

# *Partridge Genealogy*

*Descendants of  
George Partridge  
of Duxbury  
Massachusetts*

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## PREFACE

**T**HESE records were intended, originally, to include only the direct line of the family of Mr. George Henry Partridge, of Minneapolis, Minn., from George Partridge of Duxbury, Mass. (1636).

But about ten years ago, Mr. George Homer Partridge of New York City, published a genealogy of the Partridge family of Medfield, Mass., of which he was a member, and in gathering material for that work, came across considerable data of the Preston, Conn., branch of the Duxbury family, which he very kindly contributed to this little book, thereby adding materially to its value as a record of the old Duxbury family.

I am also indebted to the late Mr. William P. Ellison of Newton, Mass., for data of his mother's line of the same family.

It was hoped to trace the family back into England before the completion of this work, but several years' search by one or more professional genealogists, has failed to discover the parentage of the first George Partridge, and the expectation has had to be abandoned for the present.

But I have asked and been granted the privilege, by Mr. George Homer Partridge, of quoting from the preface of his book, in regard to the origin of the different families of the name, for the same purpose for which he originally wrote it, that is, to furnish an incentive to some one to make further research for the English ancestors. It reads as follows:

*"It may be well to state here that there were four principal and distinct families of this name who came to New England between the years 1630 and 1650. These the author designates as the Medfield, Duxbury, Hadley and Salisbury branches, from the towns where their founders settled and died. So far as can be learned none of these bears any relationship to any other; but it is not improbable that they could be traced to a single source in the centuries following the English conquest.*

*"In the year 1066, at the historic battle of Hastings, William, duke of Normandy, defeated Harold, then King of England, and ascended the English throne; and to his new possessions he soon added his own little duchy of Normandy. To those of his fellow countrymen who had assisted him in his work of conquest, William made grants of land in the conquered kingdom, the number and size of which depended upon the value of the service rendered; and this policy was continued by William's successors in the wars of the next century. To accomplish this, the estates of the British nobles were seized and confiscated, and the bold and intrepid men of Normandy became the landed gentry of England.*

*"Among those who received grants from the Crown was one described by English antiquarians as 'Partridge the Norman.' He is said to have migrated during the reign of Stephen (1135-1154) and, in recognition of his military services, to have received from Henry II (1154-1189) estates in Essex, though the family afterwards settled in Gloucestershire. Certain it is that, in the next century (1254), Richard de Pertriche (that being the Norman and original spelling of the name), is indisputably recorded as the head of the family, with manors in the county of Gloucester.*

*These royal grants not only prove the family to have been in favor at Court, but at once mark it as one of ancient distinction.*

*"Of these manors, or family seats, the one at Wisbanger, though not the oldest, is perhaps the most interesting. 'The hamlet of Wisbanger,' writes Rev. Francis Partridge, D.D., of Fredericctown, New Brunswick, 'is situated about one mile north-west of Miserden. Osculf Musard, of Musarden (as it was formerly spelled), gave Wisbanger (then called Riscanger, now pronounced Wessinger), as a foundation for an establishment of Knights Templars, from whom it passed to the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, who held it till their dissolution. It was afterwards granted to Sir Thomas Palmer in the sixth year of the reign of Edward VI (1553). He was attainted of high treason in trying to seat Lady Jane Grey upon the throne, and executed, and his estates confiscated. In the first year of the reign of Queen Mary (1553) the estate of Wisbanger was granted to William Lord Howard. Christopher Bumstead, for some reason, levied a fine upon the manor, and in the fourth year of Mary (1557) this estate came, for the first time, into the hands of the Partridge family.'*

*"The manor house itself is very quaint and picturesque, as may be seen from the cut herewith presented. It was rebuilt and a porch added in 1578 by Robert Partridge, then head of the house, and the impaled coat of arms of Robert and his wife Anne may still be seen, carved in stone over the front entrance. [See Burke's "Landed Gentry," Vol. ii, pp. 1056-57.] John Partridge, of Wisbanger, seems to be the one to whom this estate was originally granted. He was succeeded by his son William, who was member of parliament for Rochester in the fourteenth year of*

*Elizabeth (1572). Miles Partridge, brother of William, was a man of note, and one who played a prominent part in the history of those troublesome times. He was High Sheriff of Gloucestershire during the last years of the reign of Henry VIII (1509-1547), and received from that monarch a grant of the manor of Almondsbury (Amesbury). He was a friend and comrade of the unfortunate Duke of Somerset, whom he accompanied in his Scottish expedition, and was knighted for conspicuous bravery on the battlefield of Pinkie (September 10, 1547). After Somerset's fall Sir Miles Partridge appears to have been gallantly protecting the person of the Duchess, and was arrested in her house and executed, February 26, 1552. An account of the trial and execution of the Duke of Somerset and his so-called confederates, Vane, Partridge, Stanhope and Arundel, may be found in Froude's 'History of England,' volume V, chapter 28. It is interesting to note that, when the charge of treason could not be proven, 'felony' was the indictment on which, at the instigation of the hated Duke of Northumberland, these men were put to death.*

*"While it is to be regretted that, of the four American families of this name, only the Salisbury branch can be traced to this distinguished house in Gloucestershire, yet it may serve as an incentive to some who may have the wish and means to pursue a systematic research in England to state that very little has yet been attempted in the way of investigation. The field would, without doubt, prove fruitful, and with the knowledge of an ancient and historic lineage, it is to be hoped that some one may undertake the task."*

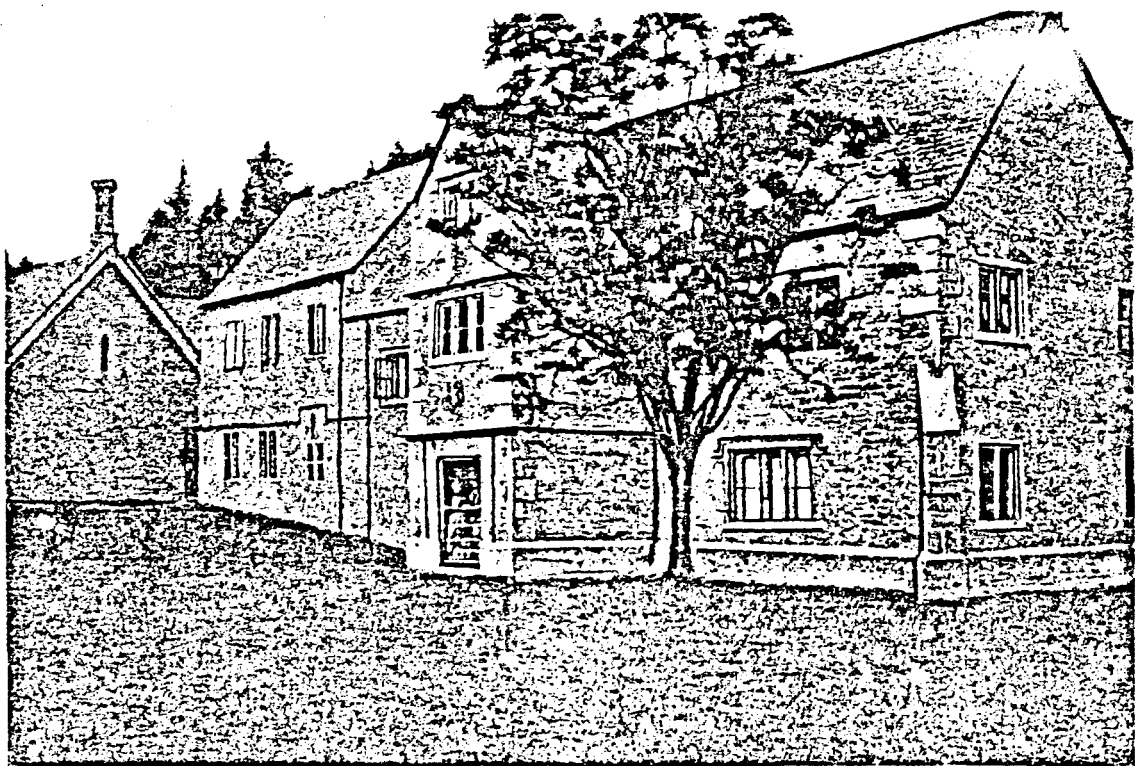
*These records were collected, verified and compiled by Mrs. Edward C. Chatfield of Minneapolis. While*



*they were intended primarily for the exclusive use of the circle of immediate relatives in Minnesota, they may serve as an aid to searchers in other branches of the family. The authorities used will be given on a page at the back of the book.*

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*Minneapolis, March 1, 1915.*



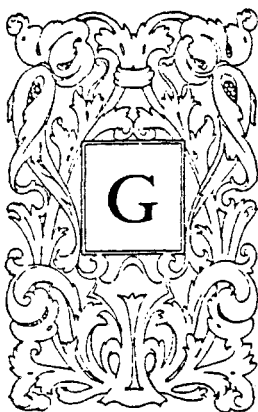
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## PARTRIDGE GENEALOGY

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE PARTRIDGE  
OF DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

[ I ]



GEORGE PARTRIDGE, the first of the family in America, arrived at Duxbury, Mass., in or sometime prior to 1636. It is stated in Winsor's "History of Duxbury" that he came from the County of Kent in England.

The first mention of his name upon the records of Plymouth County was in that year (1636), when he was granted five acres of land at Powder Point, with permission from the court to settle thereon. In the next two years and also in 1666, he received additional grants of land about Duxbury, amounting in all to about two hundred acres.

Winsor styles him "one of the most respectable yeomanry of the colony." In 1643 his name

appears in a list of those able to bear arms. In 1646 he was constable. Of this office Winsor says: "This was an office of high trust and responsibility and none were elected to it but men of good standing."

Later he was a "Surveyor of Highways" and a grand-jury man.

He was either a private or a non-commissioned officer in Capt. Miles Standish's Company.

He was one of the original purchasers of Middleborough.

His will is recorded in Plymouth County Probate Records (Vol. 1, p. 225) and was dated June 26, 1682. An inventory of his estate was taken October 10, 1695. So his death occurred between those two dates. His will was witnessed by two sons of Miles Standish, Alexander and Josiah, and reads as follows:

"On y<sup>e</sup> 26th day of June in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord 1682. I George Partridge yeoman living in Duxborough being in sound mind and good and perfect remembrance prayed be y<sup>e</sup> Lord for it make & ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker and Redeemer and my body I will that it be decently buried and funerall charges paid together with all my just and lawful debts out of my estate.

"I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Partridge all my houses & lands in Duxborough to say uplands and meadows and all my cattell and all my household stuff for her own proper use and behoofe during her natural life on the condition that my wife do as much for my daughter Mercy as we have done for y<sup>e</sup> rest of our

daughters already married and that she give my grand-daughter Bethyah Allen as much as she in prudence shall think fit and if any part of my moveables remain at my wife's decease my will is that it be disposed of by her amongst my children as she thinks meet and fit. I give to my eldest son John Partridge at my decease half my uplands and half my meadow lands lying and being at Middleborough with y<sup>e</sup> priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him & his heirs forever.

"Item — I give six pounds sterling to my son John Partridge at his mother's decease to be paid in current pay.

"I give to my son James Partridge the other and remayning half both of my uplands and meadow lands lying and being at Middleborough with y<sup>e</sup> priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to him after my decease & to his heirs forever.

"Item — I give to my son James all my houses and all my lands both uplands and meadow lands in Duxborough and also y<sup>e</sup> Island at y<sup>e</sup> Glade with all y<sup>e</sup> priviledges and appurtenances belonging to y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> lands at his mother's decease to him and his heirs forever if my son James will live in the house with his mother quietly during her life. I do hereby constitute and make my beloved wife Sarah Partridge sole executrix & administratrix of this my last will & testament as witness my hand and seal this 29th of June one thousand six hundred and eighty two.

GEORGE PARTRIDGE [Seal]

"In y<sup>e</sup> presence of us witnesses

ALEXANDER STANDISH

JOSIAH STANDISH

In case that any estate belonging unto me beyond sea should be brought over hither before my wife's decease my will is that she should dispose thereof amongst my children according to her discretion these lines were added before sealing

ALEXANDER STANDISH

JOSIAH STANDISH"

In the foregoing records the name is variously spelled Partridge, Partrich, Partick and Patrick.

George Partridge married November 1638, Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Triphosa Tracy, who were married in Leyden, Holland, January 2, 1621, and came in the "Ann" to Plymouth in 1623. Stephen Tracy went back to England to live in 1655, and his will mentions Great Yarmouth as his place of abode.

The will of Sarah Partridge is found in Vol. 2, p. 131, of Plymouth County Records and reads as follows:

"I give and bequeath unto my 8 daughters, Sarah Allien, Trephosa West, Elizabeth Allien, Ruth Thacher, Mary Scrif (?), Rebeckah Fisher, Lidia Bruister, Mercy Coburn, all my linen & woolen clothes" etc. "My will is that my money should be equally divided between my ten children." Son John to have "my great bible as a gift of his father." "Y<sup>e</sup> sheep at y<sup>e</sup> vineyard are my son James Allein's by bargain."

Son James appointed executor and son "Bruister" & son John Overseer. Dated November 28, 1702. Probated October 6, 1708."

Children of George and Sarah Partridge:

1. Sarah<sup>2</sup> b. 1639 m. 1658, Deacon Samuel<sup>2</sup> Allen of Bridgewater, (Samuel<sup>1</sup>) 10 children.

2. Triphosa m. Sept. 26, 1668, Samuel<sup>2</sup> West (Francis<sup>1</sup> of Plymouth) 8 children.
3. Elizabeth m. James Allen.
4. Ruth m. Jan. 1, 1669, Rodolphus Thacher.
- 2 5. John b. Duxbury Nov. 29, 1657, d. Apr. 5, 1731.
6. Mary m. — Scrif (?).
7. Rebecca m. — Fisher.
8. Lidia m. Jan. 21, 1672, Deacon William<sup>3</sup> Brewster (Love<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>) Lidia d. Feb. 2, 1742.
9. Mercy m. (1st) Mar. 12, 1682-3 Samuel son of Nathaniel and Priscilla (Clark) Colburn of Dedham, m. (2nd) Mar. 27, 1702, Cornelius son of Cornelius and Leah (Heaton) Fisher of Wrentham, Mass. Children by first husband six, by second husband, two.
10. James m. April 24, 1712 Mary Stetson of Scituate who died Sept. 27, 1727 ae 50. James died Jan. 20, 1744, no issue. He inherited his father's lands in Duxbury.

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2 John<sup>2</sup> Partridge (George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Duxbury November 29, 1657, and spent his life and died there April 5, 1731. He took an active part in the affairs of his native town, for in the "Duxbury Records" (1642 to 1770) we see that in 1686 he was chosen to serve at the Court of Assistants: from 1695 to 1714 he was many times chosen to act as an agent of the town for the purpose of selling lands, settling boundaries and transacting other business: in 1716 he was a selectman, in 1721 a moderator, and in 1728 a grand jurymen, and was a trustee from 1723 until his death. He inherited his father's lands in Middleborough.

Following is a copy of his will from the Plymouth Co. Probate Records, Vol. 6, p. 16:

"Know all men by these Presents that I John Partridge of Duxborough in y<sup>e</sup> County of Plymouth in New-England, Husbandman, being Aged & under great infirmity of Body, but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given to Almighty God, Therefore Calling to mind y<sup>e</sup> Mortality of my Body & that it is appointed for all men once to Dye, Do upon serious Consideration make and ordain these Presents to be my last Will & Testament, in manner & Form following to be & Remain firm & inviolable forever.

"Imprimis, I Recommend my Soul into y<sup>e</sup> hands of God Almighty the Father of Spirits who gave it, & my Body I Recommend to y<sup>e</sup> Earth to be Decently Interred in Christian manner at y<sup>e</sup> Discretion of my Executors herein after named, in hopes of a better Resurrection through my Lord & Saviour who is y<sup>e</sup> Resurrection & y<sup>e</sup> Life, and that through y<sup>e</sup> merits Death and Passion of y<sup>e</sup> Lord Jesus Christ I shall obtain Everlasting Life, and as touching all such Worldly & Temporal Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I give Demise & Dispose thereof in y<sup>e</sup> following manner & Form

"viz, First I will that my Just Debts and Funeral Charges be payd & Discharged within Convenient time after my Decease

"Item, I give to my eldest Son Samuel Partridge my biggest Bible.

"Item, I give & Bequeath to my son George Partridge his heirs & Assigns forever, all my Right & Interest in that Farm of land in s<sup>d</sup> Duxborough with all y<sup>e</sup> Priviledges & Appurtenances thereunto



belonging whereon he y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> George Partridge now Dwelleth, viz, y<sup>e</sup> whole thereof excepting what parts or parcels thereof hath been heretofore by me disposed by Deeds to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> George Partridge my son Isaac Partridge or any other Persons, to be his y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> George Partridges after y<sup>e</sup> Decease of my loving wife Mary & not before.

“Item, I give to my Daughter Mary y<sup>e</sup> wife of Jonathan Brewster y<sup>e</sup> sum of Twenty Pounds,

“Item, I give and Bequeath to my dear and Loving wife Mary y<sup>e</sup> Bed whereon I now usually lye or lodge with all y<sup>e</sup> Beding Bedstead & Furniture thereunto belonging, also my second biggest Bible, also one quarter part of y<sup>e</sup> whole of my moveable Estate that shall Remain after my Debts Funeral Charges & all y<sup>e</sup> Legacies which are or may be hereafter mentioned in this my last will or Testament shall be payd or discharged, also one third of what is above willed to y<sup>e</sup> George Partridge during her life. Also, I give to my s<sup>d</sup> Wife Mary y<sup>e</sup> Command & improvement of y<sup>e</sup> newest & most southerly end or part of my now Dwelling-House, viz, y<sup>e</sup> lowest Room & chamber therein & y<sup>e</sup> Cellar under & belonging thereto during y<sup>e</sup> Term of her natural life.

“Item, I bequeath to my son Isaac Partridge my Third Bible in bigness. And whereas I have by a Deed dated october y<sup>e</sup> 17th. 1730 under my hand & seal given & granted to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Isaac Partridge all y<sup>e</sup> Farm of land whereon I now Dwell with all y<sup>e</sup> appurtenances thereto belonging with other land & meadow &c. as by s<sup>d</sup> Deed may appear, all to be his after my Decease & y<sup>e</sup> Decease of my s<sup>d</sup> wife Mary and not before, my Will is that my s<sup>d</sup> Wife Mary shall have y<sup>e</sup> use & income of one Third

part of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Farm & whatsoever else is granted in s<sup>d</sup> Deed during y<sup>e</sup> whole Term of her natural life & that my s<sup>d</sup> son Isaac Partridge his Heirs and Assigns shall have y<sup>e</sup> use & income of y<sup>e</sup> other two Third parts thereof until by virtue of s<sup>d</sup> Deed y<sup>e</sup> Possession of y<sup>e</sup> whole come or fall into their hands, & also y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Isaac Partridge to have two thirds of what is above given to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> George Partridge during y<sup>e</sup> life of my s<sup>d</sup> wife

“Item, I give to my Grand-Son Samuel Partridge my Musquet.

“Item, I Bequeath to my Grandson James Brewster my smallest Gun which his father Jonathan Brewster hath sometime used

“Item, I give to my five Children my whole right & part in y<sup>e</sup> Forge or Iron Mill in s<sup>d</sup> Duxborough standing on y<sup>e</sup> South River with my right in y<sup>e</sup> Cole house & all other y<sup>e</sup> appurtenances thereunto belonging, viz, Samuel Partridge George Partridge John Partridge Isaac Partridge & Mary y<sup>e</sup> wife of Jonathan Brewster, to be equally Divided among them.

“Item, & all y<sup>e</sup> Rest & Residue of my moveable or Personal Estate that is not disposed of now mentioned before in this my last Will & all y<sup>e</sup> aboves<sup>d</sup> Debts charges & Legacys being payd, my will is that it be equally Divided among all my aboves<sup>d</sup> five Children.

“Finally, I do by these Presents Nominate Constitute & appoint my Dutiful sons George Partridge & Isaac Partridge & my loving Wife Mary Executors & Executrix of this my last will & Testament, & I do hereby Revoke disanul & make void all other & former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made, Ratifying & Confirming this

£ no other to be my Last will £ Testament. In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand £  
seal this Thirty-first day of December in y<sup>e</sup> year of  
our Lord God one Thousand seven Hundred £  
Thirty 1730

JOHN PARTRIDGE [Seal]

Signed Sealed Pronounced  
£ Declared by y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> John  
Partridge to be his last  
Will and Testament, in y<sup>e</sup>  
Presence of

BENJAMIN ALDEN

JOHN HANKS

JOHN WADSWORTH "

John Partridge married twice: first, December 24, 1684, Hannah Seabury, and second, May 23, 1700, Mary, widow of Wrestling<sup>3</sup> Brewster (Love<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>).

His first wife Hannah, was a daughter of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Patience (Kemp) Seabury, and was born at Duxbury, July 7, 1668. By tracing her ancestry, through the aid of Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, and Winsor's "History of Duxbury," back through the families of Kemp and Thacher to the Rev. Ralph Partridge (whose youngest daughter Elizabeth married Thomas Thacher), we arrive at the only way up to the present time (1915) by which the descendants of George Partridge can claim relationship with that notable personage, about whom so much has been written.

The Rev. Ralph Partridge had been a minister of the Established Church in Sutton-near-Dover, in the County of Kent in England, but had been driven out through the severity of Bishop Laud and had come to America after a stormy

passage of eighteen weeks, arriving in Boston in 1635 or 1636 in the company of the Rev. Nathaniel Morton. The following description of Mr. Partridge is taken from Cotton Mather's "Magnalia," Vol. I, page 404.

#### THE LIFE OF MR. RALPH PARTRIDGE

"When David was driven from his friends into the wilderness, he made this pathetic representation of his condition, 'Twas as when one doth hunt a Partridge in the mountains.' Among the many worthy persons who were persecuted into an American wilderness for their fidelity to the ecclesiastical kingdom of our true David, there was one that bore the name, as well as the state, of an 'hunted partridge.' What befel him was, as Bede saith of what was done by Fælix, 'Juxta nominis sui Sacramentum.'

"This was Mr. Ralph Partridge, who for no fault but the delicacy of his spirit, being distressed by the ecclesiastical setters, had no defense, neither of beak nor claw, but a flight over the ocean.

"The place where he took covert was the colony of Plymouth and the town of Duxbury in that colony.

"This partridge had not only the innocence of the dove conspicuous in his blameless and pious life, which made him very acceptable in his conversation, but also the loftiness of an eagle, in the great soar of his intellectual ability. There are some interpreters, who understanding 'church officers' by the 'living creatures' in the fourth chapter of the Apocalypse, will have the 'teacher' to be

intended by the 'eagle' there for his quick insight into remote and hidden things. The church of Duxbury had such an 'eagle' for their partridge when they enjoyed such a teacher.

"By the same token, when the Platform of Church-Discipline was to be composed, the Synod at Cambridge appointed three persons to draw up each of them, a Model of Church-Government according to the word of God, unto the end, that out of those the Synod might form what should be found most agreeable, which three persons were Mr. John Cotton, and Mr. Increase Mather and Mr. Ralph Partridge. So that in the opinion of the reverend assembly this person did not come far behind the first three for some of his accomplishments.

"After he had been forty years a faithful and painful preacher of the gospel, rarely, if ever, in all that while interrupted in his work by any bodily sickness, he died at a good old age, about the year 1658.

"There was one singular instance of a weaned spirit, whereby he signalized himself unto the churches of God. That was this: There was a time when most of the ministers in the colony of Plymouth left the colony, upon the discouragement which the want of a competent maintenance among the needy and froward inhabitants gave unto them. Nevertheless, Mr. Partridge was, notwithstanding the paucity and the poverty of his congregation, so afraid of being any thing that looked like a 'bird wandering from his nest' that he remained with his poor people till he 'took wing to become a bird of Paradise' along with the winged seraphim of Heaven."

While a diligent search of the records fails to disclose any relationship between Ralph and George Partridge, the fact that the name is quite unusual, that they both came from England at or about the same time, settled in the same town and seem to have possessed similar characteristics, lends color to the idea entertained by many students of genealogy that they were near relatives. In any event the descendants of John Partridge and Hannah Seabury are descendants of Ralph on the maternal side as shown above.

John Partridge had seven children, five by his first wife and two by his second. They were:

1. Sarah<sup>3</sup> b. Sept. 21; 1685, d. Nov. 18, 1685.
- 3 2. Samuel b. Mar. 10, 1687, d. Preston, Conn. 1733.
- 4 3. George b. Aug. 17, 1690.
4. Mary b. May 2, 1693, m. Mar. 6, 1710, Jonathan<sup>4</sup> Brewster (Wrestling<sup>3</sup> Love<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>). They removed to Windham, Conn. and were living there in 1733.
5. John b. Dec. 27, 1697, d. 1780, Sept. 9, m. Anna daughter of Capt. Nath'l Fitch of Lebanon. She died Nov. 11, 1748, ~~age~~ 47.
6. Benjamin b. Mar. 5, 1701.
- 5 7. Isaac b. Mar. 2, 1705, m. Grace Sylvester.

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3 Samuel<sup>3</sup> Partridge (John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) Born in Duxbury, Mar. 10, 1687. Removed early to Preston, Conn., where he died Oct. 19, 1774.

He married May 15, 1710, Deborah Rose who died Jan. 3, 1770. All of his children were born in Preston as follows: (Preston Town Records)

1. Hannah<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 10, 1712.
- 6 2. Thomas b. May 18, 1714, d. May 26, 1781.
- 7 3. John b. Jany. 28, 1716.
4. Deborah b. Apr. 28, 1717, d. May 22, 1745, m.  
May 29, 1733, Isaac, son of Stephen Gates, 5  
children.
- 8 5. Perez b. May 3, 1720.
- 9 6. Samuel b. Apr. 23, 1722.
7. Mary b. Aug. 3, 1727.
8. Anne b. Apr. 11, 1730.

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4 George<sup>3</sup> Partridge (John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>), born at Duxbury Aug. 17, 1690, and died there Jany. 24, 1768.

We have found this George like his father and grandfather, playing an important part in the government of his native town. He seems also to have been a prominent church member, for we find him on various committees appointed to arrange church affairs. In 1749 or '50 he was chosen by the town, one of a committee of three to dismiss the pastor, agree with him on his back salary and choose another pastor, as well as to repair or rebuild the church (Duxbury Records, p. 302), and before that in 1736 he was chosen one of four "to take care and order the children and young people in said town and restrain them."

He was a mill owner, owning in 1746 a fulling-mill and also a grist-mill. Articles of agreement between him and his partners are among the town records for that year. His will was probated in 1768 and is recorded in Vol. 20, page 56, of Plymouth Probate Records, and is as follows:

"The Last will & testament of George Partridge of Duxborough in the county of Plymouth in the province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England housewright. I the said George Partridge being under many bodily infirmities yet of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to almighty God therefor, & calling to mind the mortality of my body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do upon serious consideration make and ordain these presents to be my last will & testament, to remain firm and inviolable forever. That is to say, principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent christian manner at the discretion of my executor hereinafter nam<sup>d</sup>, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God, & as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, & dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

"Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my eldest son Samuel Partridge all that my farm or plat of land known by the name of Wiswal place laying in Duxborough aforesaid, and is all that part of the purchase that I made of M<sup>r</sup> Peleg Wiswall of Boston that layeth to the Southward of the home farm of Jacob Peterson in said Duxborough.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my son James Partridge five pounds, & all my wearing apparel, together with what he hath already received of the estate of my uncle M<sup>r</sup> James Partridge that was given to me. I consented he should take the deed in his own name.



"Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mable Coomer wife to Will<sup>m</sup> Coomer, three pounds together with what she hath already had & in case she should be a widdow my son George Partridge herein-after named is to pay her forty shillings every year during her widdowhood.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Partridge wife to John Partridge, three pounds, together with what she hath already had.

"Item, I give and bequeath unto my two grandchildren Ziba Hunt, & Sarah Hunt, six pounds equally to be divided between them.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my grand-son Partridge Richerson one bed & furniture belonging to it & five pounds in money.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my dear & loving wife Hannah Partridge the improvement of one third part of my home-farm, on which I now dwell, to improve during her widowhood; & a privilege of cutting fire wood for her fire & fencing-stuff for said farm, during s<sup>d</sup> term, & a bed & furniture, & household stuff sufficient to keep house with, during her widdowhood, and at the expiration of her widdowhood, it is to belong to my son George Partridge herein named.

"Item, I give & bequeath unto my youngest son George Partridge, my home farm on which I now dwell, & my pew or seat in the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Duxborough, & a wood-lot being the first lot in number in the last division of Duxboro' Comons, laying near a pond, called Island-creek-pond, & my right in the eleventh lot in the s<sup>d</sup> division; & two pieces of salt-marsh lying adjacent to Sprague's neck, near six acres of them, & purchased of M<sup>r</sup> James Partridge dec<sup>d</sup> & an island of marsh known

by the name of Soul's island, laying to the Northward of Powder-point in s<sup>d</sup> Duxboro', & all the remainder of my estate both real & personal after my debts & funeral charges are paid, & the legacies or gifts, or dower herein before named are paid, I give to my son George Partridge be it in bills, bonds, book-debts or notes whatsoever, ordering him to provide for my wife during her widowhood, if what I have herein before given her shall not be sufficient for her comfortable support.

"Lastly, My will is that my son George Partridge above-named be sole executor of this my last will and testament, thus hoping that this my last will be kept & performed, according to the true intent & meaning thereof In witness whereof, I the said George Partridge have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of May anno-Domini one thousand, seven hundred & sixty four, 1764.

GEORGE PARTRIDGE [seal]

Signed, sealed, & declared by the aforenam<sup>d</sup> George Partridge to be his last will & testam<sup>t</sup> in presence of us

ELIJAH TOWER

JOSHUA STANFORD

JONATHAN PETERSON"

George Partridge's wife was Hannah, daughter of Deacon John Foster of Plymouth and widow of William Bradford. She died Dec. 17, 1778, ae 84.

Their children:

1. Samuel <sup>4</sup> — twice married. His daughter Rebecca m. Benj. Barker of Plymouth, Mass.

WHEN THE material for this genealogy was collected in 1897 and 1898, it had not been discovered that George<sup>3</sup> Partridge had had a wife before he married Hannah (Foster) Bradford. And when the material was compiled for publication in 1915, this discovery had not been brought to the attention of the compiler, who had been obliged for some time to discontinue her research work.

In 1906, an old account book was brought to light, which had belonged to Hezekiah Keen, of Pembroke, Mass., between the years 1763 and 1770, in the back of which he had written an account of his family for three generations, and in this account he mentions the fact that his sister Lydia (or "Ledeia") had married George Partridge, and had had four children, viz. Mabel, Samuel, Sarah and James (or "Jeames").

These four children correspond with the first four given in the list of his children on page 17, when we eliminate the name of John (No. 4 in that list) which was inserted erroneously, through trying to make a list of George's children from his will. The will mentions "Sarah, the wife of John Partridge" and John was taken to be one of George's sons, when the fact was that his daughter Sarah had married one John Partridge before she married Asa Hunt in 1736.

This, then, would leave only Hannah and (Hon.) George to be the children of the second wife Hannah (Foster) Bradford.

Hezekiah Keen says in his account, that his parents were Josiah Keen, Jr. and Lydia Baker, and his grandparents Josiah Keen, Sr. and Abigail Little (1st wife). And as this Abigail Little was the daughter of Thomas Little and Anna Warren, who was the daughter of Richard Warren of the Mayflower, this statement of Hezekiah Keen enables the descendants of James and Thankful Partridge to trace their ancestry directly back to the Mayflower passenger, Richard Warren, thus: James Partridge, Lydia Keen, Josiah Keen, Jr., Abigail Little, Anna Warren, Richard Warren. (see Mayflower Descendant, vol. 19, page 128)

The marriage of George Partridge and Lydia Keen, is given in the Vital Records of Pembroke, Mass. (p. 304) as taking place upon March 18, 1712/13.

- 10 2. James m. Thankful Stevens.
3. Mabel m. Wm. Coomer.
4. John m. Sarah —.
5. Sarah m. Dec. 2, 1736, Asa Hunt. Two children,  
1 Ziba 2 Sarah.
6. Hannah m. Nov. 23, 1758, Bartholomew Richardson.
7. (Hon.) George b. Feby. 8, 1740, d. July 7, 1828.  
Never married. He graduated at Cambridge in  
1762. In 1781 he was a delegate to Congress  
which position he continued to hold until the  
close of the Revolution.

Hon. George Partridge founded a school at Duxbury, called "Partridge Academy," which was built in 1840, and used as an academy for the town and adjoining district. It was conducted entirely independent of town jurisdiction until about 1893, when it was made the town High School.

The building is still in a fine state of preservation, and its history is so interwoven with that of the town itself, that it is considered a most interesting landmark.

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- 5 Isaac<sup>3</sup> Partridge (John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) born Mar. 2, 1705 died Jan. 26, 1794. He married Mar. 10, 1730 Grace Sylvester who died Apr. 2, 1768.

Children:

1. Ruth<sup>4</sup> b. May 23, 1730, d. Jany. 15, 1756.
2. John b. May 28, 1732, d. Sept. 14, 1755.
3. Lucretia b. May 2, 1735.
- 11 4. Calvin b. May 29, 1739, m. widow Alden.

## [ 6 ]

6 Thomas<sup>4</sup> Partridge (Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born at Preston, Conn., May 18, 1714, married (1st) May 10, 1737, Sarah Treat who was born at Preston, Sept. 19, 1708, daughter of Salmon and Dorothy (Noyes) Treat. Sarah died Nov. 14, 1754, and he married (2d) Sept. 16, 1761, Zipporah Freeman of Preston. Thomas died May 26, 1781.

## Children:

1. Mabel<sup>5</sup> b. May 16, 1738.
2. Asa b. June 9, 1740.
3. Sarah b. Apr. 9, 1742, d. Apr. 5, 1750.
4. Mary b. Apr. 9, 1744.
5. Dorothy b. May 9, 1746.
6. James b. Mar. 19, 1748.
7. Elijah b. Feb. 25, 1750, d. Nov. 5, 1754.
8. Ezra b. Mar. 17, 1752, d. Oct. 30, 1754.

## [ 7 ]

7 John<sup>4</sup> Partridge (Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born at Preston, Conn., Jany. 28, 1716, m. May 11, 1738, Susanna Willcocks. She died Dec. 10, 1755. They resided in Preston.

## Children:

1. John<sup>5</sup> b. May 26, 1739.
2. Abel b. Oct. 13, 1741.

## [ 8 ]

8 Perez<sup>4</sup> Partridge (Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) born Preston May 3, 1720, married Feb. 25, 1741 Judith Burton.

Children:

1. Hannah <sup>5</sup> b. Mar. 5, 1743.
2. Abner b. Mar. 17, 1745.
3. Amos b. May 10, 1747.
4. Lucy b. Aug. 16, 1749.

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9 Samuel <sup>4</sup> Partridge (Samuel <sup>3</sup> John <sup>2</sup> George <sup>1</sup>), born in Preston, Apr. 23, 1722, m. Nov. 5, 1741, Ruth Woodward dau. Daniel and Thankful (Gates) Woodward. Ruth was born in Preston, Feb. 23, 1719, and died at Norwich, Vt., Apr. 29, 1786. They resided at Preston, Conn., and Norwich, Vt.

- 12 1. Reuben <sup>5</sup> b. Aug. 5, 1742.
- 13 2. Elisha b. Oct. 20, 1744, m. Nov. 14, 1765 Margaret Murdock. Settled in Norwich, Vt. One of the earliest settlers of the town.
3. Ruth b. Oct. 24, 1746.
- 14 4. Samuel b. Dec. 28, 1748, d. July 22, 1834.
5. Olive b. Mar. 18, 1751.
6. Ephraim b. Sept. 2, 1755.
- 15 7. Elias b. July 1, 1758.
- 16 8. Isaac b. Aug. 21, 1761, d. May 15, 1835.

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10 James <sup>4</sup> Partridge (George <sup>3</sup> John <sup>2</sup> George <sup>1</sup>) was born at Duxbury and died at Canaan, Conn., June 4, 1770. He married Dec. 24, 1744, at North Stonington, Conn., Thankful, the daughter of Henry Stevens, Jr. She was baptized at N. Stonington, July 11, 1725. James inherited the property

of his great-uncle James who left no issue. The following quotation is from a "deed of gift" found in Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Vol. 32, p. 51, where he is spoken of as "James Partridge Sen'r of Duxborough Yeoman." . . .

"In consideration of y<sup>e</sup> Love and good Will & affection that I bear toward my loving Kinsman James Partridge jun<sup>r</sup> of Duxborough yeoman" gives said kinsman "lands and meadows in Duxborough that came unto me by my Hon<sup>d</sup> Father Mr. George Partridge late of Duxborough together with all the buildings &c on said land and one ten acre lot in Duxborough lying adjoyning to the farm of Samuel Seabury near Island Creek Pond and on the South westerly side of the lot of George Partridge, and also the fourty fifth lot in number in the first Division of the commons of the upland which belonged to the township of Duxborough & Pembroke lying near the land whereon Robert Stetson now dwells in Pembroke and likewise all my part & interest in y<sup>e</sup> Fulling-Mill & Dwelling House & Land in Kingston at present in the possession of Mr. Francis Adams of Kingston. And also all my right in a tract of meadow ground known by the name of River Meadow together with all the upland belonging or adjoining said meadow. Only excepting & reserving the use & improvement of all the above premises to myself during my natural life." Signed James Partridge Sen<sup>r</sup>. Dated, June 23, 1738.

There are records in the Plymouth Co. Registry of James Partridge, Jr., selling these properties, in which deeds he speaks of them as all the lands that came to him from his "hon'd Uncle Mr. James Partridge late of Duxborough."



We learn from his grand-daughter that James Partridge, Jr., was killed by falling timbers when he was raising a barn.

After his death his wife Thankful married her cousin Zebulon Stevens.

Below are extracts from the will of James Partridge, Jr.

"In the name of God Amen. I James Partridge of Canaan in the county of Litchfield & Colony of Connecticut in New England. Being in my Perfect Senses do make this my last will and testament. I do first will my body to the earth and my soul to God who gave it Believing yet my Body at last shall Be raised from the Dust and my Soul again be reunited.

"First after my funeral charges and all my honest debts are paid I give the rest as followeth —

"Item, I do give to my loving wife the use of one half of my Dwelling house and the use of one third of my barn & I do give to her my large Chestnut Colored Mare and Side Saddle & two cows and all the household stuff and the use of my improvements during her natural life.

"Item, I do give to my two eldest sons James and Stephen all my Lands" To son Samuel, horse and 15 pounds money. To son Rufus eighteen pounds lawful money. To daughters, Molly, Lida, Lucretia & Zerviah each six pounds lawful money." Dated in Canaan, 1770, June 1.

Thankful Partridge and James her Son were executors of the will and the Court impowers Thankful to be guardian to "Lucretia a minor aged 10 years last Nov. & to Zerviah a minor aged 2 years y<sup>e</sup> 12th day of last July." (Sharon Probate Records, vol. 3, page 340.)

"At a court of Probate held in Sharon in and for the District of Sharon the 2d day of March 1772 Present, John Williams esq. Judge holding the same, Samuel and Rufus sons of James Partridge late of Canaan deceased, being of age to choose for themselves made choice before Esq. Baker of Canaan of their hon'd Mother Thankful Partridge to be their Guardian who Accepts said trust." (Book 4 or D, page 76.)

These records give us the list of children of James and Thankful as follows:

1. James<sup>5</sup> m. Elizabeth, — Estate administered in Berne, Albany Co., N. Y., 1813.
- 17 2. Stephen m. Sarah Brookins.
3. Molly
4. Lida
5. Samuel 14 years old in 1772 or older.
6. Rufus 14 years old in 1772 or older.
7. Lucretia b. 1759.
8. Zerviah b. 1767.

## [ II ]

11 Calvin<sup>4</sup> Partridge (Isaac<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>), Born May 29, 1739, d. Nov. 27, 1815. He was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War. He married Oct. 24, 1779, Mary widow of Col. Ichabod Alden.

### Children:

1. John<sup>5</sup> b. Nov. 22, 1781, m. Eliz. Delano.
- 18 2. Ralph b. Nov. 13, 1783, m. Hannah Sprague.
3. Mary b. Dec. 10, 1786, m. Nath'l Soule, Jr.
4. Rebecca b. m. Constant Sampson.
5. Ruth.
6. Hannah b. Dec. 12, 1792.
7. Ichabod Alden b. May 1, 1798.

## [12]

12 Reuben<sup>5</sup> Partridge (Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Preston, Conn., Aug. 5, 1742. He married Oct. 12, 1769, Elizabeth Rose. They resided in Preston, where the births of six children are recorded. He does not appear to have accompanied his father to Norwich, Vt.

## Children:

- i. Deborah<sup>6</sup> b. July 31, 1770.
- ii. Elisha b. June 12, 1772.
- iii. Elizabeth b. Sept. 5, 1774.
- iv. Reuben b. Aug. 4, 1777.
- v. Nathan b. Sept. 2, 1779.
- vi. Cyrus b. Oct. 28, 1781.

## [13]

13 Elisha,<sup>5</sup> Partridge, (Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Preston, Conn. Oct. 20, 1744. He was one of the early settlers of Norwich, Vt., where he married, Nov. 14, 1765, Margaret Murdock. They settled in Norwich.

## Children:

- 19 i. Reuben<sup>6</sup> b. Sept. 30, 1766.
- ii. Harper, b. June 11, 1769.
- iii. Elisha, b. Oct. 16, 1773, d. Aug. 19, 1777.
- iv. Anna, b. Dec. 17, 1776, d. Jany. 19, 1777.
- 20 v. Elisha, (again) b. Aug. 2, 1778.
- vi. Peggy, b. Aug. 13, 1780, d. Aug. 18, 1787.
- vii. Elizabeth, b. Jany. 23, 1783.
- viii. Sally, b. Jany. 4, 1786, d. Mar. 2, 1827.

## [14]

14 Samuel<sup>5</sup> (Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Preston, Conn. Dec. 28, 1748. He settled in Norwich, Vt., in 1767, where he married Dec. 6, 1770, Elizabeth Wright. They resided in Norwich. He died July 22, 1834. He was one of the earliest settlers of the town. The next year after his arrival, his father and some of his brothers also came from Preston to Norwich. He received the title of "General" from his connection with the Vermont State Militia. (Extract from a letter of Gen. Lewis Partridge, of Sept. 6, 1875.)

## Children:

- i. Ruth,<sup>6</sup> b. May 25, 1771.
- ii. Aaron, b. Feb. 18, 1773, d. Jany. 18, 1845.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 31, 1775, d. Oct. 2, 1779.
- iv. Charlotte, b. Aug. 3, 1778.
- v. Elizabeth (again), b. Sept. 7, 1780.
- 21 vi. (Capt.) Alden, b. Jany. 12, 1785.
- 22 vii. Abel, b. Feb. 25, 1787.

## [15]

15 Elias Partridge<sup>5</sup>, (Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) born in Preston, Conn. July 1, 1758. He settled in Norwich, Vt., where he married, Dec. 31, 1778, Sarah Brown.

## Children:

- i. Ephraim,<sup>6</sup> b. Jany. 13, 1781.
- ii. Olive, b. Nov. 23, 1783.

## [16]

16 Isaac<sup>5</sup> Partridge, (Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) born in Preston, Conn. Aug. 21, 1761, and died in Norwich, Vt., May 15, 1835. He was a small child when his father settled in Norwich. Isaac married Nov. 3, 1785, Lois Newton.

## Children:

- i. Cyrus,<sup>6</sup> b. July 11, 1786.
- ii. Billa, b. July 27, 1788.
- 23 iii. Samuel, b. Nov. 29, 1791.
- 24 iv. Isaac Newton, b. Jany. 1, 1794.
- v. Almira, b. Feb. 14, 1796.

## [17]

17 Stephen<sup>5</sup> Partridge, (James<sup>4</sup> George<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born June 1747, and died at Canaan, Conn., June 6, 1826. He married Feb. 6, 1772 at Canaan, Sarah Brookins. She was born Nov. 8, 1750, and died in 1838. In 1813, Stephen was administrator of the estate of his brother, James, who died that year in Berne, N. Y.

## Children of Stephen and Sarah:

- i. James,<sup>6</sup> m. Margaret Rockwell, d. Winsted, Conn. Two children.
- 25 ii. Rufus, b. Canaan, Conn., Feb. 17, 1777.
- iii. Calder, died in Philadelphia, Penn., 1 dau. Amanda.
- 26 iv. Harvey, b. June 16, 1786.
- v. George, m. Parley Cruttenden. Lived and died in Michigan. Five children, Henry, Henriette, Elsie, Frederick and Horace.

- vi. Eliphal, m. (1st) — Allen, m. (2d) — Newcomb. Five children by first husband, one by second husband. Resided in northwestern New York. Died near Columbus, Ohio, at an advanced age.
- vii. Sarah, drowned at the age of seven, in a stream near her father's home.
- viii. Salome, m. David Rood and had eight children: Roxa, Melissa, David, Salome, Emily, Harriet, Stanley and Francis. Roxa m. — Deland, and had one son, F. N. Deland, of Great Barrington, Mass.

Stephen Partridge enlisted in a Connecticut regiment during the last year of the Revolutionary War, but did not see active service, as the war closed soon after.

### [18]

18 Ralph<sup>6</sup> Partridge, (Calvin<sup>4</sup> Isaac<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) born Nov. 13, 1783. He married Hannah Sprague. Ralph died Aug. 17, 1869, and Hannah died April 14, 1872.

#### Children:

- i. Alameda,<sup>6</sup> b. Jany. 15, 1815. She m. William Ellison, Feb. 1834. She died Oct. 27, 1902. Three children; William P. Ellison, b. Oct. 1835, Elizabeth H. b. 1838, and Laura, b. 1840. Mr. Wm. P. Ellison supplied the data for the record of Calvin and his descendants just before his death, which occurred Oct. 20, 1903.
- ii. Ralph, b. 1816, died at sea, 1836.
- iii. Welthea L. b. 1821, m. Eben Howes.
- iv. George L., b. 1829.

## [19]

19 Reuben <sup>6</sup> Partridge, (Elisha <sup>5</sup> Samuel <sup>4</sup> Samuel <sup>3</sup> John <sup>2</sup> George <sup>1</sup>) was born in Norwich, Vt., Sept. 30, 1776. He married (1st) Mar. 24, 1791, Polly Yemans, who died April 4, 1795. He married (2d) Oct. 26, 1796, Sally Ashley. They resided in Norwich. Mrs. Sally (Ashley) Partridge died April 8, 1806.

## Children:

- i. Polly, <sup>7</sup> b. Jun. 2, 1792.
- ii. Peggy, b. Sept. 29, 1797.
- 27 iii. Oramel, b. Apr. 23, 1799.
- iv. Harry, b. Mar. 12, 1801.
- v. Adaline, b. Dec. 12, 1802, d. July 30, 1806.
- vi. Sally Ashley, b. Apr. 19, 1805.

## [20]

20 Elisha <sup>6</sup> Partridge (Elisha <sup>5</sup> Samuel <sup>4</sup> Samuel <sup>3</sup> John <sup>2</sup> George <sup>1</sup>) was born at Norwich, Vt., Aug. 2, 1778. He settled at Palmyra, N. Y., and died in 1842. Many descendants now live near Palmyra.

## Children:

- i. Mary, <sup>7</sup> m. (1st) Thomas Roby of Brockport, N. Y., m. (2d) Judge Woods of Lockport, N. Y.
- ii. Joseph.
- iii. James W.
- iv. Charlotte.
- 28 v. Thomas M., b. 1811.

## [21]

21 (Capt.) Alden <sup>6</sup> Partridge, (Samuel <sup>5</sup> Samuel <sup>4</sup> Samuel <sup>3</sup> John <sup>2</sup> George <sup>1</sup>) was born in Norwich, Vt., Jan. 12, 1785, and died there, Jan. 16,

1854. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1806, commissioned first lieutenant in the corps of engineers, and appointed assistant professor of mathematics. He was made a captain on July 23, 1810, was professor of mathematics in 1813, and of engineering 1813 to 1816, and during 1816-1817, was in command at the academy during the absence of Major Jonathan Williams, the superintendent. He resigned his commission on April 15, 1818, and in 1819, was placed in charge of the exploring survey of the northwestern boundary of the United States under the provisions of the treaty of Ghent. In 1820, he founded a military school at Norwich, Vt. In 1822, he was Surveyor General of the state. He removed his school to Middleton, Conn., in 1825, but it was restored to Norwich, and in 1834, incorporated as Norwich University, of which he was President until 1843. He was a member of the Vermont legislature, 1833-34, and again in 1839. In 1840 he founded a military academy at Portsmouth, Va.; in 1847, one at Pembroke, N. H.; and in 1853, one at Brandywine Springs, Del. He frequently delivered public lectures on military subjects, and was the author of the following works: "An Excursion," 1822; "Lectures on Education," 1825; "Lectures on National Defense" and "Journal of a Tour of Cadets," 1827.

He apparently did not marry until late in life. His wife's name was Ann E. Partridge — maiden name unknown.

Children:

1. George C., b. Aug. 1838, d. 1856.
2. Henry O., b. Dec. 1839, resides Norwich, Vt.



## [ 22 ]

22 Abel<sup>6</sup> Partridge, (Samuel<sup>6</sup> Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Norwich, Vt., Feb. 25, 1787. He resided in Norwich.

## Children:

1. Elizabeth, married, and died in 1850. No children.
2. Lewis S. (General). Resided in Norwich. Twice married. One son and two daughters by first wife, five sons and two daughters by second wife. Two sons residing in Manchester, N. H.

## [ 23 ]

23 Samuel<sup>6</sup> Partridge, (Isaac<sup>5</sup> Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Norwich, Vermont, Nov. 29, 1791. Settled in Elmira, N. Y. and was residing there in 1875.

## [ 24 ]

24 Isaac Newton<sup>6</sup> Partridge, (Isaac<sup>5</sup> Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Norwich, Vt., Jan. 1, 1794. He married, Sept. 1828, Mary Pratt Emerson, born May 11, 1806, at Windsor, Vt., daughter of William and Submit (Drake) Emerson. Mr. Partridge died in Logansport, Ind., Jan. 1874, and his widow died in Mar. 1889. He served in the War of 1812, and attended West Point Military Academy, 1815-1817. He was associated with Captain Alden Partridge in the conducting of military schools at Norwich, Vt., Middleton, Conn.,

and Washington, Mississippi. After the closing of this last university — about 1845 — he became a planter in Mississippi. Later he owned and conducted a stock farm near Dayton, Ohio.

Children:

1. Submit Drake, b. and d. 1829.
2. William Newton, b. 1832, d. 1878, m. Katherine Seaman. Resides Silver City, Neb.
3. Mary, b. 1838, m. 1866, Irvin B. Wright, Capt. U. S. A. Reside Cincinnati, O. Two children.
4. Louise, b. 1840, m. 1864, Thomas W. Freelon.
5. Susan, b. 1843, d. 1865.
6. Alice, b. 1846, m. 1873, David Turpie, U. S. Senator 1887-1899.

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25 Rufus<sup>5</sup> Partridge (James<sup>4</sup> George<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Canaan, Conn., Feb. 17, 1777 and died in Magnolia, Wis., April 29, 1851. He married Feb. 19, 1798, Priscilla Ashley, who was born June 19, 1777, and died July 11, 1836.

Children:

- i. Eliza, b. Oct. 22, 1800.
- ii. Sarah, b. Jul. 9, 1806, d. Jan. 2, 1845, m. 1839, Franklin Kendall.
- iii. John Stanley, b. Jun. 28, 1819, in western New York, d. Whitewater, Wis., Jul. 3, 1892, m. Covington, N. Y., Apr. 18, 1848, Henrietta Maria, dau. Uriah and Ann Johnson. She was b. Mar. 29, 1823, d. Whitewater, Dec. 13, 1890. Children: 1. John Ashley, b. Sept. 28, 1849, m. Nov. 7, 1872, Ella Branch. Resides St. Louis. One daughter, Grace, m. 1896,

Fred W. Smith. 2. Clarence Johnson, b. Sept. 8, 1852. Resides Whitewater, Wis. where he m. Oct. 27, 1874, Stella Maria, dau. Ansil and Olive Salisbury. Two sons; John Clarence, b. Jun. 1, 1876, and Herbert Salisbury, b. Nov. 21, 1884. 3. Herbert Uriah, b. Mar. 18, and d. Oct. 25, 1854. 4. Ernest Graham, b. Oct. 5, 1857, d. Oct. 14, 1873, at the home of Maj. Rufus Cheney, Evanston, Ills. where he was attending school.

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26 Harvey<sup>6</sup> Partridge (Stephen<sup>5</sup> James<sup>4</sup> George<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>). He was born in Canaan, Conn., June 16, 1786, and died at Albert Lea, Minn., Aug. 7, 1875. He married (1st) May 30, 1815, Sally Lake. She was born Nov. 12, 1788, and was the daughter of Isaac and Betsey (Knapp) Lake. Sally died in 1823, and Harvey married (2d) Mar. 15, 1826, Laura Maxon, who was born in New Marlborough, Mass., May 17, 1793, and died at Geneva, Minn., Mar. 18, 1868. She was the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Maxon. Laura Maxon was a devout member of the Methodist Church, but came of a long line which had been for six generations Seventh Day Baptists. The first of the name in America was Richard, who came to Boston in 1634, but went with Roger Williams to Rhode Island and adopted the Baptist faith, in which the family had continued ever since. Laura Maxon's line from *Richard* was: (Laura<sup>7</sup> Thomas<sup>6</sup> Matthew<sup>5</sup> John<sup>4</sup> John<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> Richard<sup>1</sup>).

## Children of Harvey and Sally Lake:

- i. Harvey Jay, <sup>7</sup> b. Canaan, Conn., Jany. 21, 1817, d. Apr. 28, 1837 at Attica, Genesee Co., N. Y.
- ii. Sarah, b. Canaan, July 2, 1820, d. 1890 in Minneapolis, Minn.
- iii. Betsey, b. Canaan, Feb. 16, 1824, m. Mar. 27, 1842, at Careyville, N. Y., Thomas J. Smith. Two children: 1. Mary, m. Albert Nichols: two daughters. 2. Harvey J. Smith, four children: Ernest, Harold, Harvey and Sidney.

## Children of Harvey Partridge and Laura Maxon:

- iv. Sidney, b. Canaan, Conn., Jany. 13, 1827, d. Aug. 4, 1889, at Albert Lea, Minn., m. Jany. 21, 1857 at Fortville, Wis., Amanda Clifford. Four children: 1. William H., b. Aug. 18, 1858, d. Sept. 22, 1859. 2. David Bird, b. Jun. 27, 1860, d. Feb. 18, 1894. 3. Olive Jennie, b. Oct. 12, 1863, m. Oct. 15, 1888, to ——. 4. Laura C., b. Aug. 7, 1867, m. Dec. 26, 1888, to Jay Smith, d. Aug. 11, 1890.
- v. Martha S., b. Canaan, Conn., Apr. 13, 1829, m. (1st) Oct. 28, 1848, at Magnolia, Wis., James A. Robson, who died Nov. 9, 1862, m. (2d) Apr. 23, 1867, at Geneva, Minn., John L. Gibbs. He died Nov. 28, 1908. Children (by 1st husband):
  1. Elsie Martha Robson, b. Feb. 22, 1850, m. Sept. 19, 1877, Thomas Harrison Kelly. Four children; 1. Grace Elizabeth Kelly, b. Nov. 4, 1879, m. Nov. 23, 1904, Wm. C. Mork; two daughters, Margery born March 24, 1908, and Martha, born Apr. 13, 1912. 2. Thomas Kelly, b. Jul. 28, 1882. 3. William Henry Kelly, b. May 31, 1886. 4. Laura Martha Kelly, b. May 5, 1888, d. Jun. 22, 1906.

2. John Thomas Robson, b. Aug. 14, 1854, m. Feb. 16, 1881, at Geneva, Minn., Mary Schad, who d. Jany. 19, 1906. Children: Harvey John, b. Dec. 30, 1892; Elsie Martha, b. July 3, 1896; Anna Geneva, b. Apr. 24, 1899. Mr. J. T. Robson resides at Escondido, Calif.
  3. James Harvey Robson, b. Feb. 26, 1858, m. (1st) Feb. 16, 1881, Anna Geneva Schad, who d. Feb. 8, 1889. He m. (2d) Aug. 6, 1890, Mrs. Lizzie Cruickshanks. Children (by 1st wife): 1. Sidney Harvey Robson, b. Sept. 2, 1882, m. May 2, 1906, Selma Peterson. 2. James Alexander Robson, b. Mar. 6, 1885, m. Jun. 26, 1908, Lora Francis Seeley: 1 dau. Jane, b. Apr. 10, 1909. 3. Martha Anna Robson, b. Apr. 7, 1888, m. Jun. 19, 1912, George Leslie Argetsinger, two children, Anna Elizabeth, b. Apr. 19, 1913 and Ella Marion, b. Aug. 7, 1914. Children (by 2d wife): 4. Harriet Elsie Robson, b. Jun. 10, 1891, d. May 6, 1894. 5. John Easton Robson, b. Jun. 14, 1895. 6. George Partridge Robson, b. July 31, 1899. (This family all reside at Pipestone, Minn.)
- 29 vi. George Henry, b. Canaan, Nov. 21, 1830.
- vii. Mary Harriet, b. Apr. 7, 1833, at Canaan, d. Lake Shetek, Minn., Sept. 9, 1873, m. Magnolia, Wis., Jany. 1, 1851, J. Luther Cabot.
- Children:
1. Hattie M. Cabot, b. Oct. 28, 1853, at Janesville, Wis., d. Nov. 14, 1912, m. Mar. 22, 1876, John W. Benson. Six children: 1. Mary Ethel, b. Feb. 15, 1877, d. Mar. 27, 1880. 2. Elsie, b. Sept. 24, 1878, m. Jun. 10, 1902, H. S. Kirk. Four children.

3. Lois Benson, b. Jun. 17, 1880. 4. Frances Benson, b. Oct. 28, 1883, m. Sept. 11, 1907, Calbert A. Kirby. One child.
5. Paul Benson, b. Dec. 5, 1886, m. June 14, 1911, Anna Gibbons. One son. 6. John C. Benson, b. Feb. 27, 1890. (This family resides at Heron Lake, Minn.)
2. Laura Francis Cabot, b. Walcot, Minn., Nov. 26, 1856, m. at Curry, Minn., Oct. 12, 1876, to Henry Carr Williams. Children: 1. Wilber E. Williams, b. Gentryville, Mo., Jany. 31, 1878, m. Oct. 10, 1900, Mary Jane Weatherly. Children: Lois Estella, b. Nov. 27, 1903; Elsie Jewell, b. Oct. 14, 1906; John Weatherly, b. July 24, 1908, d. Aug. 1, 1908; Laura Edmond, b. Sept. 30, 1910. 2. John Henry Williams, b. King City, Mo., Nov. 24, 1880, m. 1903, Alma V. Bennett. Children: Wilber Richard, b. May 12, 1905; Henry Micajah, b. June 11, 1909; John Otis, b. Oct. 21, 1913.
3. John L. Cabot, b. Aug. 11, 1857, m. (1st) May 11, 1899, at Lakefield, Minn., Estelle Wood, who d. Sept. 20, 1901. He m. (2d) May 12, 1907, Nettie J. Wood. One child by first wife, John Monroe Cabot, b. Feb. 17, 1900. (This family reside at Heron Lake, Minn).
4. Chester H. Cabot, b. Sept. 1, 1866, d. Jany. 21, 1908.

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27 Oramel<sup>7</sup> Partridge (Reuben<sup>6</sup> Elisha<sup>5</sup> Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Norwich, Vt., Apr. 23, 1779. He removed at an early age, to

Randolph, Vt. where he was a prominent citizen. (See Hemenway's "Vermont Historical Gazeteer," Vol. II pages 1037-38.) He married July, 1822, Lucy Capron, of Williamstown. There was one month's difference in their ages. She died Sept. 22, 1868.

Children:

- i. Carlos Reuben<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 24, 1823, d. 1854.
- ii. Henry Ashley b. Nov. 27, 1827. In 1871 he was a lawyer living in Minnesota.
- iii. George, b. Aug. 22, 1829; in 1871, he was living in St. Louis, Mo. He was a lawyer, but should not be confused with Hon. George Partridge, of the Medfield, Mass. branch of the family. The two were contemporaneous residents of St. Louis.
- iv. Ellen Sarah b. June 22, 1831, m. — Faunce.
- v. Jane Lavira, b. June 4, 1836, d. Dec. 24, 1854.

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28 Thomas Murdock<sup>7</sup> Partridge (Elisha<sup>6</sup> Elisha<sup>5</sup> Samuel<sup>4</sup> Samuel<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born in Norwich, Vt., in 1811, and died in 1880. He was a merchant in New York City.

Children:

- i. Samuel Selden<sup>8</sup> b. Jany. 9, 1839, married Oct. 19, 1864, Frances A. Bellamy, b. Apr. 27, 1847, dau. Rev. Thomas and Maria (Bailey) Bellamy. Mr. Samuel S. Partridge resides in Phelps, N. Y. He is a lawyer.

Children:

1. Thomas M., b. Dec. 30, 1865, m. Oct. 19, 1886, Frances A. Bellamy, dau. George T. and Sarah (Smith) Bellamy of Cedar

Rapids, Iowa. Children: 1. George Bellamy, b. Aug. 16, 1887; 2. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 21, 1891; 3. Carl Harstrom, b. Oct. 23, 1896.

Mr. Thomas M. Partridge resides (1915) in Minneapolis, and is engaged in the lumber business.

2. Lee Selden, b. Feb. 1, 1870, m. Carl Axtel Harstrom. 2 children. Resides (1899) Norwich, Conn.
3. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 14, 1871, m. Dr. Wm. P. Howe, of Phelps, N. Y., where they reside. Three children.
4. Caroline, b. May 26, 1873, m. Lewis B. McCabe, of Coldspring, N. Y. Resides (1899) in New York City. One son.
5. Harry Frederick, b. Mar. 11, 1875, m. June 30, 1896, Jessie Babbidge. One daughter, Dorothy, b. Oct. 2, 1897.

Mr. Partridge resides (1915) in Minneapolis, and is engaged with his brother in the T. M. Partridge Lumber Co.

6. Edward Bellamy, b. July 10, 1877.
7. Samuel Selden, b. Mar. 5, 1880.
8. Francena, b. May 24, 1881, d. Nov. 17, 1881.
9. Leonard Scott, b. Apr. 10, 1883.
- ii. Edward Briggs, b. Nov. 28, 1845, m. Mrs. Jennie Coffin. One son, Edward B. Partridge, Benton, Mono Co., Calif. (1899).

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29 George Henry<sup>7</sup> Partridge (Harvey<sup>6</sup> Stephen<sup>5</sup> James<sup>4</sup> George<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>) was born at Canaan, Conn., Nov. 21, 1830, and died February 3, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. He married at Janes-



ville, Wis., Apr. 26, 1855. Mary Elizabeth Francis, who was born at Wethersfield, N. Y., December 13, 1832. She is the daughter of Anson and Betsey (Hatfield) Francis, and is a direct descendant of Robert Francis of Wethersfield, Conn., in the following line: Mary Elizabeth<sup>7</sup> Anson<sup>6</sup> Justus<sup>5</sup> Josiah<sup>4</sup> Thomas<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup> (See pamphlet, "Family Records of some of the Descendants of Robert Francis of Wethersfield, Conn.," Minneapolis, 1900). While the history of the Partridge family in America, as indicated by the preceding records, shows a character of men and women to be proud of, the descendants of George H. and Mary (Francis) Partridge will feel an unusual pride in the record of patriotism and courage shown by their ancestors, as a result of the Civil War.

When the South seceded in 1861, and a call for soldiers was made, it was not expected that the war would last long, and while many patriots answered that call, there did not seem any pressing need for men of families to enlist, and the volunteer army was made up mostly of unmarried men. After the disasters of the first year, the question of the survival of our government was most serious, and every able-bodied lover of his country felt the necessity of responding to the call for men. At this time George H. Partridge lived at Geneva, Minn., where he had a farm well stocked with horses, cattle, etc. His brother-in-law, James Robson, husband of his sister, Martha, one of the prominent men in that part of the state, with George and a few others, undertook the organization of a company, in which they succeeded, although it took nearly every able-bodied man in the vicinity. It had originally been understood that Partridge

would be one of the officers of the company. A large proportion of the men were Scandinavians, and they felt that a Scandinavian should be selected for a prominent office, and sooner than have any disaffection or possible disorganization of the company, Partridge withdrew as a candidate for any office.

His company (E.-10th Minn. Infantry) was mustered in at Fort Snelling in August, 1862. The man he left in charge of his farm died the following winter and the country's call for men had met with so ready a response in that locality as to make it almost impossible to get male help. His wife with three small children, the oldest six years of age, found it impossible to continue on the farm and was obliged to sell such of the stock as did not die for want of proper attention for a small fraction of its worth and abandon the farm, as in those days it was impossible to rent a farm in that locality. She moved into Geneva, but the money realized from the sale of the stock was soon gone. Her husband's pay in the army was only \$13.00 a month, so his wife soon found it necessary to do something to support herself and children. She took boarders and roomers and taught the local school until the end of the war and managed from these sources and such money as her husband could send her to take care of her family during these three years.

Mr. Partridge's regiment was with Sibley in the subjugation of the Indian uprising and then sent south. In the winter of '64-5 he was sent to the hospital at Louisville, where he died Feb. 3, 1865. He is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery at Louisville, where his children have placed a suitable monument over his remains. As long as this government exists

or is fit to exist, the cemeteries containing the remains of those who saved it from destruction will be cared for, and it can but be a source of pride and satisfaction to his descendants to feel that they have an ancestor who made the sacrifice he did that our government might be preserved.

At the time of his death there was no market for the farm, which for lack of cultivation had drifted back to wild land. His widow moved to Medford, Minn., where her brothers and sisters lived, and the school advantages were better than at Geneva. She and her husband had been determined that their children should be educated, and while it was not until 1868 that she began to receive a pension, which then was only \$8.00 per month to the widow and \$2.00 each per month for the children, by taking boarders and roomers, teaching, etc., she managed to keep the children in school and support her family, and later through such additional assistance as she received from government sources, and what the children could earn by working or teaching vacations, saw them all graduated from the Normal School at Winona, and by the additional help of the sale of the farm, the boys completed their education at the State University.

Few women and no reasonable man would have had the audacity to undertake, and the courage to carry to a successful end such a work as she accomplished under such trying circumstances. She has lived to see her sons established in business and able, in part, to repay her sacrifice and courage, and now (1915) in her eighty-third year, is a remarkably well preserved woman, able to devote her time to her books, friends and family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Children of George Henry<sup>7</sup> and Mary E.  
(Francis) Partridge:

- 30 i. George Henry,<sup>8</sup> b. Aug. 21, 1856.
- ii. Sarah Lillian, b. Medford, Minn., Mar. 1, 1858,  
d. Apr. 6, 1896. Buried at Minneapolis.  
Married Apr. 6, 1881, George Odium. One  
son, Wurth Odium, b. Mar. 10, 1884, d. Sept.  
12, 1912.
- 31 iii. Harvey Earl, b. Dec. 5, 1859.

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30 George Henry<sup>8</sup> Partridge, (George Henry<sup>7</sup>  
Harvey<sup>6</sup> Stephen<sup>5</sup> James<sup>4</sup> George<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>)  
was born at Medford, Minn., Aug. 21, 1856. He  
graduated at the Normal School at Winona,  
Minn., in 1873, and at the State University in  
1879. He married at Minneapolis, Jan. 24,  
1882, Sarah Adelaide Wyman, daughter of Oliver  
C. and Charlotte (Mullen) Wyman, (Sarah Ade-  
laide<sup>8</sup> Oliver Cromwell<sup>7</sup> Henry<sup>6</sup> Jonathan<sup>5</sup> Samuel<sup>4</sup>  
Samuel<sup>3</sup> Samuel<sup>2</sup> Francis<sup>1</sup> of Woburn, Mass., 1640).  
Mr. George H. Partridge is a regent of the State  
University and a member of the firm of Wyman,  
Partridge and Company, wholesale Dry Goods  
Merchants, of Minneapolis, where he resides (1915).

Children (all born in Minneapolis):

- i. Helen Adelaide<sup>9</sup> b. Jany. 14, 1883, m. Apr. 21,  
1909, Francis T. Dodge, of New York City.  
One daughter, Virginia Mary Dodge, b. Jan.  
18, 1912.
- ii. Marion Elizabeth, b. Sept. 12, 1885, m. Dec. 31,  
1907, Edward S. Mills of New York City.  
Three children: 1. George Partridge Mills, b.

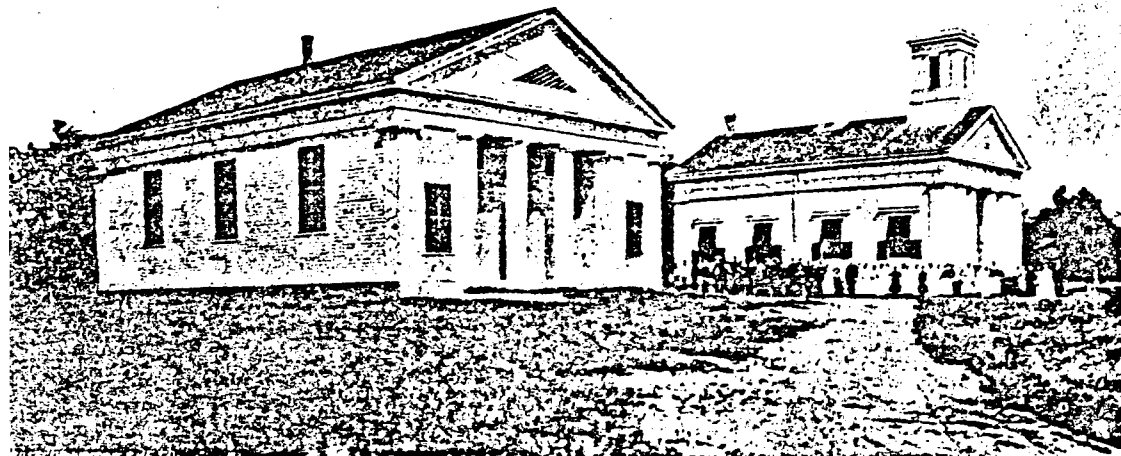
- Oct. 17, 1908. 2. Edward Ensign Mills, b. Nov. 25, 1911. 3. Charles James Mills, 2d, b. Apr. 26, 1913.
- iii. Charlotte Wyman, b. Oct. 3, 1887, m. Dec. 21, 1909, John G. Ordway, of St. Paul, Minn. One daughter, Sarah Prudence Ordway, b. Dec. 23, 1910.
- iv. Georgiana H., b. May 29, 1901.

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31 Harvey Earl<sup>8</sup> Partridge (George Henry<sup>7</sup> Harvey<sup>6</sup> Stephen<sup>5</sup> James<sup>4</sup> George<sup>3</sup> John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>). Born at Medford, Minn., Dec. 5, 1859. He married at Meriden, Conn., Jan. 16, 1883, Mattie Louise Curtis of Meriden. Mr. Partridge is associated with his brother in the mercantile business, and resides (1915) in Minneapolis.

Children of Harvey Earl and Mattie Louise:

- 32 i. Earl<sup>9</sup> b. Minneapolis, Mar. 25, 1884, m. Dec. 30, 1909, Grace T. Townshend. One son, James Townshend<sup>10</sup> Jan. 12, 1912.
- 33 ii. Stanley, b. Nov. 24, 1887.



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