Wm. Gilbert, and they had daughter *Lydia*, born 1713, who is distinctly mentioned as the only surviving descendant of Dea. William and his wife. ("Guilford Prob. Rec.") She married Capt. John Kirtland of Saybrook. Dea. William Parker was a leading citizen, and very prominent in church and state. He is said to have represented Saybrook as Deputy to the General Court in more sessions than any other person, excepting only Robert Chapman. He was Sergeant in Train-band as early as 1672, and in 1678-9 the town voted him five acres of land for services "out of the town" in the Indian wars. He was elected Deacon before 1687, and probably continued in that office until his death. He was a lay member of the Saybrook Synod of 1708 that framed the "Saybrook Platform" for the churches of Connecticut. Both he and his wife Lydia were buried in the old cemetery at Saybrook, and the following inscriptions can easily be read on their tombstones:

"Here lyeth the Body of Deacon William Parker, who dec<sup>d</sup> Aug. y<sup>e</sup> 20, 1725, aged 81 years";

and:

"Here lyeth the Body of Mrs. Lydia Parker, y<sup>e</sup> wife of Deacon William Parker, who dec<sup>d</sup> June y<sup>e</sup> 11, 1728, aged 73 years."

## LINE OF JOSEPH.

**Joseph Parker**, son of William<sup>1</sup> and Margery Parker, was born at Saybrook Feb. , 164<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. He married, first, June 3, 1673, *Hannah Gillbord (Gilbert)*, and secondly, *Mary* ———, who survived him. He died in 1725, aged 78 years.

### CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND HANNAH (GILLBORD) PARKER.

*JOSEPH <sup>2</sup> ,	born July	3, 1674.
JONATHAN,	" July	15, 1675, died 1683.
SARAH,	} twins,	" and died the same day, 1676.
HANNAH,		
HANNAH,	" July	18, 1679, married ——— Lord.
MARGERY,	" Jan.	22, 1681, died 1681.
MARGERY,	" March	12, 1682, " 1683.
MATTHEW,	" ———	, 1684.
*JONATHAN,	" Oct.	6, 1686.

Of these children five — Jonathan first, Sarah and Hannah, and the two Margerys, — died very early. Matthew probably died childless, if not early, for, his father dying intestate, a division of his property was agreed upon by his widow, Mary, his two sons, Joseph and Jonathan, and his daughter, Hannah Lord.

JOSEPH,<sup>2</sup> son of Joseph<sup>1</sup> and Hannah (Gillbord) Parker, was born at Saybrook, July 3, 1674. He married, April 29, 1705, *Ruth Williams*, and died in 1732, aged about 59 years. His wife died in 1742.

### CHILDREN OF JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> AND RUTH (WILLIAMS) PARKER.

*WILLIAM <sup>3</sup> ,	born April	24, 1706.
RUTH,	" Sept.	23, 1707.
DOROTHY,	" May	23, 1713.
HANNAH,	" July	14, 1714.
SARAH,	" Nov.	18, 1718.

Near the graves of Dea. William Parker and Lydia his wife, in Old Saybrook cemetery, is a well-preserved tombstone, whose legible inscription tells that Hannah Parker (probably the one above) died March, 1791, in the 76th year of her age. She was unmarried, and achieved the distinction of being prosecuted for laughing in church.

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HANNAH GILBERT was the daughter of *Mr. Matthew Gilbert*, one of the "seven pillars" of the church at New Haven, under John Davenport. He was Deputy Governor, 1661-1663. She was baptized, April, 1653, and is mentioned in her father's will as Hannah Parker. Through her we are descended from one of the most prominent of New Haven's settlers.

✕ SARAH, daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Williams) Parker, married Timothy Pratt of Saybrook. Their children were:

DEA. TIMOTHY PRATT, born Oct. 17, 1748.

AUGUSTUS PRATT,       "   Feb.,   1751.

SARAH PRATT,       who married Jonathan Bushnell.

DEA. TIMOTHY PRATT married Sarah Shipman, cousin of "Father Shipman" (father of Hon. Nathaniel Shipman), and their daughter *Sally* married Dea. Comfort Starr of Guilford, whose grandson is E. C. Starr of Cornwall, Conn.

ALPHEUS, son of William<sup>†</sup> and Rachel (Starkey) Parker, married, 1820, *Ann Roberts*, who died 1874. They had 13 children: *Henry, John, Mary, John, Caroline, Rachel, Alpheus, Elizabeth, Emily, Celia, Charles, Lewis*, and *William*. The first John died early. The second John married *Fane Hubbard*, and had *Granville* and *Grace*. Lewis married *Ella Tripp*. Henry, born 1822, married, 1847, *Betsey J. Pardew*, and had 4 children. He still lives in Essex.

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The will of JONATHAN PARKER, dated June 15, 1769, is on record at Guilford. His "loving son Matthew" is appointed executor. It shows that his daughter *Elinor* married Simeon Smith of Haddam.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> AND MARY (—) PARKER.

SARAH,

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> AND RACHEL (STARKEY) PARKER.

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CHILDREN OF JONATHAN AND ELLINOR (POST) PARKER.

\*JONATHAN<sup>2</sup>, born Jan. 21, 1710.  
 \*MATTHEW, " June 24, 1712.  
 ELLINOR, " June 30, 1714.  
 LYDIA, " July 19, 1718.  
 ESTHER, married Daniel Buel.  
 ANN, " Nath<sup>1</sup> Post.

In 1770 Esther (wife of Daniel Buel) deeded her share of her father's estate to her brother MATTHEW, then 58 years old.

JONATHAN,<sup>2</sup> son of Jonathan<sup>1</sup> and Ellinor (Post) Parker, was born Jan. 21, 1710, and died Feb. 7, 1756. He married, April 18, 1732, *Sarah Bushnell*, who died some time before 1763.

CHILDREN OF JONATHAN AND SARAH (BUSHNELL) PARKER.

JONATHAN, born Sept. 14, 1733, died 1774.  
 JEDEDIAH, " June 8, 1735, " early.  
 SARAH, " June 21, 1739, living in 1800.  
 RACHEL, " Aug. 31, 1742, married Simeon Pratt.  
 TEMPERANCE, " Sept. 15, 1749.  
 HULDAH, " Jan. 10, 1752.  
 JONATHAN, " March 27, 1754.

**Matthew Parker**, son of Jonathan<sup>1</sup> and Ellinor (Post) Parker, was born at Saybrook, June 24, 1712. He was a large landholder, as the Saybrook and Guilford Records show. He was named as executor in his father's will, and in the same document his father speaks of him in terms of peculiar confidence and affection, and gives him a large portion of his estate. On July 25, 1739, he married *Edith Hanes* of ~~Flushing~~, Long Island. She was born in 1723, and died in Cornwall, May 9, 1796, aged 73 years. She was the daughter of a merchant, and at her marriage had a present of a female slave. He died in Cornwall, Vt., Jan. 10, 1800, aged about 88 years. In 1773 Matthew Parker sold out his property in and about Saybrook to a Capt. Buell, and the same year purchased lands in Sharon, Conn., where he settled with his family. There his daughters *Patience* and *Edith* married, lived, and died. He removed about 1789, first to Clarendon, Vt., and shortly after to Cornwall, where,

JONATHAN, son of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> and Sarah (Bushnell) Parker, married *Mary Jones* in 1782. She was born, 1761. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. He died in 1821, and his wife in 1841. Their children were:

*JEDEDIAH,	born 1782.
MARY (POLLY),	" 1784, married Le Baron Thompson of Madison.
JONATHAN,	" 1786, " Abigail Wilcox, died 1859. Eight daughters and one son.
*ASA,	" 1789.
RACHEL,	" 1791.
*DANIEL,	" 1794.
EZRA,	" 1797, married Hannah Wright.
ELIZABETH,	" 1799.

JEDEDIAH, son of Jonathan and Mary (Jones) Parker, married (first) *Amanda Hotchkiss*, 1804, and (second) *Elizabeth Starr*, 1836. His children were:

EMELINE,	born 1805, married James Benton of Guilford.
AUSTIN H.,	" 1808, see below.
JOHN CHATFIELD,	" 1811, "

He lived in Guilford.

DEACON ASA, son of Jonathan and Mary (Jones) Parker, married *Parnel Benton* of Guilford, in 1816. He died in 1861, and she in 1864. Their children were:

HENRY EDWIN,	born 1817, died 1822.
GEORGE LYMAN,	" 1820, " 1821.
ELIZABETH,	" 1822, " 1826.
ALMINA A.,	" 1824, " 1827.
HORACE PRATT, }	" 1827, had son <i>Joseph</i> .
HANDEL NOTT, }	" had <i>George, Samuel, and Merritt</i> .
BETSEY A.,	" 1828, married Joseph J. Spencer.
HENRY GOODWIN,	" 1831, " Sarah Williams.
ASA ALBERT,	" 1834, " Eliza Merrill, son <i>Charles Austin</i> .

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DANIEL, son of Jonathan and Mary (Jones) Parker, married *Mary Ann Bates*. Their children were *Charles B.*, who married Sarah J. Bartlett; and *Fared P.*, who married Mary Chittenden, and had son, *Charles Frederic*.

AUSTIN H., son of Jedediah, married Minerva Walkley, 1832, and had *Frances Elizabeth*, and *Charles Selden*, who married Harriet C. Hill.

JOHN CHATFIELD, son of Jedediah, married Hannah Linsley, 1836.

MARIA LOUISA,	born 1838.	
LUCRETIA LINSLEY,	" 1841,	married Rev. H. S. Barnum.
WM. BALDWIN,	" 1845,	" Catherine Parmalee.
RALPH LINSLEY,	" 1847,	" Clara Bishop.
CAROLINE A.,	" 1850.	
JOHN,	" 1854,	" Edith Hemingway.

MATTHEW PARKER was a stalwart man. The family records say that he "cleared up four acres of wooded land after he was eighty years old."

POLLY (PARKER) GRISWOLD went to Warrensville, Ohio. She was over eighty years old when she died. I have seen letters written by her in 1849, which show that besides *Henry* and *Ethel*, she had other children: *Asahel*, *David*, *Lyman*, *Betsey*, and *Polly*. According to her letter she was born 1767. Her letters are those of a devout woman.

Several letters written by EDITH (PARKER) SOMERS, when she was 78 years old, have come under my eye; the letters of an affectionate and godly woman who had seen much sorrow in a long and toilful life.



in their old age, he and his wife rested at length from their wanderings, and were buried in the Old South graveyard of that town, where also their children, Matthew, Jr., and Phebe (Richards) Parker, were buried.

The name of *Matthew Parker* occurs in the list of Sharon householders who were organized for military service in 1776. (See "Record of Conn. Men in War of Revolution," page 611.)

In the difficult task of tracing this, my great-grandfather, I was assisted and succeeded by examining church, land, and probate records in Saybrook, Sharon, and Cornwall, and by family records of Mrs. A. C. Hooker of Middlebury, and of my grandfather James's sister, Edith (Somers) Parker, whose family Bible came into my hands in a remarkable way.

#### CHILDREN OF MATTHEW AND EDITH (HANES) PARKER.

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| *PATIENCE, | born April 21, 1749.  | <i>another record has</i>   |
| EDITH,     | " April 21, 1753; married Samuel Smith, Nov. 4, 1772; married Asahel Somers, Dec. 9, 1813; died at Sharon, March 12, 1837. Her tombstone in Sharon graveyard is legible. Her Bible, with its family records, is before me as I write. |                             |
| *MATTHEW,  | " Mar. 15, 1756, died April 3, 1796.  |                             |
| PHEBE,     | " May 29, 1759, married Nathaniel Richards in Sharon died at Cornwall, Vt., April 6, 1803.  |                             |
| *BETSEY,   | " Oct. 9, 1761.   |                             |
| *JAMES,    | " July 30, 1764.  | <i>perhaps 1767</i>         |
| POLLY,     | " May 24, 1769; married David Griswold, Nov. 7, 1787; removed to Ohio. Had Henry, born 1793, and Edith.   | <i>and several others;—</i> |

PATIENCE PARKER, daughter of Matthew<sup>1</sup> and Edith (Hanes) Parker, was born in Saybrook, April 21, 1749; married *Elias Woodruff*, and died in Sharon, Conn., Sept. 27, 1782. Her grave, as well as that of her husband and her sister Edith, is distinctly marked in the Sharon burial-ground.

#### CHILDREN OF PATIENCE (PARKER) AND ELIAS WOODRUFF.

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| DANIEL, | born Feb. 7, 1772, died April 25, 1860. |
| SALLY,  | " Feb. 2, 1776, " Jan., 1845.           |
| SALMON, | " July 28, 1778, " Aug. 21, 1829.       |
| ANNA,   | " May 24, 1781, " Dec. 6, 1850.         |

MATTHEW<sup>2</sup> PARKER, son of Matthew and Edith (Hanes) Parker, born at Saybrook, March 15, 1756; removed, with his parents, to Sharon, Conn., in 1773; thence to Clarendon, Vt., where his son Francis was born. He married *Sally Strong*, a woman from Massachusetts. In 1791 or 1792 he bought 60 acres of land in Cornwall, Vt., and settled there. He died April 3, 1796. His widow removed to New York State with her eldest son.

CHILDREN OF MATTHEW<sup>2</sup> AND SALLY (STRONG) PARKER.

HAINES, removed about 1817, and died in Ohio.  
 MARTIN S., went to Montreal in 1811; married about 1824. He was a physician. *died Oct. 21, 1825.*  
 FRANCIS, born in Clarendon, Vt., July 14, 1790; married *Sarah Parker*, Oct., 1815; removed to Parishville, N. Y.; and was a successful physician. His children were: (1) *Martin S.*, physician in Parishville; (2) *Oscar F.*; (3) *Edwin Francis*; (4) *Louisa A.*, married J. B. Durfey of Parishville; (5) *Harriet L.*  
 HARRY, died without issue.

BETSEY PARKER, daughter of Matthew<sup>1</sup> and Edith (Hanes) Parker, born at Saybrook, Oct. 9, 1761; married Dec. 15, 1790, *Dea. Asahel Field* of Cornwall, Vt.; died March 26, 1831.

CHILDREN OF BETSEY (PARKER) AND ASAHEL FIELD.

(1) PATTY,	born 1797, married Chester Fenn,	died 1870.
LYDIA,	" 1799,	" 1818.
(2) ANTHEY,	" 1802, " Chesterfield Hooker,	" 1874.
(3) BETSEY,	" 1805, " David Hooker,	" 1889.

**Rev. James Parker**, son of Matthew<sup>1</sup> and Edith (Hanes) Parker, was born in Saybrook, July 30, 1764. He settled at Cornwall, Vt., in 1789, and built a house there "north of Benj. Sanford, on the west side of the road." He was then a layman, 24 years of age. In 1790, March 4th, he married, in Cornwall, *Mary Peck* of Woodbridge, Conn. (near

MARTIN S. PARKER married Nancy Bridge, and died Oct. 21, 1825.

DR. MARTIN S. PARKER, son of Dr. Francis Parker, had five children:

FRANCIS DUFHEY,	not living.
SARAH MARIA,	married J. C. Banning, Ohio.
MARY LOUISA,	
HARRIET LADOSKI,	" A. M. Hubbs.
SAMUEL,	Parishville, N. Y.

LOUISA A. PARKER, daughter of Dr. Francis, married Dufey, had a daughter, *Sarah L.*, who married Mr. Clapp, and she, with her daughter, *Eva Lilian*, lives at the old homestead in Parishville.

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HARRIET LADOSKI PARKER married Lyman, and died, 1890, leaving daughter, *Lora L. Lyman*, who lives in Potsdam, N. Y.

PATTY, daughter of Dea. Asahel and Betsey (Parker) Field, married Chester Fenn, 1816, and had six children. Of these:

- (1) *James Parker*, born 1832, married Nancy Foote, and had *Noble C.* and *Edmund F.*
- (2) *Betsey Paulina*, married A. C. Hooker, and had two children.

BETSEY FIELD married David Hooker, and had two children: *Betsey*, who died in infancy; and *Asahel Carlos*, born 1825, who married *Betsey Paulina Fenn*, as above. She is still living in Middlebury, Vt.



New Haven), of whom and her descent I shall presently give an account. In 1798, James Parker was one of two brethren, distinguished for piety, who were chosen deacons of the church at Cornwall. Rev. Benj. Wooster was then pastor. "Matthew's History of Cornwall" says that "James Parker, from Saybrook, Conn., had been much engaged in teaching until 1804, when he commenced preaching and was ordained to the ministry. In this employment he labored with great zeal and efficiency until his death. . . . He had for several years discharged with much faithfulness the office of Deacon in the Congregational Church." He sold his farm at Cornwall in 1804, and the same year began his ministry as Pastor of the new church at Underhill. About 1814 he removed to Enosburgh, Vt., and was Pastor there till 1822. There, 1819, his wife died, and in 1822 he married widow Salome Baker, and removed to Troy, Vt., where he labored until his death, July 5, 1826. During all these years he was engaged in missionary work, and made frequent tours in Northern Vermont, under the auspices of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, in whose "Narrative of Missions" his name frequently appears with warm commendation of his work. He occasionally came to Hartford, Conn., to make his reports. A package of the sermons which he carried in his saddle-bags, on horseback, on his tours, is in the possession of the writer, his grandson. The *Vermont Gazetteer*, by Miss Hemenway, in its history of towns in Northern Vermont, frequently mentions his name, which belongs with those of Wooster, Bushnell, Merrill, Burton, and Parmelee, the pioneer ministers of Vermont. The Rev. Simeon Parmelee says "he was a man of substantial integrity and living piety. His education was limited . . . but he was a devoted man and spiritual preacher. He was companionable, and made himself agreeable in every place, but especially in the pulpit. There was a vein of humor that enlivened his conversation. . . . He was a faithful servant of the Most High God, who preached Christ and lived Him, and left behind him an honorable name."

[In the *Vermont Chronicle* of Feb. 18, 1882, appeared an article written by my father, Rev. Wooster Parker of Bel-

fast, Maine, entitled "*Those Horseback Missionaries of Vermont*," in which, among other things, he gave some account of his father, Rev. James Parker. From that article I copy and condense what follows.]

"Sixty or seventy years ago, the extreme Northern and Northwestern sections of Vermont were comparatively new, and the population was scattered. Few people had carriages, and long journeys were made in the saddle. People went to meeting on horseback, 'and the horses, hitched at the posts and along the fences near the meeting-house, looked much more thoughtful and religious than they do now.' Missionaries went about on horseback with saddle-bags. I had to wait on them when they came to my father's, and while I had no particular dislike of them, I liked their horses. . . . Several of them I knew, or rather, I knew their horses, and I respected them, though in some cases I was so very busy with my chores as to go without my supper, and give them no opportunity to 'talk religion' to me. The one I knew most about and remember best was Rev. James Parker. He lived in Enosburg several years, and there he buried his wife in the summer of 1819. . . . *She was a very positive, pious woman, a real Puritan.* He was strict enough, but always pleasant and often playful. He had that modest piety and that sharp good sense which fitted him to be an excellent missionary in a new country. He preached and labored as a missionary in many of the Northern towns on the west side of the mountain, and he organized many of the churches in the Northeastern part of the State. The people were glad to see him, and though he died at Troy, Vt., in 1826, I should not be surprised if some old Christian men and women were now living in Glover, and Hardwick, and Brownington, and Craftsbury, and other towns, who remember his plain preaching and sharp sayings in their fathers' houses when they were children. . . . He had the tact of talking plainly with all classes of people without offending them, and with children, too, so that they would remember what he said, and be glad to see him again. He used to say 'he could get the old hen if he could catch the chickens.' . . . He was poor . . . respectably, but not always comfortably poor. Nor was he a robust man in health, but his missionary trips operated as a kindly medicine, both with him and with those he visited. With a slight touch of rheumatism, . . . and with a *full load of depression of spirits*, his saddle-bags filled with articles of clothing, that psalm-book, and a package of those finely-written sermons, he would start off on a six weeks tour. That honest old brown horse understood the responsibility of the case, and would fall right into "the missionary gait," as we called it,—a very slow but regular orthodox trot, which was both becoming and easy for the rider."

In the summer of 1891, I visited the town of Enosburgh, Vt., where my grandfather was minister from 1814 to 1822. I saw the house in which he lived, the house in

which his oldest son lived, the meeting-house on the hill which my father saw framed and raised, the grave of my grandmother who died there, and, finally, an aged man who remembered the whole family and used to be my father's playmate.

On his death-bed my grandfather rejoiced that his two sons, Ammi and Wooster, were preparing to be ministers; and to his oldest daughter, who only a few months before had lost her husband, he said this fine thing: "My dear daughter, you will soon have *two* precious promises of God to plead, those given to the *widow* and the *fatherless*."

MARY (PECK) PARKER, wife of Rev. James Parker, was born in Woodbridge, Parish of Bethany, May 17, 1772. She was the eldest of three children of Lieut. Titus Peck and Rebecca his wife. In October, 1776, her father died of camp-distemper, and about eleven years later her mother married David Sperry, widower, and removed with him to Cornwall, Vt. What her mother's maiden name was I cannot, as yet, discover. In Cornwall Mary Peck met and married my grandfather, James Parker, March 4, 1790.

[I can only indicate here the sources whence, with long and patient inquiry, I have gathered the manifold facts which conclusively prove this statement of my grandmother's descent. In the *first* place, family letters and records prove that her mother was a Widow Peck of Woodbridge or Bethany, Conn., whose husband must have died prior to 1787, as about that time she married David Sperry and went with him to Cornwall. The same letters and records show where and when Mary was born and married. *Secondly*: Church Records of Cornwall show that Mary Peck's mother's Christian name was *Rebecca*. *Thirdly*: the Town, Land, and Probate Records of New Haven furnish conclusive evidence that Lieut. Titus Peck, son of Deacon Timothy Peck of Bethany Parish, died in autumn of 1776 (the exact date is Oct. 20, 1776, as shown by his tombstone), leaving a widow, *Rebecca*, and three children, the eldest of which was *Mary*, aged 4 years, born, therefore, in 1772. This correspondence of names, places, and dates points directly to the conclusion that *Mary*, daughter of Titus and Rebecca Peck, born in 1772, whose father died in 1776, is the same Mary Peck, who, born in

1772, and whose mother Rebecca married David Sperry in 1787, and went to Cornwall with him, married James Parker in Cornwall. The Sperry and Peck families were neighbors in Bethany.

*Fourthly:* The inventory of Licut. Titus Peck's estate specifies "a small lot of land lying in Lebanon Swamp, 4 acres and 27 rods."

In the division and apportionment of the estate, there was given to Mary, his daughter, "4 acres and 27 rods of land in Lebanon Swamp." This was in 1781. In 1793 (three years after Mary's marriage), *James and Mary Parker* personally appeared in Woodbridge and conveyed to Samuel Peck a lot of land lying in a place called Lebanon Swamp (Parish of Bethany), containing 4 acres and 27 rods.

A comparison of the above italicized entries proves that the Mary Peck, who, as daughter of Titus and Rebecca Peck, received in 1781, from her father's estate, that 4 acres of land in Lebanon Swamp, is the same Mary Peck who, as wife of James Parker, in 1793, conveyed the identical piece of land to her Uncle Samuel. See Woodbridge Land Rec., Vol. 3, p. 533. N. H. Prob. Rec., Vol. 12, pp. 168, 208, 336. N. H. Land Rec., Vol. 36, p. 388. Prob. Rec., Vol. 13, p. 18.]

The following brief statement of my grandmother, Mary Peck's ancestry, on the paternal side, is taken from the "Peck Genealogy."

(1) *Henry Peck*, brother of William, came from England, and was one of the original settlers of New Haven. His brother's son Joseph married Sarah Parker, daughter of William of Saybrook, in 1662.

(2) *Joseph Peck*, son of Henry, bap. Sept. 5, 1647, married Sarah Alling.

(3) *Samuel Peck*, son of Joseph, born Dec. 29, 1677; married Abigail Hitchcock.

(4) *Timothy Peck*, son of Samuel, born April 5, 1711; married Lydia Lines. He was a prominent and wealthy man, lived in Bethany Parish, deacon of church, died in 1780, and is buried in old graveyard in Bethany, near his son Titus. His children were Timothy, Titus, Roger, Samuel, Caleb, Lydia, Penina, Martha, Mary.

(5) *Titus*, son of Dea. Timothy, born April 7, 1742; married Rebecca —, died Oct. 20, 1776. His children were *Mary* (my grandmother), Titus, and Rebecca. He was appointed Ensign in Second Regiment by the Colonial Legislature in 1775 (Col. Rec.). His name appears as Ensign of the Third Company of the Fifth Battalion (Wadsworth Brigade), raised in June, 1776, to reinforce Washington's army in New York. ("Rec. Conn. Men in



I have ascertained from family diaries that this REBECCA, mother of my grandmother Mary (Peck) Parker, died July, 1818, one year before her daughter. But where? Her daughter was then living in Enosburg, Vt. As yet I cannot ascertain where she died. Her second husband, David Sperry, died in Cornwall, Vt., 1804.



War of Rev.," p. 406.) He died of camp-distemper, Oct. 20, 1776, and was buried in the old graveyard at Bethany. The following is an exact copy of the inscription yet legible on his tombstone :

"In memory of Lieut. Titus Peck, who lived beloved, and died lamented by his acquaintance, Oct. 20, 1776, in his <sup>48<sup>th</sup></sup> 5th year." 3

My grandmother Mary died at Enosburgh, July 25, 1819, in the <sup>48<sup>th</sup></sup> 3d year of her age, and family letters speak of both her and her mother Rebecca in terms of great praise and affection.

#### CHILDREN OF REV. JAMES AND MARY (PECK) PARKER.

- \*SOPHRONIA,            born Cornwall, Vt., Jan. 8, 1795, died Richmond, Canada, May 1, 1841.
- \*LUE,                    "    Cornwall, Vt., Feb. 24, 1798, died Eaton, Canada, July 13, 1868.
- \*THERON PECK,        "    Cornwall, Vt., Aug. 24, 1800, died Fayette, Iowa, May 30, 1886.
- \*REV. AMMI JAMES,    Cornwall, Vt., July 24, 1802, died Danville, Canada, Oct. 29, 1877.
- BETSEY,                "    Underhill, Vt., March 2, 1804, married, about 1829, Rev. Stephen Wheelock, died Middlebury, Vt., Feb. 21, 1881.
- CLARINDA,            "    Underhill, Vt., Feb. 19, 1806, died Enosburgh, Vt., July 15, 1808.
- \*Rev. WOOSTER,      "    Underhill, Vt., May 9, 1807, died Belfast, Me., Jan. 24, 1884.

SOPHRONIA, eldest child of Rev. James and Mary (Peck) Parker, was born at Cornwall, Vt., Jan. 8, 1795. She married, Oct. 20, 1816, *Elihu Marvin Royce*, of East Berkshire, Vt., by whom she had three children. After his death she married Marsh Martin of Richmond, Canada East, June, 1837, and there died, May 1, 1841. Her first husband, Elihu M. Royce, was one of the children of Stephen Royce and Minerva (Marvin) Royce, who were married in 1785, and went to Berkshire in 1793. His brother was Stephen, Judge of Superior Court for twenty-five years, and Governor of the State for two years. Both the father and mother were remarkable for ability and character, and Judge Stephen was a singularly strong and pure man. Elihu M., born July

19, 1793, was the first white child born in that settlement, and gave promise of distinction. He died at the age of 33, March 17, 1826.

CHILDREN OF ELIHU M. AND SOPHRONIA (PARKER) ROYCE.

CLARINDA PARKER, born E. Berkshire, Dec. 4, 1817, died Aug. 9, 1832.  
 \*HOMER ELIHU, " " June 14, 1819, " April 24, 1891.  
 EDNA MARY, " " Dec. 25, 1822.

HOMER ELIHU ROYCE, son of Elihu M. and Sophronia, was born at East Berkshire, June 14, 1819. He was a lawyer. He served two terms in Congress, and was Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont for about twenty years. His home was in St. Albans. He was a gentleman of unblemished character and signal abilities. He married, Jan. 23, 1851, *Mary T. Edmunds*, who was born in Derby, Vt., Sept., 1829. He died at St. Albans, April 24, 1891, universally lamented. His wife and three children survive him.

CHILDREN OF HOMER ELIHU AND MARY (EDMUNDS) ROYCE.

\*STEPHEN E., born E. Berkshire, Oct. 13, 1852.  
 HOMER CHARLES, " E. Berkshire, Feb. 16, 1864, married Christine Burgess, daughter of Bishop Burgess; resides at St. Albans.  
 MARY LOUISE, " E. Berkshire, Oct. 11, 1865.

STEPHEN E., son of Homer Elihu and Mary (Edmunds) Royce, was born Oct. 13, 1852, and married, 1882, *Elanor C. Lufkin*. They have a son, *Edmund Homer*, born at St. Albans, April 8, 1883.

LUE, daughter of Rev. James and Mary (Peck) Parker, born Cornwall, Vt., Feb. 24, 1798; married, at Enosburgh, July 27, 1827, *Daniel W. Powers*, who died Feb. 22, 1853. After his death she removed to Eaton, Canada East, and lived with her son George till her death July 13, 1868.

Their children were: (1) *Mary S. Powers*, born Enosburgh, May 1, 1829, married Dec. 8, 1870, William Brown, farmer, Eaton; (2) *George W. Powers*, born Jan. 8, 1831,

married Oct. 28, 1869, Mrs. Martha L. King, who died 1883, married 1884, at Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Martha Chadwick, who died 1887; (3) *Theron P. Powers*, born Oct. 1, 1832, died Aug. 31, 1855; (4) *William W. Powers*, born May 12, 1834; (5) *Fennie C. Powers*, born Jan. 3, 1836.

Theron Peck, son of Rev. James and Mary (Peck) Parker, born at Underhill, Vt., Aug. 24, 1800; married, Dec. 5, 1822, *Harriet Safford*, who was born in Bennington, Vt., June 17, 1797, and died Nov. 20, 1883. In 1833 he removed to Byron, Ill., where he lived for forty-five years. He died at Fayette, Iowa, May 30, 1886. He was a farmer. For sixty years death did not enter this branch of the family. Their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren numbered about forty, when the eldest of all, Harriet Safford Parker, died at the age of 86.

#### CHILDREN OF THERON PECK AND HARRIET (SAFFORD) PARKER.

- \*NORMAN SAFFORD, born Enosburgh, Oct. 18, 1824.
- \*MARTIN WINSLOW, " " Jan. 30, 1826.
- JAMES, " " Oct. 22, 1827, unmarried; Deputy Clerk of U. S. Court in Chicago; died Sept. 29, 1884; buried in Byron, Ill.
- CYNTHIA EVELINE, " Enosburgh, Nov. 1, 1829; married, 1857, *Daniel S. Osborne*; has three children.
- \*HARRIET ELIZABETH, " Jan. 15, 1834; married *John Doughty*, farmer; seven children; Seaton, Iowa.
- MARY ANN, " Byron, Ill., 1836; married *Henry H. Folsom*; four children.

NORMAN SAFFORD, son of Theron Peck and Harriet (Safford) Parker, born Enosburgh, Oct. 18, 1824; farmer in Fayette, Iowa; has eight children; married, Dec. 27, 1847, *Miss Folsom*.

MARTIN WINSLOW, son of Theron P. and Harriet S. Parker, born Enosburgh, Jan. 30, 1826. He married, Nov. 18, 1866, *Fannie G. Merwin*, and settled in Vinton, Benton County, Iowa, where all their children were born:

- FANNIE MITCHELL, born Mar. 28, 1858, married.
- JENNIE SAFFORD, " Feb. 20, 1860, "
- MAY WINSLOW, " Oct. 9, 1861, "
- GEORGE MERWIN, " Feb. 24, 1865, "

HARRIET ELIZABETH, daughter of Theron P. and Harriet S. Parker, was born at Hamburgh, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1834; married John Douglass, March 3, 1863, at Byron, Ill. Their children are:

WILLIE WINSLOW, born Nov. 5, 1863.  
 GEORGE EDWARD, " April 5, 1865.  
 ANNA BLANCHE, " Jan. 28, 1867, married F. R. Chittenden, 1889.  
 ARTHUR MERWIN, " Nov. 11, 1869.  
 JENNIE MAY, " May 9, 1872.  
 EDITH EVELINE, " April 18, 1874.  
 JESSIE LORAIN, " Oct. 13, 1877.

REV. AMMI JAMES, son of Rev. James and Mary (Peck) Parker, born Cornwall, Vt., July 24, 1802. He married, Aug. 6, 1829, *Evelyn Squire* of Fairhaven, Vt., and she died April 3, 1886, at Danville, Canada. He studied theology with Rev. Mr. Hopkins of New Haven, Vt.; was licensed to preach Sept. 30, 1828; was ordained Dec. 31, 1828; preached in Stanstead, Lower Canada, for some months; installed at Danville Aug. 21, 1834. He was pastor there until his death, Oct. 29, 1877. He was a strong, sagacious, useful, and honored minister, and widely known and revered for what he was and did.

#### CHILDREN OF REV. AMMI JAMES AND EVELYN (SQUIRE) PARKER.

- MARIA SQUIRE, born Danville, May 30, 1831.  
 (1) MIRANDA LOUISA, " Nov. 10, 1833, married, <sup>Oct. 1854</sup> ~~1855~~ Rev. John McKilligan, Montreal.  
     MARY, " Dec. 16, 1835, died June 20, 1841.  
     MARTHA ANN, " Jan. 13, 1837, married Wm. W. Telfer, died 1863.  
 (2) LORAIN BIGELOW, " Nov. 12, 1839, " Hector B. McKenzie in 1862.  
     \*EDWARD JAMES, " Jan. 3, 1842.  
 (3) EDNAH MARY, " Dec. 15, 1844, married, 1872, Rev. David Watkins in California; missionaries in Mexico.  
     \*REV. JOSEPH HOMER, " Feb. 20, 1848.

EDWARD JAMES, son of Rev. Ammi J. and Evelyn S. Parker, born at Danville, Canada East, Jan. 3, 1842; married, Jan. 1, 1867, at Alburgh, Vt., *Julia H. Adams* of Grand Isle, Vt. Resides near St. Albans.

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MIRANDA LOUISA married Rev. J. McKillican, Oct. 19, 1854 — not 1860! Her children were:

ANNA MARIA,	born Aug. 10, 1856.
EVELINE MIRANDA,	" Jan. 18, 1858, died 1859.
WILLIAM PARKER,	" Nov. 5, 1859.
MARY LYMAN,	" Mar. 22, 1862.

Children of HECTOR B. and LORAIN B. (PARKER) McKENZIE:

JOHN,	born Jan. 9, 1863.
CHARLES PARKER,	" Mar. 2, 1864.
PARKER,	" Aug. 4, 1866.
MARGARET E.,	" Sept. 24, 1868.
HECTOR,	" and died 1871.
EDWARD,	" Mar. 31, 1874.
BARBARA E.,	" Oct. 4, 1876.

REV. DAVID and EDNA MARY (PARKER) WATKINS have daughter, *Marie Elizabeth Benton Moor Watkins*, born in Mexico, Oct. 7, 1874.





CHILDREN OF EDWARD JAMES AND JULIA (ADAMS) PARKER.

CAROLINE EVELYN, born Alburgh, July 17, 1872, married, 1890, *Fred. C. Berins* of Georgia Plain, Vt. They had a daughter, May 15, 1891, *Alice May Parker*.

MAY,	"	at Georgia, July 7, 1874.
HENRY ADAMS,	"	April 6, 1876.
BESSIE EDNAH,	"	Mar. 24, 1884.

REV. JOSEPH HOMER, son of Rev. Ammi James and Evelyn S. Parker, born at Danville, Canada East, Feb. 20, 1848; graduate of Middlebury College; studied for ministry in Chicago; settled at Peoria, Ill.; then in Atlanta, Ga., and at present is laboring at Oklahoma. Married, Nov. 27, 1873, *Adella C. Griswold* of Vermontville, Mich.

CHILDREN OF REV. JOSEPH HOMER AND ADELLA (GRISWOLD) PARKER.

EDNAH WINNIFRED,	born Oct. 27, 1874.
HARRIET EVELYN,	" Mar. 25, 1881.
GRACE GRAHAM,	" June 9, 1884.
GERTRUDE GRISWOLD,	" Sept. 14, 1886.

**Rev. Wooster Parker**, son of Rev. James and Mary (Peck) Parker, was born at Underhill, Vt., May 9, 1807. He was named after Rev. Benjamin Wooster, Pastor at Cornwall, and an intimate friend of his father. He was about seven years old when the family removed to Enosburgh. He worked on the farm, going to school for a part of each season, and finally contrived to go to the academy at St. Albans. (See the sketch of Rev. James Parker for several items of interest.) Having decided to become a minister, he went to Bangor and entered the Seminary there. He once said that "he remained in Bangor because he was too poor to get away." While he was there, Rev. Enoch Pond began his labors as Professor in the Seminary, and gave new life to it. Wooster Parker graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1832, and in September was ordained Pastor of Congregational Church at Castine, Maine. He married, Jan. 1, 1833, *Wealthy Ann Pond*, Daughter of Rev. Dr. Enoch and Wealthy Ann (Hawes) Pond. In 1836 he removed to Orono, Maine. In 1839 he preached awhile at Brewer, and in 1842 at Frankfort, now Winterport. He

was installed Pastor of Church at Dover and Foxcroft in autumn of 1842, and remained there until 1856, when he became Pastor at Belfast. This pastorate he resigned in 1870, but resided in Belfast until his death, Jan. 24, 1884. As in the case of his father, his education was a limited one — a fact which he always deeply regretted; but he was a man of excellent natural endowments, and he fulfilled a most useful and honorable ministry. He was for many years a Trustee of Bangor Seminary, and Bowdoin College gave him the degree of A.M. He was a remarkably suggestive and instructive preacher. A distinctly imaginative gift was manifest in his sermons. He was a wise and judicious counselor, and his name became a highly honored one among the ministers of Maine. He had little worldly ambition, was rather fond of seclusion, and inherited his father's disposition to "depression of spirits," and yet, was often the most cheerful and delightful companion. In the early days of his ministry, at Foxcroft, his house was "a minister's tavern," and the writer well remembers what good cheer prevailed among those country ministers at his father's house. Many of his sermons were published. At his death the testimonials of his private and public worth, published in the papers, were numerous and eulogistic.

CHILDREN OF REV. WOOSTER AND WEALTHY A. (POND) PARKER.

JULIA ANN,	born Castine, Oct. 3, 1833.
*Rev. EDWIN POND,	" Castine, Jan. 13, 1836.
CORNELIA,	" Orono, Jan. 11, 1838, died Sept. 15, 1839.
DELIA WOOD,	" Brewer, Oct. 19, 1839.
MARY ELIZABETH,	" Frankfort, Jan. 21, 1842, died Belfast, Dec. 6, 1864.
LYMAN WOOSTER,	" Foxcroft, Jan. 21, 1844, died Feb., 1844.
ELLEN,	" " May 13, 1846, died Sept. 26, 1847.

JULIA ANN went to California, 1856-7, to teach; married *James H. Haven*, May 31, 1861, died at Gold Lake, Cal., Oct. 9, 1862; left one son, *Philo Parker Haven*. He married *Clara St. John*, of Springfield, Mass., Oct. 15, 1890. They have one child, *Ruth B.* Home at present in Bridgeport, Conn.

MARY ELIZABETH married *Horatio P. Thompson* of Belfast, Oct. 17, 1861, and had one son, *Albert Wooster Thompson*,

born May 17, 1864, now residing in Clayton, New Mexico. This beautiful and lovely woman died of fever, at Belfast, in her father's house, Dec. 6, 1864.

DELIA WOOD married, Aug. 2, 1864, *Capt. E. P. H. Thompson*, who was lost at sea, Feb. 1871. She married ~~Jan. 1876~~, *Horatio P. Thompson*, brother to her first husband, and they reside in Belfast, Me. They had one child, *Edward Parker*, who died in infancy.

**Rev. Edwin Pond Parker**, son of Rev. Wooster and Wealthy Ann (Pond) Parker, was born in Castine, Me., Jan. 13, 1836. Was fitted for college at Foxcroft Academy, under the tuition of Thomas Tash and Samuel G. Humphrey; graduated from Bowdoin College in the class of 1856; entered Bangor Theological Seminary the same autumn, and graduated 1859. During the years of college life he taught music in various towns of Maine (in winter), and spent the winter of 1853 at Southwest Harbor, Mt. Desert Island. He taught Latin and Greek in Auburn Academy, Me., during the winters of 1856 and 1857, thus earning the money requisite for his education. During the Seminary course he preached in many towns and cities of Maine, but began preaching by supplying the Rev. James Drummond's pulpit, at Auburn, for six weeks, during his absence. He was then 20 years old, and unclicenséd, but Mr. Drummond *bade him* preach, and cut off remonstrance with the curt but pleasant remark: "*I* license you." He married, at Bangor, Nov. 1, 1859, *Lucy M. Harris*, daughter of Samuel Harris, D.D., then Professor of Theology there, afterwards ~~Professor~~ of Bowdoin College, and now Prof. of Theology at Yale. On the 11th of Jan., 1860, he was ordained and installed Pastor of the Second Church of Christ in Hartford, Conn., in which office, after 32 years of service, he still continues, having declined calls to settle in Springfield, Boston, Brookline, and other cities. He prepared and published several collections of hymns and music for worship in church and Sunday-school, which have been widely used. -

In 1890 a sermon of his was published, entitled "Thirty Years Ago," which contained many interesting reminiscences and comparisons. In 1875, he received the honor of the degree of S.T.D. from Yale College. He made many summer tours abroad, visiting Great Britain, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. He was in Paris and Germany in 1870, during the Franco-Prussian War. In the earlier years of his ministry he had the unspeakable privilege of an intimate acquaintance with Horace Bushnell; also with Dr. Joel Hawes, and for many years enjoyed the rare friendship of that great-hearted genius, Nathaniel J. Burton, D.D. Of his friend and brother of

more than 25 years' standing, Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, he can only say, that he is worthy of the "goodly fellowship" of the prophets already named. "Burton, Parker, and Twichell," were names woven together in familiar speech of Hartford people, until Burton was summoned to follow their great common Master in Israel, Dr. Bushnell.

CHILDREN OF REV. EDWIN POND AND LUCY (HARRIS) PARKER.

*HARRIS,	born at Hartford,	Oct. 31, 1860.
*LILY POND,	" "	Nov. 5, 1861.
*LEWIS DARLING,	" "	Dec. 6, 1863.
MARY ELIZABETH,	" "	Oct. 17, 1865.
EMILY JULIA,	" "	Dec. 28, 1866, died Feb. 12, 1869.
BURTON PARKER,	" "	June 8, 1869.
ROBERT PRESCOTT,	" "	Feb. 21, 1871.
EDWIN POND, JR.,	" "	Dec. 11, 1874, died Dec. 29, 1874.

The marble font in the Second Church of Hartford was placed there as a memorial of *Emily Julia*, by her parents, and it bears her precious name.

HARRIS, eldest son of Rev. Edwin Pond and Lucy (Harris) Parker, born Hartford, Oct. 31, 1860. In commercial life. He married, in Hartford, April 18, 1892, *Dora E. Smith*, of St. Albans, Vt., daughter of Capt. Louis M. Smith. On the same day, and in one and the same ceremony, his sister, Lily P. Parker, was married to *Morris Penrose*, their father performing the double service.

*Children of Harris & Dora (Smith) Parker*

Edwin Pond<sup>2d</sup>, born Hartford, March 28<sup>th</sup> 1893



LILY POND, daughter of Rev. Edwin Pond and Lucy (Harris) Parker, born Hartford, Nov. 5, 1861. On the 18th of April, 1892, she was married to *Morris Penrose* of Hartford, her brother, *Harris Parker*, being married at the same time, in the South Church in Hartford, her father performing the double service.





LEWIS DARLING, son of Rev. Edwin Pond and Lucy (Harris) Parker, born Hartford, Dec. 6, 1863. In commercial life. He was named after two of his father's college and seminary friends—Rev. *Lewis O. Brastow* (Yale Divinity School) and Rev. *Walter E. Darling*. He was the first of his father's children to be married. On Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1891, in the Second Church of Hartford, and by his father, he was united in marriage to *Carrie Isabel Knous*, daughter of Jacob and Caroline B. Knous of Hartford.

*Children of Lewis Darling & Carrie (Knous) Parker:*  
*Margery Sweet, born Hartford, April 28<sup>th</sup> 1893.*



MARY ELIZABETH, daughter of Rev. Edwin Pond and  
Lucy (Harris) Parker, born Hartford, Oct. 17, 1865.

married, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1893, in South Church, Hartford,  
Norman C. Billings, son of Charles E. Billings.



BURTON, son of Rev. Edwin Pond and Lucy (Harris)  
Parker, born at Hartford, June 8, 1869. Named after the  
Rev. Nathaniel J. Burton of Hartford.

*graduated at Trinity College, 1893*



ROBERT PRESCOTT, son of Rev. Edwin Pond and Lucy  
(Harris) Parker, born at Hartford, Feb. 21, 1871.



A Brief Sketch of  
**THE POND FAMILY**

SHOWING  
OUR DERIVATION THEREFROM  
THROUGH

WEALTHY ANN (PARKER) POND

TAKEN FROM

**The "Pond Genealogy"**









## THE POND FAMILY

In the year 1630, JOHN POND, and a brother whose name, as is supposed, was ROBERT, came to New England with John Winthrop. Governor Winthrop wrote back to his son in Groton, England, bidding him tell "old Pond that both his sons are well and remember their duty." John Pond left no trace behind him here. ROBERT settled at Dorchester, Mass., and died there in 1637. There is uncertainty as to the number and names of his children, but there is little doubt that one of his sons was DANIEL of Dedham, from whom my honored mother is descended. (*Vide* Savage's Gen. Dict., and the "Pond Genealogy," page 6.)

DANIEL POND (son of Robert of Dorchester who came from Groton, England, in 1630) appeared in Dedham, Mass., about 1652. He was an husbandman. He married ABIGAIL SHEPARD, daughter of Edward Shepard of Cambridge, and she died July 5, 1661. He was a landholder in Dedham and Wrentham, a lieutenant in the militia, and the progenitor of a numerous race, most of whom, for a century, lived and died in close proximity to the place of his settlement. His death occurred Feb. 4, 1697-8. He was the father of 13 children.

EPHRAIM POND, fourth child of Daniel, was baptized July 6, 1656; married, Jan. 6, 1685-6, DEBORAH HAWES, died Dec. 22, 1704. They had nine children.

JACOB POND, youngest son of Ephraim, born at Wrentham, Nov. 22, 1702. Lived in what is now Pondville; was Deacon of 1st church in Wrentham; married, May 11, 1726, ABIGAIL HEATH; died March 8, 1764. She died Feb. 20, 1803, aged 98 years. They had nine children.

JACOB POND,<sup>9</sup> second son of Jacob, born at Wrentham, Feb. 14, 1730-1. Deacon of the 1st church. Married, April 21, 1756, SARAH FALES, who was born Dec. 23, 1732, and died March 20, 1821. He died June 2, 1815. It is recorded on the town books that he was "a very worthy man." They had four children. The oldest son, ENOCH, graduated at Brown University, 1777; became a minister, was settled over North Parish of Wrentham, and afterwards at Ashford, Conn., where he died, 1807. This REV. ENOCH POND had a son ENOCH, born in 1780 at Boston, married, Oct. 28, 1804, DESIRE CLARK, died at Chaplin, July 4, 1856. They had numerous children, four of whom were born at Mansfield, Conn., and one at Ashford.

ELIJAH POND, fourth child of Jacob<sup>9</sup>, born at Wrentham, March 28, 1766; married Oct. 3, 1787, MARY SMITH, who was born June 10, 1769, and died at W., March 10, 1849. He was for many years deacon of the church at W. Died of apoplexy, Feb. 8, 1845. They had seven children: (1) *Harriet*, (2) *Enoch*, (3) *Preston*, (4) *Lucas*, (5) *Smith*, (6) *Mary Snow*, (7) *Henry Kirke White*.

REV. ENOCH POND, oldest son of Elijah, was born at Wrentham, Mass., July 29, 1791; graduated at Brown University in 1813, in the same class with Rev. Dr. Joel Hawes of Hartford; studied theology with Dr. Emmons, and was ordained Pastor of the church at Ward, Mass., March 1, 1815; resigned this pastorate in 1828; editor of the "*Spirit of the Pilgrims*"; chosen Professor of Theology in Bangor Seminary in 1832, and remained as Professor and President there until his death, at the age of 90, Jan. 21, 1882. He received the degree of S.T.D. from Dartmouth, in 1835.

He was an indefatigable worker, and a voluminous writer and author. Moreover he was a most godly and royal character. He was paternal towards his students, and his name and memory are affectionately cherished by all who came within the sphere of his influence. No name is more honored in the churches of Maine. His autobiography, with a preface by his grandson, the present writer, is

among the publications of the Congregational Publishing House at Boston, and contains much that is of interest concerning him and his family.

He married (1), Aug. 28, 1814, *WEALTHY* ~~Ann~~<sup>*M.*</sup>, second daughter of William and Eunice (Daggett) Hawes, who died at Ward, Mass., Sept., 1824.

He married (2), May 17, 1825, *Julia Ann*, daughter of John and Elizabeth Maltby, of Northford, Conn., who died Sept. 9, 1838.

He married (3), July 9, 1839, *Anne Mason*, widow of John S. Pearson of Bangor, who died Sept. 15, 1874. He had ~~thirteen~~ children, — ~~nine~~ by his first wife, and ~~four~~ by the second.

#### CHILDREN OF REV. ENOCH POND, D.D.

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| *WEALTHY ANN,      | born at Auburn, April 24, 1815.  |
| ENOCH,             | " April 21, 1816, died May 10, 1819.   |
| CORNELIA,          | " Oct. 12, 1817, married Dr. Charles Proctor of Rowley, died July, 1846.   |
| REV. ENOCH,        | " June 20, 1820, died Dec. 17, 1846; graduated Bowdoin College, 1838; ordained at Georgetown, Mass., 1842; married, May, 1843, <i>Mary Thurston</i> , daughter of Deacon Blodgett of Bucksport, Me. They had one child, <i>Mary Bliss</i> , born 1844, died 1869.  |
| WILLIAM EMMONS,    | " July, 1822, died Sept., 1824.  |
| CHARLES H.,        | " and died in 1824.  |
| ELIZABETH M.,      | " May 16, 1826, unmarried; living in Belfast, Me.  |
| MARY S.,           | " 1828, died 1829.   |
| REV. WM. CHAUNCEY, | " at Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 22, 1830; graduated Bowdoin College 1849, at Bangor Seminary 1852; ordained in 1852, and went to California as missionary; organized church in San Francisco in 1853, and was pastor of it till 1855; removed to Downieville, Cal., and organized church there, of which he was pastor till 1865; labored in Petaluma from 1865 to 1868; returned to San Francisco, and became pastor of Third Congregational Church; still laboring there. He married, Sept. 28, 1852, <i>Caroline A.</i> , daughter of Rev. Richard and Sarah Woodhull, who died 1860. He married, second, <i>Helen Pickard</i> , sister of his first wife, and widow of Rev. D. W. Pickard. His children are seven in number. |

REV. JEREMIAH EVARTS, born June 23, 1831, died Feb. 14, 1886; graduated Bowdoin College, 1853; pastor of church at Neenah, Wis., in 1859; at Platville, Wis., 1862; afterwards in Maine. Married, March 18, 1858, *Jane Wilson*, daughter of William and Julia Baird, who died in 1871. Married, second, *Lydia Hoadly*, who survives. He had eight children.

- JOSEPH L.,                   “ March 13, 1833, died the same year.
- MARY SOPHIA,           “ July 19, 1834; married Sept. 20, 1859, *George Blodgett*, son of Dea. Bliss and Mary (Thurston) Blodgett; resides at Bucksport, Me. Their children are: (1) *Benjamin Pond*, born 1860; (2) *George R.*, born 1862; (3) *Annie M.*, born 1864; (4) *Frederick Swazey*, born 1876; (5) *Mary Elizabeth*, born 1879.
- BENJAMIN WISNER,     “ March 26, 1836; married Dec. 19, 1861, *Mary Austin Newman*, daughter of Prof. Samuel P. and Caroline K. Newman; graduated Bowdoin College, 1857; settled as pastor at Barton, Vt., 1862; at Charlemont, Mass., 1867; at York, Me., 1870; retired from ministry, and since 1873 has occupied an important post in Patent Office at Washington. His children are: (1) *Caroline Boody*, born 1864; (2) *Samuel Newman*, born 1866; (3) *Julia Malthy*, born 1868; (4) *Mary Elizabeth*, born 1872.

**Wealthy Ann**, eldest daughter of Rev. Enoch Pond, D.D., and his first wife, Wealthy A. (Hawes) Pond, and the honored mother of the present writer, is a representative of three distinct and honorable families—the Ponds, the Hawes, and the Daggetts. Her grandfather, William Hawes, married *Eunice Daggett*, sister of Judge David Daggett of New Haven, and her mother spent a year in her Uncle Daggett's home at New Haven before her marriage. My mother was, therefore, a second cousin to Oliver Ellsworth Daggett, D.D., my predecessor in the pastorate of the Second Church of Hartford. My mother's father was also related to Dr. Joel Hawes, pastor for



many years of the First Church in Hartford. Wrentham, Mass., was formerly the common home of the Pond, Hawes, and Daggett families, and the old homesteads of both the Pond and Hawes families are still standing there, I am told.

My mother is still living, at the age of seventy-seven years, in Belfast, Me. For her children, see WOOSTER PARKER, page 27.

