

Genealogy

(IN PART) OF THE

Sprague Families in America

AS DESCENDED FROM

EDWARD SPRAGUE OF ENGLAND,
FROM 1614.

With the Wills of Edward Sprague and that of his son,
William, who settled in Hingham, Mass., in 1636.

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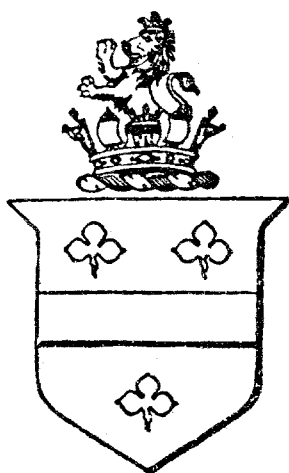
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- - Introduction - -

In gathering the facts herein submitted, it was my purpose to trace my lineage back to WILLIAM SPRAGUE, who, with his brothers Ralph and Richard, and others, came over in the interest of the Massachusetts Bay Company to prepare the way for a new colony. From papers in my father's possession and from other sources, I have been able to do this, but the descendants of William Sprague were so numerous that I have confined my researches substantially to my own line, giving some facts of interest to all descendants of William, who was doubtless the ancestor of most persons bearing the name of Sprague in this country. Blank pages have been added that families may record their own descendants.

If the information presented is of any value or interest to those descended from the men and women, Puritans, who jointly with the Pilgrims, formed an alliance which worked out the problems and laid the foundations of this great republic, I shall be amply repaid for the labor required to gather the facts recorded in this little pamphlet.

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THE SPRAGUES.

THE purpose of this work is not to give a complete or an exhaustive history of the SPRAGUE FAMILIES who settled in America, but to briefly record their origin as descended from EDWARD SPRAGUE of England, three of whose sons emigrated to this country during the year 1628. Also, to furnish brief genealogies of three of his sons, particularly that of WILLIAM who settled in Charlestown and Hingham, Mass.

The Spragues descended from good old Anglo-Saxon and English stock, have an honorable history in America of nearly 300 years, and are worthy of a more extended mention than the limits of this work.

We make several extracts from the genealogy of the families collated by the late Hosea Sprague of Hingham, published by him in the year 1828, for which the compiler is much indebted for that which is found in this work relating to Edward and his three sons.

EDWARD SPRAGUE, of England, the date of whose birth is not given, was a resident of Upway, county of Dorset, and a fuller by trade. He married Christiana, the family name, date of birth and marriage not given, by whom he had these six children :

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| 1 RALPH, | 4 RICHARD, |
| 2 ALICE, | 5 CHRISTOPHER, |
| 3 EDWARD, | 6 WILLIAM. |

Ralph, Richard and William, in company with John Endicott, arrived at Naumkeag (Salem) in 1628. They came over in the interest of the Massachusetts Bay Company, to prepare for a new colony, and this company decreed "that none but honest and Godly men should go over to settle."

In Prince's Chronology we read, "Among those who arrived at Naumkeag, are Ralph Sprague, with his brethren Richard and William, who, with three or four more, were by Governor Endicott employed to explore and take possession of the country westward. They traveled through the woods to Charlestown, on a neck of land called Mishawum, between Mystic and Charles rivers, full of Indians named Aberginians, with whom they made peace."

Hon. Edward Everett, in his address commemorative of the bi-centennial of the arrival of Winthrop at Charlestown, in speaking of the three brothers, Ralph, Richard and William Sprague, said, "they are the founders of the settlement in this place, and were persons of substance and enterprise, excellent

citizens, generous public benefactors, and the head of a very large and respectable family of descendants."

Ralph Sprague was about twenty-five years old when he came to this country. He had four sons, John, Richard, Samuel and Phineas, and a daughter Mary, who married Daniel Edmands.

John and Richard were born in England.

On the 28th of September, 1630, Ralph was one of a jury impaneled, which seems to have been the first jury in Massachusetts.

Ralph Sprague was a lieutenant in the Train Band. In 1631, Captain Richard Sprague commanded a company of the Train Band, and on Friday of each week exercised his command at a convenient place near the Indian wigwams.

Feb. 10, 1634-5, the famous town order creating a Board of Selectmen was passed. Richard and William Sprague, among others, signed this order.

Memorial History of Boston.

Richard Sprague left no posterity. "His sword, which is mentioned in his brother William's will, is preserved in one of the old Sprague houses in Hingham. (1828.)

Edward Sprague died in 1614.

We append his Will, Inventory of his Estate, and their probation, as a matter of history in these annals.

Will of Edward Sprague of England.—1614.

THE VIth day of June in the year of our Lord
God, 1614. *In the Name of God, Amen.*

I, EDWARD SPRAGUE of Upway in the County of Dorset, fuller, being sick and weak of body, but well and perfect in mind, thanks be given unto Almighty God, do ordain and appoint this my last Will and Testament to be made in manner and form following. That is to say, first of all, I do bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my saviour and redeemer, and my body to be buried within the church yard. As for such temporal goods as God hath blessed me withall, I give and bequeath as hereafter follows: viz. I give unto the parish church of Upway ten shillings.

Item—I give unto the poor of the said parish of Upway ten shillings.

Item—I give unto Ralph Sprague my eldest son one of the oldest pair of shears in my shop and one lesser pair called the quarrell.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Alice Sprague fifty pounds, to be paid within one year after my decease.

Item—I give and bequeath unto Edward Sprague my second son, two pairs of shears and twenty pounds to be paid likewise within one year after my decease.

Item—I give and bequeath unto Richard Sprague my third son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be one and twenty years of age.

Item—I give and bequeath unto Christopher Sprague my fourth son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be of the age of one and twenty years.

Item—I give and bequeath unto William Sprague my youngest son twenty pounds to be paid when he shall be of the age of one and twenty years.

All the rest of my goods movable and unmoveable I give and bequeath unto Christian [Christiana] Sprague my wife whom I do make my whole [sole] executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

MEMORAND: that if Richard Sprague, Christopher Sprague or William Sprague shall happen to die either of them before they shall be of the age of one and twenty years that then his legacy to be divided between the other two, or if two of them shall happen to die before they shall be of the age of one and twenty years, that then their legacies to remain to the other then living.

Finally, I do appoint Henry Samweys and Willia[m] Bryar overseers of this my last Will and Testament in presence of those whose names are underwritten.

JOHN BISHOPPE.

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JOHN X TAYLER.
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MEMORAND: that whereas, the living of the aforesaid Edward Sprague doth fall unto his son Ralph Sprague after his decease, the said Ralph Sprague doth upon his father's request promise that his mother Christian [Christiana] Sprague shall quietly enjoy the said living until he shall be one and twenty years of age.

NOTE.

We are indebted to one of the descendants of the Sprague Family who settled in Malden, for the copy of this Will of Edward Sprague, the father of the Spragues, who came to Salem in 1628. The writing is distinct, and the parchment in fine preservation. In settling the estate of the late Capt. William Sprague, of Leicester, Mass., who died in 1832, it was found by the executrix of his Will, among many other papers, dated in Malden and Charlestown, from 1628 to 1675. This curiosity was never discovered by Capt. Sprague, and is highly valued by his children. His father's name was Joseph, who moved from Malden to Leicester.

- - Inventorn - -

A true and perfect Inventory indented of all and singular the goods rightes, chattles and detts of Edward Sprague late of Upway in the country of Dorset, FULLER, deceased, made the sixth day of June, and appriced and valued by Thomas Leball, John Sellar, Willia[m] Bryar and Francis George, as followeth, viz. 1614.

	℥	s
Imprimus , his wearing Apparell, - - -	lii	
Item, a piece of Russet cloth, - - -	i	
Item, two beds furnished, - - -	iii	
Item, one covered and a carpet, - - -	i	
Item, ten pair of sheets, board cloths, with two pair of pillow byes, and six table napkins,	iiii	
Item, thirteen silver spoons, - - -	ii	x
Item, one cupboard, nineteen pewter vessels, three candle sticks, and three salts, - - -	ii	x
Item, four coffers, one chest, two chairs and a flasket,		xvi
Item, a sword and dagger, - - -		vii
Item, two other beds furnished, - - -	ii	
Item, mill, - - -	i	x
Item, a sack of wheat and a sack of malt, - - -	i	x
Item, iron ropes, with other old yron [iron], - - -	i	
Item, one willow, four old tubs with a hedlop, - - -		vi
Item, one table, board and cupboard, - - -		x
Item, five barrels, with other timber vessels, - - -	ii	
Item, two frying pans, one spit, two andyrans, three pair of pothooks, with other kytchin stuff,		x
Item, one and twenty brass vessels, - - -	viii	
Item, butter and cheese, - - -	i	vi
Item, a cheese press, a ladder thread, with other small implements, - - -	ii	
Item, four payer [pair] of fuller's shears with the shearbords and iron bar, beams, and scales and weights with other things at the mill,	iii	
Item, three saddles, - - -		xv
Item, one pyge [pig], - - -	i	
Item, seven kyne, with three yearlings, - - -	xx	
Item, one horse, - - -	iii	
Item, fourscore sheep and forty two lambs, - - -	40	
Item, four acres and a half of corn, - - -	viii	
Item, due unto the administratrix without specially,	xvi	x
Item, due upon bond, - - -	131	vi
Suma totalissimus Inventory,	℥cclviii	vi

Probation and Registration of the Will of Edward Sprague.

WE, GEORGE, by Divine Providence, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan, make it known that on the 13th day of the month of October in the year of our Lord, 1614, at London, before that venerable man Sir John Benet, Knight and Doctor of Laws, custos or commissary of our prerogative court of Canterbury, due proof was made of the Will of EDWARD SPRAGUE, late of Upwaie in the county of Dorset, in the diocese of Bristol, of our province of Canterbury, deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his death, goods, rights and credits in the aforesaid diocese or peculiar jurisdiction.

Upon the production and proof of this same testament, the administration of all and singular, his goods, rights and credits, the accounts, calculations and reckonings of an administration of this sort having been heard without diminution from the same, are adjudged to pertain to us alone and not to any other, judge inferior to us.

A commission was issued for administering all and singular, the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased and all things whatsoever contained in his will to CHRISTIANA SPRAGUE, widow of the said deceased and the executrix nominated in his Will, well and faithfully to administer the same and to make a full and true inventory of all and singular, the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to be brought into our prerogative court of Canterbury, on the 2nd day after the feast of St. Obiasus, bishop, and also to exhibit and return a full and true computation, calculation, or reckoning thereof.

Given on the year, day, and hour above written, and of our translation the fourth year.

EDMUND WOODHALL,

Register.

{Translated in 1902, by the late J. Evarts Greene, Esq., from the original Court Latin}.

First Generation of Spragues in America.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE, of Charlestown and Hingham, planter, was born in England, and was the youngest son of Edward Sprague. He married Millesaint Eames, daughter of Anthony Eames. She died February 8, 1696.

He remained in Charlestown until 1636, eight years. His name is mentioned in all the town meetings, as a citizen thereof until January, 1635.

His wife, Millesaint, was admitted into the church in Charlestown in 1635, and his eldest son, Anthony, was baptized there May 23, 1636.

He came to Hingham in 1636, in a boat, and landed on the east side of the cove, on a lot of ground that was afterwards legally granted to him by the town, and was one of the first planters of the town, the name ^{Bear}~~Bear~~ Cove having been changed to Hingham, Sept. 2, 1635.

William Sprague's houselot was said to have been the pleasantest lot in Hingham; it was about two miles north of the Patent Line which formerly divided the old Massachusetts Colony from the Plymouth Colony. Many parcels of land and meadow, recorded in the "Old Grant Book," were given to him by the town, covering a period from 1636 to 1647. These gifts indicate the esteem in which he was held by his fellow townsmen.

January 30, 1645, he was one of seven men chosen in town meeting to order the prudential affairs of the town.

In 1662 he was disbursing officer for the town; was also constable, fence viewer, etc.

February 21, 1673, he deeded to his son, Anthony, certain land for six and thirty pounds of lawful money of New England, and nine pounds in merchantable corn.

He died October 26, 1675.

William Sprague's Will.

In the Name of God, Amen. The nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord God, One thousand, six hundred, seventy & five. I, WILLIAM SPRAGUE, senior, of Hingham, in New England, being sick in body, but yet of perfect memory; praised be almighty God! do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: Revoking, and, by these presents, making void, and of no force, all and every will and wills heretofore by me made, and declared, either by word or writing, and this to be taken only, for my last will, and none other.

FIRST and principally, I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth, to be decently buried, at the discretion of my executor hereafter mentioned, hoping of salvation, both of soul and body, by the mercies of God in the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ. And as for such temporal estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order, give and dispose the same in manner and form as followeth—that is to say:

First—I will that all those just debts and duties that I owe in right and conscience to any person whatsoever, shall be well and truly contented and paid by my Executor hereafter named out of my Estate, with my funeral charges, which I will shall be first paid.

Item—I give and bequeath unto Millesaint Sprague, my loving wife, the sum of Ten pounds in money, and one Cow and one Horse.

Item—I give unto the said Millesaint, my wife, ten pounds per annum during the term of her natural life, (to be paid to her by my son, William Sprague, which I have reserved for her, as may fully appear by a deed of gift under my hand and seal to my said son, William, of my house and several lands and commons, as is therein expressed,) and the summering and wintering of one cow and one horse, and the use of one half of my dwelling house, and half the orchard, according as I have reserved upon the said deed of gift.

Item—I give unto Millesaint, my said wife, thirty and five pounds which is due from me by my son, Anthony Sprague, to be paid five pounds a year till the whole be paid: that is to say, in case my said wife live till all the said payments be made to her: but if my wife decease, before all the said payments of thirty and five pounds be made, then my mind and will is, that what is remaining unpaid of the said thirty and five pounds at my wife's decease, shall be divided equally amongst all my children hereafter named, that is to say: my son Anthony Sprague, my son Samuel Sprague, my son William Sprague, my daughter, Perses Doggett, the wife of John Doggett, Joanna Church, the wife of Caleb Church, and Mary King, the wife of Thomas King, every one of them to have part and part alike.

Item—I give unto Millesaint, my said wife, all my household stuff and furniture, linen, woolen, and utensils of household whatsoever, for and during the term of her natural life: and after my wife's decease my mind and will is, that it shall be divided amongst all my aforesaid children, every one of them to have part and part alike. And all my cattle not before given in this my will, to be immediately after my decease, disposed of by my Executor, as followeth; that is to say: to my son William Sprague two steers three years old and the [?] and one cow; and all the rest of my cattle to be equally divided

among the rest of my children aforementioned, every one of them to have part and part alike.

Item—I give and bequeath unto Anthony Sprague, my SWORD, which was my brother Richard Sprague's, and one of my biggest *pewter platters*, and twenty shillings in money ; which, with what I have given him before, in Land and other things, and his part of my household stuff and cattle, after the decease of myself and my wife, as is afore expressed, I judge a sufficient portion for him.

Item—I give unto my son John Sprague, a piece of salt marsh, lying at Lyford's liking river, in Hingham, containing two acres and a half, be it more or less, which was given me by the town of Hingham, to enjoy to him, and his heirs and assigns forever. And I do give unto my son John Sprague my searge suit of apparel, which with a Neck of Upland, called Sprague's Island, lying by the aforesaid meadow which I formerly gave to him, I judge a sufficient portion for him.

Item—I give unto my son Samuel Sprague my cloth coat, which was my brother's and one of my biggest *pewter platters*.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan Sprague, threescore acres of Land, lying in the bounds of the township of Providence, in New England, which I lately purchased of John Dexter, of the said Providence ; which said threescore acres of land, I do give to my son Jonathan during the term of his natural life ; and after his decease unto his heirs male, lawfully begotten of his body, lawfully begotten or to be begotten : and for want of such heirs, the said threescore acres of Land to return to the next heirs of the Spragues descended from me. Also, I give unto my said son Jonathan Sprague my best cloth suit of apparel.

Item—I give unto William Sprague one feather bed, which he used to lodge upon when he lived with me, and one of my biggest *pewter platters*.

Item—I do make and ordain Millesaint Sprague, my loving wife, my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I the said William Sprague have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day above written.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE,
and a seal.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the above said William Sprague, senior, to be his last will and testament, in presence of us witnesses.

DANIEL CUSHING, sen.

MATTHEW CUSHING.

Daniel Cushing, sen., and Daniel Cushing, jr., appeared before JOHN LEVERETT, Esq., Governor, etc.

Second Generation.

Children of William and Millesaint Sprague.

1. ANTHONY² (Wm.¹), born September 2, 1635, married Dec. 26, 1661, Elizabeth Bartlett, daughter of Robert Bartlett of Plymouth. She died Feb'y, 1713. He was a large land owner in Hingham. His house was burned by the Indians, in King Philip's war, April 19, 1676. He died Sept. 3, 1719.

Of this branch of Anthony, through Jeremiah the seventh son, is the celebrated poet Charles Sprague, descended.

2. JOHN, baptized in April, 1638, married Elizabeth Holbrook, Dec. 13, 1666. Land was given him by his father at Lyford River, called Sprague Island. He died in Mendon, Mass., in 1690.

3. SAMUEL, baptized May 24, 1640, was married about 1666 to Sarah, d. of Thomas Chillingworth. He removed to Marshfield, Mass. He was representative in 1682; was Register of Deeds for three years, and was the last Secretary of the Colony.

He was the great-grandfather of Hon. Seth Sprague of Duxbury.

4. ELIZABETH, baptized May 2, 1641.

5. JONATHAN, baptized March 20, 1642, died July 4, 1647.

6. PERSES, baptized Nov. 12, 1643, married John Doggett.

7. JOANNA, baptized December, 1644, married Caleb Church, Dec. 16, 1667.

8. JONATHAN² (Wm.¹) was born in Hingham, Mass., May 28, 1648. He married Mehitable Holbrook, daughter of William and Elizabeth Holbrook. In 1672 he removed to Mendon, Mass. In 1675 his father died and left to him sixty acres of land in Providence, R. I., where he located before 1680. He was appointed, with others, by the Assembly to run the eastern line of the Colony.

Jonathan Sprague was evidently a man of strong character, was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of his town, and served frequently in public office. He was a member of the House of Deputies for sixteen years between 1695 and 1714; Speaker of the House in 1703, and member of the Town Council, eight years, from 1705 to 1712; Clerk of the Assembly in 1707. In 1703, he, with two others, was appointed to draw up the methods and proceedings of the Court of Common Pleas.

Of a decidedly religious bent, he professed the Baptist faith, and preached as an exhorter.—*Staples' Annals of Providence.*

He died probably in Smithfield, R. I., Sept. 1741.

9. WILLIAM, born May 7, 1650, married Dec. 13, 1674, Deborah, daughter of Andrew and Tryphenia Lane. She died Feb. 4, 1707.

Second marriage in 1709 was to Mary, daughter Jeremiah and Elizabeth Towers of Hingham. She was born Nov. 3, 1672, and died in 1731.

He was a Selectman in Hingham, in 1690, 1699, and 1708. He removed to Providence, R. I., in 1710, and died there Sept. 26, 1723.

10. MARY, baptized May 25, 1652, married Thomas King, of Scituate.

11. HANNAH, baptized Feb. 26, 1655, died March 31, 1658.

Third Generation.

Children of Jonathan² and Mehitable Sprague.

1. JONATHAN,³ born——, a resident of Providence and Smithfield, married Bethiah Mann, Nov. 28, 1699. She was born March 12, 1683. Died April 6, 1712.

Second marriage was to Hannah Hawkins, widow of Stephen Hawkins, Sept. 17, 1713.

Third marriage was to Mary Mowry of Providence on March 6, 1727. He died April 22, 1764.

2. WILLIAM³ (Jona.², Wm.¹) was born in Providence, R.I., Feb. 2, 1691. He married Sept. 16, 1714, Ales (Alice) Browne, who was born May 31, 1691.

He bore the rank of Captain in 2nd Regiment Providence Co. Militia in 1732. Smithfield was a part of Providence before 1730, when the territory was set off and the town of Smithfield incorporated. To this date, the town of Providence extended north to the Massachusetts line.

In the History of Woonsocket, R. I., formerly a part of Smithfield, page 203, we read, "For upwards of a century the Spragues were prominent actors in the religious and political history of old Smithfield."

August 31, 1738, he deeded "the land whereon the Baptist meeting-house stands, to certain persons, for and in consideration of a meeting-house by my leave and consent erected and built for the worship of God, by my honored father, Jonathan Sprague, James Ballou, James Walling and Richard Sprague, with the help of self and some others."

Dec. 15, 1740, he deeded to his daughter, Sarah Sly, and her husband, William, for love, etc., eleven and one-half acres.

Dec. 20, 1750, he deeded for love, etc., to dutiful and obedient son Joshua, half of land in Smithfield and Cumberland, 300 acres, and dwelling-house on easterly part of homestead on the intervale on the west side of Pawtucket River, also half the barn.

Feb. 9, 1754, he and his son made a division of lands above deeded.

May 21, 1762, he bought of his son, Joshua, and the latter's wife, Abigail, for \$1250.00, certain lands.

April 15, 1768, he deeded for love, etc., to dutiful grandsons, Elias and Nehemiah Sprague, and for "my honorable maintenance, all my homestead where I dwell."—*Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*.

His second marriage was to Mrs. Mary Walling. They were married by Thomas Sayles, Justice, Aug. 26, 1744.

He died in Smithfield about 1768.

3. PATIENCE, married William Jenks. He was born in 1675, and died Oct. 2, 1765. They had ten children.

4. JOANNA, married John Tefft, who died in 1762. She died in 1757. They had eleven children.

5. MARY, married Daniel³ Brown (Daniel², Chad¹). They had six children.

6. —, married Ebenezer Cook.

Fourth Generation.

Children of Captain William³ and Ales Browne Sprague.

1. NEHEMIAH⁴ (Wm.³, Jon³, Wm.¹), born Jan. 5, 1717, married by David Comstock, Justice, to Mary Brown, April 16, 1738.

2. ALES (Alice), born Oct. 2, 1720.

3. SARAH, born Feb'y 10, ¹⁷²²~~1772~~; married William Sly.

4. SAMUEL, born Sept. 12, 1724.

5. JETTER, born Sept. 19, 1726.

6. JOSHUA, born July 3, 1729; married Jan'y 2, 1748, to Amey Darling, who was born May 1729, in Smithfield, R. I., and who died there in 1749.

Second marriage, April 22, 1750, was to Abigail Wilbur, who was born Nov. 17, 1731, and died in Adams, Washington Co., Ohio, Dec. 6, 1825.

Their children:

1. ELIJAH, b. February 1751.
2. NANCY, b. Oct. 23, 1753.
3. MERIBAH, b. Dec. 17, 1754.
4. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 3, 1756.
5. JAMES, b. about 1761.
6. FREDERICK, b. Oct. 17, 1762.
7. AMY [or LUNA], b. Nov. 12, 1763.
8. JONATHAN, b. Jan. 9, 1767.
9. NEHEMIAH.
10. SAMUEL.
11. WILBUR, b. 1777.
12. ABIGAIL.
13. JOSHUA.

Joshua held rank as Major in R. I. In 1762 he removed to Sackville, Nova Scotia. At the beginning of the revolutionary war he moved to East Hoosac (now Adams), Mass. He was in the Alarm Service at the battle of Bennington. He settled in Washington Co., Ohio, in 1788, and died there in 1816.

Fifth Generation.

Children of Nehemiah⁴ and Mary Brown Sprague.

1. ELIAS⁵ (Nehemiah⁴, Wm.³, Jona.², Wm.¹), was born in Smithfield, R. I., June 16, 1744. Married Aug. 5, 1764, by Stephen Sly, Justice, to Mercy

Bassett, daughter of Joseph Bassett of Gloucester, R. I. She was born Oct. 25, 1744. Elias moved to Douglas, Mass., not later than 1788, at which date he deeded his homestead in Smithfield, R. I., for £390 silver money.

He died in Douglas, Mass., February 15, 1799.

2. Nehemiah was born in Smithfield, R. I., Jan. 20, 1750, was married by Daniel Mowry, Justice, May 26, 1770, to Alice Bassett, of Gloucester, R. I. She was sister of Mercy.

He died in Smithfield, June 11, 1796, and was buried in the Friends' Yard, Upper Smithfield.

Elias and Nehemiah were farmers, and members of the Society of Friends.

Sixth Generation.

Children of Elias⁵ and Mercy Sprague.

1. JONATHAN⁶ (Elias⁵, Neh.⁴, Wm.³, Jona.², Wm.¹), born Dec. 9, 1765.
2. THEODATE, born Jan. 4, 1768.
3. AMY, born Oct. 6, 1769.
4. BENJAMIN, born April 10, 1771.
5. LAVINA, born Aug. 12, 1773.
6. STEPHEN, born Nov. 18, 1775, married Olive Seagrave.
7. PRESERVED, born Oct. 17, 1777, married Joanna Trask.
8. THANKFUL, born Oct. 19, 1779.
9. WILLIAM, born June 3, 1782.
10. ALICE, born Aug. 29, 1784.
11. ELIAS.
12. LUCINA.
13. (Unnamed).

Children of Nehemiah⁵ and Alice Sprague.

1. PHOEBE⁶, b. Jan. 27, 1771.
 2. AMY, b. Oct. 7, 1773.
 3. HOSEA, b. June 1, 1775.
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NOTE—*After this the generation will be indicated by the number after the name.*

JONATHAN⁶ (Elias⁵, Neh.⁴), b. in Smithfield, R. I., Dec. 9, 1765, m. by Peleg Arnold, Justice, in Smithfield, Aug. 12, 1785, to Patience, dau. of Robert Pixley or Pidgley, of New Grafton, Mass. She was b. Nov. 7, 1765, and d. Dec. 14, 1801. He d. in Thompson, Conn., Oct. 29, 1815. He had 97 grandchildren. Both he and his wife Patience were buried in the Friends' burying-ground in South Douglas, Mass.

Their children :

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| 1 SARAH ⁷ , | 6 DANIEL ⁷ , |
| 2 NEHEMIAH ⁷ , | 7 PRESERVED ⁷ , |
| 3 MERCY ⁷ , | 8 LEE ⁷ , |
| 4 FEDERAL CONSTITUTION ⁸ , | 9 PATIENCE ⁷ , |
| 5 AMY ⁷ , | 10 JONATHAN, Jr. ⁷ |

Second marriage of Jonathan⁶ was to Kezia, dau. of Daniel and Kezia Torrey of Sutton, Mass. She was b. there April 19, 1770, and d. in Douglas, Mass., May 10, 1844.

Their children :

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| 11 ALMIRA ⁷ , | 13 ELIAS ⁷ , |
| 12 PHILANDA ⁷ , | 14 EMELINE ⁷ , never married. |

SARAH⁷, (Jona.⁶, Elias⁵) b. in Smithfield, R. I., Dec. 3, 1785; m. in Douglas, Mass., to Benjamin Chase in 1806, and d. in Whitingham, Vt., April 5, 1869. He was b. in Douglas, Sept. 7, 1786, moved to Whitingham, Vt., in Feb. 1815, where he d. April 27, 1863.

Their children :

1. SUMNER,⁸ b. April 21, 1807, m. Roxana Faulkner. He d. Feb. 21, 1882.
2. JEMIMA⁸, b. Dec. 1809, m. Prentiss B. Putnam Dec. 3, 1830, and d. June 11, 1888. He was b. 1807, and d. June 18, 1888.

Their children :

1. Merrick C.⁹, b. Nov. 11, 1831, m. Abby Holden. He d. Aug. 30, 1872.
 2. George E., b. Feb. 28, 1834, m. Eliza Bailey in 1859. He d. June 1, 1906. She d. Feb. 21, 1898.
 3. Sarah M., b. Oct. 20, 1835, d. Feb. 18, 1836.
 4. Newell, b. Apr. 5, 1837, d. June 1, 1837.
 5. Dana, b. Nov. 25, 1838, m. Melvina Robinson. He d. Nov. 10, 1862.
 6. Henry H., b. Aug. 20, 1840, m. Nellie Chamberlin.
 7. Sidney C., b. Nov. 6, 1842, m. Josephine Smith.
 8. Adney, b. May 12, 1844, m. Emma Robinson. He d. Aug. 20, 1904.
 9. Luana M., b. Apr. 1, 1846, m. Alvin White 1866.
 10. Henrietta M., b. Apr. 16, 1848, m. Henry C. Smead July 4, 1870.
 11. Irving B., b. Sept. 3, 1851, m. Hattie E. Batcholder Aug. 2, 1881. He d. June 1906.
3. MERRICK⁸, b. in Douglas, Mass., Dec. 13, 1811, m. Sarah Maria Brigham, Sept. 17, 1834, who was b. in Whitingham, Vt., Aug. 12, 1816. He d. at Orion, Ill., Jan. 3, 1889.

Their children :

1. Sylvester Sumner⁸, b. Sept. 3, 1835, in Whitingham, Vt., m. Maria Elizabeth Bray Seaver, April 15, 1858. She d. 1864.

Second m. was to Sophia Eddy.

2. Rebecca Elvira, b. Feb. 10, 1839, in Whitingham, Vt., m. Dr. Daniel Alcanda Chase, April 3, 1856.
3. John Brigham, b. May 6, 1841, in Whitingham, Vt., m. Ann Hay, May 12, 1864.
4. Charles Emmerson, b. Jan. 17, 1844, in Jacksonville, Vt., m. Sophia Harriet Farnsworth, Feb. 26, 1874.
5. Sarah Maria, b. Oc. 12, 1847, in Sommerset, Vt., m. Valentine Newman Feb. 19, 1879. She d. Aug. 29, 1900.
6. Addison Martin, b. Oct. 30, 1855, in Sommerset, Vt., m. Bertha A. Callaway, Oct. 5, 1892.

4. ABRAHAM⁸, d. 1818.

5. ABRAHAM⁸, b. Jan. 5, 1819, m. Catherine Reed, April 21, 1844. She was b. Nov. 7, 1820, and d. June 23, 1903. He d. Oct. 30, 1903.

Their children :

1. Oscar Royal⁹, b. Sept. 12, 1845, m. Rosa Atherton Feb. 12, 1865. She was b. July 19, 1848.
2. { Augustus Lucius, b. Mch. 9, 1849, m. Louise Mann Dec. 3, 1873.
3. { Augusta Lucia, b. Mch. 9, 1849, m. Gilbert Augustus Boyd, Dec. 15, 1869. He was b. May 17, 1846.
4. Charles Sumner, b. May 13, 1855, m. Carrie Emily Brigham, Jan. 19, 1881. She was b. May 31, '56.
5. Frank Leslie, b. Aug. 24, 1859, d. Aug. 3, 1863.

6. LUANA⁸, b. Feb. 21, 1821, d. Sept. 3, 1854.

7. ROYAL⁸, b. in Whitingham, Vt., Aug. 3, 1827, m. Maryette Howard. She was b. in Dover, Oct. 4, 1833. He d. Feb. 10, 1899.

Their children :

1. Carrie⁹, b. Aug. 31, 1852, m. Edwin Bartlett, who was b. Mch. 5, 1849.
2. Luana, b. Sept. 4, 1855, m. Horace May.
3. George, b. Feb. 24, 1857, m. Nora Corse.
4. Olive, b. Sept. 15, 1860, m. James Upton.
5. Royal, Jr., b. May 21, 1863, m. Mary Corse.
6. { Wallace, b. June 3, 1869, d. Aug. 2, 1870.
7. { Walter, b. June 3, 1869.
8. Alma, b. Nov. 8, 1871, m. Lester Corse.

NEHEMIAH⁷ (Jon.⁶ Elias⁵), b. in Smithfield, R. I., June 17, 1787, m. Patty Farnum of Douglas, Mass., and removed to Whitingham, Vt., where he d. Dec. 17, 1872.

Their children :

1. SALLY,⁸ m. Abner Trim. She d. April 8, 1878.

Their children :

1. Henry⁹, b. May 7, 1837, m. Mary Ann Walter.
2. Eugene, b. Nov. 4, 1846.
3. Adelbert, b. June 16, 1848, m. Hattie Fridaline.
4. Albert, b. May 27, 1849, m. Nina Eugenia Shed, Aug. 6, 1896.
5. Hiram, b. Nov. 29, 1851, d. Apr. 8, 1870.
6. James E., b. Aug. 3, 1852, m. Adelia Boyer, who d. Dec. 26, 1891.

2. ARDELIA⁸, m. Marshall Harrington. She d. July 16, 1895.

Their children :

1. Calista⁹, b. Feb. 20, 1839, m. Eri Tirrol, who served in the civil war. She d. Feb. 16, 1885.
2. Polly, b. Aug. 16, 1840, d. Dec. 22, 1870.
3. Martha, b. Feb. 28, 1842, m. Amos Pike, Nov. 10, 1864. He served in the civil war in Co. F, 16th Reg. Vt. Vols.

4. Anna M., b. July 24, 1844, m. Amos Aldrich, who served in civil war four years, Co. H, 8th Reg. Vt. Vols.
5. Leonard, d. in infancy.
6. George, b. Aug. 11, 1851.

3. FARNUM⁸, m. Harriet F. Jepson, Mch. 4, 1843, who d. Feb. 25, 1894. He d. Oct. 30, 1880.

Their children :

1. James K. P.⁹, b. Dec. 10, 1844.
Second marriage was to Susan C. Norton, April 20, 1874. He served in the civil war, 4th Vt. Reg., from Dec. 28, 1863, to July 13, 1865. Was wounded at the battle of Winchester, Va.
2. David F., b. Sept. 25, 1846, m. Mary Sumner, Aug. 15, 1869, who d. Oct. 8, 1884.
Second marriage was to Emma Sophia Bartlett May 31, 1889.
3. Harriet M., b. Oct. 27, 1848, m. C. C. Wiley, Mch. 20, 1865. She d. Feb. 25, 1894.
4. Jonathan L., b. May 5, 1851, m. Sarah E. Sumner Jan. 1, 1870. He d. Nov. 28, 1874.
5. Homer D., b. Dec. 11, 1853, m. Flora E. Wilson May 12, 1874. She d. July 2, 1896.
Second marriage was to Mary A. Putnam, Dec. 23, 1901.
6. Manning M., b. May 11, 1856, d. Nov. 23, 1874.
7. Nehemiah J., b. Mch. 19, 1859, m. Betsey E. Xford Nov. 6, 1879.
8. Hoyt O. D., b. Sept. 11, 1861, m. Anna C. Peterson, Nov. 10, 1892.
9. Lydia Lucina, b. May 26, 1865, m. John W. Marshall, May 24, 1884.
10. —Myron Wesley, b. July 26, 1867, d. Apr. 8, 1889.

4. PATIENCE⁸, m. David Bratton. She d. Apr. 2, 1856.

Their children :

1. John Napoleon⁹, b. Apr. 30, 1837, m. Celia Love-jou. She d. Mch. 2, 1903.
2. Densmore Albert, b. Oct. 3, 1841, m. Maria Smith.
3. Francelia Patience, b. Apr. 1, 1844, m. John Furniss. She d. Apr. 30, 1884.
4. Lois Martha, b. June 12, 1846, m. Hamlin Isaac Bourn.

5. JONATHAN⁸, m. Sally Tyler. He d. April 2, 1898.

Their children :

1. Nancy Jane⁹, b. Mch. 27, 1842, m. E. I. Morgan. Second marriage was to Henry F. Wheeler. She d. Nov. 4, 1883.
2. William F., b. Dec. 25, 1847, m. Sarah C. Morley June 12, 1867.
3. Sarah Isabel, b. June 6, 1850, m. Selah H. Holbrook in 1872. He served in the civil war three years and ten months. She d. Dec. 19, 1876.

Second marriage of Jonathan⁸ was to Jane Wilcox.

Third " " " Lucy Tuttle.

Their children :

4. Eli Jonathan.
5. Leola Patience.
6. Andrew Jackson Jonathan.

6. NEHEMIAH⁸, b. Dec. 22, 1821, m. Rachel Jepson. She was b. Sept. 12, 1822, and d. Oct. 8, 1873. He d. Jan. 22, 1875.

Their children :

1. Nehemiah⁹, b. Jan. 14, 1845, d. Dec. 30, 1846.
2. Francis Nehemiah, b. July 10, 1847, m. Jennie Jillson, Jan. 1, 1870. She d. May 19, 1872. Second marriage was to Mary Emily Smith, May 2, 1874.

3. Byron A., b. Nov. 15, 1848, m. Helen Sharp, May 19, 1872. He d. Dec. 16, 1904.
4. Elmer, b. June 28, 1853.
5. Ida E. F., b. Sept. 4, 1859.
6. Lulon Dorr, b. July 4, 1862, m. Abbie J. Bruce, Nov. 22, 1884.
7. CHARLOTTE⁸, b. June 17, 1825, m. Samuel Tyler, Nov. 24, 1842. He was b. Feb. 9, 1822, and d. Apr. 2, 1886. She d. Nov. 21, 1903.
 Their children :
 1. Hollis Augustus⁹, b. June 28, 1847, d. July 4, 1861,
 2. Henry Nehemiah, b. Jan. 28, 1854.
 3. Medora Estella, b. May. 7, 1856, m. Edwin Hastat. Second marriage was to Herbert L. Howe. She d. 1896.
8. MANNING⁸, b. Mch. 5, 1828, m. to Fanny Willard, Dec. 4, 1850. She was b. Oct. 11, 1831. He d. Nov. 9, 1900.
 Their children :
 1. } Twins b. July 12, 1852, d. July 12, 1852.
 2. { b. " " " d. July 26, 1852.
 3. Olive L., Sept. 5, 1855, d. Oct. 1869.
 4. Manning Farnham⁹, b. June 23, 1858, m. Hattie Jewell, Sept. 1883. She d. Nov. 6, 1887. Second marriage was to Etta Chase, Aug. 11, 1889.
 5. Theodore V., b. Apr. 5, 1860, m. Lillian M. Bowen, Oct. 31, 1901.
 6. Patience I., b. Nov. 22, 1862, d. Mch. 9, 1868.
 7. Willie E., b. May 23, 1868, d. May 8, 1870.
9. FRANCIS C.⁸, m. Caroline Rice.
 He entered the military service of the U. S. Aug. 9, 1862, and served nine months, Co. D, 16th Reg. Vt. Vols.
 Their children :
 1. Angelina Martha⁹, b. June 30, 1852, d. Oct. 5, 1853.
 2. Ira Milton, b. May 6, 1855, m. Augusta M. Hall.

3. Audrey Wright, b. Oct. 1, 1858.
4. Abner Francis, b. Feb. 2, 1863.
5. Abraham Lincoln, b. Apr. 15, 1865, m. Jennie Nancy Sinclair, June 20, 1888.
6. Cyrus Densmore, b. Feb. 11, 1872.

Second marriage of Nehemiah⁷ was to Nancy Johnson. No children.

Mercy⁷ (Jona.⁶, Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., Jan. 7, 1789, m. Aaron Buck.

Their children :

1. ALMIRA⁸, b. Oct. 10, 1809, m. Lyman Snow of Ware, Mass.

Their children :

1. Edwin Erskine⁹, b. June 1833, d. July 15, 1833.
2. Helen Maria, b. March 16, 1835, m. Pattison Holmes. He was b. in Ridgefield, Conn., Sept. 1, 1830. She d. Apr. 17, 1901.
2. CLEMENTINE⁸, b. Mch. 25, 1811, m. John Davis of Ware.
3. SARAH EDWARDS⁸, b. May 10, 1813, m. Andrew Martin of Woodstock, Conn.
4. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁸, b. March 28, 1815, m. first, Sarah Ingalls of Woodstock Conn. Second, Mary Arnold of Thompson, Conn.
5. DIANNA⁸, b. Aug. 5, 1817, m. Harvey H. Crane of Pomfret, Conn.
6. EMILY⁸, b. Oct. 10, 1819, m. John Davis after the death of her sister Clementine.
7. ALEXANDER⁸, b. Sept. 15, 1821, m. Maria Arnold of Thompson, Conn.
8. OLIVE H. W.⁸, b. July 3, 1823, m. Lyman Lyon of Woodstock, Conn.

9. HANNAH DAY⁸, b. in Pomfret, Conn., Feb'y 26, 1826, m. Seneca B. Congdon of Pomfret. He was b. Aug. 19, 1822. Removed to Lancaster N. H. about 1858.

Their children :

1. Julia A.⁹, b. Feb. 1, 1846.
 2. Melissa J., b. May 15, 1847.
 3. Albert E., b. Sept. 22, 1848.
 4. Chas. E., b. Feb'y 27, 1851.
 5. Frank E., b. Jan'y 3, 1853.
 6. Mary K., b. April 14, 1855.
 7. Seneca P., b. Nov. 15, 1858.
 8. Geo. B. McClellan, b. Apr. 13, 1862.
 9. James F., b. May 1, 1865.
 10. Frederick C., b. March 2, 1868.
 11. Bertie C., b. Oct. 22, 1870, d. Oct. 22, 1870.
10. JOHN CHANDLER⁸, b. Feb. 14, 1828, m. Clara Arnold of Thompson, Conn.
- Second marriage was to Elizabeth Place, Pomfret, Conn.
11. PHILINDA WHIPPLE⁸, b. Jan. 2, 1831, m. Henry F. Corbin of Union, Conn.

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION⁷ (Jona.⁶ Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., Oct. 16, 1790, m. Betsey Gleason, Oct. 7, 1813. She d. Nov. 30, 1847. He d. in Thompson, Conn., June 6, 1867.

Their children :

1. AMY⁸, b. Oct. 4, 1815, m. Philander E. Jenks.
2. EDWARD LEE⁸, b. Sept. 4, 1817, m. Charlotte Sessions.

Their children :

1. Adfur J.⁹, b. Sept. 1840, m. Esther Hall of Stafford Springs, Conn. He served in the civil war in the 8th and 11th Conn. Vols. He d. 1891.

2. Franklin M., b. Nov. 1, 1841, m. Abbie R. Fellows of Hudson, N. Y. Served in 11th Conn. Vols. Promoted to 1st Lieut. for bravery at the battle of Newburn. Graduated at Yale 1867; received the degree of A. M. in 1900.
3. Charlotte Elizabeth, b. Aug. 1845, m. James F. Merriam of Springfield, Mass.
4. { Edward Lee, b. 1849, m. Jennie Spaulding,
Twins, of Worcester. He d. Oct. 11, 1877.
5. { Emma Lee, b. 1849, d. 1882.
3. NATHAN G.⁸, b. Aug. 25, 1819, m. Emily Balcom.
4. WILLIAMS T.⁸, b. May 31, 1822, m. Adaline Hawkins.
5. LAFAYETTE⁸, b. Sept. 9, 1824, d. July 6, 1825.
6. BETSEY ANN⁸, b. May 23, 1826, m. George Scott.
Second marriage was to L. H. Jenks.
7. JAMES MONROE⁸, b. Sept. 29, 1828, d. in infancy.
- 8 { PHILINDA⁸, b. Dec. 21, 1833, d. July 12, 1861.
- 9 { PHILANDER⁸, b. Dec. 21, 1833, m. Kate J. Clark.
Second marriage was to Annie Postleton Kelsey.
Their children: (2d m.)
 1. Mary C.⁹ 3. Walter Lee
 2. Emma J. 4. Annie M. — Kelsey.
10. ELIAS⁸, b. Oct. 10, 1836, m. Nancy L. Keach, Sept. 23, 1857. She was b. Sept. 23, 1836. He served in the Civil War for three years, Co. D., 18th Reg. Conn. Vols.
Their children:
 1. Nathan E. Keach⁹, b. Dec. 19, 1859, d. Mch. 15, 1860.
 2. Horace E., b. Apr. 17, 1861, m. Matilda M. Pond, Sept. 28, 1887. She was b. Nov. 12, 1861.
 3. Sophia A., b. July 31, 1868, m. Charles H. Rice, Feb. 20, 1889. He was b. May 30, 1867.
 4. Ina M., b. Dec. 16, 1873, m. Frederic J. Nelson, Dec. 14, 1899. He was b. Mch. 28, 1868.

Second marriage of Federal Constitution⁷ was to Harriet E. Ladd, March 12, 1848.

Their children :

11. NEWTON E.⁸, b. June 11, 1850, d. Feb. 3, 1856.
12. DELLA G.⁸, b. Oct. 14, 1855.

AMY⁷ (Jona.⁶ Elias⁶), b. in Douglas, Mass., Oct. 14, 1792, m. Barney Buck, a twin brother of Aaron Buck who m. her sister Mercy.⁷

Their children :

1. WARREN⁸, b. Oct. 30, 1812, m. Ann Sophia Keith.

Their children :

1. Mary⁹,
2. Amy,
3. Ella.

2. HIRAM⁸, b. May 21, 1814, m. May 23, 1841, in Hartford, Conn, Cynthia F. Brown, b. Feb. 22, 1817, in Natick, Mass., and d. May 21, 1881. He d. Sept. 1865.

Their children :

1. Ellen Maria Sprague⁹, b. Apr. 24, 1843, m. May 5, 1871, John W. Overand, Hartford, Conn.
2. Fred F. E., b. June 1848, m. Nov. 21, 1883, Belle Goodrich, Hartford, Conn.
3. Emma Louise, b. Mch. 1847, m. Jan. 20, 1869, to Clarence Terry, who d. 1886.
4. Ezra Clark, b. 1849, d. 1852.
5. John Edward, b. Aug. 1851, d. Oct. 12, 1890.

3. CAROLINE⁸, b. Apr. 18, 1816, m. Liberty Brown.

Their children :

1. Abigail⁹,
2. Albert,
3. Amy,
4. Ann,
5. Alfred.

4. LORENZO HENRY⁸, b. Mch. 28, 1818, m. Sophronia Sheldon. He served in the Civil War in the 8th Conn. Vols.

Their children :

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| 1. William ⁹ , | 5. Barney, |
| 2. Hague, | 6. Gillespie, |
| 3. Ann, | 7. Amy, |
| 4. Sophy, | 8. Augustus. |

Second marriage was to Sophia Anderson.

Their children :

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| 9. Abbie, | 10. Mary. |
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5. ABIGAIL⁸, b. Mch. 8, 1820, m. Sidney Bolton.

Their child :

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6. AARON SPRAGUE⁸, b. Aug. 19, 1823, m. Emeline Randall May 4, 1845.

Their children :

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| 1. Emma A. ⁹ , | 3. Hattie R. |
| 2. Ellen M. | 4. Clara E. |

7. BARNEY C.⁸, b. Sept. 30, 1825, m. Almeda Coman.

Their child :

John⁹.

8. WILLIAM LEE⁸, b. Jan. 19, 1828, m. Martha Maddocks July 25, 1847. She d. in Worcester, Mass., May 27, 1906. He d. in Woodstock, Conn., July 13, 1893.

Their children :

1. William Henry⁹, b. Aug. 20, 1848, m. Ellen White at Killingly, Conn., Jan. 12, 1868.
2. Rosalie Mary, b. May 19, 1850, d. Sept. 13, 1851.
3. Louis Franklin, b. Nov. 11, 1851, d. Aug. 10, 1856.
4. George Lester, b. Dec. 11, 1853, d. Oct. 3, 1885.
5. Mary Jane, b. Oct. 28, 1855, m. Frank F. Clark at Putnam, Conn., Jan. 26, 1877.

6. Charles Warren, b. Jan. 27, 1858, m. Anna Taft at Blackstone, Mass., April 16, 1884.
7. Edgar Eugene, b. Feb. 10, 1860, m. Addie J. Herindeen at West Woodstock, Conn., Apr. 17, 1883.
8. Frederick Lorenzo, b. Aug. 27, 1864, d. Apr. 16, 1865.

DANIEL⁷ (Jona.⁶, Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., Aug. 4, 1794, m. Eveline Cutler. She was b. Feb. 16, 1801, and d. April 4, 1851. He d. June 24, 1864.

Their children :

1. LUCY ANN⁸, b. July 1818, m. Judson Reynolds, 1833.
He d. 1837. She d. April 1850.
Their children, two s. and one d., all d. in infancy.
2. WILLIAM NELSON⁸, b. March 30, 1820, m. Almira Young.
She d. 1870. He d. May 9, 1884.

Their children :

1. Elias Henry.⁹
2. Evelina, b. Mch. 31, 1845.
3. William Daniel, b. Feb. 21, 1848, m. Harriet Otis,
July 2, 1872.
4. Bertha Bell, b. Jan. 1858, m. Foster Hathaway,
June, 1879.

Second marriage of William Nelson⁸, was to Susan J. Newton, Aug. 1, 1872.

Their child :

5. Frank Townsend, b. Aug. 27, 1873.
3. ANGELINE PHILINDA⁸, b. Mch. 28, 1821, m. Josiah Taft Seagrave, Nov. 1, 1840. He d. May 9, 1870. She d. in East Douglas, Mass., Dec. 5, 1905.

Their children :

1. Lucy Ann⁹, b. Aug. 9, 1841, m. Andrew J. Searles of Uxbridge, Mass., Sept. 1, 1859. She d. July 12, 1874.

2. Salome Jane, b. Jan. 9, 1843, m. Edwin J. Smith Jan. 21, 1863.
3. Mary Ellen, b. Apr. 29, 1845, m. David Barry, May 14, 1868. He d. Apr. 18, 1882.
Second marriage was to James Barton Pine, Mch. 15, 1884.
4. Seth J. Seagrave, b. Nov. 2, 1851, m. Sophia Granel, Dec. 15, 1876.
4. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁸, b. July 29, 1824, m. Harriet D. Knapp. She d. July 1891.
He served in the civil war three years. Was Sergeant in Co. I, 36th Reg. Mass. Vols. He d. in Uxbridge, Mass., June 28, 1903.
Their children :
 1. Jennie F.⁹, b. May 22, 1847, m. Charles E. Wheelock.
 2. Albert A., b. Aug 15, 1849, m. Anna Lomak.
 3. Clarence E., b. Aug. 7, 1854.
5. BARTON⁸, b. Jan. 7, 1827, m. Lydia Harris, Mch. 12, 1846.
Their child :
Frank Harris⁹.
Second m. was to Jemima Arnold.

Second marriage of Daniel⁷ was to Mrs. Tyler.
No children.

LEE⁷ (Jona.⁶, Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., Feb. 7, 1798, m. Olive How Williams, May 21, 1821. She was b. in Pomfret, Conn., Nov. 27, 1803, and d. in Ware, Mass., Nov. 11, 1822.

Second marriage was in Ware, Sept. 8, 1824, to Lucia, dau. of Dea. Eli Snow and Alice Alden. Her father was in the fifth generation from Nicholas Snow, who came to Plymouth in the ship "Ann," in

1623, and m. Constance Hopkins, a "Mayflower" pilgrim. Lucia's mother, Alice Alden, was in the fifth generation from John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, who came over in the "Mayflower." Lucia Snow was b. in Ware, Mass., Apr. 28, 1805, and d. in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 4, 1864.

Lee Sprague was for many years a merchant in Worcester, where he died Sept. 9, 1877.

Their children :

1. OLIVE WILLIAMS⁸, b. in Ware, Mass., June 12, 1825, d. in East Douglas, Mass., Dec. 23, 1840.
2. AUGUSTUS BROWN REED⁸, (Lee⁷, Jona.⁶, Elias⁵, Neh.⁴, Wm.³, Jona.², Wm.¹), b. in Ware, Mass., Mch. 7, 1827, m. Dec. 23, 1846, Elizabeth Janes, dau. of Samuel Rice and Eliza Shepard. She was b. Jan. 25, 1826, and d. in Worcester, Mass., Feb. 20, 1889.

AUGUSTUS B. R. SPRAGUE⁸ entered the military service of the United States April 19, 1861, and served three years and nine months, as Captain of Co. A, 3d Battalion of Rifles, M. V. M.; Lieut. Col. of the 25th Reg. of Mass. Vols.; Colonel of the 51st Reg. Mass. Vols.; Lieut. Colonel and Colonel of the 2nd Mass. Heavy Artillery Vols.; and was brevetted Brigadier General "for gallant and meritorious services during the war."

Was Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, in 1868, and Junior Vice Commander of the Commandery of Massachusetts of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Member Massachusetts Society of Mayflower descendants.

CIVIC RECORD.

Was U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue of the 8th Mass. District for five years from March 1867.

Was Sheriff of the County of Worcester from June, 1871, until 1890.

Served the City of Worcester in both branches of the City Government, and in December, 1895, was elected Mayor of Worcester, and re-elected the following year.

Is President of the Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank and of the Worcester Electric Light Co., etc.

Their children : all b. in Worcester, Mass.

1. Samuel Augustus⁹, b. June 17, 1847, d. May 12, 1848.
2. William Augustus, b. May 11, 1850, d. Apr. 9, 1857.
3. Josephine Elizabeth, b. Dec. 19, 1851, m. Edward H. Knowlton of Worcester, Oct. 16, 1872, and d. there Dec. 7, 1879.

Their child :

Howard Sprague¹⁰, b. in Worcester, Mch. 4, 1878.

He was graduated in Electrical engineering at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Class of 1898, and m. Oct. 17, 1901, Alice Frances Conant of Worcester, who was b. in Boxboro, Mass., Oct. 17, 1878.

4. Carrie Lee, b. Apr. 17, 1858, was graduated at the Worcester Classical High School, Class of 1877, and d. Aug. 28, 1877.
5. Fred Foster, b. Oct. 24, 1864, m. Apr. 12, 1892, Adaline Estelle Sprague⁹. She was b. in Worcester July 15, 1858. He d. in Worcester July 16, 1906.

Second marriage of Augustus Brown Reed⁸, was Oct. 23, 1890, to Mary Jennie, dau. of William C. and Martha Kimball Barbour of Worcester. She was b. Sept. 24, 1857, and was at the time of her marriage Assistant Librarian of the Free Public Library of Worcester.

Their only child :

Alice Alden⁹, b. in Worcester Sept. 11, 1893.

3. CAROLINE FLORELLA⁸, b. in Ware, Mass., July 1, 1829, m. in Worcester, Mass., Rev. Franklin D. Austin, Jan. 1853, and d. in East Jaffrey, N. H., Aug. 7, 1863.

Their children :

1. Frank Lee⁹, b. in Tolland, Mass., Mch. 16, 1855. Was graduated at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Class of 1877. He m. Belle Robb, June 16, 1881. She was b. in Fulton Co., N. Y., Nov. 10, 1856, and d. Oct. 12, 1892. He d. Apr. 1897.

Their children :

1. Frank Clinton¹⁰, b. in Minneapolis, Minn., Apr. 4, 1882.
2. Caroline Isabel, b. in Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 9, 1884.
3. Florence Catharine, b. in Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 14, 1886.
4. Grace Julia, b. in St. Paul, Minn., Mch. 2, 1888.
2. Flora Lucia, b. in East Jaffrey, N. H., Dec. 27, 1857; graduated at Mt. Holyoke, Mass. She d. in St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 5, 1900.
3. Caroline Sprague, b. in East Jaffrey, N. H., July 29, 1863. Graduated at Smith College, Mass. Flora Lucia and Caroline Sprague Austin⁹ were for many years teachers in St. Paul (Minn.) High School.
4. FRANCIS HENRY⁶, b. in Ware, Mass., June 3, 1833, d. Apr. 13, 1834.
5. WILLIAM WIRT⁸, b. in Ware, Mass., Feb. 8, 1835, d. Aug. 20, 1837.
6. WILLIAM LEE⁸, b. in East Douglas, Mass., Nov. 9, 1839, d. Jan. 23, 1841.

Third marriage of Lee⁷ was to Mary A. Bradley, May 8, 1866. She was born July 20, 1808.

PATIENCE⁷ (Jona⁶, Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., Mch. 1, 1800, m. Mason Cutler of East Thompson, Conn., in 1816, and later removed to Michigan. She d. Oct. 31, 1870. He d. May 5, 1879.

Their children :

1. JONATHAN,⁸ b. Sept. 15, 1817, m. Lucy Horton. He d. 1848.

Their children :

1. Moses⁹, 2. Harriet, 4. Amon.

2. JULIA ANN⁸, b. April 27, 1819, m. James Armstrong. She d. in 1872. He d. 1875.

Their children :

1. Nelson⁹, 2. Orlando, 3. Darell.

3. MOSES⁸, b. Nov. 4, 1820, m. Clorinda Miller, Dec. 4, 1842. He d. 1849.

Their child :

Philinda⁹.

4. RUSSELL⁸, b. Sept. 26, 1823, m. Sarah Dresser of Dansville, N. Y.

Their children :

1. Sarah Ann⁹, 4. Frances,
2. Emma Fidelia, 5. William.
3. Beaman,

5. PHILINDA⁸, b. June 22, 1825, m. William Cole.

Their children :

1. Mason⁹, 5. Frances,
2. Nelson, 6. Rebecka,
3. Charles, 7. Emma.
4. Albert,

6. RHODA ANN⁸, b. June 4, 1826, m. Lyman Milliman of So. Dansville, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1842.

Their children :

1. Sarah J.⁹, 2. Aaron, 3. Addie.

7. MASON⁸, b. Aug. 4, 1828, m. Margaret Thomas of Burns, N. Y.

Their children :

1. Heman⁹, 2. Lorenzo, 3. Palmes.

8. LOUISA E.⁸, b. June 7, 1833, m. Green Cutler, July 5, 1852. She d. March 8, 1862. He d. Sept. 6, 1874.

Their children :

1. Adelbert⁹, 3. Victoria,
2. Viola, 4. Violette.

9. COLLINS W.⁸, b. Feb. 29, 1835, m. Jane Wentworth of Trowbridge, Mich.

Their children :

1. William⁹, 2. Charles.

10. CAROLINE E.⁸, b. Jan. 27, 1836, m. Henry Allen of Ossian Center (?), N. Y., Apr. 13, 1852. He d. July 1866. She d. Aug. 8, 1886.

Their children :

1. Edgar⁹. 2. Henrietta. 3. Diantha.

Her second marriage was to John Allen, brother of Henry, in 1871.

Their children :

4. John, 6. James,
5. Joseph, 7. Effie.

11. CLORINDA H.⁸, born Nov. 16, 1842, m. William Gault, Aug. 14, 1862.

Their children :

1. Willie D.⁹, b. 1872, d. Feb. 3, 1873.
2. Gertrude Almira, b. July 6, 1876, d. Apr. 29, 1889.

12. EMILY A.⁸, b. Nov. 23, 1846, m. George Allen, Aug. 14, 1862. He d. in the service of his country Dec. 1862.

Her second marriage was to Lee Mason, July 2, 1868.

Their children .

1. Clyde⁹, 3. Myrtle,
2. Bert, 4. Vernon.

The grandchildren of Patience⁷ numbered 44.

JONATHAN, Jr.⁷ (Jona.⁶, Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., Oct. 6, 1801, m. Mary Ann Whipple. She d. in Sutton, Mass., Nov. 1885. He d. there Nov. 1876.

Their children :

1. WELCOME WHIPPLE⁸, b. Jan. 16, 1828, m. Mary T. Rawson. He served in the Civil war in Co. A, 3rd Battalion of Rifles, M. V. M., April, 1861; and Sergeant in Co. A, 25th Regiment of Mass. Vols. Discharged for disability, March 16, 1863. D. in New York City, 1884.

Their children :

1. Homer Baxter⁹, m. Matilda Eliza Clinch of New York City.
 2. Fred A., m. Lucy M. Johnson of Navesink Highlands, N. J.
2. HOMER BAXTER⁹, b. Oct. 19, 1829, m. Antoinette E. Pardee, Dec. 28, 1854.
He was graduated from Yale, Class of 1852. Practised law in Worcester, Mass., and in New Haven, Conn. He served four years in the civil war as Captain of Co. H, and Lieut. Colonel in the 13th Regiment, Conn. Vols. Was taken a prisoner at the battle of Winchester, Va., and held for six months, and served subsequently with his regiment in the Department of the Gulf, and was wounded in the battle of Irish Bend, La.

He was brevetted Colonel for bravery at Port Hudson,

He was the Head Master of the Girls' High School in Boston for nine years; Professor in Cornell University, and President of the University of North Dakota. He holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of New York.

He is a well known educator, writer and lecturer, and is the author of many literary publications.

He is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; Pilgrim Society, Plymouth; Director American Peace Society, etc.

Their children :

1. Charles Homer⁹, b. in New Haven, Conn., July 21, 1856, m. Jennie L. Starbuck, Aug. 11, 1877. She was b. in Cincinnati, Oct. 14, 1859.
 2. Sarah Antoinette, b. in Worcester, Mass., Dec. 24, 1858, m. Rev. W. W. Davis, Nov. 24, 1880. He was b. in New York City, Oct. 7, 1858.
 3. William Pardee, b. in New Haven, Conn., June 24, 1860, m. Louise Velbert, May 1, 1893. She was b. in New York City, Feb. 24, 1856.
 4. Goldwin Smith, b. in Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1869, m. Isabel Dewey Bailey, Jan. 24, 1900. She was b. in Newton, Mass., Feb. 3, 1875.
3. FRANCES MARIA⁸, b. Sept. 13, 1831, m. Mason W. Morse. She d. July 1893.

Their children :

1. Scotto⁹, m. Hattie A. Taylor. Second marriage was to Nellie A. Converse.
 2. Charles A., m. Annie R. Robbins.
 3. Frank S.
4. CHARLES AUGUSTUS⁸, b. Feb. 24, 1834, m. May 17, 1860, Sarah Maria Pattison. She was b. in Easton, Conn., Sept. 22, 1837, d. in Birmingham, Conn., Sept. 6, 1887.

Their children :

1. Carrie Smith, b. in Birmingham, Conn., Mch. 23, 1863, d. there Aug. 27, 1884.
2. Alice May, b. in Birmingham, Conn., Apr. 16, 1871, d. May 23, 1891.

Second marriage of Charles Augustus⁸ was to Flora Amanda Smith, July 12, 1893, in Meriden, Conn. She was b. in Birmingham, Mch. 4, 1862.

5. SOLON SMITH⁸, b. March 5, 1836, m. Nov. 16, 1853, Caroline H. Stevens. She was b. Oct. 15, 1835. He d. in Worcester, June 3, 1881.

Their children :

1. Walter Irving⁹, b. Oct. 12, 1855, m. Ella Gustina Coates, May 10, 1877. She was b. May 9, 1857.
2. Adaline Estelle, b. July 15, 1858, m. Fred Foster Sprague⁹, Apr. 12, 1892. He d. July 16, 1906.
3. Elliott Almarand, b. Dec. 26, 1868, m. Maud Mary Haskins.

Second marriage was to Bertha Boyer.

6. MARY ANN⁸, b. Feb. 8, 1838, m. Daniel P. Day. She d. Sept. 20, 1864.
7. JONATHAN ALMARAN⁸, b. May 20, 1844, d. in Newbern, N. C., Sept. 18, 1864.
8. FLORA EMMA⁸, b. Feb. 5, 1847, m. Byron O. Prentice. He d. Dec. 3, 1869.

Their child :

Frances May⁹, b. March 8, 1865, m. Fred S. Dearborn of Worcester, July 10, 1889.

Second marriage of Flora Emma⁸, was to Harding Allen, Nov. 22, 1871. He d. Nov. 17, 1899.

9. PHILINDA⁸, b. Feb. 24, 1849, d. Feb. 28, 1850.

ALMIRA⁷ (Jona.⁶, Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., May 4, 1803, m. Virgil Whipple of East Douglas, Mass.

Their children :

1. ELIZA ANN⁸, b. Nov. 22, 1823, d. Nov. 17, 1832.
2. AMY ANGELINE, b. June 1, 1828, d. Jan. 7, 1833.

Second marriage of Almira⁷ was to Daniel Seagrave of Uxbridge, Mass., in 1845. She d. in 1869.

PHILINDA⁷ (Jona.⁶ Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., June 30, 1805, m. Cullen Whipple, a brother of Virgil, April 1, 1824. She d. in East Douglas.

Their child:

ANGELINE⁸, b. March 13, 1833, m. William H. Shattuck, and lived in Providence, R. I.

ELIAS⁷ (Jona.⁶ Elias⁵), b. in Douglas, Mass., Mch. 21, 1807, m. Lucy Adelaide Doane, in 1829, and later removed to Michigan. He d. in Cohoctah, Mich., Mch. 16, 1883.

Their children:

1. LUCY ANN⁸, b. in Mass., Jan. 18, 1831, m. Ransom Morehouse. She d. Jan. 11, 1891.
They had two children. Both d. in infancy.
2. OLIVER⁸, b. in Bloomfield, Mich., Mch. 2, 1834, m. Nancy Ackley, Oct. 26, 1861.

Their children:

1. Edwin Elias⁹, b. Aug. 26, 1862, m. Edett B. Holcomb, Jan. 20, 1884.
2. Frank Elmer, b. Apr. 3, 1866, m. Clara B. Headly 1889. She d. Aug. 1890. He d. Oct. 21, 1898. Second marriage was to Vernie Coolbaugh, Feb. 1894.
3. Charles Oliver, b. Mch. 18, 1882, m. Beulah E. Arnold, Jan. 16, 1905.
3. ELIAS C.⁸, b. in Bloomfield, Mich., May 10, 1837, m. Elizabeth Sibury, Nov. 27, 1862. He d. Nov. 20, 1905.
Their children:
 1. Bert W., b. Aug. 2, 1864, m. Cora D. Meier, July 11, 1885. She d. July 20, 1905.
 3. Ella May, b. April 25, 1872, d. Feb. 13, 1897.

4. ANGELINE⁸, d. aged 5 years.
5. ALMIRA ADALINE⁸, b. in Brighton, Mich., July 11, 1843, m. Henry Sowle.
 Their children :
 1. Carrie A.⁹, b. Dec. 9, 1861. D. March 1877.
 2. Truman E., b. Oct. 14, 1863, m. Elizabeth Shirley, Nov. 14, 1895. She was b. Mch. 13, 1872.
6. TRUMAN ALEXANDER⁸, b. in Brighton, Mich., Nov. 6, 1845, m. Lucinda Ackley Randall, Oct. 17, 1869.
 Their children :
 1. Herbert Augustus⁹, b. Dec. 2, 1870, m. Lena Gibbs, Apr. 11, 1900.
 2. Roy Truman, b. June 11, 1877, m. Ada E. Cole May 17, 1904.
 3. Myra L., b. Jan. 27, 1883, d. Sept. 17, 1884.
 4. Lee Clifford, b. July 30, 1885.
7. WARREN LEE⁸, d. in infancy.

Second marriage of Elias⁷ was to Emily Sheffield Lane, Sept, 14, 1848.

Their children :

8. HOMER LEE⁸, b. Oct. 1850, in Brighton, Mich., m. Frances Smith, Oct. 1, 1884. He d. Apr. 6, 1892.
 Their children :
 1. Vera⁹, b. July 9, 1885, d. July 26, 1889.
 2. Jessie E., b. July 30, 1887.
 Second marriage of Homer Lee⁸ was to Ida L. Pierce, Apr. 6, 1891.
9. JOSHUA⁸, b. Sept. 14, 1852, in Cohoctah, Mich., m. Clara Prusia, Sept. 23, 1885.
 Their children :
 1. Leo Clyde⁹, b. March 18, 1889.
 2. Ethel I., b. May 9, 1891.

10. HARRIET AMELIA^s, b. Feb. 3, 1854, in Cohoctah, Mich., m. William Vaughan 1870. She d. Sept. 1872.

11. OPHELIA M.^s, b. 1857, in Cohoctah, Mich., m. Edward Allbright, Nov. 7, 1879.

Their children :

1. Carrie M.^s, b. 1880, d. Aug. 1893.
2. Charles H., b. 1882.
3. Edna O., b. 1884, m. John Coolbaugh, Aug. 29, 1905.
4. Myra M., b. 1886.

12. WILLIAM HENRY^s, b. Apr. 5, 1860, in Cohoctah, Mich., d. Jan. 17, 1906.

13. RANSOM FREDERIC^s, b. Feb. 1, 1863, in Cohoctah, Mich., m. Anna Latt, Nov. 24, 1886. She d. July 10, 1895.

Their children :

1. Vern E.^s, b. May 3, 1888.
2. Ina M., b. Dec. 28, 1892.

Second marriage of Ransom F.^s was to Sarah Bravaner, July 4, 1896.

Their children :

3. Howard, b. Apr. 24, 1897.
4. Clair B., b. Dec. 18, 1898.
5. Perl B., b. Aug. 27, 1900.
6. E. J. B., b. July 30, 1902.
7. Leona Bell, b. May 6, 1904.

14. EMMA JANE^s, b. Jan. 25, 1865, in Cohoctah, Mich., m. George Bixby, Apr. 9, 1884.

Their child :

Ethel G.^s, b. Dec. 22, 1886, m. Charles Jenison, Apr. 2, 1903.

Second marriage of Emma Jane^s was to Henry Barker, Aug. 20, 1905.

15. CORA VIOLA⁸, b. Mch. 22, 1868, in Cohoctah, Mich., m.
John Bohn, Sept. 22, 1887.

Their children :

1. Earl⁹, b. July 4, 1890.
 2. Eva, b. Jan. 17, 1893.
 3. Ilah, b. Oct. 3, 1901.
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Page 10, for Bear Cove read *Bare*.

Page 18, 4th line from bottom, Sarah born 1722 instead of 1772.

THE SPRAGUE FAMILY;

ITS RECORDS REACH BACK MANY CENTURIES.

BY ELEANOR LEXINGTON.

Holland was the cradle of the Sprague family, the name being derived from *Spraak*, speech or language, which may be rendered figuratively, eloquent.

Some authorities, however, trace the name to the old Norse word *Spraekr*, meaning smart, active, lively, nimble. The original of one word, *sprightly*, is said to be *spreckley*, from this root word *spraekr*.

Examples of early forms of the name include *Spreck*, *Sprake*, *Spraick*, *Sprackett*, *Spragg* and *Spragge*.

One who is renowned in annals of the family, was Sir Edward Spragge, vice admiral of the red, and admiral of the blue, whose courage Dryden eulogizes in his "*Annus Mirabilis*." "Brave and resolute," the inimitable Pepys describes him, adding, "he was a merry man who sang a pleasant song pleasantly."

Sir Edward was knighted by Charles II. on board the ship *Royal Charles*, for gallant conduct in engagement with the Dutch fleet. With *Van Tromp*, Spragge fought ship to ship.

Records of the Sprague family reach back through several centuries, and one branch of the family, through the distaff side, may claim descent from Edward III. of England.

American Spragues trace back to three brothers—Ralph, Richard and William, sons of Edward and his wife Christiana of Dorsetshire, England. William was living at Hingham in 1646, and was one of the seven selectmen, "to order the prudential affairs" of the town. In addition to eleven children, his possessions included a large landed estate, and personal property of considerable value.

Edward Sprague of England, father of the three pioneers, was a fuller, and to his son Ralph, he left by will one of his "oldest pairs of fuller's shears." The inventory of his estate included besides four payers (pairs) of shears, thirteen silver spoons, one and twenty brass vessels, one pyge (pig) and seven kyne.

The Spragues took part in colonial wars and served in the Revolution. Ralph was a lieutenant in the French and Indian war. Richard, his son, of Charlestown, was a military officer, with the title of captain. He was one of the band who imprisoned Sir Edmund Andros. He died in 1703, and left by will money for various public institutions—Harvard College among the number. James, born in Massachusetts, who removed to Maine, was a Revolutionary soldier, and Samuel of Hingham, was one of the valiant band who made Boston's "tea party" famous in prose and verse. Maj. John, also of the Bay State, served with distinction through the War of 1812, of which he was the historiographer.

In 1623, came Francis Sprague in the *Ann*, with wife and a daughter. They were members of the Plymouth colony, and afterwards Francis was one of the founders of Dartmouth, and a man of influence and property for the times in which he lived. An interesting record of Plymouth days is a tax list, where we find the names of Francis Sprague, whose tax was 18 shillings; Miles Standish, taxed £1 16 shillings; Elder Brewster, taxed £1 7 shillings, and John Alden, £1 4 shillings.

Francis Sprague was one of that pilgrim band who seeing the poverty of the colony, became much dismayed. Gov. Bradford, in allusion to the times, said: "The best dish we can offer is a piece of fish, without bread, or anything else but a cup of fair spring water. This diet somewhat abated the freshness of our complexions, but God gives us health."

Duxbury, Mass., has always been a Sprague stronghold, and here family reunions take place. John was a pioneer of the town. Malden is another town well known by the family. In its archives we find an account of a long controversy between Samuel Sprague and another, finally settled, wherein it is stated,

that all differences, "from the beginning of the world unto this day are issued and ended," between the said Samuel and another.

We all know that the family has given two Governors to the state of Rhode Island—William, born in 1799, and afterward, his nephew.

The poet of the house of Sprague, was Charles, son of Samuel, the patriot. He has been called the American Pope, his odes and prologues being pronounced equal in finished elegance to those of Alexander Pope. One of the largest and most important collections of autographs was that made by Rev. William Sprague; it included names of men of eminence of all ages and climes—nearly 100,000 in all. He was a writer who published many sermons and essays, one being entitled, "The Danger of Being Over-Wise."

Characteristics of the family are enterprise, strict integrity and intelligence. The Spragues are good citizens, and often generous public benefactors.

Family names include the old-fashioned ones—Dorcas, Abigail, Ruth, Rebecca, Patience, Silence and Zerniah. Blossom, that very appropriate name for a girl, we find borne by a male member of the Sprague family. Millicent is another name found in the old records; it is also spelled "Mellesaint."

Of one "Mother in Israel" it is said, "she was discreetly frugal and justly generous; hers was not wisdom of words, but of a quiet spirit and generous self-devotion. Her charities were in secret; she did nothing for ostentation." It may be added that she was the mother of fifteen children.

The Sprague arms reproduced is gule, a fesse between three trefoils.

Crest, out of a naval crown, a demi-lion crowned.

The fesse, or band, borne on the shield, is a military belt or girdle of honor. The crown signifies authority, and a naval crown was usually awarded to one who first boarded an enemy's ship. The trefoil, or three-leaved grass, denotes perpetuity, or that "the just man shall never wither."

