

SPENCER FAMILY RECORD

OF THE

SPRINGFIELD, VT. AND EVANSVILLE, WIS.
SPENCERS. DESCENDANTS OF GARRARD
SPENCER OF HADDAM, CONN.
EMIGRANT OF 1630.

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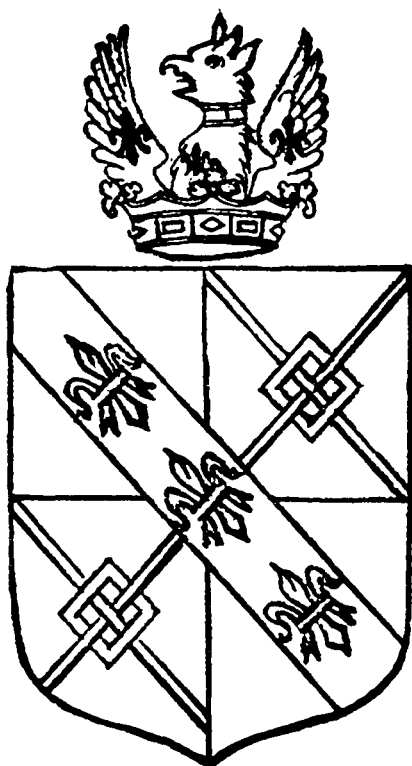
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TO THE VENERABLE
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OF SPRINGFIELD, VT.

PERHAPS THE OLDEST DESCENDANT NOW LIVING OF GARRARD SPENCER THE EMIGRANT,
THROUGH THE THREE TIMOTHY SPENCERS, WHO HAS TREASURED IN MEMORY AND
GRACIOUSLY ACCORDED THE AUTHOR MANY INTERESTING INCIDENTS
AND VALUABLE DATA CONNECTED WITH THE SPRINGFIELD
SPENCER FAMILIES, THIS LITTLE VOLUME (WRITTEN AS AN
AFFECTIONATE MEMORIAL) IS MOST RESPECTFULLY
DEDICATED, ON THIS THE 97TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HER BIRTH, JULY 23, 1907



Spencer.

COAT-OF-ARMS

The Bedfordshire Spencer Coat-of-Arms is described as follows: Quarterly or and gules, in the 2^d and 3^d quarters a fret or, over all on a bend sable, three fleurs de lis argent.

Crest: Out of a ducal coronet gules, gemmed argent, a griffin's head argent, collared per pale gules and or, beaked gules, winged or, and charged on the breast and on each wing with a fleur de lis sable.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME SPENCER

The patronymic Spencer it is said, had its origin in the title of the office of "dispensator," so called in Latin and "le dispenser" in Norman French, by historians and antiquarians generally rendered Steward. This office was attached to the Court or household of William the Conqueror and was held by Robert who accompanied the Conqueror in his invasion of England and hence he was called in the Latin records, "Robert le dispensator."

It has been a question whether he transmitted this designation to his descendants as a surname, though surnames were not uncommon in France and were to some extent in use in England at the time of the conquest. However this may be, we find that very early the children of a Dispensor inherited the name of their father. It so appeared by a charter of King John, of which the following is a translation from the Latin:

"Almeric dispensator of John, by the grace of God, etc., know ye, that we have given and granted and by this our present have confirmed unto Almeric Dispensor, son of Thurston, brother of Walter, son of Thurston, heir of that same Walter, the Manor of Wordy & Stanley which our Lord, King Henry, gave to Walter, his brother etc." The sons of Almeric were known by the name of their father, and from this time forward the name is a frequent and conspicuous one through all the English records, and among those who bore it were persons of royal blood, derived not only from Kings of England but from those of France and Spain. Whether however, the ancestor of the emigrant brothers to this country was descended from the ancient family of Dispensor must be left to conjecture, though there is reasonable probability that such was the case.

PREFACE

The author of this little Record of his Spencer Genealogy has been searching several years for historical evidence which might confirm, or possibly disprove, a tradition in his father's generation that the Spencers were descended from one Gerat, Jared, Jarred, Garard, or Garrard, as the name was variously spelled, who was one of four English brothers who emigrated to this country in 1630, and settled first in Cambridge and Lynn, Massachusetts, and afterwards moved to Hartford and Haddam, Connecticut. The writer knew that his great grandfather was a Simeon Spencer, that Simeon had two brothers by name of Timothy and Taylor, and that these three brothers were among the pioneer settlers of Springfield, Vermont, (then reckoned as territory included in New Hampshire), but there was absolutely no tradition, much less family record, as to the name of the father of these three sons, or the place of their abode just prior to their coming to Springfield. If they were descendants of the Haddam Spencers, he hoped that the record of vital statistics of the old town would reveal this fact, but a diligent search there failed to disclose the missing link in the genealogical chain. This was not surprising, as the Haddam town records of births, marriages and deaths, in those early days, were very imperfectly kept and are therefore very incomplete, many families it is said, not being mentioned at all and in other cases only a part of the family on the books. And, unfortunately, the records of the Congregational Church made before 1756 were burned, so that the tracing of old families there is exceptionally difficult. The writer has therefore had to search in other fields for light on the way we have come. In his opinion his search has been rewarded by evidence which he regards as absolutely conclusive of the connection of the brothers, Simeon, Timothy and Taylor

Spencer with the emigrant, Garrard, confirming the family tradition.

To establish this connection was to show our relationship to a very large company of Spencers in Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York and other States of the Union, and moreover to identify our ancestry with an old English line of Spencers that ran through Edworth and ~~Stotfold~~ Parishes in Bedfordshire, and possibly with a still older family, a century further back, the Spencers of Southmylles in the days of Edward IV. The writer is not in possession of any data which establishes this connection—but it is claimed that others have succeeded where he has failed to find the connecting link. Dr. Horatio N. Spencer of St. Louis visited England in 1900-1, expressly to prosecute this inquiry and engaged the Rev. John Holding of Stotfold vicarage, a distinguished genealogist, to investigate for him the ancient Parish Records. The son-in-law of Dr. Spencer, W. Scott Hancock, Esq., who it is understood is to edit the results of this research in a Spencer Family Record sometime, writes us that "Mr. Holding has established this line through John of Edworth" (three generations from Garrard) "back to John of Southmylles" (six generations in all) "and moreover demonstrates our connection with the Northampton Spencers." We trust that Mr. Hancock's confident statement may be seen to be fully justified, when the long-delayed volume is published. The fact that the older and younger Spencer families lived in the same County, though in different Parishes, and that their generations corresponded in time with what we might expect, dovetailed so to speak into one another, and moreover that in the later generation the same family names recur, as in the former, make the probability of lineal relationship very strong indeed.

For this reason, taken in connection with the positive assertion of Mr. Hancock, the author is disposed to present the line back of Garrard as it is supposed to be and as it may be proved to be in the not distant future.

Let us therefore start with the remotest Spencer, the

John Spencer of Southmylles, and designate him as No. 1. Then six generations bring us down to the Emigrant brothers. These might be called No. 7, but following the custom which has long prevailed we begin again with No. 1 and continue down eight generations to the writer.

The author disclaims any credit for the discovery of our line back of the Emigrant, and whatever credit may be claimed for the proof of our connection with Garrard Spencer and the amplification and perfection of the record down the generations from him must be shared by others. He desires to acknowledge his obligations especially to Frank Farnsworth Starr, of Middletown, Connecticut, a genealogist and family historian, whose knowledge in his line is encyclopedic; to the late and lamented Miss C. Louise Sands, of Meriden, Connecticut, and to Harold E. Spencer, Esq., of New York, whose suggestions were fruitful of results; to Miss Luthera Whitney, of Springfield, Vermont, and her venerable mother, now in her 97th year, to whom he is chiefly indebted for the record of the Timothy and Taylor Spencer families.

As soon as new data appear which tend to establish our hypothetical line, it is the purpose of the author to have these printed and sent to each possessor of this volume, and these new sheets may be conveniently attached to the blank pages he has had bound in with the printed ones.

The sign of + before a name or number indicates that the line is carried out or the persons are again referred to.

To all of his relatives, near and far, and to all others whom it may concern, the author desires to extend his fraternal greetings as he offers them this Record of his Spencer Genealogy.

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Date, July 23, 1907.

New York.

SPENCERS

FIRST GENERATION

JOHN SPENCER, Gent, of Southmylles, Bedford County, England, 14—Edward, IV.

SECOND GENERATION

ROBERT SPENCER, Gent, of Southmylles, m. Anna Pecke, dau. of ———, Bedfordshire, Gent.

Arms: Argent, 3 pickaxes, sable.

THIRD GENERATION

JOHN SPENCER, Gent, Southmylles, m. Christian Baker.

FOURTH GENERATION

WILLIAM SPENCER, Gent, of Southmylles, m. Isabella Osborn, dau. of Edward, of Northampton.

ROBERT SPENCER, Gent, of St. Albans, County of Hertford, m. Frances Foster, dau. of John of Bramfield.

The above records are from the "Heralds Visitations of Bedfordshire." The County of Bedford was visited on four different occasions by officers of the College of Arms for the purpose of recording the pedigrees of the Gentry entitled to bear arms; the first in 1566, the last in 1669. The above records were made at one or more of these "Visitations."

Our knowledge of the Spencers immediately following, is derived from old Parish Registers. The problem is to find the connecting link between this fourth generation of

Southmylles Spencers and the next in our line. If we understand the claim of W. Scott Hancock, it is that the Rev. John Holding has found the connecting link in a third son, described as follows:

JOHN SPENCER, "Sr.," Gent, of St. George Parish, Edworth, Bedfordshire; birth unknown; m. "Ann," (confounded by several writers with "Ann Clarke" who m. John Spencer, of London, who belonged to the next generation and who, so far as the records show had four daughters and no sons. This John was clearly a Southmylles Spencer).

John Spencer of Edworth, d. June 9, 1558. His "Ann" recorded as "widow Ann" d. June 16, 1560. They had "3 sonne." Whether this means "three sons," as Mr. Harold E. Spencer formerly supposed, or the "3d sonne" as he now thinks, seems to the writer not very material, for a "third" son implied a first and second one—or three in all.

FIFTH GENERATION

JOHN SPENCER, d. April 21, 1560, at Edworth. He is called "son of Ann." It is supposed that his two brothers were Gerat and Michael, the last of whom was the grandfather of Garrard the Emigrant.

GERAT SPENCER, lived at Biggleswade, Bedford Co., m. July 30, 1568, Helen Whyston; he d. 1576-7. His will of July 8, 1576, proved May 20, 1577, speaks of four children, viz.: a son, two daughters and a child unborn.

MICHAEL SPENCER, of Edworth and Stotfold, in Bedford Co., m. (1) in Edworth, Jan. 25, 1555, Annis Liner (or Miner), who was (b.) Feb. 23, 1561; left two sons. He m. (2) Elizabeth ———, who was (b.) Nov. 18, 1599; She had eight children.

SIXTH GENERATION

JOHN SPENCER, bap. April 20, 1557, at Edworth; d. before 1645;
m. and left a son Daniel who was a grocer in London.

MICHAEL SPENCER, bap. May 27, 1558, in Edworth; buried
April 15, 1560.

JOHAN SPENCER, bap. Aug. 20, 1564, in Edworth.

ANN SPENCER, bap. July 24, 1566, in Edworth.

MICHAEL SPENCER, bap. Aug. 30, 1566, in Edworth.

ALICE SPENCER, bap. Aug. 30, 1566, in Edworth.

THOMAS SPENCER, bap. March 12, 1571. "

GERAT SPENCER, bap. May 20, 1576, in St. Mary's Parish, Stot-
fold, where his seven sons from one of whom we are
descended, were born. He d. before his brother
Richard's will in 1645.

RICHARD SPENCER, bap. July 9, 1580, in Stotford; lived in
London. It was through the discovery of the will of
Richard's with its bequests to his nephews, the emi-
grants, by Ray T. Spencer, that we trace our lineage.
The will was proven June 8, 1646.

CATHARINE SPENCER, m. ——— Bland; d. before her brother's
will; left two daughters.

SEVENTH OR FIRST GENERATION

(Children of Gerat Spencer.)

WILLIAM SPENCER, bap. Oct. 11, 1601, at St. Mary's Parish, Stotfold, emigrated with his three brothers to New England, 1630. Settled in "New Town," now Cambridge, Mass., till 1638, when he moved to Hartford, Conn. Was Selectman, Deputy to Court, a Commissioner to revise the laws, etc. He d. 1640, leaving wife Agnes and three children.

ELIZABETH SPENCER, bap. Oct. 21, 1602; m. Tomlyers as appears in Richard's will.

JOHN SPENCER, bap. June 22, 1604, at Stotfold.

HENRY SPENCER, bap. Aug. 11, 1605, at Stotfold; buried Oct. 20, 1607.

THOMAS SPENCER, bap. March 29, 1607 at Stotfold; emigrated to New England, 1630, with three brothers. Settled in Cambridge (New Town) till 1637; then moved to Hartford, Conn. Freeman 1634; in Pequoit War 1637; Sergt. Train Band, 1650; he m. (1) —, who d. 1644; left three sons; m. (2) 1645, Sarah ~~Reading~~ *Bardine*; had six children; he d. 1687.—

RICHARD SPENCER, bap. Dec. 11, 1608, at Stotfold; d. May 6, 1614.

MICHAEL SPENCER, bap. May 5, 1611, at Stotfold; emigrated to New England, 1630, with his three brothers. Lived at Cambridge and Lynn, Mass.; d. 1653; had two children. His first wife unknown; m. (2) widow Robbins. It is not known that any descendants of this emigrant brother are living.

+1. GARRARD¹ SPENCER, bap. April 25, 1614, at St. Mary's Parish, Stotfold; emigrated to New England, 1630, with his three brothers, Thomas, William and Michael. Settled in Cambridge till 1637; moved to Lynn, thence to Hartford in 1660, and to Haddam, Conn., in 1662. He was made Freeman in

1637; Ensign of Lynn Train Band, 1636; Deputy from Haddam to General Court from 1674 to 1680. His will of Sept. 17, 1683, probated 1685, at Hartford.

SECOND GENERATION

1. GARRARD*¹ SPENCER, the emigrant (son of Gerat), bap. April 25, 1614; m. Hannah —, whose last name not recorded, by whom he had thirteen children, as follows:

- 2 John,² b. 1638, at Lynn; made Freeman, 1669; settled in Haddam; m. 1665, Rebecca Howard, b. 1648, dau. of Robert of Windsor. He d. 1682; she d. 1684. Had five children, two sons: Jared,³ Benjamin.
- 3 Hannah, b. 1640, at Lynn; m. 1665, Daniel Brainard. Had eight children.
- 4 Mehitable, b. 1642; m. Daniel Cone of Haddam. Had ten children.
- 5 Alice, m. (1) 1662, Thomas Brooks of Haddam who d. 1668; m. (2) 1673, Thomas Shailer of Haddam, who was lost at sea 1692. She had four children by each husband.
- 6 Thomas, m. Elizabeth Bates; settled at Saybrook, Conn., where he d. 1699. Children: Jared,³ Thomas, Caleb.
- 7 Samuel, m. (1) 1673, Hannah Blackford (nee Willey). Had four children, sons: John,³ Isaac. He m. (2) 1689, Miriam Willey, widow (nee Moore); no children. He d. 1705.
- 8 William, m. Sarah Ackley of Haddam; had nine children, sons: Joseph,³ James, Hezekiah, William, Jonithan, Ichabod. He d. 1711.
- 9 Nathaniel, m. 1681, Lydia Smith; had nine children, sons: Nathaniel,³ John, Daniel, Phineas. He d. 1722.

* Our Emigrant Spencer spelled his name in a quite original way. His father spelled his briefly Gerat. His uncle Richard in his will spelled it Gerard. It is spelled in the Court Records at Hartford, Jared or Jarred. In his will, dated Dec. 17, 1683, he writes his name Garrard. As he was the father of thirteen children he may have reasoned that he had a right, if not to a pension, at least to an extension to his name.

- 10 Rebecca, m. (1) 1682, John Kennard, who d. 1689;
m. (2) John Tanner of Lyme; had two children
by each husband.
- 11 Elizabeth, m. Joseph Stannard of Haddam.
- 12 Sarah, m. Stephen Backus of Norwich.
- 13 Ruth, m. Joseph Clark of Haddam; had six children.
- +14 Timothy, m. —.

It is from this youngest son and the thirteenth child of Garrard Spencer that the "Springfield Spencers" are, in the opinion of the writer, descended. Note how scant the records! We know not the year of this ancestor's birth, when he married or whom. Our only source of information respecting his death, and that he was the father of a family, we get from the Hartford Probate Records. In Vol. VII, p. 57, under date of Aug. 4th, 1704, appears this entry: "Timothy Spencer of Haddam presented an inventory of the intestate estate of his father, Timothy Spencer, deceased, of Haddam, and was appointed administrator." The value of the property amounted to over \$1,200, which was divided between his widow and his six children.

THIRD GENERATION

14. TIMOTHY² SPENCER (son of Garrard, 1), m. —. He and wife d. 1704. Children:

- +15 Timothy,³ m. Sept., 1702, Abigail —; d. March 29, 1732.
- 16 Sarah, m. Joseph Chapman.
- 17 Hannah, m. Azariah Dickinson of Hadley, Mass.
- 18 Deborah, m. Aug., 1695, John Hungerford.
- 19 Ruth, b. 1689; m. Henry Williams.
- 20 Jonithan, b. 1692; d. Nov. 10, 1715.

It will be seen at a glance that, as Timothy² Spencer (14) who died in 1704, left but two sons, Timothy and Jonithan, and as the latter died before reaching manhood, we must necessarily trace our lineage through the oldest son, Timothy (15).

In Vol. XI, p. 226 of the Probate Records at Hartford, may be found the will of this Timothy who died in 1732. It was

dated March 27 of that year, just two days before his death. In this will he mentions his wife Abigail, his sons Timothy, Jonithan and Simeon, his daughters Abigail, Hannah, Deborah, Elizabeth and Martha, and son-in-law Richard Wakeley. And later, in the record of the distribution of his property these five daughters are mentioned. In the Haddam Land Records, Vol. II, or G, are entries relating to the family of a Timothy Spencer, with the names and dates identical, with this exception, that the Land Record contains the name of a son "Zebulon," not found in the Probate Record, while the name of a daughter "Elizabeth" is omitted from the Land Record. The discrepancy may be accounted for by supposing that the omission of the daughter's name in the Land Records was an oversight of the recorder, and the omission of the name "Zebulon" from the father's will, may be explained on the supposition that, although he died the same year and the same month that his father died, March, 1732, it was earlier in the month, and prior to the making of the will. This probably accounts for the omission of this son's name in the last will and testament. In the list of children however, both names should be included.

FOURTH GENERATION

15. TIMOTHY³ SPENCER (son of Timothy, 14), m. Sept., 1702, Abigail —; d. March 29, 1732. Lived in East Haddam. Had eight, possibly nine children, as follows:

- 21 Abigail,⁴ b. Sept. 6, 1703; m. Richard Wakeley, Jr., before 1732.
- +22 Timothy, b. March 11, 1704-5.
- 23 Hannah, b. Jan. 28, 1706-7.
- 24 Zebulon, b. May 6, 1709; d. March, 1732.
- 25 Deborah, b. Feb. 19, 1711-12; m. S. Smith of Durham.
- 26 Jonithan, b. Sept. 1, 1713; d. April 23, 1735.
- 27 Elizabeth, mentioned in will but not in Land Records; m. Seth Alvord.
- 28 Martha, b. Aug. 7, 1720; m. 1744, Jas. Tibbals of Durham.
- 29 Simeon, b. Feb. 10, 1723-4; d. Sept. 12, 1735.

It will be noted that in the fourth as in the third generation only one son survived to bequeath the Spencer name to posterity, and his name, like that of his father and grandfather was "Timothy."

What became of this Timothy (22) who was born in 1704? For more than a century after the generation of Garrard, the genealogical line runs on, like a river, in plain view, when, in 1704, like certain streams in the desert it suddenly disappears completely from sight. We have wondered if it would ever come to the surface again. Did this lost Timothy live and die an old bachelor, or did he marry and leave posterity? If the latter who and where are they? The writer has for some years suspected that this Timothy (22) was no other than his long lost great-great grandfather. Now he is very sure of it. He is glad of it too, for he doesn't enjoy being an orphan in the world. He is pleased at the thought that he knows his grandfathers, if he does not his grandmothers, (his grandfathers especially in the Spencer line), and that they lead him gently by the hand from generation to generation back to forebears who are not far from four hundred years old.

The evidence of our connection with the Garrard Spencer line is not in any vital statistics preserved in church archives or probate court records, but simply a short deed of land,—this and nothing more. But this is very conclusive. In Vol. VII, p. 26 of the Haddam Land Records may be found the tell-tale record, a deed "whereby Timothy Spencer of Springfield, N. H., conveys to Timothy Spencer, Jr., of the same place, all of grantor's interest in Haddam lands laid out to grantor's father, Timothy Spencer." Note that there are three generations of Spencers named in this deed, and all bearing the name "Timothy." The grantor and grantee lived at the time in Springfield, Vt., (then reckoned as the territory of New Hampshire). They had evidently come from Haddam where the grantor owned land. Who were these Timothy Spencers, father and son? The writer has stated in the Preface of this volume that it was common knowledge in the family of the last generation that Simeon Spencer, his great grandfather, together with his brothers, Timothy and Taylor, settled in Springfield during the latter part of the 18th century. The *History of Springfield*, recently published, confirms this family tradition. Among the earliest records of the old town appear the names

"Timothy Spencer" and "Taylor Spencer," as two of seven signers of a call for the first town meeting ever held there. This was in March, 1764. Simeon Spencer's name appears on the records five years later, in April, 1769, when he was elected one of the officers at the first town meeting of which there was a complete record. Now, can there be any question that the "Timothy Spencer" who signed this call, and the "Timothy Spencer, Jr.," a resident of Springfield, who was the grantee in the deed recorded in Haddam on April 18, 1764, (just one month after the call), were identical? There is no record that *our* Timothy had a "double" in Springfield. If they were the same, and we cannot doubt it, then it is proved from the language of the deed that these three brothers were descended from at least two generations of Timothy Spencers who owned land in Haddam. Now the only generations of Spencers by the name of "Timothy" who owned land in Haddam were the son, grandson, and great grandson of Garrard Spencer. His brothers, Thomas and William, left descendants, many of them, all up and down the Connecticut River, fine men and women, but the boys were called by almost every other scriptural name but "Timothy." There seemed to be a mutual understanding to let Garrard's boys monopolize the name of the companion of Paul the apostle. So that we not only do not find in any other line of the emigrant brothers two generations of "Timothys," of those early times, but the writer is unable to recall elsewhere one solitary baby so christened. What conclusion then are we forced to accept? This, that the "Timothy" who was the grantor of that deed, whose father was also named Timothy, was no other than the "lost" Timothy, the Spencer, of whom we only knew that he was born on March 11, 1704, and was the great grandchild of Garrard. It appears that he had these three boys, Timothy, Taylor and Simeon. Probably he had others, and daughters too, after the manner of the time. The mother of Miss Luthera Whitney of Springfield, over 96 years of age, a grandchild, and perhaps the last living link between us and the time of these forebears, reports that she is sure she can remember that her grandfather Taylor had another brother, named Jonithan, who was drowned, and still another who remained in Connecticut. We are, however, gratified that we have Timothy's title clear to the three sons who were among the pioneers of Springfield, Vt.

FIFTH GENERATION

22. TIMOTHY⁴ SPENCER (son of Timothy, 15), b. March 11, 1704-5; m. ———; d. not before 1764. Children.

+30 Timothy,⁵ m. Lois ———; d. in 1776 or 7.

+31 Taylor, m. Mary Davis, Aug. 24, 1769, in Springfield; d. at Crown Point about 1812.

+32 Simeon, b. 1740; d. in Springfield, March 23, 1808; m. Esther Gould.

SIXTH GENERATION

30. TIMOTHY⁵ SPENCER (son of Timothy, 22), m. Lois ———, probably before settling in Springfield; d. in 1776 or 7; he was a soldier in the Revolution, member of Capt. Barrett's company; d. in camp of smallpox. He had two sons and 7 daughters of which the following is a partial list:

33 Rachel,⁶ m. Anthony Sheldon, Nov. 24, 1776.

34 Daniel, m. his cousin Maria (95), dau. of Simeon (32), Oct. 28, 1784.

35 Olive, m. Silas Bemis, Jan. 27, 1785.

36 Lois, m. Reubin Bemis, July 23, 1794.

37 Amos, m. Aseneth Burrell, April 27, 1792.

38 Leah, m. ———.

There were three other daughters, one of whom married a Barrett and another a Burnell. Lois and Olive, widows, lived many years in Springfield. The other members of the family moved to Canada.

31. TAYLOR⁵ SPENCER (son of Timothy, 22), m. Mary Davis, Aug. 24, 1769, in Springfield; d. at Crown Point about 1812; she d. April 10, 1823. He left in his own hand writing a memorandum of the names and dates of birth of his sixteen children, now in the possession of his grandchild, Mrs. Whitney. Children:

39 Jonithan,⁶ b. Aug. 10, 1770.

40 Eunice, b. Sept. 5, 1771; m. Edmund Town of Windsor, Vt. Had two children: Abigail,⁶ m. ——— Lewis. Stephen, m. Sally McGrath.

- 41 Taylor, Jr., b. April 2, 1773; m. (1) Judith Buck, Sept. 7, 1797; had son Phineas,⁷ who m. and settled in Stanstead, P. Q. Taylor, Jr., m. (2) and lived in Sodus, N. Y. Children: Henry,⁷ Andrew, Susan, Christianna.
- 42 Abigail, b. Aug. 15, 1775; d. 1845; m. Silas Ward of Antwerp, N. Y. One child.
- 43 Philena (Philey), b. Dec. 23, 1777; d. 1870; m. John Walker, May 10, 1796; he d. 1844. They had children as follows:
- 44 Theodosia,⁷ b. 1797; d. 1888; m. Geo. R. Gill.
- 45 Nancy, b. 1799; d. 1895; m. Aaron Lynde.
- 46 Mary Ann, b. 1801; d. 1887; m. Nehemiah Gould Spencer, grandson of Simeon (32).
- 47 Louisa, b. 1803; d. 1817.
- 48 Philena, b. 1805; d. 1832; m. Leonard Ellis.
- 49 Caroline, b. 1807; d. 1839; m. Rev. Guy Beckley.
- 50 Matilda, b. July 23, 1810; m. Wm. W. Whitney. Had three children: Miss Luthera⁸ Whitney* (to whom the author is indebted for almost all his data of the Timothy and Taylor Spencer families); Amanda Whitney, m. Asahel Upham of Windham, Vt.; Rollin W., b. March, 1848; resides in "Spencer Hollow," Springfield. Has several children. (See *History of Springfield*).
- 51 John, b. 1812; d. 1891; m. (1) Sophronia Putnam; m. (2) M. Bailey.
- 52 Ralph, b. 1814; d. 1855; m. Jane Long.
- 53 Katharine, b. 1818; d. —; m. (1) M. Myrick; m. (2) — Wheeler; resides in Springfield.
- 54 James R., b. 1820; d. —; m. Maria Whipple. Mr. John Walker, Philena's (43) husband, "was an invalid for many years, during which time his wife helped to manage the farm with rare skill and judgment."
- 55 Simon, b. Nov. 7, 1779.
- 56 Silas, twin brother of above.

* Miss Luthera Whitney was Superintendent of the Public Schools in Springfield at one time and contributed largely to the *History of the Town of Springfield*, published in 1895.

- 57 Polly, b. in Charlestown, N. H., Oct. 20, 1780; d. 1872; m. Dwyer Walker in 1799. Had eight children as follows:
 - 58 Stephen, m. Keziah Converse.
 - 59 Angeline, m. Sherburne Merrill.
 - 60 Orisa, m. Lorenzo Willard.
 - 61 Lydia, unm.
 - 62 Abigail, m. Wilson Merrill.
 - 63 John, m. Sarah Merrill.
 - 64 Milly, unm.
 - 65 Erastus, m. Lucy Towner.
- 66 Simeon, b. July 14, 1782.
- 67 Lynda, b. 1784; d. 1864; m. Samuel Taylor. Children b. in Andover, Vt., as follows:
 - 68 Ephraim, m. Betsey Arnold.
 - 69 Spencer, b. 1807; d. 1892; m. Harriet Arnold (parents of the wife of Rollin W. Whitney).
 - 70 Lynda, m. William Sanford, Nova Scotia.
 - 71 Caroline, m. Harrison Kingsley.
 - 72 Orren, m. Harriet Fuller.
 - 73 Louisa, m. Horace Pettigrew. All now deceased.
- 74 Levi, "born dead," 1785.
- 75 Clark, b. Dec. 17, 1786; m. and moved to Canada; was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun, in the hands of his son Jerome. Children:
 - 76 Jerome, m. — Derby; lived in Canada and Minnesota, but d. in Michigan, with his children.
 - 77 Maurice, m. —.
 - 78 Mary, unm., lives in Brookline, Canada.
 - 79 Miranda.
 - 80 Almira, m. — Moore; resided in Monticello, Iowa, in Aug., 1902.
 - 81 Leritha, m. — Maynor.
 - 82 Catharine, m. Nahuen Learned; had four children. Son Daniel resides in Markesan, Wis.
- 83 Sampson, b. March 25, 1788.
- 84 Milly, b. Feb. 6, 1790; d. April, 1843; m. Peter Wright of Crown Point, Feb. 20, 1816. Had eight children as follows:

- 85 David.⁷
- 86 Eunice, m. Sam'l S. Bailey.
- 87 Rebecca, m. — Moulton.
- 88 Simon.
- 89 Sarepta.
- 90 Jacob.
- 91 Jonithan.
- 92 Mary.
- 93 Theodosia, b. Oct. 2, 1793.
- 94 Phinehas, b. Feb. 1, 1796.

We are not suprised to learn that just one half of this numerous progeny died before they reached maturity, and among them all but two of the boys. The great mortality in the family of Taylor Spencer may perhaps be in part accounted for by what Miss Whitney frankly writes of them. Says she: "I suppose you have heard that drink was the bane of the old Spencers, several of them. It separated my great-grandfather Taylor from his wife and Taylor Jr., and Daniel, and James from theirs, though James had been a devout and honored clergyman. That was when it was frontier, when every home had its orchard, every neighborhood its cider-brandy distillery, every corner its tavern which they were then prosperous enough to patronize."

To our modern way of thinking such prolific generation, with all that it meant to the poor wife and mother and the children, too, was a reckless disregard of the responsibilities of paternity. It is true the Scriptures enjoin to "multiply and fill the earth," but they could not have meant to "fill it" with the graves of children. They needed in that generation to be taught, not the danger of "race suicide," but of race degeneration.

In this connection it gives us pleasure to add Philey Walker's characterization of her father, Taylor Spencer, as preserved by Mrs. Matilda Whitney, 97 years of age as we go to press. "He was a good looking man and gentleman-like in appearance. He was a builder by trade and handy with tools. He used to make us things to use in the house which few people had. He was always kind when he was sober. I never blamed my mother for not living with him. There was too much liquor in those days. It was hard for women."

32. SIMEON⁶ SPENCER (son of Timothy, 22), b. 1740; d. in Springfield, March 23, 1808. He came to the town as early as the Spring of 1769, as his name appears on the town records of that date. The Congregational Church there (founded in 1781), has this record among the names of the original members: "Simeon Spencer, admitted by letter from the church in Middletown, Con., Died, March 23, 1808." "He was a man of character and ability," says Mrs. Whitney, herself a grandchild of Taylor Spencer. Simeon married Esther Gould; she d. 1821, aged 82 years. She left a manuscript diary which was in the possession of Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin, herself a daughter of Simeon's son Aaron. It may now be in the possession of her adopted daughters. It was a common saying: "Timothy has 7 daughters and 2 sons; Simeon has 7 sons and 2 daughters." Children of Simeon and Esther Spencer:

- 95 Maria,⁶ m. her cousin Daniel (34), son of Timothy (30), Oct. 28, 1784. Had children. She separated from Daniel on account of his intemperance and lived with her children the last years of her life.
- +96 Nehemiah, m. Martha Bragg, May 12, 1791.
- 97 Simeon, Jr., m. (1) —; no children; divorced; m. (2) —; several children, oldest twins; resided in Hinesburg, Vt.
- 98 Moses, m. — Hitchcock. Had two children: Homer,⁷ who moved to Canada; Esther, m. — Richards.
- +99 Aaron, twin of Moses (98), m. Patty Glazier.
- +100 Jonas, m. (1) Aug. 4, 1799, Bethiah Bates; m. (2) Sept. 26, 1822, Mercy Tower.
- 101 Esther, m. (1) Leveritt Sherman of Wethersfield, June 23, 1799. Had two sons, Nelson and Anson. Esther m. (2) — Tobey.
- +102 James, m. Charlotte Bartholamew.
- +103 John, b. in Springfield, March 19, 1782; m. Lydia Fletcher, March 29, 1806.

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- 96. NEHEMIAH⁶ SPENCER (son of Simeon, 32), m. Martha Bragg, May 12, 1791. Children:
- 104 Betsey,⁷ m. — Hulett.

- 105 Sally, m. Lucius Fairbanks.
- 106 Maria, m. Luke Schofield.
- 107 Lucinda, m. Jeremiah Wood.
- 108 Lewis, killed 1815, at barn raising.
- 109 Nehemiah Gould, b. 1799; d. 1848; m. Mary Ann Walker, his 2d cousin. They had twelve children as follows:

- 110 Lucius Gould,⁸ b. 1823; d. 1859; m. Maria Bisbee; no children.
- 111 Louisa Ann, b. 1825; d. 1856; m. Jonah Bisbee. One child: Byron G., unkm.
- 112 Nehemiah Walker, b. 1826; d. 1850, unkm.
- 113 Jane M., b. 1828; d. 1890; m. Geo. Burnham. Three children: Frances, Jane, Augusta.
- 114 Helen, b. 1830; d. 1848, unkm.
- 115 Anson Sherman, b. 1832; d. 1867; m. Louise Gibbs. Two children.
- 116 Infant son, b. 1833.
- 117 Philey, b. 1834; d. 1853.
- 118 Hiland, b. 1836; d. 1848.
- 119 Sophia G., b. 1840; d. 1869; m. Wm. A. Lewis; no children.
- 120 James, b. 1841; d. 1848.
- 121 Franklin, b. 1844; d. 1848.

Mrs. Nehemiah Gould Spencer outlived all her children but one, and all but that one died before the age of 40. Mr. Spencer and four children died within four weeks of epidemic dysentery.

- 122 Solomon, m. Abigail Pierce; he d. 1880. Children: Harriet,⁸ unkm; Sarah, m. Amos Holden, Mf'g, and resides in Newburgh, N. Y.; Lewis, b. 1850, in Springfield, Vt.; m. Edna Pope, 1876. Children: Roy Willis,⁹ resides in Newburgh; Fred L., b. 1885; student at Wisconsin University. Lewis⁸ is a prosperous farmer in Waupaca, Wis.

99. AARON⁶ SPENCER (son of Simeon, 32), twin of Moses (98), m. Patty Glazier. "He is remembered as a man of abil-

ity who held important offices of trust in town affairs." Children:

- 123 Guy,⁷ b. 1797; m. — Warner. Their son or grand-son was a broker in Boston, in the celebrated firm of "Spencer Vila & Co."
- 124 Lydia, b. 1800; m. Thomas McLaughlin; lived in Woodstock, Vt.
- 125 Simeon Reed, b. 1807; moved to Michigan.

Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin adopted Martha and Belle, daughters respectively of Guy and Simeon Reed Spencer.

100. JONAS⁶ SPENCER (son of Simeon, 32), m. (1) Aug. 4, 1799, Bethiah Bates; lived and d. in Springfield; was an officer in the militia, and was always called "Major." They had ten children, three d. in infancy:

- 126 Jonas Bates,⁷ b. Sept. 3, 1801; d. Aug. 26, 1876; m. (1) Eliza Ann White, Nov. 2, 1823; no children that lived. He m. (2) Betsy Moore. Children:

- 126A Josiah,⁸ kept a hotel in Springfield.

- 126B Eliza Ann, b. Sept. 9, 1844, in Springfield, m. June 9, 1863, Rufus Orestes Forbush, b. in Reading, Vt., Oct. 17, 1824. Was in mercantile business with his brother in Springfield several years; a trusted Counsellor; Administrator of many estates; Director of First National Bank for twenty years, and its President at time of his death June 28, 1899. A man of gentle, thoughtful disposition and much reserve strength of character. Mrs. Forbush was a woman of great energy and force of character, "distinguished alike in the home, the church and the community as a leader;" she d. —. Children: 126C Wm. Byron Forbush, b. Feb. 20, 1868; graduated from Dartmouth College, from Union Theological Seminary, from New York University with Degree of Ph.D.; Pastor of several Congregational Churches in the East, notably the

Winthrop Church of Boston, 1898 to 1904; now Minister of Woodward Ave. Congregational Church, Detroit. Dr. Forbush is President of the General Alliance of Workers with Boys; Author of the *Boy Problem*, *The Boys' Life of Christ*, *The Broadening Path*, and other volumes. He m. Nov. 29, 1890, Maud Borden. Their children are: Arthur R., b. June 29, 1892; Dascomb, b. June 20, 1894; Bliss, b. Jan. 14, 1896. 126D Harry Orestes, b. July 10, 1872; took partial course at Dartmouth; Teacher in schools in Massachusetts; now Asst. Treasurer Columbian National Life Ins. Co., Boston; m. Dorothy Bowker, Dec. 25, 1895. Child: Priscilla, b. April 25, 1906. 126E Charles Hapgood, b. Aug. 30, 1876; Cashier First National Bank of Springfield; resides at the Forbush homestead; m. June 22, 1898, Helen R. Dodge. Child: Charles Augustus, b. July 18, 1900.

- 127 Joshua, m. (1) Sophia Putnam, Feb. 2, 1834. One child, Joshua Bates.⁸ Joshua m. (2) late in life, Jane Gould; had several children. He d. in Windsor, 1880.
- 128 James, m. Susan McCrea, April 1, 1841; d. in Keene, N. H., 1883. One son.
- 129 Maria, m. Asahel Dodge, April 9, 1828. Five children.
- 130 Bethiah, m. — Knight; resides in Lancaster, N. H. One son.
- 131 Mary, m. Sam. Aldrich.
- 132 Esther, m. — Grout.

Jonas (100), m. (2) Mercy Tower, Sept. 26, 1822. One child:

- 133 Marcia,⁷ m. (1) Abel Grinnell; m. (2) — Albee; she d. 1899; lived in Keene, N. H.

102. JAMES⁹ SPENCER (son of Simeon, 32), was a Free Baptist preacher in his earlier years; m. Charlotte Bartholomew. "Trouble with his wife led James to drink and a drunkard's grave." Children:

- 134 Olive,⁷ m. (1) — Hovey; m. (2) — Sargeant. One child, James Spencer⁸ Hovey.
- 135 James, } twins, } d. young.
136 John, }
- 137 Mary, lived in Hartford, Vt.

103 JOHN⁸ SPENCER (son of Simeon, 32), the writer's grandfather, b. in Springfield, March 19, 1782; a farmer in "Spencer Hollow;" m. Lydia Fletcher, March 29, 1806 (see *Fletcher Genealogy*). Moved to Evansville, Wis., in May, 1849, to live with his son Henry (151). Lydia was b. Nov. 12, 1781; d. June 15, 1850. John d. Feb. 7, 1865. Their bodies rest in the cemetery there, with all their six sons except John Hervey.

In this connection it may be well to record the impression of this sixth generation of Spencers made on the mind of Mrs. Matilda Whitney, which she retains in her old age. Says she: "John was a good neighbor and the best financier of the Spencer brothers, but then, he had aunt Lydia to help him, and she was shrewd. He raised calves when beef was low and everybody else killed them and when they were grown, beef was sure to be high. He helped aunt Lydia, too. He could sew, knit, weave and spin and could make tools to use in the house and out doors. Jonas leaves little impression on my mind, except that he was a handsome man and major of the militia,—a great office in that day. Aaron was a man of ability, a man nobody could browbeat and was often trusted with town affairs. Nehemiah was the man to call upon for an exhortation or a denunciation; a man with a stern sense of justice. His wife was not the helpmeet that the other men's wives were. John and Nehemiah were Free Baptists; perhaps the others were also."

Children of John and Lydia Spencer:

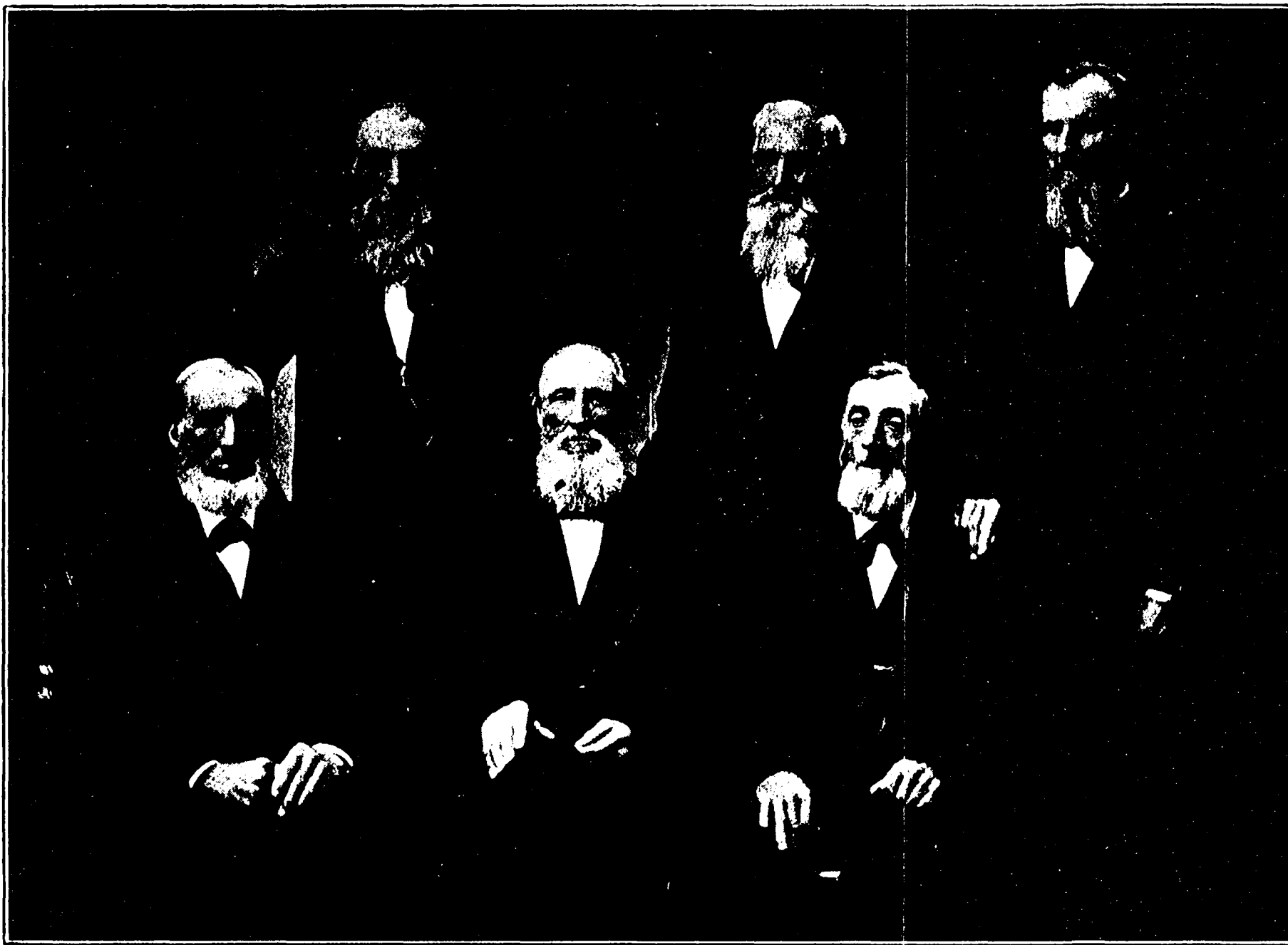
- +138 Peter Fletcher,⁷ b. in Springfield, March 12, 1807; d. in Evansville, Wis., April 4, 1900; m. 1835, Amelia Smith.
- +139 John Hervey, b. in Springfield, Nov. 13, 1808; d. Dec. 20, 1897; m. (1) Nov. 1, 1836, Sarah Whitcomb; m. (2) April 21, 1839, Ellen M. Whitcomb, sister of first wife.

- 140 James Adams, b. July 20, 1810; d. Feb. 15, 1825, in Springfield.
- +141 Henry Gould, b. in Springfield, Aug. 25, 1812; d. in Waupaca, Wis., March 5, 1889; m. Margaret P. Campbell, June 22, 1839.
- +142 Hiram C., b. in Springfield, Aug. 27, 1817; d. July 30, 1889; m. Julia Garfield.
- +143 Lewis, b. in Springfield, Jan. 20, 1820; d. Oct. 12, 1894; m. (1) Mary A. Newton; m. (2) Dec. 6, 1855, Eva Jones.
- +144 George F., b. in Springfield, Aug. 17, 1822; d. Oct. 18, 1899; m. Nov. 22, 1849, Elizabeth Campbell.

EIGHTH GENERATION

138. PETER FLETCHER' SPENCER (son of John 103), b. in Springfield, March 12, 1807; d. in Evansville, Wisconsin, April 4, 1900; m. 1835, Amelia Smith, b. July 11, 1814; d. Nov. 12, 1882. They lived in Claremont, N. H., and in Springfield. He was a blacksmith, stove and boilermaker. He moved in 1853 to Evansville, Wis., where he followed farming. A radical in politics, and an ardent "greenbacker," inflexible and pronounced in his opinions; so anti-tobacco in conviction that he would not even rent land to grow the noxious weed; sceptical in religion, but of stern, unbending integrity; no church member, although his good wife was one, yet he thought it wrong to take over 6 per cent. interest; regarded as somewhat of a character, but thoroughly respected for his sincerity and uprightness. He never ceased to mourn the loss of his only son. Although the oldest, he outlived all his brothers. Children:

- 145 Lydia,⁸ b. in Claremont, N. H., Feb. 27, 1836; m. in Evansville, Wis., Nov. 26, 1856, David Dawson, b. May 12, 1832. Mr. Dawson was a farmer in Maynard, Iowa, where he d. Nov., 1905. Mrs. Dawson resides at Waterloo, Iowa. Children:
- 146 Fred H., b. April 2, 1858; m. Feb. 25, 1898. Children: Harold, b. Nov. 20, 1899; Vera Corinne, b. July 6, 1902. Fred is a teacher in the public schools.



PETER F. (138) HENRY G. (141) J. HERVEY (139) LEWIS (143) HIRAM (142) GEORGE F. (144)

THE SPENCER BROTHERS, OCT. 4, 1877.

- 147 John Fletcher, b. Jan. 14, 1860; m. Nov. 29, 1883.
Children: Edna, b. May 14, 1890; Bessie, b. April 18, 1892; Eugene Fletcher, b. May 19, 1894; Hobert Spencer, b. Oct. 8, 1896; Inez, b. March 23, 1904. John is manager of a creamery near Maynard.
- 148 Eugene Spencer, b. Dec. 26, 1865; d. of consumption, Nov. 20, 1894.
- 149 Herbert, b. Oct. 19, 1870; m. 1907, Mary Dufty. Herbert is a R. R. conductor; resides in Waterloo, Iowa.
- 150 Corinne Amelia, b. Dec. 6, 1875; m. —; is a teacher of music and a singer of wide repute; resides in Waterloo, Iowa.
- 151 Henry, b. in Claremont, March 1, 1839; d. Nov. 26, 1849.
- 152 Lizzie S., b. in Claremont, Oct. 2, 1844; m. August Flosbeck. She is a graduate of Wisconsin State University, and was for several years instructor in the University; resides in Edenvale, Cal.; engaged in fruit raising; no children.
- 153 Sarah, b. May 12, 1845; m. April 29, 1875, Merritt Morehouse, in Evansville, Wis.; b. March 3, 1850; he d. Nov. 22, 1906; reside in Chicago. Child:
 - 154 Edna, b. Nov. 15, 1876; m. Aug. 5, 1902, Arthur Franklin Durand, lawyer; reside in Chicago. Child: Spencer Donaldson.
- 155 Jerusha, b. Nov. 7, 1850; cared for her father at the old homestead in Evansville until his death; m. Sept. 23, 1904, Conrad Joseph Wideman, widower. Resides in Oakland, Cal.; no children.

139. JOHN HERVEY' SPENCER (son of John, 103), b. in Springfield, Nov. 13, 1808; d. Dec. 20, 1897; m. (1) Nov. 1, 1836, Sarah Whitcomb, b. May 11, 1814; d. Sept. 11, 1838; m. (2) April 21, 1839, Ellen M. Whitcomb, sister of first wife; she was b. March 12, 1820; d. May 24, 1881. (For family, see Whitcomb genealogy in *History of Springfield*).

Uncle "Hervey," as we always called him, came with his family to Evansville in 1850; settled in Fond du Lac, Wis., 1852, where for many years he was engaged in the leather and

findings business, at one time reckoned as one of the wealthy men of the place. The writer recalls with pleasure the happy days he spent with his uncle, aunt and cousins there in July, 1856, while on a visit with his parents; the horseback ride on the rhoan; the swim in the river; the walk in the woods where he found on the ground 4 one dollar bills, and was never conscience stricken because he did not discover the owner. Uncle had a freer command of language perhaps than any of his brothers and was a good deal of a lay preacher. He was at that time a convert to "Spiritualism" and found much consolation in it for the loss of his beautiful daughter, Sarah. He was not so successful in business in his later years, perhaps, as his brothers, but was always willing to try his hand at industry that promised remuneration, keeping a brave heart up to the last. He alone of all his generation kept in mind the tradition that our family was somehow connected to the Spencers of Haddam, Conn., and it is to him that the author is indebted for the clew that led to the verification of the almost-forgotten tradition. In his latter years he was much interested in searching the line of our descent. Children:

- 156 Sarah,^s b. Aug. 3, 1840; d. Oct. 8, 1855.
- 157 Dewitt, b. March 13, 1847; m. —; resides in Minneapolis.
- 158 Dewain, twin of above Dewitt, d. Sept. 11, 1849.
- 159 Ellen, b. June 7, 1842, in Barre, Mass., m. Norman Brass, b. March 5, 1843, in Fond du Lac; he was killed on the R. R., Nov. 16, 1892. Children:
 - 160 Nellie M., b. in Fond du Lac, May 15, 1866; m. May 31, 1888, Chas. J. Farmer, b. in Conneaut, O., July 29, 1864. Children: Chas. F., b. Feb. 27, 1890; Howard Norman, b. Sept. 8, 1891; Paul Carpenter, b. Aug. 20, 1893. All b. at Howard, S. D. The family now resides at Port Angeles, Wash. Mrs. Ellen Brass resides with this daughter.
 - 161 Willie R., b. in Fond du Lac, Jan. 26, 1868; d. in Hillsboro, N. D., April 14, 1889.
 - 162 Ida Louise, b. June 17, 1870, in Evansville, Wis.; d. May 5, 1897, at Fargo, N. D.; m. Oct. 2, 1893, Edward T. Hunkins, b. in Maine. Chil-

dren: William Scott, b. in Minneapolis, July 24, 1894; Frank J., b. Aug. 8, 1896, in Howard, S. D.; d. Aug. 16, 1899. Mr. Hunkins and son reside at Fargo, N. D.

163 Flora Pauline, b. in Wykoff, Minn., April 5, 1872; m. April 20, 1900, in Vicksburg, Miss., John H. Holmes of Bay City, Mich.; reside at Jacksonville, Fla.

164 Frank A., b. Aug. 16, 1876, in Spring Valley, Minn.; m. Sept. 21, 1901, Minnie Wilcox. Child: Norman Verne, b. Feb. 20, 1904; reside at Yates Center, Kan.

165 Ida, b. July 18, 1852; m. Fred Sivyver, a wealthy iron manufacturer of Milwaukee, where they reside. Children:

166 Fred, b. 1879; m. —.

167 Albert, b. —. A young man it is said of rare loveliness of character and brilliancy of promise; was drowned by the upsetting of a sailboat off Nantucket, Mass, 1903.

168 Waldo, b. April 22, 1857; m. Hattie Canfield, Nov. 17, 1883; she was b. Dec. 12, 1860. He resides in Chicago. Children:

169 Emery, b. May 11, 1886; student in Wis. University.

170 Adah, b. Oct. 2, 1894.

141. HENRY GOULD' SPENCER (son of John, 103), b. in Springfield, Aug. 25, 1812; d. in Waupaca, Wis., March 5, 1889; m. Margaret P. Campbell, b. Sept. 6, 1816, on Grand Isle, Lake Champlain; d. in Waupaca, Sept. 16, 1899.

Henry Spencer (141), my father, was one of the pioneers of Wisconsin. One by one all of his brothers and his father and mother followed him to the new home. He left Springfield, Sept. 1, 1836, travelling by a canal boat from Albany to Buffalo, thence by steamboat to Detroit, and from there on foot to Laporte, Indiana, where two of his Fletcher cousins had gone the year before. He worked the following winter

for John A. Fletcher (see *Fletcher Genealogy*), in the meantime investing nearly all his money, about \$600, which he had brought with him, in a belt around his body, in land; an investment which turned out badly. In March, 1837, in company with his cousins, John A. and Peter Fletcher, he went to Rock Prairie, Rock County, Wisconsin. This was eleven years before the Territory was admitted as a State in the Union. Here, in what is now called Johnstown, he "laid claim" to six eighties of land not yet in the market; building a small shanty on it to secure the claim. As his health had been somewhat impaired by overwork and improper food (his stomach, even then troubled him) and as his purse was depleted, he returned to Springfield in July of that year. Recovering, and borrowing \$800 of his brother, Fletcher, he returned in September to Rock Prairie, bringing with him a small stove which the ingenious Fletcher had made, and dishes which his mother gave him. The winter of 1837-8 he "kept bachelor's hall," in a log house which he built, and in which three of his children were born. As his regular *menu* consisted of salt pork and johnnycake, varied with johnnycake and salt pork, he was glad to get now and then a loaf of home made bread which a neighbor's wife, a mile distant, kindly consented to make for him. No butter on the bread, and but little brown sugar in the larder. On that diet that winter he cut and split 10,000 oak rails, and a knotty kind of oak it was, with which to fence his land; frequently carrying his scant meal with him into the woods and eating it when it was half frozen. The following year, 1839, the land which he had claimed and ventured to fence, came into the market. He eagerly secured title to it, paying \$1.25 per acre. It consisted of prairie with patches of oak timber, rich soil every rod of it and the prairie ready for the plow. In June of that year he married Margaret Campbell, a woman from Vermont, whose father, an energetic, adventurous man, had come with his numerous sons and daughters out west in search of a fortune in farming (see *Campbell Genealogy* in author's bible). How father must have worked, breaking the virgin soil, harrowing, sowing, as the peasant in "The Angelus" sowed, cutting the grain with the cradle scythe, threshing it, sometime with a hand flail, and hauling the grain sixty-five miles to the Milwaukee market. Five years had gone and three children had come. In the

spring of 1844 he sold his farm to a Mr. Galbraith, celebrated afterwards as a stock breeder, for \$3,000, and in the autumn of that year moved to "The Grove," town of Union, in the same county of Rock, attracted by what then promised to be a fine water power in addition to farm land. He moved into a double log house, at the foot of the hill on the west side of "Allen's Creek." He bought on both sides of the stream, in all 520 acres. And next year he built on the brow of the hill the first frame dwelling house in the town. Now, how changed! Instead of the trill of the sand-hill crane, and the "boom," "boom" of the prairie cocks far over the impenetrable swamp to the south, is heard the whistle of the factory, or of the locomotive as it rushes on its swift course from Chicago to St. Paul and the Pacific coast; stopping a moment to take on passengers on the very spot where I used to drive the cows to pasture and where one of our colts was once bitten by a massasauga. And the field where we pastured my sheep—all *mine*—but father's to feed, to wash and shear and gather into the fold at night, like a good shepherd as he was, mine, because the flock was grown from "two sheep and a lamb" which my "grandpa," William Campbell gave me at birth; and the place where the apple orchard stood, and the garden where the currants and raspberries grew and the robins came by day to plunder, and the whip-poor-will came at eve to regale us with its wierd song; and the green knoll where spring first melted the snow and tempted three little children to tease their mother to let them go out there in their bare feet to caper, before the croup and pneumonia had thought of coming out of the ground—on all these places, on every spot so dear to memory, a city has risen, the thriving little city of Evansville. The city had to come, I suppose, but O, how would I like to have again the old things as they were; to hear in the morning the cheery notes of the martins, and in the evening to watch the night hawks as they wheeled in their flight, and the fireflies flashing their little light, and hear that dear mother's voice once more calling, "Willie, Willie, come, it is time to come in!" And when we had washed our feet, often against our protest, up to our little bed. Tick of straw or corn husks as it was, never was sweeter sleep. For dear father and mother were to us the "everlasting arms" underneath.

In the summer of 1845 father built the first frame dwelling in the town—a wonder to see—with white painted pickets in front. Dr. John M. Evans, after whom the place was named, lately deceased, came this year to The Grove, and found hospitality for many weeks under our roof. In 1855-6, father built the "Spencer House," at the urgent solicitation of citizens. In 1858 we moved to Janesville, into a house which father built, thinking there to give his children (now four) better facilities for an education. He sold out, however, and returned the next year, himself to occupy the hotel, which was without a proprietor; his children meanwhile attending the new seminary established there, with Daymon Y. Kilgore as principal. In 1863 he built the house on Main street, where for so many years the writer would spend with his dear ones his summer vacation, returning from the east. In the autumn of 1888, on account of the chronic invalidism of mother, and father's rapidly failing health, they visited their daughter, Mrs. Beebe, of Milwaukee, going in December to Waupaca, to live in a house of their own, adjoining the home of their son Fred. Here they died.

Perhaps my father was in no way remarkable, unless it was for a restless, physical energy, which he constantly overtaxed. He made quite a fortune, largely by the rise of land in value, but latterly he lost considerable by unfortunate investments, the thought of which, together with mother's hopeless malady, cast a deep shadow over his spirits in his later years. In religious belief he was liberal, as was mother. They believed all through the writer's boyhood in communion with departed spirits, in a very literal sense, and found joy and comfort in the faith. Later he contributed to maintain Unitarian services in the place. His political affiliations were generally with the Republican party, though he dared to bolt that ticket on occasions in a spirit of wholesome independence. He was no office seeker, and never, I think, an office holder of any sort.

I have said that my father was in no way remarkable, perhaps. And yet I think he was a man of exceptionally strong and warm affection. I have seen much of the world, and I give it as my deliberate opinion, that I have never seen parents who loved their children with a tenderer, more unselfish, generous, devoted and self-sacrificing love than that

which father and mother bestowed upon their children. And the love was reciprocated. This made our home almost an ideal one; an abode of peace, mutual confidence, perfect happiness, the dearest spot on earth. And so, to me as long as life lasts, the three words, "father," "mother," "home," are enshrined. Happy the childhood, that knows such a home! *

Children of Henry and Margaret Spencer:

- 171 William Henry,^s b. in Johnstown, Rock Co., Wis., July 16, 1840; attended public schools in Janesville, graduate of the Evansville Seminary. Served as private in 40th Regt., Wis. Vol. Infantry, Company D (100 day service) in 1864. Graduated from Wisconsin State University, Class of 1866, and from the Harvard Theological School, at Cambridge, Mass., Class of 1869. Settled as Unitarian Pastor over parishes as follows: First Parish Church, Haverhill, Mass., 1869-1873; Independent Society in Sparta, Wis., 1874-1876; again in Haverhill, 1876-1881; Florence, Mass. (Cosmian Hall, Free Congregational Society), 1881-1885; First Unitarian Society, Troy, N. Y., 1885-1889; editorial contributor to *The Index*, Boston, radical Religious paper; in real estate business in Waupeca, Wis., from Jan. 1, 1889, to April, 1890. Had charge of Unitarian Churches simultaneously in Scituate and Norwell, Mass., one year, and of the Fourth Unitarian Church in Providence, from Jan., 1891, to Jan., 1893, since which he has regarded himself as retired from the ministry. For several years he was connected with Dr. E. E. Moore in maintaining a Health Institute in Providence, R. I. He was chiefly instrumental, while in that city in the establishment of a "Workingmen's Loan Association," and the "Old Colony Co-operative Bank," and is still one of the Trustees of the latter. He is Treasurer at present of the "Holly Steam Engineering Co.," which is under contract with the "Westinghouse, Church, Kerr &

* My cousin, Lydia Spencer Dawson, writes: "Uncle Henry and Aunt Margaret left a memory of wedded bliss to all who knew them and of perfect devotion to each other."

Co.," to do its installations, giving him much time for other work. At present (1907) he is actively engaged as the Chief of the Parole Department of the Prison Association of New York, with offices at 135 East 15th street. He m. Aug. 15, 1878, Anna Carpenter Garlin at Providence, R. I.

His wife, Anna Garlin Spencer, was b. in Attleboro, Mass., April 17, 1851 (See *Who's Who in New York*, also the *Carpenter Genealogy*). At 19 was reporter and editorial contributor to the *Providence Journal* and began her career as public speaker, on educational and reform topics. Associated with husband in ministerial work in Haverhill and Florence, Mass., and Troy, N. Y. Ordained and installed 1891, as minister of the Religious Society of Bell Street Chapel, Providence, R. I.; member of the Board of Control of State Home School for Dependent Children, 1891; Chairman of Section on Child Saving and Care, World's Congress of Charities and Corrections, 1893, at Chicago; member Board of Judges, World's Columbian Exposition, 1893; Speaker at World's Parliament of Religions, 1893; Recording Secretary National Council of Women; President R. I. Council of Women; Director N. E. Woman Suffrage Association and the Public Educational Association of Providence, and the Society for Organizing Charity; moved to New York, 1902. Lecturer on Philanthropy at Summer Schools, Teachers' Institutes, etc.; Associate Director of the New York School of Philanthropy, and Associate Leader of the Society for Ethical Culture, of which Dr. Felix Adler is the founder and leader. Author *Biography of James Eddy*; *Order of Service for Public Worship*; *Bell Street Chapel Discourses*; *History of Bell Street Chapel Movement*, and contributor to *Century Magazine*, *New England Magazine*, *Popular Science Monthly*, etc., etc.

Children of William Henry and Anna Garlin Spencer:

172 Fletcher Carpenter,⁹ b. and d. Dec. 10, 1879.

173 Lucy, b. June 7, 1884, at Florence, Mass.; edu-

cated for the stage; two years in the dramatic company of Mary Maddern Fiske; now a playwright; m. Oct. 26, 1905, Charles Sarver, b. Oct. 26, 1871; graduate University of Rochester, N. Y., 1892; City Editor of *The New York World*. Resides in New York.

174 Frances Augusta, b. Feb. 23, 1842; m. Dec. 26, 1866, Eugene W. Beebe, M.D., b. Feb. 21, 1840; graduate Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago; a prominent and successful oculist and aurist in Milwaukee, Wis., for a quarter of a century or more; Secretary of the State Medical Society for many years; contributor to medical literature. Child:

175 Claude S., b. Dec. 27, 1877; graduate Wisconsin State University at Madison, 1901, and of College of Phys. and Surgeons of Milwaukee, 1904; member of the City and State Medical Societies: Clinical Lecturer, etc.; in partnership with his father, 173 Wisconsin St., Milwaukee, Wis.

176 John Adams, b. Feb. 26, 1844; served in the army in Company with his brother William; graduate Wisconsin State University, Class of 1866; went to California, 1868; Principal of High School in San Diego; admitted to the bar, 1873; health failed, returned to old home in Evansville, Wis., and d. of chronic inflammation of the stomach, Oct. 4, 1874. He had decided taste of the naturalist. A symbolical monument marks his grave.

177 Fred W., b. Jan. 14, 1851; graduate 1872, of Chicago Medical College; disliking the practice of medicine, took up stenography and for many years was court reporter in one of the northern circuits of Wisconsin, with headquarters at Waupaca; at present official reporter in Senate at Madison, Wis. He m. Dec. 28, 1881, Edith Taylor, dau. of Dr. Taylor of Waupaca, b. Nov. 9, 1861. Mrs. Spencer inherits the surgical skill of her father; is an occasional contributor to medical literature. Children:

178 Earl,⁹ b. Oct. 3, 1882; at present engaged on his

father's fine stock farm, 2½ miles from Waupaca, the home of the whole family.

179 Ethelyn, b. Aug. 25, 1887; graduate public schools of Waupaca; resides with parents.

142. HIRAM C.' SPENCER (son of John, 103), b. in Springfield, Aug. 27, 1817; d. July 30, 1889; m. (1) Julia Garfield, b. 1824; d. Sept. 16, 1867. Children:

180 Charles H.,⁸ b. June 7, 1851; m. Ellen Reese, b. April 13, 1854. Had one child:

181 Harold,⁹ ⁶ d. June 10, 1882. *d. Mar. 9-'90*

182 Abby, b. April 27, 1856; m. May 19, 1886, Fred Springer; no children.

Hiram, m. (2) Mrs. Lydia Robson, May 10, 1870; no children. Mrs. Robson had one dau., Ada Robson, m. — Rusk, son of ex-Gov. Jerry Rusk of Wisconsin, and 1st Sec. of Agriculture. Had two daughters. Ada, d. —. Charles (180) was for several years engaged in the shoe business in Evansville and Janesville. At present resides in Evansville.

Uncle Hiram was a wheelwright by profession, but latterly a farmer. Many years he with uncle George sang in the village church choir. He was a man of hospitable spirit, tender and sympathetic. Religiously he was more conservative in sentiment than his brothers. Politically, he was ever a staunch Republican, as is his son.

143 LEWIS' SPENCER (son of John, 103), b. in Springfield, Jan. 20, 1820; d. Oct. 12, 1894; m. (1) Mary A. Newton, b. 1825; d. Sept., 1853. Child:

183 Lewis,⁸ b. Sept. 29, 1850; m. May 11, 1879, Mary A. Howard, b. Oct. 7, 1857. Lewis is a prosperous farmer and public spirited citizen near Evansville. Children:

184 Howard,⁹ b. April 10, 1880; d. Dec. 28, 1881.

185 Alice, b. April 9, 1881; graduate of Beloit College; teacher in High School in Evansville.

186 Bessie, b. Oct. 14, 1882.

Lewis (143), m. (2) Dec. 6, 1855, Eva Jones, b. Sept. 20, 1835; d. Oct. 5, 1903. Children:

- 187 Winnie,^s b. Sept. 5, 1856; d. July 27, 1858.
- 188 Lillian, b. Dec. 28, 1858; m. May 17, 1882, Geo. Pullen, b. Aug. 9, 1862; a banker and prominent citizen of Evansville. Children:
 - 189 Paul, b. Feb. 27, 1888.
 - 190 Spencer, b. Feb. 17, 1891.
- 191 Arthur, b. Oct. 15, 1859; m. March 23, 1887, Myrtie Moore, b. Aug. 5, 1867. Arthur has a farm adjoining that of his brother Lewis. Children:
 - 192 Robert Fletcher,^s b. Feb. 27, 1888.
 - 193 Evelyn, b. Feb. 27, 1891.
 - 194 Lillian, } twins, b. June 17, 1893.
 - 195 Dean, }
 - 196 Marjorie, b. Oct. 18, 1895.
 - 197 Lewis, b. Aug. 20, 1905.
- 198 Daisy, b. Sept. 16, 1873; unm.; resides in Evansville.

Uncle Lewis (143) was the first of Henry's (141) brothers to follow him to the west, coming to "The Grove" in 1845. He was second to none of the six brothers in industry, shrewdness, level-headed business judgment. He was an excellent farmer whose counsel was sought and prized. He was a tremendously hard worker, was prosperous and left his children a good inheritance. He was deliberate of speech, self-poised, never carried away by any whirlwind of enthusiasm "for some new thing." Religiously he was liberal, with a good deal of the "doubting Thomas" in his make-up. Politically he was generally in sympathy with the Republican party.

144. GEORGE F.' SPENCER (son of John, 103), b. in Springfield, Aug. 17, 1822; d. Oct. 18, 1899; remains cremated and buried in Evansville. Moved to Evansville in 1848. Learned trade of shoemaker but followed farming and dairy business; he m. Nov. 22, 1849, Elizabeth Campbell, b. Aug. 16, 1830; d. Nov. 19, 1891. Children:

- 199 Frank,^s b. April 4, 1851; d. Sept. 3, 1854.

200 Hattie, b. Dec. 6, 1854; m. June 6, 1878, Wm. C. Metcalf. Child:

201 Lloyd Garrison, b. June 29, 1879; d. Feb. 15, 1905. He was abnormally fleshy developing early a disease which caused his premature death. He was at one time a student at Wisconsin State University, and of invaluable assistance to his mother, who is a skilled photographer in Madison.

202 George F., b. Jan. 18. 1860; m. (2) Aug. 1, 1888, Emma P. Hughes, who d. Jan. 12, 1889; m. (2) Feb. 27, 1897, Alice M. Fiedler. George is a thoroughly educated physician and a highly respected and successful medical practitioner in Evansville, Wis.

Uncle George (144), like his brother Fletcher (138), was a reader of radical reform literature, and deeply interested in the political, social and industrial questions of the day. They both held their convictions with great intensity of feeling, and not seldom their moral indignation, in view of what they regarded as intolerable industrial wrongs and political corruption, blazed forth in red hot denunciation of public men and measures. Partisan they might be, but they were no cowards or hypocrites. Everybody knew exactly where they stood. Mistaken they might be, but no one ever accused them of seeking their own selfish, personal ends. They were strenuous advocates of what they profoundly believed would make for the public welfare. They were brave, true men, according to their light. Not always sweet and persuasive in their way, but neither was John the Baptist, or Martin Luther, or Wm. Lloyd Garrison. There was in them the stern stuff out of which martyrs are made. In the old days they were abolitionists. However much one may differ from such men as these as regards methods and the ultimate good, he must respect and honor them for their sincerity, their uprightness of character, their high moral purpose.

Physically, the brothers in their prime were all nearly six feet tall, excepting uncle Hiram. Their constitutional weakness, if they had any, was of the digestive, not the pulmonary organs. Father died really of a worn out stomach.

Not one of them ever indulged in the use of intoxicating drinks, and only one of them, at one time, and then to a very limited extent, ever used tobacco. They lived temperately in all things, save work. Henry and Lewis unquestionably shortened their days by overtaxing their physical energies in early and middle life. They were all industrious, law-abiding and respected citizens. They were faithful as husbands, kind as fathers, loyal and true as friends. They had the true helpful brotherly spirit toward one another, five of them living for about forty years in one place in the most cordial relations. The general family gatherings which were often held when the writer was on his annual visits from the East, were veritable love feasts. And now, alas, they are all gone. Their names will never be written on the scroll of fame, but this can be truly said, that they did their modest duty faithfully, and the great "world is better that they passed this way." And the writer cherishes tenderly their memory, and is grateful that in his veins flows the blood of such sturdy, honest, industrious, brave and true sons of the Green Mountain State. Heaven grant that the lives of the sons and daughters of these Spencer sires shall cast no reproach on the ancient and honorable name they bequeathed to us!

Summary of Generations

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JOHN SPENCER, of Southmylles.

JOHN SPENCER, of Edworth, d. June 9, 1558.

MICHAEL SPENCER, of Edworth and Stotfold, m. Jan. 25, 1555.

GERAT SPENCER, of Stotfold, bap. May 20, 1576.

GARRARD SPENCER, Emigrant of Haddam, d. 1685.

TIMOTHY SPENCER, of Haddam, d. 1704.

TIMOTHY SPENCER, d. 1732.

TIMOTHY SPENCER, b. March 11, 1704.

SIMEON SPENCER, b. 1740.

JOHN SPENCER, b. in Springfield, Vt., March 19, 1782.

HENRY G. SPENCER, b. in Springfield, Vt., Aug. 25, 1812.

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